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July 3, 1942

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

My dear Dr. Blanchard:

May I send you this belated
word of congratulation upon the high
honor which has come to you in having
been chosen Moderator of the Congregational
Christian Churches. I know of no one to
whom this high office and responsibility
could have been entrusted more deservedly
and with greater confidence. I wish you
every success.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

WTAM, CLEVELAND

ELLIS VANDER PYL
(Personalities in the News)

WEDNESDAY

JULY 26, 1942

Among the various instruments employed by Hitler in his war for world domination, the most effective has been anti-Semitism. He had inherited a substantial legacy of experience and ideology in Jew-baiting, for Germany had already achieved an unenviable record in racial tolerance. But he developed the movement both in theory and practice in a manner undreamed of by all of his fanatical forerunners. He first saw in it the means of securing political power in Germany, reaching his goal mainly through the skillful and unscrupulous application of his anti-Jewish policy, which was an integral part of the Nazi program right from its inception.

Having found anti-Semitism such a useful instrument for acquiring power at home, Hitler then resolved to exploit it for the same end in foreign countries also, and thus was forged a close and causal connection between anti-Semitism and treachery. The dissemination of Jew-hatred throughout the globe was one of the cardinal tasks of the German propaganda ministry, for Nazism believed that once people became converted to that doctrine, they would accept the rest of Nazi philosophy.

Accordingly, a vast and elaborate scheme was created in pursuance of this design. This insidious campaign followed a three-fold aim; to

pave the way for the Nazis to conquer the world; to provoke hostility against the Jews; to foment political dissension; and to undermine the bases of constitutional government. Jew-baiting served as a smoke-screen, behind which Nazi agents could stir up dissension and disloyalty. No sooner had they lured individuals and groups within their racial snare than they recruited them for their underground Quislings and fifth columnists. Thus was paved the road to conquest of Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Norway, France and Greece.

In few parts of the world were German machinations conducted to such a dangerous extreme as in this country, where hundreds of agents acting openly in the Dard and covertly otherwise were engaged not only in inciting Jew-hatred, but also plotting to secure political domination. While much of that dissipated with the clouds which shrouded Pearl Harbor, there has recently been in whispered circulation the lie that Jewry in this country has not made, and is not making, its proper contribution to our war effort.

Nothing could be more remote from the truth. Here in Cleveland there is ample evidence.

More than 35% of the 2000 men who held membership in the Jewish Recreation council are now in uniform. What organization of similar nature can equal that?

During a week in March, the Jewish Welfare council broke a national store-window record for the sale of War Bonds, disposing of a total of more than \$115,000 in the six day period, only to have this mark

shattered by the B'nai B'rith during a week in April, when a new figure was set above \$200,000.

The Red Cross has had more than 10,000 Jewish blood-donors in Cleveland alone. On the national scene all these figures may be multiplied proportionately.

As for Jews in the services, it was a Jewish corporal, Mayer Levin, who was the bombardier and who released the bombs from the plane piloted by Captain Colin Kelley when the Japanese battleship was sunk off the Phillipines. Among the citations which came after Pearl Harbor, there were an unusual number naming Jewish soldiers, sailors and Marines. Pvt. Jerome Mintz was cited by the officer commanding the Hawaiian department who said to him, "The splendid spirit and unusual bravery you exhibited under bombing and machine gun fire make it a signal honor for me to commend your heroic and courageous action." Another Jew, Lieut. Commander Solomon Isquith, received the Navy cross at Pearl Harbor for --- "extraordinary courage and disregard of his own safety under intense fire, while directing the abandoning of the U.S.S. Utah." Lieut. Henry Mark, of Los Angeles, received the Distinguished Service Cross, posthumously, dying in a withering fire of machine guns as he, alone, raced across an open rice field in the Phillipines to hurl at and disable an advancing Japanese tank.

I could give many others. The time which I have does not permit. May I merely add it was not a coincidence that the first American killed in action from many a town and city across the nation was a Jew.

When this war is over and Hitlerism is crushed, anti-Semitism will presumably no longer be serviceable as an instrument of treachery, but it will still possess an infinite capacity for generating political discord and social unrest. Effective means, therefore, for suppressing this MUST be adopted. Had such measures been taken a few years ago, and had all civilised nations recognised in Hitler's savage onslaught upon Jews in Germany, the prelude to his war of aggression, and promptly re-acted accordingly, it is inconceivable that this war could have grown to its present catastrophic proportions.

What we neglected on this score before this war, we must do after it is done, if we are to enjoy peace and resume progress. The task will not be easy, but unless it is boldly and intelligently tackled and satisfactorily accomplished, the world will be sorely troubled for years to come.

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July 22, 1942

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
THE TEMPLE
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland
OHIO

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you for your gracious letter of July 17th. I shall be awaiting
most eagerly an article for the New Year editions.

Cordially yours,

Martha Neumark
Martha Neumark
Executive Editor

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Journal of Jewish Bibliography

11 West 40th Street

NEW YORK, N. Y.

DR. JOSHUA BLOCH, Editor

August 12, 1942

Rabbi Hillel A. Silver
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Silver:

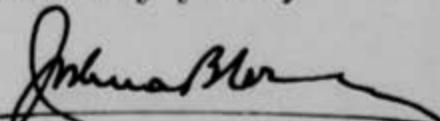
I know you are a busy man. You certainly have your hands full in the handling of the problems of Palestine, and your congregation, too, no doubt expects something from you, especially towards the approach of the High Holidays. Nevertheless, I venture to turn to you with the request that you do something for the Journal of Jewish Bibliography.

I have had under consideration for quite sometime a publication by Prof. Alfred Guillaume on "Prophecy and Divination". It represents one of the series in the Bampton Lectures. I do not want to let that book escape an adequate appraisal in the pages of the Journal of Jewish Bibliography. It occurred to me that of all the men who are competent to deal with the book you are most equipped for it. I recall that some years ago you made a study of divination among the Hebrews and no doubt haven't dropped your interest in it even to this day. I would, therefore, want you to review this publication for the readers of the Journal.

You no doubt know that the Journal is published as a non-profit-making venture, primarily as a continuation of ~~the~~ Zeitschrift für hebräische Bibliographie, without necessarily maintaining all the features of the German publication, and that those who share in its production--editor, publisher and contributors--do it without ~~any~~ remuneration other than the feeling that they are helping in the promotion of Jewish learning. I have no doubt that you would want to join that company.

Hoping that everything is well with you, I am,

Sincerely yours,


Editor

JB/DS

*A cordial invitation is extended to yourself and family
to attend the Dedication Services
of the new home of the*

Beth Israel Congregation

*Northeast corner Park and Birchard Avenues
Fremont, Ohio*

*Sunday, the thirtieth day of August
nineteen hundred forty-two*

at two-thirty o'clock in the afternoon

Louis Spungen, pres

TELEGRAM

August 30, 1942

*Sent
Aug. 29 M.L.*

Louis J. Spungen, President
Beth Israel Congregation
Northeast corner Park and Birchard Avenues
Fremont, Ohio

PLEASE ACCEPT THE FELICITATIONS OF THE TEMPLE ITS OFFICERS
AND RABBIS ON THE OCCASION OF THE DEDICATION OF THE NEW HOME OF
BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION. WE PRAY THAT YOU WILL BE BLESSED
IN YOUR NEW HOME AND THAT YOU WILL RENDER GREAT SERVICE IN THE
COMING YEARS TO THE CAUSE OF JUDAISM.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

ARMY and NAVY SERVICE DIVISION

National Jewish Welfare Board

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Dear Colleague:

The Jewish Welfare Board is sending you herewith a suggested memorial prayer for the Jewish soldier and sailor dead in the present war. This might be recited during the memorial services on the Day of Atonement. You may well include in the prayer the names of any deceased members of your congregation who may have made the supreme sacrifice for our country.

The Jewish Welfare Board would also offer the suggestion that in this critical war year congregations may appropriately take advantage of the Simhat Torah honors of Hatan Torah and Hatan Breshith for focussing attention on war services. Other things being equal, a congregation might well choose for these honors men with more than one son in the army or navy, or men who themselves have given notable and distinguished war service.

Let us pray that the new year will bring us a victorious and enduring peace.

Sincerely yours,

DAVID de SOLA POOL
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United States Senate

SPECIAL COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING
THE NATIONAL DEFENSE PROGRAM

September 8, 1942

SPECIAL REPORT OF U. S. SENATOR HAROLD H. BURTON OF OHIO ON PACIFIC COAST AND ALASKA INVESTIGATION TRIPS

From July 19 through August 26, I joined in two trips taken for the "Truman Committee" Investigating the National Defense Program. This report of them is made to those who have received my three semi-annual reports and to some others whom I believe will be interested.

Pacific Coast Trip - Aviation and Light Metal Program - July 19-Aug. 3.

With Senators Wallgren (Wash.) and Hatch (N.M.), and an attorney, I visited and conferred with responsible officials at aluminum and magnesium plants, in production, near Spokane and San Francisco; an aluminum rolling mill and a magnesium plant, partly built, near Spokane; a magnesium plant, almost completed, near Tacoma; Columbia River federal power developments at the Grand Coulee and Bonneville dams, supplying power for light metal production; Kaiser shipbuilding plant at Vancouver, Wash.; Boeing, Douglas, North American, Northrop, Lockheed and Consolidated aircraft plants near Seattle, Los Angeles and San Diego; Army and Navy defenses near Spokane, Everett, Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego; and Japanese Assembly Center, containing 18,000 Japanese, near Los Angeles.

Aside from confidential recommendations to the Truman Committee, I found that:

1. The aviation industry is producing splendidly with excellent morale. It could produce much more with more materials and a ready supply of parts. It is making important experiments. 11% to 24% of those employed at each plant are women. It is producing cargo and passenger planes twice the size of our commercial planes. The Kaiser giant cargo-plane would take over eighteen months to get into production and is limited by the available supplies of raw materials, critical equipment, trained fliers, plant facilities and engineering skill that must be shared with other planes.
2. Protection against bombing raids and sabotage needs attention.
3. Shortage of housing near defense plants is increasing. In Southern California, it is closely related to the rubber shortage where communities have been built in complete reliance upon private automobiles. The defense housing program needs investigation on a national scale.

Alaskan Trip - Military and Naval Program - Aug. 5-25.

With Senator Wallgren and the attorney for the Truman Committee, I accompanied a Sub-committee of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs, consisting of Senators Wallgren, Chandler (Ky.) and Holman (Oreg.), with a consultant and several Army officers, on an investigation of our Alaskan military, naval and transportation program.

We covered over 8500 miles, 7600 of them in an Army or Navy plane. 4800 miles were flown during 12 days in Alaska itself. We visited all points important to the war program either on the way to or in Alaska. This included the most westerly Aleutian Islands garrisoned by our troops. We conferred with officers, enlisted men and civilians and took whatever time was needed to see the situation clearly. We were delayed but one day by bad weather.

While our exact stops on the Aleutian Peninsula and Islands were confidential, our general itinerary included: San Francisco, Portland, Everett, Spokane, Edmonton (Alberta), Watson Lake (Yukon Territory), Whitehorse (Y.T.), Fairbanks, Nome, Anchorage, "Aleutians," Matanuska Valley, Juneau and Sitka (all in Alaska).

Our defensive position in Alaska has been greatly strengthened. The food, ammunition, equipment and supplies are generally adequate and the morale of the troops is generally excellent. Our estimate of needed changes or additions are confidential.

Commendation is well deserved by the Army, Navy and civilian population, including the natives, for general cooperation with one another. The Army has done exceptionally well in dispersing, constructing and camouflaging its defenses, living quarters and their approaches. Supreme commendation is due the Army and Navy fliers who have constantly harassed the enemy and prevented any effective enemy program from extending much east of Kiska, which is 700 miles west of Dutch Harbor.

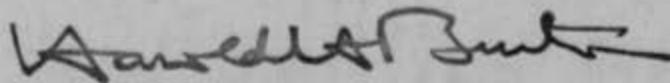
I met many officers and men from Ohio. Some gave me names of people to whom I have reported that I have seen them "somewhere in Alaska and that they are in good health and spirits."

Aside from confidential recommendations to the Truman Committee, I found that:

1. Alaska is on the shortest route to and from Japan. Transportation facilities must be developed accordingly and a good start has been made.
2. Alaska is an "all-American front." Development of it is our responsibility and opportunity. Our allies naturally stress their own fronts.
3. The value of Alaska to the Japanese for an offensive base would be tremendous. They must not gain a foothold there. Major benefits can be won by us in Alaska now at minimum cost. Our enemies are digging in. Delays add to the difficulty and cost of dislodging them.
4. We should have complete unity of command between and within our armed forces in Alaska, on land, on sea and in the air, both for defensive and offensive purposes.
5. Army engineers have been doing a splendid job of road building. Contractors who are to follow will face much difficulty, and, to avoid great waste, careful supervision should be given to their work and its cost. The Alaskan road now being built is for military rather than scenic or commercial purposes.
6. Construction of defense projects by private contractors calls for improved supervision and a review of the cost.
7. The Matanuska Valley Project was not a successful relief project. However, most of those not qualified for pioneer farming have returned to the continental United States and the settlement is now a valuable experiment in Alaskan pioneer farming.
8. My visit has confirmed my confidence in our troops and doubled my realization of the need for our unlimited support of them. One of the greatest aids each of us can give to our troops at the front is to send them cordial, cheerful, frequent, personal mail. It will show them they are not forgotten and will strengthen their spirit.

The war has but begun.

Yours sincerely,


U. S. Senator from Ohio.

September 10, 1942

Dr. Everett Moore Baker
2839 Manchester Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Baker:

As you assume your duties as the new minister of the First Unitarian Church, may I extend to you my best wishes for great happiness and a very fruitful ministry in our midst. Your Church has been a great influence for good in our community and your predecessors have been sources of light and inspiration. I am confident that you will continue this fine tradition. I knew Dr. Lupton ever since he came to Cleveland and worked with him in the most satisfying kind of comradeship. I am something of an oldster hereabouts, rounding out this year twenty-five years as Rabbi of The Temple.

I hope that I shall have the pleasure of meeting you soon and of extending in person a warm welcome.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

THE FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH
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September 14, 1942

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

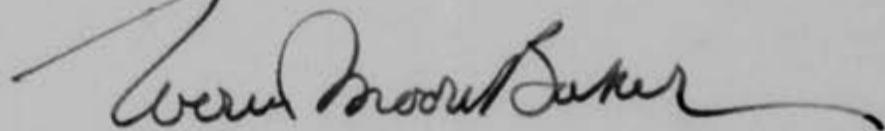
Thank you very much for your kind note. I have heard a great deal about you from my old friend, Dilworth Lupton, and I look forward to the opportunity of meeting you again.

You would not remember me, but I did meet you at our conference at Niagara Falls a few years ago. You joined us after your address in the hotel dining room where we spent an interesting hour.

Thank you again for your word of welcome.

Sincerely yours,

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September 14, 1942

Mr. Richard R. Smith
120 East 39th St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Smith:

Rabbi Leon I. Feuer has requested me
to write a Foreword to his book and to send it
on to you. I am enclosing it herewith.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

WAR PRODUCTION BOARD
REGIONAL OFFICE (5)
UNION COMMERCE BUILDING
CLEVELAND, OHIO

OFFICE OF REGIONAL DIRECTOR

September 14, 1942

SPECIAL DELIVERY

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your acceptance as a speaker on our War Production Board program at East 9th and Euclid Avenue, Thursday, September 17th, is sincerely appreciated.

Arrangements have been made for the speakers to assemble inside the Cleveland Trust Company's "B" Entrance on East 9th Street at 12:15 P.M.

For your convenience, we are outlining below the procedure of the speakers which we believe should be followed:

12:45-12:50 P.M. - Right Reverend Beverley D. Tucker, D. D.,
Bishop of Ohio

12:50-12:55 P.M. - Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of the Ansel Rd. Temple

12:55-1:00 P.M. - Most Reverend James A. McFadden, Auxilliary Bishop

The main idea behind the ten day exhibit and program is "pulling together for victory" and I need not caution you to keep away from controversial issues but to emphasize the need for unity.

Sincerely yours,

J. A. Hadden

John A. Hadden
Deputy Regional Director
War Production Board



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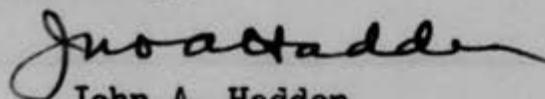
OFFICE OF REGIONAL DIRECTOR

September 21, 1942

My dear Rabbi Silver:

As chairman of the committee sponsoring the noonday rallies of the "Pulling Together for Victory" campaign I wish to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for your participation in the program. Your contribution to the success of the last day's meeting was considerable, partly because of your high position in the community, but more because of the stirring sentiments that you expressed. Mr. Virden, Regional Director of the War Production Board has requested me to express his deep appreciation of your contribution.

Sincerely,



John A. Hadden
Deputy Regional Director
War Production Board

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



September 22, 1942

Dr. Joshua Bloch, Editor
Journal of Jewish Bibliography
11 West 40th St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Bloch:

Please pardon the long delay in answering
your letter. I was away in August and I have been
busy since with the Holidays.

When Professor Guillaume's book, "Prophecy and
Divination", is published send it on to me and I shall
be pleased to review it for the Journal of Jewish
Bibliography.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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September 22, 1942

My dear Rabbi Silver:

At the suggestion of Max Eastman, I am sending you an advance copy of his new book, *LOT'S WIFE*, which we are publishing on October 1. Of course, we would be pleased if you care to give us some comment on the book.

Sincerely yours,

Ramona Herdman

Ramona Herdman
Publicity Director

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

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11 West 40th Street

NEW YORK, N. Y.

DR. JOSHUA BLOCH, Editor

September 23, 1942

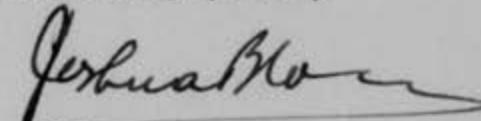
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Silver:

I am sending under separate cover Prof. Guillaume's "Prophecy and Divination" and am looking forward to your review. I am also enclosing a draft of a review that I have written myself. I did it because I have not heard from you sooner. Now that you are ready to do the job I shall prefer not to use mine, which is really not a review but merely a bibliographical note. Remember you are restricted neither in space nor in mode of treatment of the subject.

With all good wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,


Editor

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Prophecy and Divination Among the Hebrews and other Semites, by Alfred Guillaume, D.D. ... London: Hodder & Stoughton Ltd. [1938] xviii, 434 p. (The Bampton Lectures. 1938)

The Bampton Lectures by Alfred Guillaume deal with a subject always fascinating and therefore by no means neglected. These lectures have the merit of being readable which is not always the case with either most of the earlier studies concerned with the subject or with the companion volumes in the eminent series of Bampton Lectures. Most of the earlier works of the subject have been used by the author rather advantageously though it seems Dr. A. H. Silver's admirable study seems to have escaped his attention. Dr. Guillaume discusses the Sumerian religion, its ethical myths and magical concepts, claiming that the Sumerians exerted considerable influence over the general contemporary civilization. He points out how intensely polytheistic their religion was, being nothing more than an expression of the infantile ideas concerning God, man and the universe held by the people of early times.

"Prophetic Yahwism vs. Divination" in Hebrew Union College Monthly, 1915, v. 2, pp. 16-26.

In the lectures are also discussed Jewish views on visions, dreams and prophecy. The teachings of the ancient Hebrews as revealed in the Hebrew Scriptures are separated by unfathomed oceans of thoughts from the teachings of the Sumerians and their contemporaries, the Accadians. Says Dr. Guillaume: "The more that archaeology teaches us about the ways and thoughts of the ancients, the more mysterious does the higher religion of Israel become."

As one may well expect from so good an Arabist as Dr. Guillaume, his lectures also deal in an admirable manner with the principles and teachings of Mohammedanism. The chapters dealing with Maimonides are of special interest because the Maimonidean conception of prophecy as a blend of intellectualism and imagination is one which in modern scholarship seems to have received general acceptance. One regrets the author's failure to avail himself of the results of Dr. Zwi Karl's study "Der israelitische Prophetismus" Vorstudien in Festschrift Adolf Schwarz, Berlin,

and Wien, 1917, p. 29-53. It contains a wealth of pertinent material which would have contributed considerably to the enrichment of his treatment of ^{the} Maimonidean conception of prophecy. Dr. Guillaume endeavors to show the bearing ^{of} ~~up~~ of this conception of prophecy on man's intercourse with the Divine. This leads him to a fine discussion of ecstasy, the attaining of a vision of God, a theme so prominent in Biblical and post-Biblical writings. He concludes quite correctly that "the Hebrew prophets did not seek to attain union with God or to identify themselves with Him after the manner of the worshippers of Osiris, Attis, Adonis and others."

WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FOURTH ARMY

Office of Assistant Chief of Staff, Civil Affairs Division

WARTIME CIVIL CONTROL ADMINISTRATION

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September 23, 1942

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

Dear Doctor Silver:

Attached herewith is a clipping of a United Press story which Mr. Braun has asked to be called to your attention. You will see that it substantiates the remarks which he made to you when you were in Los Angeles and adds further reason for the concern which he expressed.

No doubt this type of activity has penetrated much further into the country than many of us realize. Both Mr. Braun and Colonel Bendetsen have been conversant with this problem and have been concerned about it for some considerable time.

You can see that I have changed my address. I was sent here by Mr. Braun some ten days ago and I am trying hard to fill the shoes of Major Beasley.

The pictures which you wanted are printed and are now being captioned and should be forwarded to you tomorrow.

If there is any further information that I can secure for you, please do not hesitate to command me.

Cordially,

Byron Box
BYRON D. BOX
Acting Director of
Information

my best regards to Mrs. Silver, please

B.

The
CHURCHMAN
425 Fourth Avenue, New York.

EDITORIAL OFFICES

September 23, 1942.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
342 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed is a statement drafted by an informal committee interested in the Indian problem of which I am acting as chairman. Among those who have signed it are Dr. Henry A. Atkinson, Douglas Auchincloss, Pearl Buck, Robert J. Caldwell, John Farrar, Herbert S. Houston, Dr. Frank Kingdon, Arthur Upham Pope, and others.

I shall appreciate it if you will indicate on the enclosed postal card whether or not you are willing to sign this statement.

Faithfully yours,

Guy Emery Shipley
Guy Emery Shipley

GES:y
Encl.

Signed - Sep. 28. '42



The people of the United States view the situation in India with great alarm because it threatens the victory of the United Nations. With increasing numbers of our troops and vast quantities of our supplies in India, we have been offered and have accepted a large share of her defense which may involve the fate of China and her continued ability to participate in the war. Failure to use the full might of India's 400 million people in the all-out war effort against the Axis would be paid for by the lives of Americans and of our allies.

We are well aware of the efforts of all parties to reach a solution and of the immense difficulties involved. We are bound by the closest ties with our British allies in their gallant struggle for human freedom. We are in fullest accord with the people of India in their legitimate aspirations for self-government.

We therefore urge that President Roosevelt tender the good offices of the United States in cooperation with other members of the United Nations to obtain the full participation of the Indian people in the war and to assure their political freedom.

The
CHURCHMAN
425 Fourth Avenue, New York

EDITORIAL OFFICES

October 1st, 1942.

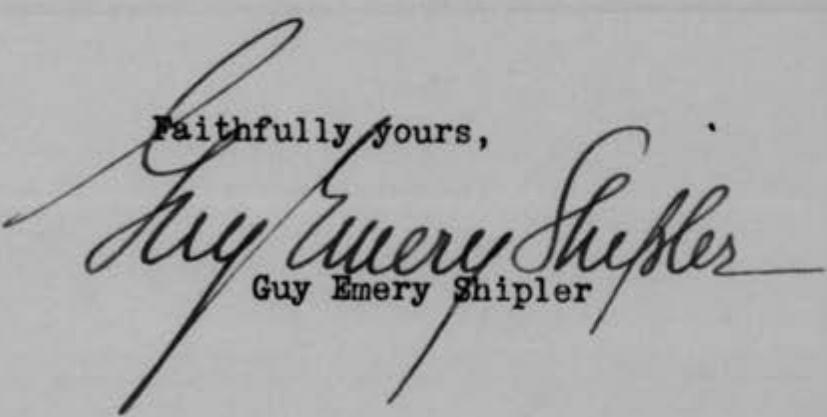
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

The group which drew up the statement on India which you signed will meet on Thursday afternoon, October 8th, at four o'clock in the apartment of Arthur J. Goldsmith, Waldorf-Astoria Towers, New York City. We will discuss what further action should be taken and the advisability of forming a permanent organization.

Please let me know whether you will join us.

Faithfully yours,


Guy Emery Shipley



FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY
NATIONAL YOUTH ADMINISTRATION
FOR OHIO

1967 East 57 Street
Cleveland, Ohio
October 6, 1942

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The National Youth Administration, as an agency of the War Manpower Commission, is very much interested in speaking to you about the part the young Jewish adult may and must play in Cleveland's anticipated labor crisis. It is the patriotic duty of every American to sacrifice "business as usual" policies and prepare themselves for jobs on the necessarily tremendous production line.

We should very much appreciate an appointment with you when we may fully discuss the present labor conditions and gain your assistance in this drive to avert a serious labor crisis.

We shall appreciate your help at this time.

Very truly yours

(MRS.) ELLEN KREBS
Project Personnel Officer

By:

Maxine Goodman

(Miss) Maxine Goodman
Youth Personnel Field Representative

October 7, 1942

Mrs. Ellen Krebs, Project Personnel Officer
National Youth Administration for Ohio
1967 East 57th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Krebs:

Thank you for your letter of
October 6. I shall be very happy to see
you or your representative in my study any
morning after ten o'clock (except Saturday
or Sunday). Please telephone before you
come to make sure that I am in.

With all good wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

ANS: BK

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Nineteen Hundred and Forty-two

October 12, 1942

Dr. Joshua Bloch, Editor
Journal of Jewish Bibliography
11 West 40th St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Bloch:

Inasmuch as you have already written a review of Professor Guillaume's book, I suggest that you let it go at that. At some future time I shall be very glad to review for you some other work.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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DR. ROBERT GORDIS, RABBI

October 12, 1942

Dear Doctor Silver:

Many thanks for your letter of October 10th.

In accordance with your request, I am enclosing a cut and biographical sketch from which you are at liberty to excerpt whatever material will serve your needs.

I shall send you the topic of my address within a few days.

Cordially yours,
Robert Gordis
ROBERT GORDIS

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Dear Rabbi Silver:-

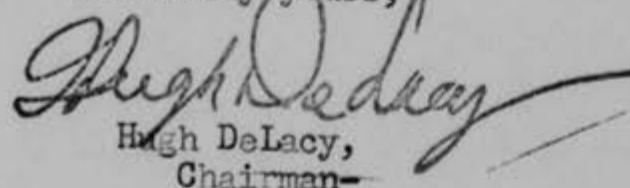
Last month, we wrote to enlist your aid and cooperation in an effort to bring about greater participation of foreign-born Americans in the war against fascist aggression.

We asked your assistance in telling the American people what fascism has done to Lithuania, its culture and its people. This message we planned to incorporate in a special pamphlet, tentatively titled "This Is Fascism!", together with representative statements of immigrants in this country from nations which have been victimized by the Axis invaders. Our message is intended to appeal especially to those of us who are foreign-born, by emphasizing for them what Axis aggression has meant to their native land, to their relatives and friends in Europe. At the same time, we feel that such a pamphlet would be extremely significant to native-born Americans in giving them a greater understanding of our war aims and the need to insure victory for the United Nations.

Since we have not heard from you, we are taking the liberty of sending you a copy of an article by Leon Edel in the October 7th issue of PM, which illustrates the kind of information we feel should be disseminated at this time. We are hoping that you can let us have your statement shortly. The statement should be about one thousand words (about three typewritten pages, double spaced).

We would deeply appreciate an immediate reply in order that we may know at this time whether we can count on your help in this important undertaking, which we are planning for publication on the first anniversary of the Japanese attack on our Pearl Harbor.

Sincerely yours,


Hugh DeLacy,
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October 16, 1942.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

At the meeting held last week of the signatories of the statement on India, it was decided to organize as the American Round Table on India that we may attain the objectives of the statement.

I hope you will let me know that you will join the Round Table. Such membership, while bespeaking your cooperation, does not necessarily involve attendance at meetings. We will hold a meeting next Thursday, October 22nd, in the apartment of Arthur J. Goldsmith, Waldorf-Astoria Towers, New York, at four o'clock and I shall appreciate your advising me on the enclosed card whether you will join the Round Table and whether you will attend the meeting.

Faithfully yours,

Guy Emery Shipley
Guy Emery Shipley



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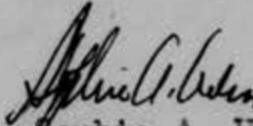
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are very anxious to have in the Zionist Archives and Library as complete a collection of your works as possible. We do not have "The History of Messianic Speculation in Israel" published in 1927. We will indeed be very grateful to you if you will see that we receive a copy of this important work.

Very sincerely yours,


Sophie A. Udin
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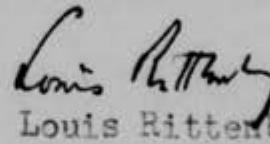
Rabbi Abba Nillel Silver,
10311 Lake Shore Boulevard,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We beg to send you herewith, for verification, a copy of a biographical evaluation concerning you from the pen of Mr. Louis Lipsky.

We would appreciate your prompt attention in checking the facts, as well as calling to our attention any important data that may have been omitted.

Sincerely yours,


Louis Rittenberg

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Oct. 21, 1942

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

May I recall a recent conference with you at which were present in addition to myself, Rabbis Katz and Zambrowsky. At that time, you expressed your willingness to cooperate with us in our campaign for the thousands Rabbis and scholars, escaped from Poland and Lithuania and now exiled in many provinces of the USSR.

Rabbi Gold and I intend to initiate the campaign on or about November 7th.

We would suggest that a parlor meeting be arranged and that a group of the most prominent leaders of Cleveland be invited. This meeting, addressed by yourself, Rabbi W. Gold, and myself would initiate the campaign.

May I therefore ask you to kindly give Rabbi Zambrowsky a list of the people who you feel should be invited; he has kindly consented to follow the matter through.

I cannot overemphasize the urgency of the matter. You are fully aware that the unfortunate scholars are living under the most difficult conditions and can turn only to us for the aid they need to live.

With kind thanks and sincere regards,

Very truly yours,

Abraham Kalmanowitz
Rabbi Abraham Kalmanowitz

October 22, 1942

My dear Mr. Rittenberg:

I am returning herewith the copy of the biographic sketch which you were kind enough to send me. I find it altogether satisfactory. I have made one or two slight corrections and one or two additions which I have written into the body of the text in pencil. The one important correction concerned the statement that I opposed the plan for the extended Jewish Agency. I did not oppose it. I favored it. The one important addition concerned the instigation of the organization of the Anti-Nazi Boycott Movement for which Mr. Samuel Untermeyer and I were responsible. The other items are minor ones.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
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Rabbi A. H. Silver,
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

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We should like to inform you more fully with respect to the Plan, and to this end you may expect a telephone call within the next few days from one of our Trustees, Dr. Milton B. Cohen.

Very truly yours,

Harry V. Paryzek
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Miss Klein,

10/20/42

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Dr. H. S. Linfield, Director
Jewish Statistical Bureau,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Linfield:

As you know, a part, and a large part, of the propagandists' effort in America is to stigmatize the Jewish race in many ways, and they harp on the amount of wealth in America controlled by the Jews, and the number of Jews in America.

The best information I have on the matter at this time is that approximately 5% of the American population is Jewish, and that the amount of wealth controlled by them is in proportion to the population.

I find intelligent people believing the wild tales of 98% of the wealth of America's being controlled by Jews; that U.S. Congress and Supreme Court are controlled by the Jews; that the moving picture industry is Jewish owned and controlled, and that the banks are Jewish owned and controlled.

As co-ordinator of Civilian Defense in this area I have sought an authoritative source to combat this propaganda, and the United States Census Bureau referred me to you.

I would greatly appreciate your sending me any statistics you may have on this matter; but especially the proportion of National Wealth owned by Jews and the number of Jews in America.

I am not of the Jewish race or faith, but I am an American and as such I believe in religious and National freedom, regardless of race, color or creed. I, furthermore, believe that only a united America can win this war, and that we must win it in order to preserve our freedom.

Very truly yours,

Paul S. Blandford,
Superintendent.

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Oct. 30, 1942

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I do want to thank you very kindly for making available to the Zionist Archives and Library your very important work, "Messianic Speculation in Israel."

Very sincerely yours,

Sophie A. Udin
Sophie A. Udin
Librarian

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RADIO SPEECH
MARTIN L SWEENEY

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This is the first opportunity I have had to speak to the people of the 20th Congressional District by radio since the August Primary election. I express my thanks to the 12,000 citizens who voted for me at the Democratic primary, and who expressed their condemnation of the un-American campaign conducted by the pseudopatriots against me.

I have in my office six different pieces of vicious literature attacking my candidacy distributed exclusively in the Jewish section of the 20th District. I invite each of you at your convenience to inspect these documents and be convinced of the charges I make against such opposition. During the campaign I made the statement that the spearhead of my opposition stemmed from the Communist Front Organization in New York and Cleveland. Tonight I present proof of that statement.

On October 20, in a radio speech delivered over a Cleveland station, one Arnold Johnson, leader of the Communist organization in Cleveland and an independent candidate for Congress in the 21st District, boasted of the support the Communists gave to the Democratic nominee, Michael A Feighan. He thanked some of the nationality groups who joined with the Communists and Mayor Frank Lausche for their contribution toward my defeat. This is the same Communist leader who was chairman of the Communist meeting October 24 at our Public Hall when Earl Browder, "Stalin's mouthpiece" in America, and recently released from a Federal penitentiary, was welcomed to the use of our public hall by Mayor Lausche, just as William K Foster was welcomed by Mayor Lausche to speak at a Communist rally in Lincoln Park on last July 31.

When I applied for the same privilege I was denied the use of this hall. It seems to me that the test for a permit to speak in our public hall or in public parks is whether or not you follow the red flag of Russia or the stars and stripes of the United States.

This same "Second Front" Johnson also, in his radio address of October 28 plugged the sale of Earl Browder's latest book on Communism. May I respectfully suggest that a autographed copy of this book be sent to Mayor Lausche as a memento of his advocacy of free speech by Communists and his denial of free speech to Americans. You will recall when Jehovah's Witnesses held their convention in Cleveland the Mayor granted them the use of the public hall, and then told the people of Cleveland to stay away from the Meeting. Did he tell the people of Cleveland to stay away from the Earl Browder Communist meeting of October 24? He did not.

Mr Johnson has been attacking Congressmen Bolton and Bender, Senators Taft and Burton, and myself, for their views on international issues before Pearl Harbor. He has attacked the best secretary of State Ohio has ever produced -- John E Sweeney -- because as Secretary of State, following the Ohio laws, he refused to allow the Communist Party a place on the ballot this year. United States Attorney General, Biddle, in ordering the deportation of Harry Bridges, a Communist agitator on the west coast, said that the membership of the Communist Party were bent on the overthrow of the Republic of the United States by force and violence. That opinion applied in equal force to Arnold Johnson, who boasts that he is a Communist, and is now using his candidacy as an independent to propagandize the Communist philosophy in this campaign.

When you say, Mr Johnson, that some nationality groups have joined with you in nominating Michael A Feighan, why don't you tell the Czechs, Slavs, and Poles and the other groups that you and your party was doing when Stalin and Hitler were together before June, 1941? When Congressman Martin L Sweeney was condemning the rape of Catholic Poland by Hitler and Stalin, when Congressman Sweeney was condemning the sale of scrap iron to Japan, you and your kind were discretely silent. When Hitler and Stalin were together you and your kind were helping to sabotage our national defense ever before June, 1941.

You grow dramatic in reciting the gallant defense of Stalingrad, I join with you in praising that defense. Russia is fighting for her home land. To crush the Fascist system is one of the objects of the United Nations. But we do not, and we will not permit you and your kind to substitute in place of Fascism the pagan philosophy of your party

that say religion is the "opium of the people". The country that you like, Russia, is still a friend to Japan, our enemy who killed three thousand of our boys in Pearl Harbor. You are not condemning that alliance between Russia and Japan.

Mr Johnson, if you do not know what our American boys are fighting for in this global war, just gaze upon the recent newspaper pictures of our boys attending divine services at Guadalcanal, in the hot sands of Egypt, in the heat of far-off India, in Iceland and in every battle sector of the world. These pictures tell you that they are fighting to preserve our Christian civilization in the United States, and not to advance the cause of Communism when the war is over.

You here, Michael A Feighan, through your efforts and a considerable number of Jews who belong to your Communistic Party, was successful in the recent primary election. Unless Mr Feighan repudiates that support he stands marked before the entire community as a fellow traveler. The support, is "like dead sea fruits that tempt the eye but turn to ashes on the lips". No true American can accept such political support and remain an American. The support of the Communist Party in behalf of any candidate other than that of their own members, is the kiss of death, and rightly so.

You independent voters, Republican and Democratic, have a chance to protest next Tuesday by going to the polls and voting for Marie R Sweeney, the independent candidate for Congress in the 20th district. This independent movement was not initiated by me, but came about as the result of the appeal of thousands of sound Americans who are determined to make a protest against the flag-waving patriots who fight a war from their easy chairs and from the counters of the delicatessen stores of Cleveland, while our boys are being killed in battle in far off corners of the earth. Let Mr Feighan, the Democratic nominee, condemn the imperialistic system of the world as I have done for the past quarter century; then we will appraise his sincerity and his patriotism.

The other day Wendell Wilkie condemned British imperialism throughout the world as a result of his trip to Asia and the Mediterranean. It sounded like Martin L Sweeney.

Yes, some people are saying, maybe Sweeney was right about these world wars. Tomorrow they will say, "We know he is right."

I join in asking the support of the candidacy of Marie R Sweeney for Congress. She cannot and will not be a rubber stamp representative. Over forty-five thousand boys have gone to war from greater Cleveland. More will follow. When my boys and your boys come home, protect them by electing to Congress someone who understands their problems, who will be sympathetic with their appeals to the Government; someone, who will support the legislative enactments to ease, if it can be done, the wounds that many of them will nurse years after the war is over. Your chance to vote American in the 20th District will come next Tuesday. Get your friends and neighbors to join with you as Christians and Americans in voting the Independent ticket for Congress in the 20th District.

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Nov. 5, 1942

Dear Dr. Silver,

Monday's meeting was a thrilling experience, and I was happy to read the enclosed editorial in yesterday's Detroit Free Press. I am sending you a copy of our today's issue under separate cover and am enclosing an advance sheet of the pages containing my report on your address.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Philip Slomovitz
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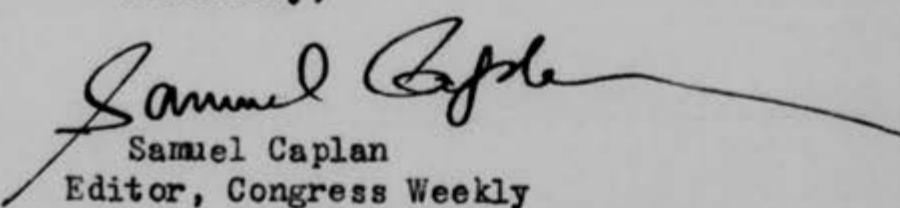
Dr. A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

Would you care to send me the manuscript of
your address at the Poale Zion convention? I should
like to use it in the Congress Weekly. May I add, by
the way, that the pages of the Congress Weekly are always
open to you for anything you may have to say.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,


Samuel Caplan
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November 16, 1942

Rt. Rev. Beverley D. Tucker
Trinity Cathedral
Euclid Ave. and E. 22nd St.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Bishop Tucker:

I deeply regretted my inability to attend the meeting last Wednesday. I was at Fort Bragg the whole of the last week talking to our boys in service.

From the numerous comments which I have received from those who attended the meeting, your message was deeply appreciated and greatly helpful. May I thank you personally and in the name of The Temple for the hour of stimulation and uplift which you gave to the members of the Temple Women's Association.

With all good wishes and hoping to see you in the near future, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:NK

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Dr Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland Ohio.

November 17th 1942

55 WEST 42ND STREET
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Dear Sir and Friend:

Leaders of democratic organizations in various countries have often felt the need for an international clearing house which would facilitate co-operation on a universal scale of all progressive and federalist forces. At present there is an urgent need to educate public opinion concerning the ideas of federalism in order to avoid at the conclusion of this war the mistakes of the past. This is only possible by effective co-operation on a world-wide scale.

We are glad to announce that a provisional committee composed of representatives of the Federation of World Co-operation (organizations created 36 years ago with the co-operation of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, founder of the Chinese Republic, and Professor Reclus), the International library presided over by Edouard Herriot, the International Peace campaign presided over by Lord Cecil and Pierre Cot, the Free World Association presided over by Mrs. J. B. Harriman, the International League of Human Rights presided over by Henri Laugier, Federal Union Inc., presided over by Clarence Streit, and many others have decided to sponsor the

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This letter merely serves the purpose of asking for your acceptance in principle. If you should be unable to be present on both of these days, we hope that you will be able to attend on one day. Please suggest names of friends interested in the ideas of world co-operation whom you think we should invite to the conference.

H. Fernandez Artucio Very sincerely yours, for the Provisional Committee:

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November 18, 1942.

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am
writing to thank you for your kindness in acting as
a Sponsor of the Cleveland Medical Service Plan.

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vise you of our progress.

Very truly yours,

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November 19, 1942

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road and East 105 Street
City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Writer greatly appreciates the cooperation of your Temple in planning for dinner party for the members of U. S. Army in the cast of the show "This Is the Army". We have arranged for dinner at the Allerton Hotel at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 1. It is my understanding that the Temples will each contribute a sum of about \$125.00 to defray share of necessary expenses.

With reference to participation of hostesses and other guests from your Temple, it is my understanding that each Temple will invite not to exceed ten young women as hostesses and also two married couples from your Sisterhood and two married couples from the Men's Club. It was agreed that a charge of \$1.50, which includes meal, tax, and tip, will be charged against each Temple for these representatives and furthermore that each Temple will let the writer know not later than Monday, November 30, as to the exact number of such guests. In this way each Temple will guarantee these charges.

We also wish to take this occasion of inviting the President of your congregation to be our guest and also yourself, and we trust that you will personally participate briefly in our prepared program.

The writer again wishes to thank you for the fine cooperation extended by representatives of your Temple and looks forward to a splendid event on December 1. If there are any questions in your mind regarding any details, please get in touch with me direct.

Respectfully,

Louis S. Bing Jr.

LSB/m

P.S. It is our understanding that Mr. Harry Levy is arranging details regarding the meal, also cigarettes and sweets. Mr. Leonard Broida is taking responsibility for the tickets, and I trust that same will be delivered to the writer in person at earliest opportunity.

*O.K.
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CLEVELAND, OHIO

November 21, 1942

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
East 105 and Ansel Rd., City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Further information from local Military Police Office is to the effect that the number of boys in the show "This is the Army" will be between 165 and 180, including 20 colored boys. Will you please phone me Monday or Tuesday to indicate your attitude regarding the invitation of colored boys to our affair. I understand that they are to be invited to the other dinner parties for the cast, and my personal opinion is very strongly in favor of their inclusion.

Captain Stout has also indicated that he would appreciate invitations to about 20 of his military police boys stationed locally, and we have invited them accordingly. On this basis the cost of the affair to the four Temples will be somewhat less than estimated. Appreciating a call from you in this matter and with best personal regards.

Respectfully,

Louis

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November 22, 1942.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Road and E. 105th Street,
Cleveland, Chio.

Dear Sir:

Our City Editor has asked me to inform you of the plan of our paper to print special Thanksgiving prayers in the edition on Thanksgiving morning. We are asking a leading representative of each of the three faiths to send in a Thanksgiving prayer of about 150 words in length. If convenient, could you write such a prayer for us, and send it to us by Wednesday afternoon, and very much oblige.

Yours sincerely,

Walton W. Rankin
Church editor. Room 541.

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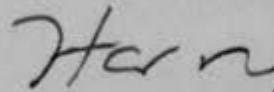
Dear Dr. Silver:

May I send you herewith, for your confidential information, a copy of a letter from the superintendent of the Virginia State Industrial School. We attended to this important matter from the point of view of data about our people and we then referred the matter to one of the large defense organizations for practical handling of the situation. We have since received word that that matter had been satisfactorily settled.

I am especially calling your attention to the fact that the writer of the letter first communicated with the United States Bureau of the Census, and the government office referred the inquiry to us. It is quite common with the United States Census Bureau to refer to us inquiries about the American Jews.

We have been trying to make good use of our prestige with the United States Census Bureau, although we are hampered by lack of funds.

Very sincerely yours



H. S. LINFIELD, Director

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November 24, 1942

Mr. Walton Rankin, Religious Editor
The Cleveland Plain Dealer
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Rankin:

Enclosed please find the Thanksgiving Day
Prayer which you requested.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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November 25, 1942

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

On behalf of Mr. Metcalf, the Branch Department staff and myself, I wish to thank you for the splendid and inspiring letter which you wrote congratulating the library on its fifty years of branch service.

Our fiftieth birthday celebration has been a successful and very happy one, made more so by the fact that friends like yourself recognize the library's intrinsic value.

We shall treasure your letter, and keep it with our other pleasant memories of "Open Doors for 50 Years."

Very sincerely yours,

Lorraine A. Slater

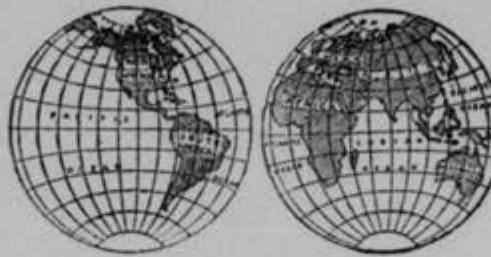
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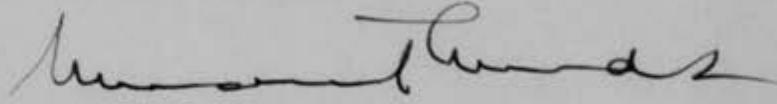
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Will you join me and a group of distinguished citizens in signing the enclosed letter to Governor Lehman? The letter speaks for itself, but it seems to me important that the points made in it be emphasized now while plans for European relief are not yet rigidly defined. I think also that if relief work after our occupation of territories is merely a continuation and expansion of relief given now, it is likely to be, both in fact and in appearance, motivated by humanitarian rather than by imperialistic aims.

I enclose a postcard for your reply.

Sincerely yours,



Norman Thomas

NT:ML

Honorable Herbert H. Lehman
820 Park Avenue
New York City

Dear Governor Lehman:

We welcome the creation of the post of American Director of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation. We are confident that you will bring to it broad humanity of vision and trained skill of administration. We are aware that the great bulk of your work must be in regions already released from the Axis yoke. Nevertheless, there is also the problem of the desperate hunger in occupied lands which should engage your attention and that of the British and American Governments.

Already it has been found necessary to arrange for the delivery of food to the starving Greeks through the International Red Cross. Our State Department has publicly attested that the arrangements work and that food is not taken by the Germans. The amount is tragically inadequate, but the distribution is satisfactory.

Starvation in Greece was perhaps worse than in some other occupied countries, but the reason for special consideration for the Greeks appears not to have been so much a matter of quantitative suffering as of pressure from the Turks whose friendship the United Nations must hold. Unfortunately hunger in Poland and in western Europe does not so directly concern the Turks. Newspapers, however, report that the Minister from Norway brought to President Roosevelt himself terrible tales of suffering in his country.

Obviously the gradual destruction of European peoples through hunger is primarily the fault of the war, and those who precipitated the war and who systematically rob their victims. Nevertheless, the moral, psychological and biological effects of that hunger concern us all. Such hunger weakens, not strengthens, the potential aid of the peoples of Occupied Europe to the cause of the United Nations. It tends to render them incapable of giving vigorous support to carrying out the terms of a desirable peace in the post-war world.

It is, of course, possible that the Nazis will refuse to make agreements for feeding children in western Europe similar to that made in Greece. It is possible that they might break such an arrangement as they have not broken it in Greece. In that case the whole world would know that the total guilt is theirs. Now a secondary blame for hunger can be laid on the Anglo-American boycott unrelieved by such feeding of children as was carried on all during the First World War.

We are well aware that the aid which can now be given in occupied countries is relatively small. It must be limited to the neediest children and to a supply of certain types of food which by agreement must in every case be additional to existing rations. Nevertheless we are convinced that, with the aid of certain neutrals, the lives and the energies of tens of thousands of the children who must build tomorrow's Europe can be saved. We are convinced also that to keep alive hope and faith in humanity, even in war time, will have a constructive influence for building a happier world out of all proportion to the actual relief which may be made available. We ask that your plans for relief take account of this immediate situation.

Sincerely yours,

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EMERGENCY COMMITTEE FOR AID TO STRANDED REFUGEE
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Dec. I, 1942

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

Allow us to convey our grateful thanks and appreciation from your generous offer to aid the work of the Vaad Hahatzala in your city. Rabbi Kalmanowitz, called to New York, apprised us of his meeting with you and is most optimistic of the expected results.

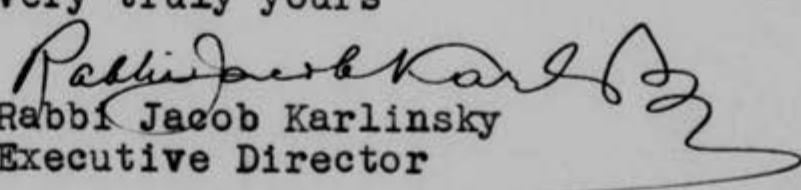
In view of the emergency nature of the project and the need to meet the ever-increasing pleas of the exiled Rabbis and scholars, may we urge you to please endeavor to have the letter which is to be issued by you and Rabbis Brickner, Rosenthal and Cohen be prepared at the earliest moment that it may be most effective.

We thank you also for your offer to address a conference to be called for the Vaad Hahatzala and for your personal contribution.

We trust that thru a combined effort, these great scholars, the remnant of a glorious culture and tradition, will be preserved for the future of our people.

With our sincere best wishes,

Very truly yours


Rabbi Jacob Karlinsky
Executive Director

TELEGRAM FROM NEW YORK CITY

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Rabbi Silver

UNDERSTAND YOU WILL BE IN NEW YORK ON TWENTY FIRST. WOULD
VERY MUCH LIKE TO ARRANGE DINNER MEETING THAT DAY OR WHENEVER
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ABOUT OVER TELEPHONE OTHER DAY. WOULD DEEPLY APPRECIATE
YOUR HIRING ME AT GR MERCY HOTEL IF THIS MEETS WITH YOUR
APPROVAL. MANY THANKS. BEST REGARDS.

JACOB FISHMAN

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Jacob Fishman
Gramercy Hotel
New York, N.Y.

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WILL BE PLEASED TO ATTEND MEETING WITH YOUR GROUP ON 21st.
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December 8, 1942

Rabbi Armond E. Cohen
Jewish Welfare Fund
Room 520, Chester-Twelfth Building
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Cohen:

I thank you and your associates very heartily for the check of \$100 which you have forwarded to the American Academy for Jewish Research in behalf of the Cleveland Jewish Welfare Fund. A formal receipt, issued by our Treasurer has undoubtedly reached you by this time.

I am sorry to note that your organization has found it necessary to reduce its allocation from \$150 to \$100. It is perhaps not for me to argue with generous contributors, but I should like you to understand that any such reduction carries considerable weight in the limited budget of the Academy. Perhaps it was our fault not to explain to you that our "substantial surplus" at the end of the past two years was fictitious rather than real. It happens that at the end of every calendar year we have an accumulated surplus which, however, is fully preempted by obligations incurred at that time. Last year's surplus, for example, was to a large extent earmarked for the payment of our Proceedings XI and our Rashi Anniversary Volume, both of which appeared in the last days of December so that the bills were not paid before January or February. In appointing Research Fellows, moreover, we often obtain contributions from the Emergency Committee in Aid of Displaced Foreign Scholars and other organizations and individuals who pay us their subsidies in advance so that we may disburse the fellowship grants in regular monthly payments. There is normally a substantial accumulation of such funds pledged in advance to a number of Fellows.

As a matter of fact the obligations of the Academy have been increasing every year and we feel it incumbent upon us to enlarge, rather than restrict our scope of activities in view of the great responsibility resting upon American-Jewish scholarship to carry the torch of Jewish learning. It may interest you to learn that at least on one previous occasion (in 1940) the Allocating Committee of the Boston United Jewish Campaign had reduced its appropriation to the Academy from \$1000 to \$750 and I was privately informed that this reduction was due to one member of the Committee pointing out that Cleveland, having a community of similar size, was subsidizing the Academy only to the tune of \$150. Since that time, Boston has restored its original grant of \$1000. But I fear that this reduction by Cleveland might have serious repercussions in other communities.

Rabbi Armond E. Cohen

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December 3, 1942

It is for this reason that I take the liberty of appealing to you and your associates, if at all possible, to reconsider your action and to restore the original grant of \$150 at least.

Very truly yours,

Salo W. Baron
President

American Academy for Jewish Research

3080 BROADWAY

New York City

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*and the Officers
of the Academy*

December 3, 1942

Doctor Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th Street and Amsel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

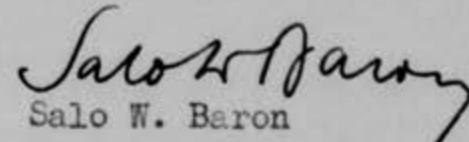
Dear Doctor Silver:

Enclosed please find a copy of my letter to Rabbi Armond E. Cohen, Chairman of the Contingent Fund Committee of the Cleveland Jewish Welfare Fund. It is written in answer to the information I received that that Committee had decided to reduce its allocation to the American Academy for Jewish Research from \$150 annually paid for some years past, to \$100. My reply to Rabbi Cohen is self-explanatory and I am submitting this copy for your information with the request that if you see any way of influencing the Committee to reconsider its action you would do a good deed for the Academy much beyond the particular amount of \$50 involved.

Knowing your interest in the work of the Academy and its publications, I hope that you will not mind this imposition.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very truly yours,


Salo W. Baron



The Temple on the Heights

Bhai Jeshurun Congregation
MAYFIELD ATLEE ROAD

RUDOLPH M. ROSENTHAL
RABBI

Cleveland Heights, Ohio

December 3, 1942

Twenty-eight hundred of our foremost European Rabbis and rabbinical students have been uprooted by the war and are now literally starving in Siberia, Turkestan and Shanghai.

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I assure you your contribution will go to a most worthy and holy cause. May I hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

Rudolph M. Rosenthal
Rabbi

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER FOURTH, EIGHT P.M. ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

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VAAD HAHA TZALAH

132 NASSAU STREET, Suite 819
NEW YORK, N.Y.

EMERGENCY COMMITTEE FOR AID TO STRANDED REFUGEE
YESHIVA-SCHOLARS, RABBIS AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS

December 9, 1942

Miss Bess Klein
The Temple
Ansel Road & E. 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Klein:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of this afternoon, I am enclosing copies of a suggested letter and stationery with reference to the Vaad Hahatzalah about which I spoke to Rabbi Silver. As you recall, he approved the mailing of a letter over his signature, together with the signatures of Rabbis Brickner, Cohen, Goldfarb, and Rosenthal. #

I shall appreciate it greatly if you will ask Rabbi Silver to go over the enclosures for his approval, if at all possible, tomorrow (December 10th), and then telephone Miss Arian at the Bureau of Jewish Education, CE. 3377 so that she can arrange to have the copies picked up.

Also, will you kindly include a copy of the list of The Temple members, as per Rabbi Silver's promise of a few weeks ago.)

Thanking you for your cooperation, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

A. Kalmanowitz
Rabbi Abraham Kalmanowitz

P. S. The enclosed letter on Temple on the Heights stationery has already been mailed to their members.

Hotel Gramercy Park
52 Gramercy Park North
New York

December 11, 1942

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I enclose herewith copy of letter
which I took the liberty of sending to a
list of selected people asking them to attend
a dinner meeting at the Commodore Hotel on
Monday, December 21st, at 7 P.M.

Looking forward to the pleasure of
seeing you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Jacob Fishman
Jacob Fishman

COPY

December 10, 1942

Mr. Harry Lourie,
300 Riverside Drive,
New York City

Dear Mr. Lourie:

I am asking a number of friends to meet with Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and myself for dinner on Monday evening, December 21st, at 7 P.M. in a private room of the Commodore Hotel.

Both Dr. Silver and I consider the subject matter which we desire to discuss with you of great importance and even urgency and I make bold to believe that you will not deny us the privilege of placing it before you. I cannot in this letter go into details but I can assure you that were the matter not of transcending importance, which I think it is, I would not address myself thus to you. Won't you please come?

For your convenience, I am enclosing herewith a card which you will please fill out and return to me so that I may know definitely that you will attend.

Very sincerely yours,

Jacob Fishman

P.S. The room number will be listed on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Commodore.

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December 11, 1942

EDWARD L. WERTHEIM
Secretary to Advisory Council
151 West 40th Street, N. Y.
Wisconsin 7-5978

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

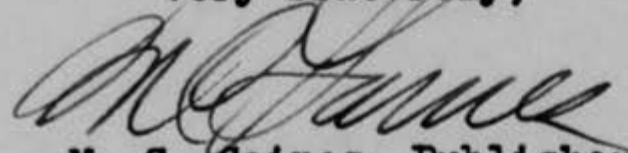
American children love Bible stories--especially
if they are told in comic, colored continuity form! That's
what I found out, as publisher of "Picture Stories from
the Bible", and as a result, I have already published the
second issue, a sample copy of which is herewith enclosed.

This second issue goes on sale on newsstands as
well as in book stores and chain stores throughout the
entire country, next week, with a print order of 375,000.
The reception accorded the first issue was such that it
has been definitely decided to go ahead with it as a regu-
lar quarterly publication; the next two issues winding
up the Old Testament, and with the fifth issue, starting
a similar treatment of the New Testament.

I believe you will also be interested in knowing
that thus far orders have been received from churches and
Sunday Schools of practically every denomination, both
Christian and Jewish, for a total of 50,000 copies of the
first issue, in lots of a dozen up to several hundred.
Orders are already coming in from such sources for this
second issue at an even more accelerated rate.

"Picture Stories from the Bible" will soon also
appear as a weekly five column newspaper feature in black
and white. A number of papers have already signed up for
it, beginning Saturday, January 9th or Sunday, January 10th.

Very sincerely,



M. C. Gaines, Publisher

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P. S. This letter and accompanying sample copies of
"PICTURE STORIES FROM THE BIBLE" are being sent
you at the suggestion of Dr. Emanuel Gamoran of
the Commission on Jewish Education.

December 11, 1942

Rabbi A. Kalmanowitz
c/o Bureau of Jewish Education
10323 Superior Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Kalmanowitz:

I have reconsidered the matter of sending out a letter to members of my congregation soliciting funds for the Vaad Hahatzalah. I understand that your Committee has received a subsidy of \$1300 from the Contingency Fund and that you have already raised an additional substantial sum in the community. Members of The Temple have, within the last two or three weeks, been solicited for the Sieff Institute in Palestine, the Haifa Technical, a Jewish educational project here in the city, and a special campaign for The Temple itself. I do not feel justified at this time to send out any additional letters of solicitation. Frankly, our people are getting pretty well fed up with these endless solicitations, especially since they have been promised that the Jewish Welfare Fund would take care of all basic Jewish needs.

I am enclosing herewith my own contribution. I am sorry that I can't make it any larger.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.



CONGREGATION RODEPH SHOLOM
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DR. LOUIS I. NEWMAN
Congregation Rodeph Sholom
701 West 83rd St.
New York, N.Y.

PLEASE PARDON DELAY IN SENDING HEARTIEST FELICITATIONS ON HUNDREDTH
ANNIVERSARY OF CONGREGATION RODEPH SHOLOM. HAVE BEEN CONFINED TO MY HOME FOR
FEW DAYS BY ILLNESS. TRUST YOUR CELEBRATION HAS BEEN GREATLY SUCCESSFUL
AND IMPRESSIVE. OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE TEMPLE JOIN ME IN WISHING YOU
BLESSED USEFULNESS AND ACHIEVEMENT IN ONCOMING YEARS.

Abba Hillel Silver

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אברהם קאלמאנאווייז נשיה ישייבת מיר

RABBI ABRAHAM KALMANOWITZ
President Mirrer Yeshiva

December 14, 1942

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As you know, I began working for the Vaad Hahatzalah some weeks ago. During the course of our work, I was called away to see Premier Sikorski of Poland regarding the students in Siberia, Shanghai, and the Far East. I am now back in the city.

I have obtained permission to sign the names of Rabbis Brickner, Cohen, Goldfarb, Rosenthal, and the orthodox rabbis - Engelberg, Porath, Zambrowsky, and others, to the enclosed letter. I entreat you to allow me to affix your signature to this letter so that I may include your name among the signators. Please do so immediately so that we can send the letter to a select list of names. We feel sure that with your signature and the signatures of the other rabbis, we shall be successful in finishing our work here within a few days.

May I also remind you that, when I visited you, you promised to speak at a parlor meeting that we are planning to arrange on behalf of the Vaad Hahatzalah. Please let me know for what date we can arrange this meeting. If at all possible, we should like to arrange it for Wednesday or Thursday. My home address is 835 Lakeview Road (PO. 0927).

Sincerely yours,

A. Kalmanowitz
Rabbi Abraham Valmanowitz

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December 16, 1942

Rabbi Abraham Kalmanowitz
835 Lakeview Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Kalmanowitz:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December 14 in which you enclose a draft of a letter to be sent to a group of people in the community soliciting help for the Vaad Hahatzalah. You may add my name to the names of the other Rabbis whose consent you have already procured.

I must tell you frankly that I am not at all persuaded that this is the right thing to do, but you have been so persistent that I am compelled to yield. As you know, I do not believe in these independent campaigns and I have tried to discourage them right along.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

Letter from America

111 OLIVE ROAD
TUCSON, ARIZONA

Ada P. McCormick
Editor and Publisher

December 17, 1942

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This account of a new magazine comes to you because we both signed the full-page appeal for India in The New York Times. India has pushed me into publishing, although it will be only one part of Letter from America.

The draft advertisement is reprinted to offset the possibility of being called an isolationist.

Letter from America will take up things to help win the war and everything that unites races, classes and countries, and will do it in a light, gay way. It will be the size of Reader's Digest, but not more than 96 pages -- but read the newspaper clipping.

Sincerely,

Ada P. McCormick

Mrs. Fred C. McCormick

APM:SW
Enclosure

*I'm terribly anxious to concerned about
anti-Semitism in America & have
been working on that before - I'll tackle that
by biographies of great Hebrews & quotations
from books that give a happy implication -*

*I'll do it indirectly until I hope more effectively by that means
(over)*

Mr. Hexter of the American Jewish Committee
has met me — & we've corresponded

Do you know Deutsch or a Jüd? It has
a wonderful description of a Jewish paper
Wandfarter Zeitung — the democracy in it —
bits like that I hope to scatter thru
from month to month. There is nothing
in the 1st issue — about that but there
will be soon —

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THE FRATERNAL ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
220 Fifth Avenue - New York - MUrray Hill 3-7950

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Harry A. Pine, Grandmaster Scores Organizers
As Traitors And As Unworthy of Membership in
Jewish Community

At a special session of the National Executive Board, called by Harry A. Pine, Grandmaster of the Order Sons of Zion, the Zionist fraternal organization of America, on Wednesday, December 16th, at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City, the secretary, Herman Zvi Quittman, presented the issues involved in the formation of the Council of American Judaism. After a thorough discussion, a committee headed by Harry Grayer, former Grandmaster, and consisting of Dr. Harris J. Levine, A. A. Redelheim, Joseph Kleiman and Herman Zvi Quittman, presented the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

"In view of the great tragedy which casts its shadow over all of Jewish life and the imminent danger of total extermination of European Jewry by the Nazis and Fascists our country's enemies; the only hope that sustains all of oppressed Jewry in these days of suffering is that when peace comes, justice will prevail, and Palestine will be recognized in fact as well as in law as the Jewish Commonwealth offering the only place where millions of our uprooted brethren can find a home and place as of right and not on sufferance. This right was solemnly and publicly approved by the Government and the people of the United States, led by every president from Woodrow Wilson to Franklin D. Roosevelt.

"We question the good faith of these men who have chosen the most critical time in the history of our country and of the Jewish people to encourage division and confusion in the ranks of American Jewry. We are convinced that their present and planned action will give aid and comfort only to our country's enemies and will

serve to delay and postpone the day of victory for the United Nations.

"We condemn all those associated in that program of betrayal as traitors to the cause of their own people, unworthy of the honored title of Rabbi in Israel and of membership in the Jewish community.

"The National Executive Board of the Order Sons of Zion in special session assembled on Wednesday, December 16th, at the Hotel Pennsylvania, expresses its deep resentment and protest against the anti-Zionist and anti-Jewish activities of a small group of Reform Rabbis using the name "Council for American Judaism" who, misrepresenting the principles and ideals of the Jewish religion have dedicated themselves to the task of frustrating the Jewish hope.

"In view of our deep conviction of the truth of the above statements, we call upon the United Palestine Appeal to reexamine the wisdom and morality of continuing Zionist associations with organizations and groups that are led by the promoters of this misnamed and hypocritically sponsored "Council for American Judaism".

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December 21, 1942

JACOB FISHMAN
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NEW YORK, N.Y.

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Dear Miss Kline:

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending us your letter of December 14th. We are indeed appreciative of the information, since we are hoping to use the occasion to indicate the unique place which Dr. Silver occupies in American Jewish leadership.

Cordially yours,

Martha Neumark

Martha Neumark
Executive Editor

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"COMMITTEE OF THE YUGOSLAVS FROM ITALY"
468 Riverside Drive, New York, N.Y.

Rabbi Alba
Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

December 22, 1942.

Dear Sir,

Your interest in democracy and liberty throughout the world is well known to the undersigned. As representative of the Yugoslav minority under Italy I take the liberty to submit to your attention a copy of a Memorandum sent to the President Roosevelt and other heads of the United Nations.

The international importance of this question is obvious; its right solution will be a most necessary contribution to World peace.

I will be glad to be at your service for any additional information regarding this object.

Yours very truly,

Dr. Ivan M. Čok
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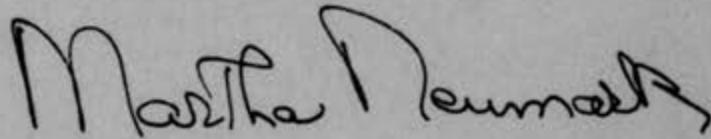
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
THE TEMPLE
Cleveland
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Many thanks for your permission to use the education dinner speech. In order to secure maximum publication for it, we necessarily had to abbreviate it somewhat.

With warm personal regards --

Cordially yours,



Martha Neumark
Executive Editor

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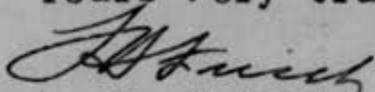
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are enclosing tear sheets from our issue of December 11th on Dr. Magnes and our issue of December 25th containing our editorial "Wolves" dealing with "The American Council of Judaism" in the belief that the subject matter will be of interest to you.

Yours very truly,


L. H. Frisch

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Publisher
120 East 39th Street
New York, N. Y.

December 29, 1942

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I find I still have the original manuscript of WORLD CRISIS AND JEWISH SURVIVAL. Do you wish this returned to you or shall I destroy it?

With best wishes for the New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

RRS:MT

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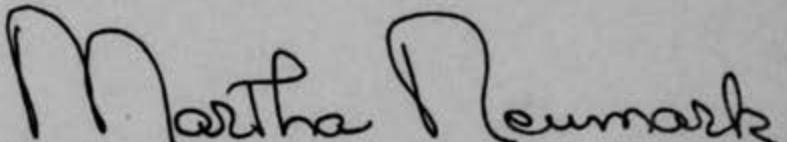
December 29, 1942

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
THE TEMPLE
East 105th And Ansel Road
Cleveland
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Dear Dr. Silver:

You may be interested to know that we invited Dr. Solomon B. Freehof to contribute exclusively for our use an article to mark your fiftieth anniversary. It will be released next week. It is a tribute which we feel privileged to send to our subscribing newspapers.

Cordially yours,


Martha Neumark
Executive Editor

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LAW OFFICES OF
DEAN ALFANGE

TELEPHONE ASHLAND 4-4100

285. Madison Avenue, New York

December 31, 1942

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am sending the enclosed memorandum to about one hundred representative Americans. Please read it carefully.

If you believe in the purposes set forth in the memorandum and that the plan it suggests is feasible, please let me know.

If sufficient favorable answers are received I shall call a meeting of those interested to consider and take action upon a plan of organization.

Yours very truly,

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The phenomenal success of the Cleveland Hospital Service Plan has demonstrated that most people prefer to protect themselves against catastrophic illness—rather than to be suddenly burdened by its cost or, too frequently, to rely upon public charity.

After careful study of the operation of plans elsewhere, and of data pertinent to this city, the Cleveland plan has been formulated in accordance with legislation sponsored by the Ohio State Medical Association.

* * *

UNDER THE CLEVELAND PLAN surgical care, including treatment of fractures and dislocations, and obstetrical care will be provided in the hospital, office or home. Surgical care includes ordinary post-operative care and obstetrical care includes ordinary prenatal care and postnatal care for thirty days following delivery. Provision also is made for consultation when necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of surgical or obstetrical cases. Likewise, in such cases, provision is made for the professional services of the roentgenologist and pathologist.

Participating physicians will be compensated in accordance with an established schedule of fees.

* * *

THE CLEVELAND MEDICAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION has been organized and will be directed by the medical profession. Nine of the fifteen trustees of the Association at all times will be licensed physicians.

To represent the public, for which the Plan is created, the laws of the State of Ohio provide for election of six laymen to the board of trustees. Lay members of the Association's board of trustees have been selected on the basis of their interest in public welfare and their business judgment.

Because of its experience and facilities, which will lower the cost of administration of the Plan, the Cleveland Hospital Service Association has been invited by the Cleveland Medical Service Association to handle the sale of the service contracts to the public.

THE OHIO LAW limits the Plan to persons of the low income group. The income of a subscriber and his dependents, from all sources, during any period of six months must not exceed \$1,200, and where there are no dependents the income limit is \$900. If the income exceeds these statutory limits, the contract automatically terminates.

The law also provides that fifty-one per cent of the physicians residing and actively practicing in Cuyahoga County must be participants under the Plan before any contract may be issued to a subscriber. The Plan must have the approval of the majority of the practicing physicians of this county to begin operation and this majority must at all times express its approval of the Plan if it is to realize its public-spirited objective.

The Plan is a practical and democratic way for the physician to give constructive expression to his desire to serve. It provides a means whereby the patient himself can finance his medical bill, and at the same time employ a physician of his own choice.

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Organized under Ohio law sponsored by the Ohio State Medical Association.

Governed by a board of nine physicians and six laymen.

All licensed physicians eligible. 51% must be in plan at all times.

Free choice of physician by patient. No change in present methods of practice.

Plan covers surgery and obstetrics only. Is financially sound. Fee schedule ranging from \$5.00 to \$125.00 will be met promptly.

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on you all.

Abba Hillel Silver

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To President John F. Kennedy 19

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Place 11. W. Turner, Detroit, Mich.

Delighted to learn of your remarkable
success of your campaign. I congratulat
you on your victory which will be
inspiration to entire country

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It would be difficult to over-estimate the importance which the branch service, established fifty years ago by the Cleveland Public Library, has rendered our community. Wherever such a branch was established, there a radiant center of cultural and intellectual stimulation came into existence. Our community life has been tremendously enriched by the branch library service.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

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Balance, January 1, 1942 \$ 26.55
 National Religion & Labor F'dn 466.00
 Income from Cleveland Area
 (see acknowledgments below) 635.70
 Income outside Cleveland Area
 (less NRLF's \$466.00 above) 526.20

DISBURSEMENTS

Salary of Director \$1350.00
 Travel 56.35
 Telephone 42.68
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 Printing 20.17
 Mimeograph 20.22
 Office supplies & expense 99.31
 Balance, December 31, 1942 nil

\$1654.45\$1654.45

INCOME FROM CLEVELAND AREA

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Byrl Peppercorn, Manager	100.00
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Thomas, William K.	30.20
Weber, M. J.	5.00
Wells, Howard M., Rev.	40.00
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Registrations for Field Day	15.00

\$635.70

January 4, 1943

Mr. Richard R. Smith
120 East 39th Street
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Smith:

I would appreciate receiving the original manuscript of World Crisis and Jewish Survival.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

AHS:DB

January 5, 1943.

Independent Jewish Press Service,
207 - 4th Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Friend:

Thank you for sending me a copy of my article
"Design for Jewish Living".

I find a rather serious typographical error in
the fourth paragraph where instead of the word
"ride", your copy reads "write". Our forefathers
did teach their youth to write, but not to ride.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:bw

January 7, 1943.

Mr. Dean Alfange,
285 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Alfange:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of December 31st.

I am interested in your suggestion to organize a National Committee on War Aims. I do not know how feasible the plan is and whether you can get enough of fundamental agreements on war aims among the hundred Americans to whom you have written so that they can be organized into a National Committee. However, I shall be very happy to sit down with those who will indicate their interest in the project to talk things over.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:bw

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

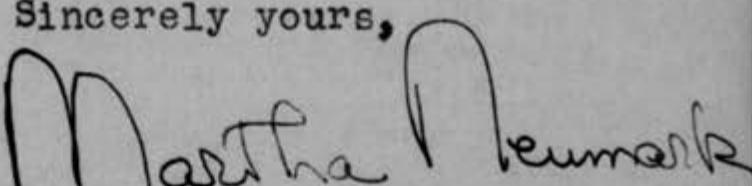
I thought you might like to have this copy of Rabbi Freehof's article for your files.

Thank you for your letter of January 5th and for calling our attention to the use of the word "write" instead of the word "ride."

For the sake of the record, however, may I point out that the word appears as "write" in your original manuscript -- apparently a case of faulty transcription of dictation. Nonetheless, we should have caught this; our apologies for not having done so.

With cordial regards and personal felicitations --

Sincerely yours,


Martha Neumark
Executive Editor

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My dear Dr. Silver:

A thousand thanks to you for the loan of the three books which I am herewith returning.

My son greatly enjoyed the books by Radin and Zeitlin. The one by Klausner he had already scanned. With all good appreciation,

Yours sincerely,

Clarence Olson

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A letter from the lad to his mother says that he had a grand time with his paper in a seminar.

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January 19, 1943.

To the Officers and Members of
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Hartford, Connecticut.

My dear Friends:

Because of my absence from the city, I delayed sending you a word of felicitation on the occasion of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the founding of your distinguished congregation. I assure you that these greetings, though belated, are heartfelt and sincere. Your congregation has had a distinguished history in New England and it was well known throughout the country for its spiritual leadership which you have enjoyed, more particularly in recent years in the ministry of Dr. Feldman.

May I wish you continued success in the great work in which you are engaged and in the service of our common cause.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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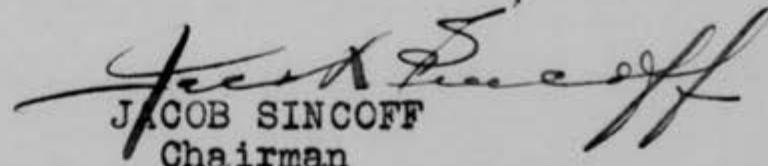
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have the privilege of extending to you a cordial invitation to serve as an honorary chairman of the Thirty-fifth Annual "Order Day" Committee for the benefit of the Jewish National Fund.

The Banquet to conclude this annual effort will be held on March 28th, 1943 and is dedicated to Dr. Israel Goldstein as he enters the tenth year of his leadership of the Jewish National Fund, the cause with which he has been so actively associated these many years.

I will appreciate it very much if you favor me with your acceptance by return mail.

Sincerely yours,


JACOB SINCOFF
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Nat'l Chairman
United Palestine Appeal,
The Temple, Cleveland, O.

Dear Dr. Silver,

In the March Issue commemorating a quarter century of The Jewish Forum, a literary monthly devoted to the highest ideals of Americanism as well as Judaism, and to uniting Jew and non-Jew in safeguarding democracy, we are planning to publish a letter of greeting to The Jewish Forum from our beloved President, as well as letters from religious and communal leaders, Jewish and non-Jewish, governors, legislators, and men and women of note in all walks of life. We shall deem it a privilege to receive your letter of felicitation.

During the past generation, we have not been satisfied with the mere presentation of news of Jewish interest. Our aim has been to interpret the news so that it might function in the lives of people and help direct their efforts to definite goals of achievement for the improvement of conditions for the Jew and his neighbor. Everything of interest to the Jew, his national and religious hopes and aspirations, the education of the youth, particularly the most neglected element --the adolescent-- interfaith relations, and a better understanding of the common denominator between Jews and "spiritual Semites" -- everything that makes for, not only the elimination of discrimination in American life, but also the attitude of "live and help live"-- all these have been among the aims of The Jewish Forum. Its program has been comprehensive because Judaism takes in all of life.

The pioneering it has done in the spread of the American System of Group Discussion, which makes for the stimulation of independent study of ideas and ideals in a manner tending to promote the thinking that makes for democracy, has gained for it the recognition of educators everywhere, from the university faculties down to the heads of elementary public schools, not to speak of Jewish educators specifically. The service it has rendered the cause of Israel in a notable battle at the League of Nations, the aid it has given the various youth organizations in their educational work, its efforts in stressing the spiritual note in Jewish life and the need for preserving traditional values, have brought THE JEWISH FORUM recognition as a dynamic force in this age of materialism. Its infinitely greater possibilities for the future can be surmised.

A word of encouragement from you will be deeply appreciated everywhere.

May we also have
an article from
you for this

outstanding issue? And may we add your name
to our 25th Anniversary Committee?

Sincerely yours
Isaac Rosengarten
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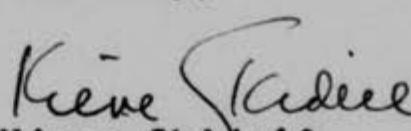
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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Dear Rabbi Silver,

May we draw your attention to the article,
"At Home in Exile," by Ben Halpern, in the recent
issue of Furrows, a copy of which is enclosed.

We will appreciate receiving any comment
you might have.

Sincerely,


Kieve Skidell
for the Editorial Board

January 22, 1943.

Mr. Jacob Sincoff
Chairman, Order Sons of Zion
220 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Sincoff:

I shall be very happy to serve as an honorary chairman of the Thirty-fifth Annual "Order Day" Committee for the benefit of the Jewish National Fund and I am happy to learn that you will render the honor to Dr. I. Goldstein on March 28th.

I know of no one who is more deserving of such an honor. He has been serving the cause of the Jewish National Fund with rare distinction and ability.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:bw



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January 26, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
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Dear Dr. Silver:

In response to your recent request we
are sending back to you by express
prepaid the original manuscript of
WORLD CRISIS AND JEWISH SURVIVAL.

Sincerely yours,

Muriel Telfer

Secretary to Mr. Smith

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Dear Friend:

The Cleveland Branch of the N. A. A. C. P., in close co-operation with a city-wide Memorial Committee, will honor the memory of the late Dr. George Washington Carver, sage of Tuskegee Institute, and beloved scientist known throughout the world.

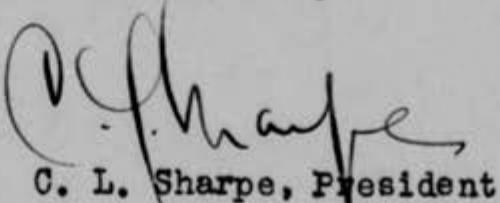
The Memorial Services will be held at the Masonic Temple Auditorium, 3615 Euclid Ave., Sunday, February 14, 1943, at 3 P.M. This day, as you know, is regarded throughout America as **Interracial Sunday**. No more fitting day could be selected than such an occasion when we can look beyond racial and religious distinctions.

Among those who have been asked to speak on the program are Dr. Harry Richardson, personal friend of Dr. Carver, Dr. Edwin McN. Poteat, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Bishop Edward Francis Hoban and Dr. Harry Holmes, of Oberlin College.

Naturally, there will be some expenses attached to the meeting, for rent of the auditorium, printing, stationery, stamps, etc. This letter comes to request that you be enrolled as a Patron for this great event. May we suggest a contribution of at least Two Dollars (\$2.00), which, with the contributions of others, will probably meet our expenses. If there is a balance remaining, it will be sent to Tuskegee Institute to be applied to the George Washington Carver Memorial.

It will be necessary that you send your check prior to February 10, in order that we may mail your reservations of seats. Make your check payable to Grace E. Meyette, Vice Pres. Send it to her at 511 Chester-Ninth Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

Yours sincerely,


C. L. Sharpe, President

Grace E. Meyette, Vice President

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We are forwarding to you, in order that you might be informed about the activities of the Committee on the George Washington Carver Memorial Service, functioning under the chairmanship of Miss Grace Meyette of the League of Human Rights, the enclosed memorandum.

This Committee met at Mt. Zion Congregational Church, 9014 Cedar Avenue, January 29, 1943 at 4 P.M. to discuss the details of this Memorial Service.

The Cleveland Branch of the N.A.A.C.P., in close co-operation with this city-wide Memorial Committee, of which you are a member, will honor the memory of the late Dr. Carver, sage of Tuskegee Institute, and beloved scientist known throughout America and the world, with a memorial service at the Masonic Temple, 3615 Euclid Avenue, Sunday, February 14, 1943 at # P.M. This day, as you know, is regarded throughout America as Interracial Sunday. No more fitting day could be selected for such an occasion when we can look beyond racial and religious distinctions.

At this meeting Dr. D. R. Sharpe was appointed chairman of the Speakers Committee. The following speakers have been contacted and have agreed to speak:

Rev. E. M. Foteat	Michael Feighan
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver	Dr. Harry Holmes
Bishop Hoban	Dr. Harry Richardson
Mayor F. J. Lausche	

A committee was appointed to arrange for the music for the service: Miss Pearl Mitchell, chairman: Those contacted for music:

Luther King - soloist
A Capella Choir - Central Hgh Sch.

Some suggested songs for the occasion were:

Faith Of Our Fathers
America

Dr. D. R. Sharpe expressed his desire to autograph each copy of the songs for the occasion.

It was agreed by the committee in order to cover the expense of the service that President C. L. Sharpe and Miss Grace Meyette secure lists of names of interested people and friends and send same a letter expressing the desire that they make a contribution of at least \$2.00 and be enrolled as a Patron for the event. All monies are to be sent direct to Miss Grace Meyette's office and if there is a balance remaining, it will be sent to Tuskegee Institute to be applied to the George Washington Carver Memorial Fund.

The length of the program will probably be an hour and forty-five minutes. Pres. C. L. Sharpe will act as presiding officer of the Service and Miss Grace Meyette will make a statement as to the purpose of this Memorial Service. The Program Committee, Rev. J. C. Mickle, Jr. Chairman are working on the designing of the programs and Miss Matthews of the Public Library is taking charge of the Posters to be used for publicity purposes. Ushers will come from the Boy Scout Movement of America and the American Legion.

The Branch Secretary of the N.A.A.C.P. is asking that you excuse the carbon copies of this memorandum. These are due to the pressure of the various activities coming from the Memorial Service.

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Rabbi & Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Friends:

We are very happy to extend to you an invitation to attend the Twelfth Annual Educational Dinner of the Cleveland Hebrew Schools which will be held on Sunday, February 28th, 1943, 6:30 P.M., in the Jewish Center Auditorium. These annual dinners, as you know, are outstanding events in the community. We feel sure that you will spend a worth while evening with us.

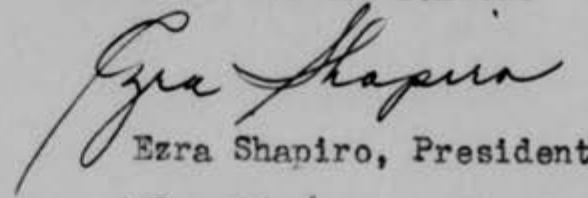
Dr. Simon Greenberg of Philadelphia, Rabbi of Congregation Zion Temple; and Professor of Religious Education at the Jewish Theological Seminary will be our guest speaker.

Enclosed, herewith, you will find two complimentary tickets.

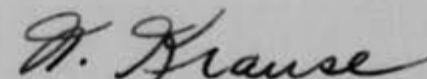
Looking forward to the pleasure of your attendance,

Sincerely yours,

CLEVELAND HEBREW SCHOOLS



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Please Note:

Date - Sunday, February 28th, 1943
 Time - 6:30 P.M.
 Place - Jewish Center Auditorium

No seats reserved, except for groups. Door will open at 6:00 P.M.

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ROY L. SMITH, EDITOR

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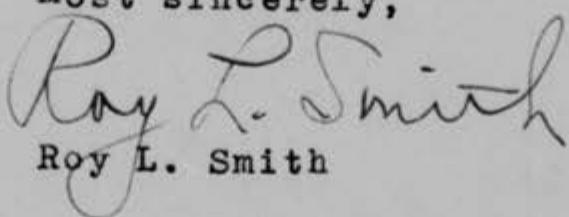
My dear Rabbi Silver:

On December 8 your secretary sent me a copy of the address you gave before the Federal Council entitled "America's Minority Groups and War and Peace." As I listened to the address I thought we could find a place for it in THE CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE and I wanted to do so. As I have read the manuscript over, however, I have the feeling that we would not accomplish much in behalf of the cause in which both of us are interested, for the reason that anything from you on this subject would be in the nature of special pleading. If I could get Sam Cavert to say the same thing, it would be effective, but there is a sense in which you are "the prisoner at the bar" and as such even the most effective and truthful statement would lose some of its weight.

I am asking for the privilege of retaining the manuscript in the belief that I can use it as the basis of an editorial of my own which will be, in the long run, more valuable to the cause, in my opinion.

With deep appreciation to you and your secretary for your kindness, I am,

Most sincerely,


Roy L. Smith

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

My dear Doctor Silver:

We would like very much to use in a series of programs now being prepared for adult groups of our church a section of Cantos of American Life, arranged by Dr. Augustine Smith, which appeared in the July 5, 1942, issue of FRONT RANK.

Dr. Smith told us that the particular section, "Canto of the Commonwealth", is yours. May we have your permission to use it in this way? We shall be glad to give the usual credit line as to the author and source.

Sincerely yours,

Genevieve Brown

Genevieve Brown
Executive Secretary
Missionary Education Department

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CANTO OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Leader: God built Him a continent of glory
And filled it with treasures untold:

Response: He studded it with sweet flowing fountains
And traced it with long-winding streams:

He carpeted it with soft rolling prairies
And columned it with thundering mountains:

He graced it with deep-shadowed forests
And filled them with song.

Then he called unto a thousand peoples
And summoned the bravest among them.

They came from the ends of the earth,
Each bearing a gift and a hope.

The glow of adventure was in their eyes,
And in their hearts the glory of hope.

And out of the bounty of earth
And the labor of men;
Out of the longing of hearts
And the prayers of souls;
Out of the memory of ages
And the hopes of the world,
God fashioned a people in love;
Blessed it with purpose sublime;
And called it America!

From Cantos of American Life
Arranged by H. Augustine Smith
FRONT RANK, July 5, 1942

February 12, 1942

Mr. C. L. Sharpe, President
Cleveland Branch N.A.A.C.P.
9014 Cedar Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Sharpe:

I regret more than I can tell you the fact that I shall be unable to attend the memorial meeting Sunday afternoon which our community has arranged in tribute to the great Dr. Carver. I shall officiate, Sunday afternoon, at the funeral services of a very dear friend of mine, and a long-time member of The Temple.

Will you permit me to add my word of tribute to those of the many others which will be spoken? Every American, and in fact men throughout the world, are profoundly indebted to the genius of Dr. Carver. His great mind has carved new highways for the scientific progress of mankind.

But more particularly are we all indebted for the inspiration of his life. It was a triumph of man's indomitable spirit over all the handicaps and obstacles which men unfortunately so often place in the path of their fellow men. To have surmounted the handicaps of poverty, slavery, discrimination and manifold other disabilities, and to have reached the very pinnacle of intellectual greatness and creative achievement may well make us all proud of the spirit which God has placed in man. It should also challenge us all to noblest aspiration and highest devotion to those ideals which the life of Dr. George Washington Carver so gloriously symbolizes.

In humblest tribute to a great man, I remain

Sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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February 13, 1943

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have been requested by Rear Admiral William Brent Young, Paymaster General of the Navy, to extend to you his cordial invitation to be present at an informal reception to be held at the Hotel Statler, Cleveland, from five to seven on Thursday afternoon, eighteen February, to meet the members of the Congressional party and other officials who will be in town on that day for the commissioning of the Field Branch, Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, Navy Department.

Hoping that we may have the pleasure of your company on Thursday, I am

Sincerely yours,


F. E. McMILLEN
Rear Admiral, Supply Corps, U S Navy

February 15, 1943

Rear Admiral F. E. McMillen
Supply Corps, U S Navy
Navy Department
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rear Admiral McMillen:

Thank you for your kind letter
of February 13 conveying to me the cordial
invitation of Rear Admiral William Brent Young
to be present at the reception next Thursday
afternoon. I shall be very happy to be on hand
to meet the members of the Congressional party.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

February 15, 1943

Mr. Ezra Shapiro, President
The Cleveland Hebrew School & Institute
10323 Superior Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

Thank you for your kind letter
and for your invitation to attend the Twelfth
Annual Educational Dinner of the Cleveland
Hebrew Schools on February 28. I wish I were
free to come. Unfortunately I have weddings
scheduled that evening.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

February 15, 1945

Miss Genevieve Brown, Executive Sec'y
Missionary Education Department
United Christian Mi sionary Society
222 Downey Ave.
Indianapolis, Ind.

My dear Miss Brown:

Thank you for your kind letter of February 11.
You have my permission to use my "America" in the
series of programs which you are preparing for the
adult groups of your church.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

February 15, 1943

Mr. Roy L. Smith, Editor
The Christian Advocate
740 Rush Street
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for your kind letter of February 11. Of course you many retain the manuscript and put it to whatever use you deem helpful. I should be very much interested in reading the editorial which you may wish to write on the same subject. Your thought to have Mr. Cavert write on this theme is a good one.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:bk

WALTER N. ROTHSCHILD
422 FULTON STREET
BROOKLYN, N.Y.

February 16, 1943

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As you probably know, the Jewish Welfare Board is the agency which has been designated by the War and Navy Departments to provide religious and related personal services for the men of Jewish faith in the armed forces. It is also designated as the agency to procure rabbis for the chaplaincy service, and neither the War nor Navy Departments will commission chaplains without its approval.

I think, as a leader in Jewish communal work, when apprised as to how the Jewish Welfare Board is carrying out its responsibilities, you will be proud of the part that it is playing in the USO program.

Most of the work of JWB in the present war emergency is done as a member organization of the USO. There are certain services, however, which the Jewish Welfare Board must render, that are over and above those for which funds can be designated to it by the USO. In order to meet these emergency needs, the JWB must raise additional amounts, principally from local Jewish Welfare Funds.

Carl M. Loeb, Jr., one of our important Jewish leaders, has undertaken the Chairmanship of the Campaign. I am asking prominent leaders of Jewish communities throughout the United States to join him and me in a War Emergency Campaign Council for the Jewish Welfare Board. The function of the Council will be essentially advisory and your sponsorship and participation will be heartening to both of us.

Will you please advise me of your acceptance on the enclosed card.

Very sincerely yours,

Walter Rothschild
Chairman, National Army
and Navy Committee
Jewish Welfare Board

Jewish Mirror

The Independent American Jewish Magazine

55 WEST 42ND STREET

NEW YORK, N. Y.

February 16, 1943

Dr. Alba Hillel Silver
c/o Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Silver:

Several days ago I sent you the following telegram:

"Have taken over the JEWISH MIRROR with Jonathan Thursz as my associate. Please send personal message and text of your Anniversary Address with photograph, Air Mail, for coming issue."

I know of course how busy you are, but I think it would be helpful if you felt you could send me the letter. I'd be very grateful!

Sincerely,

Charles A. Cowen

Charles A. Cowen

CAC:MM

You will remember our friend Thursz
formerly A.P. correspondent at
Casablanca & a tourist of
long standing. C.A.C.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
 The Temple,
 East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.,
CLEVELAND, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I wish to thank you most cordially for your message of felicitations you kindly sent me on the occasion of my 70th birthday.

Of the many messages I received, yours was of special encouragement for me, coming from such a Zionist personality, who at the present time, is one of the outstanding Zionist leaders in our organization.

I also take the opportunity of sending my heartiest congratulations and best wishes on the attainment of your 50th birthday, and trust that you will "go from strength to strength" in your Zionist activities and leadership in the U. S. A.

Let us hope, dear friend, that we shall soon realize our National Aspirations in Eretz Israel.

With Zion's greetings, I am

Rev. J. K. Goldbloom

Sincerely yours,

J. K. Goldbloom
 REV. J. K. GOLDBLOOM.

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February 19, 1943

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street At Ansel Road

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Please accept our appreciation for your interest and your tribute to Dr. George Washington Carver in your letter of February 12.

Your inspiring words brought a message of Americanism to all who heard them.

Thank you again.

Yours very truly,

C. L. Sharpe

C. L. Sharpe,
President

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3850 EUCLID AVENUE

L. K. Graham, Mgr.

ONE OF CLEVELAND'S FINEST SEMI-RESIDENTIAL HOTELS
CLEVELAND, OHIO

23 February 1943

My dear Rabbi Silver -

In accordance with our telephone conversation just ended, I am enclosing the matters referred to.

It is proposed to send copies of the enclosed letter to an hundred or more prominent characters throughout the country along with copies of the preview of the article as it will appear in the Magazine. We wish to add the names of a few local representative persons to the letter, who endorse the proposal, to ensure its getting the attention we feel it deserves. As I mentioned over the telephone, Dr. Whyte, Dr. Phillips, Dr. Poteat, Dr. Blanchard; Judge Weygandt and Judge Wilkin have willingly allowed their names to be used. Judge Allen cordially approves the proposal and will let us know to-morrow whether or not to use her name.

You will understand why the minor changes were made in the proof as indicated. The quotation from an unnamed Christian scholar" is from Professor Hocking. Should any questions occur to you in reference to the matter, if you call me I shall do what I can to clear them up.

Thanking you for your consideration, I remain always,

Very sincerely yours,

Francis M. Hall

Telephone, Henderson 1622.

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A Religious Basis for the Peace to Come

An Open Letter to the President and Congress

Mr. President and
Members of Congress—

This proposal is addressed to you as an open letter because we feel it expresses — however imperfectly — the deepest hope and prayer of the best sentiment of our country. There is good reason to believe that the recurrence of inexpressible scourge of modern war can be prevented, but that this cannot be done except by the very best and wisest effort of which we are capable.

It is now recognized by seriously minded persons that any settlement which will guarantee a peaceful world after the war must be as genuinely religious as it can be made. This does not mean "a soft peace"; religion recognizes justice. Nor can it be hoped that the efforts will be entirely successful. There will be a conflict of views among individuals and delegations selected to frame the terms of agreement. Some will be positively antagonistic to the truly religious view. But this very fact makes it all the more necessary that no effort be spared to make the religious influence as effective as possible.

To secure this influence it will be necessary that a mature Christian scholar take part in all of the peace negotiations and be a member with full rank when the Peace Commission is set up. What is required is not a churchman, of ecclesiastical rank, or a Christian statesman, scientist or business man; but a man of sufficient training and breadth of mind to comprehend the whole body of Christian truth and its implications, and who could bring its influence to bear upon all the problems that arise in making postwar adjustments. Moreover, the representative from our country should properly be of the Protestant faith; one who appreciates the true values of the democratic heritages of the nation both in theory and in practice. He would want to counsel with him the most capable representatives of the Roman Catholic and the Jewish faiths, probably others. The one aim being to discover the right course at every stage of the proceedings.

Providentially, I think, it may be confidently stated that the overwhelming world sentiment, at the time, not only among those professedly Christian but also among multitudes who have made no such commitment, is that a Christian settlement would be incomparably the best that could be made. Christianity is held in such regard among the peoples of the world that they feel their interests would fare better under this treatment than under any other—at least, any other that has any promise of prevailing. This is a phenomenon of tremendous importance and one that should be scrupulously guarded. It would be tragic to ignore this sentiment and attempt to win favorable reception for what was offered by appealing to lower motives. Besides the importance, indeed the absolute necessity, for finding the truly religious remedy for the present horror is urged now as never before. As, for example, the editors of *Fortune* said lately: "What we want to do—our social aims—our national purpose, are not in the final analysis economic decisions. Such decisions must draw from deeper soil, from politics, from ethics, from religion, from the spirit of a living society." This is spoken of our own country but the same is true of those who are writing of the world situation. With remarkable unanimity they agree with the Academy of Political and Social Science when it declares the "war is not an economic or a political, or a social war, it is a religious war."

Consequently the only remedy that can be at all effective must be genuinely religious. It would be sheer mockery to rely upon even the best secular means alone. That would be like applying salve to a cancer. It must be understood that this is the only realistic view of the situation. This does not mean that the church should invade the sphere that belongs exclusively to the state. It is only insisting that authorities in statecraft, and other secular interests, should not presume to decide the religious issues involved. The time has surely come when religion should be accorded its proper place in solving the problems of human relations. These lie at the root of the present conflict. Only by following this course can God's "way be known on earth."

sions and to exert the full measure of his influence in finding the *right solution* of the problems involved. Above all he should be *an eminent Christian scholar.*

The one to be selected should be a man of reputation whose influence would carry weight. He should be a man of impressive personality who would be listened to by the other negotiators, even those who might not be in sympathy with his point of view. What is required at this juncture is a most competent Christian authority, just as an authority on international relations, on economics, sociology, etc. are required to reach a stable settlement.

As Prof. Sorokin, of Harvard University, said lately, after pointing out that "one of the main defects of all previous alliances and of the League of Nations was that they were made up only of representatives of political groups," but to be successful they "must consist also of the representatives of the great religious bodies, the representatives of science, etc. If humanity and its true leaders determine to build the grand new society largely free from war they can do it."

In this "the greatest crisis in thirty centuries" we must be satisfied with nothing less than our best effort lest it be said of us: "Would that you too knew even today on what your peace depends. But no, it is hidden from you!"

FERN HALL HOTEL

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L. K. Graham, Mgr.

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Dear -----

You will notice we are enclosing a preview of an article that is to be published in the April issue of Church Management in the form of an address to the President and the Congress. The purpose, as you will observe, is to secure the appointment of an eminent Christian scholar to confer, with equal rank, in all peace negotiations, and having the same rank as other Commissioners when the Peace Commission is set up.

This proposal has the unanimous endorsement of the Church Federation here and a number of distinguished authorities to whom it has been mentioned- the names of a very few local representatives are given below. Professor Hocking, of Harvard University, is suggested as the most capable Christian scholar for the responsibility, though our first concern is to have the truly religious viewpoint adequately represented.

We desire to publish the names of a select number of distinguished authorities, like yourself, who endorse the proposal, and who would be willing to write or wire the President about April first urging the appointment of Professor Hocking, or some one of like qualifications. Would you kindly use the enclosed postal to let us know: (a) if you endorse the proposal and, (b) if you will urge the appointment of such a representative? We would greatly appreciate any comments you may make on the proposal.

Very sincerely yours,

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INVITATION

To Participate in a
Planning Conference

For the Purpose of Developing a

Cleveland-Wide Program for Discussing the Problems of a Peoples Peace



**Sunday Afternoon, February 28, 1942
2:30 – 6:00 O'clock**

THE CITY CLUB, 712 CHESTER AVENUE
CLEVELAND, OHIO

**Invitation Issued
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(See Page Four)

A PEOPLES WAR-A PEOPLES PEACE

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This war is a peoples war, and doubly so for the United Nations. First, because total war involves all the people; and second, because the democracy we are fighting to save and extend, in contrast to all totalitarianisms, is fundamentally committed to the primary worth and dignity of each and every individual.

As the war is a peoples war, so must the peace be made a peoples peace.

For the plain people of America the essence of a peoples peace is an order that provides freedom from want within a free democratic society. The hope of the realization of this desire burns at the center of their common struggle and sacrifice to bring victory to the arms of the United Nations. This hope may be vague and relatively formless as to the specific ways in which it can be fulfilled, but failing its fulfillment there will be bitter disillusionment and disastrous unrest.

Thus a great responsibility rests upon all people of democratic convictions to grapple with the problems incident to the realization of a peoples peace. Indeed those problems constitute a mighty challenge to all the constructive, progressive forces of America and the world. They include vast and far-reaching considerations involving world political reorganization, national and international economic reconstruction, racial attitudes and relationships, to which we must bring the insights and understanding which derive from the spiritual values and cultural objectives of high religion and democracy.

Moreover, in the very nature of the case, the strategy of winning the peace has become an integral part of the strategy of winning the war. All that is done now and left undone now will have a decisive effect upon the course of post-war events. This means that the aims, policies and principles that must underlie a peoples peace should be operative in the immediate course of events.

These facts call for the fullest measure of enlightenment that we can achieve during the period between now and the day the bombers shall be grounded and the guns cease fire. No miracle can take place at any peace conference which will suddenly and magically transform nationalistic, imperialistic, militaristic, isolationist attitudes, policies and practices into the functioning media of a new order based on justice, freedom and equality for the common people of the world. No enchantment can be exercised whereby, apart from diligent study and careful planning, full employment, plenty and security for all can become a peace-time order. We must chart our future course now. We must make our present course consonant with the future course we wish to pursue. We must face the implications of justice for all now. We must develop our leadership for the new world now. We must begin to win the peoples peace now.

The desire is strong among many people of the city of Cleveland that as many as possible of our citizenry who believe in the democratic way of life should unite in some kind of a program for the study of the problems of winning a peoples peace. Our President in his State of the Nation address has asked for such concern. The Gallop Poll reveals a great and growing desire for understanding. That Cleveland may be in the vanguard in the way of concerted civic response to this need and desire, this Planning Conference is called. The Conference is expected not only to develop the broad outlines for instituting such a program but to take the necessary steps for working out the details. Your participation is earnestly desired, as well as your thoughtful consideration of how such a program may be planned and developed.

Order of Business for the Planning Conference

February 28, 1943 * City Club * 712 Vincent Avenue

JUDGE DANIEL F. MORGAN, Chairman

p. m.

2:00 Registration

2:30 Conference Convened; Remarks by Chairman

2:45 Address: "What Are We Here For?"

3:20 Discussion

4:15 Appointment of Nominating Committee for setting up such committees as the actions of the Conference may require.

4:30 Development of Broad Framework of Program

5:30 How Can The Program Be Financed?

5:45 Report of Nominating Committee

6:00 Adjournment

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Registration Fee

A registration fee of \$1.00 will be charged for all who attend. The receipts from registrations will be used first to defray the expenses of the Planning Conference, and the balance to become part of the Program treasury. Registration blanks are enclosed with this Invitation.

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Your cooperation is urged in facilitating registration. Obviously everybody cannot be registered in the last five minutes. Come early and enjoy some pre-conference fellowship. You will also be able to familiarize yourself with the Conference material. The Conference will have to proceed strictly according to schedule as there is a great amount of business to be done. The opening address is very important for intelligent participation in the Conference proceedings.

This is a Planning Conference, called primarily for planning a program. Discussion of the issues of a peoples peace must be kept at a minimum, and only introduced as they may bear directly upon the shaping of the program. Your full cooperation in this regard is respectfully requested.

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March 8, 1943.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

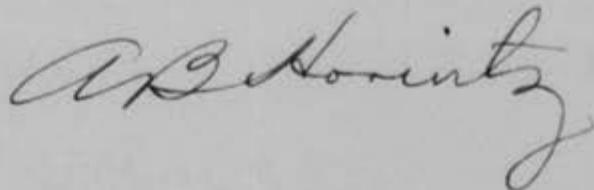
I am a member of a committee of the Duluth Jewish Welfare Federation directed to study a request from Dr. A.B. Hadani, Midwest Director of the Committee for a Jewish Army, for an allocation of funds. All of our committee members are in favor of a Jewish army, but some of us would like very recent information about the Committee for a Jewish Army.

I am taking the liberty of coming to you for this information because Dr. Hadani, during his visit here last week, mentioned you as one of a number of prominent Jews who favor the work of the Committee for a Jewish Army. May I ask the following questions.

Is this Committee worthy of support? Is it promoting a Jewish army effectively? Is it the only organization doing this work? Is it the best organization in the field for this work? In view of the possibility that the best efforts for a Jewish army may fail, is it likely that the manner in which the Committee is doing its work may leave a lot of ill will towards Jewry?

I shall greatly appreciate such information as you may give me, and shall treat your letter as confidential - for my personal guidance - if you so wish it.

Sincerely yours



March 8, 1943

Mr. Charles A. Cowen, Editor
Jewish Mirror
55 West 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Friend:

I am sorry that I delayed sending you a word of felicitations on the occasion of your assuming the editorship of the Jewish Mirror. I have been traveling about so much of the time that my correspondence has lagged.

I am delighted that you are going to edit the Jewish Mirror. Know your fine literary tastes and your profound acquaintance with Jewish life both here and abroad, the Magazine will, I am sure, under your guidance, come to be a very informative, dependable and readable periodical. And decidedly there is room for such a magazine!

Congratulations and all good wishes!

Most cordially yours,

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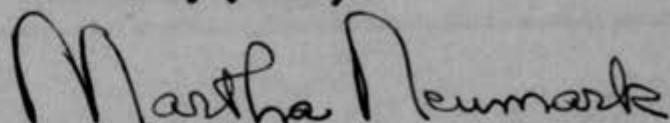
Dear Dr. Silver:

May I ask your co-operation in connection with some material we are now gathering for the Passover issues of our weeklies. Would it be asking too much if you were to write a 1,200 word interpretation of Passover as seen in 1943? If you are too busy, do you perhaps have some previous material that is sufficiently timely to be useful in 1943? We would need this within the next ten days.

Anything you could do for us would be most deeply appreciated.

Warm regards --

Cordially yours,


Martha Neumark
Executive Editor

MN:es

March 10, 1943

Mr. A. B. Horwitz
1519 East Second Street
Duluth, Minn.

My dear Mr. Horwitz:

Dr. Hadani has misinformed you. I am not in favor of the Committee for a Jewish Army. This Committee is an arm of the Revisionist Party in the United States which has been conducting its activities without reference to The Jewish Agency of Palestine or the American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs. The two later bodies have carried on activities in behalf of the formation of an independent Jewish fighting unit in Palestine for some time, and have worked in Washington, London and Jerusalem. There is no need for an independent committee in the field, and the authorized Zionist bodies in America have expressed themselves in complete disfavor of the work of the Committee for a Jewish Army.

You may obtain fuller information about this entire matter by writing to the American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs, 41 East 42nd Street, New York City.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Rabbi Abe Bialle Silver
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E. 105th St. and Ansel Road
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

I want to thank you for your letter of March 3 concerning "The Committee For A Jewish Army". I read it to the Board of Directors of our Zionist District and it was very helpful in crystallizing our attitude toward this new activity on behalf of Palestine.

Sincerely yours,

Israel Harburg

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
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Ansel Road at East 106th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:

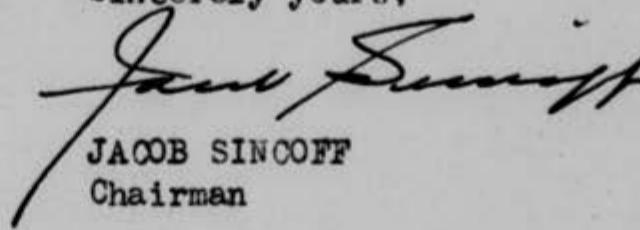
The Order Sons of Zion will observe its 35th Anniversary on Sunday, March 28th at the Hotel Astor, New York. We expect 1500 representatives from Jewish communities throughout the country.

This Dinner, dedicated to the Jewish National Fund, is being given in honor of Dr. Israel Goldstein, our President, in recognition of his magnificent leadership.

May I respectfully invite you to send us a brief message to be published on this occasion? Your word will greatly hearten our volunteers who are devoting so much of their time, means and labor to Keren Kayemeth. It will also be a source of encouragement to Dr. Goldstein whose outstanding and successful service is so well-known to you.

We are going to press on March 18th, and it would be very much appreciated if you would kindly forward your greeting on or before that date.

Sincerely yours,


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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

I presume you saw the communication of Msgr. Newton in the Plain Dealer of your City. I thought it necessary to reply to his wilfull distortions of my book and his anti-Semitic utterances. I am enclosing herewith a copy of the reply, for your information.

I trust you did not forget your promise to write an article for the JQR. I am waiting.

Some time ago I sent you a reprint of my article on Saadia Gaon. I hope you read it.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Silver and yourself, I am

Very cordially yours,

Solomon Zeitlin

March 11, 1943

Editor of the Plain Dealer

Sir:

My attention was directed to a letter which was published in the Plain Dealer of February 7th by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William L. Newton. This letter was republished in toto in The Tablet of Brooklyn on February 20th under the title "Prelate Replies to Recent Attack -- Msgr. Newton says book by Zeitlin offends all Christians".

Although the letter in the Plain Dealer concerns itself primarily with the article in the American Weekly of January 24th, Msgr. Newton in his letter implies that my book WHO CRUCIFIED JESUS is offensive to Christians. My book WHO CRUCIFIED JESUS was not considered by the religious leaders of the churches of the different Christian denominations as an insult. On the contrary, it was highly recommended. The Committee of the Religious Book Club, which consists of such prominent Christians in this country as Samuel McCrea Cavert, Harry Emerson Fosdick, Francis J. McConnell and Howard Chandler Robbins, strongly recommended my book. In their Bulletin of November 1942, of the ten books which they highly recommended, WHO CRUCIFIED JESUS headed the list. This Editorial Committee emphasized that this book "should do much to create a basis for better understanding between Christians and Jews".

In the Christian Advocate (Chicago), the official organ of the Methodist Church, in the issue of January 21, 1943 my book was reviewed very sympathetically and the reviewer expressed the hope that "All forward-looking Christians are thoroughly in accord with Dr. Zeitlin's aim to deepen understanding and appreciation on the part of the several religious groups one for another".

In the Christian Century of January 27, 1943 WHO CRUCIFIED JESUS was reviewed by Harold R. Willoughby who is Associate Professor of the New Testament in the University of Chicago. He states, among other facts, the following:

"It is real praise of Zeitlin's effort to say that he has here advanced a new hypothesis which deserves serious consideration With these general statements, positive and negative, concerning the ultimate responsibility for the execution of Jesus, few historical students to-day would be inclined to quarrel

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Elucidations of the problem are undoubtedly needed to-day, particularly for popular information."

These few examples, chosen from many others, set forth quite clearly how Christians received my book. Msgr. Newton, however, says the following in his letter:

"Nothing less than the term insult will adequately describe the article. It contained at least these four propositions which are a denial of what all Catholics hold sacred. (1) It implies that the Jews are persecuted for putting Christ to death, and therefore that Christians are responsible for the sufferings of the Jews. (2) It openly maintains that the charge is false, and that Christians have been deceived all these centuries by the church into believing that the Jews were responsible for the death of Christ. (3) It accuses the authors of the Gospels, and especially St. John, of having given false witness in this connection. (4) Finally, it implies that Christ was really guilty of political disturbance, otherwise the Romans would have had no case against Him."

(1) (1) It is well-known that during the Middle Ages the Jews were openly accused by all Christians of being guilty of the crucifixion of Jesus. In this connection I shall only quote the Introduction to one paragraph of my book:

"The masses were fed this hateful teaching. Their emotions were stoked to feverish pitch against the Jews, especially during the week before Easter when the Passion Story was read to them. They became infuriated with fanatical anger. They often took retaliatory measures against the people whose fathers allegedly had committed the crime. Rulers and petty tyrants selfishly utilized this religious agitation and, in the name of Christ, Jews were expelled from their countries, or tortured and murdered."

Msgr. Newton continues to say in his letter "The fact of their (the Jews') responsibility has never been emphasized by the church, though we firmly hold it to be a fact." As a matter of record, in some Catholic Parochial schools it is still being taught that the Jews' persecution is due to the crucifixion of Jesus.

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(2) My book is not theological, but deals primarily with history. I was primarily interested in the historical fact of ~~to~~ who was responsible for the crucifixion of Jesus and I came to the conclusion that neither the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark,

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Luther) nor the Apostolic Fathers ever accused the Jews of this act. As a matter of fact I made clear in my book that Jesus did not commit any sin of which the Jews could condemn him. Indeed, this is a false accusation made against an innocent people.

(3) The general opinion of the New Testament scholars is that the Fourth Gospel was written some time in the second century. In the article on the Fourth Gospel in the Dictionary of CHRIST AND GOSPELS edited by Hastings we read the following: "80 - 110 may be regarded as the termini a quo and ad quem". In the article on the Fourth Gospel in the CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA the following is stated: "The historical genuineness of the Fourth Gospel is at the present time almost universally denied outside of the Catholic Church". In the same article it says that A. Loisy (one of the greatest authorities on the New Testament, himself a Catholic) "has also reached the point where he openly denies the historicity of the Fourth Gospel".

(4) There is no implication whatsoever in my book that Jesus was guilty of a political crime. I only said that Pilate, the Procurator of the Romans, accused Jesus of causing political disturbance and for this false accusation he was crucified by the Romans. Msgr. Newton says further that the Jews were persecuted before the advent of Christianity and now they are persecuted by Hitler. It is true that the Jews of the Diaspora suffered very much before the advent of Christianity. Why? The reason for the anti-Jewishness in the Greco-Roman period is due to the fact that all peoples were polytheistic, namely, that they worshipped many gods. Besides worshipping the god of the city where they dwelt, they also worshipped the god of the conqueror. The stranger that came to a new city worshipped both his own god and the god in the city where he sojourned. The Jews, on the other hand, were the only monotheists of that time; they worshipped only one God, the God of the Universe. When a Jew left Palestine for another city he would not worship the god of the new city. The pagans accused him of not being loyal to his new city and also of being an atheist. The Jews, with their uncompromising attitude to the pagan world, incurred the constant hostility of the people of Asia Minor. However, this stubbornness of the Jews that there is only one God and He is the God of the Universe, made it possible for Paul, the Apostle of the Gentiles, to preach his Gospel. Thus, the ground was paved for Christianity to gain recruits among the pagan world. In a very real sense the Jews of the Diaspora, who shed their blood upholding the idea of the universal God, helped to spread Christianity throughout the pagan world. We may truly say that the blood of the Jews was the seed of the church.

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The persecution of the Jews in Nazi Germany by Hitler is due, among other causes, to the fact that THE JEWS GAVE JESUS TO THE WORLD. Hitler, with his "intuition", knows as his forefathers

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(the pagans of the ancient world) that in order to destroy Christianity -- Catholics and Protestants -- he must first annihilate Jews and Judaism. Titus (subsequently the Roman Emperor) who set fire to the Temple of Jerusalem, was aware of the fact that Christianity was an offshoot of Judaism. Tacitus, the Roman historian, records that Titus said "The Christians had grown out of the Jews: if the root were destroyed, the stalk would easily perish".

In the long history of the Jewish persecutions some Popes (but not all of them) protected the Jews from the rulers and tyrants who tortured and expelled them from their estates. The present Pope, Pius XII, with great humanitarian spirit has from time to time interceded for the Jews where his voice could be heard and the Jews, I am sure, are conscious of and grateful for his sympathy.

It seems to me of paramount importance for the survival of our civilization that there should exist a closer bond of fellowship between Jews and Christians as together they face the common enemy. The animus of present-day paganism is directed not only against the Jews, but aims at the destruction of ~~anti~~ and progressive thought. The Jews are merely the first victims of the forces of contemporary paganism.

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Philadelphia, Pa.

SOLOMON ZEITLIN

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CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER

March 15, 1942

Dr. Solomon Zeitlin
The Jewish Quarterly Review
S.E. Corner Broad and York Sts.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Zeitlin:

I have your letter of March 11 with the enclosed communication addressed to the editor of the Plain Dealer.

I am in serious doubt as to the wisdom of publishing it.

I think you know what happened. The American Weekly, which is edited and published by the Hearst organization, is distributed as part of the Sunday Plain Dealer, but the Plain Dealer has nothing to do with its editorial policy. We can only protest after the fact, if the Weekly publishes something which we believe unfortunate. In the last analysis, our only recourse would be to discontinue the Weekly if such occurrences became too frequent, which I am glad to say has not happened in the past.

Therefore it was without any fore-knowledge on our part that the Weekly devoted a whole page to a review of your book.

When I say that this article stirred up the Catholics in our part of the country, it is putting it pretty mildly. Msgr. Newton of the Catholic Seminary here was delegated by the clergy to prepare a reply which we were asked to publish, and which we did publish, together with an editor's note saying that we were sorry we had ever published the review of the book. I stand on that. I am sorry we published it, and here we come to the crux of the whole matter.

Your book deals, and I have no doubt in the most erudite and learned manner, with a two-thousand year old controversy. I see nothing but evil eventuating from stirring up that controversy at the present time. This paper, among other organizations in Ohio, is doing its best to unite all sects, denominations, religious and ethnological groups into one great America, white hot with a patriotic resolve to win this war.

It seems to me that whether you are right with regard to the circumstances of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, or the Catholics are right, it is a poor time to argue the matter now. Over much of the earth's surface there is now a virulent anti-Semitism rampant. God grant that nothing like that happen here.

May I add that when you come to argue about points of fundamental religious faiths, you are dealing with something deeper than human logic. You are dealing with matters of faith,

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and you do not readily change religious creeds by argumentation.

Hence I am inclined to say that we do not believe it would be in the public interest to publish your letter, which I am returning herewith.

As I look at it, and I hope you will agree, the American Weekly article, although you did not write it, was in effect an affirmative presentation of the thesis that the Jews did not kill Jesus Christ. Msgr. Newton's letter was in rebuttal to your position. We have already had the affirmative and the negative, or the negative and the affirmative, depending on which way you want to look at it, and I can't see any good in carrying the argument further. If we published your letter, we should certainly have to give the other side a chance to rejoin to it, and then you might want to say something further. So it would go on endlessly. I think the time to stop is now.

Very truly yours,

Paul Bellamy

Editor

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

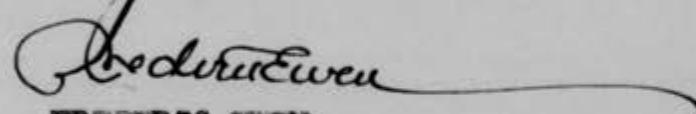
Our new magazine, NEW CURRENTS, of which I am enclosing a copy of the first issue, would very much appreciate an article from your pen on the prospects of unity among American Jews.

The war has made imperative for the Jews closer unity of action, both on a national and international scale. There is, it seems to us, greater interest than ever before in this important question. What do you consider are the prospects of consummating this unity and on what basis do you envision it?

We believe that such a statement will do much to bring enlightenment and encouragement to many of our fellow-Jews in a particularly trying period.

We sincerely hope that you will find the time to honor us with an expression of your opinion on this issue.

Very sincerely yours,



FREDERIC EWEN

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March 23, 1943

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

My dear Miss Neumark:

At your request I am sending you an article for the Passover issue of the weeklies which you are serving. I trust that you will find it satisfactory.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
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March 23, 1943

Dr. Solomon Zeitlin, Editor
The Jewish Quarterly Review
S. E. Corner Broad and York Streets
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Zeitlin:

Thank you for your letter of March 11 and for the enclosure. I should be very much interested to know if the Plain Dealer will publish your letter. I rather doubt it. Some years ago, the Plain Dealer had an unpleasant set-to with the Catholics of Cleveland about some unfavorable Catholic publicity which found its way into the Plain Dealer. As a result the Catholics boycotted the Plain Dealer and it hurt. Since that time this newspaper has been very careful in handling Catholic matters and will probably not wish, in this particular instance, to aggravate a situation for themselves. I may be wrong. But this is my guess. I write you this confidentially so that if your letter is not published, you will not regard it as a personal slight.

I have not forgotten your request that I write an article for the Jewish Quarterly Review. I hope that some day soon I may have the time to sit down and write one.

I read your article on Saadia Gaon, and it is splendid. I read everything you write. You probably know that I lectured on your book at one of our services, and have printed a few important abstracts in The Temple Bulletin by way of popularizing the book. I have also given copies of it to some of my Christian clergy friends.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

March 23, 1943

Mr. Jacob Sincoff, Chairman
Dinner Tribute to Dr. Israel Goldstein
Order Sons of Zion
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Sincoff:

May I join the host of friends and admirers of Dr. Israel Goldstein in sending to him through you this word of greeting on the occasion when the Order Sons of Zion is tendering a dinner in his honor. Dr. Goldstein, by his untiring and devoted services over many years to the cause of Jewry and Palestine, and more especially, by his consecration to the cause of the Jewish National Fund, has won for himself a high place in the respect and affection of American Jewry. He has been tireless, and unstinting of time and energy in serving his people. The Order Sons of Zion honors itself by honoring him.

Most cordially,

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Many, many thanks for your prompt response in sending me the Passover article, which has just arrived. I am planning to read it this evening.

Cordially yours,

Martha Neumark

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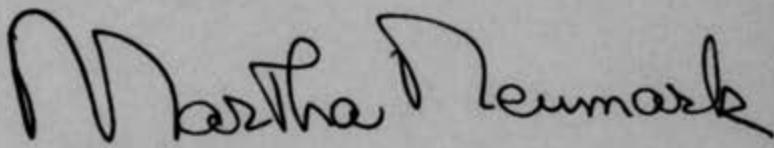
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
THE TEMPLE
Cleveland
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Just a note to tell you how enthusiastic I feel after reading your Passover piece.

I cannot begin to tell you how much I appreciate your generous co-operation.

Cordially yours,


Martha Neumark
Executive Editor

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March 28, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

I have your letter of March 23d for which I thank you. You well guessed. The Plain Dealer did not publish my letter. While reading your letter I recalled the Rabbinic dictum *Krige 438 psk.* I am enclosing herewith a copy of ^{the} letter which I received from the Editor of the Plain Dealer. The tone of the letter is, I think, friendly and the letter very cleverly composed. What is your impression of this letter? Is a reply worthwhile?

Mr. Leslie, Editor of THE PROTESTANT, is rather eager to publish my reply in his magazine. He saw the letter of Msgr. Newton in the Plain Dealer (*which* was reprinted in THE TABLET of Brooklyn) and asked me if I am willing to reply in THE PROTESTANT. I am sure you know THE PROTESTANT is at war with the Catholics. I fear that THE PROTESTANT may wish to make use of me to combat the Catholics. However, I would like to make known to the public that Msgr. Newton distorted the thesis of my book. Maybe it is worthwhile to send my reply to the NATION or to the NEW REPUBLIC.

I was pleased to learn that you are going to write your promised article for the JQR.

When you are East and if you have an hour to spare, I would appreciate having a continuation of our pleasant talk which we started in New York.

Very cordially yours,

Solomon Zeitlin

March 29, 1943

Dr. D. R. Sharpe
1100 Schofield Bldg.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Sharpe:

It was with pleasure that I read of your election to the Presidency of the Cleveland Church Federation, and I should like to join your host of friends in extending to you my heartiest felicitations and my good wishes for an accomplished and blessed administration. Your broad liberal spirit and your great interest in the welfare of men has meant much to our community and we are fortunate that your new post of leadership will give you additional opportunities for doing those fine things which you have done so well.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ANS:BK

March 30, 1943

The Honorable Judge Lewis Drucker
Municipal Court
City Hall
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Judge Drucker:

I telephoned you this afternoon but you were not in, and as I am leaving the city this evening to be gone until next Monday, I am writing to you instead of taking the matter up with you personally, which would be more desirable.

I attended a meeting this noon of the Cleveland Army and Navy Committee of the Jewish Welfare Board. The question of entertaining service men who may be in the city for Passover came up for discussion. It was announced that arrangements are being made by the Committee on Hospitality to entertain as many of the service men as possible in private homes for Seder. It was also announced that The Temples and Synagogues in the city which are conducting Seders will be happy to entertain all those who would like to attend a public Seder.

At this point it was announced that a group of individuals had informed Mrs. Robert H. Jamison, Chairman of the Cleveland U.S.O. Committee as well as Mr. Louis Bing, Chairman of the Cleveland Army and Navy Committee, that they plan to hold a Seder for the service men in one of the hotels, and that Mr. Myron Antel has been proceeding with the arrangements, and that you are either the chairman of this enterprise or prominently identified with it.

The members present expressed their great surprise at this action on your part and have instructed me to communicate with you and to express to you their sentiments.

There is absolutely no need for any group of individuals to plan on their own a public Seder for the service men. The Seder, as you know, is a family service. The most desirable thing is for the service men to be in homes for Passover Eve, and to get something of the home spirit which they miss. They

Judge Drucker

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March 30, 1943

are surrounded by uniforms all the time.

For those who can not, or who do not wish to be accommodated in private homes, there are in our community congregational Seders beautifully arranged, conducted by the Rabbis, and enriched by traditional music which can offer the service men a far better and more appropriate environment than a hall in some hotel. You must know that the Seder is a religious service. It is not just another party or entertainment program.

I would most strongly urge upon you and associates in this enterprise to abandon this idea, which I am sure has been guided by the best motives, but which is altogether unnecessary, and from many points of view, undesirable. This represents not only my own strong conviction, but that of the other members who attended the meeting of the Army and Navy Committee this noon.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:RK

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CLEVELAND

My dear Rabbi.

I tried to reach you at the Temple. Had I succeeded, I am sure you would have found that there would have been no circumstances or facts warranting your letter.

Sincerely

Lewis Drucker

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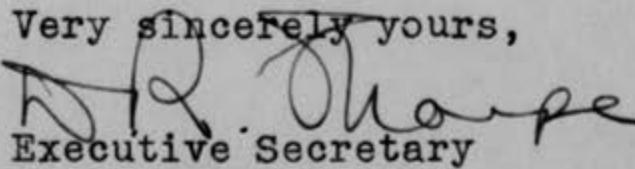
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Rd. & East 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

How generous of you to take the time from your busy life to write me such a gracious note. I deeply appreciate your lovely words in evidence of the fine friendship which exists between us. These earthly friendships surely are the enduring possessions of life.

Your letter makes me ashamed in another respect. At the time your friends were celebrating your twenty-five years of distinguished and creative leadership in this city and nation I added my words of congratulation and good wishes in my regular broadcast service. I have been so pressed with the duties of a special campaign that I did not get my letter to you. Our staff has been seriously depleted by the war and I have not been able to keep up with my work. I do want you to know that along with your enumerable host of friends I spoke my word of appreciation and affection for your noble service to humanity over the air.

God bless you and keep you always, and may the next twenty-five years be joyous and fruitful, and may you realize your highest hopes for your people and for humanity.

Very sincerely yours,

D. R. Sharpe
Executive Secretary

DRS/c

April 6, 1943

Mr. Henry Montor
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

Can you send me a few attractive photographs of Palestine which can be "blown up" to be placed in the recreation room of my home — photographs not of people or buildings, but of out-door scenes? They should be glosses which can be enlarged.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

City of Cleveland

FRANK J. LAUSCHE
MAYOR

April 7, 1943

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
19810 Shaker Boulevard,
Shaker Heights, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

During the period May 24 - 28, the National Conference of Social Work will be holding one of its three regional meetings in Cleveland. To this Conference will come many of the nation's leading figures in the health and welfare field and through the meetings of the Conference, Cleveland will have an opportunity to share in the best thinking of the country on many of the questions vital to the war-time health and welfare of our own community.

The Welfare Federation of Cleveland has appointed a National Conference of Social Work Hospitality Committee to plan for local participation in the Conference meetings and to plan for the fullest utilization of the national leadership which will come to Cleveland.

The Federation has requested me to serve as Honorary Chairman. At this time, I earnestly request your assistance through membership on the general committee, and urge you to be present at the first meeting of the Committee on Tuesday, April 13, at 4 p.m. in my office at the City Hall.

Your participation will be a public service to Cleveland.

Very truly yours,
Frank J. Lausche
Mayor

April 11, 1943

The Honorable Frank J. Lausche
Mayor, City of Cleveland
Ohio

My dear Mayor Lausche:

I shall be very pleased to serve
on the Hospitality Committee for the National
Conference of Social Work.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

ANDREW W. GOTTSCHALL, *National Director*
for
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April 12, 1943.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

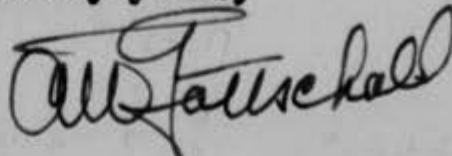
At a recent conference with members of the Army and Navy Chaplains Corps in Washington to discuss procedure, material and methods in connection with our program in army camps, naval and air bases, one of the Chaplains made the suggestion that we could with profit distribute widely throughout the Chaplains Corps in both of the services copies of speeches that have been made in some of our army and navy programs. So I am asking you to write, if you will please, a statement of not more than one thousand words giving the gist of your addresses before men in the military services as you have so graciously served us in our activities. These will be submitted, of course, to the proper authorities in manuscript form. Upon their approval we will then have these statements printed and through the office of the Chief of Chaplains circulate it among all the men under his commission. May I suggest that if you are going to have this typewritten in your office, that your secretary make triplicate copies as they have to be submitted in identical triplicate form to the Bureau of Public Relations of both the War and Navy Departments.

I trust you will further serve us by writing for me such a statement at your very early convenience.

May I say that in addition to the above indicated purposes for which these statements will be used, that they are also intended to serve chaplains in the field as guides in the preparation and presentation of their regular weekly message in their chapel services.

Looking forward with great anticipation to receiving your statement and with continued appreciation for your cooperation and interest, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours,



A. W. Gottschall

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April 15, 1943

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have pleasure in sending you under separate cover a copy of the 49th annual report of the Foreign Missions Conference held at Cleveland last December.

A very brief - all too brief - summary of your excellent address begins on page 48.

We all are deeply grateful to you for the contribution you made at our sessions at Cleveland.

Sincerely yours,

Emory Ross

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April 21, 1943

Rev. Abba H. Silver
Rabbi, The Temple
Ansel Road and E. 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rev. Silver:

The Greek War Relief Association has become a member of the National War Fund, Inc. We are preparing to have on our stationery a few names to be known as sponsors for the Greek War Relief Association and we are trying to have some persons all over the United States who have interest in the Greek War Relief Association.

Our cause has been very successful and now the headquarters has asked me, since I am the Regional Director of Ohio, to suggest to them some names to represent the State of Ohio.

I am about to recommend your name to the headquarters, but before I do so, I would like to obtain your permission for the headquarters to use your name as a sponsor. There is no work of any kind on your part to be connected with this sponsorship.

So far we are very fortunate in having outstanding citizens all over the United States on the list. I hope you will permit me to recommend your name to the headquarters of the Greek War Relief Association.

Hoping to hear from you by an early mail, I remain,

Very truly yours,

JAMES C. MYLONAS
Regional Director

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JEWISH RECONSTRUCTIONIST FOUNDATION, INC.
15 West 86th Street
New York

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April 22, 1943

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Dr. Freehof:

The undersigned have long felt the need of sitting down around a table with some fifteen or twenty like-minded colleagues, of both the Conservative and the Reform rabbinitates, for an informal discussion of matters that deeply concern us all, and that have to do with the philosophy and program of the American-Jewish community.

We believe that the present divisions among us lack reality; that we need to work together across the lines that now appear to divide us; that we need to think through our common position in respect to the synagogue, its place in communal and national life, the secular guidance and bent of many philanthropic and "civic-protective" organizations.

It is not the purpose of this letter to prejudice the discussion in any way, but simply to indicate the lines along which we ought to consult, and the need for such a meeting, of which we feel sure you are as aware as are we.

If you find it convenient to join us on Monday, May 17th, at 12:00 noon, please address your reply to Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan, 15 West 86th Street, New York City. The meeting will be held at the S. A. J., 15 West 86th Street. Luncheon will be served.

We trust that you will understand, without an elaborate letter, the importance of this plan, and also the necessity, for the present, of keeping it among ourselves.

Yours cordially,

(signed) Mordecai M. Kaplan

(signed) Felix A. Levy

April 22, 1943

Mr. James C. Mylonas, Regional Director
Greek War Relief Association
606 Public Square Bldg.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Mylonas:

In reply to your letter of April 21, permit
me to say that I shall be very happy to serve
as a sponsor for the Greek War Relief Association.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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April 22nd, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th St. and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

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Yours cordially,

Mordecai M. Kaplan
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have received no reply to my letter of the 15th, and would like to have an answer by the 28th, as we have set May 5th as the date for our campaign and will need the information requested from you before we can make preliminary plans. I know you have enough to do without answering inquiries from every community in America, but if the J.N.F. is to get any financial assistance from this community, we must have information from you which will enable us to determine whether such help can be furnished.

Sincerely yours,



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RABBI SOLOMON B. FREEHOF, D. D.
RODEF SHALOM TEMPLE
FIFTH AND MOREWOOD AVENUES
PITTSBURGH, PA.

April 28, 1943

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

Dear Abba:

Do you remember that James Heller spoke to us about a meeting that he would have with the Reconstructionist group? I presume that you received the invitation as I did. In case you did not, here is a copy of it and a copy of my answer.

With best wishes,

As ever,
Sol

SBF:GK

Enclosures 2

April 28, 1943

Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan
15 West 86th Street
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Kaplan:

It may well be, as you say, "that the present divisions among us lack reality," but organizations like the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations have achieved organizational loyalties and traditions. I cannot believe that Judaism and Jewry will gain from diminishing the specific loyalties which adherents have to these and similar groups. The problem which concerns me more in this regard is the problem of the unaffiliated, those who belong to no group in Jewish life at all. Each Jewish organization using its own appeal should try to grow as strong as possible and thus decrease the number of irresponsible Jews. It is more important that we win over those who have no Jewish affiliation than those who are already affiliated.

Of course, I agree with the aim "that we need to work together across the lines that now appear to divide us." Our one-day session at the forthcoming convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis in which the Conservative and Reform rabbis will discuss modes of cooperation will be, we hope, of help in this direction. I assure you that I shall always endeavor to encourage all cooperative efforts between the Conservative rabbinate and ours. My hesitation to come to this meeting is based upon your statement, "that the present divisions among us lack reality," a statement which implies that we should seek types of organization other than the ones which at present exist.

Let me assure you again that, even if I do not come to your meeting, I shall gladly cooperate with whatever constructive and comradely decisions may be arrived at.

Sincerely yours,

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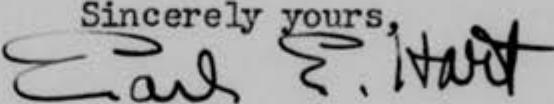
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Early this month you invited Senator Burton to address the National Conference for Palestine at a banquet Sunday evening, May 2nd, at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia and he replied that it was impossible for him to give you an acceptance because of a pending trip to England and North Africa.

The Senator wanted you to know that while nothing has been decided definitely as to the trip there is every indication it will be made by a sub-committee of the Truman Committee sometime soon.

Since the Senator wired you under date of April 7th he has found it necessary to be in Chicago early on the morning of May 3rd which would make it impossible for him to be in Philadelphia, Sunday evening, May 2nd.

Senator Burton has asked me to convey to you his personal and cordial regards.

Sincerely yours,

Earl E. Hart,
Secretary to Senator Burton

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Mr. Earl E. Hart
Secretary to Senator Harold H. Burton
United States Senate
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My dear Mr. Hart:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of April 28. I am sorry that Senator Burton could not attend the National Conference for Palestine in Philadelphia. It was the largest and most successful of our conferences, and I am sure that the presence of Senator Burton would have added greatly to the occasion. I understand fully the reasons which made it impossible for him to come. I do hope that at some future time he will be able to come to one of our important national gatherings.

Please convey to the Senator my warmest good wishes.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

May 4, 1943

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof
Rodef Shalom Temple
Fifth and Morewood Avenues
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Sol:

Thank you so much for your note and for the copy of the letter which you wrote to Kaplan and Levy. I think it was a splendid letter.

I shall not attend the conference called by these people. I don't think this is the time for such meetings.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

May 5, 1948

Rabbi Mordecai M. Kaplan, Chairman
Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation, Inc.
15 West 86th Street
New York, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Kaplan:

I received your invitation and that of Dr. Felix A. Levy to join with you at a meeting on May 17 to discuss with you and other colleagues informally matters which have to do "with the philosophy and program of the American-Jewish community." I am sorry that it will not be possible for me to attend this meeting. I shall not be able to get away from Cleveland that week. I furthermore question whether this is the opportune time for such a discussion. I rather think that what is intended may well be postponed to the end of the war.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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ROBERT GORDIS, PH.D., RABBI

May 5, 1943

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Colleague:

Some weeks ago I addressed a rather long letter to you regarding The Menorah Journal and the duty of the American rabbinate, as I conceive it, in connection with its maintenance and expansion, as a prime agency for creative Jewish expression in America. No doubt due to the pressure of other activities, this appeal for support has been overlooked. I am sure I need not repeat the considerations that impelled me to undertake this appeal to our Congregations, Sisterhoods, Men's Clubs and Culture Funds for at least one annual subscription of \$10.00 each.

While the cooperation of every one of our colleagues is important, I do not hesitate to say that your own position and influence make your participation in the enterprise of still greater significance.

A forthcoming issue of The Menorah Journal will list the communities enrolled in its behalf. The presence of your name and that of your congregation or affiliate would dramatize the cause and inspire others to join us.

In a time when Jewish life overseas is destroyed and all our cultural institutions at home are in grave danger of being dismissed as secondary, we dare not permit The Menorah Journal to go to the wall for lack of the support we can so easily render.

May I have your early and affirmative response? It will prove a source of great encouragement to me.

Fraternally yours,

Robert Gordis

DR. ROBERT GORDIS

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May 6, 1943

Mr. James G. McDonald
22 East 38th St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. McDonald:

I did not get a chance to listen in on your broadcast last Sunday as I was attending sessions of the Annual Conference of the United Palestine Appeal in Philadelphia at that time. But I have since read the text of your address and I want to tell you how profoundly impressed I was by the sincerity, wisdom and forthrightness of your eloquent statement. You have done the cause of humanity, the cause of the refugees, and the historic cause of our people with reference to the Jewish Homeland a great and distinctive service. It is of utmost importance that right-minded people who would like to be helpful in these desperate times should clearly understand that if the Jewish refugee problem is to be solved, even approximately, it can only be done by opening the doors of Palestine, and this, as you clearly state, calls for a sharp revision of the British attitude as expressed in the White Paper.

It is good to hear a clear and honest voice speaking today in the midst of so much intellectual, spiritual and political confusion. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Jewish National Workers' Alliance



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45 EAST 17th STREET, NEW YORK, N. Y.

May 6, 1943

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I am pleased to inform you that on Sunday, May 23rd, a Testimonial Dinner is being tendered at the Hotel Commodore, New York, to Dr. Chaim Weizmann, the distinguished scientist and President of the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency for Palestine. This Dinner is being tendered to him on the occasion of his induction as an Honorary Member of the Jewish National Workers' Alliance.

Dr. Weizmann's outstanding leadership for the upbuilding of the Jewish homeland in Palestine, and his many contributions in the field of science, are certainly well known to you.

Dr. Weizmann is at present in America for a brief visit, and we feel greatly honored that he has decided to affiliate himself as an Honorary Member with the Jewish National Workers' Alliance, a fraternal, educational order, dedicated to the service of our Country, the Jewish people the world over, and the upbuilding of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine.

The Alliance, this year, is celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of its achievements.

We shall be very happy to receive a message from you for this occasion, for which we thank you most sincerely.

Very sincerely yours,

LOUIS SEGAL
General Secretary

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Within a few days I shall enter active service with the Army. May I send you this note of good wishes. I have enjoyed very much the relationship with you and hope that we may be in touch with one another again in the not too distant future.

In connection with my departure, several changes have been made in the Speakers Bureau.

Mrs. Sarah F. Brandes, beginning on Monday, May 10th, will be in charge. She has had long experience in lecture work and enjoys a wide knowledge of the Jewish field. I feel sure that she will give the United Jewish Appeal and its many friends throughout the country the finest type of service and cooperation. Please feel free to call upon her, as you have called upon me.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Lawrence Gould

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9 EAST 89TH STREET
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
8600 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This is to invite you to sign with me an open letter to the President concerning our war policy on Finland. You will find enclosed a copy of the letter, which is self-explanatory. I believe that public expression on this question is vital to a better understanding and clarification of the issues at stake in our war against the Axis powers.

If you agree, I hope you will sign the enclosed card and return it as indication of your willingness to join me in petitioning the President.

Very sincerely yours,

Arthur Upham Pope

May 7, 1943

AN OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

HON. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington, D. C.

DEAR PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT:

For months we have followed with hopeful interest the efforts of our government to terminate Finland's partnership with Nazi Germany. We have hoped the government would be able to win Finland over to the cause of freedom and democracy to which it is committed by tradition and self-interest. Those hopes have been disappointed. In view of the recent reaffirmation by the Finnish government of its Axis alliance, which finally compelled our government to withdraw its diplomatic personnel from Helsinki, we believe the continuance of relations with Finland is futile and harmful.

The Finnish army is fighting on an almost 2,000 mile front against our ally, the Soviet Union, immobilizing several hundred thousand troops and vast military material that ought to be free for the critical offensive against Germany. Were it not for the Finnish participation, Leningrad would probably have been spared a ghastly siege that cost a million lives. From the Finnish bases willingly placed at the disposal of the Nazis, there issue Nazi planes and submarines, sinking our ships loaded with precious materials so needed by our Russian allies. Many American seamen have met death in these cruel waters. The Finnish war against Russia dangerously diminishes Russia's none too great margin of military superiority over Germany. It is certain that the success of our promised western offensive will depend largely upon a simultaneous operation of the Soviet—an operation that can be greatly—possibly fatally—impeded by Finnish forces. Their continued participation will cost American lives and postpone victory.

There are other unfortunate consequences of our continued appeasement of Finland. It encourages pro-Axis elements there who have cited our foreign policy as justification for their alliance with Hitler which keeps the freedom-loving democratic common people of Finland in virtual bondage to Nazi masters. It is deplorable that our influence is used to thwart the genuine desire of the majority of the Finnish people to free themselves from this disastrous alliance. This policy also is disturbing to our Russian allies who are fighting our battle as well as their own. It compromises the high principles for which this war is being fought and which alone can assure early victory and a sound peace. Finland is now our enemy, effective and dangerous, and the enemy of all the United Nations.

We urge you, therefore, without delay to revise our present ambiguous policy and institute positive action that will effect the elimination of Finland from the war. In addition to our government's recent action we urge that our country now sever diplomatic relations completely with Mannerheim Finland, and declare war against this satellite of Nazi Germany. We are confident that such a declaration will weaken if not destroy the hold of the Mannerheim group over the Finnish people, which amounts to a practical dictatorship, and will give them the peace and freedom they long for. By this means we will discharge our duty to our Soviet allies to whom we owe so much; we will bring victory nearer and save American lives and treasure; we shall be more consistent and faithful to our own ideals. We know many considerations that recommend this policy most urgently and none that warrants its postponement.

JAMES G. McDONALD
22 East 38th Street
New York, N. Y.

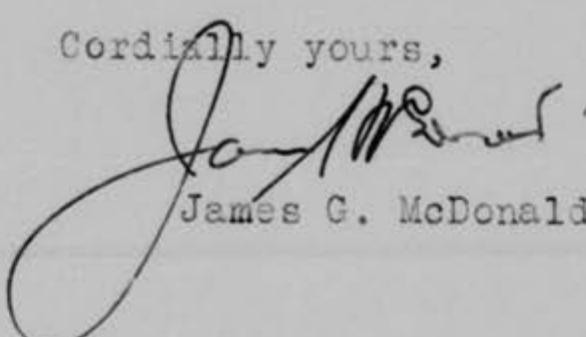
May 10, 1943

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I deeply appreciate your too generous letter of
the 6th. I was glad of the opportunity to say what I thought.

Cordially yours,



James G. McDonald

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May 12, 1943

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
The Temple
105 Street and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Many thoughtful persons believe that the issue involved in the life or death of the Farm Security Administration is one of the most basic before the country today. It is basic with respect not just to the production of necessary food but also to the question of whether a million and a half farmers who have the capacity and the willingness to make an outstanding contribution to our national economy are to be allowed to do so, or whether they are to be denied that opportunity through the influence of selfish interests.

We are asking a group of distinguished citizens to lend their names to the enclosed letter. There is enclosed also some explanatory material on the significance of the Farm Security program. Will you not read both and, if you approve, sign and return the statement?*

You can readily appreciate the urgent need for prompt action. We hope to hear from you within a few days. A stamped, addressed return envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

Courtenay Dinwiddie
Courtenay Dinwiddie

* Please return two copies signed. The third is enclosed for your files.

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Am. in dry
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May 14, 1943.

The President of the United States
The President of the Senate
The Speaker of the House of Representatives
The Food Administrator

Decisions on food production, by Congress and the Administration within the next few weeks, will vitally effect our success in the war.

Food Will Win the War

That food is essential to winning the war is beyond dispute. Shortage of such foods was a major factor in Germany's defeat in the First World War. Food is more and more vital to us each month, with increasing millions of our men under arms or about to be, and with the half-starved populations of occupied countries urgently needing food to help them, as they are liberated from tyranny, to join us in the fight for freedom.

The situation has for some time been reflected in the rising prices of foodstuffs which are now challenging national attention.

One Clear Answer

The Farm Security Administration has proven beyond doubt that the lower two thirds of our farmers can speed up their production of the Nation's food by far greater percentages than any other groups. Low income Farm Security borrowers numbering 463,000, most of whom formerly barely met their own needs, last year astonished seasoned farm observers. Although only 7.6% of the six million farmers of the country they produced 36% of all the increase in the production of milk; 10% of the increase in chickens; and 27% of the increase in dried beans, and they made other notable advances. For the first time in our country's history the smaller farmer has been given an opportunity to show how great a contribution he can make to our national food supply.

An extension of this plan of loans, plus farm and home management supervision to 1,740,000 underemployed farmers can next year bring increases in chickens, eggs, pork and milk, for example, which will take care of the yearly needs of from 11 to 13 million active men for these products. No similar potentialities for aiding the war can be shown for any other group of our population.

It would be shortsighted indeed if as a nation we should deliberately deny to a million and a half farmers, representing our least used reservoir of manpower, the opportunity to make their maximum contribution to one of our most vitally necessary supplies, food. It would also be a denial of the democratic principle that each citizen should have the right to contribute his best to his own family and to the welfare of his country, free from handicaps too great for an individual to overcome.

We therefore urge upon the President of the United States, the Congress and the Food Administrator, the continuance and substantial expansion of the Farm Security Administration and its program of loans and farm and home management advice, as essential to our war economy and to the soundness of our democracy.

Respectfully,

PETER WITT
852 LEADER BUILDING
CLEVELAND, OHIO

5/17/43

My dear Rabbi Silvers:

To the delight
of your friends and to
the disgust of your
enemies you shot
at Rickenbacher hit
the bulls eye.

May you work & you.

As ever
Peter Witt

P.S. The miners should
have \$35.00 per week for
livery when they do, say
nothing about what they
should receive for the labor
they perform.

May 17, 1943

Miss Max Nordau
315 Central Park West
New York, N.Y.

My dear Friend:

I was delighted to receive your book on the great and unforgettable leader of our movement, Dr. Max Nordau. I have already read part of it, and it is splendid. I shall give myself the pleasure of finishing the book this week. You have rendered the Zionist cause a great service by writing and publishing the biography of this clear-visioned and lion-hearted champion of our national renaissance. I am more than grateful to you for the very lovely words which you inscribed on the copy which you sent me. Mrs. Silver joins me in sending you our warmest greetings. We hope that we shall have the pleasure of seeing you again in the not too far distant future.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

May 18, 1943

Mr. Peter Witt
852 Leader Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friend:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in writing to me about my last Sunday's address. I felt that there were certain things that should be said at this time, and thought it is not a very popular thing to say them, the times are too serious for such considerations.

I trust that you are well and I do hope that I may have the pleasure of seeing you again soon. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

May 18, 1943

Mr. Lawrence Gould
United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Gould:

May I extend to you my best wishes on the occasion of your entering the armed services of our country. I wish you God speed! I hope that you together with all of our fine young men may return soon from the war after victory is won and resume your places in the civilian services where so many like yourself served with distinction.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

May 24, 1943

The Honorable E. J. Hajny
Czechoslovak Consul
1900 Euclid Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Hajny:

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in inviting me to meet Dr. Ladislav Feierabend, Czechoslovak Minister of Finance, tomorrow evening. I would have been delighted to come. Unfortunately a very important congregational meeting, scheduled a long time ago for the same evening, will make it impossible for me to attend.

Please send my compliments to your distinguished guest.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

The NATIONAL WAR FUND announces the immediate removal of its national offices from the Empire State Building to the eleventh floor of 46 CEDAR ST., New York, N. Y. The new telephone number is BOwling ⁵ Green ¹ 9-1380.

Robert O. Loosley,
Executive Vice President

May 21, 1943

To meet
Dr. Ladislav Feierabend,
Czechoslovak Minister of Finance

Consul E. J. Hajny
requests the pleasure of
Dr. Alba H. Silver's

company at dinner on Tuesday, May the twenty-fifth
at 6:30 o'clock at the University Club

R. S. V. P.

May 25, 1943

Mr. Bill Cunningham
The Cleveland News
1801 Superior Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Cunningham:

I just finished reading your article in the Cleveland News, "Case of Poetic Justice". May I tell you how deeply stirred I was by it and how appreciative I am of the fine spirit which prompted you to write it. It will do much in these confused and troubled times, when so many dark forces are abroad in the world intent on making men forget their humanity and brotherhood, to keep our nation on an even keel and to help men to think clearly and nobly. The evil and anarchy of our day express themselves in various ugly forms, and none so shamelessly as in the "plain damn lies" which are being spread about the Jewish people. Whoever scotches such lies defends not only the Jewish people but America as well, and all our high hopes for a free and decent world.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

THE CITIZENS SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE

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May 28, 1943

Rabbi A. H. Silver
E. 105th and Ansel
Cleveland

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Board of Trustees of the Citizens League has asked the four persons whose names appear on this letterhead again to head the Citizens School Board Committee for the selection and election of three members of the Cleveland School Board. With reluctance they have accepted the service because of the importance of the task and the necessity of completing the job so well begun two years ago.

Three places on the Cleveland Board of Education will have to be filled this fall - the places now held by Messrs. Bradley, O'Donnell and Martin. The holdovers are Messrs. Benesch, Howley, Shuler and Mrs. Wulff.

We met with a small group of those who have been closely identified with former school board campaigns to select a list of sixty to seventy names of public-spirited citizens who, if willing, will constitute the general committee which will supervise this year's campaign. You are one of that list. A smaller executive committee will be selected by the general committee to handle the details of the campaign.

You can render a very real public service by accepting appointment to the general committee which will not require much of your time.

The first meeting of the committee will be held on:

THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 12:00 NOON

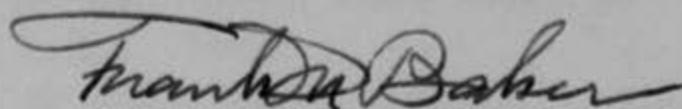
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to complete the organization and plan the campaign. We hope you can be present.

Kindly return the enclosed acceptance.

Very truly yours,

THE CITIZENS SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE



Frank M. Baker
Chairman

May 28, 1943

Dr. William G. Braude
Temple Beth El
160 Brown St.
Providence, R.I.

My dear Rabbi Braude:

May I join your host of friends in extending to you my heartiest felicitations on your tenth anniversary as Rabbi of Temple Beth El. I know of your zeal and devotion to the cause of Israel and Judaism and I am acquainted with the distinguished services which you have rendered your congregation and your community. May I wish you continued well being and continued success in the great cause to which you have dedicated yourself.

The officers and members of my Temple join me in congratulating Temple Beth El for the fruitful leadership which you have given to it during the past decade.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Temple Beth El
Providence, Rhode Island

The honour of your presence is requested at the
Tenth Anniversary Celebration
in tribute to
Dr. William Gordon Braude
upon the completion of ten years as
Rabbi of Temple Beth El
on Sunday evening, May the thirtieth
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AKRON		Jewry we call upon you to come to this gathering and

address hundreds of Jews on this vital question. We
feel that your presence will go a long way towards
stimulating clarity and understanding of the necessity
of a unified Jewry for a quick victory over fascism
and our proper place in the post war period.

We trust that you will make all efforts
to participate in this vital meeting.

Sincerely yours,

FOR THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE

D. Schlossberg
Secretary

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The findings of the Conference on the Status of Minority Groups in a Christian Democracy, which has been printed as a Department pamphlet UNITY A CHALLENGE TO AMERICAN DEMOCRACY has just come to my desk. It brings clearly to mind, again, your great contribution to the Conference on Minority Groups in Cleveland, November 27th, and I am moved to write this note to express my continuing appreciation of your contribution to a notable meeting. It is my hope that you, too, feel that it was a worthy occasion, and that you have found real satisfaction in sharing the day with us.

Most sincerely yours,

Louise Oldshue

Mrs. James Oldshue.



Chaplain Morton C. Fierman

May 31, 1943

The Temple
East 105th at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

Attention: 1943 Confirmation Class

Dear Friends:

Permit me as a confirmand of the 1927 Confirmation Class at the Temple to congratulate you and to extend my best wishes to you upon your confirmation. Even though I am far away from Cleveland, my thoughts are at this time with you and our wonderful institution. I cannot forget the solemn yet inspirational note in my own confirmation. May God grant you vision and understanding of our faith. May your knowledge ever be a well-spring of hope and sustenance to you during the coming days and months that are to follow.

May God bless you and keep you and your families.

Cordially,

Chaplain Morton C. Fierman

June 2, 1943

Mr. D. Schlossberg, Secretary
International Workers Order
3696 E. 154th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Schlossberg:

Thank you so much for your kind letter inviting me to attend a meeting which you are calling for the 7th of June in order to stimulate interest in the American Jewish Conference. I regret that I will not be able to attend the meeting as I shall be in New York on that day attending the Executive Committee meeting of the American Jewish Conference.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

June 2, 1943

Mrs. James Oldshue
434 East 88th St.
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Oldshue:

I received this morning both your gracious letter and the booklet, "Unity A Challenge to American Democracy".

Of course I recall with great pleasure the session of the Conference which I was privileged to attend, and the spirit which pervaded it. I am confident that you have rendered a great service to the cause of American Democracy, and to an understanding both of the forces which threaten it and the ways by which it may be preserved and enriched through the Conference and through the publication of the Papers presented at the Conference.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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June 2 1943

Am to be in Washington on Tuesday to
deliver commencement address at Harvard
University. It would give me extreme
pleasure if I could have a little of your
time during the morning or early after-
noon. I need your counsel on a few
important matters. Please wire
my expense. Kindest regards

A. H. Silver
The Temple - Cleve

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

Cleveland, Ohio
June 4, 1943

My dear Rabbi Silver:

You are invited, with a number of other representative citizens, to attend a luncheon meeting on Wednesday, June 16, at twelve noon, in the Spanish Room of the Hotel Carter, Cleveland. (Luncheon - \$1.25 per plate.)

At this meeting we shall hear how we and the citizens of this community can help underprivileged children in isolated rural areas of the Southern Mountain States, also how we can help children victims of this war both at home and overseas.

Mr. Roy Johnson, national representative of "Save the Children Federation, Inc." will deliver the principal address, in addition to which there will be talks made by some of our local citizens.

It is our hope that you will be with us at this luncheon meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Carl Hanna
Mrs. Carl Hanna

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E 105th St. and Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, O.,

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I hope this finds you in good health.

For our tenth anniversary edition, we are
announcing an annual plaque award for the best
editorial in the "Anglo-Jewish press.

I am asking a group of six rabbis to act
as judges, and the award will be made under
the exact plans of the Pulitzer Prize awards.
Papers will be limited to three editorials,
so that there will not be very much work
entailed.

I hope you will find it possible to accept
a place on this board, as I think you
will agree that a stimulus like this is
what the "Anglo-Jewish press has needed for
a long time.

Please let me hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

G. M. Cohen
G. M. COHEN
Publisher

Euclid Avenue Temple

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NATHAN BRILLIANT
EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR

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DIRECTOR EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

BERNARD I. PINCUS
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

June 10, 1943

Mr. L. I. Neumark
Chester-Twelfth Bldg.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Neumark:

I am enclosing a copy of a report I submitted
to our Board of Trustees.

This report deals with the training of the chil-
dren of the Euclid Avenue Temple Religious School
for communal participation, and I thought you would
be interested.

Sincerely

Nathan Brilliant
Educational Director

NB:LBC

EUCLID AVENUE TEMPLE

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR
TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 17, 1943

This report of the Religious School will be devoted exclusively to a discussion of the Keren Ami Conference, which will be held this Saturday morning in the auditorium at 10 A.M. All the children of the Confirmation Department (Grades 7-8-9) plus delegates from the Grades 4-5-6 will participate. This is the first time that we are attempting this kind of a Conference and we hope to hold one every year.

The Keren Ami is the Community Chest of the school. Each class is assigned a quota which is 5¢ per child each week. In most instances, classes exceed the quotas assigned them.

By and large Jewish education has concentrated its attention upon the acquisition of information, and the inculcation of ideals. All kinds of texts have been written, devices developed and methodology prepared to meet these two needs of education. But we must add a third ingredient, namely the identification of the Jewish child with Jewish living now while he is in school, and every day, in many ways. It is axiomatic that the child lives his own life for the joy of living now and not in preparation for some future day. We want to integrate the life in the Religious School with the life of the total Jewish Community.

Keren Ami intelligently presented and amply implemented can become that new ingredient for giving the child a feel of the larger community and of identifying him with it.

Stress should be placed on his responsibility as a Jew. He must learn to give, not because he is urged to or because social pressure is put upon him but rather because he has developed an awareness of human relationships, because he has learned the meaning of the ancient Jewish phrase, "All Jews are responsible for one another." Therefore whatever he has, no matter how much or how little, he will be ready to share with others. In learning the history of his people, in studying current events, he is filled with a deep sense of close kinship with his fellow Jew everywhere in the world.

With this kind of training the child will learn to see in proper perspective the needs of Jewish life today. It is not enough to be moved to open the purse strings for the sick, for the suffering, for the orphaned, and for the aged. These are the diseases of Jewish life which must be cured but these alone do not make for healthy Jewish living. These alone will not guarantee the continuation of the Jewish people. We must teach him to support Jewish education, especially the intensive kind. He must affiliate himself with a congregation and he must share in the upbuilding of Palestine. These are the factors which tie up with the stream of Jewish life and the flow of Jewish destiny. His understanding of these basic needs as indispensable forces in Jewish life, without which Jewish life cannot continue to grow and to flourish creatively, will guide him and give him inner strength and integrity in his relationship to the community.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR

This is the highest of all charities - self-taxation. It requires intelligence, training and self-discipline. It is in consonance with the Hebraic tradition of Zedakah, rather than with the accepted meaning of charity or philanthropy. Keren Ami - the fund of my people - is the technique developed by the Jewish educator.

Keren Ami

Keren Ami is a far cry from the usual practice in the Religious School where the child contributes, and the Rabbi distributes. Under the old system the child never learns what happens to his contribution. In a vague way, he knows that his money goes to charity. Perhaps in some cases he is even told how the money is allocated, but he has no share in the decisions, he has no inkling of the purposes and the activities of the institutions to which he contributes.

The Keren Ami project is not intended to increase the size of the contribution, nor is it intended to be a more perfect instrument for collection. It achieves both of these as byproducts but primarily its objective is to educate - to familiarize the child with the institutions and agencies that are the beneficiaries of the Keren Ami. He seeks out information concerning the institution, evaluates it, and then decides what amount to allocate to it on the basis of his considered judgment. As he is introduced into the greater Jewish world, his Religious School activities take on added meaning. Thus Keren Ami becomes for him an educational project.

Each class elects two representatives to the Keren Ami Council. It is the job of the representative to gather the weekly contributions, attend council meetings, and to inform his classmates of the deliberations of the council.

The council receives requests for contributions from various organizations. These are carefully weighed before the allocation is made. When the members of the council feel that they are not in possession of sufficient information, then the secretary is instructed to write to the organization under discussion for further data. In reporting back to the class the representative is frequently given a mimeographed copy of the decisions of the council.

At the general conference to be held this Saturday, the council will report to the school on its allocations and the school will be given an opportunity to offer suggestions and criticisms. Two weeks ago every child received a summary of the year's disbursements. These were discussed in class so that the children will be prepared to participate in the conference intelligently. The final step will be a ballot expressing the will of the school.

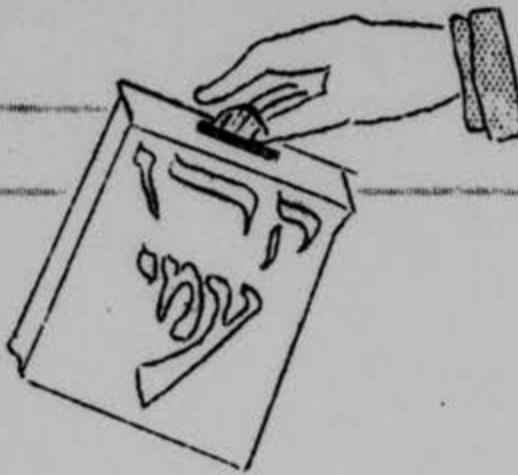
The Keren Ami, through the Confirmation Council, made disbursements to the following organizations during the past year

I.	JEWISH WELFARE FUND from which over 100 organizations receive help, organizations doing overseas relief, protection of Jewish rights, health and special relief, educational and cultural work and other special services for Jews throughout the world	\$750
II.	AMERICAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS.	\$178
A.	Jewish Braille Institute - provides Jewish reading matter in Braille for the blind.	
B.	Camp New Hope-for refugee children.	
C.	Bureau of Jewish Education Building Fund-an adequate headquarters for Jewish educational efforts is being bought	
D.	Telser Yeshiva-an orthodox theological seminary formerly in Europe, now in Cleveland	
E.	Jewish Information Bureau-gathers and makes available facts about Jewish life and people	
F.	Hebrew Free Loan-makes possible loans without interest to Cleveland Jewish people	
G.	Conference on Jewish Relations-publishes scholarly works on present-day Jewish life	
H.	American Beth Jacob Committee-trade school for girls, closed by Nazis in Europe, now in America	
I.	American Academy for Jewish Research-	
III.	PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS	
A.	Histadruth-workers', farmers' and consumers' co-operative organization, now doing great things for the war effort (as seen in movie, "Palestine at War")	
B.	Hadassah Children's Luncheon Fund-provides free lunches to children-25,000 daily.	
C.	Pioneer Women's Organization	
IV.	CLEVELAND COMMUNITY FUND-now the War Chest, serving over 100 community social agencies, as well as the U.S.O., war relief agencies, and other war time services	\$300
V.	GENERAL ORGANIZATIONS-	\$ 52
A.	Council Against Intolerance-exposes Nazi propaganda and works for inter-racial understanding	
B.	American Civil Liberties Union-guards against infringements on rights of free speech and press and freedom of religion	
C.	China's Children-provides food	
D.	National Child Labor Committee-works for laws to protect the health of children and to enforce existing laws	
E.	St. Stephen's Church and Community Center-Badly needed building facilities to house educational and recreational activities for Negroes are being provided	
F.	Seeing Eye-trains dogs for the blind	
G.	Bundles for Britain	
H.	Consumer's League of Ohio - works for adequate workers' and consumers' legislation	
I.	American Red Cross	

GRAND TOTAL \$1280.00

KEREN AMI

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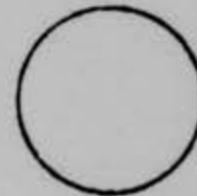
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The KEREN AMI, through the Confirmation Council, made disbursements to the following organizations during the past year. The allocations are expressed in terms of points to make balloting easier.

Your council made the following allocations in points during the past year. What point allocations do you suggest for next year?

I. JEWISH WELFARE FUND (\$750.00)

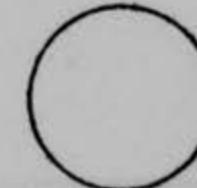
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II. AMERICAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS

Jewish Braille Institute, Camp New Hope for refugee children, Bureau of Jewish Education Bldg. Fund, Telsor Yeshiva, Jewish Information Bureau, Hebrew Free Loan, Conference on Jewish Relations, American Beth Jacob Committee, American Beth Jacob Committee, American Academy for Jewish Research (\$123.00)

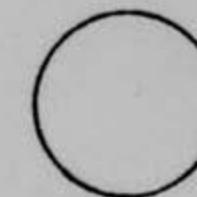
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III. PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS

Histadruth-workers', farmers' and consumers' cooperative organization, Hadassah Children's Luncheon Fund, Pioneer Women's Organization (\$55.00)

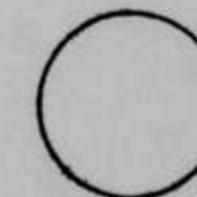
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IV. CLEVELAND COMMUNITY FUND and other

General Organizations, Council Against Intolerance, American Civil Liberties Union, China's Children, National Labor Committee, St. Stephen's Church and Community Center, Seeing Eye, Bundles for Britain, Consumer's League of Ohio, American Red Cross (\$352.00)

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GRAND TOTAL \$1280.00
which is 100 points

"All Jews are responsible for one another."

REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR

Keren Ami therefore is much more than a charity fund. It is a major educational instrument, that deals with the needs of the current scene. Much still remains to be done to perfect this instrument and we hope to increase its usefulness from year to year.

It is our hope that through such activities of living now and doing now and through the accumulated experiences over a series of years, this future member of the adult Jewish community will have learned "to give generously, intelligently and regularly." Contributions will not be made merely in response to emotional appeals, but rather on the basis of the logical considered judgment of the members of the community who feel it their responsibility to meet the needs of the community through self-taxation.

Respectfully submitted

Nathan Brilliant,
Educational Director

WILLIAM G. BRAUDE
TEMPLE BETH EL
PROVIDENCE

[June 11, 1943]

RABBI'S STUDY
160 BROWN ST.

"Mr" and "Dr"

Dear Rabbi Silver: -

Thanks you for your gracious message on my recent anniversary. Your commendation and good wishes mean much to me.

I look forward to seeing you at the Conference.

Cordially,
W. G.

June 11, 1943

Mr. G. M. Cohen, Publisher
The Jewish Post
508-10 Meridian Life Bldg.
Indianapolis, Indiana

My dear Mr. Cohen:

Thank you for your kind letter
of June 8. I appreciate the honor of being
invited to serve on your award committee, but
I am afraid that I must decline.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

THE JEWISH FORUM
THE LEADING JEWISH MONTHLY IN ENGLISH

305 BROADWAY
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ISAAC ROSENKRANTZ,
EDITOR.

June 15, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Natl. Chm.,
United Palestine Appeal,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Herewith please find copy of an editorial entitled
"Forward to Mt. Sinai," in the June, 1943 issue of THE
JEWISH FORUM.

The suggestion by Mr. Kovner which is commented on may
prove the greatest gain for civilization from World War II.

We shall be pleased to receive word from you as to your
agreement or disagreement with the idea, and whether you would
take an active part towards its realization by attendance at
a conference to discuss procedure, by suggestions, by helping
to popularize it, or in some other manner.

Will you also send us a brief statement for publication
in THE JEWISH FORUM? For the next issue, it should reach us
before June 25th.

Sincerely yours,

Isaac Rosengarten

Isaac Rosengarten
Editor

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

June 17th, 1943

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Blvd.,
Shaker Heights, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Under separate cover, I am having
sent to you a new May edition of the Congressional
Directory, which was released a few days ago.

Trusting you will find the Directory
useful, and with kind personal regards to you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Michael A. Feighan

Michael A. Feighan

P.S. I enjoyed very much
my visit with you
the evening of the 4th.
and hope to have the
pleasure of seeing
you again soon.

M. F.

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CLARENCE S METCALF LIBRARIAN

June 25, 1942.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

After reading the enclosed pamphlet concerning a proposed Intercultural Library, I feel certain that you will want to have a part in this.

It is our desire that a committee be set up to sponsor the Jewish Alcove and Jewish activities at the library, and you are invited to become a member of the committee.

The first meeting of the Jewish Committee will be held in my office Thursday, July 2nd, at 8:00 P.M.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to attend.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence S. Metcalf
Librarian.

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June 28, 1943

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

This letter is to invite you to enroll as a National War Fund speaker who would be available to speak at one or more meetings outside of Cleveland during the October 1st to November 20th campaign.

Because of travel conditions and other factors, we will rely principally upon key speakers throughout the country in or to fill as many requests as possible on a regional basis. This would mean no speakers would be called upon to travel great distances, and the number of engagements for any one speaker could be kept at an absolute minimum.

Since you have already proved your ability as a speaker in previous Community Fund campaigns, we are turning to you at this time. If you feel you can enroll with us -- without any definite commitments as to dates or places being made at this time -- then we would be in a position to clear with you in the event we receive requests for speakers from cities in your part of the country. In this connection, we shall assume you will wish to have your travel expenses paid, unless you advise us to the contrary. I am enclosing an enrollment blank for your convenience.

We shall greatly appreciate your consideration of this matter and I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Cordially yours,

MacEnnis Moore
MacEnnis Moore, Director
Speakers Bureau

MM:g
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TO: National War Fund Speakers Bureau
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I will accept _____ day _____ evening assignments.

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Introduction-information to be used by chairman of meeting:

Date _____

Signed _____

June 28, 1943

Congressman Michael A. Feighan
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

My dear Congressman Feighan:

Permit me to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me the new May edition of the Congressional Directory. I am very grateful to you for making this very helpful volume available to me.

I trust that you are well and that you are standing up well under the terrific heat of Washington both inside and outside of the halls of Congress.

May I compliment you on your vote to uphold the President's veto of the Smith-Connally Bill which I regard as a piece of hasty, ill-considered, and in some of its provisions, ominously reactionary legislation.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

A PROPOSED
INTERCULTURAL
LIBRARY

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOOKS- INFORMATION-SERVICE

DEVASTATING war and wanton destruction by dictators have all but wiped out the culture of the conquered countries of Europe and have debased the culture of the aggressor nations. America has the opportunity, if not the obligation, to preserve the examples of Old World culture which are to be found in the homes of its citizens. Cleveland, the natural center of an immense foreign language group, should seize this opportunity, and plan to discover and list these treasures.

We, the people of Greater Cleveland, are fortunate in having had a part in the building of a great metropolitan area, whose citizens represent nearly all of the nationalities of the globe. We have lived together happily, worked together in harmony and sympathy, and been responsible for great community achievements, such as the Community Fund and the Cultural Gardens. We are outstanding in our love for music and art, in the creation of which we have had a large part.

Cleveland, therefore, should naturally be the first to take serious thought of the contribution it can make to the cultural rehabilitation of the Old World when peace comes.

With this in mind, we propose that all foreign language organizations in Cleveland

and vicinity request their members to list the articles in their homes which will be of interest to this project - books, manuscripts, paintings, sculpture, costumes and other artistic objects. These lists will be sent to the Cleveland Public Library, and from them a catalogue will be made which will be a complete record. This record will be sacredly guarded, and no information shall be taken from it for the purpose of exhibits, nationality celebrations or dramatic performances, unless permission is given by the owner upon request from the Cleveland Public Library.

A library is always particularly interested in books as they reflect the culture of a people. The Cleveland Public Library is, consequently, anxious to do its part in this work. It feels that the catalogue, together with books in foreign languages which their owners wish to give or lend, and such art treasures as the owners are willing to display, should be placed in a building to be known as the *Intercultural Library*. It is proposed to set aside for this purpose a building (now vacant), located at East 55th and St. Clair Avenue, which was constructed for library purposes and which has auditorium facilities.

This proposed *Intercultural Library* will be divided into alcoves, one for each foreign language group. These alcoves will, it is

hoped, be decorated by the members of the groups, with paintings, sculpture, and other articles of artistic value. It will add to the interest and activity of the library if the displays are changed monthly or quarterly. Shelving will be provided for the books belonging to each group. The books will not be available for home use, but they should prove invaluable to research workers. The Auditorium will make it possible to hold meetings which will arouse the interest of all Clevelanders.

Who can prophesy what things will be important in reviving the culture of the Old World? Must each country start anew, with few or no remnants of its glorious past upon which to build? No one can say. But we can keep a record of the treasured articles which many of our citizens or their parents brought from their homeland. The cooperative work which will be necessary to establish and maintain the *Intercultural Library* may well forge a bond between the different nationality groups, and between these groups and all citizens of Greater Cleveland, which will foster a sense of "belonging" as nothing else will do. The descriptive catalogue will show what things are available and where they may be found. More than this, it may be the leaven for a great cultural revival.

June 30, 1942

Mr. Clarence S. Metcalf, Librarian
Cleveland Public Library
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Metcalf:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of June 25. I should very much like to attend the meeting next Thursday evening, but unfortunately I shall be out of the city. The proposal to organize an Intercultural Library appeals to me very much and I should be very happy to serve as a member of the Committee.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ANS:BK

INDEPENDENT
JEWISH PRESS SERVICE, Inc.

207 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY
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July 2, 1942

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

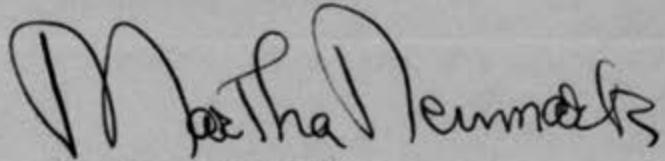
Because of an early New Year, the English-Jewish publications of the country go to press within the next four weeks.

May I extend this cordial invitation to write an article for us for that issue, in review of the events of the past year, stressing those points which you consider most significant and, perhaps, most hopeful. Our papers are, I know, deeply anxious to have such an article from you. It would not need to be more than 1,500 words.

Knowing the many burdens on your time, I hesitate to add to your labors, but I do hope that once again we may have the privilege of your valuable co-operation.

With warm personal regards --

Cordially yours,


Martha Neumark
Executive Editor

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ANDREW W. GOTTSCHALL, *National Director*
for
PROGRAM IN ARMY CAMPS, NAVAL AND AIR BASES
NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS, INC.
730 SOUTHERN BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 9, 1943.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

A new development has taken place in the work of The National Conference in Army Camps, Naval, and Air Bases. The interest the Chaplains indicate in the messages the Conference speakers have presented has, in quite a large number of instances, led them to organize themselves into trio teams to carry on a continuous job along National Conference lines.

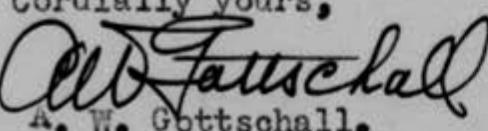
Under the orders of their Commanding Officers, every man, as he goes through the camp for his military training, will be reached. We shall give the initial impetus to this program but expect to follow through with the Chaplains.

This will necessitate some literature to guide the Chaplains in their work. We will put out a Human Relations pamphlet with the title, "Some Protestants, Catholics, and Jews Speak to America."

We are asking the men who have spoken for us in Camp Programs to send to me, as early as possible, a statement of twelve to fifteen hundred words containing the gist of their speeches in the Camp Programs in which they have participated. You can readily see how much this message will mean to the Chaplains as well as for other wide distribution.

If your secretary will type this statement it will save considerable time if it is double spaced with a 1 inch margin on each page.

Expressing to you again my great appreciation and sincere thanks for your cooperation in the work that the Conference is doing and awaiting an early reply, I beg to remain,

Cordially yours,

A. W. Gottschall.

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July 15, 1943

Mr. Louis I. Gilgor, Grand Secretary
Brith Sholom
506-08 Pine Street
Philadelphia, 6, Pa.

My dear Mr. Gilgor:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of July 9 and your check in the sum of \$250 which is part payment on the pledge which the Brith Sholom has made to the United Jewish Appeal. I am forwarding your check and your letter to our headquarters in New York, who will undoubtedly send you an acknowledgment.

Permit me to express to you and through you to the officers and members of your splendid organization the profound gratitude of the United Jewish Appeal for your very generous contribution.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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July 15, 1942

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
THE TEMPLE
Cleveland
OHIO

Dear Dr. Silver:

I thought you might like to have for your files some clippings that we have accumulated of your various articles and editorials that we have syndicated.

With best personal regards --

Cordially yours,

Martha Neumark
Martha Neumark
Executive Editor

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July 17, 1942

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

My dear Miss Neumark:

Permit me to thank you for your
kindness in sending me the many clippings
of the articles and editorials which you
syndicated.

If it is at all possible, I
shall try to comply with your request to
send you an article in time for New Years.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ANS:BK

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July 29th, 1943

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
246 East 105th Street
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Dear Dr. Silver:

The shocking race riots in Detroit of June 20th-22nd, which exacted a toll of thirty-five dead of whom twenty-nine were Negroes, demand a reply from representative citizens, Negro and white. Those of us who believe in the principles set down in the Bill of Rights have the duty to disavow this horror and to demand preventive measures against its recurrence in other threatened areas throughout the country. Will you therefore join a group of representative Americans in subscribing to the enclosed statement?

We propose to issue this statement to the press of this country as evidence of the determination of the overwhelming majority of our countrymen that there shall be no more Detroits. In this hour when our young men are fighting throughout the world in defense of human rights, we cannot tolerate their denial to any section of our population at home.

I shall be very glad if you will add your signature to the statement and return it to me; or if you prefer, simply sign and mail the enclosed post-card authorizing me to include your name among the list of signers.

Sincerely yours,

W. A. Neilson

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A STATEMENT

Every American who loves our nation and respects the principles upon which it was founded must have been shocked and dismayed by the recent race riot in Detroit, Michigan.

The shock was all the greater because our country is now in the midst of a struggle of life and death with the Axis powers whose avowed object is the destruction of democracy and the enthronement of dictatorships run on the "master race" theory.

The Detroit riot embodied all the cruelties which have been practiced by Nazi Germany and her partner, the Japanese empire. Here race was pitted against race. Bloodshed and destruction ruled one of our great cities for days. Hatred held sway. Not until federal troops were brought in was order restored.

We know that decent Americans abhor riots. We believe that our country, engaged in a war to uphold decency and humanity and democracy throughout the world, does not intend that these things shall be denied any American, Negro or white.

In a statement on July 20th, Mr. Roosevelt declared that the recent outbreaks of violence "endanger our national unity and comfort our enemies." With this we wholly agree, and wish to add that not only do these riots injure America in its present fight for life, but threaten the very foundation of the Republic itself. Unchecked, they may well bring down in ruin our Constitution, our Bill of Rights, and our Declaration of Independence along with man's best hope for a government of freedom, dignity and security regardless of race, creed, or color.

We call, therefore, upon our President and our governments, federal, state and local, to use all wisdom to prevent a repetition of the horrors of Detroit elsewhere in our country. We call upon our people of every race, color, station, and section to use all foresight in creating the atmosphere in which no battles between our people can occur.

Signed.....

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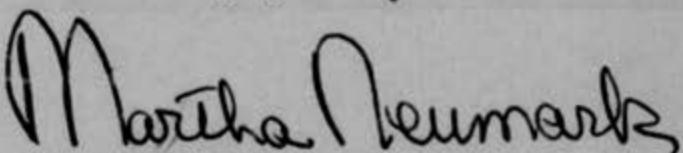
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

I don't want to seem to be harassing you, but in view of the early deadline of the New Year editions of the English-Jewish papers and the pressure that they are putting upon us for the material, I am hopeful that you may have an opportunity of sending us a New Year article in the coming days. It need not be longer than 1,500 words, but ought to be at least 1,000 if you can possibly make it.

With warm personal regards --

Cordially yours,



Martha Neumark
Executive Editor

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Dear Reverend Silver

Thank you very much, for your kind letter of awhile back and for your ringing endorsement of my article entitled "Case of Poetic Justice". In these times, with so many general and controversial subjects on the fire, an encouraging letter such as yours, is most warmly appreciated.

Please overlook this long delay in acknowledgment. I have been traveling a great deal and laboring under a very heavy schedule. As a result, it has been impossible to give personal correspondence the care and courtesy it deserves.

Yours most sincerely

Bill Cunningham

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

We wish here at Tuskegee to perpetuate the name of George Washington Carver, a man who thought only of his fellow man and whose contribution to science has been equalled by few.

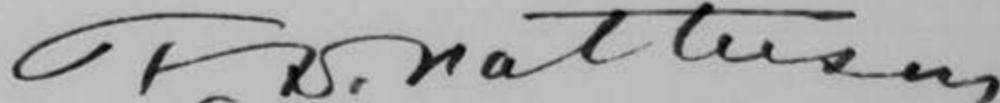
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Charter Memberships, duly signed, are ten dollars each. An engraved certificate showing a picture of Dr. Carver, as well as one of his workshop and museum, suitable for framing, will be forwarded each member.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would send me the names of a few who might be interested in our Foundation. Your name will not be mentioned in writing.

We shall be happy indeed to send you a Charter Membership.

Very truly yours,



F. D. PATTERSON,
Chairman, Board of Trustees.

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FORWARD TO MT. SINAI In "A Plan for Lasting Peace" by Harry Kovner in a recent issue of The Jewish Spectator, a unique proposition is offered—not so phantastic as is the general run of panaceas, but one that should really lead to lasting peace. And unless the Jewish problem "be resolved justly and thoroughly" together with other minority problems, "it will plant the seed for future wars," says Mr. Kovner. And further, "Methods must be found to re-educate man for the appreciation of brotherhood and the respect for life."

And here is his plan: "When war is over, peace shall be proclaimed from Mt. Sinai," to which, on a given day, "all nations, including the Axis, should send representatives." On the spot where God revealed the Ten Commandments, the world is to be reminded "that these Commandments must be observed if peace and order are to rule supreme." And in awe and trembling the representatives of the participating nations are to repeat the promise "we shall do and we shall hearken," and "vow, there and then, not to war against one another . . . Once again the world would re-dedicate itself to the teachings of the Torah and the Prophets . . . The Magna Charta of world peace adopted at this holy place would embody the ideals of the Bible—plus the principles of the Four Freedoms—and would thus live eternally."

Why has the world become immersed in a sea of blood? Is it not that it lost its sense of responsibility directly to God, that its man-made laws lost all relationship to the laws of justice proclaimed by God, that nations as well as individuals no longer had sacred regard for the dictate, "motza sefathecha tishmor," 'thou shalt keep the utterance of thy lips,' and began to make a practice of regarding even clearly understood written agreements as mere scraps of paper, and trampled on all the other laws of fair treatment of one's neighbors? Is it not that they no longer regarded God as the source and dispenser of all life, and began the practice of violating not only such laws as "lo thaamod al dam re'acha," 'thou shalt not stand on thy neighbor's blood,' when thou canst save him from embarrassment and loss of life, but also such laws as "thou shalt not commit murder," not to speak of the violation of others of the Ten Commandments?

Man chose the pagan doctrine of power politics, utilizing the advances of technical power for the destruction of the civilized world. No wonder the presence of the Prophet Elijah as on Mount Carmel is again necessary to demand that we choose "between God and Baal;" that we again recognize God as the Father of all mankind, and its corollary, that all men are brothers; that racial arrogance in regarding one people superior to another be struck down with a

mighty arm; that freedom be again proclaimed to all the world by defending a minority in its right to be different and thus help to add color to the richness of a diversified world civilization within a recognized unity.

Since, then, mankind in large measure lost a sense of the seriousness of violating the most fundamental laws, picture the effect on all peoples of an approach to the locale where these laws were promulgated. All peoples of the world, their eyes directed towards the place where their representatives would foregather, whence sprang the way of life that assures truth, justice and peace, their hearts uplifted to the Mountain of the Lord, will then renew their association with God, and remember that man is created in God's image and that all men, consequently, have equal right to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." There in the desert, free from the thoughts of earthly possession, free especially from the German concept of war ("kriegen," 'to obtain possession,' as is pointed out by Dr. Millner in his article elsewhere in this issue, is identical with "kriegen," 'to wage war,' that is, to obtain booty, even by the destruction of all other peoples), there where the only contact besides the bleak earth and the expanse of heaven may be with God himself, let man, in all humility, for a brief few hours, lift himself above earthly thoughts of self, and view life in perspective as God views it, and thus obtain the true meaning of life and a proper sense of man's relationship to God and man, so that mankind become one happy family striving continuously to bring heaven down to earth. There, with Isaiah, let all peoples join in declaring,

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be firmly established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and unto it shall flow all the nations. And many peoples shall go and say: 'Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths; for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Eternal from Jerusalem. And He will judge between the nations, and decide for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.'"

And, as the peoples repeat the words, "Out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Eternal from Jerusalem," the world will take in earnest God's promise to Israel to give it Palestine as an eternal possession, to the end, as Mr. Kovner again puts it, "that the Jews once and for all be redeemed from their perennial homelessness," and be free once more to help mankind truly to understand God's laws of life.

Forward, then, with the movement toward Mt. Sinai!

ISAAC ROENGARTEN, *Editor*