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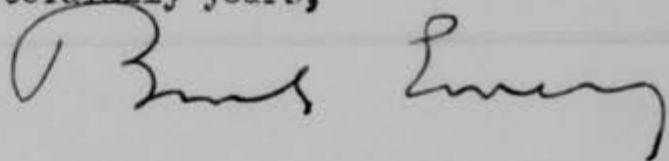
Dear Rabbi Silver:

This is to extend to you a most cordial invitation to be my guest at luncheon in the American Room of the Mid-Day Club, on Tuesday, July the twenty-seventh, at 12:15 P.M. The purpose of the luncheon is to consider the best means of organizing the Far East Division of the Council on World Affairs.

Your interest in the Orient is such that I hardly need emphasize the importance of developing in Cleveland a better understanding of the problems of our Far East relations.

Will you kindly return the enclosed card at your earliest convenience?

Cordially yours,



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August 16, 1943.

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

Dear Sir:

During the week-end following the recent riots in Detroit, an emergency conference of fourteen national organizations met in Washington, D. C. to outline a constructive program for preventing the recurrence of such racial violence.

The Washington conference was called by the National Lawyers Guild. The conference considered and approved the idea of an American Conference for Racial and National Unity. It has been decided to hold such a conference in Chicago, Illinois, in October. William Rose Benet, Associate Editor of the Saturday Review of Literature, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, President of the National Council of Negro Women, Bishop Dwight J. Bradley, Director of the Council for Social Action, Mrs. Pearl S. Buck, well known author, Professor Arthur Upham Pope, Chairman of the Committee for National Morale, The Reverend Edwin McNeill Poteat, of Cleveland, Carey McWilliams, well known authority on minority problems, the Reverend Guy Emery Shipler, Editor of the Churchman and R. J. Thomas, President of the United Automobile Workers, have joined with me as initiators of the Chicago conference. We are inviting a number of American leaders in various walks of life to join with us in issuing an invitation to a cross section of church, civic, labor, industrial and minority group leaders to sponsor and participate in this event.

It is our hope and request that you will join with us in initiating this important activity. Since time is very short, will you please wire me, collect, that you will join this initiating committee.

I am enclosing a copy of the aims and objectives of the American Conference for Racial and National Unity and a copy of the letter which we are asking the initiators to sign.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Hastie
William H. Hastie
Vice President.

Accepted
Aug. 19

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STATEMENT OF AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE AMERICAN CONFERENCE
ON NATIONAL AND RACIAL UNITY

1. To demonstrate the traditional American spirit of inter-racial harmony, justice for all, and cooperation among all races and creeds in building our democratic society as an answer to those who believe racial prejudice indigenous and ineradicable in the United States.
2. To take from the grasp of our enemies, the fascists, the destructive weapon of internal dissension among our varied races, which hampers production for war, weakens the spirit of our fighting forces, injures unity of the United Nations.
3. To place our nation on the alert against the subtle propaganda of groups whose programs divide races, creeds and nationalities on the basis of false theories of superiority ---- propaganda which is put to use by Axis agents, seeking a fertile soil for their seeds of disunity.
4. To plan the means of achieving for all people, including our racial minorities, adequate housing, education, recreation, and work consistent with the American standard of living, and conducive to the development of self-respecting citizenship among all people.
5. To initiate a constructive program of training in dynamic Americanism ---- the ideal of cooperation, freedom, justice and work for the common good --- developed through our churches and schools, labor, business, youth organizations and social institutions.

Dear Sir:

The anti-Negro riots in Mobile, Beaumont, Detroit and the anti-Mexican riots in Los Angeles are danger signals that none of us dares to ignore. Undermining the national unity and interrupting the production essential to our victory, they also diminished our moral prestige throughout the world and gave aid and comfort to our enemies.

These ugly and violent outbreaks challenge the faith by which this nation lives and fights.

We are confident that you feel as keenly as we do the need to answer this challenge. The American people, standing four-square behind the United Nations' policy of unconditional surrender, are alarmed by the harm done the home front and ashamed of these manifestations of Nazi racism in our midst. They are waiting for leaders who will help them find the road back to unity. And they will respond to leadership as they have always done, reaffirming that this land of many races, creeds and colors is one nation, indivisible.

We ask you to share in giving this leadership, to join with us in sponsoring an American Conference for Racial and National Unity, to be held in Chicago in September.

The most representative national organizations in the fields of religion, education, labor, minority groups, farm, youth, etc. will be asked to send one delegate each. We shall also invite first-hand reports from the cities in which riots have already occurred and from those where effective citizens' committees have adopted preventive measures.

Because of war-time travel problems, we shall keep the conference small in numbers, while making it as broadly representative as possible. Through the exchange of experience and ideas we hope to arrive at a program on which all of us can agree and on which will contribute to victory.

The time is short and the emergency great. We urge you to send us by return mail your permission to include your name among the Conference sponsors.

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To Rabbi Silver

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE FOR RACIAL AND NATIONAL UNITY

16 EAST FORTY-FIRST STREET

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September 1, 1943.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
American Jewish Conference,
Waldorf Astoria,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am sure you will want to know the status of the American Conference for Racial and National Unity at this time.

We have just sent out a letter with your signature and eleven other prominent leaders to a list of prospective sponsors. A copy of this letter is herewith enclosed. The Chicago office will be opened immediately after Labor Day and a working committee representing a number of national organizations will be set up.

As you are now meeting in conference with a number of Jewish leaders, it may be possible for you to interest them in our conference. I had suggested to Harriet Barron, who is secretary of the conference, to see you before she leaves for Chicago. She will call you for an appointment.

As the conference will require considerable funds, I shall appreciate it if you would send me a list of names of persons or organizations that you think would be interested in contributing to this work. A letter to them for their contribution can be sent either in my name or your name, whichever you think best. Perhaps you or your organization will join the group of contributors.

I am sure that the conference will prove worthy of our efforts.

Sincerely yours,
William H. Hastie
William H. Hastie,
Acting Chairman

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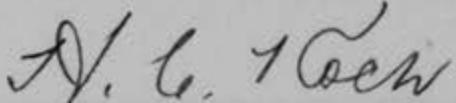
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Sir:

Editorial work on the October issue of the QUARTERLY is getting under way. We are planning to publish your address before the General Session of the Association in Chicago last March. However, I find that Mr. Rosenlof, executive secretary of the Association, assured you that you would be given an opportunity personally to edit the stenotypist's notes of your address. To that end they are enclosed.

Our schedule is such that they should be returned within ten days. I trust that this limit will not inconvenience you in any way.

Yours respectfully,



Harlan C. Koch

EDWARD A. NORMAN
60 BEAVER STREET
NEW YORK, N.Y.

September 3, 1943

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

On Monday, August 30, I was in New York on a twenty-four hour leave and dropped in at the Conference for a short period. I hoped very much that I might be able to see you. Unfortunately, you were busy in committee meetings.

I have just returned to New York, being assigned to duty here until further notice. I would, therefore, like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on the most magnificent addresses I heard you made at the Conference and the part I know you played in bringing about the excellent achievements of the gathering, especially with respect to Palestine which I have been so vitally interested in.

I hope you will forgive me for troubling you. As Mr. Itzhak Norman may have already indicated to you in the brief moment he spoke with you, we have appealed to the Los Angeles Welfare Fund for a very modest sum. Our impression was that if the campaign were successful we would be included. The campaign, as you know, has been very successful. I understand that most of the leaders are in favor of our being included with the exception of Charles Brown. Judge Levinthal told Itzhak Norman at the Conference that he had recently spoken with Charles Brown, and Charles Brown indicated that he was not in favor of an allocation to the American Fund. Judge Levinthal's report of Mr. Brown's statements merely corroborated what Mr. Brown had said to Mr. Itzhak Norman in the Spring. I am worried about this; he is the Chairman of the Campaign and one of the most vigorous leaders in the Welfare Fund.

I understand that one of Charles Brown's chief objections to our organization is the fact that we have non-Zionists on our Board. There may be other reasons underlying the point of view he takes, or he may be influenced by some individuals.

I believe that not only in the spirit of that unity which you so nobly helped to achieve at the Conference, but also because you are a member of our Board of Trustees, I can call on you for your cooperation in recommending to Brown the inclusion of our Fund. I understand that your recommendation will bear fruit with him.

I beg of you to wire Mr. Brown because decisions are being made now. I hope you will do this - if not for me, personally, for the organization and for our beneficiaries which I know are close to your heart.

With kindest greetings,

Cordially yours,

Edward A. Norman

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Sept. 6, 1943

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

Dear Rabbi:

Mr. Sam Belon called you & asked you to address us on the occasion of the 55th anniversary of the founding of our congregation & the retirement of our present mortgage. Since you cannot come will you please send us a ^{brief} message to be read from the pulpit on this occasion Friday, Sept. 17th.

You have many devoted friends & admirers here from your student days and their celebration will not be complete without a word from you. Please send this at once as the time is short.

With all good wishes for the New Year,
I am

Yours for Israel's service,

Rabbi Lawrence A. Block

1232 Huntington Ave.
Huntington (1) W. Va.

P.S. You helped dedicate this Temple.

September 8, 1943

Mr. Sholem Asch
Sky Meadow Drive
Stamford, Conn.

My dear Friend:

I received, this morning, your new book, *The Apostle*. I was most happy to get it and I shall proceed to read it right away. If it will give me as much pleasure as your great volume, *The Nazarene*, I know that I have many hours of keen delight in store for me.

It is long since I have seen you and I have missed it greatly. Our paths do not seem to cross. But I shall seize the first opportunity when I am in New York for more than a few hours to get in touch with you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ANS:BK

September 8, 1943

Mr. Harlan C. Koch, Managing Editor
North Central Association Quarterly
4012 University High School Bldg.
Ann Arbor, Michigan

My dear Mr. Koch:

I am enclosing herewith the stenographic
copy of my address delivered before your
Association which has been corrected.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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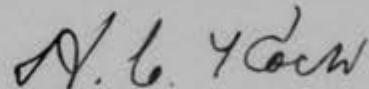
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Accept our thanks for the promptness with which you returned the manuscript of your recent address in Cleveland. It will be published in the October number of the QUARTERLY and complimentary copies will be sent you.

Yours sincerely,



Harlan C. Koch

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September 14, 1943

Rabbi Lawrence A. Block
1232 Huntington Ave.,
Huntington, 1, W. Va.

My dear Rabbi Block:

I learned with pleasure that Congregation Ohev Sholom will celebrate on Friday, September 17, the 55th anniversary of its founding, as well as the retirement of its mortgage. May I send to you and through you to the members of your congregation my heartiest felicitations on this double occasion for joyous celebration.

My early and happy associations with the Huntington Temple have left with me many pleasant memories which I cherish to this day. My contacts with the representative leaders of your community during my student days have been a great inspiration to me ever since. I also recall with deep pleasure the fact that I participated in the dedication of your new and beautiful edifice which houses your congregation today. That you have now made it free of all debt is indicative of the strength and vitality of your institution.

I pray that you will be vouchsafed increasing blessings through the oncoming years, and that your Temple may grow in spiritual influence in your city and state. Never was religion more vital to the life of our country, and never were the great ethical teachings of our historic religion so much needed in the world.

I deeply regret that I am personally unable to attend your celebration. I hope that good fortune will favor me in the not too distant future to revisit Huntington and to renew old-time friendships.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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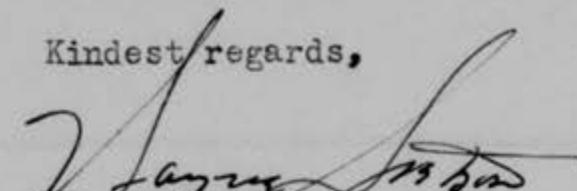
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your secretary recently informed me that the place for the next convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis has not been chosen. Since your are the vice president of this organization, I am wondering if you would be interested in inviting the Conference to Cleveland. We would be very happy to have your fine group meet here.

I shall greatly appreciate your reply.

Kindest regards,


Wayne Stetson
Manager

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Rabbi A. Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Educational Alliance is this year celebrating its 50th Anniversary.

The Alumni Association has fixed Sunday, November 21st as Alumni Day. Actually the day should be called "boasting day". We want to announce proudly to our City that a great many of the boys who were members of the Alliance clubs are now men prominent in all walks of life.

We need your help in establishing and decorating an appropriate "Hall of Fame" of our distinguished Alumni. Your sole contribution is a good photograph of yourself with an appropriate brief word of salutation to the Alliance on the 50th Anniversary of the Institution. A short reference to the club or group you were a part of would, of course, flavor your note of congratulation. This "Hall of Fame" will not only be very edifying on Alumni Day; it will also remain a perpetual source of inspiration to the future Alliance boys and girls. Please help us put this project across.

If you can attend yourself on that day we would, of course, appreciate it. In any event, please send your photograph to me at 197 East Broadway.

Thank you for your continued interest in the Alliance and its activities.

Sincerely yours,

David Krashes

DAVID KRASHES,
President.

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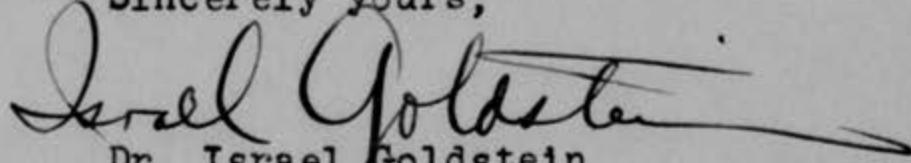
My dear Rabbi Silver:

Under Protestant, Catholic and Jewish sponsorship, with the Synagogue Council acting as the Jewish sponsor, the enclosed statement will be released shortly through the press and radio. By common agreement among the three groups, the endorsements of outstanding personalities in the groups, respectively, are invited so that their signatures may be appended to the statement.

I need hardly urge the importance of having such a pronouncement appear with the joint endorsement of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish leaders in America.

May we have your consent to sign the statement? If we could have the response by wire, it would enable us to release the statement by October 2nd which is the most desirable date for the purpose.

Sincerely yours,


Dr. Israel Goldstein
President

CATHOLIC, JEWISH AND PROTESTANT
DECLARATION ON WORLD PEACE

1. The moral law must govern world society. The organization of a just peace depends upon practical recognition of the fact that not only individuals but nations, states, and international society are subject to the will of God as embodied in the moral law.
2. The rights of the individual must be assured. The dignity of the human person as the image of God must be set forth in all its essential implications in an international declaration of rights, and be vindicated by the positive action of national governments and international organization. States as well as individuals must repudiate racial, religious, or other discrimination in violation of those rights.
3. The rights of weak, oppressed or colonial peoples must be protected. The rights of all peoples, large and small, subject to the good of the organized world community, must be safeguarded within the framework of collective security. The progress of undeveloped and colonial or oppressed peoples toward political responsibility must be the object of international concern.
4. The rights of minorities must be secured. National governments and international organization must respect and guarantee the rights of ethnic, religious, and cultural minorities to economic livelihood, to equal opportunity for educational and cultural development, and to political equality.
5. International machinery to maintain peace with justice must be organized. An enduring peace requires the organization of international institutions which will (a) develop a body of international law (b) guarantee the faithful fulfillment of international obligations, and revise them when necessary (c) assure collective security by drastic limitation and continuing control of armaments, compulsory arbitration and adjudication of controversies, and the use when necessary of adequate sanctions to enforce the law.
6. International economic cooperation must be developed. International economic collaboration to assist all states to provide an adequate standard of living for their citizens must replace the present economic monopoly and exploitation of natural resources by privileged groups and states.
7. A just social order within each state must be achieved. Since the harmony and well-being of the world community are intimately bound up with the internal equilibrium and social order of the individual states, steps must be taken to provide for the security of the family, the collaboration of all groups and classes in the interest of the common good, a standard of living adequate for self-development and family life, decent conditions of work, and participation by labor in decisions affecting its welfare.

September 22, 1943

Mr. Wayne Stetson, Manager
The Cleveland Convention and Visitors' Bureau
1604 Terminal Tower
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Stetson:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter. I shall bring it to the attention of the Executive Committee of the Central Conference of American Rabbis when it meets early next month.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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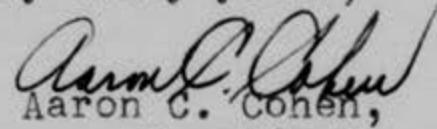
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your inspiring message was read at our re-dedication service last Friday evening, and on behalf of Ohev Sholom Congregation wish to thank you most heartily for your good wishes.

I am certain that all of your friends in attendance at our ceremony longed for your presence, but accepted your intimate message with a feeling of continued admiration of you in your absence.

Wishing you a year abundant in health and happiness, and with kindest personal regards,
I am,

Very truly yours,


Aaron C. Cohen,
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OHEV SHOLOM CONGREGATION

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September 23, 1943

Mr. Bernard G. Richards
103 Park Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Richards:

Thank you for your kind note. I am confident of your cooperation, and we certainly shall have occasion to use your splendid services.

Of course I read Dr. Maclean's great book. I shall take up with the Committee the project of giving it the widest circulation in this country.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ANS:BK

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3457 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

September 27, 1943.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The American Academy has been asked to designate representatives to attend the National Consumers Food Conference, sponsored by Food for Freedom, Incorporated, to be held at the Hollenden Hotel in Cleveland on October 27th and 28th. I am writing to ask if you will be one of our representatives at that time.

Since you are a member, you are of course familiar with the Academy and know that it never takes a position on any public question. We hope, however, that you will find it possible to attend one or more of the sessions and that you will permit us to designate you.

I hope that you can write me promptly.

Very cordially yours,

Ernest M. Patterson
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EMP:U

October 1, 1943

Mr. Ernest Minor Patterson, President
The American Academy of Political and Social Science
3457 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Patterson:

Permit me to thank you for your kind
letter of September 27 inviting me to be one of
the representatives of the American Academy
of Political and Social Science at the forthcoming
National Consumers Food Conference in Cleveland.
I shall be most happy to attend in that capacity.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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October 2, 1943

Dear Dr. Silver:

It is with pleasure that I submit to you the list of candidates selected at an editorial conference for the 1943 award of The American Hebrew Medal. This award was founded at the celebration of our fiftieth anniversary, for the promotion of Better Understanding between Christian and Jew in America.

The committee of which you are a member previously awarded the medal to Honorable Newton D. Baker, Archbishop Edward J. Hanna, Dr. John H. Finley, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, Honorable James G. McDonald, Roger Williams Straus, Honorable Fiorella H. LaGuardia, Maestro Arturo Toscanini, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Honorable Myron C. Taylor, Honorable George Gordon Battle, Honorable Cordell Hull, and Wendell L. Willkie.

We are now preparing our sixty-fifth anniversary edition and we shall be grateful if you will send us an autographed photograph of yourself and an editorial expression from your pen commenting on this long span of continuity of publication.

Please vote for only one candidate and be good enough to send your choice in the enclosed self-addressed envelope at your earliest convenience.

With deep appreciation, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Joseph H. Biben
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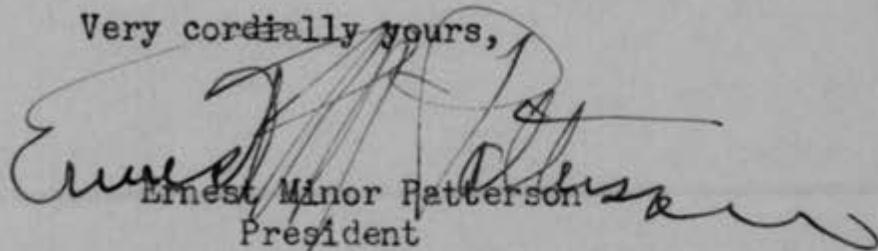
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My dear Rabbi Silver:

Many thanks for yours of
October first. I shall notify Mrs.
Dwight W. Morrow, Chairman, Food for
Freedom, Inc., and I am enclosing formal
credentials herewith.

Very cordially yours,


Ernest Minor Patterson
President

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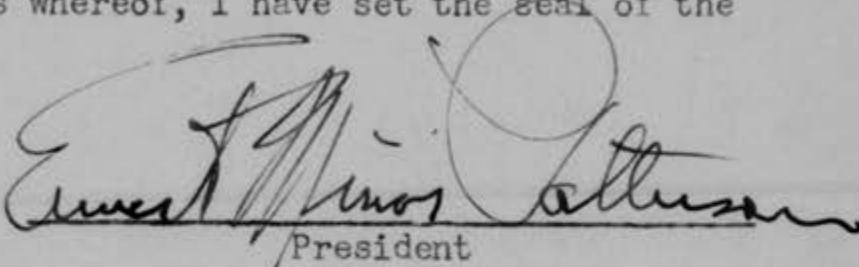
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This is to certify that Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D.D., The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio, has been designated an official delegate to represent the American Academy of Political and Social Science at the National Consumers Food Conference sponsored by Food for Freedom, Inc., to be held at the Hollenden Hotel in Cleveland on October 27th and 28th, 1943.

In witness whereof, I have set the seal of the Academy.


Ernest Minor Patterson
President



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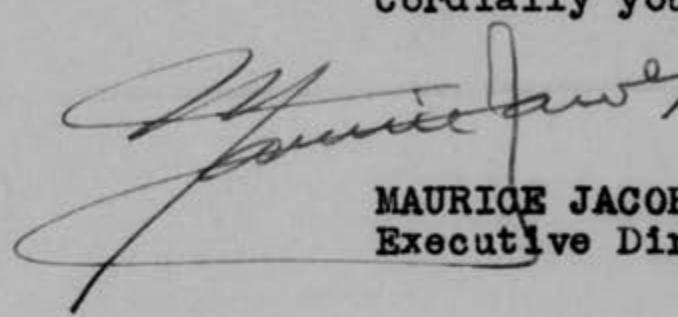
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My dear Dr. Silver:

May I have one of your newest pictures to be included in our gallery of "greats" for framing at the Society office?

Cordially yours,


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October 15, 1943

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you so much for the material you have lent us. Without your cooperation we could not have made up our exhibit, "Churches at Doans Corners." Its purpose is to present a bird's-eye view of the religious life of this community.

It contains not only pictures of the churches and their pastors, but also, through the courtesy of the Western Reserve Historical Society, some articles used by church goers of one hundred years ago.

This exhibit will be at the Euclid-100th Library from Oct. 15 to Nov. 15. We hope that you and the members of your congregation will have an opportunity to see it during that time.

Sincerely

Clarence S. Metcalf
Branch Librarian

October 20, 1943

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

My dear Dr. Blanchard:

Upon my return to the city this morning, I read of the commemoration service of the one hundredth anniversary of the Euclid Avenue Congregational Church which was held last Sunday. I did not realize that your Church had reached the century mark. I had always associated with it youth and vision.

May I extend to you and through you to the entire fellowship of your Church the heartiest felicitations of the officers, members and Rabbis of The Temple, and our devout prayer that your great religious organization may be vouchsafed increasing strength and influence and the blessing of great service through all the future years, and that it may be privileged to enjoy for many years to come your inspiring leadership.

Most cordially yours,

AHS: BK

October 20, 1943

Dr. J. H. Goldner
Euclid Avenue Christian Church
9990 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Goldner:

Upon my return to the city this morning, I read of the commemoration service of the one hundredth anniversary of the Euclid Avenue Christian Church which was held last Sunday. May I extend to you and through you, to the good people of your Church, my heartiest felicitations and those of the officers and members of The Temple on this very auspicious occasion in the life of your fellowship. Your Church and its noble traditions have been an inspiration to every religious organization in the community, and our city has felt its benign influence and the great moral leadership which you have given to it.

May God bless you and your good people, and may the Euclid Avenue Christian Church go from strength to strength in all the oncoming years.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

October 22, 1943

Circulation Department
Jewish Telegraphic Agency
106 East 41st St.
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Rabbi Silver has not been receiving copies of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency Bulletin. I wonder whether you are still sending them to his summer address at Bald Mountain Camp. Please correct this error in your files and send the Bulletins to

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road and E. 105th St.
Cleveland 6, Ohio

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

October 22, 1943

Monsignor Oldrich Zlamal
3395 E. 55rd St.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Father Zlamal:

I have been informed that your Parish is planning to celebrate its sixtieth anniversary and to signalize the occasion by the liquidation of your mortgage indebtedness. May I extend to you my warmest felicitations. We ourselves have just completed the task of lifting our own Temple indebtedness, and I know what a deep sense of gratification must be yours in the knowledge that you will now be able to carry on great spiritual and social services to our community unhampered by financial problems.

May I express to you, and through you to the members of your Parish, the good wishes of the officers and members of The Temple on the happy occasion of your anniversary and our prayer that you will continue, with God's help, to serve not only your own people but the entire community as you have in the past. We pray, my dear Father Zlamal, that our community will for many years to come enjoy the distinguished and inspiring spiritual leadership which you have given to all of us.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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October 26, 1945

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

Dear Rabbi:

I wonder if you could help me in suggesting name or names of a person who could most ably present the lectures, before our Lectureship on Judaism at Oberlin College, on the subject of "History of Jewish Music." What the people at Oberlin have in mind is the music of the temple and synagogue, the development of this music, and the history of the tunes that are used in the present day synagogue. They would like to have one lecture on this subject and the second lecture on the history of the chants and melodies used in present day synagogues, and have illustrations by organ and soloist.

They advise that they have at Oberlin in the Conservatory a man who could assist in the second lecture. Harold Haugh, Professor of Singing. Professor Haugh sang for some twelve years at Temple Beth El in New York City and is a concert soloist who recently appeared on Town Hall at Radio City. Professor Haugh expressed a willingness to cooperate with the lecturer.

It is suggested that the lectures take place some three weeks before Passover. I would deeply appreciate, if you would let me have your recommendations.

Sincerely yours,

DPH:lm

David P. Hyman

123-21 97th Avenue
Richmond Hill, N. Y.
November 1st, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

On Saturday evening, November 6th, 1943, The Richmond Hill Zionist District is giving a testimonial in honor of Sol Cohen on the occasion of his election as a member of the National Executive Committee of the Z.O.A. and in commemoration of the 15th anniversary of our District of which he is the leader and builder. Emanuel Newman will be the guest speaker.

I am taking the liberty of asking you as an old friend of Sol Cohen to send us a message which would be read on this occasion.

Sincerely yours,

Ben Friedman

Ben M. Friedman
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

It occurs to me that you might want to know the following:

The Federal Council of Churches, in its yearbook and in a special issue of its publication entitled "Information Service," has published an important statement of the status of American religious bodies.

I am glad to write you that the statement incorporates the statistics we prepared of American Jews, namely, that we have 3,730 congregations with 4,641,000 Jews residing in the 1,000 cities that have congregations.

With kind personal regards,

Very sincerely yours, *at w/*
per my *7*

H. S. LINFIELD, Director

HSL:F

November 3, 1943

Mr. Ben M. Friedman
123-21 97th Avenue
Richmond Hill, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Friedman:

I have learned that the Richmond Hill Zionist District is tendering a testimonial to Sol Cohen on the occasion of his election as a member of the National Executive Committee of the Zionist Organization of America, and in commemoration of the fifteenth anniversary of your District, which he builded and led with such distinction.

May I take this occasion to add my word of tribute to the many that will be paid to him, I am sure. Sol Cohen symbolizes the devotion and loyalty which have made the Zionist Movement of America. Since childhood he has been a lover of Zion, and with his maturing years, he has brought to the cause an unfailing and sacrificial loyalty. No task was too heavy or too insignificant, if only the cause of Zion was served thereby. He was never averse to doing the spade-work, the quiet, patient ploughing and sowing without which no great movement can succeed. He has never sought honors prestige or power. Because of these rare qualities of character, Sol Cohen has won for himself a host of friends within our movement, and his elevation to membership on the National Executive is but one testimonial of recognition and appreciation. I am delighted that the National Executive will now enjoy the sound judgment and wise guidance of such an experienced Zionist leader.

My bestwishes to him, to his dear wife and to the members of his family.

Most cordially yours,

THE JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF AMERICA
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 10, 1943

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have your letter of November 7 and appreciate very much your promptness in replying to me. It so happens that we have a lecture at the Seminary which will keep me busy from 11:30 until 3:00 P M, on Tuesday, November 16. Would it be possible for us to meet at the Commodore, either at 10:30 A M, or between 3:00 and 5:00?

With warm good wishes, I am

Cordially, as ever,

Louis Finkelstein

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

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November 11, 1943

Mr. David P. Hyman
305-7 The Elyria Savings & Trust Bldg.
Elyria, Ohio

My dear Mr. Hyman:

Please pardon the delay in answering
your letter. I have been away from the city a good
deal of the time.

I should think the man whom you should
contact is Mr. Binder in New York. He is an authority
on Jewish music and a first rate musician himself.
He has been lecturing on the subject.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 12, 1943

Mr. Philmore Haber
Union Commerce Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Phil:

I have had occasion to write a letter recently to Mr. Arthur Hays Sulzberger of the New York Times, in which I commented on his bitter reaction to criticism, similar to that of Lessing Rosenwald, who has been addressing himself to you through the columns of the bulletin of the American Council for Judaism. I am sending you a few paragraphs, which I thought would interest you.

I am sorry that you dignified Rosenwald's letter with a rejoinder. I knew that they would not publish it.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

AHS:DB

November 12, 1943

Dr. Louis Finkelstein
Jewish Theological Seminary
Broadway and 122nd Street
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Finkelstein:

Would it be convenient for you to see me on
Wednesday morning at 10:30 at the Commodore?
I have appointments on Tuesday at the hours
which are convenient for you. Please telephone
me Monday morning at the Commodore.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

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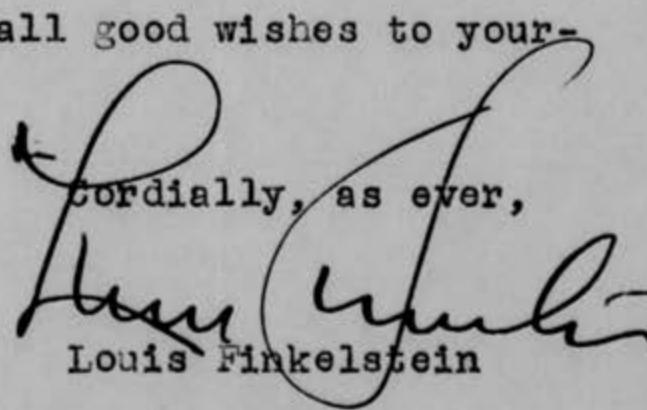
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Dear Doctor Silver:

It was indeed a great pleasure to see you and speak to you on Wednesday when we met. As a result of our conversation, my own thinking on the subject has been considerably clarified. I still feel very strongly that we must find some expression for Jewish aspirations in Palestine which will not seem to anyone to commit us to any kind of deviation from the principle of equality of all individuals and all groups before the law. I also think that such a formula would eventually compel all but a small and unimportant group to join in the effort to establish Palestine as the Land of Israel.

I am going to try to draw up such a statement for you, and would be very glad to get your reaction to it. I am looking forward to seeing you again at some time mutually convenient, for further exploration of the problem.

Believe me, with all good wishes to yourself and Mrs. Silver, I am

Cordially, as ever,

Louis Finkelstein

Doctor Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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Nov. 23, 1943.

Rabbi Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The writer had the good fortune to attend the Hadassah Dinner on October 28th and feels privileged to have been able to listen to your most inspiring message.

Am very eager to use your talk for educational purposes, but have been unable to procure a copy from the Hadassah Office, due to lack of help.

Would it be possible for your office to send me a copy? I should be most grateful.

Thanking you in advance,
I remain

Very respectfully yours,

Molly J. Walder
Molly J. Walder,

c/o above address.

P.S.

I am a member of the Education Council of Hadassah,
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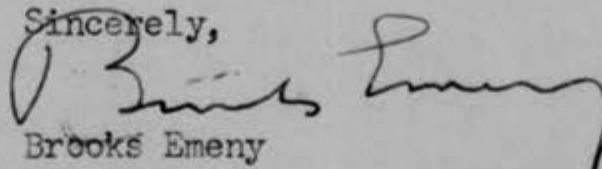
Dear Rabbi Silver:

In partial tribute to the memory of Newton D. Baker and to further his lifelong work in behalf of world peace, a Newton D. Baker Lecture Fund of \$150,000 is in the process of creation. Members of the Board of Trustees of the Fund are to include Colonel Frank A. Scott, Chairman, Walter Lippmann, Ralph Hayes, Raymond Fosdick, Thomas L. Sidlo, George Gund, General Newell C. Bolton and Brooks Emeny. Income from the Fund, which will be payable to the Cleveland Council on World Affairs, is to be devoted to the following purposes:

1. To provide for a minimum of six annual public lectures on American foreign policy and the problems of peace.
2. To provide for the annual publication of collected lectures to be distributed for sale throughout the nation.
3. For any other related purposes determined by the Board of Trustees of the Newton D. Baker Lecture Fund.

I am writing to ask if you would permit the use of your name, without obligation, as a member of the Sponsoring Committee now being formed. A special meeting of the Council is to be held in Severance Hall on December 3rd at 8:15 p.m., at which Ralph Hayes and Walter Lippmann will be the speakers of the occasion. We desire to have the list of sponsors for publication on that date.

With kind regards, I remain

Sincerely,

Brooks Emeny

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Mr. GEORGE REBUSH, Superintendent

Nov 24 1943

Dear Dr Silver

It would have been a great pleasure to play for you and
Mrs Silver, but Satan has awfully interfered...

Yet I have conquered his brutal attempt to do away with me
at a time when as a you and artist I am needed to continue
my work in the theater where we can produce plays like
Schattizelle, Leslie, York Kahl, Deblock, Askanazi and now the
most important play of the present year - the family Connolly.
With these plays we are able to point out to our friendly
enemies that we are a people not only consisting of bankers
and usurers -

I am looking forward to play for you again and -
again - is there a better audience than you and your dear wife?

Be well and happy.

Your ardent admirer

Mano Schatz

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November 24, 1943

Miss Molly J. Walder
c/o Steinberg Brothers
443 Fourth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Walder:

Thank you so much for your kind note of November 23. I wish I could send you a copy of the address. Unfortunately I spoke from notes and I haven't the manuscript available. I was under the impression that the address was taken down stenographically. You may inquire from the Hadassah Office as I should personally like to receive a complete transcript of the address.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Nov. 30, 1943

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Immediately upon receipt
of your letter of Nov. 24th, I contacted
Hadassah in the hopes of procuring a copy of
your address.

When I found that all they
had in their files was one complete transcript
and that it would take some time before another
could be made, I volunteered to borrow the only
one they had and make a copy for you and one
for my personal use.

I am not a typist by vocation,
and I trust you will pardon all the errors etc.,
as you will notice, I was obliged to use two different
typewriters; this was due to the fact that I had to
resort to a portable over the week-end at home, when
I found I could not finish it at the office.

With best wishes for good health,
I am

Very respectfully yours,

M. J. Walder
M. J. Walder.

December 2, 1943

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

My dear Dr. Ginzberg:

Because I have been traveling so much of the time in connection with the work of the Zionist Emergency Council I did not get a chance to send you my birthday felicitations in time to reach you on the day of the celebration of your seventieth birthday. Hence these belated greetings which are none the less completely whole-hearted and eager. I join with your host of friends and admirers throughout the world in congratulating you and in wishing you continued good health and vigor of body and mind for many years to come. You have brought many a rich jewel to the crown of Jewish scholarship, and we are all indebted to you.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

THE JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF AMERICA
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December 10, 1943

Dear Doctor Silver:

You are always ahead of time. My birthday is on the fifteenth of Kislev and hence, your letter of congratulations of the fifth of Kislev came in time.

Many thanks for your kind wishes, and I hope that I shall have the opportunity of reciprocating your felicitations on many a happy occasion.

Very sincerely yours,

Louis Ginzberg
Louis Ginzberg

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

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My dear Mr. Seltzer:

I am enclosing herewith a Prayer for 1944, which you may wish to use in the Press on the eve of the new year. It is part of a national broadcast on the C.B.S. which I am to deliver New Year's morning.

With all good wishes for a very happy New Year, I remain,

Most cordially yours,

Mr. Louis Seltzer
The Cleveland Press
Cleveland, Ohio

December 29, 1943

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December 29, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor:

A group of friends and admirers of Miss Freda Kirchwey are gathering to pay tribute to her on the twenty-fifth anniversary of her association with The NATION, in recognition of her great services to the liberal cause in America.

This recognition will take the form of a dinner to be held at the Commodore Hotel in New York on Sunday Evening, February 27th, 1944.

As chairman of the committee, I extend to you a cordial invitation to join with me in the formation of the Sponsors' Group under whose auspices this dinner will be held. It entails no obligation other than your expression of appreciation for the services which Miss Kirchwey has so eminently performed.

Won't you please advise me of your acceptance at your earliest convenience. I shall appreciate it greatly.

With cordial greetings,

Raymond Swing

[1945?]

MEMORANDUM FROM
DEAN ALFANGE
285 MADISON AVE., N.Y.C.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON WAR AIMS

Throughout the course of the present war, those who have understood its essential character have urged for a clear statement of the specific aims of the United Nations.

The generalized contents of the Atlantic Charter which was adopted during the most critical period of the war, dramatically established the ideals for which the United Nations are fighting. It did not succeed in answering the question in the hearts of three quarters of the earth's humanity: "Victory for whom and for what?"

While the fortunes of the United Nations continued to be adverse, there were made from time to time, by ranking leaders of the United Nations, sincere and eloquent efforts to answer that question.

Mr. Wallace's promise of the coming century of the common man and of the pint of milk for every baby, was the first authoritative expression of specific aims; but even these were hardly more than poetic symbols. No one, who spoke with authority, offered any kind of program of political, economic and social proposals which might be accepted as the blueprint of the brave new world to come.

The slow march toward victory which was begun by the United Nations during recent months has in no way brought about a clarification of the positive objectives of the Allied Nations. On the contrary, as the fortunes of the Allied Nations took a more favorable turn, there was clearly discernible a departure in thinking and in speech from the original idealism of the Atlantic Charter. Leaders of the Allied Nations have shown a great reticence and caution on the question of war aims. In the face of the Indian crisis and the emergent independence of the Far East, for instance,

Winston Churchill asserted, with notable candor, that he was not chosen to be Prime Minister for the purpose of liquidating the British Empire.

Especially in the United States, however, is there manifest a dangerous and growing tendency away from the idealism of the Atlantic Charter--in fact, away from the war aims of the United Nations as they must be felt and sensed and uttered by thinking and honest people throughout the world. The results of the recent elections indicated that in many parts of the country there was an indifference, if not utter ignorance, as to why we are fighting and a marked renewal of the intellectual and spiritual isolationism of the pre-Pearl Harbor days.

Equally distressing, especially to those whose hope for an enduring peace is based upon the world leadership of the United States, is the decline in popularity of President Roosevelt and Mr. Wendell Willkie. In his own party, there is an evident planned movement on the part of powerful forces to rebel against the President's leadership. Similarly, Mr. Willkie has fallen into political disrepute among a large section of his own party as witness the election as Chairman of the National Republican Committee of a man who does not only fail to understand Mr. Willkie's viewpoint, but who holds that viewpoint in disdain. In both major parties the movement away from post-war international cooperation and from international responsibility is ascendant.

Thus, as the war, in its military aspects, has entered a decisive stage in which the United Nations can for the first time anticipate the military future with genuine hope of victory, in its political aspects the war has retrogressed. At the very point at which the military fortunes of the United Nations have taken a decisive change for the better, the political fortunes of the United Nations have reached their lowest ebb. The political and social aims of the United Nations are now more indefinite than they ever

were since the war began. Clearly, it is a very real possibility that we may win the war and lose the peace. If we do, history will indeed declare one day that all of the death and suffering were vain sacrifices between wars.

In order that the war may be won finally, irrevocably and completely, it must not only be fought against the military power of the Axis, but for a world new order based upon the declarations in the Atlantic Charter.

It has therefore become the solemn duty of every one to whom this mighty war represents a majestic effort of men and women to reach out into the future and to build upon the ruins of the present, a world order of enduring peace, security and freedom, to work together and think together so that such a world will one day come to pass. Thus, while the battles on land and sea are fought, the battles of words and ideas must also be fought. The military might of the Axis must and will be crushed. After the victory, there must be no relapse into the old order which produced this war.

It is proposed, therefore, that we organize a National Committee on War Aims, the purpose of which shall be:

1) To encourage thought and speech and public discussion on the question of United Nations war aims;

2) To agitate and exert pressure, by all legitimate means, upon the leaders of the United Nations for a clear, precise and specific declaration in favor of solving the problems of all peoples in terms of the idealism of the Atlantic Charter;

3) To disseminate facts and information concerning the war aims of the United Nations for the purpose of making those aims the stuff of the daily lives of our people;

4) To educate the people of America as to our need of assuming the responsibility of world leadership and to arouse an awareness of this responsibility among the members of both Houses of the Congress;

5) To develop leadership and direction to actualize the four freedoms and the tenets of the Atlantic Charter in the coming peace.

A successful and extensive propaganda devoted to the above purposes will have an immediate and far-reaching effect upon the morale and fighting spirit of all the peoples of the United Nations.

Against the background of popular understanding of what our war aims really are, the shock of civilian sacrifices and inconveniences, of military casualties, of the uncertainties of battle, will be more easily absorbed.

A successful campaign based upon the premises as set forth above will in fact make our war aims weapons of victory.

POSTSCRIPT

As soon as the Committee is effectively organized it should issue an invitation to the leading Universities, Labor Organizations, Industrial and Agricultural groups etc. to send delegates to a national Congress on War Aims to be held at an appointed time in a city to be agreed upon. It would be the purpose of this Congress to formulate a list of War Aims representative of the views of the rank and file of the American people.

[1940?]

The family of the late

Hiram J. Halle

gratefully acknowledges your kind
thought and expression of sympathy

RESOLUTION

We feel an intense pride in Judaism for priceless religious contributions to the followers of Judaism and to all mankind. Faith and belief in a moral and universal God; the Bible; the Ten Commandments; the moral and ethical concepts inherent in a truly religious way of life-- -- all these stand as living evidence of the spiritual mission of Israel. This is our Judaism which we would perpetuate.

American Reform Judaism did not "just happen". It represents clear and careful thinking. It was created to express the firm conviction that our mission is solely that of a religion; a most wonderful religion. It was designed to retain those traditional rites and customs which significantly illuminate the principles of our faith.

We answer in clear and simple manner the fundamental question: What do we want to be? We have chosen America as our nation and want no other national designation, either in whole or in any degree. We are Jews because we have chosen Judaism as our religion. Being a part of Jewry, we do not wish the concept or status of Jewry entangled with national affiliations or implications deriving from a fictitious Jewish nationhood. We wish our religion and nationality to remain entirely separate and distinct. We define our Jewishness as our religion; purely, simply and solely. The only national homeland we recognize is the national homeland we share with our fellow Americans of all faiths.

In confused and troubled times it is easy to stop thinking and forget fundamentals. Yet such is the very time when fundamentals are needed most. We revere American Reform Judaism. We deem it wholesome and essential to ever keep in mind its fundamental principles. If we remain true to our ideals-- --if we perpetuate our spiritual mission-- --we will not only enrich our own lives, but, in concert with the great brotherhood of religions, will continue to add to the blessings of all humanity. We will also help our children to enjoy the way of life which has made us happy and will make them happy in the land we love.

To these ends, and in consonance with the expression of all members of our congregation, we reaffirm the basic principles of our faith.

PRINCIPLE NO. 1

We believe in the mission of Israel which is to witness to the Unity of God throughout the world and to pray and work for the establishment of the kingdom of truth, justice and peace among all men. Our watchword is "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One." We accept it as our sacred duty to worship and to serve Him through prayer, righteous conduct and the study of our Holy Scriptures and glorious history.

PRINCIPLE NO. 2

We are Jews by virtue of our acceptance of Judaism. We are not a nation. We are solely a religion. We stand for the continuation of Judaism solely as a religion; and not as a national group, either in whole or in part. We stand unequivocally for the separation of Church and State. Our religion is Judaism. Our nation is the United States of America. Our nationality is American. Our

flag is the Stars and Stripes. We look upon Palestine not as a Jewish nation, but as one of the places where those who are oppressed may find a haven of refuge. We consider it our sacred privilege to promote the spiritual, cultural and social welfare of our co-religionists there and elsewhere.

PRINCIPLE NO. 3

We hope for the coming of a Messianic Age and not a personal Messiah. We recognize that it is our hallowed duty to speed the coming of the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God, which is the Messianic ideal for which the righteous of all people work and pray; and we believe that only in such universal, moral evolution in man will Israel find the answer to its historic and tragic problems.

PRINCIPLE NO. 4

We accept as binding only the moral laws of Mosaic legislation and Prophetic teaching. While respecting the convictions of our Orthodox and Conservative brethren concerning the rabbinical and Mosaic laws which regulate diet, priestly purity, dress and similar laws, we, however, as an American Reform Congregation, do not regard these as being religiously obligatory. We shall continue to maintain and use in connection with our religious services only such ritual and ceremonies as may be approved by the congregation from time to time and which may symbolize, in effective and beautiful form, the principles of our faith, and which are adapted to the progressive and liberal spirit of our times.

PRINCIPLE NO. 5

We recognize the complete religious equality of woman with man.

PRINCIPLE NO. 6

Many treasures of Divine revelation were recorded in Hebrew and in such language are preserved immortal remains of a literature that influences all people. As a reminder of its religious significance we use in our ritual a limited number of expressions having particular beauty. Except for this we conduct our services in the English language.

PRINCIPLE NO. 7

The basis of brotherhood among the Jews throughout the world is Religion. Hence, it is our duty to help our co-religionists whenever and wherever the need may arise, even as we must help all mankind that may be in need, in accordance with the principles of our faith.

We realize that no principles endure except in the hearts and souls of human beings who believe in them. Unless we require that new members believe in the fundamentals upon which our institution rests, we shall have thought only of today and forgotten tomorrow. We have defined Judaism as a matter of belief, rather than birth or nationality. By the same token we look to the beliefs of those who seek admission as American Reform Jews. We therefore provide: All new members shall subscribe to the basic principles of our faith.

We are firmly convinced that the destiny of American Reform Judaism depends upon steadfast adherence to the fundamental principles of our faith. We regretfully record our feeling that the Central Conference of American Rabbis has abandoned them in large part; that the Union of American Hebrew Congregations has neutralized them; and that the Hebrew Union College has failed to adequately teach them.

We fear that there has been worshiping of the idol of "unity". It is desirable to have as much unity as may be consistent with principle. Whenever unity is placed above principle the result is eventual loss of both unity and principle.

We respectfully urge that while there is still time the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Central Conference of American Rabbis and Hebrew Union College give to their programs vigorous and thorough analysis, reconstruction and action.

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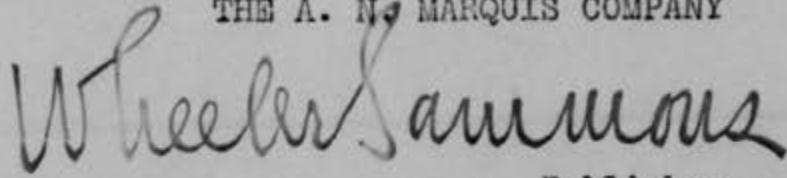
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January 5, 1944

Mr. Raymond Swing
9 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Swing:

Thank you for your letter of December 29. I shall be very happy to serve on the Sponsors' Group arranging the tribute to Miss Freda Kirchwey.

With all good wishes, I remain
Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Dear Dr. Silver:

As a great humanitarian, we turn to you and ask for the privilege of adding your distinguished name to the roster of those who have already joined the list of Sponsors of the work of the Palestine Lighthouse. We hope you will do us the honor of accepting.

The Palestine Lighthouse was founded more than 18 years ago by people who were stirred to the depths by the plight of the Blind. Today this Lighthouse is the only remaining institution of its kind in Europe and the Near East. It has wrought a miracle of salvation in the field of rehabilitating the sightless. Here they are cared for in a home environment, receiving scientific training. Here they enjoy the facilities of school, community center, workshop.

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The Lighthouse is in the midst of a nation-wide appeal to the American public to help share this sacred responsibility. In this connection, we are printing new stationery. You can help us achieve our goal by permitting us to add your name as a Sponsor, thereby lending impetus and lustre to our work.

Hoping that you will join our ranks, which will not in any way obligate you nor take time from your duties,

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January 12, 1944.

Sincerely yours,
Sara Friedman
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President.

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January 14, 1944

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

Dear Colleague:

We are sending you herewith a copy of the Synagogue Council communication to the President of the Welfare Fund of your community requesting an allocation of \$5000 for the work of the Council.

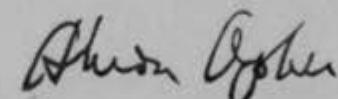
As you are in a special position to appreciate the work of the Synagogue Council, may we turn to you to urge your community fund leaders that they act favorably upon our application.

In some communities, allocation to one or another of the Jewish religious groups are ruled out in order not to draw invidious distinctions. The Synagogue Council, however, which embraces all groups, Orthodox, Conservative and Reform, is not subject to this restriction. Please point it out wherever necessary.

This communication was sent to all Jewish welfare funds in the country. A number of them have already responded generously mainly because of the efforts of the local Rabbis.

Your cooperation will help the Synagogue Council to continue and greatly increase its power for good to the credit of American Judaism as a whole.

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Ahron Opher

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

We ask you to be among the leaders of all faiths who will join in signing the enclosed Open Statement to the Senate calling for passage of HR 7, the bill to abolish the poll tax as a prerequisite to voting in Federal elections.

The poll tax in eight Southern states serves to bar from voting ten million American citizens. It is our sincere belief that, at a time when we are fighting for decency and justice, such a financial barrier to the franchise is inconsistent, and that its removal will be a long step forward toward the new world of peace which we must make real for all men everywhere.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Shryver

Mrs. Katherine Shryver

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Recd 1-17-44

January 17, 1944

Mrs. Samuel D. Friedman, President
The Palestine Lighthouse, Inc.
2109 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Friedman:

In reply to your kind letter of January 12
permit me to say that you may use my name as a
sponsor in connection with your campaign for the
Palestine Lighthouse.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Jan 26- 44

My dear Rabbi

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of two booklets on your two lectures
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may be wrong in holding the
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MAY I SUGGEST THAT YOU SEND A MESSAGE TO ANNUAL MEETING MY CONGREGATION WHICH TAKES PLACE THIS SUNDAY EVENING STOP SEND IT DR A L STEINFELT COLLINGWOOD AVENUE TEMPLE STOP THANKS =

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February 4, 1944

Dr. Azriel Eisenberg
10501 East Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Eisenberg:

I am, of course, planning to attend the luncheon on February 10. I must, however, tell you that there is a possibility that I will not be back in town in time for the meeting. The hearing on the Palestine Resolution before the House Foreign Affairs Committee will take place this coming Tuesday. It may carry over for a day or two. As Chairman of the Zionist Emergency Council, I shall have to remain in Washington until the hearings are definitely over. I will make every effort to be back on Thursday, but you should be prepared with someone else to do the pitching for me if I am not there.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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ORDER SONS OF ZION
220 Fifth Avenue
New York City

February 8, 1944

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have the privilege of extending to you a cordial invitation to serve as an honorary chairman on the 36th Annual Order Day Committee for the benefit of the Jewish National Fund.

The banquet which will conclude this annual effort will be held on Sunday, April 2nd, 1944 at the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Commodore and will be dedicated to Judge Morris Rothenberg on the occasion of his election as president of the Jewish National Fund of America.

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

Sincerely,

HJL:JK

Harris J. Levine, M.D.
Chairman "Order Day" Committee

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February 11, 1944

Editor
The New Palestine
1720 16th St., N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

You may be interested in the enclosed cable which I received the 8th of this month. You may wish to make use of it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

February 11, 1944

Dr. Harris J. Levine
Chairman "Order Day" Committee
Order Sons of Zion
220 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Levine:

In reply to your kind letter of
February 8 permit me to state that I shall
be very happy to serve as an honorary chairman
on the 36th Annual Order Day Committee for the
benefit of the Jewish National Fund.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:bk



The Temple on the Heights

B'nai Jeshurun Congregation
MAYFIELD AT LEE ROAD

RUDOLPH M. ROSENTHAL
RABBI

Cleveland Heights, Ohio
February 21, 1944

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It is with great pleasure that we, the Board of Trustees of the Temple on the Heights, announce a celebration in honor of the Tenth Anniversary of our Rabbi, Rudolph M. Rosenthal, as spiritual leader of our Congregation. This celebration will take place next Sunday afternoon, February 27th, at 2:30 o'clock, in our Temple.

On behalf of the Congregation, we extend to you a cordial invitation to attend this important event.

Sincerely yours,

THE TEMPLE ON THE HEIGHTS

J. D. Krosin
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February 25, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

By this time, you should have received your autographed copy of BREATHE UPON THESE by Ludwig Lewisohn.

We want you to know how much we appreciate your very excellent assistance and suggestions on the manuscript of this book.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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March 4, 1944

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Rabbi Samuel Wohl urged that I write you on a vital matter, stating that no time should be lost in getting it to your attention. I do not know whether you will recall who I am. During your visit to Los Angeles a few years ago I enjoyed several intimate and scholarly conversations with you. At that time I was editor of the California Jewish Voice - a fighting Zionist publication.

A little less than a year ago I was made editor of the B'nai B'rith Messenger (no connection with the B'nai B'rith organization). During the past few months the Messenger decided to go all out for the American Council for Judaism. The chairman of the board is one Armin H. Wittenberg, a wealthy manufacturer of hosiery. Mr. Wittenberg not only is ignorant of Jewish life, purposes and aspirations, but he is opposed to the United Jewish Appeal, the democratically organized Los Angles Jewish Community Council, the American Jewish Conference, and a bitter foe of Zionism. Of course it is not surprising that this man of intense self-hatred, fear and frustration should be the co-chairman of the local American Council for Judaism.

As editor of the Messenger I not only blocked their nefarious plans to promote confusion and distrust in the ranks of Southern California Jewry, but, against the wishes and will of the chairman and ^{of} the publisher, Joseph J. Cummins (who is in debt, financially to Wittenberg) I developed the paper into an interesting and forceful Jewish and Zionist weekly. The increase of over a thousand subscribers testify to that. Obviously, this

type of Anglo-Jewish newspaper was anathema to the Wittenbergs and Lessing Rosenwalds...Last Saturday afternoon they fired me. That I expected, Dr. Silver. I knew that it was inevitable. But they didn't know it, thinking that I could be made "to see the light" or perhaps be squelched through pressure and power.

The enclosed lead front page story which appeared in yesterday's (March 3) issue of the Jewish Voice helps clarify and emphasize the issue.....The editorial which appeared in the Messenger (March 3) the week immediately following my ouster, also clarifies the issue. It's viciousness is obvious to all Zionist ^{unaffiliated} leaders. But to the great bulk of American Jewry, and to too great a percentage of Jews who should know better, that maliciously contrived editorial (of which I am enclosing a copy to you, rabbi) "makes sense."

Taking advantage of the fact that so many Jews are frightened and befuddled today, the Am. Council for Judaism, in their national campaign (double truck in the Nation Feb. 26), and their local committee in following their lead, will enlist many Jews to their yellow banners unless something concrete and ~~meaningful~~ be done about it. The "capturing" of the Beth Israel Temple in Houston, the exploitation of their dastardly plans thru the Messenger, their testimony in Washington before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, are all parts of a national plan, as you, of course have always been aware. Los Angeles and Houston ~~in~~ will not be the exception. Other communities will fall, too, unless a determined fearless war be waged against immediately against those who would capitulate to fascism.

I have written this letter not only to inform you, Rabbi Silver, but to be guided by your advise. I want, more than anything

else, to be in the front ranks in this fight, placing my abilities and efforts at the disposal of a national body, organized for that purpose. I realize full well that in these most climactic days of world history, the strengthening of our Zionist position is a positive answer to the 'American' Council.

Most eagerly awaiting your valued reply, Dr. Silver,
I am,

Most respectfully yours,

Maurice Kesner

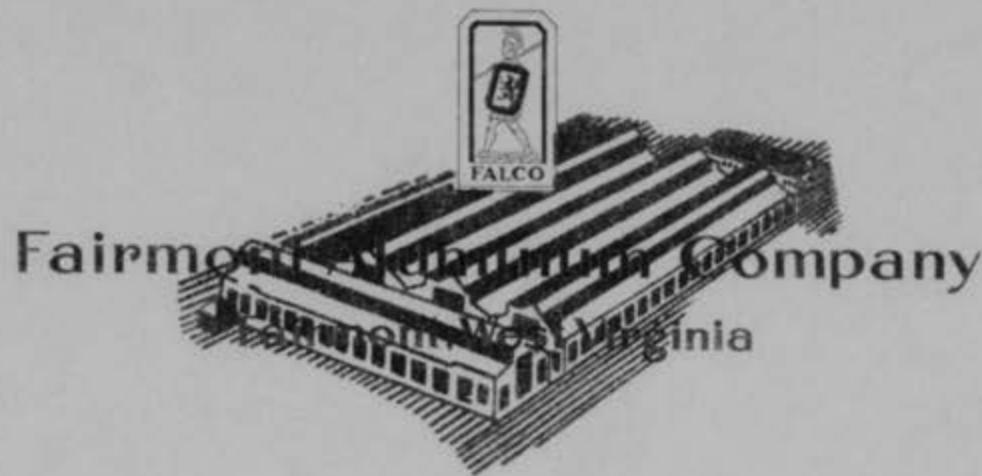
Maurice Kesner

1208 N. Kingsley Dr.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Stephen S. Wise

3-8-44

I join the host of Dr. Wise's friends throughout the world in sending him my warmest felicitations on the occasion of his 70th anniversary. Would that this significant occasion could have been celebrated in a quieter and happier hour for our people and for the world. All those ideals and objectives for which Dr. Wise has worked with such rare gifts and such boundless energies throughout his great career are now passing through the crisis of battle — democracy, human freedom, social justice, world organization, justice to the Jews, and the rebuilding of Israel's national life in Eretz Yisrael. We pray that a speedy Allied victory may hasten the fulfillment of some of these great ideals for which Dr. Wise has so valiantly striven, and will crown an extraordinary career of loyalty and service. Dr. Wise has written a significant chapter in American Jewish history, a chapter, fortunately, far from closed. Od Yenuvun Be'sevah.



March 11, 1944

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Since writing you yesterday I have found that you are no longer a national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal. I am however, attaching a copy of my letter of today to them.

Sincerely yours,

L. M. Brile

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Enclosure

FAIRMONT ALUMINUM COMPANY
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C O P Y

March 11, 1944

United Jewish Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Attention: Rabbi James G. Heller
Mr. William Rosenwald
Rabbi Jonah B. Wise

Gentlemen:

Referring to your invitation to attend the Tri-State Luncheon Conference at the William Penn Hotel, Sunday, March 26, 1944, I am not interested in attending this luncheon or any other conference arranged in this District by the United Jewish Appeal.

Before receipt of this invitation I had written a letter to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver under the impression that he was still one of the national chairmen of the United Jewish Appeal, copy of which letter is enclosed herewith.

I notice from your invitation that an Arrangement Committee is named which you say in a footnote: "Comprised of 1943 Campaign Chairmen of the various communities." I happen to have been a chairman with Mr. Harry N. Pollock for Fairmont in the 1943 campaign, although I was not consulted with reference to any arrangements for this Tri-State Luncheon and if Mr. Pollock was consulted, he did not confer with me.

This is incidental and inconsequential since if I had been consulted I would not have let my name to this Arrangement Committee.

You have chosen again this year to deliberately offer an insult to the Tri-State Jewish Welfare Council. You have again absolutely ignored them and have acted in a high-handed, arrogant and arbitrary manner.

Because of your neat handling of the Arrangement Committee membership from Fairmont, I am inclined to believe that the antagonism of the

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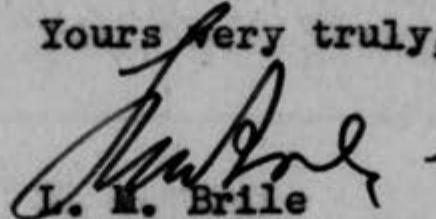
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March 11, 1944
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United Jewish Appeal is toward me personally and not perhaps toward the Tri-State Jewish Welfare Council.

Since you do not wish my cooperation or my support of the UJA, I, I will see that you do not get it and furthermore, in order not to embarrass the 90 or more communities in the Tri-State Jewish Welfare Council who comprise the membership of the Council, and in order not to embarrass the Tri-State Jewish Welfare Council itself, I shall resign the presidency at its next meeting, after giving them a full accounting of my personal experience as the president of the Council with the United Jewish Appeal. The attitude of the UJA has been such that for me to attempt a relationship with it either personally or in behalf of the Tri-State Jewish Welfare Council, would be to countenance and overlook a most insulting and impossible attitude on the part of the UJA. Since one of the major functions of the Tri-State Jewish Welfare Council is to cooperate with the UJA and since the UJA has determined not to cooperate, I have decided not to attempt to continue.

I want you to understand, however, that I want no further association with you in any way. You apparently feel that you cannot only dominate the communities who make it possible for your agency to exist, but you have now gone further and apparently delegate to yourselves the right to name the chairmen of the drives in the various communities. My only regret is that the cause that you represent has to suffer because of puny and irresponsible management in your field service.

Yours very truly,


L. M. Brile

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March 14, 44

Dear Dr. Silver.

I should be very grateful to you if I could see you for a few minutes any time to-morrow. Before leaving for N.Y. I would like to have an opportunity of talking with you about the Kisch Project. May I telephone you to-morrow to arrange for an appointment.

Sincerely yours,

Judah Wattenberg

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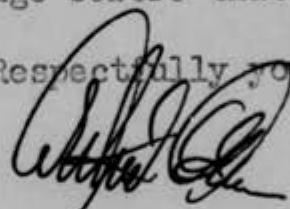
Dear Rabbi Silver:

On April 1, 1944, our Union will hold its first Convention at New York's Hotel Commodore. 700 elected delegates will meet in all-day session to review our work since Pearl Harbor and shape out a program for more effectively mobilizing the distributive industry in the Port of New York behind our country's war efforts for the crucial days that lie ahead.

It is our hope that you will honor us on this occasion by sending a message to the Convention which we know will be an inspiration to all the delegates.

We intend to include your message in a special issue of our official newspaper, "New Voices", which will be published on the day following the Convention. In order to have this special issue ready for mailing to our 7000 members serving in the armed forces and our 13,000 members employed in New York's warehouses, it will be necessary to have all articles by March 25. We would therefore appreciate receiving your message before that date.

Respectfully yours,


Arthur Osman
President

#65

March 16, 1944

My dear Chief Granger:

I looked forward with eagerness to joining your host of friends this evening and adding my tribute to theirs on the occasion of your Golden Jubilee with the Cleveland Fire Department. Circumstances beyond my control, however, make it impossible for me to attend.

I do wish to send you this word of warm greeting and felicitation and to tell you how proud our entire community is of your distinguished record of public service and how grateful we are for your many years of loyalty and faithfulness in one of the most essential departments of our civic life. The name of Chief Granger has become a household word in our community, and it stands for honesty, efficiency, dependability and progress.

More power to you!

Most cordially yours,

Chief James E. Granger
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
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Dear Dr. Silver:

This is to acknowledge your letter of March 24th which I will read at the next meeting of the Executive Committee of our Council. It will really be an encouragement to those who stand at the helm of our organization. I need not tell you that the leaders of the Council feel that your leadership of the American Zionist Emergency Council brought about greater understanding on behalf of Jews and non-Jews throughout the country for the cause of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine.

The Council has come to life again since your leadership of the Emergency Council and is inspired by your eloquence and devotion to this great cause. We stand ready to cooperate at any time we are called upon by you and your associates in this cause.

I know it would be a great thrill for the Board of Delegates of our Council if we could have you address them sometime in the future. Our Council has a fraternal affiliation of more than five hundred organizations representing a membership of one-half a million and a following of more than fifteen hundred organizations representing more than one million members. For twenty years I have given my time and effort to keep the fraternal organizations and landsmanshaften together for the cause of Palestine and only lately the United Palestine Appeal and the Zionist Emergency Council have recognized the value of this mass support to our mutual cause.

We need about a month to organize a representative gathering of our constituent organizations and if you plan to be in New York some day and you could spare an evening for us it would help us to strengthen the Council and get new friends for us.

Thanking you again for your encouraging words and hoping to hear from you in regard to my suggestion I remain, with Zion's greetings

Sincerely yours,

Samuel Goldstein

Secretary

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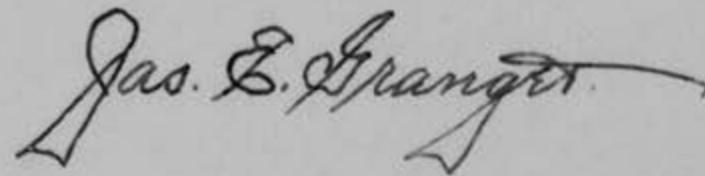
Reverend Abba Hillel Silver
Rabbi, The Temple
Cor. Ansel Road & East 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter on the occasion of my 50th Anniversary in the Division of Fire and to thank you most heartily for the many complimentary thoughts you have expressed.

It has been most gratifying to know that during the course of my fifty years' service I have enjoyed the support and loyalty of men high in public esteem, such as yourself, and it has been this support on many occasions which enabled me to achieve a fair degree of success.

Sincerely yours,



Jas. E. Granger.

April 6, 1944

Mr. Samuel Goldstein, Secretary
National Council of Organizations for Palestine
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Goldstein:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of March 23. I deeply appreciate all that you say about the work of the Emergency Council, and your appreciation of its activities. I know of your splendid organization and of the great good which you are doing.

It would give me great pleasure indeed to address one of your meetings, and to meet your leaders, but as you undoubtedly know, I have been so over-burdened with activities in recent months, that I cannot in justice to myself, take on additional responsibilities at this time. I have had to cancel many important engagements which I had previously made as well as to neglect many important duties here in Cleveland with my own congregation. I am sure that you will understand.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

2 Wall Street
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April 13, 1944.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
The Jewish Welfare Fund
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In 1919, a group of men and women had the courage and foresight to insist that the right to a liberal education was the first premise of a liberal democracy. They conceived the idea of a school where serious-minded mature students would be free at all times to evaluate the truth for its own sake.

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This tribute will be paid at a dinner to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York on Monday evening, May 22, 1944.

As Chairman of the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Committee, I invite you to join me as a Sponsor of this dinner. Your service on the Sponsors' Committee will involve no obligation other than your expression of appreciation to the Founders of the New School.

Will you please write me at the New School, 66 West 12th Street, at your first opportunity? I hope you will accept.

Sincerely,

Leon Fraser

Leon Fraser

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The 38th Annual Conference of the National Probation Association will be held in Cleveland at the Statler Hotel May 19-23. A very interesting program has been prepared, copy of which will be sent you next week. You are cordially invited to attend and participate in our sessions.

We are appointing a "Cleveland Conference Committee" to serve as a sponsoring committee for the conference. I am taking the liberty of putting your name down as a member of this committee, knowing you will be glad to cooperate in this way. If however you have any objections, please wire me collect as our program is being printed.

Looking forward to having your interest and cooperation,

Sincerely yours

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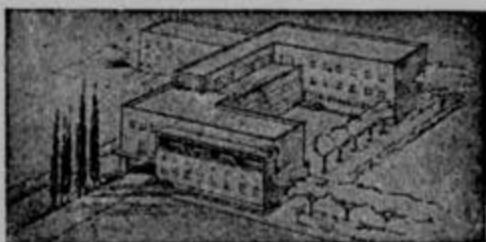
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Once again we write to ask you, as one of the foremost Zionist leaders in America, to send us a word of greeting to be read at our Annual Spring Luncheon scheduled for Tuesday, April 25th, at the Hotel Astor, with an expected attendance of a thousand members and friends of the Women's League.

The tragic plight of our people in Europe has served only to strengthen our determination to do everything possible to provide much-needed shelter and vocational training for the thousands of young rescued girls and children who will be brought to Palestine. We know you will welcome the news that the Luncheon will initiate an intensive campaign to raise funds for the erection of the third story of our newest Home in Jerusalem. Thus we will be helping to fill the need for housing hundreds of new arrivals in Palestine.

Great numbers of young women at our Jerusalem Center are today receiving occupational training in dressmaking and other skilled trades to enable them to earn their own livelihoods. In the humane atmosphere of our three Homes young women who have suffered unparalleled tragedy in Europe are restored to mental and physical well-being. The Home is a favorite community center for all types of social events, concerts and lectures. As you probably know, immediately after its opening, last March, the Home served as reception center for 200 Polish-Jewish children who arrived via Teheran after a harassing three-and-a-half year journey over half of Europe and Asia.

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April 21st, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

our centers in Haifa and Tel Aviv have been geared to the war effort. Many of our graduates trained in dietetics and technical fields have joined the PATS as skilled workers and have made the Homes their recreational headquarters when on leave. Wives and mothers of Jewish soldiers, in desperate plight because very inadequate income was provided them, are taught war trades to make them self-supporting. 3,000 meals are served daily to children in the Tel Aviv Home which also maintains a nursery where 60 small children of soldiers spend their pre-school and after-school hours.

At home as well as abroad our members are contributing notably to the war effort. Their splendid response to the United States War Loan Drives has made possible the purchasing of a Flying Fortress and the erection of three 1,000-bed field hospitals in the United States and Near East in the name of the W.L.P.

In the trying months ahead, we stand ready to redouble our efforts for Victory. We know that a message from you would do much to inspire us to further achievements in rebuilding the shattered lives of rescued women and children in Palestine.

Sincerely yours,

Jane Prince
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
anuel Road and E. 105th St.
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Dear Doctor Silver,

Pursuant to your request
enclosed please find 4 pages
Circular or folder of the
United Negro College Fund.

We are now organizing
a Cleveland Committee. Dr.
D. R. Sharpe is the Vice
Chairman. We plan to
hold a luncheon discussion in
next Thursday at 12:15
o'clock. hope you will
reserve the date and hour.
Further notice will be sent
by Dr. Sharpe.

Hope you will come on
the Committee and in
accepting will give an
expression about the
Fund.

(over)

awaiting further word

from you.

Cordially yours
James H. MacLean

April 28, 1944

Dr. James G. Heller
Isaac M. Wise Temple
Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Dr. Heller:

Dr. Silver has requested me to
send you the enclosed resolution which was
passed by the Jewish Community Council of
Cleveland re the Council of American Judaism.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK
Enc.

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

April 28, 1944

Mr. James N. MacLean,
Room 326, Hotel Statler,
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. MacLean:

Thank you for your kind note. I shall be very happy to join the membership of the Cleveland Committee of the United Negro College Fund. I regret that I shall not be able to attend the meeting next Thursday as I shall be out of the city.

The purposes of the Fund are certainly deserving of the whole-hearted approval of the American people. I hope that your campaign will be eminently successful. Whatever contributes to the improvement in the economic, social and educational standards of any group in our population contributes to the well-being and progress of the entire population.

Most cordially yours,

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

On behalf of my Organization and myself
I wish to thank you most sincerely for
your message which was read at our Spring
Luncheon on April 25th.

Our very best wishes to you for success
in all your undertakings, and may our
aspirations in Eretz Israel be speedily
fulfilled.

Sincerely yours,

Jane G. Bruce

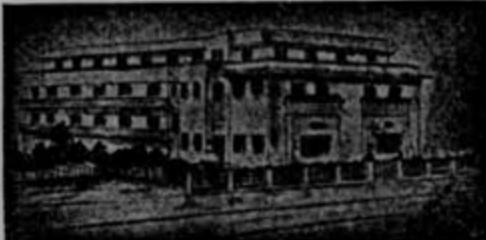
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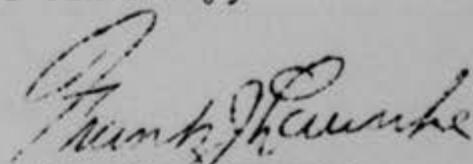
The National Conference of Social Work is to come to Cleveland for its 71st annual meeting, May 21-27. This should create a very substantial increase in our understanding of how to improve the general welfare and health of this community, especially if we encourage the largest possible attendance of Clevelanders at the numerous meetings.

The conference will bring here such figures as Herbert Lehman, Max Lerner, Senator Murray, Jane Hoey, Michael Davis, Eliot Ness, and many others. If meetings conducted by speakers of such caliber are liberally attended by Clevelanders, our gains in sharpened and clarified thinking should favorably influence our work here in Cleveland for years to come.

You have been named as one of the Cleveland leaders who ought to be a member of our committee promoting local attendance at the conference. We hope that you will do everything you can to create interest in it among your friends and associates. In other words, we hope for your enthusiastic help in making the most of this conference on behalf of Cleveland's own program for community improvement.

A post card is enclosed for your convenience in replying at once so that we can move forward with our plans.

Yours sincerely,


Frank J. Lausche

Virginia R. Wing
Virginia R. Wing,
Chairman.

Frank J. Lausche,
Honorary Chairman.

I AM AN AMERICAN DAY, 1944

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS Public Resolution 67, approved May 3, 1940 (54 Stat. 178), provides in part:

"That the third Sunday in May each year be, and hereby is, set aside as Citizenship Day and that the President of the United States is hereby authorized and requested to issue annually a proclamation setting aside that day as a public occasion for the recognition of all who, by coming of age or naturalization, have attained the status of citizenship, and the day shall be designated as 'I Am An American Day'.

"That the civil and educational authorities of States, counties, cities, and towns be, and they are hereby, urged to make plans for the proper observance of this day and for the full instruction of future citizens in their responsibilities and opportunities as citizens of the United States and of the States and localities in which they reside."

WHEREAS our nation has been enriched, both spiritually and materially, by the naturalization of many thousands of foreign-born men and women, and by the coming of age of great numbers of our youth, who have thereby achieved the full stature of citizenship; and

WHEREAS these citizens have strengthened our country by their services at home and on the battlefield:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, President of the United States of America, pursuant to the aforesaid public resolution, do hereby designate Sunday, May 21, 1944, as "I Am An American Day", and do set that day aside as a public occasion for the honoring of American citizenship by giving special recognition to all of our citizens who have attained their majority or have been naturalized during the past year; and I call upon Federal, State, and local officials, and patriotic, civic, and educational organizations to plan and hold, on or about May 21, exercises designed to assist our citizens, both native-born and naturalized, to understand more fully the great privileges and responsibilities of citizenship in our democracy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the city of Washington this 6th day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-four and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and sixty-eighth.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

By the President:

E. R. STETTINIUS, Jr.,
Acting Secretary of State.

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RABBI

May 4, 1944.

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

Dear Abba:

I know what a nuisance it often is to receive letters asking for advice. However, a matter of great importance has been laid before me which merits the wisest consideration. Since its implications go far beyond The Rockdale Avenue Temple or the Jewish Community of Cincinnati, I would be grateful for your counsel in this matter.

Two days ago, Dr. Heller and myself were invited to meet with four of the leading Protestant clergy of Cincinnati. We were both quite unprepared for the proposal they wished us to explore with them. Their spokesman, Dr. John Versteeg, the President of the Council of Churches of Greater Cincinnati, a warm and personal friend of us both, wanted to know the possibilities of our affiliating with the Council of Churches. He was thinking, he said, of the grave dangers of anti-Jewish reaction in the post-war days ahead. Such a fellowship with the Council, he thought, might be a bulwark of defense.

I have no doubt that in Dr. Versteeg's heart there is no subtle conversionist craving. I am certain that the invitation as it comes from him is prompted by the noblest ideals of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

The invitation to join the Council of Churches is not merely a personal one to the rabbis. It extends further to our congregations, and would include, if acceptable, the Conservative and Orthodox groups.

The Constitution of the Council of Churches states its present "Purpose" in these words:

"The Council exists to give united expression to, and provide united action for, Protestantism in this community; to provide for, and develop, cooperation among the churches; and to foster the spirit of fellowship in, and with, the civic, social, moral and spiritual agencies in the community.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dr. Heller and I have arranged to meet again with these Protestant clergymen on May 12th. It would fortify me in my thinking to have the benefit of your judgment and experience.

I am wondering whether you think this invitation too fraught with dangers of misunderstanding to receive any consideration?

Would such a proposal be acceptable if the Council of Churches were to change its name to a "Council of Churches and Synagogues"? In our first conversation, when that suggestion was tentatively made, Dr. Versteeg seemed to doubt whether the Council could consider it favorably.

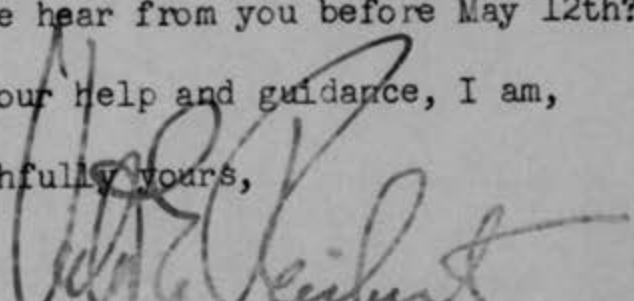
Would the addition of the following, or some similar statement to the "Purposes" of the Council be the part of wisdom?

"The Council welcomes to its wider fellowship all religious bodies that accept the cardinal principles of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. Such participation in the Council is rooted in the democratic faith that all high spiritual aspiration leads Godward. It is clearly understood that participation in those portions of the Council's program that we can conscientiously share in no way diminishes the separate historic traditions of the Churches, Temples or Synagogues that compose its membership. This maximum fellowship is founded upon mutual respect and reverence one for another and upon the sovereign rights of conscience and freedom of religious worship to build in faith and in truth the "kingdom of God upon earth."

This is a longer letter than I had hoped necessary to write. Will you give it your earnest thought and if possible, let me hear from you before May 12th?

With assurances of my profound gratitude for your help and guidance, I am,

Faithfully yours,


Victor E. Reichert

CONGREGATION GATES OF HOPE

Manfred Strauss, Ph. D. - Spiritual Leader . . . Gus Katz, Sec'y. - 9328 Amesbury

Cleveland, Ohio

Phone: GArfield 8882

May 4, 1944

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
the Temple East 105th str.
City,

Dear Rabbi,

On May 21st, at 3:00 p.m. our congregation will celebrate Citizenship Day, as proclaimed by the President of the United States. For this event, we extend to you, hereby, our cordial invitation to be with us on that day.

As you might possibly know, our congregation was founded four years ago. It has constantly grown, and today comprises 165 families. You, who have been engaged in one matter or another in work, which has affected, more or less, our coming in and adjusting ourselves to the life of this community, have our thanks for the help and cooperation you have evidenced on many an occasion. We should very much like to have you with us on this, for us, so very important day.

With kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Manfred M. Strauss

MANFRED M. STRAUSS

P.S.

Please notify us whether or not you will attend.

Dr. Israel Goldstein 25th Anniversary Dinner

TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 23, 1944

Congregation B'nai Jeshurun

270 WEST 89TH STREET

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

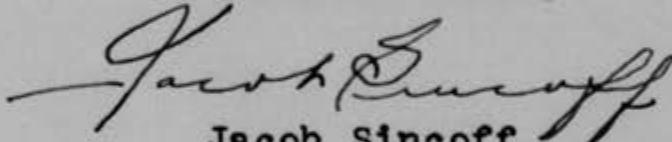
Our Congregation is observing the twenty-fifth anniversary of its Rabbi, Dr. Israel Goldstein, May 20th-23rd, by a series of celebrations.

In view of Dr. Goldstein's international distinction and outstanding services to many phases of civic, communal and Jewish endeavor in the United States, we feel that a message from you would be eminently fitting for publication in the special souvenir journal which will be dedicated to our Rabbi.

We should be deeply grateful to you for a message dealing with any phase of our Rabbi's manifold activities which are outlined in the enclosed biographical sketch.

As the souvenir journal will be going to print on May 15th, we would appreciate your early response.

Sincerely yours,


Jacob Sincoff
Chairman

RABBI ISAAC LANDMAN
CONGREGATION BETH ELOHIM
EIGHTH AVENUE AND GARFIELD PLACE
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

May 7/44

Dear Abba -

You requested the list of parents of Confirmants three times; but no reply. I know you are personally too busy to attend to it, but you certainly want us at least to make the attempt to have parents purchase the set as a Conf. gift to the church. Please send it in. Best

I. L. L.

May 8, 1944

Dr. Philip Shead Bird
Church of the Covenant
11205 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Bird:

The Board of Trustees of The Temple at its last meeting voted unanimously to extend to you and through you to the officers and members of The Church of the Covenant, the heartiest felicitations of The Temple and its members on the occasion of the One Hundredth anniversary of your great religious institution. It gives me great joy to convey these sentiments to you and to express the hope that your fellowship, blessed by God with a century of notable achievement, may go from strength to strength through the oncoming years.

The Church of the Covenant has been a center of spiritual light and leading in our community. Men and women have turned to it for guidance confident that only the word of truth spoken in love would be forthcoming. In the heart of our community and in the center of its academic life, it has been a vital force for personal morality, civic righteousness and human aspirations.

Your own consecrated ministry, my dear Dr. Bird, and your spiritual integrity and broad humanity, have lent additional distinction and power to an historic Church. May God bless pastor and flock alike with His abundant grace and goodness.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:bk

May 9, 1944

Dr. Manfred M. Strauss, Spiritual Leader
Congregation Gates of Hope
2634 Mayfield Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Strauss:

Permit me to thank you for your kindness in inviting me to attend Citizenship Day which Congregation Gates of Hope has arranged for May 21. I should very much like to come. I do not know, however, whether I will be free to do so. May 21 will be a very busy day for me. We have our High School Graduation in the morning, and the Annual Meeting of the congregation in the evening. In the afternoon I already have one wedding scheduled and there may be more. If I can get away, I shall be most happy to come. If I fail to make an appearance you will know that it is merely because I am unable to come and I trust that you will convey to the members of Congregation Gates of Hope all my good wishes for continued success.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

May 9, 1944

Dr. Victor E. Reichert
Rockdale Avenue Temple
Rockdale and Harvey Avenues
Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Victor:

You pose an interesting question in your letter of May 4. If the Council of Churches of Cincinnati is prepared to change its name and its constitution to enable Jewish congregations to join the Council without ambiguity and without the danger of causing misunderstanding on the part of Jews or Christians, I see no reason why you should not accept the invitation. It is highly desirable for churches and synagogues to work together today for common objectives. I doubt, however, whether the Council will be prepared to change its name, or even to revise its fundamental statement of purposes. Our experience in the past has been that the representatives of the more orthodox groups among the Protestant churches register strong objections and defeat the good intentions of the more liberal elements.

I think you ought to be careful not to make any recommendations touching change of name or revision of purposes. Such recommendations should come from the non-Jews. You should only call attention to the difficulties involved. Let the recommendations come from them because if you make the recommendations and they are voted down by their group, you as the representatives of the Jewish communities will have suffered a defeat and a rebuke.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Temple Israel
Saint Louis

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May 10, 1944

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

Dear Abba:

I am pleased to enclose herein the Hebrew translation
of the Statement on Judaism and a Just and Enduring Peace.
It was translated and published in Jerusalem through
Rabbi Wilhelm of the reform congregation. In his intro-
duction he refers to you.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

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Edwin A. Relkin

120 West 58th Street
New York

May 11, 1944

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

Your letter received and also the letter for
Mr. Schwartz, which I will forward to him.

I am very happy to read that you were so pleased
with Mr. Schwartz' appearance in Cleveland last
Monday night. Mr. Schwartz and his company are
doing capacity business wherever they are appear-
ing, and I do hope that with your able assistance
in telling the Jews of Cleveland about this great
performance, that we will pack the Music Hall on
Monday evening, May 29th.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,
Edwin A. Relkin
Edwin A. Relkin

May 11, 1944

The Honorable Henry Morgenthau, Jr.
Secretary of the Treasury of the United States
Washington, D.C.

My dear Secretary Morgenthau:

I read in this morning's Cleveland Plain Dealer of the gallantry of your son, Lt. Robert M. Morgenthau, and of his rescue from the waters after the Lansdale was sunk. Your friends throughout the country — and they are legion — rejoice with you at the rescue of your son, and share with you the pride in his brave and exemplary service to our country. May God's providence continue to guard him.

Most cordially yours,

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May 12, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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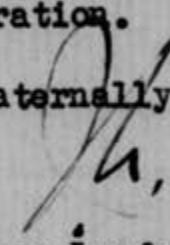
Dear Dr. Silver:

I wish to express heartfelt gratitude for your kindness in sending us your confirmands' list. A letter from me together with appropriate literature is being mailed today to each of the parents.

Our good friend Vic Reichert of Cincinnati has hit upon a happy, additionally helpful idea which I am prompted to pass on to you as well. Sometime this week he plans to talk informay to his confirmation class about the high merits of the Universal Jewish Encyclopedia and to urge the youngsters to plead with their fathers and mothers, relatives and friends (individually or jointly) to place these books at the top of their confirmation gift lists. Perhaps you too will find it convenient to follow Reichert's example.

The accompanying leaflet, containing spontaneous authoritative recent reactions, may serve as some inspiration.

Fraternally yours,


Isaac Landman

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May 12, 1944

Mr. Jacob Sincoff, Chairman
Dr. Israel Goldstein 25th Anniversary Dinner
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270 West 89th Street
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Sincoff:

I am most happy to join the host of Dr. Israel Goldstein's friends throughout the country in extending to him my heartiest felicitations on his twenty-fifth anniversary with your distinguished congregation. Congregation B'nai Jeshurun has been privileged to enjoy the spiritual leadership and consecrated ministry of Dr. Goldstein for a quarter of a century. What he has meant to your fellowship in terms of Rabbi, pastor and teacher, you the membership of the congregation know best, and in that knowledge, I am sure you must find a great measure of pride and gratitude.

But Dr. Goldstein's services and influence reach far beyond the limits of your congregation. He has been a forceful and dynamic leader in American Jewry. No vital movement and no worthy cause in the developing American Jewish community in the last twenty-five years but has drawn upon the devotion and ever ready cooperation of Dr. Goldstein and has benefited from them. Most especially is our national movement of renaissance indebted to him. Faithfully, conscientiously through the years he has labored in that most significant area of Jewish life today. He has been one of the true builders of Zion. The Yishuv in Palestine and the Zionist Movement throughout the world honors this valiant champion and spokesman of Israel's imperishable hope of national restoration.

His twenty-fifth anniversary with your synagogue finds Dr. Goldstein in the very prime of life, full of energy, courage and enterprise. I felicitate you and him and I wish Rabbi and congregation an even greater measure of service and success in the oncoming years.

Very cordially yours,

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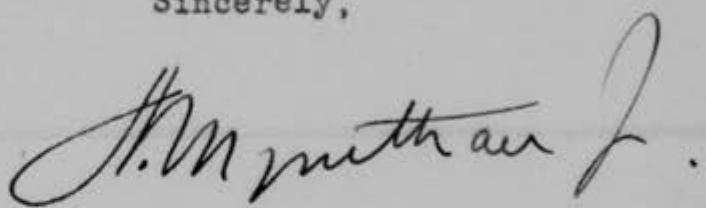
May 15, 1944.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for writing me when you heard of the escape of my son after the torpedoing of his ship. We too are very proud of the way the boy acquitted himself, and immensely thankful that he was saved.

Thank you again for writing me as you did.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive ink, appearing to read "H. M. Smith" followed by a large, stylized initial "J".

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

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May 15, 1944

My dear Dr. Silver:

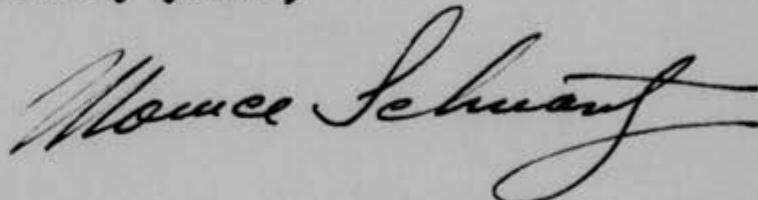
Mr. Relkin has forwarded your check of \$500.00 to me. I was very surprised, for my one thought when I left Cleveland was how great a pleasure it was to serve you and to bring happiness to the members of your wonderful temple, to you, Mrs. Silver and your friends, for to me you are the symbol of cultural Jewish life. I am, in fact, proud to be a Jew because you are one of my brethren.

Your suggestion that I send the check to some charitable organization is a very wonderful thought, but I cannot do it with your funds. I shall, in my humble way contribute to the various charities which I deem worthy.

My compensation for my appearance at your temple will be the honor of having you, Mrs. Silver, Rabbi and Mrs. Harris, Dr. and Mrs. Falkman as my esteemed guests at the Music Hall on the evening of May 29, 1944.

With admiration for your most splended achievements in Jewish life, I remain

Sincerely yours,



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May 18, 1944

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

My dear Miss Neumark:

I am enclosing herewith an abstract of the address which I delivered on Wednesday before the National Association of Social Welfare, the National Association of Jewish Center Workers, and the National Council for Jewish Education, in Cleveland. The brief report which appeared in the Jewish Telegraphic Agency Bulletin missed all the important ideas I sought to stress in my address. Your readers might be interested in this abstract.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

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May 18 , 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
THE TEMPLE
Cleveland
OHIO

Dear Dr. Silver:

I thought you might be interested in the enclosed letter from Time magazine. They have given us permission to use it and you will find an excerpt from it in the news release of May 19.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. Teller
J. L. Teller
Editor

JLT:bg
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EDITORIAL OFFICES

May 12, 1944

Dear Mr. Teller:

We very much appreciated your writing as you did about our gross error in the use of the word Hagana in our April 3 issue. Your letter went the rounds of several editorial desks, and I am dismayed to find that it has only now reached me for reply.

As you will understand, I am sure, we are all particularly distressed that this slipped through because so much credit and honor is due the Hagana. As it happened, a cable (which we now see was ambiguous) came through to us very late that week-end and very close to press time. Nonetheless we checked. However, it was Sunday and though we reached what we had considered an authoritative source, it failed us this time.

You may be certain that all our editors are now pretty thoroughly conversant with the difference between the Hagana - which is respected by Jews, British, and Arabs alike - and the Irgun Zvai Leumi, whose offshoot, the Stern group, was responsible for the violence we reported.

We offer our apologies and our thanks to you for writing.

Cordially,

Lois Simpson
For the Editors

Mr. J. L. Teller
Independent Jewish Press Service
207 Fourth Avenue
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May 22, 1944.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for sending the extract of your speech. Unfortunately it reached us after we had already prepared a story based on the release sent us by the press agent of the meeting.

Miss Neumark resigned from the Independent Jewish Press service last October. Since then, Mr. J.L. Teller has been the editor.

Sincerely yours,

Beatrice Gaissiner
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May 23, 1944.

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

Dear Abba:

I should, before this, have written to thank you for your invaluable assistance in the problem which I laid upon your lap. I can hardly tell you of what incalculable help your counsel was. The conversations still continue and at this time I can only say that we have, from the Jewish side, agreed not to accept a subordinate role in the Council. I should tell you that at our first meeting with the Council representatives, Rabbi Heller made the following proposal:

"ARTICLE III

Membership

Sec. 1. The Council shall be composed of Protestant churches at work in this community.

Sec. 2. (a) Other churches and synagogues, desiring to further the cause of religious fellowship, may become Associate Members of this Council, and may cooperate in those activities of the Council in which they desire to participate.

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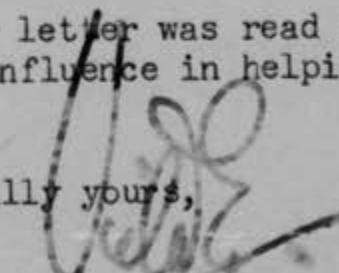
(To be complete, this should also mean provision for representation on the Executive Committee, but not the right to hold office, as provided in Articles V, VI, VII, and VIII.) "

However, I dissented from this judgement. At a subsequent meeting, at which only the officers of the two Temples, as well as Mr. Adolph Rosenberg and Mr. Herbert Bloch, were present in addition to the four Rabbis, the proposal of Rabbi Heller's suggested Article III, was regarded as unwise by all those present, with the exception of Dr. Heller.

We are now continuing to explore such possibilities for cooperation as we can accept without diminishing the dignity of our Jewish tradition.

Again may I thank you for your helpfulness. Your letter was read at our meeting and undoubtedly exerted a tremendous influence in helping us to think straight on this vital subject.

Faithfully yours,


Victor E. Reichert

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May 26, 1944

Dear Friend:

On May 3 we wrote you of our plan to put all recipients of LIBERAL JUDAISM on a directly paid subscription basis. At the same time, we addressed a similar letter to the trustees and officers of Congregations affiliated with the Union.

As a member of the group which was responsible for the launching of LIBERAL JUDAISM magazine, you will be glad to know that we have had a surprisingly good percentage of responses to our invitation to subscribe to LIBERAL JUDAISM magazine. Most interesting of all, 50 per cent of the subscriptions which have come in were for two years. We take this as an endorsement of our magazine and the task it has set for itself to inform our laymen about Jews and Judaism.

For us, there is a fly in the ointment; we haven't received your subscription as yet. The paper shortage makes it hard for us to reserve your copy for you. But we did it, because we feel that LIBERAL JUDAISM magazine is important to you.

Please don't delay. Send us your subscription today on the enclosed card. Mail it in the accompanying envelope, on which we pay the postage.

Sincerely,

M. Myer Singer

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M. Myer Singer
For-CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

May 31, 1944

Miss Julia Halle
393 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Halle:

I read in the press this morning of the passing of your brother who was for many years a member of The Temple and was highly regarded by all who knew him in our community. I hasten to extend to you my profoundest sympathies, and to all the bereaved members of your family. My personal contacts with your dear brother were unfortunately very infrequent. Occasionally I saw him in Cleveland on his rare visits to our city, and once or twice in New York. But I have known of the fine services which he had rendered to so many worthy causes in our country as well as his generosity. More especially his deep interest in the refugee problem and in refugee scholars has won for him the gratitude and the admiration of many people, both Jewish and non-Jewish.

The officers and members of The Temple join me in this all too inadequate expression of sympathy in your hour of bereavement.

Most sincerely yours,

AHS:EK

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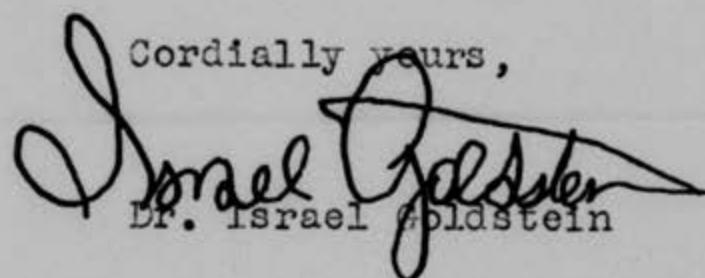
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The exercises marking my twenty-five years in the ministry are over, but sweet echoes of it will linger with me. Your friendly message pleased me greatly and helped to make the celebration all that it was.

Cordially yours,

Dr. Israel Goldstein

A handwritten signature in black ink. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the name "Israel Goldstein" clearly legible. A small "Dr." is written above the "I" in "Israel".

June 7, 1944

Miss Beatrice Creighton, Editor
Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Co.
419 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, N.Y.

My dear Miss Creighton:

Thank you for your kind letter of June 5. While we have a few photographs here at The Temple which might help you in getting up your contemplated book on the three great religions in this country, I would suggest that you get in touch with the Commission of Jewish Education of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations — 34 West 6th Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio which has quite a library of such photographs. I am sure they will be very happy to assist you in obtaining the photographs at once. I would suggest that you write to Dr. Emanuel Gamoran, the Educational Director of the Commission of Jewish Education. I will, myself, write to him about your request.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AH: BK

June 7, 1944

Dr. Emanuel Gamoran, Educational Director
Commission on Jewish Education
34 West 6th Street
Cincinnati 2, Ohio

My dear Dr. Gamoran:

The enclosed letters are self-explanatory.
I think you ought to assist Miss Creighton in
selecting the most appropriate photographs for
the volume which she intends to edit for the Lothrop,
Lee & Shepard Co.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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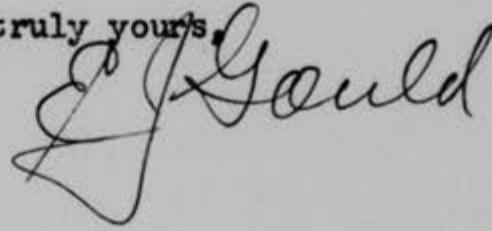
Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Ansel Rd. & E. 105th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I have had a number of requests from some of the members of our Welfare Board requesting tickets for next Wednesday evening, June 14th, at which time Pierre Van Paassen will speak. I am wondering if it will be possible to furnish me with some of these tickets. Your early reply will be appreciated.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,



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June 9, 1944

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

Dear Friend:

I have your note of June 7 transmitting the letter from Miss Creighton of Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Company. I shall, of course, be happy to help her in whatever way I can. I have already heard from her, and I shall do my best to guide her.

It seems to me they need more than pictures, for in their list of photographs needed, they have listed Purim as follows: "Purim - Children marching around the synagogue carrying Torah and waving flags." They are a little mixed up. However, as I have already met some Jews who do not do much better, I am not shocked.

With kind greetings and best wishes to Virginia, to the children, and to you, in which Mamie joins me, I am

Faithfully yours,

Emanuel
Educational Director

EG:JM

MARK A. COPELAND
ATTORNEY AT LAW
WILLIAMSON BUILDING
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June 9, 1944

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Boulevard
Shaker Heights, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

A committee has been formed to be known as the "Joint Committee for Improved Care of the Mentally Ill and Defective in Ohio." Its declared purpose is:

To consult with various bodies, agencies and institutions of the State of Ohio interested in a program for improved care of the mentally ill and defective; to bring about substantial agreement among them upon a program of legislation, improvement and construction of facilities and development of adequate personnel and service, and to work for the realization of that program by creating the public opinion necessary for its accomplishment.

The committee now consists of members of the following groups:

The Cleveland Academy of Medicine
The Cleveland Bar Association
The Welfare Federation of Cleveland
The League of Women Voters
American Association of Social Workers
Jewish Welfare Federation
Local Government Officers' Association
The Catholic Charities
Department of Welfare of the City of Cleveland
The Cleveland Church Federation

We desire to enlarge the membership of this committee to include public-spirited citizens interested in our problems of governmental, civic, religious and social groups so that it may fairly represent a cross section of our entire community.

The committee appointed by Governor Bricker will shortly file its

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

June 9, 1944

report and recommendations as to the improvement of our state institutions.

The Cleveland Bar Association has studied intensively the problem and has made an interim report, a synopsis of which is enclosed.

We should like very much to have you serve as a member of this committee.

You may expect a call shortly from Judge David Ralph Hertz, who will explain more fully the general situation, the objectives of the committee, and the various things which we expect to do.

Cordially yours,

Mark A. Covland.

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DARING AUTHOR OF

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And all Auxiliaries affiliated with the above groups.

Fellow Citizen:

As you no doubt know, the Joint Veteran's Commission of Cuyahoga County is sponsoring the appearance of John Roy Carlson at the Cleveland Public Auditorium on Sunday Evening, June 11th, 1944 at 8:30 P.M. Carlson is the daring author of the book "Under Cover" the expose' that opened our eyes as to activities of Nazidom in America. Thru his efforts the serious menace of subversive activities were brought into the open.

Prof. Henry Miller Busch, Cleveland's leading liberal, will preside and we are anxious to have you as our honored guest for the evening, and trust that you will find it convenient to be with us. We feel sure that a civic affair of this kind, supported by all good citizens, will go a long way toward counter-acting subversive action taken by groups whose thoughts and ideas are distinctly Un-American.

Enclosed you will find return post card on which we ask that you indicate your intention to be our guest.

Cordially yours,



John Price, President
Joint Veterans Commission

AVUKAH



American Student Zionist Federation

June 11, 1944

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I am taking the liberty of sending you a copy of our new publication, "Student Zionist", because of your well known interest in Zionist youth activities and particularly in Avukah. We would appreciate any criticism or advice you would care to tender.

Yours in Zionism,

Emanuel J. Feigin

Emanuel J. Feigin

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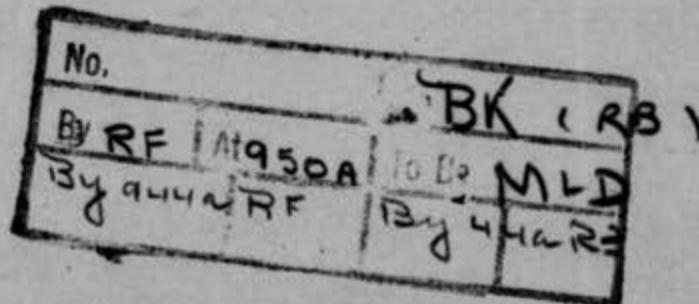
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The Temple
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June 12, 1944

Sir Simon Marks
Dorchester Hotel
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My dear Friend:

Together with your many friends in the United States, I read with joy of the high honor which was bestowed upon you by your country in having a Knighthood conferred upon you. It is a greatly merited distinction and I know of no one whose is more worthy of it. Your great humanitarian services, your fine social vision, your significant contributions to the life of your country, have made you one of the most valuable subjects of the British Empire, and your devotion and service to the Jewish people and to its hope of national rebirth have made you one of the most beloved members of the Household of Israel.

May all good things come to you and yours for many years to come.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

June 13, 1944

Mr. Emanuel J. Feigin
The American Student Zionist Federation
220 S. State Street
Chicago 4, Ill.

My dear Mr. Feigin:

Let me thank you for your note of June 11 and for sending me a copy of your new publication, "The Student Zionist," which I read with interest.

The article of Mr. Sol Gordon on "Behind the Palestine Resolutions" needs some careful editing. The Palestine Resolutions were not "tabled" in Congress. No action whatsoever has as yet been taken on the Resolution in the Senate, and the House voted to defer action for the time being, not to "table" it. There is a sharp difference. We hope that action on the Resolutions will take place some time in August or in September.

The article also assumes that the Zionists did not sufficiently arouse American public opinion in connection with the Resolutions, and that they relied entirely on diplomacy. "If diplomacy can't do it, perhaps the people can!" Mr. Gordon should know that seldom has a resolution in Congress been attended by as much of a public response as the Palestine Resolution. Tens of thousands of letters, telegrams, resolutions poured in upon Washington from all parts of the country. Hardly a community in the United States and an important civic cultural labor or church organization but what was heard from by the legislators in Washington. The American Zionist Emergency Council has just published a volume of the editorial comments on the Palestine Resolution which appeared in hundreds of American newspapers. The Jewish press of course, Yiddish and Anglo-Jewish, went all-out for the Resolutions. Numerous delegations from many parts of the country came to Washington especially to interview their Congressmen and Senators. Mr. Gordon should know all this. He should also know that all this is not the result of spontaneous combustion, but must be planned, prepared for and organized by responsible leaders who understand the importance of public opinion as the principal source of strength for our cause.

I wish your magazine every success. With all good wishes,
I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. This letter is not for publication.

AVUKAH



American Student Zionist Federation

5422 Ingleside Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
June 18, 1944

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

I wish to thank you for your letter of the 13th. In this letter, you pointed out an error in Mr. Gordon's article "Behind the Palestine Resolutions" in the June issue of The Student Zionist. The word "tabled" slipped in due to the negligence of the editors, for which they are extremely sorry. I am sure that the significant difference between "action deferred" and "tabled" is now clear to them. A correction will, of course, be printed in the next issue.

As you can see from our masthead, the opinions expressed in signed articles are not necessarily those of the publication or of Avukah. We are forwarding a copy of your letter to the author for comment.

We of course realize the important work of the American Zionist Emergency Council, and are planning an article on that topic in the next issue. We would appreciate any material describing the activities of the Council. We hope you will agree that the picture thus presented to our readers will not be a distorted one.

Thanking you for your interest, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Emanuel J. Feigin
for the Editorial Board
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Poale Zion—Zeire Zion

The Labor Zionist City Committee takes pride and pleasure in welcoming you into its Labor Zionist family.

We feel certain that your membership in the Jewish National Workers Alliance will act as a stimulus for increased membership in our local Labor Zionist groups.

We will consider it a privilege if you will call upon us to help you carry out any task which will further our common cause.

With Zion Greetings,

THE LABOR ZIONIST CITY COMMITTEE.

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The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The National Organization for Public Health Nursing, as you perhaps know, has joined with five national welfare agencies in order to help overcrowded war-industry communities initiate urgently needed health and welfare services--such as public health nursing service for people sick at home, more and better recreational facilities for teen-age girls, and counselling for families of war workers.

The project is known as American War-Community Services and has as other participating agencies, Child Welfare League of America, Family Welfare Association of America, National Institute for Immigrant Welfare, National Urban League and National Board, Y.W.C.A. Each has its own particular project connected with war-created needs, which you will notice, represent three primary divisions of social welfare--health, social case work and group work--plus two areas of nationwide concern--race relations and the foreign-born.

Work began on the project last January, so far as limited funds would permit. It has been so successful, both in interest aroused and in actual services developed, that American War-Community Services with the help of Community Chests and Councils is planning to seek additional funds in 1945 from war chests all over the country.

To lend weight to this undertaking American War-Community Services needs a sponsoring committee selected from people interested in the work of one or more of the six participating national organizations. The active duties except possibly through interpretation in the sponsor's own community. For your information concerning details of American War-Community Services we are enclosing a printed folder.

As a member of the NOPHN Advisory Council, the AWCS would like to use your name on their Sponsoring Committee. If you are willing, will you please ask your secretary to wire the NOPHN, collect, giving your consent?

Sincerely yours,

Marion W. Sheahan

Marion W. Sheahan
President

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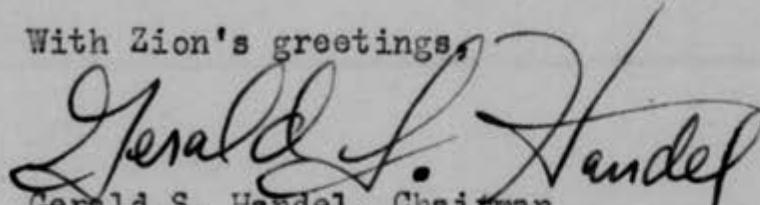
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June 27, 1944

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I should like to invite you to deliver a lecture on the outlook for Zionism, insofar as reflected in the current political mirror, before the members of Avukah, the American Student Zionist Federation, when they assemble at their annual camp. Our program at the present time is sufficiently flexible to arrange for your lecture at any time on either Saturday or Sunday, September 2 or 3, 1944. The camp, which this year will be conducted under the auspices of the Western Reserve University chapter, will be held on the grounds of Camp Henry Baker, near Painesville, Ohio.

With Zion's greetings,



Gerald S. Handel, Chairman
Camp Program Committee

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June 27, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing a brochure "Jewish Education for our Children" which we have just published. We believe it will make for a clearer understanding and a keener appreciation of the importance of Jewish education, as well as the work of the Jewish Education Committee.

I know how helpful you have been to our Committee, and I particularly have in mind the splendid contribution you made in appearing as our guest speaker at our Hanukkah Dinner about a year ago. Your inspiring message at that time helped the cause of Jewish education tremendously.

I trust you will find the enclosed brochure interesting, and if you have any comments or suggestions I would appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel S. Schneierson
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ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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June 29, 1944

Rabbi Leon Stitskin
Beth Joseph Center
1150 St. Paul Street
Rochester, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Stitskin:

I hope that you will forgive the delay in sending you my warmest greetings on the occasion of your installation as Rabbi of Beth Joseph Center. I have been away from the city most of the time and unfortunately a great deal of my correspondence has lagged. But you know that I wish you every success in your new post. Rochester is a splendid community and you will have, I am sure, rich opportunities for service and leadership. I hope that you will be very happy in your new post.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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OUR CENTENNIAL YEAR
1944

3 July 1944

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Church of the Covenant has been deeply moved by The Temple's recent letter apropos of the celebration of its One Hundredth Anniversary. Your thought of us has done more than can be put into words. Through your written message and through the exquisite flowers which were in our Chancel on June 11 you have made us realize once more how beautiful a relationship has always existed between The Temple and the Church of the Covenant.

Your own spirit has lighted many fires in the hearts of the people of this parish. Our gratitude and warm thanks to you and to your people today!

Faithfully yours

Philip L. Mead

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D.D.
The Temple
East 105 Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

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FRANCES L. SCHWEITZER

TIME INC.

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July 8, 1944

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You are cordially invited to attend a preview of our latest March of Time "Americans All" at the Lattice Room of the Hotel Statler on Wednesday, July twelfth, at five o'clock.

This latest issue of The March of Time, we believe, is a film which will do much to promote a better understanding among the peoples of our nation. This subject is of vital importance to all of us. The film's effectiveness is due to the fact that it goes to the heart of the racial problem in a sincere and sympathetic fashion.

After the showing, I should like to have you as my guest for tea. In order that the necessary arrangements can be made, I should appreciate your letting me know if you can attend.

Cordially yours,

Frances L. Schweitzer

Public Relations Representative

July 13, 1944

Mr. Gerald S. Handel
3010 Kempton Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Handel:

Rabbi Silver has asked me to write you that he regrets very much that he will not be able to be with Avukah at its annual camp assembly on September 2 or 3, as he is planning to take a few weeks rest around that time.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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My dear Rabbi Silver

Thank you very much for giving consent to have your name used as a sponsor on the American War-Communities Service project.

For your information, we are enclosing the first publicity leaflet of AWCS containing the names of the Committee of Sponsors.

Sincerely yours,

Marion W. Sheahan

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August 9, 1944

Dear Friends:

We are happy to advise you of the formation of a new congregation dedicated to the true fundamentals of American Reform Judaism.

At meetings of the congregation and board of directors on July 28 a resolution was unanimously adopted which contains a complete set of basic principles. Enclosed is a copy of the resolution. The articles of incorporation themselves, filed in April, also give positive support to these principles.

It is of utmost importance that the fundamentals of our faith shall survive. American Reform Judaism expresses a way of living which has brought great happiness to all of us. Today, however, we stand at the cross-roads. Repeated compromise and appeasement have shaken the very foundations upon which Reform was created. One need only re-examine the writings and utterances of Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise and our other revered pioneering fathers to realize how sadly we have drifted from our course.

You will be interested in the results of the action we have taken in Lincoln. First and foremost, there has been a religious enthusiasm which is almost beyond description. Acting in complete accord with one's innermost beliefs is a truly invigorating experience. Although our congregation is not large in numbers, the spirit is remarkable in the extreme. Attendance of the various members has been almost one hundred percent each Friday evening. There have been no absences except for definitely unavoidable causes. The children, as well as the adults, have taken a keen interest. Every member of the group has remarked about experiencing a very warm and close feeling toward his faith -- far more personal and vital than any feeling which had ever existed before.

Another encouraging reaction is from the general public. Since the news stories of the formation of our congregation ap-

peared in local papers we have had a series of strong responses. These have included important public officials, professional men, business men, ministers and all other elements of the public. The typical reaction has been, first, amazement that there are Jews who do not believe in these principles; and, second, a decided feeling that general understanding of these fundamentals would greatly retard anti-semitism and that nationalism will increase it.

"Reform Judaism" is something more than just a name. The time has come for those who believe in its basic fundamentals to do more than maintain silence and watch the lights dim out. A vigorous movement is springing up throughout the land to reaffirm and revitalize these principles of American Reform Judaism which are so indispensable to the welfare of ourselves and our children. Our house can yet be set in order; but prompt and effective action is essential.

The initial burden must be largely carried by laymen. Here we find a parallel to the very origin of the American Reform movement; for such was also true during the first decade of Reform.

With kindest greetings and hoping that we may hear from you, we remain

Sincerely yours,

AMERICAN REFORM CONGREGATION
OF LINCOLN

By Bernard F. Salowich
President.

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August 17, 1944

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

It has been suggested that the Theta Phi Society give its distinguished service cross to the Chief Chaplains of our Army and Navy, Chaplains Arnold and Workman, not as a tribute to them personally, but in recognition of the services of the Chaplains of all creeds during this war.

Bishop Holt and I approve of this and should like to have your opinion. If the plan is carried out an occasion will be arranged in the fall and you will be notified.

Cordially,

Elmer T. Clark

August 21, 1944

Dr. Elmer T. Clark
Board of Missions and Church
Extension of the Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Clark:

I think it is very appropriate to give the distinguished service cross to the Chief Chaplains of our Army and Navy in recognition of the superb service which the Chaplains of all creeds have been rendering to our men in the service.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Most cordially yours,

AHS:DR

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August 22, 1944,

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

Acting on your suggestion, I have written to the Jewish Review and Observer and offered them the privilege of using our material for one month gratis. At the end of that period, if they are pleased with our service, I shall discuss terms with them. I shall make these as nominal as possible. It would be inadvisable to make no charge as we would be labelled a propaganda agency.

I am grateful to you for your interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. Teller
J. L. Teller

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10501 EAST BOULEVARD

CLEVELAND, OHIO

Dear Friend:

We take pleasure in inviting you to a luncheon meeting at the Hotel Carter on Thursday, February 10th, at 12:30 noon.

It is proposed that we here in Cleveland participate in the establishment of a chair in Jewish Sociology at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem in honor of Louis Lipsky.

Mr. Harry Scherman of New York, President of the Book-of-the-Month Club has organized a nation-wide committee for the purpose of raising the necessary funds, in order that through the creation of this chair we may pay our recognition to a distinguished Zionist leader whose services to Jewish Palestine and to world Jewry entitle him to the highest recognition we can pay him.

We are certain that you will be glad to attend the luncheon held for the above purpose. Kindly return the enclosed reservation card today.

Sincerely yours,

Max Simon

Abba Hillel Silver

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