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Whereas in the public press it has been stated that automobile tires, tubes and other accessories will be limited and rationed for national defense purposes and,

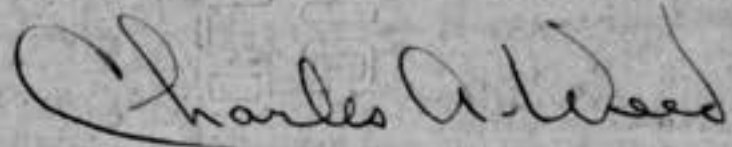
Whereas, we completely agree in such a decision by the Federal Government and

Whereas the public press states that Mr. Leon Henderson's ruling makes an exception of physicians because of the nature of their services and

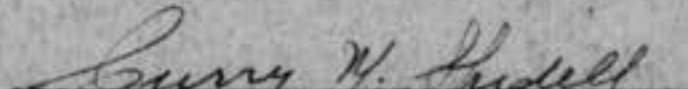
Whereas the spiritual ministrations to the sick and the dying, services for the deceased, emergency calls, etc., of the clergy are an important and necessary part of public morale

Be it resolved, that we the Baptist Ministers Association of Cleveland urgently request Mr. Leon Henderson to make an exception of all regularly ordained ministers who can give evidence that they are in good standing in their denominations; and who are active and employed in the ministry.

Respectfully submitted,



Rev. Charles A. Weed, Pres.


Rev. Curry M. Spidell, Sec'y

January 5, 1942

Miss Martha Neumark, Executive Editor
Independent Jewish Press Service, Inc.
207 Fourth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Neumark:

I wish I were able to give you what you asked for in your letter of December 20, but I am so busy that I haven't the time to put down in writing the answers to the questions which you propound.

You may be interested, however, in a statement which I presented to the City Club of Cleveland a few days ago in a symposium on "The Shape of Things to Come". It suggests what in my judgment are likely to be the great spiritual strains in our country following the war which will require great vigilance on our part as Jews and as Americans.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

January 6, 1942

Dr. Harry Friedenwald
1212 Eutaw Place
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Dr. Friedenwald:

I received your note of December 28. I trust that it may be possible for you to come to Cleveland for the National Conference of the United Palestine Appeal. It would give me great pleasure indeed to see you and to talk with you.

With reference to the Civil Liberties affair: - I did not write you any further after my letter of December 19, 1940, because I had no additional information to give you. Since then the New York statute has been outlawed, and the war has made the entire subject, for the time being at least, academic.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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January 7, 1942

Mr. Paul Bellamy
Editor, The Cleveland Plain Dealer
Cleveland, Ohio

MAY I JOIN YOUR HOST OF FRIENDS THROUGHOUT THE NATION IN EXTENDING TO YOU MY HEARTIEST FELICITATIONS ON THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PLAIN DEALER. THE LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY IS THE RICHER FOR THE INESTIMABLE LEADERSHIP WHICH YOUR GREAT NEWSPAPER HAS GIVEN IT THROUGH THE YEARS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

The Quadrangle Club

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January 7, 1942

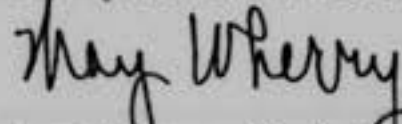
Rabbi Abbe H. Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed you will please find a bill for the rental of Room No. 22 at the Quadrangle Club on December 8, 1941. There is no charge, of course, for the two nights you stayed in the President's suite as you were a guest of the University.

Very truly yours,

THE QUADRANGLE CLUB



May Wherry, Club Manager

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January 8, 1942

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
THE TEMPLE
Cleveland
OHIO

Dear Dr. Silver:

I deeply appreciate your kind note of January 5th and your helpfulness in sending along the statement you made before the City Club. I think the country expects clarifying expressions from you from time to time on basic issues. I know that the statement on war policy by you which we issued some months ago had an extraordinary response.

With warm personal regards --

Sincerely yours,

Martha Neumark
m.d.

Martha Neumark
Executive Editor

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OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

115 BROADWAY, NEW YORK CITY • BA 7-8400

Beryl Harold Levy

January 9, 1942

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Under separate cover we are sending you the program of the Institute of Jewish Affairs and issues of its monthly bulletin. The Institute was launched last February under the auspices of the World and American Jewish Congresses to prepare scientific materials on the situation of the Jews since the last war. On the basis of its statistical and documentary data and its objective findings of fact, analyses will eventually be made leading to a legal brief formulating the claims of Jews for their rehabilitation and freedom in a general post-war adjustment. As the Rt. Hon. Arthur Greenwood, member of the present British Government, wrote to the Congress on August 9, 1940: "In the rebuilding of civilized society after the war, there should and will be a real opportunity for Jews everywhere to make a distinctive and constructive contribution; and all men of good will must assuredly hope that in the New Europe, the Jewish people, in whatever country they may live, will have freedom and full equality before the law with every other citizen."

Our Advisory Council is now in process of formation. Among those who have already accepted are the following: Louis Adamic, Joseph P. Chamberlain, Lloyd K. Garrison, Oscar I. Janowsky, Horace M. Kallen, Robert S. Lynd, Thomas Mann, Margaret Mead, Jerome Michael, Wesley Mitchell, Ralph B. Perry, Hans Simons and Leo Wolman. We earnestly and cordially invite you to become a member. No obligation will be involved, unless you would care to advise us in your special field should occasion arise. Essentially, the function of the Advisory Council is to serve as an endorsement by leading scholars and thinkers of the objectives of the Institute as an independent research enterprise. We all believe that you would wish to be associated with us and we need not say how much authority your name will add to our efforts.

Very sincerely yours,

Beryl Harold Levy

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January 16, 1942

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
THE TEMPLE
Cleveland
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Dear Dr. Silver:

I thought you might like to have this copy of
your article on THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME,
that we used as part of our symposium.

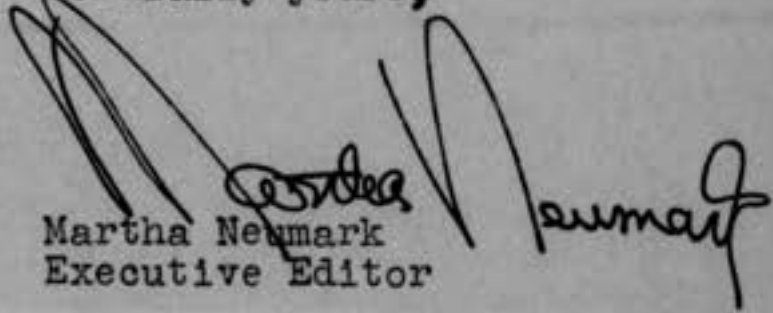
Many thanks again for your splendid co-operation.

With warm personal regards --

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Cordially yours,


Martha Neumark
Executive Editor

THE CLEVELAND BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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CLEVELAND, OHIO

D. R. SHARPE
Executive Secretary

Telephone: CHerry 4186

January 16, 1942

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

My dear Abe:

Enclosed is a Resolution recently adopted by the Baptist Ministers Association. Please take a moment to read it as it has to do with that most important item - - - rubber.

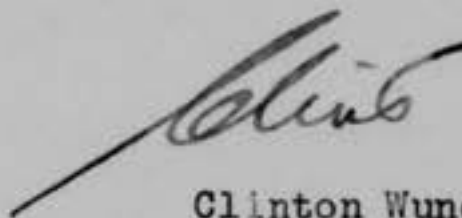
We are sending copies of this Resolution to the heads of all Protestant denominations here in the city, to the Federation of Churches and to the Federal Council of Churches in New York City, and others, urging that they adopt a similar resolution and forward it with a strong letter to Leon Henderson in Washington.

I am also sending a copy of it to Rabbi Lazarou in Baltimore.

It occurred to me that you may be interested in presenting it to your Association of Rabbis here in greater Cleveland and that you might care to make any wider use of it which you see fit.

Ever with kind regards,

Sincerely yours,



Clinton Wunder,
Associate Secretary

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January 18, 1942

Rabbi Morton M. Berman
Temple Isaiah Israel
Grand Ballroom
Palmer House
Chicago, Ill.

PLEASE CONVEY TO THE MEMBERS OF TEMPLE ISAIAH ISRAEL MY HEARTIEST FELICITATIONS AND THOSE OF THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF MY CONGREGATION ON THE OCCASION OF THE NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR GREAT RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION SO RICH IN TRADITION AND IN SERVICE. MAY OUR HEAVENLY FATHER GRANT IT AN EVEN LARGER MEASURE OF SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP IN THE ONCOMING YEARS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS
of
TEMPLE ISAAH ISRAEL

Chicago, Illinois
cordially invite you to

a Dinner

in celebration of its
NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY

to be held in the
GRAND BALLROOM
PALMER HOUSE

Sunday evening, January eighteenth
Nineteen hundred and forty-two
at six o'clock

Informal

Program

Temple Isaiah Israel
The United Congregations B'nai Sholom, Israel and Isaiah

NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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Friday Evening, January 16, at 8:15 o'clock

Guest Preachers

RABBI JACOB P. RUDIN

Temple Beth El, Great Neck, Long Island

DEAN CHARLES W. GILKEY

Dean, Rockefeller Chapel of the University of Chicago

NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY COMMUNITY SERVICE

Saturday Morning, January 17, at 10:15 o'clock

Guest Preacher

RABBI CHARLES E. SHULMAN

Rabbi, North Shore Congregation Israel

Rabbis in the community will share in the conduct of the service

ISAIAH ISRAEL SCHOOL CELEBRATION

Sunday Morning, January 18, at 10:15 o'clock

"FOUR SCORE YEARS AND TEN"

Dramatization of Our History

Presented by

THE CHILDREN OF ISAIAH ISRAEL SCHOOL

Directed by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Simon

NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY DINNER
Sunday Evening, January 18, at 6:00 o'clock
PALMER HOUSE

Theme: Unity for Victory

National Anthem

Eva Gordon Horadesky

Invocation

RABBI EARL S. STONE

Lieutenant Chaplain, United States Army

Introductory Word

HERMAN L. KORACH

President, Temple Isaiah Israel

Toastmaster

HONORABLE ULYSSES S. SCHWARTZ

*Judge, Superior Court of Cook County
President, Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago*

Greetings

RABBI MORRIS TELLER

President, Chicago Rabbinical Association

Addresses

HONORABLE DWIGHT H. GREEN

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HONORABLE EDWARD J. KELLY

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER-

THE TEMPLE CLEVELAND

THE COUNCIL IS ON THE EVE OF ITS GREATEST USEFULNESS. FOR A YEAR AND HALF THE COUNCIL CORE CONSISTING OF FEWER THAN A HUNDRED PEOPLE HAS BEEN QUIETLY AT WORK BUILDING AN EFFECTIVE PUBLIC RELATIONS MECHANISM FOR THE DEMOCRATIC IDEA. SOME IMPORTANT THINGS HAVE BEEN DONE. BUT CHIEFLY IT HAS BEEN A PERIOD OF PREPARATION FOR THE CRUCIAL WAR TIME AND AFTER. NOW THE NEED IS GREATEST FOR A VOICE WITH A POSITIVE ORIENTATION TOWARD THE PROBLEMS OF A DEMOCRACY AT WAR. NOW WE MUST KEEP BEFORE THE PUBLIC MIND OUR DEMOCRATIC GOALS IN THE WAR. AND NOW WE MUST FIGHT HYSTERIA AND PREJUDICE. SINCE PEARL HARBOR WE HAVE BEEN WORKING TO DEVELOP CITIZENS FOR VICTORY, A MASS MEMBERSHIP ACTIVIST MORALE-BUILDING AGENCY. WITH THE COUNCIL CONTINUING ITS GENERAL STAFF OPERATIONS IN THE MORALE-BUILDING FIELD, CITIZENS FOR VICTORY WILL OFFER CHANNELS TO THE COMMON PEOPLE OF EVERY COMMUNITY. A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT IS ABOUT TO BE MADE CONCERNING CITIZENS FOR-

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VICTORY, AND WE HOPE THAT THE THREE-POINT PROGRAM OF
WINNING THE WAR, ESTABLISHING A JUST PEACE, AND KEEPING
ALIVE THE DEMOCRATIC CONSCIENCE WILL GIVE OUR JOINT FUND-
RAISING EFFORT A WIDE PUBLIC APPEAL. IN THE MEANTIME
HOWEVER THE COUNCIL IS IN A VERY CRITICAL FINANCIAL
POSITION AND LACKS EVEN THE MODERATE FUNDS REQUIRED TO KEEP
GOING DURING THE NEXT 30 DAY PERIOD UNTIL THE JOINT PUBLIC
EFFORT BEARS FRUIT. I AM APPEALING TO SOME OF THE DIRECTORS
AND CLOSE FRIENDS OF THE COUNCIL PRIVATELY FOR IMMEDIATE
ASSISTANCE IN ANY AMOUNT. EVEN MODERATE AMOUNTS NOW WILL
EXERCISE A CONSIDERABLE LEVERAGE, CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
COUNCIL ARE OF COURSE TAX DEDUCTIBLE=

ERNEST ANGELL PRESIDENT COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRACY.

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The Cleveland News

OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT
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January 22, 1942

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

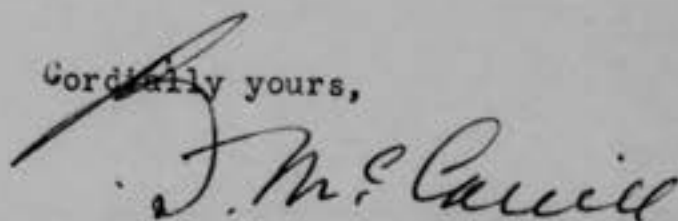
On Wednesday next, January 28, at 6:30 at the Statler Hotel, the Boy Scouts of Cleveland will hold their annual dinner meeting and we would consider it a great honor if you would be with us on this occasion and give the invocation. Due to the war, this meeting will take on added importance, particularly in light of the Scout activity in connection with Civilian Defense.

Grove Patterson, Editor of the Toledo Blade, will deliver the principal address and brief messages will be given by James E. West, National Scout Executive, Mayor Frank Lausche and Paul Bellamy, Editor of the Plain Dealer. We hope to have between 600 and 700 in attendance.

I realize that you are an extremely busy man but I do hope that your program will make it possible for you to be with us.

Cordially yours,

C. F. McCahill



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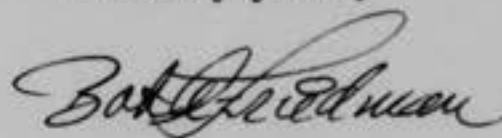
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
E. 105th St. & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was very much interested in your radio speech over the National Broadcasting network on Sunday, January 18 on the topic, "Palestine's position in Post-War Reconstruction." The Town Hall discussion group of our Hillel Foundation is using the same topic as one aspect of its program. We should very much appreciate it if you could find it convenient to send us a copy of your speech to use as part of our bibliography.

Hoping that your recent Zionist conference bore the fruits commensurate to its efforts, I am

Cordially yours,



Bob A. Friedman,
STUDENT DIRECTOR

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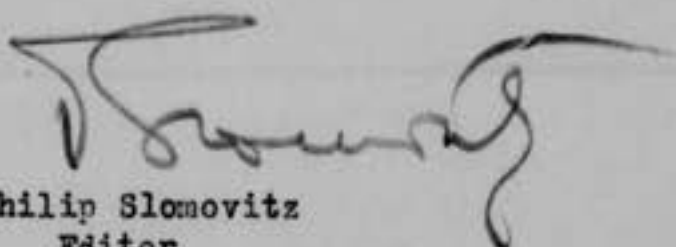
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
THE TEMPLE
Cleveland, O.

Dear Dr. Silver,

You have no doubt already seen the enclosed--and I have already congratulated you in person. But what you did was so masterful that I must put my impression down in writing. It was a grand job, and we'll need more of it as time goes on.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,



Philip Slomovitz
Editor

January 27, 1942

Mr. Philip Slomovitz, Editor
The Detroit Jewish Chronicle
525 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, Michigan

My dear Mr. Slomovitz:

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me the copy of the Detroit Jewish Chronicle which contained your report of the Conference and the very high praise which you paid to my address. I appreciate greatly all that you say. I am happy that the Conference was so eminently successful and I am hopeful that it will produce good results for our cause.

With all good wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

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BERYL HAROLD LEVY

115 Broadway
New York City
January 29, 1942

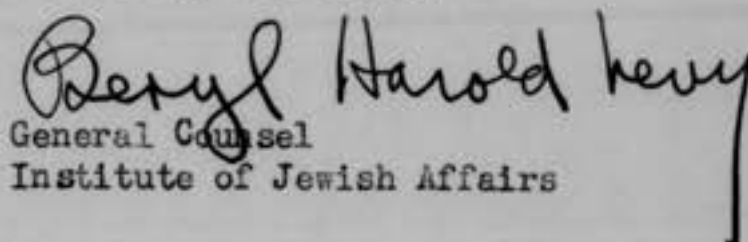
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In pursuance of my recent letter, I am writing to tell you that I shall be in Cleveland some time during the week of February 2nd and that our Board has asked me to tell you that it is very earnestly hoping that you will be able to arrange to confer with me for the purpose of learning about the work of our Institute in preparing materials for the eventual peace conference.

I shall telephone your study when I arrive.

Yours very sincerely,


General Counsel
Institute of Jewish Affairs

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744 JACKSON PLACE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

HOMER FOLKS, *Vice Chairman*

February 4, 1942

From these principles
will come America's strength
today and tomorrow

Children and young people who are healthy, self-reliant, well-trained, and aggressively loyal are vital to the security of our country. Especially during wartime we must maintain adequate standards of health, welfare, and education to develop and protect our Number 1 National Resource.

In this belief the Emergency Cooperating Committee was formed, and to this end it is bringing to the attention of all who should be interested, two long-range programs.

The American Youth Commission's plan for action is set forth in the general report of its six-year investigation--

YOUTH AND THE FUTURE

which will be published this month. Written in the light of wartime realities, it is of particular value in relating immediate needs and measures to the long-term planning essential to postwar reconstruction.

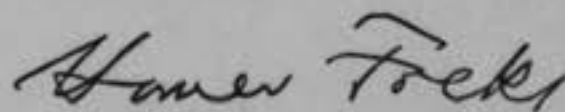
The White House Conference on Children in a Democracy in various publications has presented its recommendations, which likewise have special significance in wartime. They should be widely known and thoughtfully considered. Convenient "Working Kits" of publications concerning the Conference are available at \$1.25 each.

Copies of Youth and the Future may be obtained at a net cost of \$2.13, by taking advantage of the 15% pre-publication discount before February 19, 1942, if the enclosed order form is used.

Sincerely,



Floyd W. Reeves, Chairman



Homer Folks, Vice Chairman

William Agar, Educational Director

February 4, 1942

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing a statement concerning some of the recent Axis anti-religious propaganda. Needless to say, this has come to me through certain connections in Washington, but it must be given out as all our former statements were given out, that is, as a statement from a group of citizens. I hope that you will feel like signing this and urge you with all the emphasis I can that you do so and return it to me immediately at the above address. I am sending this to approximately sixty ministers, rabbis, and priests and hope to get a good number of names before releasing it to the press.

It appears to me that the present Axis propaganda directed toward the division of the various religious groups in this country and their severance as a whole from South America is becoming increasingly dangerous and that we must do something to combat it immediately.

I trust that I may hear from you within a few days.

Very sincerely yours

William M. Agar

William M. Agar
For the Interfaith Committee

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1140 BROADWAY, Room 806
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MORDECAI NEWMAN

February 5, 1942

Dr. Abba H. Silver
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr Silver:-

Next summer will be forty years since the creative works in Poetry and Prose of the great Hebrew Poet Zalman Schneur were first published, a great many of them have never seen light at all.

A group of personal friends of the Poet together with representatives of various organisations have met with a view to form a Committee for the celebration of the Fortieth Anniversary, in a manner befitting the great Poet and his creations. The object of this Committee is to create a living monument to Zalman Schneur by publishing all his works in Hebrew.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, I take pleasure in requesting your esteemed support by lending your name as a member of this Committee, the formation of which will be announced shortly.

Sincerely yours

M. Newman
Mordecai Newman
Secretary

114 Desmond Street
Sayre, Pennsylvania
February 7, 1942

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It is with hesitation that I take the liberty of intruding upon your busy affairs. Only the urgency of the request and the deep desire for information suffice to overcome my reluctance.

At the request of our small congregation, I am writing to ascertain what demands the several Jewish organizations, as the B'nai B'rith, the American Jewish Committee, and others, have formulated for the Peace Conference to be held when hostilities cease. Further, we would like to know what steps are being taken to insure uniform demands by these various representatives of American Jewry. The experiences of the Paris Conference would seem to indicate that co-operation leading to unanimity of purpose should prevail now and not be delayed until the war's end. In short, what steps have been and are being taken to co-ordinate the efforts of the various Jewish organizations towards the formulation of definite demands and aims when peace comes, and what are these aims and demands?

Our members feel that the leaders of American Jewry must take an active part in coalescing the hopes and purposes of various individuals, lodges, committees and congresses into a unified Statement of Aims of the Jews of America for a better world.

I trust that you will find time to answer these questions, for I believe they are symptomatic of a general desire for exact information in our Jewish population. Thank you very much for your attention to this letter.

Respectfully,

Seaman Tanenhaus
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February 8, 1942

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

The Temple

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My dear Rabbi Silver:

The Cleveland Hebrew School and Institute extends a cordial invitation to you and to Mrs. Silver to attend our Educational Dinner which takes place on Sunday, February 15, 1942, 7 P.M., at the Jewish Center auditorium.

We hope that you will join us in this communal - educational celebration.

Cordially yours

THE CLEVELAND HEBREW SCHOOL & INSTITUTE



M. Medini, Superintendent

MM/rz

February 9, 1942

Mr. Mordecai Newman
Suite 607
111 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Newman:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of February 5. You may include my name as a member of the Committee which you are forming to celebrate the Fortieth Anniversary of Zalman Shneour's literary activity.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are pleased to inform you that the International Relief Association and the Emergency Rescue Committee of which Frank Kingdon is chairman have merged. The name of the new organization is the International Rescue and Relief Committee and the officers are: Charles A. Beard, Honorary Chairman; Frank Kingdon, Chairman; Freda Kirchwey, Sterling D. Spero, Ingrid Warburg and L. Hollingsworth Wood, Vice-Chairmen; David F. Seiferheld, Treasurer; and Sheba Strunsky, Executive Secretary.

The boards of directors of the two committees have also been merged. The old IRA will retain its corporate identity in case it should be necessary for it to resume its activities at some future date. Under the present arrangement, however, all independent IRA activities are suspended and all of its work will be taken over by the new organization.

We know you will be pleased to hear that rescue work has not been terminated by the war even though the difficulties have increased. United States visas are still being granted to aliens from neutral or friendly countries and in rare cases even to so-called "enemy aliens" whose loyalty can be proven. We are also able to obtain Mexican visas for those who cannot come to the United States and according to a cable just received both committees now have at least 60 people on board the steamers Serpapinto and Nyassa. Both of these ships have already sailed from Lisbon.

We enclose a copy of our certified accountant's financial statement for 1941.

Very sincerely yours,

Sheba Strunsky

Sheba Strunsky
Executive Secretary

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Enc.

February 11, 1941

Mr. M. Medini, Superintendent
The Cleveland Hebrew School & Institute
10523 Superior Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Medini:

Permit me to thank you and
The Cleveland Hebrew School and Institute
for your cordial invitation to attend
the dinner on February 15. I wish I were
free to come. Unfortunately, However, I have
weddings on that evening which make it impossible
for me to attend.

With all good wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

AHS:EK

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February 13th, 1942.
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.
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105th and Ansel Road.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Word has just reached us that you will be in San Francisco on February 24th. Our annual Donor Luncheon is planned for twelve-thirty noon of that day at the Palace Hotel; with Miss Gisella Warburg, National Youth Aliyah Chairman, as our guest speaker. We cordially extend you an invitation to be our guest at this luncheon and hope you will be able to arrange your time accordingly.

Awaiting your acceptance and with kind Hadassah greetings, we remain,

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Morris B. Cohn.

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February 16, 1942

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

You have been a sponsor of the International Relief Association since the formation of its American Committee in 1933. Since the International Relief Association and the Emergency Rescue Committee have suspended their independent activities and have combined to form a new organization, the International Rescue and Relief Committee, to take over their work we are sure you will have no objection to becoming a sponsor of the new committee.

We enclose a sheet of the old ERC stationary listing the sponsors of that organization all of whom, we understand, have consented to sponsor the new committee.

Please indicate your consent on the enclosed card and return to the International Rescue and Relief Committee at the above address as soon as you conveniently can do so.

Very sincerely yours,

Freda Kirchwey *Sterling D. Spero*
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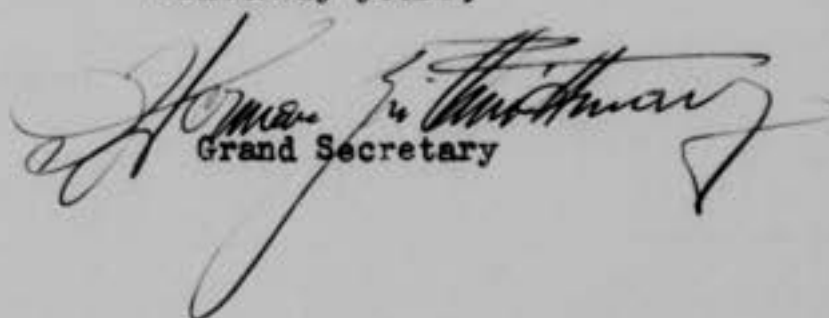
Dear Rabbi Silver:

May I take the liberty of reminding you that we are going to press with the Souvenir Journal for our Order Day on March 1st and we should very much like to have your greetings reach us before that date.

You will recall that this occasion, the thirty-fourth annual Order Day, is dedicated in tribute to Dr. Stephen S. Wise on the occasion of his birthday; and also commemorates the 40th anniversary of the Jewish National Fund.

Looking forward to the pleasure of receiving your greeting,
I am,

Sincerely yours,



Grand Secretary

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SUNDAY EVENING, MARCH 15, 1942

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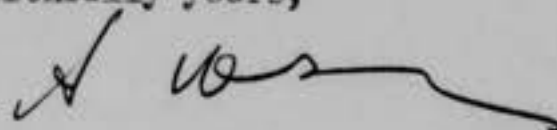
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

We understand that you have been invited by the U.P.A. of Gt. Britain to visit England in the interests of the drive and that you intend shortly leaving for London.

Before publishing this report we should like to verify it and should be grateful if you would let us know whether it is correct.

Faithfully yours,



THE JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF AMERICA
NEW YORK CITY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 24, 1942

Dear Doctor Silver:

I want to thank you most cordially for sending me a copy of your address, In War and Peace. As you know, I read everything you write with a great deal of admiration and much interest. It seems to me that the situation which the Jews are going to face in the post-war world requires a good deal of very careful thinking and planning. I would very much like to have the opportunity of conversation with you on the situation as I see it, and on the dangers we face and the manner in which I think they can be escaped. I would appreciate it very much if you would let me know when you expect to be in New York next, so that we can meet. If I should come to Cleveland, I would, of course, like to call on you.

With warm regards, I am

Cordially, as ever,


Louis Finkelstein

Doctor Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
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In reply refer to

February 25, 1942.


Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road and East 105th St.
Cleveland, O.

Dear Sir,

I am sending you a copy of the message broadcast by Mr. Hubert Ripka, Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs in the Czechoslovak Government, from London to the Jews in Czechoslovakia.

I hope that you will find it interesting because it reflects not only the policy of the Czechoslovak Government but also the feelings of the Czechoslovak people.

Very sincerely your


J. Gardavský
Consul

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February 26, 1942

Dr. Louis Finkelstein
The Jewish Theological Seminary of America
Broadway at 122nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Finkelstein:

Thank you for your kind note. I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing to me. The next time I get to New York for more than a few hours stay I shall give myself the pleasure of calling on you. I, too, would very much like to talk over with you some of the things which are of common interest to us.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:EK

March 2, 1942

Mr. J. Gardavsky, Consul
Czechoslovak Consulate
1900 Euclid Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Gardavsky:

Permit me to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of the message which was broadcast by Mr. Hubert Ripka. I read it with the greatest of interest. It is a splendid document.

I trust that you are well, and I wish you all prosperity.

Most cordially,

AHS:BK

March 2, 1942

Mr. Seaman Tanenhaus
114 Desmond Street
Sayre, Pa.

My dear Mr. Tanenhaus:

Let me thank you for your letter of February 7. I would suggest that you direct your inquiry either to the American Jewish Committee or to the Jewish Congress. Both of these organizations have been working in the field in which you are interested, and they may be in a position to give you the information which you desire.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Telephone
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NEW YORK, N. Y.

March 3, 1942

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Everyone today recognizes the fact that war creates difficulties for all of us. But there are not many people who are aware of the greater difficulties besetting youth, especially Zionist Youth.

Because we feel you are close to our problems, we are anxious to have you and our other friends join with us at our Ninth Anniversary Celebration.

We hope you will agree to serve on the Sponsors Committee for that affair which will be in the form of a Melavah Malkah (and supper-dance) on Saturday Evening, April 18th, at the Hotel Riverside Plaza, 253 West 73 St., New York City.

Cordially,

Sarah A. Kisch

Sarah A. Kisch,
Chairman
Melavah Malkah

sak;rfg

March 8, 1942

Sarah A. Kisch, Chairman Melava Malkah
Masada
111 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Kisch:

As you probably learned by this time,
Rabbi Silver has left for England on an important
Zionist mission and will be gone for several
weeks. When he returns to Cleveland I shall be
pleased to refer your letter to his attention.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

National Kindergarten Association

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March 9, 1942.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
420 Rowlands Building,
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Silver:

It was with interest that I noticed your name as State Chairman of the White House Conference on Children in a Democracy.

Since Mr. Field suggests that communities list their resources for the welfare of children and since he very rightfully includes kindergartens among the educational services and also among the social services for children, you might like to have some of our material for your file. A few samples of our free leaflets are enclosed.

Whenever you hear of a community where a kindergarten is needed, we shall appreciate it if you will suggest to the community leaders to write to us, or send us the names of interested persons so that we may offer our free services to help arouse interest in the provision of kindergartens for the local children.

At no previous period has the American kindergarten been so necessary. In many communities mothers of young children are already working outside of their homes. The war has also brought an atmosphere of sadness and worry to many homes and very young children sense this. With a well-directed program of activities and a teacher trained to understand the age-group in question, a kindergarten provides the busy regularity and the sense of security so much needed in these troubled times. As of course you know, it also gives children an opportunity to learn and practise the democratic way of life.

In addition to providing free leaflets to arouse kindergarten interest, we can lend colored posters for display and a program on kindergarten values prepared for use at meetings. We also have a 16mm. kindergarten motion picture film for which we can book dates, without charge. Free advice and consultation with this office and with our Field Secretaries is also available. Do let us hear from you whenever we may be of assistance in your state.

Very sincerely yours,

Bessie Locke
Executive Secretary.

BL:CB

They Laughed

*Florence J. Owens, Editor,
National Kindergarten Association*



THE club members were appalled when J. Edgar Hoover stated that crime costs the United States 41 million dollars a day, they were vaguely surprised when they heard that only one child in eight goes to kindergarten, but they could find no connection

between the two facts and laughed unbelievably when told that more kindergartens would mean less crime. Psychiatrists, penologists, college presidents and superintendents of schools vouch for the contention, but to the average man it is like claiming that one may dam up Niagara with a chip. If it is true, what is the explanation?

The Aim of the Kindergarten

There are many "outcomes" which the kindergarten teacher purposes to bring about as a result of the daily class activities which are seldom apparent to the uninitiated visitor. To do this she must study her pupils from every possible angle. She must know something of each child's background. So she visits the child's home and has Mothers' meetings and Parents' days. Each child has been living and forming patterns of behavior, some valuable, some detrimental, for four or five years. There is now a tendency to repeat these behavior patterns as occasion presents itself. For the best interests of the child, his family and society, a continuance of the desirable patterns will be encouraged; those that are undesir-

able must be replaced. But how? Each pattern is a separate problem.

A Mere Matter of Manners?

Take a very simple case. Reuben is delightfully courteous. Praise for his courtesy to the teacher may make him conceited or priggish. It may cause his companions to react unfavorably toward him and so towards courteous behavior in general. Yet Reuben should be made to feel satisfaction regarding attractive manners, or he may gradually copy those less pleasing. So the wise teacher arranges a situation in which Reuben's natural kindness and courtesy is expressed toward Peter, a less refined member of the class, at a time when Peter is feeling unwontedly chagrined. Reuben receives from her a smile of approval in which all the class heartily concur. It is all the work of a moment, yet it bears a lifelong influence for many.

Developing Stick-to-itiveness

Unfortunately, Reuben has also, among his five-year-old behavior patterns, a habit of leaving his projects uncompleted. This troubles his mother. She says, "I've scolded and even punished him. He won't finish anything." The kindergarten teacher knows that scolding and punishing are likely to cause the formation of new undesirable patterns, such as resentment and deceitfulness. She attacks this problem with other pupils also in mind. She makes much of the dignity of being responsible for a project upon the satisfactory completion of which the success of some other work depends. She speaks of the airplane relying on every part of its motor, the locomotive helpless without the simple rails. She insists that Reuben, at first, undertake very short projects which involve

little or no responsibility. But Reuben soon wants to be cooperating with others. So she makes certain that he is really interested in the project he chooses, and that it has a very definite purpose when completed. She limits the time he may devote to it each day and encourages some of the other children to show interest in his progress. She manages to have the supervisor come in on the day when it is completed. What satisfaction for Reuben! A new pattern has been designed, and he likes it. Repetition will make it a habit.

Respect for Property Rights

A group of children made some paper boats. George had been helping with a block house and had not made a boat. Later he saw the boats, liked them and—took one. Some weeks later another boy, Emmit, took a drawing that did not belong to him. What should have been done in each case? Some one says, "These children should have been severely punished." Another person suggests, "They should have been told how serious their faults were—how wicked it was to steal." In each case the teacher said gently to the culprit, "George," or "Emmit," "we take home only our own work—the work we do ourselves," and then she casually returned the stolen treasure to the owner. But—the treatments this teacher employed to overcome these faults, though the faults were apparently the same, were quite different, because the *causes* were different. George, not being strongly ownership-conscious, had merely succumbed to a sudden urge. This teacher, therefore, saw to it that George should have an opportunity to make a boat—that he *should enjoy* making it—that he then should enjoy helping another boy,

Harold, to make one. There was much said about *George's* boat and *Harold's* boat, and a greater respect for ownership began to be developed in George's consciousness.

Envy and Resentment Changed to Self-esteem and Friendliness

Emmit's case was different and more serious. The teacher knew something of his background. Emmit was jealous of Frank; that was why he had taken his drawing. Emmit's mother was constantly holding Frank up as a model to Emmit, and Emmit had stolen that drawing with the intention of destroying it. The treatment: First, Emmit's mother had to be shown the harm she was doing and persuaded to change her methods. Then Emmit's inferiority complex had to be gradually broken down. How? There were things, it was found, that Emmit could do much better than Frank could, and later, in cooperation, they were able several times to surprise the group with their achievements. Mutual admiration was developed.

Understanding and Appreciation

Dr. Elmer Ellsworth Brown, when United States Commissioner of Education, once said: "From the kindergarten to manhood is so long a span, that it is hard for many people to realize the full significance of kindergarten training for the adult life of our people." And Superintendent Doe of Massachusetts Reformatory, writes: "I believe that the kindergarten is one of our first lines of defense in the prevention of crime and deserves the attention, the help and the cooperation of all our citizens."

Advice and free leaflets may be obtained from
National Kindergarten Association
8 West Fortieth Street, New York

ONE IN EIGHT

Florence J. Owens

In the alley there was daily strife. Seven or eight nationalities were trying to live together without having learned how. Silent contempt and suspicion changed often to noisy beratings, for they could no more comprehend each other's view-points than they could pronounce each other's names.



Now there was a kindergarten in this alley. Every morning the large, cheerful room was crowded with the little sons and daughters of this heterogeneous population, but here discord was reduced to a minimum. The children played and sang together like one happy family. They smiled ingratiatingly at one another. They helped each other in their little tasks, showing gen-

uine sympathy when one met with a difficulty. They learned each other's names too. It was really hard to be cross. To begin with, Miss Roberts didn't like it. Then there were so many lovely flowers, and the little goldfishes were so beautiful as they scudded about in the sparkling water. Best of all there were so many wonderful things to do.

And were all the little children of the alley here? Alas, no. Had the parents objected to sending them or didn't the children want to go? Most of the parents wanted very much to send them and some of the children cried to go, but—there wasn't room. In the United States only one child in eight may go to kindergarten.

NOTE:

Our very little children are gathering impressions daily. What kind are they? Are we putting our children in the best possible environment? Do they attend kindergarten as soon as they are old enough?

If there is no kindergarten for the children of your community, why not work to get one opened? Write to the National Kindergarten Association, 8 West Fortieth Street, New York, for information and advice on this subject.

A Superintendent Looks at The Kindergarten



Willis A. Sutton

Superintendent of Schools, Atlanta, Georgia

LOOKING into the kindergarten room in September, one sees a large group of children from many different types of homes making first contacts with the world outside. A little boy sits silent and watchful; a homesick little girl weeps for her mother; half a dozen children, stimulated by the new environment, move restlessly about the room; others have begun to play together or to investigate the attractive equipment. In May the visitor sees a different picture. The child who was silent in September is now leading a group in a constructive activity; the little girl who was homesick is capably serving an imaginary meal to others in the doll house; instead of the aimless response of the unadjusted groups of September there is now the gentle hum of cooperative effort.

Many factors have combined to bring about this change and perhaps that of greatest importance is social adjustment thru common interests. It is but a step from the home environment to that of the school when that step is kindergarten, yet how much it involves. This venture out into the big world requires adjustment. A new set of habits must be formed in addition to, and perhaps in place of, those heretofore practised. These are some of the problems that confront the teacher in facing a new class, and her goal is to see that before the children leave her, they will have formed habits that fit them to face squarely any situation, in which they find themselves, with a feeling of self-confidence in meeting these situations and in attacking

new fields of endeavor. A little girl said of a habit, "It's something you get to doing and can't stop." This sums up rather successfully the thought in the teacher's mind when she plans to help children form habits that will fit them for worthy citizenship.

In September, the teacher encounters "I want to," "Let *me* do it," "It is *mine*," for the beginning kindergarten child is intensely individualistic. Gradually, however, he begins to recognize the part others must play. He eventually reaches the point where he says, "John can do that; he makes good ones." He has learned to subordinate his will for the good of the group and to take turns at being both leader and follower; in other words, to work harmoniously to accomplish the activity undertaken.

The "three R's" of the elementary curriculum are tangible means of measuring what education does for the child and are therefore held of the utmost importance, but those values of learning to live with others and of adjustment to the many human relationships are so subtle that they are apt to be overlooked or not understood by the taxpayer or other critic of the value of a kindergarten program in a public school.

The kindergarten itself is a source of inspiration. The kindergartner's attitude toward her children is one of cooperation and comradeship, and contains a sympathetic insight into their interests and needs. The children's

attitude toward their work is marked by spontaneity.

The school and the community in general profit from the kindergarten, not only from an increased cooperation on the part of the children in obedience to civic laws and interests, but in actual monetary savings. In cities in which the kindergarten is *not* a part of the public schools, a larger enrolment occurs in the first grade, making this grade an adjustment as well as an entrance grade. An experiment by an Atlanta teacher shows that the percent of nonpromotions of children in her own first grade with kindergarten experiences was 9.1 compared to 53.3 of pupils without kindergarten experiences. There has been a gradual decrease of first-grade failures in Atlanta since the kindergartens have become part of the public-school system.

Free literature and advice relative to procedure in securing the establishment of a public-school kindergarten may be obtained by writing to the

National Kindergarten Association
8 West Fortieth Street, New York

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March 16, 1942

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Doubtless you have known of the work of Bishop Paul Jones as Pastor of Antioch College. In view of his death, we are now searching for a successor. Enclosed is a circular which describes the kind of man we should like to have.

I should value very greatly any suggestions which you can give me. Or if you care to refer the vacancy to the attention of someone whom you think would be interested, I should be very glad to have you do so.

Sincerely yours,



A. D. Henderson
President

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April 9, 1942

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed are stapled advance proofs of the first report of a new committee which has recently been set up by the Editors of FORTUNE in collaboration with their associates on TIME and LIFE.

The committee includes a small group of specialists we have invited to join us, and is headed by Dr. Raymond Leslie Buell, former President of the Foreign Policy Association, for the past three years director of the FORTUNE Round Table.

The purpose of this committee has been best expressed, I think, by Henry R. Luce in his Preface to its first study. He says here:

"With victory and defeat in the balance, our most essential job is to concentrate on winning this war. But at the same time it is scarcely less important to consider what to do with victory, once it is won. Far from injuring the war effort, a discussion of postwar possibilities, at once realistic and tentative, should create new hopes for a better future among our allies, our own citizens -- and among our enemies. It should thereby improve the incentives needed to prosecute this war to a successful close."

I know that you as a leader of a large and important part of the American people, must be vitally interested in sincere attempts to study the problems which will confront this country after the war and work out measures that can be taken now and in the future to meet and solve them. I am therefore asking you to help us in this study by sending me your candid opinion of the proposal put forward in the enclosed report.

It is, of course, a proposal -- a proposal for democratic discussion.

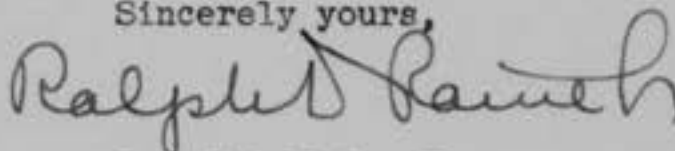
We are planning to publish this report not only in FORTUNE for May but in a booklet for special distribution to many more people than would otherwise see it. And we would like to include, as an integral part of this booklet, your comments on this program.

Unfortunately, our booklet must go to the printers Monday, April 20 -- and all letters to be included must reach us before then.

So I hope very much you will be able to read through this report and send me your reactions to it as soon as possible.

This contribution of your time and thought will be sincerely appreciated and will go a long way, I know, toward stimulating national discussion of these vast postwar problems.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ralph D. Paine Jr.", written in dark ink.

Ralph D. Paine Jr.
Managing Editor

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Mr. Martin Cody, Sec.
Local 6, Hotel & Club Employees Union
701 8th Av.
New York, N. Y.

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Dear Brother Cody:

You will undoubtedly be pleased by the information that on June 17th 1942, a Testimonial Dinner will be tendered to U. S. Senator Robert F. Wagner as a mark of the great admiration, respect and gratitude which the Labor Movement feels toward this outstanding exponent of labor and social justice.

The Dinner will be the first step in a nation-wide movement to create a memorial to perpetuate the name of Louis D. Brandeis, another great American, who was perhaps the first to expound those views of social betterment which ultimately resulted in the great economic and legislative advances which American Labor has made in the past decade.

I am sure that both of these causes will find a ready response in your heart and mind and I would ask, therefore, that you join our Committee as a member and render such assistance as you may be in the position to give to bring well deserved success to our venture.

Awaiting your early word, I am,

Fraternally yours,

Isidore Nagler

Isidore Nagler, Chairman

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Mr. V. Benes
2417 So. Millard Avenue
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Benes:

Permit me to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of the very heartening booklet "We Think of You" written by Dr. Hubert Ripka, Czechoslovak Minister of State. I read it with deepest interest. It is a magnificent reflex of the free, broad and humane spirit of your great people -- a people which I am confident will, together with my own sorely tried people, see a better and happier day.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

April 10, 1942

Mr. Boris Smolar
Jewish Telegraphic Agency
106 E. 41st St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Smolar:

I am sorry that I could not reply to your telegram any sooner. I was fairly overwhelmed with work when I got back to Cleveland. I am just beginning to catch my breath.

I have hastily jotted down a few items which may be of interest to you.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Rabbi Abba H. Silver
Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Abingdon-Cokesbury Press has written me of their immediate interest in publishing a book of religious inspiration and worship for men in the service. In editing this book I am reserving one section for prayers, in which I desire a small number of prayers from representative clergymen of different denominations in the United States. Each of these prayers should be from 300-350 words in length.

I shall be very grateful to you if you will consent to write a prayer for this booklet which will touch the urgent needs of these men. The book itself will be of unusual durability, being of weather-proof, specially chemically treated paper and binding; and of the proper size to carry in one's pocket. I am hoping that such a book will render a great help to many men now serving our country.

With deep appreciation,

Sincerely yours,

Thomas S. Kepler
Professor of Religion

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Dear Dr. Silver:

The enclosed brochure is the work of the National Religious Committee for Russian War Relief, Inc., recently organized to secure non-military support from the religious people of America for the heroic people of Russia.

The brochure is being distributed by 50 RWR Committees throughout the country and a test mailing is going to 5,000 clergy (see enclosure).

Plans are under way for observance of Saturday, June 20th and Sunday, June 21st as a Russian War Relief Sabbath in the synagogues and churches. United Services, Special Prayers, Cathedral Services or Te Deum Services with songs and praise for Russia may be held in each community with a special offering given by the people for Russian War Relief.

As a member of this Committee you will be interested in knowing that church groups (National Relief Boards, local churches and individuals) are giving to Russian War Relief. There are indications that substantial aid will come from the religious people of America.

We know that you will use all your influence and effort on behalf of Russia this Spring to help shape the world of tomorrow!

Sincerely yours,

Einar Oftedahl
Einar Oftedahl

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April 17th, 1942

Rabbi Aba Hillel Silver
East 105th Street Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are enclosing the prospectus of the BLACK BOOK OF POLISH JEWRY, which will reveal to the world the horrible record of Nazi atrocities in Poland.

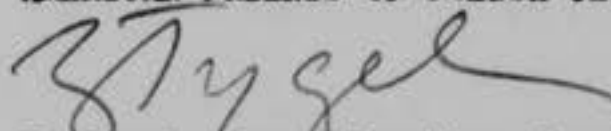
In order to marshal behind this book the moral backing of public opinion, a Sponsors Committee is being organized of Americans who are outstanding in their respective fields and in the affairs of the country.

We cordially invite you to join this Committee. It is the idea of the editors to publish the roster of Sponsors in the book when it appears, so as to lend additional weight to this indictment against Nazi crime.

Your acceptance will serve to help in carrying out this important undertaking and to expedite the early publication of the BLACK BOOK. Won't you kindly fill out and send back the enclosed card by return mail?

Sincerely yours,

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Z. Tygel, Executive Vice-President

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"I should be glad to be counted among the American Friends of Polish Jews, for of course in common with all men of good will my heart goes out to my Jewish friends who are suffering such cruel experiences in Poland."

REV. HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK

The Riverside Church

REVEALING THE BLACK RECORD OF NAZI ATROCITIES

This book presents for the first time the detailed record of Nazi atrocities committed upon the Jews of Poland.

While the story of all the other victims of the Nazi terror have been told in newspaper reports, magazine articles and books, the case of the Jews, the most martyred of all peoples, has been the least publicized.

The aim of this book is to bring to the attention of the world the black record of Jewish martyrdom in Poland in all its stark and naked horror.

It is a documented recital of Nazi infamies and cruelties which stagger the imagination by their unsurpassed ruthlessness. It covers 450 cities, towns and villages in Poland, marshalling an array of reports, supported by official documents and sworn affidavits of eye witnesses, giving gruesome details of murder, rapine, pillage and vandalism, of gutted homes and burning synagogues, of wholesale slaughter and expulsions.

Perhaps no conquered nation in Europe has been so smitten by the vengeance of the Nazis as the people of Poland. The Jews in that unhappy land, besides being subjected to the unbelievable brutalities inflicted upon the entire Polish nation, have been singled out for special torture by the Nazi madmen. Knowing that Polish Jewry has been the truest keeper of the spiritual values of the Jewish people in modern times, that here was the well-spring and fountainhead of Jewish culture, so abhorrent to the sub-human Nazi ideology, Hitler's henchmen have concentrated their diabolical attention toward the complete extermination of the spiritual as well as the physical substance of Jewish life in Poland. To the accompaniment of wrecked synagogues and demolished communal institutions, the Jews of Poland have been segregated behind grim ghetto walls, in a coldblooded effort to shut their misery from the eyes of their non-Jewish neighbors and to crush their will to live.

Incredible as the story unfolded in these pages may appear, it is but a pale reflection of the harrowing reality. It constitutes a terrible indictment against the 20th century Huns and will stand for all time in the forefront of the roster of condemnations registered against the Nazi criminals by all their victims.

This book was compiled for the record and is submitted to the conscience of mankind.

History will judge!

"I am glad to commend the work and hope that it will have wide reading."

DR. HENRY SMITH LEIPER
Secretary in America, World Council of Churches

BLACK BOOK OF POLISH JEWRY Will Contain:

1. Documented reports from 450 cities, towns and villages.
2. Texts of official Nazi decrees.
3. Statements from the Nazi press gloating over Jewish sufferings.
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7. Photographs revealing Nazi atrocities.
8. Prefatory remarks by outstanding representatives of the Governments-in-exile.

Partial list of Polish towns mentioned in the Black Book where Nazi atrocities occurred:

Aleksandrow	Frostok-Strzyzow	Lask	Pilica	Swider
Anin-Otwock	Gabino	Lecica	Pinczow	Swiecie
Augustow	Garwolin	Lida	Pinsk	Szydlowiec
Baranowicze	Gdynia	Lodz	Piotrkow	Tarnopol
Bedzin	Gora-Kalwarja	Lomza	Pleszno	Tarnow
Belchatow	Gostyn	Lowczowek	Pleszow	Tlumacz
Biala-Podl.	Gostynin	Lowicz	Plock	Tomaszow-Lub.
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Brzesc	Janow	Molodeczno	Rzeszow	Wilanow
(Brest Litewsk)	Jaroslaw	Mosty	Sacz	Wilno
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Busk	Jaszuny	Niewadna	Sandomierz	Wolbrom
Bydgoszcz	Jozefow	Nisko	Sanok	Wolkowysk
Celestynow	Kalisz	Noklo	Sejny	Wysock
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" . . . I hope your book has great success."

RAYMOND GRAM SWING
Noted Political Commentator

Comments by Prominent
Americans About the Black
Book of Polish Jewry

"I hope that this book will help to
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L. M. BIRKHEAD
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"Of course I am in sympathy with
your cause."

PEARL S. BUCK
Author

"I hope your book will succeed in
making America understand the
true character of Nazism."

PIERRE COT
Former Air Minister
of France

"Do, please, feel free to use my
name and to call upon me for any
service I could render to the noble
and utterly tragic cause which you
represent."

LUDWIG LEWISOHN
Author

"Hope that your work will produce
the effect which it is intended to
produce."

MAURICE SAMUEL
Author, Lecturer

"I am very much interested in your
project."

WILLIAM L. SHIRER
Famous Foreign Correspondent



*A section of the ghetto wall in Warsaw. Imprisoned within the narrow
confines of this ghetto are half a million unfortunates, forced to live in
conditions which stagger the imagination*

Organizations and individuals who are interested in helping to expose the true story
of Nazi atrocities in Poland and to arouse the conscience of the world to the Nazi crimes
against civilization are invited to extend their support to the Black Book of Polish
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All communications and inquiries should be addressed to

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SIXTIETH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY DINNER

TO

Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan

April 22, 1942

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are asking a number of Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan's friends and colleagues to serve as members of a Sponsoring Committee for a Dinner to celebrate his sixtieth birthday. The Dinner will take place on May 24th.

A few of us in discussing the matter felt that this birthday offered an unique occasion to signalize Dr. Kaplan's contributions in the fields of education, social work, in the rabbinate, at the Hebrew University, as the founder of Reconstructionism, and indeed, in every movement for the spiritual regeneration of our people. Particularly at this time when a vital Judaism, which is a source of inner strength, is more than ever necessary, does Dr. Kaplan's message have validity and meaning for us.

The Dinner will be moderately priced to the end that all who wish to join in honoring Dr. Kaplan may be present. Please mark the date in your diary, and let us know on the enclosed card that you will serve.

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Sunday, May 24th, 1942

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April 24, 1942

Mr. Martin Cody, Secy
Local 6, Hotel & Club Employees Union
701 - 8th Avenue
New York City

Dear Brother Cody:

A short time ago I wrote you inviting you to be the guest of our Committee at a luncheon at the Hotel Commodore on Friday, May 1st at 12:30. I enclosed at the time a return postcard with the request that you indicate upon it your intention to join us at the luncheon. At this writing, I have not heard from you.

On behalf of our Committee, I want to again extend this invitation to you. We would like very much to have you attend. The luncheon is being held in connection with the forthcoming Dinner in honor of Robert F. Wagner in behalf of the Louis D. Brandeis Memorial Colony. A number of outstanding labor personalities, including Mr. George Meany, Sec'y-Treasurer of the American Federation of Labor and Matthew Woll are expected to attend and say a few words about our project.

Do let me hear from you at your earliest convenience, so that a reservation may be made in time.

Fraternaly yours,

Isidore Nagler
Isidore Nagler, Chairman

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th Street
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are giving a luncheon in honor of Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr on May 9th. Since I know how greatly you admire his intelligence and his work, I should be delighted if you would send me a brief tribute to him which I can incorporate into the program and give him as part of a permanent record of the occasion.

Cordially yours,

Frank Kingdon

"A two-front fight for democracy—at home and abroad."

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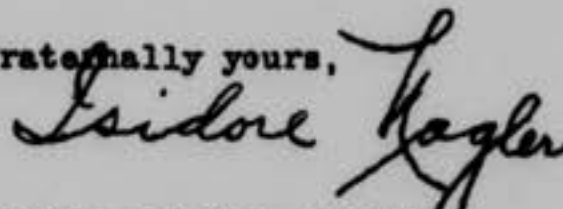
Mr. Mike Obermeier
Hotel & Club Employees #6
701 - 8th Avenue
New York City

Dear Brother Obermeier:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your card informing me that you will be the guest of our Committee at lunch on Friday, May 1st at the Hotel Commodore at 12:30 P. M. A reservation has been made for you.

I am quite sure that you will find the occasion extremely interesting. The prospects for the great function which we plan in honor of U.S. Senator Robert F. Wagner are most excellent and a report on the same will be rendered at this lunch meeting. Mr. George Meany and Mr. Matthew Woll are expected among the speakers.

Fraternalhally yours,



Isidore Nagler, Chairman

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May 1, 1942

Dr. Frank Kingdon, President
Union for Democratic Action
120 E. 16th St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Kingdon:

Permit me to join the many friends of Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr throughout the country in expressing profound admiration for the brilliant and courageous leadership which he has given to the spiritual forces of America these many years, and more especially in these latter years of crisis, confusion and indecision. He has employed the rare gifts of his heart and mind in defense of that classic tradition of the free man in the free society within the discipline of God's moral law which is the common heritage of Jew and Christian. More power to him.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Signed _____

No reservations or cancellations accepted after April 30th

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The program includes election of officers for the coming year and an address by Rabbi Charles E. Shulman.

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*Please make your reservation by
mailing the enclosed card today.*

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FAIRMOUNT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OHIO

5 May 1942

Dear Ratti:

A funeral made it necessary for me to cancel my reservation for yesterday's luncheon.

If the papers report you correctly, I am with you 100% in what you said. It needs to be said early and often - unless one believes in the Spengler cycle theory, which is the antithesis of the religious view of history.

More power to you!

Ever sincerely,

Frank H. Ferris

Ratti Abba Hillel Silver, D.D.

May 6, 1942

Dr. Ferdinand Q. Blanchard
Euclid Avenue Congregational Church
96th at Euclid Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Blanchard:

Antioch College is looking about for a successor to Bishop Paul Jones as College Pastor and Instructor in Religion. I am sending you the letter which I received from President Henderson. I am not sufficiently acquainted with the field to be able to make any recommendations. Perhaps you can assist Mr. Henderson.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
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May 8, 1942

Mr. Mike Obermeier
Hotel & Restaurant Employees #6
701 - 8th Avenue
New York City

Dear Brother Obermeier:

All plans have been completed for the Testimonial Dinner to the Honorable Robert F. Wagner at the Hotel Commodore on Wednesday evening, June 17th and I am writing to you with the thought that you are planning to be present and will have your union represented by a substantial delegation.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing an order card for reservations and I look forward most eagerly to its return. From present indications the dinner will set an all time high for functions of this nature. The men of the Labor movement who initially sponsored the idea are so utterly devoted to Bob Wagner and so deeply indebted to Louis D. Brandeis, that they are making an unusual effort to insure the success of the affair. I hope that you will want to join them in this effort.

Sincerely yours,

Isidore Nagler
Isidore Nagler
Chairman

Tickets \$25.00 per plate.
Table, Seating 10 \$250.00.

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May 13, 1942

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Road,
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Dear Rabbi Silver,

I don't know at the moment of anybody I would suggest for what looks like a rather difficult job. I will keep the statement on file and if I have any inspiration come to me I will submit it to Antioch.

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Cordially yours,

Fred Blanchard

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

May I thank you for the interest you have taken in "The United States In A New World" in writing to us your impressions of it. Mr. Buell and I both have gone over and discussed your letter and it is materially aiding us in our consideration of future reports.

In an immediate sense your letter and others like it have already had an effect on our thinking. As I told you in my letter of April 9, it was our intention to include in the reprinted booklet all the early letters we received which commented on the study. We have included some but the variety and thoughtfulness of all we received proved a challenge to us. We are now trying to devise other ways, out of the magazine or in, to get more of these letters before the people.

For your interest I am enclosing herewith a copy of "The United States In A New World" and "An American Proposal" as we have reprinted them.

Should you care to have additional copies, I will be glad to furnish them.

May I express in behalf of my associates and myself our deep appreciation of the time and thought you have given.

Sincerely yours



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Gentlemen:

The Central Committee of the National Fund has requested me to collect a sum of money which would make possible the acquisition of land in the 1941-1942 LAND FOR VICTORY PROGRAM, and to inscribe the name of Menahem Ussishkin in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund, which celebrates its fortieth anniversary now.

Today the need of the people of Palestine is more tragic than at any time during the history of these heroic people. Land for Victory...- land for the needs of the Jewish National Home during the war, and for the day of Victory that will inevitably dawn is therefore an indispensable element in our wartime work.

I earnestly appeal to you to cooperate in this work by accepting this token of participation, which I am herewith enclosing. Prompt action will be appreciated since the money accumulated must be turned in to the National Fund in a short time. If you find it impossible to contribute to this most worthy cause, please return the token to me. I shall be glad to arrange also for a gift share for twenty-five dollars, if you would kindly let me know that you want one.

A home for the homeless requires land for the landless.
Awaiting your reply, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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CHURCH OF THE COVENANT
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EUCLID AVENUE AT CORNELL ROAD
CLEVELAND

15 May 1941

Dear Rabbi Silver:

More than a year ago I was strongly impressed with the address "Public Education and Religion" delivered by Dean Luther A Weigle at the 1940 meeting of the International Council of Religious Education in Chicago. Thinking that this statement by a representative Protestant leader may interest you in view of the present controversy over the question of religious instruction in cooperation with public schools, I take the liberty of sending you the address in pamphlet form.

- To many Christians who have sought to multiply bonds of friendship across religious and racial boundaries, it appears unfortunate that Jewish leaders in Cleveland and elsewhere are
- ① taking what appears to be an "obstructionist" attitude toward a program designed to strengthen the religious foundation of
 - ② our nation. Surely when the militant forces of irreligion have reestablished the ghetto in Europe and are seeking violently to enslave that entire continent, the religious forces
 - ③ of America should be in support of a practicable program which can aid in overcoming our enormous religious illiteracy and reversing the ebb of religion with which we are threatened. Assuming that all Jewish youth is adequately served in religious
 - ④ instruction, surely their leaders should be concerned about the fate of religion amongst the masses of the Gentile population. Certainly the gradual de-Christianizing of this nation can mean only disaster both to Jews and to the entire American nation.

- ⑤ Personally I am convinced that the constitutional argument is without foundation. Dean Weigle has important observations on this point. Where this argument is put forward, I am inclined to think that it is a convenient piece of armament serving a deep misunderstanding of the program proposed or a certain "parochialism", and exclusive concern with one particular race or faith. At any rate, week-day schools of religion in cooperation with public schools have been established in cities and towns of Ohio for nearly a score of years on the basis of statutory provisions, and have been widely employed in other states, as well.

For two years (until last week) I served as chairman of a committee of the Cleveland Church Federation to study week-day schools of religion. I write you in this manner and send the

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enclosed document both in the interest of what I regard as a valuable reenforcement and extension of religious education and equally in the interest of inter-faith cooperation and understanding - both of which might be set back seriously by the present attitude of Jewish leaders. I am sending similar communications to a number of Jewish gentlemen of my acquaintance.

⑥ I write in the spirit of friendship and of concern for the general welfare. Trusting that you will receive this letter in the same spirit and concern, let me remain,

Sincerely yours,

E. Howard McClintock

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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May 21, 1942.

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

Dear Silver:

Supplementing my letter to you of May 11, 1942, and enclosures, in re the projected directory of Jewish Congregations and of American Rabbis, may I enclose herewith a copy of my letter to the American Jewish Committee of May 19, 1942, which needs no comment.

Won't you please peruse these communications and write me a few lines as to your general reaction to this important project? As I wrote you before, even your bare statement that you favor this project will prove helpful at this time.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

H. S. LINFIELD

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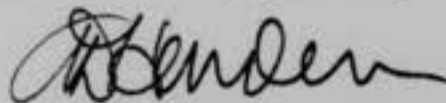
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May 25, 1942.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We have now appointed Mr. W. W. Beach, a young man of Yale Divinity School with a great deal of work in philosophy and political science, to the position as College Pastor at Antioch. I hope Mr. Beach will have the pleasure of meeting you and being able to work with you after his arrival next fall.

Sincerely yours,


A. D. Henderson,
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Rabbi Abba Hiller Silver,
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

On August 28 of this year we are publishing Thinking for Every Man by A. Gordon Melvin. Because we feel that Mr. Melvin's book is of considerable importance, we have manufactured it early, and one of the first copies is on its way to you under separate cover.

I expect that you will find Mr. Melvin's thesis, despite its possible wide popularity, most stimulating.

Certainly, in urging Americans to think for themselves, to approach their problems logically rather than hysterically, the author is doing us a service.

We will deeply appreciate some word from you after you have had a chance to read the book.s

Sincerely yours,

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May 28, 1942

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
THE TEMPLE
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Dear Dr. Silver:

To discuss a matter of extreme importance, I ask you to be my guest at lunch on Thursday, June 4th at 12:30 P. M. at the Commodore Hotel. I am inviting five or six other leaders of the Zionist movement, because I believe that you and they have a serious responsibility to share in making decisions.

The Independent Jewish Press Service is not new to you. It will reach its first anniversary next week. I believe that it has vindicated its establishment. On the one hand, the breadth and the objectivity of its news and editorial service have been refreshing as well as enlightening as to what honest, efficient Jewish journalism could do. On the other hand, it has made clear that no subsidized agency can claim a ruthless monopoly on the sources of public opinion as reflected in the Jewish press.

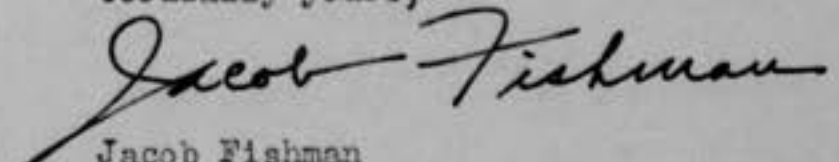
A few people have kept this Service going, giving generously of time, energy and substance. They have no personal axe to grind and no profit to make. As one who has given my name and much thought to this enterprise, I can assure you that the contribution being made to Zionist and democratic influence is important.

But this cannot remain a plant which Zionist leaders will watch at a distance. It must have your counsel and your co-operation. In that way, it can become -- because it has the goods -- the most important Jewish news agency in America. Nothing could be more vital to our common interests at this time.

I realize that in several ways you have already expressed your interest and given your help. But much more is now required -- because a great deal more can be and must be done.

I think this is the first time I have ever invited you to a luncheon for such a purpose. I want you to do me a personal favor by telling me you will be there.

Cordially yours,


Jacob Fishman
President

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June 2, 1942

Mr. A. M. Luntz
Luntz Iron & Steel Co.
Hanna Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friend:

I will not be able to attend the meeting which you called at your home this evening although I greatly appreciate the invitation and I am very much interested in the cause. Some time ago, I was asked to call such a meeting for my own Alma Mater, the Hebrew Union College, and to this day I have not found the time nor the occasion for it. My attendance at the meeting called in behalf of the Jewish Theological Seminary would, I am afraid, slightly embarrass me and subject me to criticism on the part of the College. I am therefore doing the wisest thing, I believe, in staying away.

This is in no way to imply that I am not in favor of helping the Jewish Theological Seminary. It is a great institution of Jewish learning, and deserving of the support of everyone who is interested in Jewish scholarship and in the training of men for the Jewish Ministry. I have for some years now been a regular contributor to the Seminary.

With all good wishes, and hoping that your meeting will be very successful, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:EK

June 2, 1942

Mr. Jacob Fishman, President
Independent Jewish Press Service, Inc.
207 Fourth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Fishman:

Thank you for your kind letter of May 28. I wish I were free to come to the meeting on Thursday, June 4. Unfortunately I am unable to leave Cleveland on that day. I have weddings scheduled at which I must officiate. I shall be in New York next week, on the 9th and 10th and if there is anything you would like to take up with me in connection with the Independent Jewish Press Service, I shall be very happy to see you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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June 3, 1942

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
THE TEMPLE
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Dear Dr. Silver:

I should like to have from you a message of encouragement and appraisal on the first anniversary of the Independent Jewish Press Service, occurring on June 6th.

It was organized a year ago, after long preparation and consideration, because it was felt that the existing Jewish news agencies and syndicates did not adequately and fairly represent all segments of American or world Jewish life. We were especially concerned because the Zionist, the democratic, the liberal forces in American Jewry were being overshadowed by exclusion of news of their activities, both here and abroad.

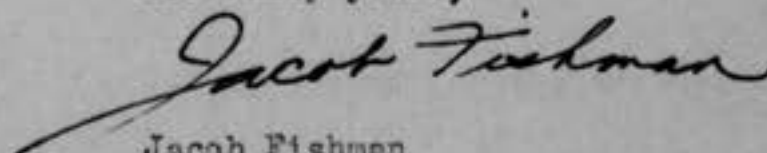
That situation has been completely remedied by the Independent Jewish Press Service. It provides news -- the most authentic and comprehensive in the field -- articles, editorials, columns, illustrations, stories and everything else needed to issue a complete newspaper. Every idea, every cause, every personality is part of its news -- but it also has a positive, liberal democratic point of view, which is reflected in its editorial content and in its feature articles. Within the space of a year, thirty-two English-Jewish publications have abandoned or added to other services. Many use this source exclusively for all news and editorial content. The Independent Jewish Press Service, by its fearlessness in discussing vital issues, by its thoroughness in covering all important news, by its alertness in streamlining material for newspaper consumption has proved its complete superiority in every direction over existing news agencies.

The Independent Jewish Press Service has the freshness of a new idea, the force of skilful management. Its first anniversary has justified its founding.

To mark the occasion, we are issuing a brochure, describing its purposes, its work and its plans. We should like to include a picture of yourself with an appropriate comment on the Service, with which you are familiar.

Looking forward to early word, I am

Cordially yours,


Jacob Fishman
President

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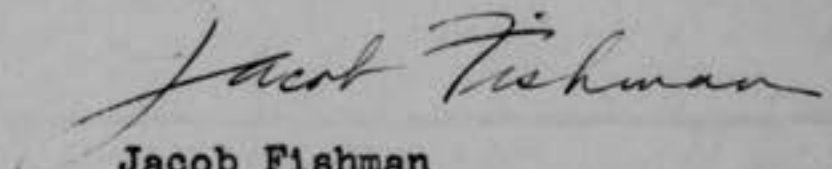
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
THE TEMPLE
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you for your note of June 2nd. I know how much your interest and co-operation have meant to this enterprise. I should indeed very much like to have a chat with you when you are next in New York.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Jacob Fishman
President

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Executive Secretary

June 3, 1942

Dear Friend,

Are you now looking for or seeking a musically trained cantor, a competent Hebrew teacher, schochet or other Synagogue functionary? If so, you will do well to communicate as soon as possible with us.

Again this year this Committee has a list of eminently qualified rabbis, cantors, teachers, etc. enrolled who, if helped to pick up the threads of their previous life, would greatly enrich the Synagogue and religious life in your community.

In case of a vacancy, every effort will be made to find a suitable candidate for the post.

With thanks and every good wish, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Alexander J. Burnstein
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Executive Secretary

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THE BISHOP OF OHIO
2241 PROSPECT AVENUE
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June 17, 1942

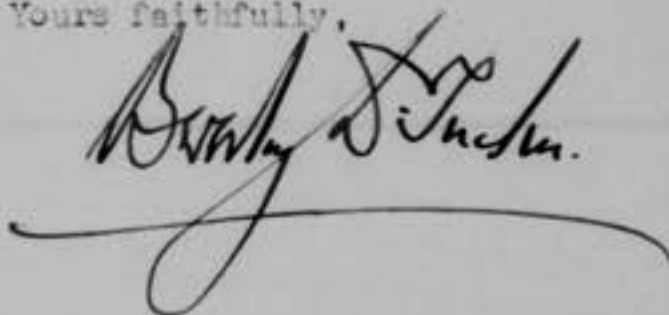
My dear Rabbi Silver:-

Representatives of several religious groups have suggested that it would have a helpful and unifying influence in this time of national emergency if some program could be worked out whereby prayer would be offered in all of the churches and synagogues at each service of public worship for our country in this hour of crisis. Secondly, that we might attempt a few occasions of unified prayer on the part of many cooperating groups. Thirdly, that we might encourage individuals in the community to compose and create prayers appropriate to these days.

I am asking representatives of several religious groups to meet at my office, 2241 Prospect Avenue, on Thursday, June 25th, at 4:00 P.M. I shall be grateful if you find it possible to be present and give us the benefit of your counsel and thought on this subject.

With kind regards and all good wishes,

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bishop of Ohio", with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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

June 19, 1942

The Right Reverend Beverley D. Tucker
Bishop of Ohio
2241 Prospect Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Bishop Tucker:

Permit me to thank you for your note of June 17. I shall be very happy to be with you on Thursday afternoon, June 25. The project which you suggest in your letter appeals to me greatly.

With all good wishes, and trusting that you are well, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

*The Sponsors of the
Louis D. Brandeis Memorial Colony in Palestine*

cordially invite you to attend the

Founders' Dinner

in honor of

United States Senator

Robert F. Wagner

Hotel Commodore

New York City

Wednesday Evening, June Seventeenth

nineteen hundred forty two

at seven o'clock, p. m.

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The greatest distinction that man can achieve is to leave to posterity an everlastingly bright memory of his life's work and of the ideals to which it was dedicated. Such is the achievement of Louis D. Brandeis, whose memory is enshrined in the heart and mind of the American people and of free mankind.

Louis D. Brandeis was endowed with a great intellect and a warm heart which, in the course of his full and rich life, he placed at the disposal of his fellow man. In the annals of the labor movement the name of Louis D. Brandeis will forever remain a lodestar pointing the way to decent standards of work and living. It was his strength, courage and foresight, while he served the nation on the bench of the Supreme Court and before, that laid the foundations for a more equitable relationship between capital and labor.

His great heart always gave a ready response to the suffering of the common people. The plight of the unfortunate victims of tyranny all over the world and especially the suffering of his Jewish brothers and sisters made him one of the outstanding supporters of the struggle for the liberation of oppressed Jewry abroad and the building of a Jewish National Home in Palestine.

The Dinner with which this invitation deals has been arranged by the National Committee for a Louis D. Brandeis Memorial with a view of establishing a fund to build a labor colony in Palestine to which thousands of persecuted and disinherited refugees may come, to find new hope and new opportunities for a life of service.

It is most appropriate that such a Dinner should have as its guest of honor the Honorable Robert F. Wagner, United States Senator from the State of New York. Few men in public life have been so devoted to the principles of social and economic justice to which Senator Wagner is dedicating his life and its work.

ISIDORE NAGLER, Chairman

*You are cordially invited to attend a
Community Testimonial Dinner
in honor of
Rabbi Ephraim Frisch
on the occasion of his election as
Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Beth-El
and his appointment as
Executive Director of the Commission
on Justice and Peace of the
Central Conference of American Rabbis
on Wednesday evening, June twenty fourth
nineteen hundred and forty two
at seven o'clock
at the Plaza Hotel
San Antonio, Texas*

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THE FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH
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EUCLID AVE. AT EAST 82ND STREET
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DILWORTH LUPTON
CHADBOURNE A. SPRING
Ministers

June 25, 1942

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The congregation and board of trustees
of the church are planning a farewell reception for
Dr. and Mrs. Lupton and Mr. and Mrs. Spring on Sunday
afternoon, June 28th, from 4 to 6 p.m.

We hope that it will be possible for
you to attend.

Sincerely yours,

Don P. Mills

CHAIRMAN, Farewell Reception
Committee

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

June 30, 1942

Dr. Ephraim Frisch
Congregation Beth-El
130 Luther Drive
San Antonio, Texas

My dear Dr. Frisch:

Please accept these belated few words of congratulations on the occasion of the community testimonial which was given in your honor. I was out of the city most of this past week. Hence I failed to send my greetings on the day of the dinner.

I was surprised to learn of your election as Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Beth-El. You never gave me the impression of a man who has reached the Emeritus age, and your appointment as Executive Director of the Commission on Justice and Peace of the Central Conference of American Rabbis leads me to believe that your other colleagues feel about you as I do.

Will you continue to make San Antonio your home? Or are you coming up North? I wish you every success, good health and as much peace of mind as one can have in these sad and very troubled times.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:EK

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July 1, 1942

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It is proposed to hold an inter-racial, inter-national Rally in the month of July in the Public Auditorium. The immediate purpose of this is to stimulate the sale of War Bonds, particularly among the Negro people in the city and those of foreign parentage who may have felt any aloofness from our common effort.

More important even than the actual sale of bonds is the building of morale, so that colored and white people of every tongue are led to feel themselves standing shoulder to shoulder for America. One might call the enterprise the implementing of Democracy.

Some of the outstanding artists of the nation are planning to be present and contribute their services. Admission will be free. The travel expense involved will be cared for by the sale of "Patrons Boxes."

I write to ask if you will serve on the Sponsoring Committee. The actual time and labor involved will be attendance at one meeting of all the sponsors, probably July 7; and then the sponsors being each assigned to one of the several committees necessary to arrange the affair, attendance at one meeting of your sub-committee.

The Rally will be about July 20. In view of the urgent need for quick action and the great importance of this enterprise, will you let me have your consent to serve by the enclosed card immediately?

Very sincerely yours,

Ferdinand Blanchard
Ferd. Q. Blanchard

FQB:hc
Encl.

EUCLID AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

July 6, 1942

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..... TREASURER

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Please let me send this brief word of thanks which is
stored with sincere feeling for your kind note. You will
believe that it is my earnest prayer that I may justify the
choice that has been made and be worthy of the confidence of
my friends.

Cordially yours,



FQB:LS

July 6, 1942

Mrs. L. W. Phillips
3590 Bendemeer Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Phillips:

Thank you so much for your invitation to attend the meeting of your committee on Wednesday, July 8. I should very much like to come, but unfortunately I shall be in New York on that day. I wish your project every success.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK

HEBREW CULTURAL GARDEN ASSOCIATION

"FOUR FREEDOM SERIES"

Dear Friend:

As head of your organization, you are cordially invited to attend a Luncheon Meeting at

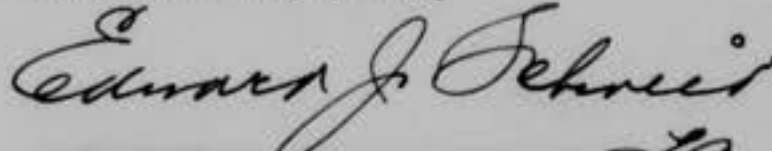
RUSSET'S CAFETERIA (Point Room)
1258 Euclid Avenue
WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 12:15

At this time, plans will be formulated for the participation of the Jewish Community of Greater Cleveland in a unique series of patriotic activities, which will be dedicated to CIVILIAN MOBILIZATION.

These activities will take form in a group of programs, to be known as "THE FOUR FREEDOM SERIES", and we are asking you to assist with the plans for the JEWISH participation, which will be under the auspices of the Hebrew Cultural Garden Association.

In view of the extraordinary importance of this activity and the Jewish contribution thereto, from the standpoint of CIVILIAN DEFENSE and VICTORY, we sincerely urge that you make an effort to attend and if you are unable to do so personally, to have an authorized representative appointed by you from your organization to be present.

Most sincerely yours,



EDWARD J. SCHWEID, Chairman.

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Chairman of Arrangements,
Mrs. L. W. Phillips,
3590 Bendemeer Road,
YE. 6247.

"We shall nobly win, or meanly lose, This Last Best Hope of Earth."

-- Lincoln

Temple B'rith Kodesh

117 GIBBS STREET
Rochester, N. Y.

July 9, 1942

THE RABBI'S STUDY

As you may recall, I was given the privilege of making a brief statement on the European Jewish problem to the Seminary Presidents' Conference in Rochester on June 12th. At that time it was suggested by Dr. Albert W. Beaven that I send a communication to the men who were present stating the details of the plan for presenting this problem to the various Seminaries of the country. That is the purpose of this letter.

First, as to objectives, we are eager to build up in America, before the Peace Conference convenes, an informed and sympathetic public opinion concerning the basic realities of the Jewish problem in Central and Eastern Europe, and the role of Palestine in the solution of it. Rather than write at length about the problem, I take the liberty of enclosing a statement prepared by a Christian Committee that is working on it. It gives you a general idea as to our approach to the subject.

Concretely we should like to make available to the Seminaries for forum programs, chapel addresses, and student conferences some of the leading Rabbis of the country who are vitally concerned with this problem. I enclose a list of the Rabbis who have indicated their availability for such functions, gratis. Where the Seminaries have funds available for such purpose, their travelling expenses might be defrayed by them. However, where such funds are not available, we will be pleased to arrange for the appearance of these Rabbis without cost to the Seminaries.

If, as I hope, you will be interested in having such a presentation at your Seminary during the coming school year, I would suggest the following procedure: first, that you select from the enclosed list of available Rabbis your first and second choice with preference given, if possible, to the men closest to your Seminary; second, select a date or choice of dates; third, send this information to me c/o American Palestine Committee, 41 East 42nd Street, New York, N. Y.

I am to serve as Chaplain at Fort Devens during the summer. Therefore, I suggest that you write to this New York address where my colleague, Rabbi Milton Steinberg, and his associates will be able to follow through with the arrangements.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and with all good wishes.

Cordially yours,

Encls.

Philip S. Bernstein

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July 21, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
U. C. Station
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We all deeply appreciate your interest in the work of our Association, and your courtesy in agreeing to serve again as a member of our Cleveland Committee. Cooperation such as yours makes possible the furtherance and improvement of our work.

Our Cleveland membership appeal, signed by Dan B. Cull as chairman of the committee, will go into the mail in Cleveland on July 23.

Thank you again for your helpful assistance.

Sincerely yours

J. Stewart Nagle

J. Stewart Nagle
Assistant Director

JSN: RW

July 29, 1942

Mr. Philmore J. Haber
Union Commerce Bldg.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Phil:

I am enclosing herewith the bill of the Schonberg
Printing Co. for the postcards and programs ordered
in connection with the Memorial Meeting of last
Thursday.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:DB
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THE BISHOP OF OHIO
2241 PROSPECT AVENUE
CLEVELAND

July 31, 1942.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Under separate cover
I am sending you a statement that I had
prepared prior to our conference of this morning.
It expresses the sort of emphasis I would be
glad to unite with other religious leaders in
making, but may be of too general a character
to satisfy the specific issues that Mrs. Pitcher
desires. Instinctively I shrink from using my
office to enter into a personal political
controversy.

I called Dr. Buel and he expressed himself
as in sympathy with the purpose, but said he
was unwilling to sign a statement until he had
seen its character.

Dr. Blanchard thinks it very unwise for us

to put out such a statement. His desire is

that it will do more harm than good, that

Mr. Sawyer could make just capital out of

it, butting in most of us are not

in his stead and would be disappointed in

non-usage. He advised strongly against

Mr. Mathew's trying down at me it.

In view of the lack of success in my

efforts, I would hesitate to go forward with

our original proposal, and would like to

consider whether this would be any value in

the sort of statement I have drawn up.

I know that Saturday is a difficult day to

go. I have a funeral at 11: a wedding at

12: and another wedding at 5: but could meet

you somewhere in the early afternoon or late evening,

if you think advisable.

It is good to know that your opinion is there

and that you will give a sound judgment. I wish

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that we had more time to work out an approach
that would not be so immediately controversial.

With warm personal regards, I am,

Yours faithfully,
Bertie D. Tucker.



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49 East 33rd Street, New York

August 6, 1942

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Under separate cover we are pleased to send you galley proof of an important new book which we are soon to publish entitled *WHO CRUCIFIED JESUS?* It is written by Professor Solomon Zeitlin of Dropsie College.

We believe that the publication of this book will not only make an important contribution to scholarship but will also be of value to better understanding among Jews and Christians. To that end we are carefully planning an advertising and publicity campaign to launch the book. Dr. Zeitlin and we thought it would be helpful to that end if we could have a few comments from men such as you regarding your opinion of the importance and contribution of the book.

Sincerely yours,

Eugene Exman/ej

September 8, 1942

Dr. Eugene Exman
Harper & Brothers
49 East 33rd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Exman:

Thank you for bringing to my attention Professor Zeitlin's new book, "Who Crucified Jesus?". I have read it with the keenest interest. It is the work of a great historian and a seasoned scholar who illumines everything he touches with a bright new light of insight and wisdom. The deft untangling of the tangled skein of Biblical text, theology and history, and the clear exposition that Jesus was crucified by the Romans for a political offense as the King of the Jews, that he was turned over to the Romans for trial by a Quisling high priest who was the puppet of the procurator, and not by the will of the Jewish people, and that he was never tried by a Jewish religious Sanhedrin leaves every fair-minded student of history deeply indebted to Dr. Zeitlin. Here at last is the final expose of that "tragic libel" evilly wrought on an ancient people.

Very sincerely yours,

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Your presence is requested

at a

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Wednesday, February Twenty-fifth

Two-thirty o'clock in the afternoon

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Plans will be presented to honor Rabbi Silver who is
completing twenty-five years with The Temple.

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