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JEWISH TEACHERS COMMUNITY CHEST  
70 Fifth Avenue  
New York

July 8, 1940.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
United Palestine Appeal  
111 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

My dear Dr. Silver:

The executive Committee of the Jewish Teachers Community Chest voted to give a TEA to 800 representatives of the schools of New York City, whose efforts made it possible for the Jewish Teachers Community Chest to make contribution to the United Palestine Appeal, American Ort Federation, Joint Distribution Committee, Federation of Jewish Charities, American Jewish Congress, National Jewish Hospital at Denver, etc., totaling approximately \$70,000.

We wish you to be present at this time to greet and inspire the school representatives who as a result of your presence go forth and work more effectively during the coming year.

The date of the TEA is Thursday-September 12, 1940, at 3:30 P.M. at the Waldorf-Astoria. Will you please put this date aside so that we may assure the representatives that you will be there to meet them.

Hoping to greet you personally, I am

Sincerely yours,

Charles G. Eichel  
Executive Director

P. S. Because our constitution does not permit us to use charity funds for such purposes, we are asking the organizations that benefit from the Jewish Teachers Community Chest to each contribute \$100 to help defray this expense.

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41 East 42nd Street  
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New York, N. Y.

August 6, 1940

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We have recently seen a review of the "World Crisis and Jewish Survival" written by you. The Zionist Archives and Library collects all material dealing with every phase of the Jewish problem. We are therefore very anxious to have a copy of this work for our archival collection.

It will give us great pleasure if you will find it possible next time you are visiting New York to see the library and personally acquaint yourself with the work which we are doing. We are your neighbors on the same floor as the U.P.A. at 41 East 42nd Street, room 1112.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Sophie A. Udin*  
Sophie A. Udin

SAU:SW

*sent 9/5/40*

Mount Saint Joseph Academy  
Brighton, Massachusetts

September 3, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillal Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

I am working on a piece of children's literature to be known as A LOVELY GATE SET WIDE, and write for permission to use

"America" found in Misericordia readers published by Rand McNally & Company, and who suggest that this permission be obtained through you.

An early and favorable reply will be greatly appreciated by me.

Sincerely yours,

Sister Margaret Patrice

September 5, 1940

Sister Margaret Patrice  
Mount Saint Joseph Academy  
Brighton, Mass.

My dear Sister Patrice:

Permit me to acknowledge your kind note  
of September 3. You have my permission to use my  
"America" in the book which you are writing.

With all good wishes, permit me to  
remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

September 12, 1940

Mr. Eugene L. Geismer  
The Stearn Co.  
1021 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Gene:

I am returning herewith the correspondence  
which you gave me last Tuesday evening.

I read the statement on the Immigrants  
Loyalty League very carefully. My reaction to the  
proposal is quite negative. I do not believe that  
the immigrant group in the United States should be  
put on the defensive, and that the situation calls  
even for a modified form of a self-imposed Vigilante  
organization. I am persuaded that our Department  
of Justice can fully handle the cases of Fifth  
Columnists or saboteurs who may be found in the  
ranks of immigrants.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS  
OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

CORPORATE NAME  
THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS

347 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK

September 13, 1940

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On October 11th twelve hundred Y.M.C.A.'s in the United States will celebrate the birth of Sir George Williams, who at nineteen organized the first Y.M.C.A. in London. The occasion will be observed with dinners and special programs extending over a period of several days.

The Y.M.C.A. is such a complex organization that most people today are not aware of its many different branches of service and types of activities. They do not realize that it has in the United States 1,316,000 enrolled members 65% of whom are under 25 years of age, and another million or more participants in its program; that the "Y" works among men of the service, railroad men, merchant seamen, Negroes, students, youth in rural areas, industrial workers...boys in slum sections of big cities, boys in small towns, boys seeking an education, boys in camps, boys in high school....

We are asking leading citizens to express their opinion at this time as to the value of the Young Men's Christian Association to American youth and their communities. We plan to use these statements in connection with Founder's Week programs and publicity. Will you be so kind as to set down in words -- a 50 to 100 word statement -- your convictions as to what the Y.M.C.A. means to youth and the American community at this particular time of world crisis.

May I refer to two examples of how the "Y" is working with youth today. The enclosed folder, "Y.M.C.A. DAY at the World's Fair," illustrates some of our many services and activities. The "Citizenship and Public Affairs" outline shows how Y.M.C.A.'s get discussion and shape opinion on public affairs. If you have a few moments to glance through these, I believe you will find they illustrate how alert the Y.M.C.A. is to the current needs of youth.

We will be grateful for a statement from you, and I hope you can conveniently send it to reach us by Monday, September 23rd.

Sincerely yours,

*Cleveland E. Dodge*

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Chairman

Rabbi Silver  
The Temple  
105th Street and Ansel Road  
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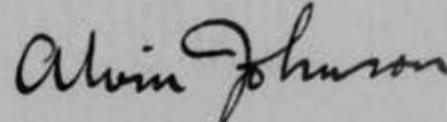
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September 17, 1940

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In sending the enclosed invitation we don't want you to feel that this is just another stereotyped invitation to an ordinary function. This is an occasion when the members of the Faculty and their wives meet informally with some of the good friends of the School at Hiram Halle's beautiful estate in Poundridge. Mr. Halle to whom this institution already is greatly indebted, has generously made this an annual occasion which is always eagerly anticipated, and we would be delighted to have you join us if you are going to be in New York on October 5th.

Sincerely,



Alvin Johnson  
Chairman

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Jewish Welfare Federation  
Room 320  
Chester-Twelfth Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

September 17, 1940

Cleveland E. Dodge, Chairman  
The International Committee of  
Young Men's Christian Associations  
347 Madison Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Dodge:

It gives me great pleasure to express my admiration for the work of the Young Men's Christian Association, the anniversary of whose Founder your great organization is now planning to celebrate. In every community of the United States the Y.M.C.A. is a reservoir of moral and spiritual strength. Our cities would be poorer by far without the enrichment of the vital services to their youth which the Y.M.C.A. renders. Your Association has helped to build up high standards of citizenship, physical health, clean living and straight thinking among the young men of our nation. It has been a force for civic health. Tolerant, socially minded, and practical, the Y.M.C.A. has been among the most wholesome and steady influences in this tense and troubled world in which we live.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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September 19, 1940

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I expect to be in Cleveland on Thursday, September 26th and at least a part of the following day.

I understand that Mr. Louis Bing, former president of your Welfare Federation, has arranged a meeting at which I can express my views on the present world crisis facing the Jews.

Recalling your and Mrs. Silver's great kindness to me on my two previous visits to Cleveland, I should be glad to call on you at such time as is convenient to you.

With kindest regards.

Cordially yours,

*Morris R. Cohen*

Morris R. Cohen  
President

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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TODAY WE ARE WRITING YOU ON MATTER OF EXTREME TIMELINESS AND  
HIGHEST IMPORTANCE INVOLVING THE WELFARE OF OUR COUNTRY. WE HOPE  
AND URGE YOU TO GIVE IT YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION AND PROMPT REPLY.

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*Cordially Invites*  
*You and Your Family to attend*  
*the Installation of*  
**RABBI ABRAHAM DAVID SHAW**  
*as Rabbi of the Congregation*  
*At a Special Divine Service*  
*on Friday Evening, September 20, 1940*  
*at 8:00 o'clock*  
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*Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to*

September 20, 1940

Rabbi Abraham David Sahw  
Eutaw Place Temple  
1307 Eutaw Place  
Baltimore, Md.

THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE TEMPLE JOIN ME IN EXTENDING TO YOU  
HEARTIEST FELICITATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR INSTALLATION AS RABBI OF  
THE EUTAW PLACE TEMPLE. MAY YOUR COMING YEARS BE BLESSED WITH FRUITFUL  
SERVICE TO THE CAUSE OF ISRAEL AND HUMANITY.

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# WESTERN UNION

*Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to*

September 20, 1940  
*D.L.*

CONGREGATION EMANU-EL  
ARGUELLO BLVD. AND LAKE ST.  
San Francisco, Calif.

THE TEMPLE ITS RABBIS OFFICERS AND MEMBERS EXTEND TO YOU HEARTIEST  
FELICITATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY/AND TO YOUR  
DISTINGUISHED RABBI ON THE OCCASION OF HIS TENTH YEAR OF MINISTRY WITH YOU.  
MAY YOU BE BLESSED WITH ~~RE~~ AN EVEN LARGER MEASURE OF SPIRITUAL SERVICE  
TO ISRAEL AND TO MANKIND

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Congregation Emanu-El  
founded in the pioneer days of eighteen fifty  
will celebrate its Ninetieth Anniversary in  
September, nineteen hundred and forty.

You are cordially invited to join in the  
commemoration observances at the Temple.

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Friday evening, September twentieth  
Dedication of the Chapel and Memorial Rooms at five o'clock.

Opening ceremony and pageant at eight o'clock

followed by a reception to

Rabbi and Mrs. Reichert

in honor of their tenth year with Temple Emanu-El.

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Saturday morning, September twenty-first  
Special Anniversary Service at ten fifteen o'clock

Main address by

Dr. Monroe E. Deutsch

Vice-President and Provost of the University of California.

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BY

CANTOR REUBEN R. RINDER

September 23, 1940

Professor Morris R. Cohen, President  
Conference on Jewish Relations, Inc.  
1819 Broadway  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Professor Cohen:

I am happy to learn that you will visit Cleveland this week. When you get to town, please telephone and we will set an hour which is mutually convenient. I shall look forward with pleasure to seeing you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

September 23, 1940

Mr. Hiram J. Halle  
R.F.D. No. 1  
New Canaan, Connecticut

My dear Mr. Halle:

It would have given me great pleasure indeed to accept your kind invitation to meet the members of the Graduate Faculty of Political and Social Science of the New School for Social Research on Saturday, October 5. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately the day falls in the midst of our High Holyday season and I must remain in Cleveland to attend to my numerous congregational duties. I know of the splendid work of the School, and also of the great services which you have rendered to this valuable institution.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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September 24, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
E. 105 St. & Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

As rabbi and leader of a community you no doubt have long felt the necessity of a responsible central body to act on behalf of the numerous religious educational and charitable institutions of Palestine, which have heretofore appealed for funds in this country, or which are now in need of aid from abroad.

For obvious reasons these institutions are entirely independent of the Zionist Organization and receive nothing out of the funds for Palestine raised throughout the world by the various Zionist Funds. Being disorganized and with limited means at their disposal, the institutions were compelled to apply primitive methods for fund-raising, which were subject to criticism and much of confusion.

While conditions were more or less normal the institutions might have been content to continue the way they started many years ago. In recent years, however, their financial conditions grew from bad to worse; first, they suffered from the crisis caused by the prolonged terrorism in Palestine, then when the European war spread they lost all their income from the European countries, as well as from England and South Africa. In recent months, due to the disruption of mail connections between America and Palestine, they also lost their income from individual donors of this country, who used to send their donations directly to Palestine. Consequently, all the religious educational and welfare institutions in Palestine face catastrophe.

In order to avert the ruination of these institutions and the many thousands of dear souls who depend on them, the heads of the institutions, together with the leading rabbis of Palestine, have come to realize that the formation of a central body in this country was most essential at this time. As a result

of their urgent plea, you will surely be glad to learn, the "Federated Council of Palestine Institutions" was formed recently, sponsored by the Central Relief Committee and the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the U.S.A. and Canada.

Thus far, 121 institutions throughout Palestine were included in the program of our Council. As enumerated on the back of this letter, they comprise hospitals, orphanages, homes for the Aged, Yeshivot, Talmud Torahs, and various relief institutions -- some of whom are functioning for a century or so, and as a whole form a very important part of the Jewish community in Palestine.

Our Council is about to start an emergency campaign on behalf of these independent institutions. The success of our undertaking depends entirely on the cooperation that we hope to get from those rabbis and communal leaders who realize the importance of our concentrated efforts.

Hoping that you will be one of the first to enlist your co-operation in our effort, may we ask you to: a) kindly advise your community during the approaching High Holy Days of the formation of our Council, and b) please advise us what can be done in your community for the rescue of the religious element in Palestine and its independent institutions.

With best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Aaron Teitelbaum*  
Rabbi Aaron Teitelbaum  
Chairman

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Yeshivot	40
Preparatory Yeshivot	17
Talmud Torah Schools	33
Hospitals and Sick Aid Societies	7
Orphanages	5
Homes for the Aged	3
Blind Institute	1
Soup Kitchens and Shelters	4
Kolelim and Relief Societies	9
Free Loan Institutions	2
 Total number of Institutions	 121

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347 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK

September 25, 1940

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I want to express both personally and on behalf of the International Committee our appreciation for the splendid statement you have given us to be used in connection with the Founder's Day celebration by Y.M.C.A.'s throughout the country.

What you have said will mean a great deal to members and friends of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Sincerely yours,

*Cleveland E. Dodge*

Cleveland E. Dodge  
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WE BELIEVE THAT THE SAFETY OF OUR ~~FORM~~ OF GOVERNMENT IS SECURE ONLY SO LONG AS WE PRESERVE THE RIGHTS OF MINORITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE

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IN CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE ACTION WAS ATTEMPTED TO RULE THE  
CANDIDATES OF A PARTY FROM THE BALLOT. IN VIEW OF WHAT IS HAPPENING,  
WE DO NOT BELIEVE A FREE ELECTION CAN BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, UNLESS  
YOU TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS. WE TAKE THIS MEANS OF APPEALING TO YOU, MR  
PRESIDENT, BECAUSE AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THIS NATION YOU BEAR A LARGE  
PART OF THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF  
THE UNITED STATES. WE BELIEVE THAT THE SANCTITY OF THE BALLOT AND THE  
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ERNEST HEMINGWAY, MONSIGNOR JOHN A. RYAN, CLARENCE PICKETT, DR.  
STEPHEN S. WISE, CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT. THIS ADVERTISEMENT PAID FOR  
BY UNDERSIGNED. PLEASE REPLY IMMEDIATELY BY WIRE COLLECT.

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ELECTIONS AND TO BE DEFEATED BY A FREE ELECTORATE. YOU CAN DO MUCH NOW BY SPEAKING OUT AGAINST THESE POLITICAL OUTRAGES, AND BY TAKING SUCH OFFICIAL ACTIONS AS ARE WITHIN YOUR POWER THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. WE ASK THAT YOU DO THIS IN THE NAME OF AMERICAN FREEDOM.

SINCERELY,

OTHERS ASKED TO SIGN WITH YOU ARE PEARL BUCK, WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE, MARY WOOLLEY, STANLEY M. ISAACS, CHARLES AND MARY BEARD, SENATOR GEORGE W. NORRIS, SENATOR BURTON K. WHEELER, BISHOP McCONNELL.

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GEORGE W. CHIS, SINGER, KOTABA ROTABES, SINGEER,  
WAA NOOGEN, CHABA SINGEER, SINGEER, KOTABA,  
WHITE MELJA MALLI, KOTABA KOTABA, KOTABA

SINGER

WE ASK THAT YOU DO THIS IN THE NAME OF MANKIND & FREEDOM.  
OFFICER VOTED AS THE MILITARY LEADERSHIP WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
STATE RECOMMENDED THESE DIFERENT COUNTRIES, AND THE LEADERSHIP  
REFUSED TO BE DEFEATED BY A FREE STATE. YOU CAN DO MUCH, ON

WE ARE HOPING YOU WILL

The word sincerely  
should be alone on one  
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HIRAM J. HALLE INVITES

*Robbi Silver*

TO MEET THE MEMBERS OF THE

GRADUATE FACULTY OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

OF THE NEW SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH

AT A

BARBACUE LUNCHEON

TRINITY PASS ROAD, POUND RIDGE, NEW YORK

*Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>*

TWELVE NOON OR LATER

THE CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART  
CLEVELAND, OHIO, U.S.A.  
UNIVERSITY CENTER STATION

WILLIAM MATHEWSON MILLIKEN, DIRECTOR

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October 16, 1940.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

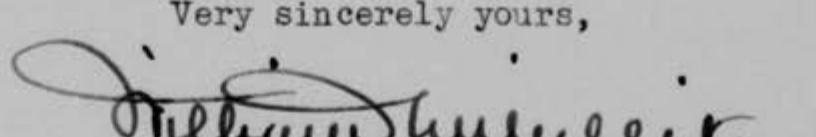
In recent years there has been a rapidly developing interest in American art, yet in spite of this increased interest in art in our country the majority of our artists and skilled craftsmen are still engaged in what must be called a marginal occupation. It is evident that we must find ways of translating our interest in American creative expression into active popular support expressed in terms of purchase.

President Roosevelt has appointed Mr. Francis Henry Taylor, Director of The Metropolitan Museum of Art, as Chairman of a National Committee, on which I have the honor to be included. The week of November 25 to December 1 has been selected as "Art Week," during which time it is hoped to dramatize the artist and to bring to the attention of the people of America the all-important service which this group renders in many creative fields. Throughout the nation exhibitions, auction sales, and other meetings will be held at this time without cost to the artist, to stimulate these events.

As Chairman of the Committee for Art Week for the State of Ohio, and Chairman of the Cleveland Committee which includes Mrs. B. P. Bole, Mr. Ernest J. Bohn, Mr. Henry Hunt Clark, Mr. Kalman Kubinyi, Mrs. Malcolm L. McBride, Mr. O. F. Liebner, Mrs. C. G. Allenbach, Mr. Wray Manning (these three representing the three major art clubs of Cleveland), Mr. Henry Sayles Francis and Miss Louise H. Burchfield, I have the honor to ask you to serve as a member of an Honorary Committee to give as broad a civic backing as possible for the success of this enterprise.

I should be greatly pleased if you will let me know at your earliest convenience if we may include your name on that committee.

Very sincerely yours,

  
William M. Milliken,  
Chairman, State Committee.

BERNARD S. COHEN  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW  
531 UNION BUILDING  
SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

October 17, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

During August, I read an article quoting your statement against the third term. I am active in a "No Third Term" organization in Syracuse.

Knowing the esteem in which you are held, an expression from you at this time would be tremendously important and of inestimable value.

Will you be kind enough to amplify your statement against a third term?

I trust that I may have the pleasure of hearing from you, and with best wishes for the New Year, I am

Cordially yours,

*Bernard S. Cohen*

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Congregation Shaaray Tefila

cordially invites

You and your Family to attend

a Special Divine Service

in honor of

The Reverend Dr. Nathan Stern

for his twenty-five years as

Minister of the West End Synagogue

Friday Evening, October Eighteenth

Nineteen hundred and forty

at the Synagogue

One Hundred and Sixty West Eighty-second Street

at eight o'clock

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A Reception will be tendered Dr. Stern

Sunday Night, October Twentieth

Nineteen hundred and forty

at eight-thirty o'clock

In the Assembly Auditorium

October 18, 1940

Mr. William M. Milliken, Director  
The Cleveland Museum of Art  
University Center Station  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Milliken:

Let me thank you for your kind letter and for your invitation to serve as a member of an honorary committee which you are organizing in connection with "Art Week". The cause is a worthy one and I shall be very pleased to serve.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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*Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to*

D. L.

Oct. 18, 1940

Dr. Nathan Stern  
160 West 82nd St.  
New York, N.Y.

THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE TEMPLE JOIN ME IN EXTENDING TO YOU HEARTIEST FELICITATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY AS RABBI OF CONGREGATION SHAARAY TEFILA. MAY YOU BE BLESSED WITH MANY MORE YEARS OF FRUITFUL SERVICE TO THE CAUSE OF ISRAEL AND HUMANITY.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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October 18, 1940

D. L.

CONGREGATION SHERITH ISRAEL  
California and Webster Streets  
San Francisco, California

THE TEMPLE ITS RABBIS OFFICERS AND MEMBERS EXTEND TO YOU HEARTIEST  
FELICITATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY. MAY YOU BE  
BLESSED WITH AN EVEN LARGER MEASURE OF SPIRITUAL SERVICE TO ISRAEL AND TO  
MANKIND.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

You are cordially invited to attend the  
Annual Meeting and Dinner  
of

Congregation Rodeph Shalom  
at the Synagogue House

on Sunday evening, October 20th  
at 6:45 o'clock

The occasion will mark

Rabbi Wolsey's Fifteenth Anniversary  
with the Congregation

Speaker, Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof, D. D.  
of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Table reservations will be  
made in the order which  
received. No reserva-  
tions will be accepted after  
October 17th, 1940.

Please send reservations to  
Mrs. Elkan Henly  
615 N. Broad Street

Price per plate, \$1.50

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You are cordially invited to attend  
the celebration of the  
**NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY**  
of the founding of the  
**CONGREGATION SHERITH ISRAEL**  
which will be commemorated on  
Friday evening, October eighteenth, eight o'clock  
Saturday morning, October nineteenth, ten fifteen o'clock  
Nineteen hundred and forty  
in the Temple  
California and Webster Streets  
San Francisco

ATTENTION PLEASE

For an unforeseen reason the farewell banquet for  
**MEYER WEINTRAUB**

has been transferred from the  
**WADE PARK MANOR**  
to the

Ballroom of the **ALLERTON HOTEL**  
EAST 13th and CHESTER

Same Date - October 26th - 10 p. m.

*The Arrangement Committee Br. 559 W. C.*

*If you have not as yet made your reservation please do so now.*

For additional information call I. Axelrod, GArfield 5838.

*In Honor of*  
*Lion Feuchtwanger*  
*The Board of Directors requests the honor of the presence of*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver*  
*at a Dinner*  
*marking the official closing of the Palestine Pavilion*  
*at the National Advisory Committee Building of the*  
*New York World's Fair*  
*on Tuesday, October the twenty-second, nineteen hundred and forty*  
*at seven-thirty p. m.*  
*dress optional*

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Mr. Meyer Weintraub  
 Jewish Daily Forward  
 2077 E. 4th St.  
 Cleveland, Ohio

BEING ABSENT FROM THE CITY I DELAYED SENDING A TELEGRAM TO THE BANQUET. PLEASE  
 ACCEPT THIS BELATED GOOD WISHES. I AM SORRY TO SEE YOU LEAVE CLEVELAND. I  
 GREATLY ENJOYED YOUR COOPERATION IN ALL IMPORTANT COMMUNITY EFFORTS AND YOUR  
 FRIENDSHIP. MAY YOUR WORK IN YOUR NEW HOME BE AS FRUITFUL AND HAPPY AS IN  
 CLEVELAND.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

October 28, 1940

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

My dear Wolsey:

Through an unfortunate oversight I failed to send you my greetings on the occasion of your fifteenth anniversary with Congregation Rodeph Shalom. I have been away from the city a good part of the time and I have missed out on a few things which I had wanted to do very much. But you know, of course, how heartfelt are my congratulations to you on this auspicious occasion. I trust that you will enjoy many more years of fruitful and blessed service among your people. Virginia joins me in these greetings, and wishes to be remembered to you and to Florence.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever,

ANS:BK

RABBI LOUIS WOLSEY, D. D.  
CONGREGATION RODEPH SHALOM  
BROAD & MT. VERNON STREETS  
PHILADELPHIA

October 29, 1940

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

My dear Abba:

I am deeply thankful to you for your kindness in sending me your congratulations to the Fifteenth Anniversary. It was mighty good of you -- at least to realize that a man must have a pretty good constitution to be a rabbi of a congregation for fifteen years. You ought to know how that feels. I am not saying a word about the endurance of the congregation.

Florence joins me in gratitude to both you and Virginia. And please remember that we are going to vote for Roosevelt, and don't you put us in cherem for doing it. So much for chaplaincies.

With heartiest greetings from us all to you and Virginia, I am,

Always faithfully yours,

LW:Y

*Wolsey*

# The Good Neighbor Committee

*Its Statement of Purpose  
and Its Program*



Issued November, 1940  
by the Good Neighbor Committee  
2 WEST 64th STREET  
NEW YORK CITY

*"Men are free when they belong to a living, organic, believing community, active in fulfilling some unfulfilled, perhaps unrealized purpose."*

—D. H. LAWRENCE

*"A man is a bundle of relations, a knot of roots, whose flower and fruitage is the world."*

—RALPH WALDO EMERSON

## THE GOOD NEIGHBOR COMMITTEE STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND PROGRAM

Adopted October 22, 1940.

### I

#### THE NEIGHBORHOOD — THE BASIC UNIT OF THE DEMOCRATIC STATE

American Democracy was built and still rests on local units and local representation. The faith in democracy so clearly expressed by Jefferson was rooted in the belief in a small unit of government, something like the town meeting. But the industrial revolution and growth in population have brought larger associations which have destroyed much of the life and effectiveness of the simpler face-to-face relationships—the neighborly association and practice. There is great need for the rebuilding of these smaller democracies, for re-creating that power and understanding which can come only from personal relationships and a sense of the interdependence of neighbors.

Without the integrating force of a conviction of neighborhood responsibility we see the differences among people as to nationality, race, religion, social and economic class giving rise to bitter antagonisms that are destructive of culture and that will ultimately destroy the larger democracy if they are not checked.

Because we believe that the roots of a culture are in the life and associations of relatively small neighborhood groups, we advocate the local Good Neighbor Committee as a workable form of community organization that will exert a substantial influence in the enrichment and the defense of democracy.

## THE CONCEPT OF THE GOOD NEIGHBOR COMMITTEE — A PRACTICAL IDEA

The original Good Neighbor Committee was formed in New York City in October 1938 to promote the establishment of neighborhood organizations. Its purpose is to bring together the leaders and active workers in local churches, schools, settlements, social agencies and other civic groups to undertake united action in the interests of the whole neighborhood.

The concept of the Good Neighbor Committee is a practical idea. It is that in every neighborhood there are things that need to be done, such as securing better housing and better schools, establishing adequate health programs and recreation facilities, initiating movements for the reconciliation of antagonistic elements, and fostering better relations between native and foreign-born residents, to name only a few. The need for projects of this sort in every neighborhood is sufficiently specific so that the effort to achieve them can serve as the common task for all groups in the community. In fact, without the united effort of the community, little or no progress can be realized.

Consequently, in bringing to a community the suggestion that a Good Neighbor Committee be formed, it is our view that the committee should be organized around a specific project and that the original membership should be drawn from the leadership of organized groups that are interested in, or can be persuaded to take an interest in, the project at hand. Thus the Good Neighbor Committee is basically an organization for getting united effort in recognized common tasks. By establishing a basis for working together on common tasks, neighborhood groups which may differ as to race, religion, politics, social and economic status will find in a joint effort to solve their mutual problems the roots of a community culture and the bulwark of the small local democracy.

## WHAT THE ORIGINAL GOOD NEIGHBOR COMMITTEE HAS DONE

The original Good Neighbor Committee in New York City was organized to get more effective work done with the refugees in that city. The work with refugees was undertaken not only because it represents an acute local problem, but also for the reason that it is a symbol of the forces of distrust, misunderstanding and prejudice that are the chief menaces to peace and social organization today. Many groups were already working in this field, but there was no general understanding of what was being done, nor of the facts of the situation. There was considerable difference of opinion as to what ought to be done. Some groups that should have been active were not yet aroused. The public at large was under some misapprehension as to the nature and extent of the refugee problem. There was a growing prejudice against refugees, and there was evidence that this was fanning the flames of intolerance.

The original Good Neighbor Committee recognizes that it has made only a slight beginning in dealing with these problems, but it believes that a firm foundation has been laid upon which a substantial structure may be built. The committee's specific accomplishments in the first two years of its existence include the following:

(1) Two important conferences have been held, which were attended by more than 1200 persons, at which the manifold problems of the refugee were stated and discussed under the leadership of experts in this field. These conferences were originally intended to serve interested organizations and individuals in New York City and its environs, but actually they drew their attendance from many communities in New England, the Atlantic Coast States, and even the Middle West. Every possible effort was made to give them practical meaning, and the comments received since they were held

give reason for the belief that they were immensely useful to great numbers of agencies and individuals.

(2) A considerable volume of authentic information about the refugee problem has been collected and disseminated to correct the misunderstanding which false propaganda has created.

(3) Valuable research projects have been undertaken. An exhaustive bibliography, "The American Way"—designed to orient newcomers to the American way of thinking and living—has been compiled and widely circulated. A manual entitled "What You and Your Group Can Do to Aid in the Adjustment of the Emigre in the Community," has been prepared and published; this also has had widespread circulation.

(4) Speakers and discussion group leaders have been furnished to many local groups seeking information on the refugee problem.

(5) Two local Good Neighbor Committees have been organized, one in Brooklyn and one in the Park West district of New York City; the latter district has been surveyed, and the results of this survey have been published. A third city neighborhood (the Washington Heights district of New York City) has also been surveyed, the results of the survey published, and the first steps taken toward the formation of a local Good Neighbor Committee. In the two latter instances, the local councils of social agencies have actively shared in the committee's efforts, a fact for which we are profoundly grateful. A fourth New York City neighborhood (the West Bronx) is now being surveyed and in the immediate future the results of this survey will be published and an effort made to form a local Good Neighbor Committee there. In a fifth city neighborhood, where religious and racial conflicts are especially bitter, an effort is under way to organize its social forces for the purpose of fostering good will and thus to offset the aggressive efforts of the anti-social forces now at work there.

(6) Interest in the work of the Committee has

been aroused in many parts of the country. From points as widely separated as Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia, New Orleans, San Francisco, Milwaukee, Cincinnati, and Portland, Oregon, to name only a few, have come requests for information and cooperation.

As a result of all this, there is a general belief that the Good Neighbor Committee has benefitted both the refugees now here and those agencies which are endeavoring to serve them, and that it has helped to create a better understanding of the whole refugee situation. But whatever gains may have resulted from these efforts, they are not the most important outcome of nearly two years of life of the original Good Neighbor Committee. The committee's outstanding achievement is that it has enabled organized groups of divergent aims and beliefs to come together to do a common task. They know each other better now, and they know that they can work together effectively on a common task and yet retain the full scope of their initiative within their respective organizations. Formerly they did not know one another, and there was a considerable reserve if not distrust between some of them. This achievement in principal marks a measurable advance in the solidifying of community relationships in those neighborhoods where the committee has operated or where its influence has been felt.

#### IV

### WHAT THE LOCAL GOOD NEIGHBOR COMMITTEE MAY DO.

The Good Neighbor Committee of a local neighborhood, in its membership and general purposes, is similar to existing organizations, yet in its specific program it is distinctly different. The following points indicate briefly the basis of its program:

(1) As an organization the local committee will continually seek for those practical and feasible things to be done that will serve the common good.

(2) It will seek to organize local community leadership into an autonomous group, the basis of the affiliation being a common program of social action.

(3) It will endeavor to keep the whole neighborhood and its needs alive in the minds of the leadership of the community by continually dramatizing the common task in which all groups should participate.

(4) It will promote educational programs by such means as reading and study groups, discussion groups, forums and conferences, and other recognized devices designed to foster the growth of the good neighbor idea.

(5) It will initiate or foster such service projects as shall be required by the needs of the neighborhood.

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## THE ORIGINAL GOOD NEIGHBOR COMMITTEE LOOKS AHEAD

The original Good Neighbor Committee, for its part, undertakes to foster the formation of local Good Neighbor Committees wherever possible, and to serve as a clearing-house of information and a source of guidance for them at all stages of their development. The Committee foresees a need for continuing the services it has rendered in the past, and it stands ready, within the limit of its resources, to provide other practical helps such as:

(1) The preparation or the assembling of program material for local use such as outlines of successful social, educational, vocational, cultural and other programs or projects conducted by local groups.

(2) Assistance in the enlistment and training of skilled volunteer leadership for specific tasks.

(3) Preparation and distribution of original or other texts for use by local discussion, reading or

study groups. Among the texts for which there appears to be a great need, now partly or wholly unmet, are the following, to mention only a few: (1) a course designed to dramatize for young people, refugees or non-refugees, the careers of those men and women who have devoted their lives to the perpetuation of the democratic idea; (2) a course designed to bring to life the early American pioneers for young people; (3) a course for foreign-born parents to guide them in their effort to acquaint themselves and their children with the American way of life and thought; and (4) a course for general use portraying the part played by foreign-born Americans in the upbuilding of the United States.

## VI

### THE GOOD NEIGHBOR IS MEASURED BY HIS SERVICE TO HIS NEIGHBOR

Because it provides a meeting ground for fundamentally different groups that have found a common basis for action, the Good Neighbor Committee has only one objective, that is to promote the idea of the Good Neighbor. There is no formula that defines the Good Neighbor; he is, of the moment, measured in terms of the needs of his neighbor and the resoluteness and courage with which he endeavors to serve those needs.

John Galsworthy once said, in an address to an American audience, "The measure of democracy is the measure of the freedom and sense of individual responsibility in its humblest citizens." Just so is the measure of the local Good Neighbor Committee the measure of its willingness, motivated by a keen sense of its responsibility to its neighborhood, to act as free men and women in service to the community.

It is expected that the active local Good Neighbor Committee will, within the sphere of its influence, have a positive effect upon the life of its community. The fears and hatreds and conflicts that beset many communities reflect the absence

of a feeling of neighborliness that can be realized only by working together. However difficult it may be to break down the barriers to common social action, it is the firm belief of those who advocate the Good Neighbor Committee that unless this is done, adequate social stability cannot be achieved nor can the democratic ideal become a living dynamic reality.

In closing, we believe that there is too much truth for comfort in the assertion made by many enemies of the democratic idea that in practice it has become soft and impotent. It is our earnest desire that all local Good Neighbor Committees will so function that this charge may be disproved. The original Committee hereby undertakes to do its full part in making our movement a positive and a potent force—a working democracy with good will to all men.

*"I dreamed in a dream I saw a city invincible  
to the attack of the whole of the rest  
of the earth,*

*I dreamed that was the new city of Friends,  
Nothing was greater there than the quality of  
robust love, it led the rest,*

*It was seen every hour in the actions of the  
men of that city,*

*And in all their looks and words."*

—WALT WHITMAN

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Dear Friend:

Millions of young men between the ages of eighteen and thirty-six have registered for the draft. But many more millions of citizens — older and younger — have not been called upon by the nation. And yet, there are tasks for each of us and all of us not less important than defense, and those tasks are the creation, through action, of a sense of unity.

Propaganda of many kinds is in the air — in the press, in the words of orators and teachers — but the greatest influence comes through shared experience expressed in action. Most of us were not called upon to register, but we can participate through voluntary service. That service is of many kinds. Defense is necessary, but the creation of unity through democratic action is supreme. Most of us in the nation cannot be leaders, we cannot direct international affairs, but we can create the spirit of unity at home and in the communities in which we live. The simplest, most effective method is to create the spirit and the practice of neighborliness and democracy. How shall we learn something of cooperation between nations which we have not seen if we cannot work with our neighbors, whom we have seen?

The Good Neighbor Committee offers a simple program for those who live among the indifferent or discordant elements in our local communities. The democratic strength of the people depends upon their practical relations with each other. From the beginning of our history, democracy has been rooted in the small communities — east and west, north and south. It was in the faith of our forefathers, and should be in our practice today. Let us make room for this great spirit in our little neighborhoods!

If we can help you, in accordance with our purpose and program as set forth in the enclosed pamphlet, will you communicate with us?

Sincerely yours,

*John L. Elliott*

John L. Elliott, Chairman  
Good Neighbor Committee

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Rabbi A.H. Silver

My dear Rabbi:-

At the request of Dr. Samuel Braun  
I am writing you concerning Camp Sabotinsky.  
I regret that it was not possible for you to  
see me in person, and since I was "lent"  
to the Camp projected for only a few  
days and must leave town, I shall not  
be able to seek another interview with  
you, at this time.

The Camp in which our late Leader,  
Sabotinsky died, is up for sale, and  
a K.o.f.C. group is bidding on this  
property. Those who were close to the  
late Leader, feel that this spot, which  
was his last earthly station, should  
not pass into strange hands, but  
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On Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, <sup>2</sup> the option which our committee still holds will expire, and unless we have sufficient funds to consummate the deal, this property will forever pass from Jewish ownership - It is the most fitting memorial to the memory of a great Jew, who fought valiantly for the cause of his people, and nothing would contribute more to the real ideal of "דָּבָר יִצְחָק", than perpetuating his memory through a camp where Jewish youth shall receive the inspiration for an active Jewish life which Jabotinsky taught.

The camp committee includes among others, Rabbi N. Telushkin, Isaac Mankuta, Leo Rokeach (Treasurer) and many others. The camp consists of 208 acres, a lake, large main house, 8 bungalows and all the necessary installations for sanitation and sports. Last summer it housed 224 children, 30% of whom were accommodated free of all charge, the others paying a nominal fee.

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Please regard this matter as important  
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the time-element. Checks to "Camp Jabotinsky"  
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For further information please refer to  
Mr Leo Rotschild, Treasurer, of Rotschild &  
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Trusting you will do yours best to help  
honour a great man and Jew, posthumously,  
who was so abused in his life-time, and  
with

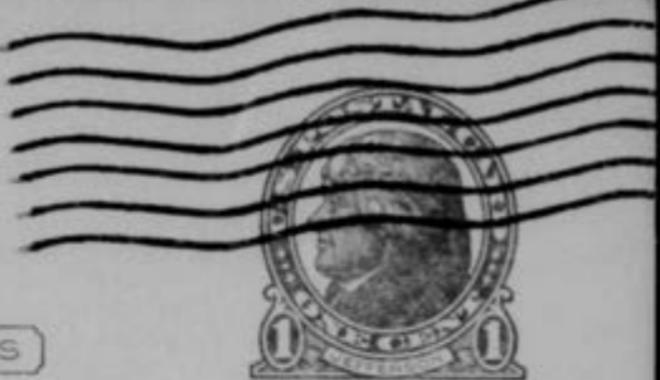
Zion's Greetings,

Sincerely Yours,  
J. Helperin

P.S.

For the next five days  
I shall be in Detroit,  
Mr. Gabriel Feigenbaum;  
Glenville 8464, will know  
where to reach me should  
you care to acknowledge  
this communication.

J. H.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Rabbi Alton Silver, D.D.  
The Temple  
Ansel Rd. and East 105<sup>th</sup>  
Cleveland

Frank Halliday Ferris : Fairmount Church : Cleveland Heights, Ohio

Dear Ratti: A late funeral obliged me to cancel my reservation Monday. If you will entrust me with your paper, I'll get it back to you promptly: I don't want to miss it.

F.H.F.

THOMAS L. SIDLO  
UNION COMMERCE BUILDING  
CLEVELAND

November 6, 1940.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

You were asked recently by me and other Trustees of the Play House to let us include your name on a Men's Citizen Committee being formed to sponsor the Play House. We said we were asking for no money nor special time or effort on your part, but rather your endorsement and moral support of the Play House to the end that continued public interest and support might be maintained in the future.

Not having heard from you, I am taking the liberty of renewing the request and sincerely hope you will grant it. Enclosed is a self-addressed post-card for your signature and return.

For your information, I would like to point out that the Play House has always supported itself entirely from paid admissions, has never had an endowment fund nor publicly-subscribed maintenance fund to meet deficits, and its plant and operations are entirely debt-free. Since the Play House has been in existence for twenty-five years and plans to operate in the future as it has in the past, we feel we are not asking too much of our fellow-citizens to join in endorsing a proven institution.

May we have your blessing, and will you be good enough to sign and return the enclosed post-card?

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Thomas L. Sidlo*

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.  
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enc-

November 11, 1940

Dr. Frank Halliday Ferris  
Fairmount Church  
Cleveland Heights, Ohio

My dear Dr. Ferris:

I am having the address printed before long  
and I shall be most happy to send you a copy.

I am revising it now.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:W

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It is with some degree of hesitation that I am writing to you to ask you for the sacrifice of some of your time and energy on my behalf. On the other hand, I feel that you may wish to do so in view of your interest in a vital Jewish life and culture in America.

I have written a book called, THE JEW FACES A NEW WORLD, which is scheduled for publication by Behrman early in February. I should be deeply grateful if you would care to pass judgment on the manuscript. Should your opinion be favorable, I should like to utilize part of it for the jacket.

I know how occupied your time is, but I wonder whether I might not send you the manuscript, for at least a cursory partial reading.

Please accept my thanks in advance.

Sincerely yours,

*Robert Gordis*

RG:DW

Doctor Robert Gordis



HAROLD H.

# BURTON for U.S. Senator

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November 15, 1940.

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

Dear Rabbi and Mrs. Silver:

It was thoughtful of you to send me your message of congratulations upon my election to the United States Senate.

I only hope that I can justify the confidence which has been expressed in me and I will welcome your comments and suggestions.

Yours sincerely,

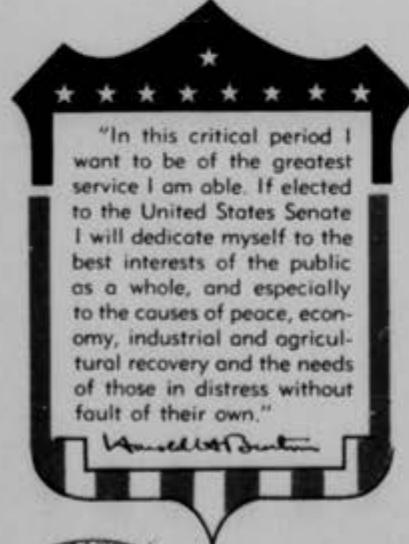
*Harold H. Burton*

HHB:T

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*With deep personal regards to you both from Mrs. Burton and myself.*

*Yours*



"In this critical period I want to be of the greatest service I am able. If elected to the United States Senate I will dedicate myself to the best interests of the public as a whole, and especially to the causes of peace, economy, industrial and agricultural recovery and the needs of those in distress without fault of their own."

*Harold H. Burton*

*The Officers and Board of Trustees  
of Temple Beth El*

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cordially invite you to attend the

*Ninetieth Anniversary Service*

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Nineteen hundred and forty

at eight o'clock

and

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on Sunday evening, November seventeenth

Nineteen hundred and forty

at seven o'clock

in the Temple Social Hall

PRECEDING THE BANQUET THE NINETIETH ANNUAL  
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Guest speaker at the Banquet:

DR. LOUIS L. MANN  
of Sinai Temple, Chicago

Dress Optional

Speakers at the Service:

DR. LEO M. FRANKLIN  
RABBI LEON FRAM

November 19, 1940

Dr. Leo M. Franklin  
Temple Beth El  
Woodward at Gladstone  
Detroit, Michigan

My dear Friend:

Please accept my belated congratulations to you and to the members of Temple Beth El on the occasion of the Ninetieth Anniversary of your great Temple. I would have wired to you last Sunday, but unfortunately I was not well. I know that you must have had a glorious celebration.

Temple Beth El has been one of the great religious institutions in this country, and it has been a pioneer in many fields under your distinguished leadership. I pray that its future may even exceed its illustrious past.

With best wishes, permit me to remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Dear Doctor Silver:

Though I have not had the privilege of meeting with you personally, I have been an enthusiastic reader of several of your books and an admirer of your activities for many years. I am acquainted with your brother, Maxwell, and you may possibly have met my name in some of the general periodicals and scholarly journals to which I contribute.

Besides being Rabbi of the Rockaway Park Hebrew Congregation, I have been lecturer in Bible at the Jewish Theological Seminary since 1937.

About ten days ago I wrote you a letter which may have escaped your attention because of the pressure of your activities. A book I have written entitled "The Jew Faces A New World", and concerned with the problems of religion, democracy, and social change from the standpoint of modern Judaism, has been accepted for publication and will appear in February 1941.

Though I have an idea of the heavy burdens you are carrying I feel that your interest in the development of American Jewish life may impel you to accede to my request to read the book in whole or in part. The galley proofs should be ready within a week or ten days. Should your judgment be favorable, the publisher would like to quote your statement on the jacket and in publicity releases.

Please be assured of my profound gratitude.

Sincerely yours,

*Robert Gordis*

Dr. Robert Gordis

Rabbi Doctor Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

*November*

December 24, 1940

Dr. Arthur J. Culler  
Heights Christian Church  
Cleveland, Ohio

THE TEMPLE ITS OFFICERS AND MEMBERS JOIN ME IN EXTENDING TO YOU AND TO THE  
HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN CHURCH WARMEST FELICITATIONS ON THE DEDICATION OF YOUR NEW  
CHURCH EDIFICE. MAY GOD BLESS THE SERVICE OF SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP WHICH YOU  
ARE BRINGING TO OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Argonne-Armory Building  
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November 29, 1940

Rabba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio

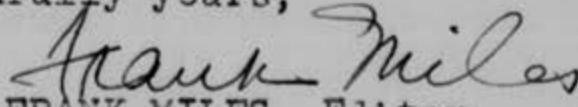
Dear Friend:

The Iowa Department of The American Legion broadcasts from WHO, the fifty thousand watt voice of the middle west, at ten o'clock every Sunday morning. For our New Year's feature program we are asking some of the most prominent persons in America to let us quote them on:

"How Would You Make 1941 a Happy Year?"

Will you please write me an answer to this question in a hundred words or less, which we may use on the air, December 29? I should appreciate your reply by December 16.

Faithfully yours,

  
FRANK MILES, Editor  
Iowa Legionnaire

FM/H

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November 29, 1940

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Knowing the heavy burdens under which you are laboring, I am more grateful than I can say that you have generously undertaken to read my book with a view to an expression of opinion that can be utilized on the jacket. I believe that the galley proofs will be easier to read than typewritten manuscripts and I am arranging to have them sent to you by the printer within the next few days.

Gratefully yours,

*Robert Gordis*

Dr. Robert Gordis

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29 November 1940

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am sending you a copy of Leo Schwartz's WHERE HOPE LIES, which we are bringing out on December ninth. I am sure you will be most interested in this book and I hope you will want to give me your reaction to it.

Sincerely yours,

JF:MB

Rabbi Abba Hilel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

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December 7, 1940

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am asked by the Christian Refugee Committee and some other refugee and anti-Nazi organizations, to act as chairman of the committee to raise a modest sum for the immediate needs of refugees from and other victims of Nazism.

We would like to ask you to serve as a member of such a committee, to be composed of a select group of well-known citizens of Cleveland. Our task will be to arrange for a meeting or luncheon on January 30, at which Dr. Frank Kingdon, head of the Emergency Rescue Committee, will be the speaker; a prominent refugee writer, probably Konrad Heiden, author of "Biography of Hitler" will also address the meeting.

We hope that you will be willing to serve on this sponsoring committee and therefore are asking you to meet for luncheon at the Statler Hotel on Thursday, December 12 at 12:15 in Parlor M. We shall then decide on the necessary plans for the January 30 meeting mentioned above. Your duties will not be exacting.

Enclosed is a folder of the Emergency Rescue Committee, which will be one of the agencies to share the proceeds of this effort.

Hoping that you will be able to grant this request, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Yellowstone 7480

*Harold C. Phillips*

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Our representative, Mr. Booth has turned over to us your paper, "The Outlook for America" which we are most happy to use in the December issue of the Journal. In this connection we should very much like to have a photograph of yourself to be used in this connection. Would it be possible to send this to us by return mail? Thank you for your courtesy in this matter, and with all good wishes, I am

Yours very sincerely,

*Herbert Lewis*  
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You will hear the present world crisis discussed by leading citizens of Cleveland who understand the full peril of our situation.

You too may enter into the discussion, if you so wish.

Sincerely yours,

*Henry M. Busch*

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Dear Rabbi:

your paper, "The Outlook for America," is very effective and will, I am sure, impress and enlighten our readers. Try to send me a photo to run with the article.

Enclosed are several of my recent bulletins which may interest you. I distribute them to Ohio laborites several times each month.

Loridally yours,  
 Lewis Booth  
 assoc. ed.

December 11, 1940

Mr. Max Freedman  
Cook Coffee Co.  
3615 Chester Ave.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Max:

In connection with our discussion, yesterday, I thought you might be interested in the enclosed abstract from the Minutes of the Jewish Community Council of Cleveland which was held on October 7, 1940, a copy of which I received this morning.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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December 16, 1940

Rabba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friend:

Awhile ago I invited you to send me one hundred words on, "How I Would Make 1941 a Happy Year", to be broadcast with like statements from a group of the most prominent persons in the country on WHO, Des Moines, Sunday morning, December 29. WHO is a fifty thousand watt station and our programs are heard all over the United States. We go on the air at ten o'clock.

Won't you please favor, not me, but The American Legion of Iowa, by return mail?

Faithfully yours,



FRANK MILES, *Editor*  
Iowa Legionnaire

FM/H

December 19, 1940

Mr. Frank Miles, Editor  
Iowa Legionnaire  
Argonne-Armory Building  
Des Moines, Iowa

My dear Mr. Miles:

Please pardon the delay in answering your kind communication. I have been away from the city a good deal of the time and my correspondence has lagged.

You ask me to send you a one hundred word statement on "How I Would Make 1941 a Happy Year" -- to be broadcast on December 29. You may use the following:

"It is hard to plan for happiness in these days of universal unhappiness. Nevertheless I would try, during the coming year, to do my bit to help lift the load of despair from the shoulders of unhappy men and women who have been driven by the cruel vicissitudes of war and persecution to all parts of the earth. I would try to share what I have of the things of life with those who need it more. I would try to strengthen the hands and the hearts of those peoples who are fighting so desperately today in behalf of their freedom, their survival, and the preservation of our common heritage. By linking up my life, during the coming year, with the eternal causes of justice and mercy I might find some measure of peace of mind and spiritual tranquillity in this distraught and menaced world."

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

# THE COMMITTEE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY

*For The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc.*

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December 19, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

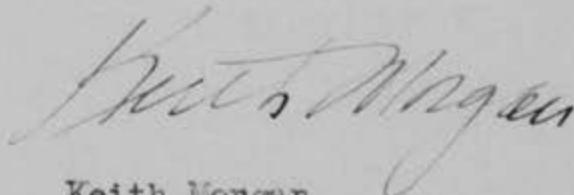
The National Committee for the Celebration of the President's Birthday with Mr. J. H. J. Upham, Chairman, and Mr. J. E. Trautman, Director of Organization of the Ohio State Committee, join in extending a most cordial invitation to be our guest at a luncheon meeting of leaders of the "Fight Infantile Paralysis" campaign in Columbus on Wednesday, January 8. The meeting will be held at the Neil House at 12:30 P.M.

Leading physicians and business executives of Columbus, trustees and members of medical committees of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, and other officers of the drive in Ohio, plan to participate in this conference. Knowing of your warm personal interest in the progress of the continuing war for the health of our nation's youth, I am sure you will lend your active support to this meeting.

As National Chairman, I welcome the opportunity to come to Columbus and express personally our appreciation of your continued cooperation, and to discuss with you the great work in which we have the privilege to participate.

Looking forward to the pleasure of meeting with you in Columbus,

Respectfully yours,



Keith Morgan  
National Chairman

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December 20, 1940

Mr. Keith Morgan  
50 East 42nd St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Morgan:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter and for your invitation to attend a meeting in Columbus on Wednesday, January 8 in connection with the "Fight Infantile Paralysis" campaign. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately I am scheduled to be in New York City on that day.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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December 29 1940

Mr. Solomon Kerstein  
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I SEND YOU MY WARMEST GREETINGS. AS LONG AS JEWISH MEN AND WOMEN WILL RALLY TO THE DEFENSE OF THEIR PERSECUTED BROTHERS IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD AND WILL MAKE SACRIFICES TO REBUILD ISRAEL'S NATIONAL LIFE IN PALESTINE THE FIGHTING SPIRIT OF THE MACCABEES IS NOT DEAD, AND THERE IS HOPE FOR A HAPPIER FUTURE FOR OUR PEOPLE.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Among the recent arrivals from Europe is Dr. A. S. Yahuda of London, formerly Professor at the University of Madrid, and an outstanding Orientalist and Bible Scholar.

Dr. Yahuda's research into the antiquity and accuracy of the Bible, has led him to very important discoveries which have been published in several volumes in England and in the United States.

A group of his friends, among them Prof. Albert Einstein, Prof. Arthur Jeffery of Columbia, Prof. Harry A. Wolfson of Harvard, Hon. Henry Morgenthau, Rev. Dr. Samuel H. Goldenson, Dr. Stephen P. Duggan, Rev. Dr. David De Sola Pool, have joined to arrange a lecture-reception for Dr. Yahuda on January 27, at the Community House of Temple Emanu-El. Professor Yahuda will deliver an address on the "Accuracy of the Bible in the light of Egyptian Antiquity." Invitations will be extended without charge.

On behalf of these gentlemen, we respectfully ask for the privilege of having you join this reception committee, which entails no obligation whatsoever, except in providing an opportunity for the Scholar to meet with interested groups of our community.

We hope that you will accept.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,  
For the Reception Committee

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver D.D.  
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January 7, 1941.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I wish to thank you for your letter of January 3.

I really enjoyed my short stay in Cleveland. My sole regret was that circumstances prevented me from having a quiet private conversation with you and Mrs. Silver in your home.

My intention to talk with Mr. Montor about the UPA will be realized shortly; as soon as Mr. Montor (who is out-of-town at present) returns.

I hope to see you soon here, in connection with this matter and otherwise.

As far as my travel-expenses are concerned I do not wish to charge them; I was on a holiday-trip to my family and let alone that, I prefer to pay for my expenses myself.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

J. S.

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Dear Dr. Silver:

I realize how overcrowded your program of activities is, especially in view of recent developments connected with the U.P.A.

Nevertheless, I venture to hope that you have had the opportunity of examining the galley proofs of my forthcoming book, "The Jew Faces a New World," at least in part.

The printing of the book is proceeding rapidly, and we hope to have it published before the end of this month.

With all best wishes and profound thanks, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Robert Gordis*

Dr. Robert Gordis

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

The Commissioner General for Finland  
requests the honour of your presence at the  
Cleveland International Exposition  
Finland Day Ceremonies  
at the Cleveland Public Auditorium  
on Thursday evening, the ninth of January  
at eight o'clock

January 10, 1941

Dr. Robert Gordis  
The Jewish Theological Seminary of America  
Broadway and 122nd St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Gordis:

Under separate cover I am returning to you the galley proofs of your forthcoming book, "The Jew Faces a New World". While I did not have an opportunity to read closely the whole of it, I read a good bit of it, and with the keenest enjoyment. Your book is a fine, tolerant and penetrating study of modern Jewish life, particularly in the United States. It presents in a scholarly fashion without pedantry the major problems of American Jewish life, and while it offers its own solution, that of Conservative Judaism, it is not written from the viewpoint of partisanship and is not vitiated by polemics.

"The Jew Faces a New World" also touches on the larger problems facing the modern world which are of concern to non-Jews as well as to Jews. The problems of democracy and the forces which challenge it in the modern world, the role of religion in social and economic reconstruction, etc., are all illuminated by a fine understanding and a mature wisdom. It is a thought-provoking, constructive and altogether helpful book.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. To your Bibliography, you might add the names of some of the papers and books which I wrote on some of the topics of your volume. I was pleased to see how closely parallel some of your conclusions follow those of mine. Thus to your Bibliography on Chapter 4, you might add my essay, "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival" (1939); to Chapter 10, my "Messianic Speculations in Israel" (1927); to Chapter 12, my essay on "Israel" (1935); to Chapter 16, my volume "Religion in a Changing World" (1931) -- the essay on "The Church and Social Justice"; and to Chapter 17, my small volume "The Democratic Impulse in Jewish History" (1928).

# American Federation for Polish Jews

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January 11, 1941

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
2 East 105 Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

At our last meeting held at the Jewish Center, January 7, your name was proposed for one of the members of our Honorary Banquet Committee; our annual banquet is scheduled for Sunday, March 9, 1941.

On behalf of the American Federation for Polish Jews, an organization created in order to promote the general, spiritual, physical and political welfare of Polish Jews, I request of you to accept this appointment and permit us to use your name on our special stationery.

Hoping that this arrangement will meet with your approval, and that we shall hear a favorable response from you, I remain

Respectfully yours,

*H. M. Silberberg*  
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January 16, 1941

Mr. H. M. Silberberg, Executive Director  
American Federation for Polish Jews  
10002 North Boulevard  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Silberberg:

Permit me to thank you for your letter  
of January 11. Because of my position as general  
chairman of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Cleveland,  
I have made it a policy not to accept such positions  
as you request me to accept, which ordinarily I would  
have been most happy to do.

I trust that your meeting will be very  
successful. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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My dear Rabbi Silver:

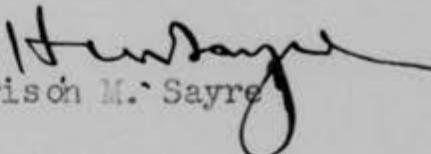
You have doubtless received from Governor Bricker an invitation to attend a luncheon at the Athletic Club, Tuesday, February 4, to discuss non-military aspects of defense and the probable formation of a State Commission on Youth and Citizenship.

With the knowledge and consent of the Governor's office, some of us who have been active in getting this project started, are discussing it in advance of the meeting with as many as possible of those invited.

I find I shall be in Cleveland on Friday, January 17, and should like very much to have a chat with you at your convenience. Mr. Frederick C. Crawford, president of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce, informs me that he will be in Washington on Friday. Reverend Creble, president of the Ohio Baptist Association, is the third member invited from Cleveland. If you could conveniently telephone Dr. Creble and arrange for a joint meeting of the three of us, I should appreciate it.

I will telephone you upon my arrival in Cleveland for the place and hour.

Yours very sincerely

  
Harrison M. Sayre

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Harrison M. Sayre  
400 S. W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Columbus 8, Ohio

Jan. 16, 1941

In checking over my calendar, find that I am not free at any time on Tuesday. Would be free to meet Wed. morning. Please wire whether that is convenient & I will communicate with Rev. Creble

A. H. Silver

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You are cordially invited to attend a luncheon at Hotel Statler, Thursday noon, January 30, 1941.

The Cleveland Sponsoring Committee is honored to present at this luncheon:

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Konrad Heiden, one of the first anti-Fascist, anti-Communist authors to be banned by Hitler. He was evacuated by the Emergency Rescue Committee in October, 1940. His latest book is "Biography of Hitler".

They will explain the refugee situation, the position taken by the United States and the reasons help from us at this time is imperative.

We sincerely hope you will be with us. Please make reservations on the enclosed card before January 28, using the addressed envelope.

*Harold C. Phillips*

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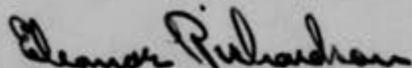
My dear Rabbi Silver:

Mrs. Stewart and I hope very much that you and Mrs. Silver can this year be the guests of the Association at its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, January 28.

The committee in charge are particularly happy to have had the new president of the National YWCA's consent to come to us at this time. She is an outstanding speaker, well known in educational and social work circles. I think it will interest you to watch her draw out the group afterwards in discussion, large as the audience will be.

The meeting is held in 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 so that we may mail your tickets to you?

Cordially yours,



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Dear Dr. Silver:

I am deeply grateful to you for your kindness in reading the galley proofs of my forthcoming book and for your most generous opinion as to its value.

I am certain that your words of praise will serve to bring it to the attention of a far larger circle of readers than it could otherwise have had.

With all best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

*Robert Gordis*

Dr. Robert Gordis

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Rd.  
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January 20, 1941

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have consulted the printer regarding the inclusion of the additional titles you were kind enough to suggest for the "notes on bibliography" in my forthcoming book. He tells me, however, that since the page proofs have already been made, it would involve a great deal of additional effort and expense, and I must therefore forego their inclusion.

Please accept once again my sincere thanks for your kindness.

Sincerely yours,

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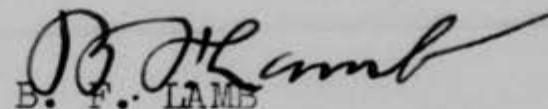
My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing a ticket of admission for the Ohio Pastors' Convention and a copy of the program. I hope it will be possible for you to attend.

You will note that on Monday night at the dinner we have Rabbi Israel Goldstein and Everett Clinchy to speak.

We want you to know that you are welcome to participate in this fellowship and we hope it will be possible for you to come.

Cordially yours,

  
B. F. LAMB

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*Current*  
**Religious Thought**

Oberlin, Ohio

January 25, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

The copy of your radio address over CBS on December 15th, sent in response to our request, is greatly appreciated and we wish to thank you for the permission to quote from it. This we plan to do in an early number of Current Religious Thought. We will send you a copy of the publication.

Very sincerely yours,

*Herbert D. Rugg*  
Herbert D. Rugg

A distinguished gathering of about eight hundred persons, composed of scholars, clergy and laymen, weathered a severe snow storm on Monday night, January 27, to honor the noted Orientalist and Biblical scholar, Professor Abraham S. E. Yahuda of London, and to listen to a lecture by him on "The Accuracy of the Bible in the Light of Egyptian Antiquity," at the Community House of Temple Emanu-El in New York.

The function was held under the auspices of a reception committee composed of fifty-two scholars and prominent leaders of the Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish Faith, of which Professor Albert Einstein was Chairman.

Rev. Dr. Samuel H. Goldenson, Rabbi of Temple Emanu-El, presided. Professor Einstein addressed the meeting from Princeton over the telephone and loud speakers, having been prevented by the weather from attending in person. Among those who introduced Professor Yahuda were Rev. Dr. Moses Hyamson, Professor Emeritus of the Jewish Theological Seminary and former Senior Judge of the Jewish Ecclesiastical Court of the British Empire; Dr. Fernando de los Rios, Professor at the University in Exile, former Spanish Ambassador to the United States and former President of Madrid University; Professor Chaim Tchernowitz of the Jewish Institute of Religion; and Dr. William Rosenau of Baltimore, Professor Emeritus of Johns Hopkins University.

All the speakers praised Yahuda's works in the fields of Hebrew and Arabic literature and biblical research. Messages of greetings from Governor Lehman, Mayor La Guardia, Thomas Mann, and others, were presented by Mr. Arthur Meyerowitz, a member and secretary of the reception committee.

A collation followed the reception.

WORDS OF GREETINGS BY PROFESSOR ALBERT EINSTEIN  
AT THE RECEPTION TO PROFESSOR ABRAHAM S. E. YAHUDA  
ON JANUARY 27, 1941 AT THE COMMUNITY HOUSE OF  
TEMPLE EMANU-EL, 1 EAST 65 STREET, NEW YORK, N.Y.

It is a great joy to me that the life's work of my old friend Yahuda is receiving deserved recognition through this function, and through the interest of so many outstanding personalities.

Unfortunately I cannot attend this reception. However, I find consolation in the fact that Yahuda's thoughts - as far as they are intelligible to a layman - are quite familiar to me.

It is my conviction that the scientific research of the Bible from the historic-linguistic point of view is of particular importance in our time, when the authority of the highest moral principles are endangered. I hope that Yahuda's convincing arguments and lucid presentation will contribute to strengthen and to revive the influence of the moral contents of the Bible, the greatest creation of the people of Israel.

EXCERPTS FROM AN ADDRESS ON  
"THE ACCURACY OF THE BIBLE IN THE LIGHT OF EGYPTIAN ANTIQUITY"  
DELIVERED BY PROFESSOR ABRAHAM S. E. YAHUDA OF LONDON  
AT A RECEPTION IN HIS HONOR ON JANUARY 27, 1941  
AT THE COMMUNITY HOUSE OF TEMPLE EMANU-EL  
1 EAST 65 STREET, NEW YORK, N. Y.

PROFESSOR ALBERT EINSTEIN  
CHAIRMAN, RECEPTION COMMITTEE

"I wish to express my thanks to the distinguished members of the Reception-Committee and to its Chairman, Professor Albert Einstein, of whom it may be said that he is "as great as a genius of thought as he is grand in his love of humanity and of ethical strictness."

Since I came to the United States, I realized that here democracy is not merely an ideological theory, but a true reality - so much so that Americans rather prefer to risk that un-American elements should abuse the hospitality and generosity of this country, than give up one iota of individual liberty and constitutional privileges imbibed by Americans since their childhood.

I also realize how closely the Democratic Constitution of America is connected with the ideas and ideals of the Bible; how deeply American institutions of social justice and individual rights are rooted in the Bible, which has been the most precious heritage of the English-speaking world.

This reason alone would be sufficient to justify the upholding of the authority of the Bible and the strengthening of the belief in the permanent value of its religious and ethical principles.

Although my object to prove the accuracy of the Bible was never apologetical or polemical, I never felt it more necessary to make the results of my researches and findings known, not alone to scientific circles as I did hitherto, but also to a larger public, than I feel now, when the highest principles of justice, liberty and brotherhood are trodden upon and the revival of racialism and paganism in their most barbaric forms are spreading everywhere demoralization and destruction based on a new 'kultur' of violence, cruelty and hatred.

Since I began to study the methods of Higher Criticism of the Bible, some 45 years ago, I observed with increasing amazement and anxiety how much the undermining of the authority

of the Bible contributed towards a weakening of religious and social morals; not only in Germany - the cradle of modern Biblical Criticism - but also in other countries, where the Bible was for generations a source of religious edification, of ethical education and a spiritual guide to hundreds of millions. Thus I thought that to prove the accuracy of the Bible was now-a-days not only a scientific concern, but also a moral duty in order to help those who cherish the Bible as a precious treasure, to prevent that destructive theories of Higher Criticism should contribute also in this country of Biblical traditions to the spreading of those disruptive ideas which, to a large extent, paved the way in Germany to that 'Kultur' of racialism, paganism and self-deification as in the darkest ages of human history.

I am therefore glad to address such a gathering which comprises illustrious scholars and notable laymen; and though I could not expect that all of them would agree with my conclusions, I hope that they will approve of my efforts to find the way to the truth about the Bible.

When speaking of Biblical Criticism, I do not mean the text criticism within reasonable limits, but that pseudoscience called Higher Criticism which laid the axe at the very roots of the Biblical Records, denying the truth of its historical information; distorting the facts about the religious development in Ancient Israel, and interpreting the text to accord it with pre-conceived theories. There is hardly one chapter in which the text has not been altered or disfigured beyond recognition of the original form.

Coming closer to the subject of my lecture, I say that the most important problems which occupied Old Testament scholars during the last century, was whether the 5 Books of Moses were written by one man, and in the time of the Exodus from Egypt, 12th or more centuries B. C. Now, according to the Modern School of Higher Critics, the Pentateuch is nothing else but a composite of many sources, emanating from various epochs beginning in the 9th century B. C., i.e., 4-6 centuries after the Exodus, and ending in the Babylonian Exile in the 6th century B. C.

The controversy between the Critics and the conservative scholars, who believe in the unity and antiquity of the Pentateuch, could however, not be brought to a definite decision, because while the critics based their theories on speculative methods, the latter challenged them by arguments derived from a belief in tradition. Thus both schools only pitted arguments against arguments.

After long years of study, I became convinced that a solution of the problem could only be reached, if it would be possible to establish beyond doubt, the date and environment in which Hebrew began to be used as a literary language. For

this purpose I studied all the languages and cultures of Israel's neighboring countries. But it was only when I acquired the knowledge of the Egyptian language and could penetrate deeper in its spirit and construction, that I could come to a definite conclusion.

The close relationship which I discovered between Hebrew and Egyptian made it clear to me, that the development and growth of Hebrew from a primitive Canaanite dialect to a perfect literary language, could only have taken place in a time and an environment when, and where the Hebrews lived in the most intimate contact with the Egyptians. This I illustrated by quoting a number of Egyptian loanwords and typically Egyptian phrases from the Pentateuch. Proofs were so cumulative, that there could be no doubt that the Pentateuch could not have been written at any other time than the time of the Exodus. This implies that the Hebrew language was a genuine creation of the Hebrews during their stay in Egypt; developed by them under the influence of the Egyptian language from the Canaanite dialect which they spoke when they immigrated into Egypt; and that it was Moses who brought Hebrew to that high degree of perfection in which the Pentateuch is written.

I wish to point out that the establishment of this fact is of far-reaching importance. By applying the combined method of comparative philology and archaeology, based on the monuments excavated not only in Egypt but also in Palestine, Syria and Mesopotamia, the antiquity of the Pentateuch, as well as the accuracy of the Biblical records can be proved.

Among the most important questions with which I will deal in my forthcoming lectures and publications, will be to establish the Unity of the Pentateuch on linguistic foundations; to prove that the view held by Egyptologists and supported by some Old Testament scholars that Pharaoh Akhenaton (Amenophis IV, died 1375 B.C.) was the founder of Monotheism, is a sheer fallacy; that Jehovah and not Jahveh is the true and linguistically and grammatically the only possible pronunciation of the Hebrew name of God; and that the alleged existence of Jahveh-idols in Ancient Israel is without any tenable foundation. A great number of words, phrases, customs and manners alluded to in the Pentateuch, can only be explained from the Egyptian and from the time of the Exodus.

Every new excavation has only confirmed the Bible and confused the critics. As a matter of fact, many of them are already beginning to revise their views. Also with regard to my own findings, some Egyptologists and Old Testament scholars are now beginning to see the light."

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*You are cordially invited*  
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PROFESSOR ABRAHAM S. E. YAHUDA  
on Monday, January 27th, 8:30 o'clock  
at Temple Emanu-El Community House  
1 East 65th Street, New York City

Professor Yahuda will deliver an address on  
"THE ACCURACY OF THE BIBLE  
IN THE LIGHT OF EGYPTIAN ANTIQUITY"

Among the recent arrivals from Europe is Dr. A. S. Yahuda of London, formerly Professor at the University of Madrid, an outstanding Orientalist and Bible Scholar.

Dr. Yahuda's research into the antiquity and accuracy of the Bible has led him to very important discoveries which have attracted worldwide attention.

FOLLOWING THE LECTURE, THERE WILL BE A  
COLLATION AND A SOCIAL HOUR.

As it is necessary to provide adequate facilities, you are requested to respond promptly on the enclosed card. Additional invitations in limited number will be issued upon written application to the Secretary, specifying names and addresses of proposed guests.

THERE WILL BE NO APPEAL FOR FUNDS

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## THE SPEAKERS

### DR. MORDECAI M. KAPLAN

Celebrated philosopher of Judaism and theologian.

Professor of Homiletics, Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Dean of The Teachers Institute, Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Founder and leader of The Society for the Advancement of Judaism.

President, Rabbinical Assembly of America, 1932-33.

Exchange Professor of Education, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1937-39.

Author of  
"Judaism as a Civilization," 1934.

"Judaism in Transition," 1936.

"The Meaning of God in Modern Jewish Religion," 1937.

## SEMINAR PROGRAM

Morning Session — 10:00 A. M.



### "TRADITIONAL JUDAISM AND ITS REINTERPRETATION"

God, Torah and Israel

Mordecai M. Kaplan, D.H.L.

LUNCHEON — 12:15 P. M.

The Ministers will be the guests of the  
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Afternoon Session — 1:30 P. M.

### DR. NELSON GLUECK

Professor of Bible at the Hebrew Union College.

Director of The American School for Oriental Research in Jerusalem, 1932-33, and 1936-40.

Foremost specialist on Palestine archaeology and Transjordan.

His recent discoveries are now published in a volume entitled, "The Other Side of the Jordan," issued by the Yale University Press.

He has just returned from the Holy Land and will give a first hand account of his explorations and excavations.



### "THE BIBLE IN THE LIGHT OF RECENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDINGS"

(Illustrated lecture)

Nelson Glueck, Ph.D.

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January 28, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Masada, Youth Zionist Organization of America, is undertaking a large banquet in celebration of its eighth anniversary, to take place at the Essex House on April 6th, 1941. We are most eager to bring the youth Zionist Movement to the attention of the largest possible Jewish public through this medium. It is very important, therefore, that our approach to the general public be made with the assistance and inspiration of our senior leaders.

We are writing to you in the hope that, recognizing the need for the expansion of our movement, you will participate with us in this function as a member of the Sponsors Committee.

Since we are most anxious to begin working immediately in order to assure the success of this major event, we look forward to your early, favorable reply.

Sincerely yours,

*Harry A. Takiff*

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MR. EMANUEL NEUMANN IS EAGER TO SEE YOU IN CONNECTION WITH IMPORTANT COMMITTEE WHICH HE IS FORMING OF FRIENDS OF PALESTINE. I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD RECEIVE HIM. HE IS IMPORTANT MAN IN OUR MOVEMENT AND A CLOSE FRIEND. KINDEST REGARDS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER.

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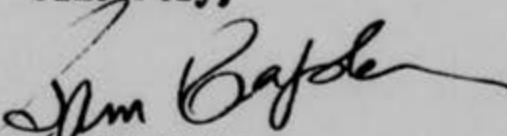
I take pleasure in sending you a copy of the Congress Weekly in which I printed a substantial excerpt of your address in Washington.

I repeat what I said to you in Washington, namely, that your speech was admirable in every respect and, in my opinion, it ought to be given the widest distribution as source material for the difficult campaign which we are now facing.

With every wish for success in your leadership, I am

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

  
Samuel Caplan  
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MALCOLM L. FLEISCHER  
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January 31st, 1941.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

An adult group of which I am a member is studying informally, "Creative Judaism" by Rabbi Ira Eisenstein. We have just finished our discussion on the Reformist Movement and the following question was posed, with the suggestion that I write for your views:

Is devotion to the Zionist Cause by a reformed rabbi inconsistent with the reformist movement?

The problem was presented in analyzing that portion of the reformist platform adopted in 1885 in Pittsburgh at the Central Conference of American Rabbis which decided that Jews are no longer a nation.

You may ask why we come to you. It was felt that because you are one of the most illustrious reformed rabbis in the Country and an ardent Zionist that you would have an answer to this problem.

Respectfully yours,

*Malcolm L Fleischer*

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MAX HAYES TESTIMONIAL DINNER COMMITTEE  
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REGRET THAT ABSENCE FROM CITY WILL DEPRIVE ME OF THE PLEASURE OF ATTENDING THE TESTIMONIAL DINNER TO MY GOOD FRIEND MAX ~~EX~~ HAYES. ON THE OCCASION OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLEVELAND CITIZEN. I WISH TO JOIN HIS HOST OF ADMIRERS IN THE CITY IN EXTENDING TO HIM MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON THE MANY YEARS OF HEROIC LEADERSHIP IN THE FIELD OF PROGRESSIVE LABOR LEGISLATION AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE WHICH HE HAS GIVEN OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR STATE. HIS FAIRNESS SOUND JUDGMENT AND BASIC AMERICANISM CONTINUE TO BE OF INESTIMABLE SERVICE AND OUR PEOPLE STAND IN EVEN GREATER NEED OF THEM IN THESE CONFUSED AND TROUBLE~~TT~~ TIMES.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



United States Grand Lodge

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February 3rd, 1941

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## TO THE WORTHY LODGES OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER BRITH ABRAHAM

Dear Officers, Sisters and Brothers:

Once again, our people are called upon to make financial sacrifices for the immediate and pressing needs of our distressed brothers and sisters here and abroad. Heretofore, the United Jewish Appeal covered the three necessary and vital organizations for Jewish Relief — United Jewish Appeal — The National Refugee Service, and the Council of Organizations for Palestine — the latter organization of which your Grand Master was recently elected President.

This is no time for passing upon the reasons for the dissolution of the UJA as the chief fund-raising unit of Jewry. In this critical hour, these agencies must cooperate with all communities in the fundamental task of finding adequate funds to meet the needs of reconstruction, relief, and refugee service. The millions of dollars required by these agencies demand of each and every Jew that every possible financial effort be made to meet this emergency.

Our Order, will, accordingly, act as a unit in receiving all contributions from our membership throughout the country, to be equally divided between the United Palestine Appeal and United New York Appeal (J. D. C. and N. R. S.) for humanitarian relief and service.

We urge you to secure **immediate** voluntary contributions and forward the same to the Grand Lodge. **In our publication, Brith Abraham, each lodge will be listed and all contributions accounted for.** Please do not fail with your generous response. Remember, it is more blessed to give than to receive!

HITLER, civilization's greatest enemy, on the eighth anniversary of his ascendancy to power, declared that Judaism's role in Europe is at an end.

On the same day, European correspondents reported the tragedy of thousands of Jews taken by force to a slaughterhouse, their throats cut in a horrible parody of the traditional Jewish methods of slaughtering fowl and livestock; others burned alive in the streets of Bucharest, not to mention equally sadistic mutilations of our innocent people — victims of a blood-thirsty maniac.

There are 6,000,000 of our brethren, who are trapped, in this holocaust of hell. **What are we, as Jews, going to do about it?**

Thanking you very kindly for the cooperation you will give us,

In Unity, Liberty, and Justice,

Fraternally yours,

Max L. Hollander  
Grand Secretary

Herman Hoffman  
GRAND MASTER



פֿערַאיִינְגְּטָעַ שְׂטָאָאַטָּעַ נְרָאַסְסַ לְאַדּוֹשָׁ

## אַנְדַּעַפְּעַנְדַּעַנְט אַרְדַּעַר בְּרִית אַבְרָהָם

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צַוְדִי וּוּעֲרַתְהָעַ לְאַדּוֹשָׁעַ פֿוֹן דַעַם  
אַנְדַּעַפְּעַנְדַּעַנְט אַרְדַּעַר בְּרִית אַבְרָהָם

וּוּעֲרַתְהָעַ בְּעַמְּטָעַן, שְׂוּעַסְטְּרָעַ אָוּן בְּרִידְעָר!

מִיר זַיְינְגַן גַּעַצְוֹאָוְנְגָנְעַן נַאֲדַמְּטָהָל צַוְאָפְּעַלְיָרְעַן צַוְאָיִיךְ אָוּ אַיְהָרָ זַאלְטַ גַּעַבְּעַן פֿינְגְּנְצִיעַלְעַ הַיְלָפְּעַ פָּאָר  
אַיְנוּעַרְעַ אָוְמְגְּלִיקְלִיבְּעַ בְּרִידְעָר אָוּן שְׂוּעַסְטְּרָעַ וּוּאָמַן גַּעַפְּינְגַן זַיךְ אַוְיָפְּ יַעַנְגְּרַ זַיְיטַ יִם. בַּיּוּ יַעַצְטַ אָיָזְ גַּעַוְוּן דַעַר  
„פֿערַאיִינְגְּטָעַ אִידְיְשָׁעַר אַפְּיַעַלְעַ“, וּוּאָמַן הַאַטְמָעַדְטַ אַיְן נַאֲמָעַן פֿוֹן 3 וּוּיכְטִינְגַּע אַרְגְּגָנְיְזִישָׁאָנָס וּוּאָמַן הַאֲבָעַן גַּעַזְ  
טַהַוְן גַּוְטָעַס לְטוּבָת פָּאָר דַי אָוְמְגְּלִיקְלִיבְּעַ שְׂוּעַסְטְּרָעַ אָוּן בְּרִידְעָר אָוּן זַיְיָ זַיְינְגַן: דַעַר פֿערַאיִינְגְּטָעַ אִידְיְשָׁעַר אַפְּיַעַלְעַ,  
דַי נַיְשָׁאָנָל רַעַפְּיוֹדוֹשִׁי סּוּירְוּוִים — אָוּן דַעַר קָאָוְנְסִילְ פֿוֹן אַרְגְּגָנְיְזִישָׁאָנָס פָּאָר אַרְץ יִשְׂרָאֵל. אַט בַּיּוּ דַעַר לְעַצְטָעַר  
אַרְגְּגָנְיְזִישָׁאָן אָיָזְ אַוְנְגְּרַעְדָּר גַּרְאָס-מִיְּסְטָעַר עַרְוּוּעַהְלָט גַּעַוְאָרְעַן אַלְסְ פֿרְעַוְיְדָעַנְט.

יעַצְטַ אָיָזְ צַיְמַטְ אָוּ מִיר זַאלְטַ דִּיסְקְוּטְרָעַן דַי פְּרָאָנָעַ וּוּאָרָוּם דַעַר יְוּנִיְטָעַד דַזְשָׁוָאִישַׁ אַפְּיַעַלְעַ וּוּאָמַן  
אָיָזְ גַּעַוְוּן דַי הַוִּיפְטַמְלֵעַ זַיְלָעַ פֿוֹן רַיְזָוּן גַּעַלְדָּ פָּאָר דַי אַיְדָעַן הַאַטְמָעַד זַיךְ פֿאָנְגְּנְדָעַגְּתָהְיִילְט, יַעַצְטַ אָיָזְ אַקְרִיטִישָׁעַ צַיְמַטְ,  
אַטְמָעַד דַי אִידְזָשְׁעַנְסִים מַזְוָעַן בְּעַקְוּמָעַן דַי הַיְלָפְּעַ פֿוֹן יַעַדְעַן רַעַכְטִידִינְגְּקָעַן מַעַנְשָׁעַן אָוּן זַעַהַן אָזְ אַגְּנִיגְעַנְדָּעַ סָוּמָעַ זַאלְ  
גַּעַרְיוֹזָטָזְ וּוּעַרְעַן אָזְ אִמְשְׁטָמָנְדָעַ צַוְאָזְיָן בְּיַהְיָלְפִּינְגְּ צַוְאָזְיָן דַעַם רַעַלְיָעַפְטַ אָוּן דַי רַעַפְּיוֹדוֹשִׁי סּוּירְוּוִים, דַי מַיְלִיאָנְגַן  
דַּאֲלָעָרָס וּוּאָמַן עַמְּסָ אָיָזְ גַּעַתְהָיִגְן פָּאָר דַי אִידְזָשְׁעַנְסִי דַאְרָפְטַ זַיְיָן דַעַר חַוְבָּ פֿוֹן יַעַדְעַן צַוְאָזְיָן אָזְ גַּעַבְּעַן זַיְיָן חַלְקָן אָזְ זַיךְ זַיְדָעַ  
אַנְשְׁטָרְעַנְגַּנְעַן צַוְאָזְהָן דַעַם וּוּאָמַן מִיר מַזְוָעַן יַעַצְטַ אָיָזְ גַּעַם מַאֲמָעַנְטַ מַהַוְן.

אַוְנְגָרְ אַרְדַּעַר וּוּעַט טַהַוְן זַיְיָן טַהַיְלָל אָוּן טַהַוְן זַיְיָן בְּעַסְטָעַס מִיטַּ אַיְיָרְ הַיְלָפְטַ אַגְּזָנְעַהָמָעַן קָאַנְטְּרִיבְּוִיְּ  
שָׁאָנָס פֿוֹן מַעְמְכָרְשִׁיפְטַ דַוְרָק דַעַם לַאֲנָדָעַן וּוּעַט פֿעַרְתְּהִילָעַן דַעַם גַּעַלְדָּ אַיְלָיְקָעַטְ טַהַיְלָעַן צַוְדִי יְוּנִיְטָעַד פָּאַלְעַסְ  
טַיְיָן אַפְּיַעַלְעַ אָזְ דַי יְוּנִיְטָעַד נַיְוְאָרָק אַפְּיַעַלְעַ (דַוְשָׁ. דַקָּא. אָזְנָ. נַרְסָ) וּוּאָמַן וּוּלְעַלְעַן גַּעַבְּעַן רַעַלְיָעַפְטַ אָזְ אַזְיךְ זַיְדָעַ  
אַוְנְגָרְ אַרְדַּעַר וּוּעַט טַהַוְן זַיְיָן טַהַיְלָל אָזְ גַּעַבְּעַן צַוְאָזְיָן דַעַם בְּעַטְרָאָגְ צַוְאָזְ

מִיר בְּעַטְעַן בַּיּוּ אַיְיךְ אָזְ אַיְהָרְ זַאלְטַ טְרִיאָעַן צַוְאָזְגָּלְעַן קָאַנְטְּרִיבְּיְזִישָׁאָנָס אָזְ אַרְיִינְגִּשְׁיקָעַן דַעַם בְּעַטְרָאָגְ צַוְאָזְ  
דַעַר גַּרְאָס-לְאַדּוֹשָׁ. אַיְן אַוְנְגָרְ בְּוּלְעַטְיָן בְּרִית אַבְרָהָם וּוּעַט יַעַדְעַ לְאַדּוֹשָׁ אַגְּנִיגְעַטְזִינְט וּוּעַרְעַן וּוּפְיַעַלְעַ  
זַיְהָמָטְ גַּעַבְּעַן. מִיר בְּעַטְעַן אַיְיךְ נַאֲדַמְּטָהָל נִיטַּ אַיְיָרְ הַדְּאַנִּיְשָׁאָן פָּאָר דַעַם נַאֲכָלָעַן צַוְעַק. עַמְּסָ אַיּוּ בְּעַסְעַר  
צַוְאָזְגָּלְעַן אַיְדָעַר חַזְוּ צַוְאָזְגָּלְעַן.

הַוְּטָלָעַד הַאַטְמָעַד אָיָזְ זַיְיָן לְעַצְטָעַר רַעַדְעַ אָיָזְ גַּעַם 8-יְיָהְרִינְגָּן עַקְוִיסְטָעַן עַרְקְלָעַהָרָט אָזְ דַעַם יְוּדָעַנְתָּהָוּמָן  
אָיָזְ יַוְּרָאָפְטַ אָיָזְ צַוְעַדְעַ.

דַעַם זַעַלְבָּעַן טַגְ הַאַטְמָעַד אָזְ אַיְדָעַר קָאַרְעַסְפָּאַנְדָעַנְט עַרְקְלָעַהָרָט אָזְ טַוְיְזָנְדָעַר אַיְדָעַן זַיְינְגַן גַּעַנוּמָעַן  
גַּעַוְאָרָעַן אָיָזְ קָאַנְצָעַנְטָרָאַצְיָעַס אָזְ מַעְן הַאַטְמָעַד זַיְיָ וּוּעַשְׁאַבְּטָעַן אָזְוּי וּוּעַפְוּת אָזְ מַעְן פֿעַרְבְּרָעַנְט לְעַבְּעַי  
דִּגְנְעַרְהִיָּט אָיָזְ דַי סְפְּרִיטָעַן פֿוֹן בְּוּקְאָרָעַסְט אָזְ אָזְוּי זַיְינְגַן אָסְךְ אַיְדָעַן אַמְּגָעַקְוּמָעַן פֿוֹן דַעַם בְּלוֹטְדָוְרְשְׁטִינְגָּן  
מַאֲנִיאָק.

עַמְּסָ גַּעַפְּינְגַן זַיךְ יַעַצְטַ 6,000,000 אַיְדָעַן, אַוְנְגָרְ אַיְינְגַן בְּלֹטָמָן אָזְ פְּלִיאַשְׁ וּוּאָמַן זַיְינְגַן אָזְ אַנְעַתְּ צְרָה, וּוּאָמַן  
זַעַלְבָּעַן מִיר אַיְדָעַן דַאְ אַיְנְגָרְיקָאָה טַהַוְן פָּאָר זַיְיָ? אַיְיָרְ עַנְטָפְעַר דַאְרָפְטַ זַיְיָן מִיטַּ אַיְיָרְ הַדְּאַנִּיְשָׁאָן.

מִיר דָאָנְקָעַן אַיְיךְ אַיְינְגִּיָּן פָּאָר אַיְיָרְ הַיְלָפְטַ וּוּאָמַן אַיְהָרְ זַעַהַן לְטוּבָת דַעַם נַאֲכָלָעַן צַוְעַק.

אַיְינְגִּיָּטַ, פֿרִיהִיָּט אָזְ גַּעַרְכְּטִיגְּקִיְּט,

אַכְטָוְנְגְּסְפָּאָל,

מַאֲקָם 5. הַאַלְלָעַנְדָעַר,

גַּרְאָס-מִיְּסְטָעַר



הַעֲרָמָן הַאָפְפָמָאָן,

גַּרְאָס-מִיְּסְטָעַר

Temple Beth-El of Woodcliff  
31ST STREET AT HUDSON AVENUE  
NORTH BERGEN, N.J.

Rabbi Asa H. Silver,  
National Chairman - United Palestine Appeal,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

February 3, 1941.

Dear Rabbi Silver -

On Sunday Evening March 16, 1941,  
Temple Beth-El of Woodcliff, (located in North Bergen, N.J.)  
is honoring its Rabbi, Theodore Friedman, in  
recognition of his Tenth Anniversary with the  
Temple, by tendering him a Testimonial Dinner Dance  
at Hotel Piccadilly in New York City.

Rabbi Friedman has always been  
a leader in the Jewish life of our community  
and he worked zealously for the interests of  
the United Palestine Appeal.

I believe it would be very apropos  
for you to send a personal greeting to  
Rabbi Friedman, in care of me, in order that  
it may be publicly read on the evening of the Dinner.

Respectfully yours,

Morton Isaacs, (Chairman)  
707 Summit Ave.,  
Union City, N.J.



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## CARD PARTIES — In Community Centers

February 5, 1941

My dear Friend:

With the final details of our 1941 campaign now being cleared away, I am happy indeed to say that our Fight Against Infantile Paralysis has been a great success and our total receipts may run well over \$25,000.00.

At this moment I cannot help but think of the kind and generous people who contributed so much towards making the job easier and the drive a success. Were it not for your friendly interest and the time and trouble you have taken to serve the cause the way in which you did, I cannot see how we could possibly have reached our goal.

I am personally grateful to you for your support and on behalf of our Local Chapter, I extend to you the heartiest thanks and appreciation of your efforts, and I hope you will share our feeling of pride and joy in the noble work we have undertaken and which we have so successfully completed.

Sincerely yours,

M. F. O'Donnell,  
Chairman

MFOD-G

February 6, 1941

Mr. Sam Caplan  
American Jewish Congress  
330 West 42nd St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Caplan:

Thank you so much for sending me a copy of the Congress Weekly which contained an abstract of my Washington address. It was indeed very thoughtful of you to reprint it so extensively. I am happy that there have been such wide repercussions to that address because it seems clear to me that the issues discussed in that address are rapidly becoming the most vital in American Jewish life.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK

February 6, 1941

Mr. Malcolm L. Fleischer  
233 Broadway  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Friend:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of  
your letter of January 31.

The platform of Reform Judaism, which was  
adopted in 1885, was completely revised and substituted  
for by a new platform adopted by the Central Conference  
of American Rabbis at Columbus, Ohio on May 27, 1937.  
I am enclosing herewith a copy of that platform. For  
a thorough-going discussion of it, I would suggest that  
you consult the Yearbook of the Central Conference of  
American Rabbis for 1937, as well as the Evaluation of  
Reform Judaism which took place in Chicago at a C.C.A.R.  
Conference in 1935, in which Dr. Samuel Schulman and  
I participated.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.

HARRISON M. SAYRE  
400 SOUTH FRONT STREET  
COLUMBUS, OHIO

February 8, 1941

Rabbi Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I want to express my personal appreciation for your part in our meeting last Tuesday. I hope you feel, as I do, that the movement to help individuals, groups, and communities to help themselves is one of the utmost importance. We do, indeed, need to pull ourselves together decisively or we may fall apart disastrously.

The temporary executive committee of five, named last Tuesday, met on Wednesday and decided on the name - Commission for Democracy - and suggested a list of twenty-five for the Governor's appointment. That list reduces the representation from Columbus to give more recognition to the State-at-large, and reduces the number of professional workers to make room for more laymen and more women.

We are inviting all those who attended last Tuesday's meeting to meet again, Thursday, February 13, at the Neil House, at 3 p.m., and to participate as much as possible in the Ohio Valley Conference on Education, the Community, and the National Defense, which opens that evening. Any of you whose names may be omitted on the Governor's Commission will, I know, understand the limitations under which we worked. We propose to include those names in an Advisory Council whose work and connections will be so thoroughly associated with the Commission as to be equally important.

The meeting will be listed on the bulletin board at the Neil House on Thursday as Citizens Committee for Democracy.

Hoping to see you next Thursday, February 13, at three o'clock, I am

Yours very sincerely,

*Harrison M. Sayre*  
Chairman (temporary)

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February 12, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have read your pamphlet, "The Rights of Minorities and the Next War." It is a very brave attempt to give a picture of so complicated a problem in the small space of 13 pages.

Unfortunately, some small errors have crept into the text of your writings:

1) You write on page 3 -- "They insisted....., that there be written into the fundamental law of each of these states provisions for full rights of citizenship, absolute equality before the law and cultural autonomy for all racial, religious and linguistic minorities."

May I draw your attention to the fact that the provisions of the treaty are to be recognized by Poland as fundamental law, but it was not necessary to have these same provisions written into the fundamental law of Poland. The same was the case with all other treaties.

2) The provisions of the minorities treaties did not contain, as a rule, any special provisions about cultural autonomy. There are some exceptional cases, for instance, the case of the Szekler in Rumania.

3) Is it correct to translate "Drang nach Osten" as "thrust towards the Near East?" In German, "Drang nach Osten" means "thrust towards Eastern Europe" and not Oriental Europe. The English Near East or Middle Europe is translated into the German by the word "Orient" but not "Osten."

4) On page 10 you say -- "They will seek to undermine the governments which oppress them and in the long run they will succeed, even as they succeeded in Czarist Russia."

I doubt whether the reference to Czarist Russia is historically absolutely true. On the other hand, I am not sure that it is very appropriate to make such statements.

Hoping that these observations may be of some use to you, I am  
Yours very truly,

*J. Robinson*  
J. Robinson

jr:os

February 17, 1941

Mr. Herman A. Horowitz, Editor  
The Jewish Transcript  
1616 8th Avenue  
Seattle, Washington

My dear Mr. Horowitz:

I have just read your splendid editorial on  
"Statesmanship or Philanthropy?", and may I congratulate  
you on your fine and courageous attitude. Our people  
require just that type of clear guidance as your editorial  
gives them.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

February 18, 1941

Mr. Morton Isaacs  
707 Summit Ave.  
Union City, N.J.

My dear Mr. Isaacs:

I am enclosing herewith a word of greeting to Rabbi Friedman on the occasion of his tenth anniversary.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.

February 19, 1941

Mr. Harry A. Takiff, President  
Masada  
111 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Takiff:

In reply to your kind letter permit  
me to say that I shall be very happy to serve  
on the Sponsors Committee in connection with  
the anniversary celebration of Masada.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am interested in securing affidavits for two more would-be refugees and would appreciate your giving me letters in duplicate stating that I am financially responsible, my wealth being in excess of \$200,000, and that I will perform any reasonable responsibility to which I may commit myself and never permit these people to become public charges.

One letter should be addressed to the American Consul in Vienna on behalf of Helen Kantor Kitaj, born in Vienna and at present residing at 9 Kolingasse, Vienna 9, Germany.

The other letter should be addressed to the American Consul at Budapest, Hungary, on behalf of Nicolaus Kun, born at Szeged, and at present residing at Budapest Pozsonyi.

These letters should be in duplicate, both copies attested by a notary, and sent to my office.

I will greatly appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Howard E. Wise

HEW:R

February 19, 1941

Rabbi Theodore Friedman  
Temple Beth-El of Woodcliff  
North Bergen, N.J.

My dear Friend:

Permit me to join your host of friends in extending to you my heartiest congratulations on the occasion of your tenth anniversary as spiritual leader of Temple Beth-El. I regret that I shall be unable to attend the testimonial dinner for I shall be on the Pacific Coast in connection with the United Palestine Appeal.

I know that your decade of service to your congregation has been very fruitful and blessed, and I hope that they will enjoy many more years of your distinguished leadership.

I want to thank you for the loyal and devoted service which you have rendered at all times to the cause of Palestine and to the United Palestine Appeal. My fellow officers join me in extending to you our profoundest appreciation.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



JACOB FREEDMAN, RABBI

# Temple Beth El

HIGH AND LOCUST STREETS  
Fall River, Massachusetts

TELEPHONE 5870

February 20, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have your letter of yesterday's date in reply to my suggestion that you have recorded the central portion of your Washington address which dealt with the necessity of democratizing American Jewish life.

You say that you have been asked to make a short recording for the U. P. A. campaign and that therefore you will not, because of limitations of the record which must deal more with Palestine itself, be able to say much about this theme. May I remind you that at this stage and at this critical hour of Jewish life, particularly in this country, we Zionists have an additional sacred obligation, to go "lifnim mishuras ha-din"; that is to say <sup>we</sup> must act qua democratic Jews and not merely as democratic Zionists.

The time has come when we must strike with full strength and root out the constricting forces of petty Jewish fascism in this country, - these little men who try to do big things in a small way, - they who together with their to them unknown local emulators poison Jewish life at its source in the synagogue and in communal endeavor.

You have the opportunity as a recognized, gifted and strategically placed leader to give voice to this everlasting mass Nay to money-headed and self-important and self-righteous individuals and groups who negate Jewish life and Jewish ideals and the Jewish future. To miss this opportunity would be tragic. Your message, as Abba Hillel Silver, must reach every minyan of Jews throughout the land. You must assist those men not so well known, - who are on the firing line and who are manning the bastions of local Jewish life. Surely we Zionists are not now such katzonim and such batlonim that we can't afford a recording, which even some Sunday Schools can afford!

I assure you that if I were a nationally known and recognized leader, I would not be importuning you so. I'D GO OUT AND DO IT!

Yours very sincerely,

*Jacob Freedman*  
Rabbi Jacob Freedman

RJF:E

February 21, 1941

American Consul  
Vienna  
Germany-Austria

Dear Sir:

I am pleased to give you the following information about Mr. Howard Wise who is interested in bringing to this country Helen Kantor Kitaj, at present residing at 3 Kolingasse, Vienna 9, Germany.

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 Helen Kantor Kitaj 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 ) ss  
COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA)

Sworn and subscribed to before me this \_\_\_\_\_

day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1941.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

February 21, 1941

Mr. Howard Wise  
The Arco Company  
7301 Bessemer Ave.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Wise:

Enclosed herewith are the letters which you requested of Rabbi Silver. I trust that they are satisfactory.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Enc. 4

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

# THE JEWISH TRANSCRIPT

1616 EIGHTH AVENUE  
PHONE MAIN 2715

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Feb 21 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D.D.

The Temple, Cleveland Ohio:-

Dear Rabbi;

Your letter of Feb 17 with its kind words in re our editorials has been received and gave us great satisfaction in these days when appreciation is so rare.

We are informed that you will be in Seattle during the latter part of March. We are glad and have been and will play our part in having you greeted with the largest Jewish audience that ever welcomed a visitor.

Your address will have an important bearing on the matter of allocations which will come before the Federated Fund. We shall not recede from our position that the U.P.A. is entitled at least to parity with the J.D.C. and anything special which you feel that we can do between now and the date of your Seattle appearance will be promptly done.

May I take the liberty of suggesting that you send for publication some sort of a pronouncement that may be used as a front page display the Friday issue prior to the Seattle Mass meeting.

This would be helpful in stimulating public interest in the important event.

Frankly speaking Zionist effort in this community lacks leadership and a more audible expression. The cause is sublime. An overwhelming support could be generated under proper conditions. Your visit may give the spark needed.

Sincerely,

*Herman A. Horowitz*

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February 25, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

On February 10th we wrote to you setting forth the purposes of the Interfaith Committee for Aid to the Democracies and inviting you to become a sponsor of the Jewish Section thereof.

Since then, you will be gratified to learn, the Jewish Section of the Interfaith Committee has made its first presentation to the British War Relief Society in the sum of \$40,000. for the purchase of field kitchens.

As we are desirous of completing the committee of sponsors, we should deeply appreciate it if we might have word from you at this time informing us that we may list your name.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Sincerely yours,

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GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR KIND INVITATION. WILL BE HAPPY TO  
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ANNIVERSARY OF SHOLEM ASCH. REGRET WILL BE UNABLE TO  
ATTEND CELEBRATION ON MAY FOURTH AS I AM SCHEDULED TO OPEN  
CAMPAIGN FOR UJA IN ST. LOUIS THAT EVENING. KINDEST REGARDS

A H SILVER

# Examiner

Rabbi LOUIS D. GROSS, Editor

## Bar-Mitzvah (Thirteenth Anniversary) Dinner Celebration

WALDORF ASTORIA, SUNDAY, MAY 11th, 1941

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We would be most happy if you, as a valued member of the community, would join Governor Lehman and the undersigned as an Honorary Chairman of the dinner-event now being planned to celebrate the thirteenth (Bar Mitzvah) anniversary of the Jewish Examiner, May 11th, at the Waldorf Astoria. Your consent entails no obligation of any kind.

Never in history has there been more vital need for an alert, forceful organ of publicity to enable a great community like ours to become articulate, to awaken its consciousness, give it unity, make for a better understanding between creeds and races, and promote the concepts of democracy and the American way of life.

From its inception, the Jewish Examiner has been trying to serve that need. Although it was launched in the boom days of 1929, it had scarcely begun to function when it was confronted by the severest economic crisis in history. But it weathered the storm, and not only did it accomplish the miracle of surviving without subsidy or endowment, but during these hard years it has built up a circulation serving more than 55,000 families, the largest audience in the Anglo-Jewish field in this country. It has endeavored vigorously to represent

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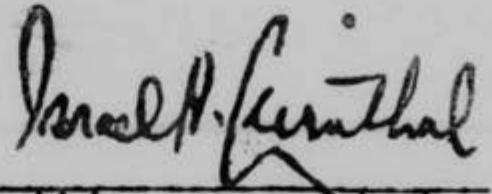
the best interests of American Jewry. Its accomplishments have been commendable and numerous.

A number of other distinguished leaders will serve with you as Honorary Chairmen.

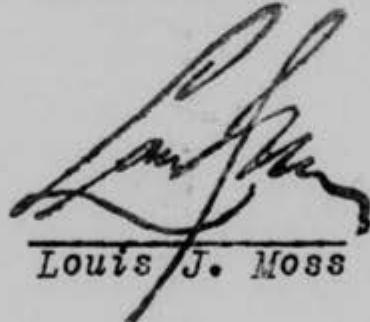
Thanking you for your kind response at an early moment, we are

Faithfully yours,

(signed)

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Rabbi I. H. Levinthal

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Hon. Mitchell May

  
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Rabbi Gross, Editor of the Examiner, has asked me to tell you that he would be especially delighted and honored if you would consent to be an Honorary Chairman of the celebration referred to in the enclosed letter of invitation signed by Rabbi Levinthal, Judge May, and Mr. Moss.

May I add that the committee in charge of the event would be happy and grateful to receive your acceptance at an early moment, so that we may go forward with the plans.

It is our wish that this anniversary function be a dynamic expression of democracy and inter-racial harmony. For this purpose the leading dignitaries of the various faiths are to be invited to participate in the program of the dinner.

Awaiting your kind reply, I am

Respectfully yours,

Harry M. Firestone

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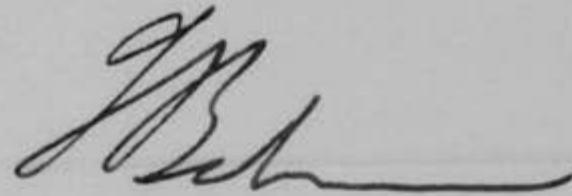
Dear Dr. Silver:

On Wednesday, we mailed you a copy of Dr. Gordis' book, *THE JEW PACES A NEW WORLD*, with our compliments and the compliments of the author.

We want to take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation and our thanks for your kind interest in the volume.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,



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March 25, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
E. 105th St. & Amsel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Alarming appeals reach us from Palestine calling for aid before it is too late. Owing to their desperate fight for existence, the independent religious educational and charitable institutions of Palestine are looking for substantial aid from America, the only country they can depend upon after the collapse of the European Jewish communities.

We enclose herein a statement from our venerable guest, the Chief Rabbi of Palestine, Dr. I. Herzog, pointing to the plight of the religious institutions in Palestine, which owing to the war most of their sources of income have ceased, and this at a time when the continued stream of immigration overburdens the current expense of the various institutions - Yeshivoth, Talmud Torahs, Hospitals, Orphanages and various relief institutions.

May we, therefore, ask you to kindly call to the attention of your congregation the sacred duty that lies upon each of us to liberally assist the independent religious institutions in Palestine at this time of distress. Contributions should be sent either through the American offices of the various institutions or through the Federated Council. In either case, the funds will be cabled to the respective institutions in Palestine.

Thanking you for your kind cooperation in this matter, and with best Passover Greetings, we are

Sincerely yours,

*Aaron Teitelbaum*  
Rabbi Aaron Teitelbaum  
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My dear Rabbi Silver:

We have had  
your sermon delivered at the  
Sunday Evening Club put into  
type. Will you please go over  
enclosed proofs and make what-  
ever revisions you wish. Some  
written-in sentences were not  
quite clear--especially at the  
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The Temple  
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In view of the discussion of the question of peace aims at a recent meeting of the Office Committee of the Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs, it occurs to me that you may be interested in seeing this material, which has been prepared by Hadassah on the subject of "Jews in Post-War Settlement".

With cordial regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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My dear Mr. Clark:

I am returning herewith the proofs which  
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before the Sunday Evening Club.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS: BK  
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The Temple,  
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Dear Sir:

I am enclosing galley proof of your address before the Thursday afternoon meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. This address will appear in the May issue of the Southern Association Quarterly.

Please check for errors of fact and return to me at your earliest convenience. You need not worry about meticulous corrections of commas and capitals, because we shall be responsible for matters of that sort.

Very sincerely yours,

*Holland Holton*

Editor.

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May I again thank you for your  
thoughtful address to our Association?

*J. H.*

May 2, 1941

Dr. Holland Holton, Editor  
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May 2, 1941

Dr. Edward N. Calisch  
Congregation Beth Ahabah  
Richmond, Va.

THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE TEMPLE JOIN ME HEARTILY IN EXTENDING TO YOU OUR WARMEST FELICITATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR DISTINGUISHED MINISTRY IN RICHMOND. WE ALSO CONGRATULATE YOUR TEMPLE ON ITS ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY. MAY OUR HEAVENLY FATHER REWARD YOU WITH GREAT CONTENTMENT AND WELL BEING FOR THE INVALUABLE SERVICES WHICH YOU HAVE RENDERED THE CAUSE OF ISRAEL, AMERICA AND HUMANITY.

Abba Hillel Silver

You are cordially invited to be present at the  
One Hundredth Anniversary Celebration  
of Congregation Beth Ahabah  
and the  
Fiftieth Anniversary  
of the ministry in Richmond of  
Rabbi Edward N. Calisch, Ph.D., D.H.L., LL.D.

May 2-3-4, 1941

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**FRIDAY, MAY 2ND—8:00 P. M.**

*Religious and Commemorative Service at Temple Beth Ahabah.*

**SATURDAY, MAY 3RD—7:00 P. M.**

*Congregational Dinner at Hotel John Marshall (formal).*

**11:00 P. M.**

*Dance at Lakeside Club sponsored by the Sisterhood and Mens' Club.*

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May 12, 1941

Rabbi Abba Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

When I talked with you by telephone last Thursday, I had in mind reporting to you in some detail regarding the developments in the Ohio Council of Churches and Religious Education and to seek your advice and counsel. Since your organization was so good as to contribute \$1,000.00 last fall and to include in your spring drive \$2,000.00 for the coming year, I wanted to keep you advised from time to time as to what is being done. I shall make it a point to call on you the first time I am in Cleveland and have opportunity.

I am sure you will be glad to know that our program is developing satisfactorily to carry the spirit of goodwill between Jews and Christians into the educational program with children and young people where it will be most effective. I have always been of the opinion that the place to create goodwill is among the younger folks so they will grow up without religious prejudices. It is far easier to develop people without prejudices than it is to cure the prejudices after they have developed.

This summer we bring together at Camp Indianola the leaders of Youth activities of the churches from all over Ohio for a training conference for 16 days. We have engaged a Jewish rabbi to spend the entire 16 days with these Youth leaders to not only help create goodwill in their own minds and hearts but to coach them on going back to their respective counties to create goodwill among Youth there.

Similarly we had quite recently a meeting of the teachers of Weekday Schools of Religion throughout Ohio. The purpose was not only to train them in doing better teaching of Religion but to carry into their schools the spirit of goodwill between Jews and Christians and to train the children in their classes in that spirit.

We sincerely believe that as this program develops, and it should develop very significantly in the next few years, that it should be shot through and through with the spirit of Inter-religious goodwill and should be very definitely designed to cultivate that spirit in children and youth on a state-wide basis.

We are indeed grateful to you and our other friends in your group in Cleveland for the help already given and the help promised in making possible the enlargement, perfection and extension of this very imperative program.

Page 2, Rabbi Abba Silver, May 12, 1941

With every good personal wish, I am

Cordially yours,

  
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May 18, 1941

Rabbi Charles E. Shulman  
North Shofe Congregation Israel  
Lincoln and Vernon Avenues  
Glencoe, Ill.

PLEASE ACCEPT MY HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS ON THE 20th ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR CONGREGATION AND THE 10th ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR MINISTRY IN GLENCOE. I JOIN YOUR MANY FRIENDS IN WISHING YOU MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN THE CAUSE OF ISRAEL AND HUMANITY.

Abba Hillel Silver

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RABBI CHARLES E. SHULMAN  
GLENCOE, ILLINOIS

May 28, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friend:

There were three messages read to the large gathering assembled to celebrate the anniversaries in Glencoe last week. Yours was among the three read.

The high respect and admiration in which we hold you and your tremendous labors in the American rabbinate made your message to me vital and significant. It is good to know that one's work is appreciated by a colleague of your worth and standing.

With warm personal greetings and regards in which Avis joins me, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Charles E. Shulman*

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June 6, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We take this opportunity to invite you to the FLYING EXERCISES of the Hechalutz Aviation School and the Chanukat Habayit Celebration of the new Hechalutz Farm at Hightstown, N.J. taking place Sunday afternoon, June 15, 1941.

You will undoubtedly realize the importance of this celebration as a factor in the molding of Jewish public opinion to face the ensuing crisis in the Near East.

The Exercises of the Aviation School will mark the completion of the first unit of the course in Aviation conducted by Hechalutz, a project undertaken to serve the needs of the building and defense of Palestine. At the same time, the purchase of the new Hechalutz farm at Hightstown, N.J., will be celebrated.

We have invited representatives of the Jewish and English press and the news reels to report this double celebration.

We believe that your presence will enhance the significance of this occasion and we ask you, if at all possible, to please be with us on that day.

Sincerely yours,

HECHALUTZ ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

*Harry Sosewitz*

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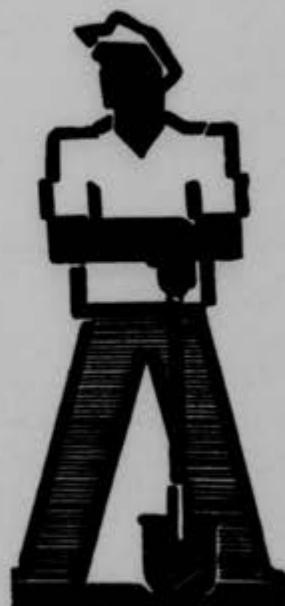
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June 25, 1941.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It was very kind of you to come to  
our bookshop for an autographing party. We  
were delighted to have you with us.

I am sure the book will continue to  
have a good sale, and Cleveland can be very  
proud of its author.

Sincerely yours,

VH:B

*Veronica Feldman*

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Rabbi Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

At the suggestion of Mrs. A. W. Jones of Armonk, New York, I am writing you to ask if you would be interested in helping us set up a local chapter of the Fight for Freedom Committee in Cleveland.

We are most desirous of getting an active militant chapter started in your city. Up to date we have not done very much about it. If you have any suggestions along this line, I would appreciate them very much.

I am sending under separate cover a complete kit of all the material we have on hand for distribution as well as suggestions as to how we are setting up other local branches throughout the country and the procedure of the committee after once having been organized.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am

Sincerely yours,

*A. Liddon Graham*

A. Liddon Graham  
Director of Organization

ALG/n

August 18, 1941.

American Jewish Congress,  
330 W. 42nd Street,  
New York City.

Gentlemen:

A friend has called my attention to an editorial which appeared in the Spanish newspaper "LaPrensa" in New York on the subject of a commission which had been appointed by the Congress of Bolivia, on the basis of a bill introduced which is hostile to the Jews of Bolivia. He sent me the enclosed copy of the editorial. I would appreciate if you would give me whatever information you have on the subject.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

AHS:me  
Encl.

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August 26, 1941

Rabbi Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver -

We have been told that recently the daughter of Maxine Nordan spoke at your Temple.

The local Hadassah chapter is anxious to secure her as a speaker for their Annual Donors Meeting on October 21st.

Could you give us her address so that we can write to her, please?

Very truly yours  
Petriede P. Levy  
(Mrs. Jacob Levy)

5324 Southern Blvd.  
Youngstown, Ohio

August 28, 1941.

Mrs. Jacob Levy,  
5324 Southern Boulevard,  
Youngstown, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Levy:

The address of Madam Maxim Nordau  
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With all good wishes, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

AHS:me

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on

## **Professor Abraham S. E. Yahuda**



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# SOME BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

ON

## Professor Abraham Shalom Ezekiel Yahuda

By ARTHUR MEYEROWITZ

Dr. Abraham S. E. Yahuda, well known Orientalist and Biblical scholar, was born in Jerusalem, from British born parents, June 18, 1877. He received his education in Palestine, England and in Germany at the Universities of Heidelberg and Strasbourg.

From 1905 to 1914 he was Professor of Biblical Exegesis and Semitic Philology at the "Hochschule fuer die Wissenschaft des Judentums" in Berlin and was also appointed as a lecturer for Arabic at the Orientalische Seminar of the University of Berlin. From 1915 to 1922 he was Professor of Hebrew Literature of the Jewish Spanish Epoch at the University of Madrid and of Semitic Philology at the Centro de Estudios Historicos in Madrid. After that Dr. Yahuda lectured at many universities and colleges, chiefly in England, at King's College, University College, The Royal Asiatic Society of London, in Oxford, Cambridge, in Cairo, Jerusalem, etc., and lately at Lisbon.

The field of Dr. Yahuda's studies covers Oriental languages, Semitic Philology, Arabic Culture and Islam, Moorish Civilization in Spain, particularly the History and Literature of the Jews in Spain, and Biblical relationships to all neighboring countries and languages.

Among Yahuda's publications are:

- Pre-Islamic History of the Arabs (In Hebrew) 1893-4.
- Arabic Poetry of the Jews in Spain (Hebrew) 1895.
- Hebrew Translations of Pre-Islamic Arabic Poetry 1896, and 1903.
- Hapax Legomena in the Old Testament (German) 1902.
- The Biblical Exegesis in its Relation to Semitic Philology (German) 1906.
- Bagdad Proverbs (German) 1906.
- Jemenite Proverbs (German) 1911.
- "Critical Edition of the Arabic Original Text of the Hoboth-Hallebboth Bahya Ibn Joseph Pakuda" 1912.
- Contribucion al Estudio del Judeo-Espanol, 1915.
- The Religious Poetry of Gabirol and Halevi (Spanish), 1915.
- The Language of the Pentateuch in its Relation to Egyptian (in German, Berlin, 1929, and in English, Oxford, 1933).
- The Accuracy of the Bible (London, 1934, New York, 1935, etc., etc.).

Among the several Jewish scholars who have come to our shores in recent years, there is none as colorful a personality as Dr. Yahuda. He represents the happiest blending of the ancient wisdom of the Orient with the modern methods of scientific research. Dr. Yahuda is an Orientalist in the true sense of the word, for he is the undisputed master of the languages and literatures of the Hebrews, Arabs, Egyptians, Assyrians, Babylonians, etc. As Arabist, Dr. Yahuda may well be considered the greatest living student of the vast classic literatures and civilizations of the Arabs since pre-Mohammedan days, covering all countries inhabited by Moslems and civilized by Islam.

The descendant of an illustrious Hispano-Jewish family, whose members for centuries lived and flourished in Bagdad, Bassora, Calcutta and Jerusalem, Dr. Yahuda traces his family tree as far back as the Gaonim of Babylon on one side, and on the other side to Spanish ancestry as far back as the 12th century.

The Bible constitutes his most favorite study from his early childhood in the Holy City of Jerusalem. Hardly a lad of ten, he translated the book of Daniel from the

Aramaic original into Biblical Hebrew. At the age of 16 he published a book on the History of the Arabs before Mohammed, which has seen two editions. His mastery of languages is phenomenal. Dr. Yahuda has lectured in Hebrew, Arabic, Spanish, German, English, French, etc. What Dr. Max Nordau described in the Jewish Chronicle of London as Dr. Yahuda's "triumph," was his appointment by King Alphonso XIII of Spain in 1915, through a special royal decree, as Professor of Hebrew literature, especially of the Spanish-Jewish period, at the University of Madrid. Not since the days of Abraham Zacuta, the famous Jewish Mathematician and Astronomer, and Professor at the University of Salamanca, whose works were used by Columbus on his first voyage of discovery of the new world, had a Jew occupied a Professorship at a public institution of learning in Spain.

Among his numerous works, Dr. Yahuda's *Magnum Opus* is the first publication of the Arabic text of the "Hoboth Hallebboth," of the great medieval religious philosopher Bahya Ibn Pakuda, together with an exhaustive study on its relations to Arabic philosophy and Moslem Mysticism.

Dr. Yahuda's studies on the Bible, the results of his researches on the language of the Koran, etc., have engaged the attention of Biblical and Oriental scholars the world over.

One of the most important aims of Dr. Yahuda's life's work was to establish, whether the so-called school of higher Biblical Criticism, which has its strongest supporters and most radical protagonists among German Old Testament scholars, was right, in pretending that the five books of Moses were not authentic, but a conglomerate of texts composed by different authors in different epochs, many centuries after Moses: or whether the traditional Jewish view was correct, namely that the Pentateuch was written by Moses, and consequently is a genuine product of the time of the Exodus of the children of Israel from Egypt in the fifteenth century B. C. Long before Dr. Yahuda left Madrid in 1921, he devoted most of his energy and studies to uncover the languages and archaeology of neighboring countries and peoples of the Land of Israel in Biblical times, particularly those of Aramea, Assyria and Babylonia and of the peoples of the Arabic peninsula. But it was only when he specialized in the study of Hieroglyphics of ancient Egypt that Dr. Yahuda came nearer to the end of his investigations. These studies led him to the discovery of the close relationship between the Egyptian and Hebrew languages, and through these studies he was able to challenge the theories of the so-called Biblical critics. In his book, "The Language of Pentateuch in its Relation to Egyptian," published by the Oxford University Press in 1933, and in his more popular book, "The Accuracy of the Bible," published in 1935, Dr. Yahuda succeeded in proving through linguistic and archaeological evidence from Assyrian, Babylonian and Egyptian monuments, that the literary language of the Pentateuch was a creation of the Hebrews during their sojourn in Egypt and that the Pentateuch could not have been written in another time than that of the Exodus in the fifteenth century B. C. Dr. Yahuda's discoveries have since been enhanced and confirmed by recent excavations, particularly those at Jericho, and the results of his investigations are now being accepted and considered fundamental, not only for the language of the Bible, but also in general for the archaeological problems of Oriental antiquity.

Dr. Yahuda is not merely a scholar but also takes a keen and active interest in world and Jewish affairs. While in Madrid during the World War, through his influence with the King, and the Government of Spain, Dr. Yahuda was able to assist many Jewish communities in the Near East and countless refugees from countries involved in the great war, and to prevent the total evacuation of the Jews from Palestine in 1917.

During his sojourn in the United States, Dr. Yahuda will lecture at various American universities, colleges, and before scientific bodies and different organizations.

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