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Prof. Dr. H. PICK
Jersusalem
New Montefiore.

~~11 copies~~
January 1940.

On the position of the Refugee - rabbis in Palestine and of
those people who formerly received pensions.

I.

The main intention of the following exposée is to deal with the position of the Refugee - rabbis. But as part of the rabbis used to receive pensions from Germany until war broke out, some particulars will be given of the position in which people who formerly received pensions now find themselves.

Presumably leading persons and organisations in the U.S. are already acquainted with the facts. Nevertheless a short summary of the position might be given here too.

Since the day when Hitler took over the German Government until today, about 500 people, either Government officials or employees of the Jewish Communities entitled to pensions, arrived in Palestine together with their families from Germany or countries occupied by Germany. It is well known, that the transmission of pensions was possible only by way of the so-called Transfer. In spite of the fact that this Transfer-Company was forced to deduct a considerable percentage of the original sum, many of those people depended entirely on the sums which they received in this way. Approximately 2.000 Lp. that is about 10.000 \$ per month were paid to these people. The non-payment of these sums which were sent from Germany, since war began, has had disastrous consequences for the people who were depending on them. Exact data regarding this problem will have been brought to the U.S. by Dr. LANDAUER, a member of the German

Department of the Jewish Agency. Dr. SENATOR also, who is the representative of the Non-Zionists at the Jewish Agency, has dealt for some years with these questions. It is to be presumed, that for some time interested persons and organisations in the U.S. have discussed the idea, whether there would be a possibility to put forward, after the war has ended, the claims of these people receiving pensions, at the coming peace-conference. But for the moment the problem is different. The problem is how to help immediately all those who have now been deprived in such an unfortunate manner of the means for their existence. Should not there be possibilities to set aside part of the sum which has now been collected in America by the UNITED APPEAL for the Jewish war-victims, in order to pay out to these people either a part or the whole of the sum which they used to receive. Of course the payees would have to transfer their claims against the German State to this fund. It does not matter what kind of organisation would take over these claims. The main point is that something should be done at once.

Neither the Jewish Agency nor the Zionist Organisation has up to now provided any funds to help these victims of the war. The Jewish Community in Palestine is also unable to provide the necessary means. By the way it should be remarked that the Jewish Community does its very best under extremely difficult circumstances, and that the Governments proposed expenditure of 3/4 of a Million Pounds will improve the situation of the country very considerably. But meanwhile those people who were formerly in receipt of pensions suffer untold hardship, though it is nobodys fault. Many of them are unable to continue to lead this kind of life. Most of those

concerned

concerned are over 50 years of age and under the present circumstances in this country, unable to take a productive part in the economic life of Palestine. Most of them have during the last years led a quiet life and have, simply by living in the country, added at least 2.000 LP. per month to the money circulating in Palestine and in this way helping in building up the country. Among the people in receipt of pensions there were a number of scholars, scientists, artists and other intellectuals of whom only a few were able to earn their living at the University or some other institutions. Nevertheless many of them have tried to continue their work independently. In their case also it is difficult to describe how many of them fare. Even up till now their energies could not be fully used and now even those few who were able to work in some capacity or other, can not continue. The problem is difficult but it can be solved, as the number concerned is limited. The economy of the country would undoubtedly benefit, should it be solved.

II.

On the initiative of Professor Dr. H. PICK, one of the leaders of the MIZRAHI movement, a member of the Zionist Executive 1921-1927 and of the Jewish Community-Council, Beilin, from 1928 - 1933, who, being a former State Official in Germany, is also belonging to the class of people receiving pensions from abroad, a Committee was founded for the purpose of aiding in every possible way the ever-growing number of more or less destitute Refugee-Rabbis who were arriving in Palestine. The Committee works under the auspices of the Chief-Rabbinate and in conjunction with leading Jewish personalities. Rabbi Dr. UNNA, formerly of Mannheim, and Dr. S.

Dr. S. GRUENBERG, a former lecturer at the Rabbiner-Seminar, Berlin, represent the Habbis. Unfortunately the Committee was only able to do very little owing to the limited means at its disposal. However it gratefully acknowledges after telegrams were sent to Dr. Cyrus ADLER, Rabbi Dr. Stephen WISE, James the ROTHSCHILD - Pica -, EZRATH THORAH, and others, the receipt of about 1.000 IP., 200 IP. of which were given by the German Department of the Jewish Agency. As all members of the Committee, included the author of this exposée, are working in an honorary capacity, the whole of this sum could be distributed, apart from an insignificant fraction which had to be spent on expences for the office. All the financial affairs are administered by the JAPHEH BANC which is responsible for them in every way.

The necessity of having some kind of institution which would deal exclusively with this problem, is obvious to anyone who knows what kind of persons has to be cared for. It includes people who have been for decades the leaders of large communities, people who are unable as well as unwilling to undergo the humiliations which those, asking for relief, usually have to suffer. It would be a sorry testimony to Jewish Charity, if nothing could be done to help people who have grown old while serving the cause of Jewry. The lot of the Refugees is bad enough in any case, but the Chief-Rabbinate and the members of the Committee hold themselves to be in duty bound, if only for humanitarian reasons, to help this class of people whose plight is especially severe. The members of the Committee believe that they are doing their work in the name of Jewry generally, and they are cinviced that jewish personalities and organisations in the U.S. especially will assist them in their

efforts.

efforts.

At the moment there are in Palestine about 120 Rabbis from Central Europe, almost all of them University-trained, who were used to do the same kind of social work, which the Committee is now doing. - There is another Committee which has for some years been caring, as far as possible, for Russian Rabbis. The repercussions of the German occupied Poland has not as yet been felt here, but measures will soon have been taken to deal with this Refugee-type too. - . The approximate minimum - expenditure - it is very difficult to give exact figures - of a family of 2 persons, though usually families are larger, is 40 £ or IP. 10 per month. That is : at least IP 3 or 12 £ for rent and the remainder for food, clothing, and other expenditures. This means a total expenditure per month of at least IP. 1.200, based on the number of 120 families mentioned above. But just now 10 more families have arrived from Germany, C.S.R. and, after staying there a time, from England. Consequently the sum of IP. 1.200 is probably to low.

What has the Committee been able to do until now ? At the time when it began its work the situation was not yet desperate, as the number of Refugee-Rabbis was still limited and some of them had some money left from better times. Today, without exception, there are ~~all~~ destitute. Formerly a good number succeeded in saving some part of their belongings, furniture and books, while now the Committee has to look after such things too. A few of the Rabbis were also in receipt of pensions, which they lost when war broke out, as had been pointed out previously.

The Committee has succeeded in finding posts for 8 Rabbis, aged

up to

up to 55 years, after agreeing to contribute for one year to the salaries which the communities and institutions, employing them, pay. This was done on the understanding that they will be employed continuously. Many of the Rabbis, that is those who speak Hebrew well enough, could find posts as teachers. But the schools lack the means to pay them. A few could be employed in their former profession as Rabbis. But those classes which could need their services in this capacity, are themselves impoverished. Only if the Committee should be in the position to pay grants-in-aid, there would be a possibility of finding a living for some more Rabbis in the 3 larger towns or in the colonies.

It must be stressed that the Committee does not make any distinction between the people who must be looked of. Ultra-orthodox Rabbis belonging to the Agudah are cared for as well as leaders of former liberal Communities.

Unfortunately it has been quite impossible, apart from some occasional help, to include teachers, shochtim, cantors and secretaries of Jewish Communities in the list of people cared for by the Committee. The social standing of some of those people, though not of all, is at least as high as that of the Rabbis,

During the 10 months of the Committees activities a sorrowful study of this difficult problem has been made and there is scarcely any rabbi with whom we have not been in communication.

It can safely be said that all the Refugees with whom the Committee has dealt were well satisfied, that they did not have to turn to an office for help, but could talk over their troubles with persons who belong to their own class and who know their needs.

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Because of the Censorship this report must be cut short, and in any case its intention was not to depict the situation in a lurid light or simply to appeal to sentiments. Its main object was to point out how little has been done for the Refugee-Rabbis from Central Europe, and how urgently help is needed. Our brethren in the U.S. have already done so much for the cause of Judaism, let the appeal of the Committee for the Relief of Refugee-Rabbis made also on behalf of the Chief-Rabbinate of Palestine not be in vain.

January 2, 1940

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

My dear Wohl:

I received your letter of December 19 as well as the earlier telegram with reference to the Liberal congregations in Palestine. I am wondering what you yourself are doing about it in Cincinnati, how you are going about raising funds for them, and what amounts you have received. I should also like to know what response you have received from other communities. I would like to do something for those congregations, but I am not in a position to do much. Let me hear from you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

In Recognition

of the

Fortieth Anniversary of the Pastorate
of

Jacob H. Goldner

in the

Euclid Avenue Christian Church
Cleveland

Sunday, January 7, 1940

Ten forty-five A. M.

Anniversary Service of Worship

Sermon by Dr. Goldner

Wednesday, January 10, 1940

Eight to Ten P. M.

Reception to Dr. Goldner

in the

Church Parlors.

Informal

Office of
Postmaster
Cleveland, Ohio

January 8, 1940

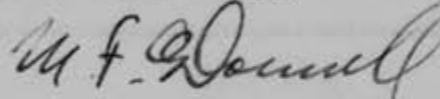
Dr. A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

You were very generous in accepting appointment to the Honorary State Committee conducting the campaign for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, and I hesitate to bother you further, but this one favor I would be pleased to have you grant, and that is that you permit the use of your photograph for publication in the papers throughout the State for the wonderful effect it would have on not only the people of your faith, but also on all other religions.

If this meets with your approval, and you let me have a photograph at your convenience, we will continue our efforts to arouse interest in this worthwhile cause.

Yours sincerely,



M. F. O'Donnell,
Postmaster

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January 10, 1940

Dr. Jacob H. Goldner
Euclid Avenue Christian Church
Cleveland, Ohio

THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE TEMPLE JOIN ME IN EXTENDING TO YOU OUR WARMEST FELICITATIONS OF THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR DISTINGUISHED PASTORATE. MAY OUR HEAVENLY FATHER GRANT YOU MANY MORE YEARS OF OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN THIS COMMUNITY

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Jan. 10, 1940

Rev. Dr. Soldier
Euclid Ave. Christian Church
Cleveland.

The officers & members of the Temple join me in extending to you our warmest felicitations on the 40th anniversary of your distinguished pastorate. May our Heavenly Father grant you many more years of outstanding leadership in this community.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

- Day Letter

AMERICAN JEWISH CHRONICLE

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January 10, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

One of the editorials in this issus of the AMERICAN JEWISH CHRONICLE deals with the United Jewish Appeal, of which you are a co-chairman.

While I considered it necessary to comment editorially on the United Jewish Appeal's gift of \$250,000 to the Christian Churches, I would be glad to publish an article or a letter to the editor on this point, explaining your attitude. If you, or somebody designated by you will give us such an article, I will be glad to insert it in one of our next issues.

Sincerely yours,

B. Akzin (perfer.)
Benjamin Akzin

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P. S. The same letter is being addressed to Rabbi Jonah B. Wise of New York City.

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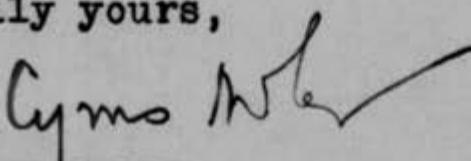
Dear Doctor Silver:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the letter which the President sent me on December 23d, and also a copy of the telegram which I sent to the President. The President is hoping that many people connected with our various religious bodies will actively spread the idea of peace, which he is voicing, I am sure, for many millions of people. I am sending a copy of his letter direct to you, in the hope that you will make it known to the members of your Congregation through the spoken word, or through some publication which you may issue.

I shall be very grateful for any suggestion you may make to me with regard to the method and procedure to be followed in attaining peace for the world. I am sure you will agree that every effort should be made to spread this idea, and that no time should be lost in doing so.

Thanking you in anticipation for your cooperation, I am

Faithfully yours,


CYRUS ADLER
President

Doctor Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th St. and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

České Národní Sdružení v Americe



Czech-American National Alliance

4732 BROADWAY — CLEVELAND, OHIO

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January 14, 1940.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Czech-American National Alliance of Cleveland, Ohio is helping in the aid of refugees of Czechoslovakia. One of the projects planned for raising of funds is a bazaar to be held in April.

It gives me great pleasure to notify you that you were proposed as a member of the honorary bazaar committee. Will you please let me know immediately if you accept? You can reach me at Michigan 7102.

With best wishes, we remain

Sincerely yours,
Czech-American National
Alliance of Cleveland

Chas. Clintner
President

Accepted

National Chairman
KEITH MORGAN
New York

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Cuyahoga County Celebration

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Dear Friend:

The campaign for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, in connection with the Celebration of the President's Birthday, will open with a luncheon at the Hollenden Hotel Show Boat Room at 12:15 P.M., Friday, January 19.

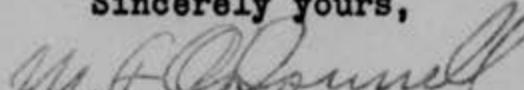
The principal speakers at the luncheon will be Dr. J. H. J. Upham, Dean of Medicine, Ohio State University; Francis A. Schmidt, Coach, Ohio State Football Team; J. E. Trautman, Director of Organization for the State of Ohio, and William Ganson Rose, Chairman of Publicity, Cleveland, Ohio.

An invitation is extended to all those who are interested in this humane endeavor to the end that Cleveland may once again demonstrate its whole-hearted support of all projects intended to benefit suffering humanity. The luncheon will be served promptly at 12:15 P.M., and we expect to conclude the meeting by 1:30 P.M., so as to enable all those present to return to their business duties without delay.

In order that the Hotel may be prepared to serve all who attend, a reply postal card is enclosed for your convenience.

Hoping you will find it possible to be with us, I remain,

Sincerely yours,



M. F. O'Donnell,
Chairman

Encl.

Price of Luncheon: Gentlemen, 75¢; Ladies, gratis.

"HELP OHIO LEAD THE NATION IN THE '40 CELEBRATION"

January 18, 1940

Dr. Frank H. Ferris
Fairmount Presbyterian Church
Fairmount and Coventry Roads
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Ferris:

Quite a number of people have called me up about your letter which was published in the Plain Dealer a few days ago in Ward Marsh's column, and expressed considerable indignation particularly at your reference to the "vindictiveness" of the Jews. I have since read the letter myself. I know of your great interest in peace and your desire to counteract any tendencies which might drag America into war, but I am wondering whether it was true Christian charity to refer to the sense of outrage and indignation which Jews feel at the horrors and inhumanities which the Nazi regime has perpetrated against their fellow Jews in Germany, Austria, Czecho-Slovakia, and now in Poland - horrors shared, I am sure, by you as well as by all right thinking people - as "vindictiveness".

There are other issues raised in your letter which I should like to discuss with you and I hope I shall have that opportunity before long. I am writing this note merely in the thought that after reflection you might wish to correct that unfortunate reference to the "vindictiveness" of the Jews of America, and by implication, the suggestion that they would drag America into war to satisfy this "vindictiveness".

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. ~~Finally arose to be denounced as American vindictiveness?~~
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now express in the news, editorials, cartoons, and news reels
against the unspeakable attack upon the Soviet Union

FAIRMOUNT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OHIO

17 January 1940

My dear Rabbi:

I am sorry I wrote that letter. I am especially sorry that I used the word " vindictiveness ". Whether or not it is too harsh a word to describe some of the expressions I have heard and read is beside the point. (Does your religion teach forgiveness of enemies? Ours does, but we don't do much about it.) The letter was a plain violation of a principle I laid down for myself on September 1, 1939: not to allow my feelings to betray me into intemperate speech.

You say you would like to discuss some of these issues with me. I should be glad of a reason to talk with you any time. But I doubt whether we should convert each other. With regard to the present war, I am a rabid isolationist. My second bible at the moment (tho I don't agree with everything in it) is Kirby Page's How to Keep America Out of War. Raymond Clapper says that the Atlantic seaboard is getting ready for another crusade but that west of the Appalachians isolationist sentinel is still

strong. I intend to do what little I can to keep it strong. The test will come if the Allies seem to be losing. Until we become embroiled the burden of my day will be, "We were suckers once; don't let's be again." To this end I shall endeavor to expose whatever propaganda comes to my notice & to call in question the motives behind it.

In this connection I am a little afraid of the Jews in America because of their quite justifiable (may I say) detestation of Hitler & their control - both as producers & exhibitors - of so potent an instrument as the motion picture. I believe that the motion picture is already being used to whip up war feeling. The picture Mr. Marsh reviewed was entitled *The Goose Step*. The newspaper advt. read, "formerly known as Hitler, the Beast of Berlin" - reminiscent of the picture, *The Kaiser, the Beast of Berlin*, which helped pull us into the last war. Mr. Marsh characterized it as gratuitous rabble-rousing & pointed out that we are not at war with Germany. At the same time a theatre across the street was showing an old film based on Remarque's *The Road Back*, made over into a rabble-rouser. The entertainment value of such pictures is low. Why do you think they are being shown?

I am equally afraid of certain British-Americans (among them some of my own friends),

whose primary allegiance is to Britain & who seem to assume that the U.S. are a dominion of the British Empire. If this were so, then George Washington put himself to considerable inconvenience in vain. I am not afraid of German propaganda, it is so inept. But the English are past masters. The visit of the king & queen was a sweet piece of work & we were all immensely flattered by it. I recognize our debt to England. My own folks are all English, so far as I know. But I have no zeal for helping to hold together the amorphous British Empire. How did you like the way the Mass. bats ganged up on Horace Belisha?

I am also afraid of the president, because of his messianic complex. I think he is perfectly sincere in his efforts for peace. But it is hard for a Roosevelt to sit on the side-lines when his whole nature craves to be "in there fighting."

Maybe I am all wrong. Certainly I was in 1917 from my present viewpoint. But this is how it looks to me now.

I have often and recently - as my people will testify - borne witness to the contribution of the Jew to America & to the world. Many Jewish citizens have meant more to this country than I shall ever mean.

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Your own stanza beginning, "God build him a
continent of glory", contained in our church school
hymnal, has been read here many times & is
much admired.

I am sorry I wrote that letter. I am
sorry it was a source of trouble to you. But,
Raffi, if you have any Hollywood contacts,
please let it be known that the use of films
for war propaganda at this stage of the game
is resented by one who is neither a pro-nazi
nor an anti-Jew but

Frininely yours,
Frank H. Terrio

Raffi: Alton filled Silver, A.D.

Excuse handwriting. It is often hasty
& my girls have gone home.

P.S. Is the aroused indignation which the whole American people now expresses in the news, editorials, cartoons, and news reels against the unspeakable attack by the Soviet Union upon Finland also to be denounced as American "vindictiveness"?

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THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
PROSPECT AVENUE AT EAST EIGHTEENTH STREET
CLEVELAND, OHIO
TELEPHONE-CHERRY 7640

January 18, 1940

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Miss Richardson and I hope very much that you and Mrs. Silver can be the guests of the Association at the Annual Meeting on January thirtieth.

The committee in charge feel that Dr. Kozak, a refugee from Czechoslovakia, will have a real message to give us on our responsibilities as United States citizens.

The Annual Meeting is held at Central Building in order that our members of modest income may attend. This means that reservations are limited. May we hear from you rather soon that you can be with us so that we may mail your tickets to you?

Cordially yours,

Mary W. Douglas

Mrs. Richard S. Douglas
President

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Dr. Henry Barnston
Houston Texas

Jan. 18, 1940

Please accept my warmest felicitations
and best offerings of the Temple
on the occasion of the 40th anniversary
of your distinguished leadership. May
God bless you with many more
Abba Hillel Silver

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The Congregation Beth Israel

cordially invites you to a religious service

in honor of

Dr. Henry Barnston

to mark the completion of forty years

of his ministry as its Rabbi

Friday evening, January the nineteenth

Nineteen hundred and forty

at eight o'clock

in the Synagogue

Holman Avenue and Austin Street

Houston, Texas

January 21, 1940

Mrs. Richard S. Douglas, President
The Young Women's Christian Association
Prospect Avenue at East 18th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Douglas:

Let me thank you for your thoughtfulness in inviting me to attend the Annual Meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association on January 30 and to hear the message of Dr. Kozak. Were I free to come, I would have been delighted to avail myself of your kind hospitality. Unfortunately we have a public meeting scheduled at The Temple for that evening and I must attend.

Please convey my best wishes to Dr. Kozak and through him to the splendid people now in great tribulation whom he represents.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

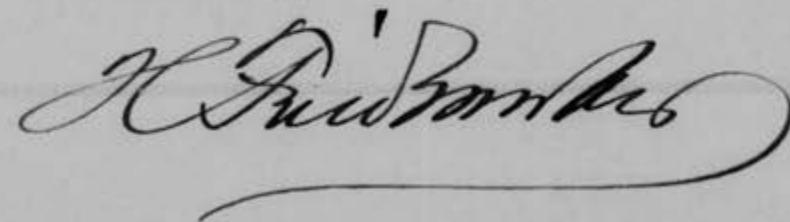
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BALTIMORE, MD. January 25, 1940.

Secretary to Dr. A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
E.105th St. at Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

In reply to your letter would say that I did not receive the two copies which were sent but I have one which I treasure. Will you be good enough to have a copy sent to Mrs. Chaim Weizmann at 111 Fifth Avenue, New York, marking it Personal and sent at my request. I had quite a little talk with her about the address.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in cursive ink, appearing to read "H. Friedenwald". The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized, with a long, sweeping line extending from the end of the "n" in "Friedenwald" towards the bottom right.

January 26, 1940

Dr. Harry Friedenwald
1212 Eutaw Place
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Dr. Friedenwald:

Thank you for your note of January 25.
Under separate cover, I am sending you today two
copies of Rabbi Silver's address: "The World
Crisis and Jewish Survival".

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

P.S. I have also sent a copy to Mrs. Weizmann.

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January 26 1940

Rabbi Morris Lazaron
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Baltimore, Md.

HEARTIEST FELICITATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY AS SPIRITUAL LEADER OF THE BALTIMORE HEBREW CONGREGATION. MAY YOU BE BLESSED WITH MANY MORE YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE WELL BEING AND HAPPINESS.

ABBA

Your thoughtful message
added to the joy of my anniversary
and I thank you for it.

Morris S. Lazarow



*The Baltimore Hebrew Congregation
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Friday evening, January the twenty-sixth
Nineteen hundred and forty
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Thanks I can add for
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you. Home

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Reservations limited
Reception following the program

February 2, 1940

Secretary to Dr. Ferdinand Q. Blanchard
Euclid Avenue Congregational Church
9606 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friend:

Please make a reservation for Mrs. Silver
and me for the dinner which the Euclid Avenue Congregation
Church is giving in honor of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary
of Dr. Blanchard's pastorate.

We have an important function at The Temple
that evening, but I should want to attend Dr. Blanchard's
dinner at least for part of the evening. Mrs. Silver
will be able to remain for the entire program.

Very cordially yours,

AHS: BK
Enc.

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TELEPHONE
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February 5, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o The Temple
Ansel and East 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:-

We are drawing a Testamentary Trust in which we are to name charities who are to receive bequests under certain contingencies dependent upon the life of certain beneficiaries named in the Trust.

Our clients have left the selection of these charities largely to our discretion. We have suggested that the bulk of the money go to Jewish charities, and that some portion of the funds be left for non-Jewish charities.

We wonder whether you would care to make any suggestions with reference to charities which should be named in these instruments.

Very truly yours,

MILLER, DAUS and SCHWENGER

By Arthur A. Miller
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Feb. 7, 1940.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Some time ago I wrote you with reference to the proposed reorganization of the Jewish Statistical Bureau as a part of the Synagogue Council of America. The American Jewish Committee has promised, as you know, a subvention of \$3500. May I now add the following:

1. As matters stand now, there will be a special administrative committee for the work of the Jewish Statistical Bureau. This body will represent, with one member each, the six constituent organizations of the Synagogue Council, namely, the three federations of congregations and the three unions of rabbis. A few others will be coopted to strengthen the administrative body, and this writer will be its secretary and director.

The following names have been suggested for the administrative committee for one year: Robert Axel, statistician, Public Welfare Department of the State of New York; Morton Baum, attorney, former alderman of the City of New York; Oscar Janowsky, professor, City College of New York; and Abraham Mayer, accountant. These persons reside, each one, in the city of New York and they are deeply interested in our work.

2. The present Committee of Sponsors will be retained, in addition to the administrative committee, as a national advisory body. It has been suggested that its official name be National Advisory Committee rather than Committee of Sponsors. At all events, it will consist of the members of the Committee of Sponsors plus those of the Advisory Committee and a few other nationally prominent Jews, such as, Mr. Henry Monsky, president of B'nai B'rith (who I am glad to write you has already indicated his willingness to join). This writer, as heretofore, would act as its secretary. Perhaps you would kindly suggest a few names?

As you have been a member of the Committee of Sponsors from the very beginning, will you kindly consider the matters discussed above, and let me know. To facilitate your answer and to have this in a uniform manner, I beg to enclose herewith a sheet which I kindly ask you to read with care and to indicate your pleasure. A return envelope is herewith enclosed.

Your kindness and cooperation will be deeply appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

H. S. LINFIELD, Director

*Any suggestion you will ever will
be deeply appreciated. Harry.*

February 7, 1940

It is with great joy that I join the host of friends of Dr. Ferdinand Q. Blanchard in extending to him my heartiest felicitations on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his distinguished pastorate in Cleveland. No one in this community has served with greater faithfulness and devotion the cause of genuine religion than Dr. Blanchard. A man of rare spiritual insight, clear liberal and forthright thinking, unfailing courage and profound, all embracing human sympathies, he has helped to mold the life of our community in the last quarter of a century in a magnificent manner. As a colleague and a friend, I have watched his noble, quiet and richly productive ministry with profound admiration and thankfulness. I pray for him and for us many more years of blessed labor in our midst.

February 7, 1940

Mr. Harry E. Davis
1050 East 98th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Davis:

Let me thank you for your gracious invitation to meet Dr. W. E. B. DuBois at your home on Friday evening. I am leaving for New York tonight and will probably be gone until Saturday. Should I return before Friday evening, I shall be very happy to be with you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

February 8, 1940

Rev. Robert Stemme
1006 Hippodrome Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Stemme:

Enclosed herewith is the statement from
Rabbi Silver which I promised to send you.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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February 9, 1940

Mr. Arthur A. Miller
978 Union Commerce Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Arthur:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of inquiry. There are so many worthy charities to which men can bequeath funds in the confidence that they will be used to good purpose. Among these, I would suggest the following:

The Jewish Welfare Fund of Cleveland
The Hebrew Free Loan Association
Bellefaire
Orthodox Jewish Orphan Home
Orthodox Old Home
Montefiore Home

I think that most Jews give too much money for charitable institutions and not enough for Jewish cultural institutions. I would suggest contributions to the Hebrew Union College of Cincinnati, and the Jewish Theological Seminary of New York. If the man is a member of our Temple, I would suggest a bequest to The Temple. Non-Jews are more inclined to remember their religious institutions in their wills than Jews.

If I can be of any further help to you, I will be most happy to render it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

The Trustees of the Euclid Avenue Congregational Church

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Rabbi Hillel Silver
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

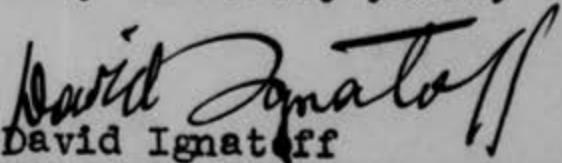
The undersigned takes the liberty in believing that you may know his name. I know that at least one of my books has reached you through a mutual friend, Mr. J. Tofel. I want to further say that this is practically the first time I am using my name on behalf of HIAS in this manner.

I am in charge of the Fund Raising Dept. of HIAS. We have been trying to move the Federation of your city to give us an allocation which should be in keeping with our increased needs and were not successful, so far. We contended that the reason for this is that we have no one on their committee who would feel that he represents HIAS. For this year they have granted us the privilege of appointing someone on their committee for this purpose. It is likely that you are on the committee and that you have one cause or another to represent. I still feel that were you to take it upon yourself to take care of our interest at a time when allocations are made, justice would be done towards our cause. I know that in this case I also speak for the Board of Directors of HIAS.

Please understand me. We are engrossed in the work and see our obligations growing from day to day, and know that we must move the various communities to respond towards our cause in a fitting manner. May I further say that other communities look up to a city like Cleveland and because of the improper allocation given us Cleveland sets a bad example and makes it difficult for us to get a fair deal from a number of other communities.

We shall gladly give you further information upon request.

Very sincerely yours,


David Ignatoff
MANAGER, MEMBERSHIP DEPT.

February 14, 1940

Mr. Dan eiss, President
Rabbi David L. Genuth
The Kinsman Jewish Center
3474 East 147th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friends:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of February 12. I shall bring
it to the attention of the Jewish Welfare Fund
at its next meeting. I am sure that you will
hear from the Board after it meets.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

February 16, 1940

Rabbi Armond E, Cohen
Cleveland Jewish Center
1117 E. 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Cohen:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the letter
which Rabbi Silver sent to Mr. Goldhamer today.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

February 19, 1940

Mr. David Ignatoff
HIAS
425 Lafayette Street
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Ignatoff:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of February 14. I appreciate the fact that you request me to represent the HIAS on the local Welfare Fund, but I already represent another organization on the Fund and I am therefore unable to accept another appointment. I am sure that the Committee will try to do its best for the HIAS as for all other beneficiaries of the Fund.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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In these days of war and with the mounting horrors that inevitably accompany slaughter, one insistent plea for help cries out above all others.

It comes from the shattered Polish nation.

Actually overnight hundreds of thousands, without food, clothing, or money have been driven as refugees into other countries, already overcrowded. Thousands of those who remained in Poland have lost their possessions. Their valueless money can provide nothing. To realize the depths of the Polish suffering you need only to re-read Cardinal Hlond's recent report to the Vatican. Help cannot be sent too quickly.

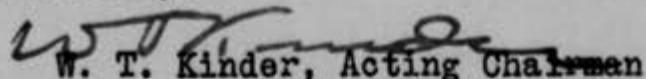
Today many Americans who served with Herbert Hoover in the Belgian Relief Commission and who therefore are experienced in matters of relief, are serving, without pay, in this second grave emergency.

We are assured that funds collected by this Committee will be distributed only through American representatives in the field. At present these representatives are serving in the neighboring countries into which thousands of the Polish people have been driven, and arrangements are under way by which our American representatives will ultimately function in the occupied Polish territory.

A representative group of Clevelanders forming a local branch of the national Commission for Polish Relief, has been set up to facilitate the collection of local gifts to this great humanitarian cause. We feel confident that you will wish to give us some support however small.

Please send your contributions to the Cleveland Commission for Polish Relief, in care of Kenyon C. Bolton, at the main office of The Cleveland Trust Company or any of its branches. Every penny which you send will be forwarded to the National Commission, which will devote it to the sending of supplies and money for the benefit of the stricken people.

Most gratefully,


W. T. Kinder, Acting Chairman

City of Cleveland

HAROLD H. BURTON
MAYOR

February 21, 1940.

Hon. Fiorello H. LaGuardia
Mayor of the City of New York
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Mayor:

It gives me much pleasure, on behalf of the City of Cleveland, to join in the invitation of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, National Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, inviting you to come to Cleveland for a mass meeting in the Cleveland Music Hall Sunday evening, May 5, 1940.

You are requested to make the principal address of the evening at this opening meeting of the United Jewish Appeal in this city with which you are familiar as a national movement. Rabbi Silver, both as the National and Local Chairman of this movement, commands the highest respect, and I feel sure that this meeting will be an inspiring one and will have great national significance.

Your keen appreciation of the issues involved lead me to hope that you will be willing to help fix the meaning and importance of this campaign in the minds of the nation, and I hope that you will find it possible to accept this call.

With personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

Harold H. Burton

Mayor.

HHB:H

CC: Rabbi Abba H. Silver

Address Your Reply To:
LOUIS YALE BORKON
602-3 Investment Building
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Feb. 27, 1940

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The attached editorial appered in the
JEWISH LEADER, on February 23, and is self
explanatiry. I hope it will be echoed by
your active furtherance of its contents.

May I have an expression from you? and
if not for publication, your wish shall
be respected.

Cordially yours,

Louis Yale Borkon
LOUIS YALE BORKON
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March 1, 1940

To Cleveland Sponsors:-

Dear Friend,

I am enclosing ten tickets to the concert which our committee has arranged.

May I urge you to do what you can to distribute these tickets? If you do not sell them, perhaps you will be able to give them to friends, and make a contribution to National Sharecroppers Week.

I hope you will find it possible to attend the concert yourself.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Parker

Secretary

MRS. JOSEPH KOCH
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3/5/40 -

Dear Dr. Silver:

Mother thought you might be interested in reading the enclosed article which appeared in our local paper.

She takes especial pride and interest in the fact that she is the oldest living member of your congregation & of course gave the reporter that information with great pleasure.

She asked me to send you the article and to assure you of her continuing interest in your work and the Temple.

Sincerely yours
Lucile S. Koch

March 5, 1940

Mr. Robert Parker, Secretary
Cleveland Committee National Sharecroppers Week
1648 East 77th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Parker:

Enclosed herewith is Rabbi Silver's
check for tickets which you sent him to the
Concert Benefit of National Sharecroppers Week.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK
Enc.

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As a sponsor for the "Children's Crusade for Children," you will be kept informed of its progress. Shortly we shall report on the number of school systems that have announced participation. You will be interested to know that cooperation in the Crusade has already come from local school systems in nearly every state of the Union and Puerto Rico.

In the seven days since the first public announcement of the Crusade, hundreds of newspapers in the country have enthusiastically taken up the Crusade in their news columns and on their editorial pages. Cooperation of the magazine and radio fields has been promised and we shall report promptly to you the news of the Crusade plans as they develop. Several projects will soon be under way.

So that you might have the latest information right at hand, we are enclosing several folders and one of the plays just off the press, a part of the educational activity that goes with the Crusade. From all appearances the Crusade has begun to make great strides. Please know that your continued and active interest in securing the schools of America to play the central role in the "Children's Crusade for Children" is indispensable to the success of this movement.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially yours,

Dorothy Canfield Fisher

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Dr. Bird and I are coming with a very special request, namely, that you share in the broadcasting program under the Cleveland Peace Committee on Saturday night March the 16th.

This is the Cultural Institute program of half an hour. Dean Wilbur White will speak on the Events of the Last Six Weeks and Their Relation to Peace. We should like you to take some phase of the question depending somewhat upon your own feeling. Personally, I should like to have you say something about What America Should Do to Share in a Stable, Peaceful World.

There will be one Catholic speaker, Father Cyprian Emanuel, of the Franciscan School.

I think the program will be introduced by Dr. Bird asking the main question, to which the participants answer. This means not more than four or five minutes for each one.

We shall deeply appreciate if you can give us this service.

May I once again say how splendid your service was in Columbus. We hear many favorable comments on it from every side.

Cordially yours,

Mabel Head

Mabel Head, Secretary

March 6, 1940

Mrs. Joseph Koch
1950 North Market
Canton, Ohio

My dear Friends:

It was indeed thoughtful of you to send me the newspaper article which contained a lovely photograph of your mother, and an article about her. I was delighted to receive it. Surely that picture is not of a woman of ninety-six. I did not realize that your dear mother was approaching the century mark. Please convey to her the warmest felicitations both of Mrs. Silver and of myself.

The Temple will celebrate, on May 26, the Ninetieth Anniversary, and we are all hoping that it will be possible for Mrs. Goodhart to be our honored guest on that occasion.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

March 7, 1940

Picture Operators Union
Hippodrome Building
Cleveland, Ohio

Attention: Mr. Vic. Mellman

Dear Friends:

May I express to you in the name of The Temple, its officers and members, our deep appreciation for the courtesy which members of your Union extended to us in setting up the moving picture apparatus. The generous contribution of time and service on the part of your members makes us all greatly indebted to you. May I add my personal word of profound appreciation.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Most cordially yours,

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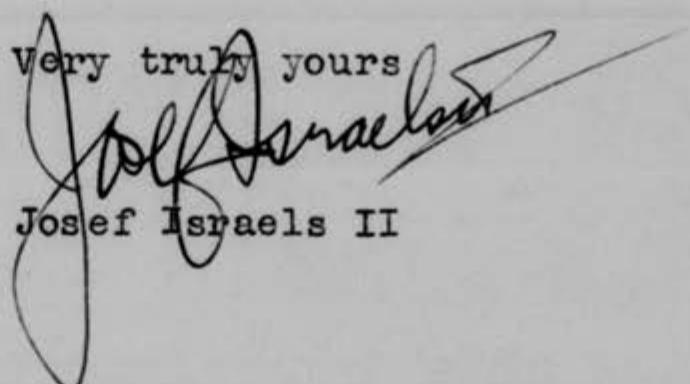
I am sending you under separate cover a copy of a new novel, "Decade", by Stephen Longstreet, recently published by Random House. I hope that you will have time to read it and that you will find it interesting.

I particularly call your attention to one of the characters included in it -- an old Jewish Philosopher whose views may have special appeal to you.

I would be grateful if you would find it possible to write me a few lines of your impression of the book after you have read it. This would be appreciated by the author and the publisher.

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March 13, 1940

Rabbi Silver
Blackstone Hotel
Chicago, Ill.

SAMUEL BLITZ PHONED ME TODAY RE TELEGRAM YOU SENT YESTERDAY" AM UNABLE TO COME WEDNESDAY APRIL SEVENTEENTH". THEY SUGGESTED PARIL EIGHTEENTH FOR BROOKLYN BUT SEVENTEENTH OK IF CONVENIENT YOU. PLEASE WIRE MR. BLITZ TWO SIX ONE FIFTH AVENUE TODAY CONFIRMING SEVENTEENTH OR EIGHTEENTH SO THEY CAN GO AHEAD WITH PUBLICITY.

Bessie Kline



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

The Officers and Board of Trustees
cordially invite you to attend the
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to

Rabbi Samuel J. Abrams
on his Twentieth Anniversary as Rabbi of
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on Friday evening, March twenty-second
at eight o'clock

Reception, and Musical Program
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AMERICAN ACADEMY FOR JEWISH RESEARCH
3080 Broadway
New York City

You are invited to attend a public meeting in commemoration of the 900th anniversary of the birth of RASHI, to be held on Sunday evening, March 17, 1940, at 8:30 o'clock, at the Jewish Theological Seminary, Broadway and 122nd Street.

The following addresses will be made:

PROF. SALO W. BARON:
"Jewish Communal Problems in the Period of Rashi"

PROF. ISMAR ELBOGEN:
"What Rashi Means to Us Today"

PROF. LOUIS GINZBERG:
"A Program for Research on Rashi"

March 25, 1940

Rabbi Samuel J. Abrams
Temple Ohabei Shalom
Boston, Mass.

My dear Sam:

I am sending you this belated note of felicitation on the occasion of your twentieth anniversary as Rabbi of Temple Ohabei Shalom. Virginia joins me in sending you our heartiest congratulations. It is hard to realize that twenty years have passed since you went to Boston. But then we are moving along. I am sure that the testimonial services were greatly inspiring and will give you added zest and courage through the oncoming years. My warmest greetings to Sarah.

As ever yours,

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March twenty-fifth
1940.

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

Dear Colleague:

The situation in Jewish life today seems to us to need some kind of popular organ of Liberal Jewish opinion, which will help to popularize our cause and educate our people to an understanding of its history, content and purpose. Unfortunately, there is not a single Jewish publication which presents Liberal Judaism in its true light. As a matter of fact, the Reform Movement is being seriously attacked by critics and others who are secularistic in their thinking, and we have no way of replying. It, therefore, seems to us that we should create some kind of organ of popular opinion and appeal which will enable us to say to our world what we believe about Reform Judaism. To so many it is identified merely with a synagog building, worship with uncovered heads, and a minimum of religious observance. This attitude, coupled with the attacks of our critics, seems likely to produce certain effects which may prove to be disturbing and dangerous.

It is, therefore, our purpose to project "THE REFORM ADVANCE" some time in the early fall of this year. We have a publisher who agrees to subvent the undertaking without expense to any of us. The publisher believes that the periodical will become so popular that the subscriptions will absorb the expense of publication and distribution. To be sure, both we and those whom we invite to become contributors, will need to do the work *l'shem shomayim*. If the financial report at the end of the year indicates a reasonable profit, we might in the second year agree with the publisher to provide a modest honorarium for each article. We are, therefore, presuming that every colleague who has Reform and Liberal Judaism very much at heart will want to have some way of articulating before the public his point of view on Jewish history and the Jewish religion. That is exclusively the reason why we are lending ourselves to the enterprise.

We should very much like to invite you to be one of the contributors. That would imply only two requirements, namely, the writing of popular articles on assigned subjects, and dignified cooperation in

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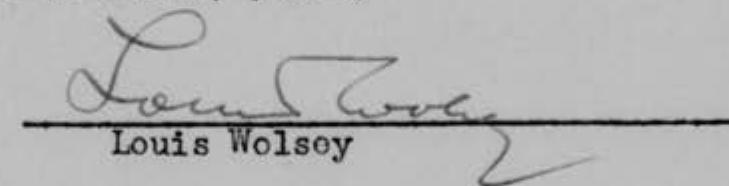
the distribution of this monthly periodical. The latter will simply mean that you would furnish the publisher with a list of the members of your Congregation and any others in your community whom you would consider good prospects for subscriptions, and some kind of dignified encouragement to your constituency to subscribe. It is our belief that if we could secure for this national Monthly a subscription list of say 10,000 or more, the expense of the publication could be absorbed.

This is definitely no commercial venture. It is motivated entirely and exclusively by ideal considerations and by genuine service to the cause of Liberal Judaism. We feel sure that you could contribute not alone some writing which would provoke earnest thought in American Israel, but that your contribution coupled with the hearty cooperation of others of our colleagues, who are to be invited to the Editorial Staff, will influence materially the trend of Jewish religious thinking in America. It seems to us that it is now high time for the exponents of Reform Judaism to gird up their loins and to say the word in America that shall perpetuate our interpretation and our way of life.

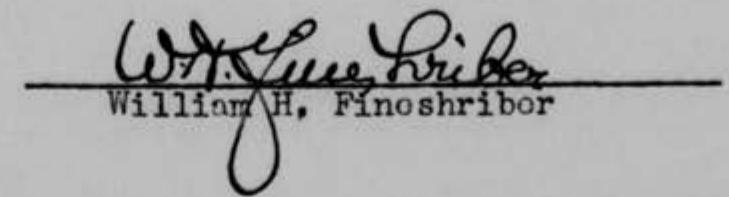
We should be very glad to hear from you with a prompt acceptance of our invitation.

With kind regards, we remain,

Fraternally yours,

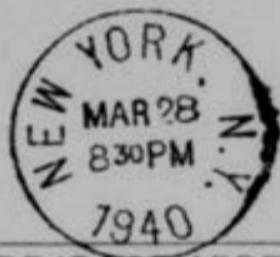


Louis Wolsey



William H. Fineshriber

B.C.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
342 Madison Ave
New York City

We recently asked you to serve as a sponsor of a dinner to be given in honor of Dr. Edith Elmer Wood, at which the first ANNUAL AWARD FOR MERITORIOUS HOUSING SERVICE offered by City-Wide Tenants Council is to be conferred upon Dr. Wood. The response to this call for sponsors has been most enthusiastic. Among those who have accepted are: LeRoy Bowman, Harold S. Buttenheim, Stuart Chase, William Hodson, Dorothy Kenyon, Gladys La Fetra, Alfred Rheinstein, Mary Simkhovitch, Carl Carmer, Stanley Isaacs . . .

We have not yet received permission to use your name as a sponsor. Perhaps you mislaid the first card, so here is another. Please act promptly, since our program must go to the printer.

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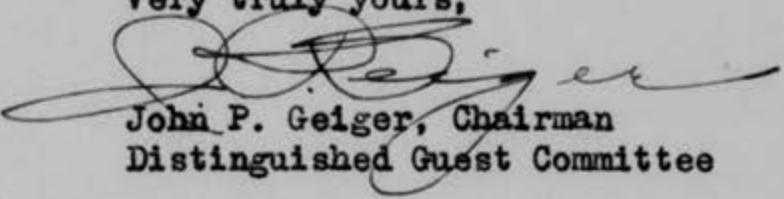
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
2 East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Army Day Luncheon Committee requests
the honor of your presence at the speakers table at
its annual Army Day Luncheon to be held in the Hotel
Statler Ball Room, April 6, 1940, at 12:30 P. M.

Kindly advise the undersigned as to whether
or not you will be present.

Very truly yours,


John P. Geiger, Chairman
Distinguished Guest Committee

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THE HEBREW TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, HAIFA.
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From
The Professor of Physical Chemistry
and Molecular Physics,
DR. R. SAMUEL, F.INST.P.

As from: Parkside Hotel
18 Gramercy Park
New York City

March 31, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am very sorry that I was prevented from communicating with you on March 18th in New York partly through the clumsiness of the hotel people who refused to interrupt you during your dinner-breakfast.

I now want to draw your attention to the following: I have started a new Society for my Institute which was incorporated on Friday and will open its office next week. The Sponsoring Committee at the present time consists of Pres. K. C. Compton of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Dr. Duggan, Prof. Einstein, Mr. ~~McNamee~~ Levin, Judge Julian W. Mack, Mr. Edward Norman, Prof. H. C. Urey of Columbia University, and Mr. S. Zemurray. The executive body consists of a great number of engineers and industrialists like Mr. Lazarus White.

We are giving our first public dinner in the beginning of May. I shall then go to form chapters with the help of other Nobel Prize winners all over the country.

In the meantime I hope to increase the personnel of the Sponsoring Committee by a number of Jewish industrialists through the good offices of Dr. Compton and Prof. Einstein.

You will notice that there is not a single active or prominent representative of the Zionist Organization among the names I mentioned with the exception of Judge Mack who, as you know, is rather ill. From the purely financial point of view I do not mind this in the least, although we are the only scientific-educational institution which really belongs to the Jewish Agency. But after my departure there will be no one left who could, in an hour of emergency, utilize the new connections for political purposes. That is what I resent, and I therefore want to put on the record that fact that I tried my level best to discuss this matter with you.

Yours very sincerely,

R. Samuel

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April 1, 1940

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I have not seen you for several years, but you may recall me as Fred Hoehler who used to be with the University of Cincinnati.

I am enclosing a letter to you from Mr. Homer Folks, and I am doing so because I wish to urge your acceptance of this responsibility with the National Citizens' Committee. I served intimately with the Conference and I believe that it has a great opportunity during the next two or three years to do something for the children of this country. So much has been done for others, particularly the old people, that we may find the citizens of the next generation completely neglected unless you and others help to apprise the country of its responsibility.

With sincere personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Fred K. Hoehler
Director

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Encl.

April 3, 1940

Mr. John P. Geiger
910 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Geiger:

Permit me to thank you for your kind
note of March 28 and for your invitation to
attend the annual Army Day Luncheon on April 6.
I shall be most happy to come.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Dictated April 1st.



IN THE HEART OF THE BUSINESS
AND THEATRICAL DISTRICTS

GEO. DAWSON, Manager

New Orleans, Louisiana

April 4, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am attaching the original wire and a copy of the wire I sent in your behalf. Since I do not know your address in Cleveland I am sending it through New York.

The last time I had the pleasure to listening to your speaking was in St. Louis in 1924 when I organized two meetings for you under the auspices of the Keren-Hayesod. I, too, with the rest of the people in New Orleans was therefore, looking forward to your visit. Thanks for your visit and inspirational address.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur Adams
Arthur Adams
Southern Director
United Jewish Appeal

AA:ET

April 5, 1940

Mr. Fred K. Hoehler, Director
American Public Welfare Association
1313 East 60th Street
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Hoehler:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of April 1 and for the enclosed letter which you sent along from Mr. Homer Folks. I was very pleased to accept membership on the National Citizens' Committee which he is organizing.

I trust that I may have the good fortune of seeing you in person some day soon.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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April the tenth
1940.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
E. 105th St. at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Dr. Silver:

May we call your attention to our letter sent you recently, with reference to our project of a monthly publication in the interest of Liberal Judaism? We have had no reply from you, and we have wondered whether that is due to disinclination or to some other reason. Whatever it be, we wish to assure you that we did not write you a circular letter. It was sent to sixty-two of our colleagues, every one of whom was very carefully selected not alone as to distinction and ability, but also as to our judgment as to his interest in Reform Judaism.

It is our opinion that the publication is vitally necessary. Our movement has no way (outside of the pulpit) of articulating itself before the lay mind, and, therefore, we believe it to be fundamentally necessary to place such a magazine before the reading public. If we do not, then we have made it easy for opposing influences to weaken the loyalty of the layman in a liberal interpretation of Judaism.

We do not wish to over-persuade you. If you do not believe in the venture (which we assure you is completely l'shem shomayim), we shall understand. If you do, then, may we hear from you on our assurance that there would be no obligation save to give the project the benefit of your name and endorsement, (and we would prefer an enthusiastic endorsement) and an occasional article. Thirty-three of those who have been invited to join with us have accepted enthusiastically. Only one has declined.

If the project does not receive the support which we have invited, then it is highly probable that we shall not go forward with the publication. The editorial direction will mean a very considerable sacrifice for both of us. We shall be willing to make that sacrifice if we shall have the support of the colleagues whom we have solicited. But

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we shall be unwilling to do it without that support. It is likewise highly possible that we may call a meeting in the very near future of all those who have accepted service.

May we hear from you soon?

With very kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

W.H. Fineshribet
William H. Fineshribet
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P.S. We are thinking very seriously of naming the paper "Modern Israel" instead of "Reform Advance", this on the suggestion of Schulman.

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April 20, 1940

Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

It is the duty of every Jew to resist any movement which desires to overthrow or undermine our American form of government.

The Jewish Youth Organization has undertaken, as its first objective, the establishment of a Chapter in every High School and College, for the expressed purpose of educating the Jewish Youth against the dangers of Communism, Fascism, Nazism or any other form of ideology which seeks to destroy our Constitution and its Bill of Rights.

From time to time we shall require the advice and counsel from our more experienced Jewish friends. Will you agree to serve on our Advisory Committee and help us in our program as outlined in the enclosed "Statement of Principles"?

With high personal regards, believe me to be,

Sincerely,

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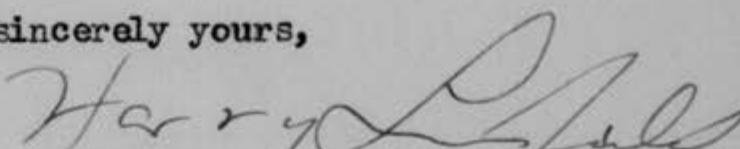
Dear Dr. Silver:

Some time ago I wrote you of our negotiations with the American Jewish Committee and with the Synagogue Council of America. These negotiations have finally resulted in the Bureau's becoming a part of the Synagogue Council of America, under the name of "Statistical Bureau of Synagogue Council of America." The American Jewish Committee has promised, as you know, to contribute \$3,500 for the work of the Bureau. The Bureau has its own administrative and advisory committees, and these have been constituted for this year as follows: The administrative committee consists of six persons, representing one each, the three federations of congregations and the three unions of rabbis, and four persons have been coopted from the advisory committee, and this writer retains his position of director. The advisory committee has been made up of the members of the various committees on this letterhead, and a few other friends such as, Mr. Monsky, president of the B'nai B'rith. You have been interested in our work from the very beginning and hoping for your continued interest, my associates and I are proud to have you with us. The Bureau, I am sorry, has lost one of its staunchest friends and supporters in the death of Cyrus Adler.

I am enclosing herewith a statement of the program of our research body as now constituted.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,


Harry S. Linfield

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May 1, 1940

Mrs. Joseph H. Gross, President
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Statler Hotel

PLEASE ACCEPT MY HEARTIEST FELICITATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. MAY GOD BLESS YOUR GREAT ORGANIZATION WITH MANY MORE YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

RANDOLPH EIDE
750 HURON ROAD
CLEVELAND

May 2, 1940

Dr. A. H. Silver,
2 East 105th St.,
Cleveland,
Ohio.

Dear Doctor Silver:

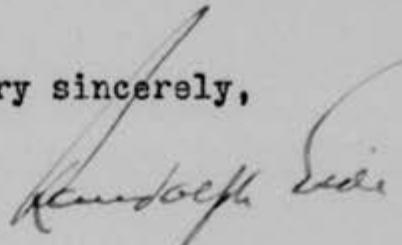
Norwegian Relief Inc., the duly accredited organization established for the purpose of aiding distressed Norwegians has asked that I organize the Norwegian Relief for Ohio.

This is an undertaking of such magnitude that I find that I must call for assistance.

Would you be good enough to lend your moral support in such an effort by permitting your name to be used on our letterheads as a member of the Norwegian Relief Committee for Ohio?

This will not entail any effort or solicitation on your part. If you are agreeable would you be kind enough to sign the enclosed postal card and return it to me?

Yours very sincerely,



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May 3, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I know you are very busy and must have a mountain of mail to attend to, but I want to send you a word about the remarkable success of the Lewiston-Auburn, Maine, meeting for the United Jewish Campaign. Your telegram was an inspiration to all present to make large contributions.

I am taking the liberty to enclose a story indicating what transpired at this meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

Joseph S. Shubow
Rabbi Joseph S. Shubow

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If you could drop a personal note to Mr. Markson and Mr. Zorn, I know they'd prize it highly.

I know Mr. Markson would appreciate a personal photo & so would I, if you could spare them.

Mr. Markson is really a remarkably generous contributor. He gives in Boston & also in Maine.

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Hillel the Prince

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At a dinner held on Thursday evening, May 2nd, at the Auburn, Maine, Synagogue Beth Abraham, the leading Lewiston and Auburn Jews gathered to inaugurate the annual United Jewish Campaign. The leading families of these twin cities, less than a hundred persons in number, paid a minimum of twenty-five dollars per plate and contributed a total of nearly \$10,000 as a result of an appeal made.

Judge Benjamin Berman, well-known as an outstanding worker in community enterprises, presided. The first speakers were Mr. Eldar Markson of Boston, originally from Maine, and Mr. Israel Bernstein of Portland, chairman of the Campaign for the State of Maine. Both speakers inspired and urged those present to donate as much as possible.

The guest speaker was Rabbi Joseph S. Shubow of Temple Bnai Moshe, Boston. After a stirring address depicting the tragedy and suffering of Jews under the Nazi lash, he called upon the audience for extreme sacrifices in order to relieve the agony and sorrow of our people in Europe, and in order to help rebuild Palestine. Those present responded with enthusiasm and zeal. Several large contributions were immediately announced, and during the evening every person present at the dinner contributed to the fund, ~~xxx~~ many increasing their original contributions and also giving in the names of children and parents. The total contributions netted nearly \$10,000, and by far exceeded the most optimistic expectations of the local leaders and even of Mr. Philip Potash, Campaign Director of the area.

An inspiring message from Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, National Chairman of the Campaign was read by the Chairman, Judge Berman, who closed the meeting with expressions of gratitude to those present and to the guest of the evening, Rabbi Shubow. In commenting upon this meeting ~~Rabbi~~ ^{Shubow} said that a great measure of its success was due to the generosity shown by ^{Mr. Eldar Markson and} Mr. Philip Lown and other leading contributors who kept the meeting and contributions on a high level, being fully cognizant of the needs of the day.

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May 3, 1940

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

At the suggestion of Dr. Jung we are taking the liberty of sending you a complimentary copy of his recently published MODERN MARRIAGE. We hope that you will approve of this book.

Any comment which you would care to give us and which we might use in future publicity would be most gratefully received.

Yours very truly,

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May 6, 1940

Mr. F. B. Van Avery
F. S. Crofts & Co.
41 Union Square, W.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Van Avery:

I greatly appreciate your kindness in sending me a copy of Dr. Jung's book, "Modern Marriage". I know that I shall read it with a great deal of pleasure and profit.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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May 6th, 1940

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

Dear Rabbi:

Mrs. Leo Spitz, who is Chairman of the Women's Group of the Motion Picture Division in New York, writes me that she would very much appreciate a message from you which she can use at their meeting on May 9th, which is next Thursday. The meeting is at the Harmony Club, but I would suggest that you write to her at her residence, Essex House, 59th Street at 6th Avenue, New York City. Suggest you send it airmail tomorrow (Tuesday) so that she will receive it on Wednesday in ample time for her meeting on Thursday.

From the fact that she and some of her associates seem so much impressed by the postscript on my letter to her, I believe they like the idea which I had expressed, - of this city and other parts of the country being influenced and inspired by the example set by the women in New York. I am inclined to believe that women are beginning to realize how much of what is going on means to them and their children. I also do not think that they realize what a great influence and important factor they can be and how much responsibility rests upon them.

Thanking you for taking the time, amidst the pressure of other things, to take care of this request, I am

Yours sincerely,

J. M. Berne

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Professor Louis Finkelstein
3080 Broadway
N. Y.

May 6, 1940

Please accept my heartiest felicitations on the great distinction which has come to you in your election as President of the Jewish Theological Seminary. I wish you many years of blessed service and leadership.

Abba Hillel Silver

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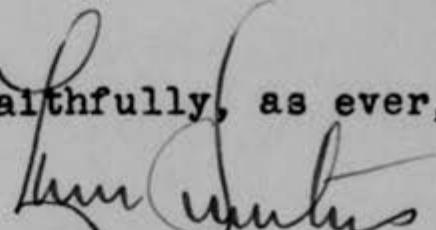
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May 6, 1940

Dear Doctor Silver:

I deeply appreciate your telegram of good wishes and your great thoughtfulness. I earnestly hope that we may long continue our cordial and pleasant relationship.

Faithfully, as ever,


Louis Finkelstein

Doctor Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver,

We are indeed grateful to you for the felicitations and good wishes you sent us on our 45th anniversary.

I cannot tell you what it has meant to me to be assured of your deep interest, and the benefit of your counsel and advice at all times.

Sincerely yours,

Ruette D. Gross
Mrs. Joseph H. Gross,
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My dear Rabbi:-

VICE-CHAIRMAN
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We write you to give your earnest attention to the enclosed call issued by our Synagogue Council.

TREASURER
S. HERBERT GOLDEN
257 FOURTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

We believe that the Synagogues of the country will gain a greater accession of membership if they work together to bring in the unaffiliated than if they work separately.

SECRETARY
BENJAMIN KOENIGSBERG
99 NASSAU STREET
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We believe that through joint action the community can be surveyed far more effectively for listing those unaffiliated with the synagogue than can be done by individual synagogues.

We believe that through collaboration of synagogues there can be obtained a more numerous and more efficient corps of workers to approach the unaffiliated than can possibly be obtained through competing or duplicating efforts of synagogues working individual and separately.

The essence of the plan suggested in our call is for all synagogues in a community, or all the synagogues in a district in a large metropolitan community, to come together at this time in a joint committee on which shall be represented the rabbis and the lay leadership of the co-operating synagogues. During the months of May and June lists of the unaffiliated should be compiled, committees and workers appointed representing all the synagogues, and the machinery for a campaign completed before community activities slow up for the summer. Then, as soon as possible after Labor Day, there is to be launched a joint campaign in which those unaffiliated with the synagogue shall be asked by personal solicitation to join the synagogue of their preference.

We are writing you at this time, as well as to your colleagues in your community, asking for full-hearted and enthusiastic cooperation to make a brilliant success of this experiment in inter-congregational activity. We are convinced that if you will join with your colleagues and with the laity in carrying through this plan, there will result a new era of better understanding and communal harmony. We are convinced, also, that through this cooperation there will result a marked strengthening of individual synagogues throughout the country and of the Synagogue and of Judaism in America.

We would ask you, therefore, to regard yourself as personally responsible for the success of this campaign, and to get together now with your colleagues and with the lay leaders of the synagogues in your community at the earliest practicable date so as to organize this campaign.

THE SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA
D. de Sola Pool, President

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THE SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA

The Synagogue Council of America looks upon the present dire and disastrous world conditions as a result of man's lack of loyalty to the moral law, and his loss of regard for spiritual values and ideals. Leaders in religion, fully aware of the complexity of human problems, know that many factors have contributed towards the present disturbance of our social order. Yet as religionists they cannot but emphasize the fact that man will never find the road towards remedying the primary dislocations and maladjustments in human life until he will be willing to apply the principles of morality and religion to social, economic and political problems.

Jewish prophets and sages iterate that only through obedience to the moral law and adherence to spiritual ideals can the Jew survive and render a noble accounting of himself before God and man. The Synagogue Council of America therefore calls on American Israel to hold fast to the Synagogue, so that it may be strengthened and inspirited by frequent and active recourse to the spiritual fountains of the Jewish faith.

To help bring about this contribution to our own happiness and to the welfare of our country and of the whole world, the Synagogue Council proposes the following nation-wide effort to bring unaffiliated Jews back into the Synagogue.

The Synagogue Council of America urges that in every Jewish community in the land there be called immediately a joint meeting of the Orthodox, Conservative and the Reform rabbis and the presidents of all congregations, for the purpose of forming committees to undertake the organization of a joint campaign for synagogue membership.

That on a basis to be mutually agreed on, out of the first year's dues of all new members to be obtained by synagogues, ways and means be found locally for defraying such costs as may be incurred for listing and approaching the unaffiliated, for literature and for organization services in each community.

That the (first Sabbath in the month of June) be designated for a preaching of the theme "The Message of Religion, its Importance to Mankind".

That the second Sabbath in the month of September, "Membership Sabbath," mark the inauguration of the intensive joint campaign for membership in all synagogues that is to culminate by Rosh Hashanah.

That on the Sabbath of Succoth all new members be formally welcomed into the individual synagogues.

This resolution adopted by the Synagogue Council of America is to be communicated to its constituent organizations with the request that they take immediate action for transmitting them to their constituent memberships, so that the organized rabbinate and the organized synagogues of the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform wings of Judaism throughout the country shall work together in this joint synagogue membership campaign for reaching the unaffiliated.

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Mrs. Cyrus Adler
2041 W. Broad St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

I learned with sorrow of the passing of Dr. Cyrus Adler. Please accept my profoundest sympathies. He has been a great servant of America & Israel & he will be greatly missed.

Abba Hillel Silver

May 10, 1940

Mr. Louis Seltzer, Editor
The Cleveland Press
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Seltzer:

I take pleasure in sending you a copy of the address which I delivered at the opening meeting of the Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign last Sunday evening.

It was good to see you yesterday. The news this morning is startling to an extreme. It looks as though the great holocaust has begun.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

JOSEPH N. SLETTEN

May 11, 1940

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

My dear Sir:

You are most cordially invited to be a guest of honor at a mass meeting for Norwegian Relief and to occupy a seat reserved for you on the speakers' platform.

This meeting will be at 8:15 P.M., Friday, May 17th, at Public Music Hall. Dr. Ernest O. Melby, a speaker of national repute, Dean of the School of Education, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, will address the meeting. A special feature of the evening will be motion pictures of Norway before and after the Blitzkrieg. The latter pictures are late Paramount News movies smuggled out of Norway and flown to the United States.

Music will be furnished by the Cleveland Male Chorus, the Cleveland Gray's Concert Band, and the eminent pianist, Boris Goldovsky.

The need for relief in Norway is beyond our conception. Furthermore, the appeal for relief is in the name of humanity--which transcends nationalistic ties.

Will you not, please, telephone your acceptance to the Norwegian Relief Committee for Ohio Headquarters? The number is Main 5886.

Respectfully yours,

NORWEGIAN RELIEF COMMITTEE FOR OHIO

Joseph N. Sletten
President

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May 13, 1940

Dear Dr. Silver:

The War continues and it grows!

The refugee problem at every step becomes more acute because it is impossible to escape from lands of persecution.

The least we can do is to try and save that part of our intellect that remains. And there is no more brilliant intellectual group of men who can be of more pride to the Jews of the world than the Palestine Symphony Orchestra. If America stops supporting the Orchestra, there is a real chance for all of them to die. These hundred families need only a little money to assure their continued existence.

We hope that this is only a temporary situation and we hope that when the War is over, the Palestine Orchestra will be self-supporting. In the meantime we must not let them down!

We are anxiously awaiting the good word that your Welfare Fund has included the Palestine Orchestra in its current drive.

Very sincerely yours,


Sidney Matz
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COL. LINDBERGH'S BROADCAST

In his radio broadcast last night Colonel Lindbergh advised the American people to "stop this silly chatter of calamity and invasion that has been running rife these last few days". Let us put to one side the question of "invasion" - since Colonel Lindbergh himself believes that the country needs "a greater air force, a greater army and a greater navy", which is all that the advocates of more adequate national defense have themselves been saying. Let us consider instead "this silly chatter of calamity" that also annoys him. The "silly chatter" is the talk now heard on every side that the democracies of Europe and Great Britain stand in imminent danger of defeat by Germany.

Colonel Lindbergh is a peculiar young man if he can contemplate this possibility in any other light than as a calamity for the American people. He is an ignorant young man if he trusts his own premise that it makes no difference to us whether we are deprived of the historic defense of British sea power in the Atlantic Ocean. He is a blind young man if he really believes that we can live on terms of equal peace and happiness "regardless of which side wins the war" in Europe.

Colonel Lindbergh remains a great flier.

(New York Times editorial - May 20, 1940)

New York, 90 Riverside Dr.
May, 14, 1940

Dr Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, O.

Dear Doctor Silver -

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy in the French language of Guignebert's great book on Jesus. This is the work of which I spoke to you that night in the Café Tivoli in Genève. It was in relation to a lecture by Prof. Guignebert, you will perhaps recall, that I mentioned the book to you. In the lecture, given at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes, I heard Dr Guignebert suddenly say: "C'est dans un livre sur les spéculations messianiques chez les Juifs que l'auteur, le docteur Abba Hillel Silver, nous dit..." The realization that he referred to you dawned on me only when I started to make a note of it.

It took all this time to get the book from Paris. First it was out of print, then the war came and stocks were moved out of the capital, the one thing after the other. Yesterday it came on the last Holland-American liner to arrive here. It must have been held up some weeks by the censorship somewhere, too.

Guignebert died in the meantime. I think it is rather a pity Hoch could not have read this book. It is the opening paragraph about the Christian religion which particularly shocked the dominies of the Eglise Réformée.

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I hope you will come to the Zionist Convention and that there will be an opportunity to see you there. I still have a few things to tell you.

The reason I have not lectured is that I have been seriously ill, or rather incapacitated by a bout of gout. The gout, if that it was, was quite unmitigated I assure you. But now I am at least on my feet again.

What was that unclean ruck you wrote about once? It has been loosed on our world today and it is plunging Europe back into the dark ages!

Please convey my respectful regards to Mrs. Silver.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

Pierre van Paassen

P.S. I forgot to say that the reference to
your book occurs on p. 8454
with footnote

May 20, 1940

Mr. Pierre Van Paassen
90 Riverside Drive
New York, N.Y.

My dear Friend:

I was greatly rejoiced to receive your letter for it conveyed the good news to me that you are recovering from your illness. I have been worried about it when visiting various communities in the country in recent months and learned in one place after another that you had been compelled to cancel lecture engagements because of ill health.

Two days ago, I received the book on Jesus, by Professor Guignsbert, which you graciously sent me. I know that I shall read it with a great deal of pleasure and profit.

I shall try to attend the Zionist Convention although I am not at all sure that I will be able to do so. I would be most happy to have a long chat with you before long to talk over some of the things that interest us both. I shall be in New York soon, and if I can get a free hour for myself, I shall telephone you.

The events of recent weeks make of "Days of Our Years" not only a great record of past events, but a remarkable prophecy as well.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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My dear Rabbi Silver

The enclosed letter is going to a representative group of Cleveland citizens asking them to serve as Honorary Sponsors for the Recreation Congress.

We of course want to have you in this group.

Sincerely yours



T. E. Rivers, Secretary
Recreation Congress Committee

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May 21, 1940

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

My dear Rabbi Silver

The National Recreation Congress this year is to be held in Cleveland, September 30 - October 4. We expect to have a splendid attendance drawn from all parts of the country.

It is our desire to have a representative Cleveland group serve as Honorary Sponsors of the Recreation Congress and it gives me great pleasure to invite you to serve as a member of this group. I hope very much that you will accept. No financial obligation is involved.

The use of your name as one of the Honorary Sponsors will not only help in the publicity, but will aid directly one of the purposes of the Congress which is to secure active participation in the Congress by Cleveland agencies and individuals, to the end that the Congress will be of the greatest possible value to the development of recreation in Cleveland and the surrounding territory.

It will help in our planning if we could have the list of Sponsors completed at an early date. We shall therefore appreciate it if we can have your reply in the near future.

Sincerely yours



T. E. Rivers, Secretary
Recreation Congress Committee

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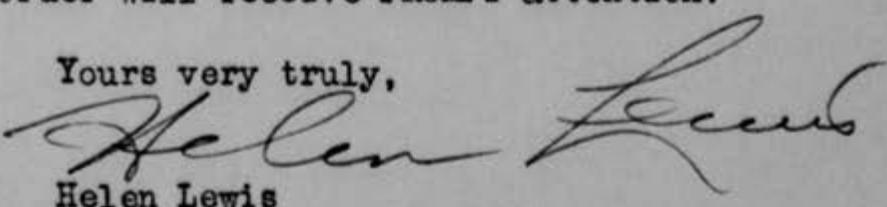
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May 27, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I notice in a recent copy of "The Christian Century" quotations from an address you delivered, in which you were talking about the desperate situation of the Jewish people.

In September, our missionary organizations will be studying particularly the plight of the Jews. Would it be consistent for you to supply me a manuscript of, say 1200 or 1500, words depicting the conditions of the Jews in the several countries of Europe and Palestine, and perhaps warning against the growth of the anti-Semitic feeling here in America. Naturally our magazine will be concerned with the hope of evangelization among the Jews but it occurred to me that it would be helpful and perhaps not too taxing since you were doing so much speaking along this line to have an accurate portrayal of their plight from you. I would need to have such a manuscript by June 25th.

It would be published in our magazine, The Window of Y.W.A., which is the official organ of our Young Woman's Auxiliary organizations of the southern Baptist churches.

We would greatly appreciate your graciousness in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

JM:LB

Juliette Mather

Finnish Relief

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May 27, 1940

CLEVELAND, OHIO

Dr. A. H. Silver
The Temple
E. 105th and Ansel
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The flow of funds into the Finnish coffer has dwindled to a mere trickle. So I think it is time that I make an accounting to you concerning the result of your activities in raising funds for this worthy purpose in Cuyahoga County.

A total of 3,165 letters were mailed to individuals, corporations and clubs, resulting in 634 contributions for a total of \$23,016.52. Included in this total was \$3,155.40 raised by the Finnish American Relief Committee, which had its inception prior to our committee taking over the field, and \$1,980.10 from the local steam railroads, collected under the Chairmanship of G. C. Brooke, President of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway. We have reason to believe that possibly another \$5,000.00 was sent directly to the Hoover Committee in New York by interested citizens prior to the organization of our committee.

The total cost of raising these funds locally was \$447.12. This amount was met by a single subscription from a generous contributor, thus making it possible for us to remit one hundred cents on the dollar for the cause.

As you may know I also had under my jurisdiction six additional counties each headed by a separate chairman. These counties turned in a total of \$7,985.40, which has made it possible for us to forward to the National Committee \$31,002.72.

An additional contribution of \$1,500.00 is expected from the Cleveland Plain Dealer as a result of a track meet featuring the famous Finnish runner, Maki.

I am personally very deeply grateful to you for having allowed your name to be used in this appealing cause. It has done much, to assuage the suffering of a noble and fearless people.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive ink, appearing to read "Lewis B. Williams".

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May 27, 1940

Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin
Wilshire Blvd. Temple
636 S. Hobart Blvd.
Los Angeles, Cal.

Please accept my warmest felicitations on the occasion of your 25th anniversary as Rabbi of the Wilshire Blvd. Temple. May many more happy years be granted to you and may your congregation be privileged to enjoy your dynamics + inspired leadership for many ~~more~~ years to come.

Abba Hillel Silver

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May 28, 1940

Mr. N. R. Howard, Editor
The Cleveland News
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Howard:

Last Saturday there appeared in your editorial column a very kind and altogether undeserved article about me and my work in Cleveland. I do not know who wrote it, but I should like to thank the author for this public testimonial written with such kindness of spirit and such friendliness.

I trust that you are well, and in these dark hours, holding up your spirit. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

The **WARWICK** Apts.
1021 Collins Avenue
MIAMI BEACH
FLORIDA

May 29, 1940

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

We regret exceedingly
that we are unable to attend
the 90th Anniversary dinner.

We extend our sincere congratulations
and best wishes.

Under your guiding leadership
this temple has grown and its con-
tribution to the community has been
manifested in many ways.

One Hundred Feet to the Beach

May it grow from strength
to strength.

With a hope that when
the next anniversary is celebrated,
the world will not be so confused,
terrifying and onerous.

Sincerely yours

Mr. & Mrs. David Glaser.

THE CLEVELAND NEWS

The Exclusive Evening News of the Associated Press

Dear Dr. Silver:

Wallace Katz wrote the piece about you in Saturday's paper. If I had written it, it would have been a little more flamboyant, but I do not believe it would have mirrored you with as much dignity and interest as Mr. Katz's sketch, which I liked very much.

I have been able to keep my spirits up ever since a wise old man told me the other day to stop worrying about what the world had in store for me, and consider instead what I had to offer the world these days. Isn't that a good thought?

Yours,

MR Howard

Editor.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple, East 105th and Ansel rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.
29 May 1940.

May 31, 1940

Mr. Wallace Katz
The Cleveland News
1801 Superior Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Katz:

Upon inquiry, I learned from Mr. Howard that you wrote that perfectly lovely column in the News last Saturday about me. I should like to tell you how deeply I appreciated what you said and the manner in which you said it - the warmth and the friendship which radiated from the article. Many people spoke to me about it, and they evidently shared in the satisfaction which I derived from it. Many thanks!

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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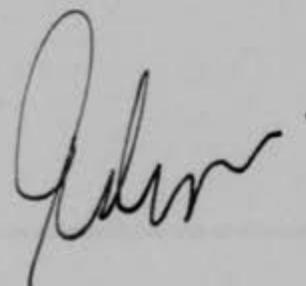
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I appreciate your gracious congratulatory message more than I can tell you.

Best to you and Virginia, in which Evelyn joins me.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edgar F. Magnin".

June 3, 1940

Mr. Edmund I. Kaufmann
205 Homer Building
Washington, D.C.

My dear Friend:

I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness in inviting me to join your Springtime Frolic of 1940, and I wish I were free to join you and your host of friends. Unfortunately I have quite a number of weddings scheduled for that week-end. You know that June is a very popular wedding month. I hope that you and your friends will have a happy and profitable time.

With all good wishes, and thanking you again for thinking of me, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:EK

June 4, 1940

Mr. Paul Kellogg, Editor
Survey Associates, Inc.
112 East 19th Street
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Kellogg:

I thought you might be interested in a copy
of the address which I delivered last Thursday before
the National Conference of Social Work.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ahs:bk
Enc.

June 7, 1940

Mr. Louis Seltzer, Editor
The Cleveland Press
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Seltzer:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Paper which I read before the National Conference of Social Work in Grand Rapids, last Thursday, on the subject, "The Outlook for America". I thought that you might be interested in reading it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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June 7, 1940

Mr. Paul Bellamy, Editor
The Cleveland Plain Dealer
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My dear Mr. Bellamy:

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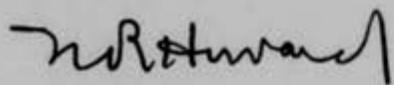
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Dear Dr. Silver:

I liked your Grand Rapids paper very much and I admire you for being completely realistic. Needless to say, our views practically coincide.

Sincerely,



Editor.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple, East 105th and Ansel rd.,
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are planning a special promotion of RELIGION IN A CHANGING WORLD and nine other books during the coming months. We propose to offer these books throughout the country as "\$1.00 conference specials." During the summer and fall there are many conferences of preachers and church workers where there are book displays. It is our plan to have copies of these books for sale at these conferences as \$1.00 specials. We will sell these books only to authorized dealers with the understanding that they will sell them only at these conferences.

On all sales thus made we will pay a royalty of ten cents per copy. Other orders received will be billed at the regular price, excepting any orders that you may want to place for your own book. It seems to us only fair that you should also have an opportunity to buy a few copies at \$1.00, if you would like to do so.

Have you given thought to publishing another book? RELIGION IN A CHANGING WORLD has had such a good sale that it should be followed up before long by another volume from your pen. If you have any suggestions to make as to a possible book, I would be delighted to hear from you, or perhaps we can have a talk when next you are in New York.

Sincerely yours,

Eugene Exman/ej

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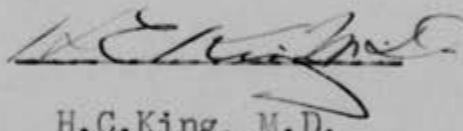
Dear Sir:

The Annual Assembly of the Interstate Post Graduate Medical Association will be held in Cleveland, October 14th to 18th, 1940. This is the largest purely clinical meeting held in America and will bring to Cleveland four to five thousand outstanding physicians and surgeons from all parts of the United States, as well as many eminent medical men from Canada and Europe. A large number of the distinguished clinicians and university professors of this and other countries will present papers and hold clinics.

The Academy of Medicine of Cleveland is sponsoring the scientific program and providing the clinical material. On the printed program we desire to list an honorary committee of citizens who have attained success and prominence and therefore ask permission to include your name. No obligation is entailed except your willingness to lend your moral support.

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Very truly yours,


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The Temple,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I thank you sincerely for sending me
a copy of the just and eloquent address delivered
by you before the National Conference of Social Work
in Grand Rapids recently.

Faithfully yours,

PB-A

Paul Bellamy

Hull



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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June 11, 1940

My dear Dr. Silver:

Secretary Hull has asked me to write and thank you for your letter of June ninth enclosing a copy of an address which you delivered before the National Conference of Social Work on May thirtieth in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Your courtesy and kindness in this matter are very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. Gray
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The Reverend
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Would you be kind enough to send me a copy of the address "The Outlook for America" which you made at the National Conference of Social Work in Grand Rapids, Mich., on May 30th? Mrs. Davidson, Assistant Secretary, who attended the Conference as a delegate, explained that she was so "thrilled" by what you said that she neglected to take notes.

I know you do not remember me, but I remember you very well. The only time I visited in Cleveland my cousins, Lillie Davis and Alma Klein, took me to The Temple and to hear you speak. I shall always remember it.

I sincerely hope I am not imposing on you and would appreciate very much having a copy of that address.

Very sincerely

Minnie Froehlich

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There will be an important organization meeting of
The Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies
on Tuesday, June 18, at 12:00 o'clock at the Cleve-
land Athletic Club. Price of luncheon, \$1.00,
including tax and tip.

At this time permanent officers will be elected and
standing committees appointed, and plans will be
formulated to make immediately effective the program
suggested by William Allen White.

We should appreciate the prompt return of the enclosed
postcard for luncheon reservation.

Sincerely yours,

Henry M. Busch

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Dr. H. C. King
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My dear Dr. King:

In reply to your kind letter of June 11, permit me to say that I shall be very pleased to have my name included in the honorary committee which you are organizing in connection with the Annual Assembly of the Interstate Post Graduate Medical Association.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

June 13, 1940

Mr. Eugene Exman
Harper & Brothers
49 East 33rd Street
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My dear Mr. Exman:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of June 10 informing me that you are planning a special promotion of "Religion in a Changing World" and to offer it at a special price. You state, too, that on these sales there will be a royalty of ten percent. That arrangement is satisfactory. I would appreciate receiving a number of the books myself at the special rate. Can you send me fifth?

Perhaps during the summer I may be able to work on another volume, although one is not in any mood at the present to write books.

With all good wishes, I remain

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of Social Work.

Sincerely,

Gertrude Springer

Mrs. Gertrude Springer
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

The time has come to send a report on The Children's Crusade to those who approved its purpose and generously allowed us to use their names as sponsors. That you helped out in this way at the beginning, before any one knew whether the effort would meet with any success at all, is something that will be always remembered with gratitude by those who have been actively working for The Crusade.

Probably you need no detailed report on the wide publicity given to The Children's Crusade since you have undoubtedly heard some of the broadcasts on more than 400 stations, and read editorials, syndicated and feature stories in the newspapers, and some of the articles written for more than seventy national magazines by the members of the Literary Committee. These were, in the nature of things, either implicit or explicitly, not only statements in favor of The Children's Crusade, but pleas for a more widely humane international feeling, a fuller recognition of international responsibility; and above all, exhortations to give up as something to be heartily ashamed of, the conception of American neutrality as mere complacent satisfaction with our own safety, as the ignoble indifferent, "It's none of our business" attitude which down to the invasion of Belgium and Holland was widespread all over our country.

Because those articles, poems, stories and essays were written by some of our most accomplished authors, this plea, this exhortation was always eloquent, moving, often poignant and heart-shaking. A great effort was made to get such material, admirably well written, signed by distinguished names, not only into the magazines read by the more literate and more widely travelled Americans, but very especially into magazines such as Woman's Day distributed by the A & P stores and read by millions of home-making women, the National Grange magazine, read by farmers, church papers of all denominations, Boy Scout, Girl Scout, Camp Fire, Girl Reserve and Hi-Y magazines and the smaller newspapers. The object was not only to prepare the minds of parents of children in the public schools for the ten days of the Children's Crusade collection, but also to reach what might be called the capillaries of American public opinion with a reminder of the solidarity of human brotherhood, even including "furriners."

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The extraordinary number of fine humane letters which have come in with contributions from all the corners of the U.S.A. expressing their thanks for having the opportunity to join in a gesture of international good will, seems to us a proof that our attempt to influence public opinion among ordinary Americans to a broader sense of human relations, has been successful. I feel sure, in writing you this report, that you will be most deeply interested in this aspect of The Childrens Crusade.

But of course you will be interested in knowing that the total sum coming in from the children's free-will gift of pennies will be between thirteen and fourteen million pennies - \$130,000 to \$140,000. This seems to us a very considerable sum, when it is considered that we made every effort to keep the Crusade from being in any sense a "drive", to avoid having the slightest pressure put on the poorer child, and not to have the traditional "competitive" element enter in the least into giving. Yet, human nature being what it is, you will probably not be surprised to know that, in general, the students in wealthy private schools gave much less in proportion than poorer children, many of whom earned by their own efforts, the pennies which they contributed. Among the most touching contributions were those from the colored children, eagerly anxious to help boys and girls across the ocean, even less fortunate than a Negro child born in the U.S.A. Other especially interesting letters and contributions came from schools or homes for handicapped children --- deaf, or blind, or crippled, whose teachers or nurses wrote us that the appeal to them --- who are naturally always on the receiving not the giving end of charitable effort --- to do their share in helping other children more to be pitied than they, had furnished a most valuable stimulant to character and initiative. One director in charge of a home for crippled children wrote us, "It has been wonderful for them to learn that life is not always 'get' but some times 'give,' and they have never enjoyed anything more than the handwork they made to sell to make the money for their contributions."

But of course most of the pennies came from ordinary public school boys and girls, whose forthright child-like letters of comradely sympathy for child victims of war and persecution, make one think more of human nature --- strange sentiment in these tragic days. All these letters, and all other papers, articles, stories, etc., are to be kept together and deposited in the Library of Congress as source-material for use of future students of our period.

It proved far more expensive than we thought to reach teachers directly even with one statement, for the numbers in our public school system are as the sands of the sea; and, although the Book-of-the-Month Club and Reynal and Hitchcock were generous in the extreme in turning over for the administrative expenses of our campaign every penny --- the Book-of-the-Month Club much more than that! --- of the profits of the American edition of Hitler's book, we end with a moderate-sized deficit, but have good hopes that we will find help from private sources to cover this.

Almost ninety percent of the money was spent on printing and sending out the folders, the plays, the letters to teachers, the Teachers' Handbook which were so widely circulated. No money at all was spent for publicity in the usual sense, for all literary contributions and broadcasts were gifts to the campaign. The ten percent went for the moderate salaries of the four people who were paid, and their clerical help. The very attractively lithographed mite-cans were a gift (a million of them!) from the Can Manufacturers Institute. This represented about \$21,000.

The Jury of Award which is to apportion the money raised by the school children, has not yet made its decision as to allotments. Delayed contributions are still coming in, although they were supposed to be sent immediately after May 1st. But as soon as possible, the meeting will be held and the money given to one and another of the well-known refugee-aid committees, who --- we now hear from some of them --- rather think they will spend it here in this country in buying supplies (food, clothing, medicine, etc.) needed by refugee children abroad, and send the supplies (in small quantities at a time to avoid too great a loss) abroad to their agents who are engaged in refugee-relief work in some of the tragically numerous places where such help is needed. All help going from The Children's Crusade will be marked as coming as a free-will offering of American school children. No money will be spent on administrative expenses: all will go direct from children to children.

Although this letter is far too long, there are of course innumerable details --- picturesque and significant --- which are left out. If there is any question which specially interests you, do ask it. We will be so glad to answer.

There are no words to express our appreciation of your approval and the permission to put your name on our letterhead. Nothing at all could have been done in such a few months without the powerful backing of that splendid group of distinguished Americans which made possible a proof of American generosity our country will always be proud of.

Gratefully yours,

Marion G. Canby

Marion G. Canby
National Secretary

Dorothy Canfield Fisher

Dorothy Canfield Fisher
Chairman

June 14, 1940

Miss Minnie Froehlich
Girls Service League of America
138 East 19th St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Froehlich:

I am enclosing herewith a copy
of the address which I delivered at the National
Conference of Social Work in Grand Rapids as
requested. I am happy to know that Mrs. Davis
liked the address.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Under separate cover we are sending you a copy of Robert Neumann's *BY THE WATERS OF BABYLON*, which we published yesterday. As one who has long been active in Jewish affairs, we thought you would be interested in this sympathetic, intelligent, and brilliant treatment of the problem the Jew must face in this mad world we live in today.

Mr. Neumann, a distinguished European novelist of long standing, is himself a refugee from Nazi Germany. I am certain you will be impressed with this, his latest and most passionate book. If you like *BY THE WATERS OF BABYLON* would you be good enough to send us your comment together with permission to quote from it? Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Jerome Weidman

JW/ejb

June 19, 1959

Rabbi Louis Wolsey
Congregation Rodeph Shalom, S.E.
Broad and Mt. Vernon Sts.
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Rabbi Wolsey:

Rabbi Silver received the enclosed
letter from Mr. I. F. Freiberger which he requested
me to send you.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

June 20, 1940

Mr. Morris Lewis, Director of Field Activities
Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society
425 Lafayette Street
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Lewis:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of
your letter. I regard it as particularly ill-tempered.
I shall submit it to a meeting of the Budget Committee
which will probably not be held before next Fall.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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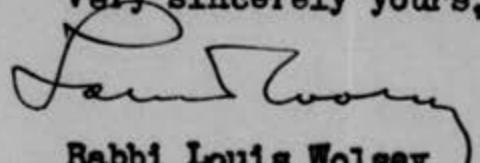
June 20, 1939

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

Dear Miss Kline:

I am in receipt of the correspondence of Mr. Freiberger with Western Reserve University, which you have forwarded to me through the kindness of Rabbi Silver. Kindly thank him for his efforts in the matter.

Very sincerely yours,


Rabbi Louis Wolsey

LW:Y

**ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
1007 SUPERIOR AVENUE
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June 20, 1939

Dear Friend:

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Cordially,

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June 22, 1940

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You have undoubtedly read and heard of the "Festival of Freedom" which will take place on the evening of July 4th at the Cleveland Stadium under the co-sponsorship of the American Legion, Come-to-Cleveland Committee and many score of interested civic, industrial, patriotic and labor organizations.

The City of Cleveland has donated the use of the Stadium and the funds to defray the cost of the program are being met by a large group of patriotic citizens and industrial and civic organizations.

To assist Mayor Burton who is Honorary Chairman, we are appointing an Honorary Committee representing various phases of the city life and should like very much to have you accept a place on this committee. The actual promotion and conduct of the Festival is being handled by four large working committees headed by Mr. Ellwood H. Fisher, Mr. E. Goldstein, Mr. George F. Buehler, and Mayor Douglas Oviatt.

We should like very much to have your acceptance and to permit the use of your name in news releases and other publicity.

Yours very truly,

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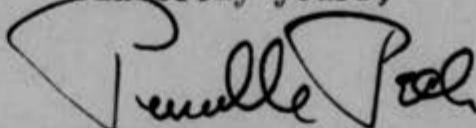
My dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed is a copy of a résumé of the National Conference of Social Work which is to appear in PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING magazine in August.

You will note that on page two we have referred to your address at the Conference, and quoted from it briefly.

We are sending this to you for your approval or correction in order to make sure that we have quoted you correctly.

Sincerely yours,



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Hon. Frank J. Merrick, Co-Chairman
Festival of Freedom
Hotel Statler, 2nd floor
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Judge Merrick:

I shall of course be very happy to
serve on the Honorary Committee which you are
organizing in connection with the Festival of
Freedom.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

June 25, 1940

Miss Juliette Mather
Woman's Missionary Union
1111 Comer Building
Birmingham, Alabama

My dear Miss Mather:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of May 27. I wish I were free to comply with your request for an article on the condition of the Jews in Europe and Palestine and on the problem of anti-Semitism. Pressure of work upon me, however, at this time is so great that I find it quite impossible to undertake any additional responsibilities. I am in the midst of preparing a series of lectures which I must deliver at the Harvard Summer School Conference early in July.

May I suggest that you get in touch with Mr. Morris D. Waldman, Editor of the Contemporary Jewish Record, which is published bi-monthly by the American Jewish Committee. This organization is in full touch with the situation and has the latest available data on the subject. I am sure that they will be happy to prepare a statement for your publication. The address is 386 Fourth Avenue, New York City, N.Y.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

June 25, 1940

Mr. T. E. Rivers, Secretary
Recreation Congress Committee
315 Fourth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rivers:

Of course I will be one of the
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With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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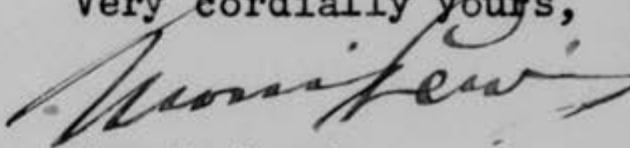
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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E. 105th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thanks for your letter of June 20th in which you advise that my letter of June 18th will be submitted for consideration of the Budget Committee in September.

It is with keen regret that I note my previous letter was regarded by you as ill-tempered. It was not written in that spirit but was intended as objectively expository.

Very cordially yours,



Morris Lewis,
Director of Field Activities

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Samuel H. Goldenson, Ph.D., D. H. L.
Rabbi

June 27, 1939

Dear Rabbi Jung:

Yesterday morning I went down to the office of the Joint Distribution Committee and had quite a talk with Mr. Joseph Hyman. He told me that the Executive Board of the Committee had had four different meetings at which they discussed the appeal of the Yemenite Jews from many parts of this country. The matter has been thoroughly canvassed over and over again and the Committee was obliged to come to the conclusion that there was no special reason why money should be allocated from their funds to the Yemenite Jews. Mr. Hyman told me that these Jews received some money from the Palestinian Fund through the Jewish Agency and that that is the source to which they should look for help. I was also told that the Joint Distribution Committee has recently had unusual drains upon its funds, as you know, and is in no position whatsoever to take on any new commitments.

Mr. Hyman showed me a folder of correspondence containing hundreds of letters, it appeared to me on this matter. I doubt whether anything more can be done. If I felt that it would serve a good purpose to ask Rabbis Pool and Steinberg to go to see Mr. Hyman, I would communicate with them. But from the manner in which Mr. Hyman spoke, I am quite sure that nothing would come of furthering talks with him.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) S. H. Goldenson

Dr. Leo Jung
151 W 86th St
New York City

June 27, 1940

Miss Purcell Peck, Editor
Public Health Nursing
50 West Fiftieth Street
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Peck:

I am returning herewith the copy of the report of the National Conference of Social Work which is to appear in your publication. I find the paragraph referring to my address entirely correct.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple - 105 St. E. at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you very much for sending us a copy of your Grand Rapids address "The Outlook for America". It reaches us at a time when the forms have already been closed on our June-July issue, which contains a reportage of the National Conference of Social Work.

Inasmuch as the address is in mimeographed form, we presume our retaining it does not have any implication of exclusive rights upon it. On this basis, we should be very glad to hold it over for consideration in our next issue, which appears in the early autumn.

Sincerely yours,

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Editorial Council of EQUALITY noted with great pleasure the contents of your address before the Central Conference of American Rabbis as reported in the Associated Press dispatch of June 15th:

"It is not enough to defend the status quo against reaction. Reaction must be defeated by destroying those evils in our present system which made it possible. I propose an attack upon poverty, upon the economic insecurity of the masses, upon corruption and special privilege, upon the excessive concentration of wealth....upon chauvinism, national exhibitionism and patrioteering, upon race arrogance and race domination - in a word, upon all that our religion and all the great religions of mankind have branded and outlawed."

We would greatly appreciate it if you would write an article for EQUALITY, developing this theme, speaking as a Rabbi.

Our deadline for the August issue is July 11th and we hope we will be able to secure your article by this date.

In view of the non-profit character of our publication, we are not in a position to remunerate our contributors.

Sincerely yours,

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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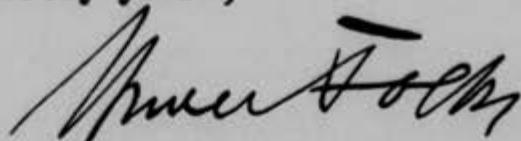
My dear Rabbi Silver:

We were extremely sorry to be deprived of your contribution to the discussions of the National Citizens Committee of the White House Conference on Children in a Democracy at its initial meeting on June 17th. A good deal of ground was covered, as the minutes, which you will soon receive, will indicate.

Mr. Marshall Field was elected Chairman, and I am happy to say you were named as a member of the small Executive Committee.

For the moment the State Charities Aid Association is donating space for headquarters of the National Citizens Committee at 105 East 22nd Street, New York City, with Miss H. Ida Curry in charge as Acting Director.

Sincerely yours,



Spencer Tracy
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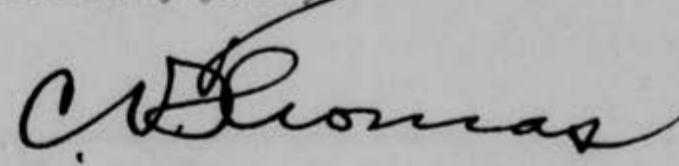
July 2, 1940

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Booklets, "The Outlook for America" came this morning. I thoroughly enjoyed and benefited from reading one of them and am giving the additional copies to associates.

This note is to thank you for both the material in the booklet and your thoughtfulness in having copies sent to me.

Sincerely yours,



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Rabbi Silver
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are at present preparing panels of pictures of all our past forum speakers. These panels will be installed permanently in our library.

It will be necessary to have all our photographs of uniform size to give the best effect.

We would appreciate it very much if you could send us an 8 x 10 photograph of yourself, or let us know how we may secure one.

Thanking you for your assistance.

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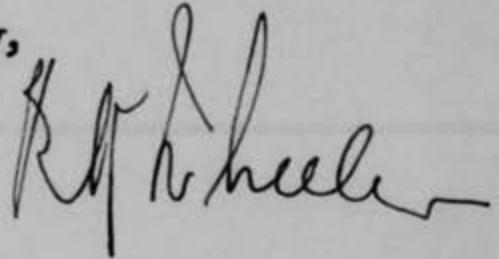
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you very much for your telegram of August 1st from Mooselookmeguntic, Maine. It is gratifying to me that religious groups over the United States are taking the position they have on the peace time conscription.

With my kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,



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Do you authorize the Committee on Public Relations of
THE NATIONAL LEGION OF THE MOTHERS OF AMERICA
to present the following resolutions to the Congress of the
United States:

1. A RESOLUTION requiring a national referendum before American troops can be conscripted for service overseas.
2. A RESOLUTION approving a program for strong national defense.
3. A RESOLUTION proposing a permanent Congressional Committee for the investigation of un-American activities.

And any other Resolution that may become necessary to oppose legislation which might involve the armed forces of the United States in the affairs of Europe.

Please vote "Yes" or "No"

State	Congressional District No.	Neighborhood Council No.	Telephone	Yes or No
1.	Sentry Mother			
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New Legion Forming to Keep War From U. S.

Mrs. Norris Tells of Move Banding Women for Peace

By Kathleen Norris

HERE is an organization now in process of formation in America that you ought to join. Its name is the Mothers' Legion.

If you are among the millions of us who have been saying since 1919 that you "wish you could do something about war," then this is your chance.

If you don't take this chance, then don't complain if we get into the preposterous and unnecessary scrap, that is seething all over Europe, and your boy marches away.

He may never come back. In that case you pack up his sweaters and camera and school pictures and tramping boots, and the fishing pole and tennis racket, and send them to the Salvation Army and you close the door of his room. And you close a door in your heart, forever.

They believe in war. They believe the side that kills the greatest number of young men and blows up the greatest number of innocent villages MUST be right. They've believed that since the days of Charlemagne.

They're proving again today they think might is right. If a neighbor believes something you don't, then you kill him to prove that what you believe is the truth.

Our point of view is different. We know that the ideology we must destroy, and the only ideology we must destroy, is the delusion that might is right. That the most powerful army is the army of God. That war never accomplishes anything that couldn't be simply and reasonably accomplished without war.

But of course he may come back. They may bring him very tenderly to the door on a stretcher and he may grope for your hand and say in that dear voice you love best in all the world, "Is that you, mom? They got my eyes and my knee. You and dad knew that?"

And for a few days everyone will be kind. Neighbors, friends old and new will drop in to cheer up that splendid Baker boy who was so badly smashed and is home again.

Then they'll stop. He'll sit, in his broken, wasted, silent youth, in the sunny front room; he'll have the radio; he'll master Braille. You'll talk to him, as you come and go, and tell him that his old pal, Joe Davis, has married a lovely girl, and that they are sending Billy Brown to the Australian branch, wonderful chance for Billy! And Sister Kate has a darling baby. Would Keith like to hold his nephew a minute?

You'll see his face grow more and more sober, as the months go by; you'll see him droop a little. And in 1960, when he's middle-aged, still blind and helpless and idle in his sunny window, and when you're getting to be an old lady, you'll read him a headline. "They're talking of war in Europe again, Keith."

Europe Believes in War

Because what we Americans cannot understand, and never will understand, is that the war theory is a part of their scheme over there.



Don't wait until war propaganda has done its deadly work and the boys of your family come in and say, "Mom, I just signed up. I go to report Monday."

way to that 2,000,000 already. We probably will make it 5,000,000.

Five million votes will swing any candidate to victory in 1940; half that number will. We want all our representatives, and especially our chief executive, to pledge us their solemn word that under no pressure, under no circumstances, under no threats that "we will be next," will we ever engage again in foreign wars. We want to be so organized that if our people in Washington fail us, and go back on their promises, we can impeach them.

If you want reassurance as to our own position, write for it. Our country has been blessed by a long peace. Her friendly and secure relations with her neighbors have not been disturbed in our lifetime. Her whole attitude is one of understanding, sanity and generosity, perhaps because the blood of all the nations runs in our veins, and we can hear all the languages of the world chattered on the streets of our big

cities. We can keep out of war if we want to.

War Preys on Youth

But don't wait, if you want to help. Don't wait until propaganda has done its deadly work, and the bands begin to play, and the service flags begin to mount upon village flag poles, and the boys of your family come in casually to lunch and say, "I'm in, mom. I just signed up. I go to report on Monday."

Youth won't wait. It is one of the devilish subtleties of war that it wants our sons just when they are a little at loose ends; out of school, plugging along in dull jobs, old enough to make their own decisions, young enough to love excitement and change.

There are no dues, in the Mothers' Legion. Its simple purpose is to enlist the power of women everywhere to keep us out of foreign wars; to influence other nations toward peace; to resist un-American activities in our midst; to maintain adequate home defence in the inter-

est of peace, not war.

Some of the most prominent men and women in the country are already enthusiastic promoters of it. Churchmen of all denominations, the American Legion, women's clubs and social organizations are with us.

You be with us, too. Watch your paper for notice of the chapter that is shortly to be formed in your town, and then, if some day war does come, at least you can say to the boy you love: "I'm sorry, son. Your father and I did everything we could to keep it away from you."

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American Consul
Vienna
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Dear Sir:

I am pleased to give you the following information about Mr. Howard Wise who is interested in bringing to this country Erwin Abeles, of Vienna.

Mr. Howard Wise is a distinguished member of our community and is very well known to me. He is actively identified with many important civic and philanthropic organizations in the city and has been a liberal contributor to many worthy causes. He is a businessman of substantial means. I am informed that his wealth is in excess of \$200,000. I am confident that he would fulfill any reasonable responsibility to which he might commit himself and would not permit Erwin Abeles to become a public charge.

I recommend Mr. Wise most heartily as a man of high character and utmost dependability.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

STATE OF OHIO)
COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA) SS

Sworn and subscribed to before me this _____
day of _____, 1958.

Notary Public