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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver Euclid Avenue Temple 8206 Euclid Avenue Cleveland Ohio

Dear Dr Silver:

During your absence from the city recently, I called your secretary and explained a new program idea. I'm taking this opportunity of presenting the idea in writing and asking your cooperation.

The National Broadcasting Company, over its Managed, Owned, and Operated Stations, and not the Network, is desirous of introducing daily prayers of one-minute duration to be broadcast at the opening of our activities at 5 AM and at the closing hour of 2 AM. The participants would embrace the clergy of the Protestant, Jewish, and Catholic faiths, and the name of the priest, rabbi, or pastor, and his congregation would be mentioned. The theme of the prayers, as suggested by our New York Office, would be that God's help and protection be implored for speedy victory, a durable peace and the safe return of our beloved ones from the fronts. The prayers would be recorded in advance here at the studios daily with the exception of Saturday and Sunday between 2:30 and 3 PM and participants can call my office for recording appointments. We would like to have at least two or more of the Hebrew faith per week. Participants would come to our WTAM studios prepared to record at least six one-minute prayers and to leave carbon copies of these prayers so that we can forward them to our New York Office, which I believe plans to publish many of these in book form in the near future. The plan, if successful, will continue for the duration.

We have received a favorable response from the Catholic Diocese and the Federated Church Council and trust this will find favor in your sight. Obviously I look to you and your office for approval, coordination, and assistance among the Rabbis in the Greater Cleveland area.

We would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours

Hal Metzger

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July 7. 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

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Our Executive Director, Mr. I. Rozowsky, reported at a recent meeting of the Board of Directors about his visit to you several weeks ago.

It was with much satisfaction that we learned of your friendly attitude toward our work in behalf of our afflicted brethren overseas.

Your interest gives us the courage to carry on in our noble task, and we hope that it will continue to be our inspiration to further endeavors.

We wish you success in your mission for the great cause of the Jewish people, and remain

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rely yours,

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have returned from my recent journey and brought back satisfactory results for the benefit of our countrymen overseas. I take the liberty of saying that one of my accomplishments during my trip is my memorable visit to you.

In my old home, Lithuania, the name of Dr. Silver was spoken with unusual pride. It is no smalll privilege for our Jewish community in Lithuania to have one of its sons reach the highest stage of Jewish leadership in America. I am indeed grateful that fate has bestowed upon me the pleasure of meeting you personally and I was gratified to recognize in your person a sympathizer for our cause.

As I write to you now, the fate of Lithuania is being sealed. The country is being freed from Nazi barbarism. We are about to face the bitter truth of what remained of the once flourishing Jewish community.

Our Federation is already taking steps to obtain all available information from there as soon as the opportunity arises. We are mobilizing our efforts here to bring the necessary aid to those whom fate will have spared out of misery and ruin. We shall keep you informed on the progress of our work.

Enclosed please find receipt for \$50.00 which you so kindly contributed toward our Relief Fund. Please accept our sincere thanks and appreciation for same.

In the hope that you will encourage us by your interest in our endeavor to help our Lithuanian Jews, and in the hope that light and fame will once more return to the Lithuanian unforgettable Jewish community, we remain

Most sincerely yours,

I. Rozowsky

Executive Director

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July 21, 1944.

Dear Rabbi:

The Cleveland Army Navy Committee, local agency of the Jewish Welfare Board, has been charged with the responsibility and has undertaken to arrange religious services at Crile General Hospital for the members of the staff and patients. This is one of the most important responsibilities in behalf of servicemen which our community has been called upon to assume, and the Jewish Welfare Board is turning to you for cooperation in this effort.

Col. Robert Harden, commanding officer at Crile General Hospital, has designated Rabbi Armond E. Cohen as the Jewish chaplain for the hospital. It is desirable to formulate religious plans for the hospital, and for this reason we invite you to a meeting on Monday, July 31, 1944, at 12:45 P.M. (not a luncheon) at my office on the fifth floor of the Bing Furniture Co., 514 Prospect Ave. This is an important work in which your help and counsel are necessary.

I hope that you will find it possible to attend this meeting.

Louis S. Bing, Jr.

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August 3, 1944

Dear Colleague:

In view of the critical nature of the time, it seems important that representative leaders of the Catholic, ewish and Protestant faiths should cooperate more and more closely in approaching the major political issues that have arisen and will arise in America and the world. A ccordingly, a Conference was held on July 27th in New York which was attended by leaders of the three faiths. This conference adopted the enclosed statement prepared by Professor Liston Pope of the Yale Rabbinical School, Father R. A. McGowan of the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the writer.

It was decided at the Conference that this statement should be issued to the public over the signatures of twenty-five leaders of each of the three faiths.

I am sending you this statement with the courteous request that you sign it and return it to this office at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours

Rabb: Ahron Opher

Assistant to the President.

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August 11, 1944

Doar Friend:

It gives me pleasure to inform you that at the last meeting of the Cleveland Army and Navy Committee of the Jewish Welfare Board you were reelected to membership on the committee for the 1944-45 season.

Attached herewith is a list of the membership and officers of the committee for the new year. As you are aware, the Cleveland Army and Navy Committee is carrying forward an active program of community service in behalf of men and women in the armed forces who are either located in Cleveland, or are residents of Cleveland but serving at distant points.

Ours is an important war-time job, and with your cooperation we look forward to a most successful season of work.

Sincerely yours,

LOUIS S. BING, JR.

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August 28, 1944.

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

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that your name is to be included in our compilation for 1944 of WHO'S IMPORTANT IN RELIGION, which records the careers of Religious Leaders, Educators and Church Officials.

Please fill in and return the enclosed brief questionnaire. If time permits, I shall be glad to mail you a proof of your edited biography prior to publication.

There is, of course, no obligation of any kind.

Faithfully yours,

Robert Tilton, Associate Editor.

P.S. You may also send us one of your photographs.

Sul 25-44

Dear Sir:

"You just can't disregard it, they'll need a new start in life when they get back — many of them will have to be re-raised into their rightful bracket in society — through particularized rehabilitation." Thus spoke the Rev. Glenn T. Settle before an overflow audience of Legionnaires and guests on September 16, 1944; and that is the reason that it is essential for us to establish a rehabilitation Service Home as soon as it may be done.

In order to raise the funds needed for the purpose a mammoth Spiritual Musical Festival has been planned for Sunday, December 17, 1944 at Public Auditorium, for which two patron tickets are enclosed with the hope that you would purchase them as a contribution and for the genuine enjoyment the several radio and stage artists will render you at the Festival.

Possibly you have been bombarded with appeals of a similar nature since the war has been going on and are probably fed up with letters of this kind as a result, but we do not believe your name would have been so kindly suggested as being willing to assist in a worthy community undertaking were it not so that this m is not a promotional scheme for individual gain.

No commissions and no salaries are being paid to any of the persons so kindly assisting on the program and your purchase of the enclosed Festival tickets will be a direct aid to thousands of returning service men through the establishment of a permanent rehabilitation headquarters.

Approved Sept. 6, 1944, Cuyahoga County Council, American Legion.

Very sincerely yours,

Herbert J. Paggs, Chairman Service Home Committee. Jewish National Workers' Alliance
717 SPRUCE STREET, PHILADELPHIA

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September 7, 1944

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Your recent move of joining the ranks of the Jewish National Workers' Alliance, was met with much joy and pride by both our leaders and likewise the thousands of members throughout all the United States.

We surely do appreciate the importance of this pleasant event to our mutual cause, the Zionist Movement, as well as the 'Golus' problems with which we are confronted and in which we are with heart and soul so deeply interested at the present chaotic times.

Another member is another soldier, another leader is another general for our ranks, especially when the leader is so highly gifted with a clear vision, a master tongue and with magnitude of wisdom and diplomacy.

Permit me therefore, to convey to you the greetings of the entire District #4 of Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore, Norfolk, Richmond, etc., with our usual Jewish traditional 'Sholom'.

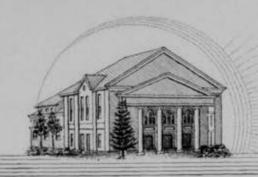
I also have the pleasure of informing you that at our last meeting it was suggested and decided to celebrate this event in the month of November, in the most proper manner, with you as our guest of honor, and we do hope that it will meet with your approval. I want to assure you that our District #4 will spare no effort to make this evening a memorable one in the hearts of our membership as well as in your own, in the spirit of Zionist Activity.

With full measure of confidence of your approval at your earliest convenience, and with best wishes for a speedy Allied Victory and the Liberation of Eretz Israel.

Respectfully yours, Butamui Kickwa

B. Friedman, Chairman District #4
Jewish National Workers' Alliance

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ROBERT GORDIS, PH.D., RABBI

Sept. 8th, 1944

Dear Doctor Silver:

Three years ago you were good enough to read my book "The Jew Faces A New World" and give it high words of commendation, for which I am deeply grateful. I have now written a small book of approximately, eighty pages, not geared to the contemporary scene: It is a modern translation of Ecclesiastes, with a popular introduction on the book and the man. The translation appeared recently in the "Menorah Journal."

While I know how busy you are, especially at this time of the year, I am making bold to ask whether you will be good enough to read the text in page proof, which will arrive from the printer very shortly. I hesitate less to make this request, because I feel that in a sense it may prove a welcome diversion from the cares of today.

If the material seems worthwhile to you, I should then be very grateful for a statement that we might use in bringing the book to the attention of prospective readers.

It goes without saying, that whatever your opinion may be, I shall be very grateful to you, if you would consent to read the text.

With many thanks and personal greetings on the New Year,

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT GORDIS

Raber Gudel

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio JACQUES TORCZYNER
551 Fifth Ave.
New York 17, N. Y.

September 15, 1944

Dear Rabbi Silver:

May I present to you my best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year. May I take this opportunity to congratulate you for the outstanding work \*\*\* and accomplishments which you have done for Zionism during the past year as chairman of the Emergency Countil.

The Zionist membership at large is devoted to your leadership, and I wish to assure you that you can count on our devoted cooperation any time you call for it.

I remain

Sincerely yours,

Jacques Torczyner

Rabbi A. H. Silve-19810 Shaker Blvd. Cleveland, Ohio Dr. Robert Gordis
Temple Beth El
121-16 Boulevard
Rockaway Park, L.I.

My dear Dr. Gordis:

I shall of course be very happy to read your Ecclesiastes.

With all good wishes for a very happy new year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS: BK

October 3, 1944 Mr. Alfred Cahen, President The World Publishing Company 2231 West 110th Street Cleveland, Ohio My dear Mr. Cahen: Thank you for your letter of October 2. I agree with you that the YIVO should be receiving much greater assistance than it has. I do not know whether it will be possible to put it on the lost of the Welfare Fund outside of the Contingency Fund. I have written to Rabbi Armond Cohen, Chairman of the Contingency Fund, suggesting that you and he meet and talk the matter over. I am quite sure that you will hear from him in the near future. I stand ready to do all I can. With best wishes for a happy new year, I remain Very cordially yours, AHS: BK

October 3, 1944 Rabbi Armond E. Cohen Cleveland Jewish Center 1117 E. 105th Street Cleveland, Ohio My dear Armond: I am enclosing herewith a letter from Mr. Alfred Cahen, which is self-explanatory. I have suggested to Mr. Cahen that he have a talk with you. YIVO is, of course, deserving of much larger assistance than it has been receiving from Cleveland. As to whether it can be put on the Welfare Fund list outside the Contingency Fund is another matter. I hope that you will be able to work out something with him. Please get in touch with Mr. Cahen. With all good wishes to you and yours for a very happy new year, I remain Very cordially yours, AHS:BK Enc.

# ASSOCIATED INDUSTRIES of CLEVELAND

1615 N B C Building

October 3, 1944

#### VETERAN RE-EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE

Mrs. FRANCES P. BOLTON, member of Congress for the 22nd Ohio District, will be the luncheon speaker at the all-day Veteran Reemployment Conference in the Hotel Statler on October 11th, arrangements for which have just been completed by the Association.

It is extremely fortunate that we are to have the benefit of the facts which will be presented by Mrs. Bolton. She has but recently returned from an inspection tour of the camps and hospitals and battle fields of Europe. She knows how our soldiers on the front feel and think and her address will be of inestimable value to those who will help effect the smooth return of veterans to civilian life.

COL. PAUL H. GRIFFITH, Chief, Veterans Personnel Division, Selective Service System, will open the Conference at 10:30 A.M., at which time he will speak on the subject of "The Veterans' Rights under the Selective Training and Service Act".

Mr. JAMES A. WHITE, Vice Chairman of the Industrial Commission of Ohio and Mr. JAMES H. DAVIS, chief of the Commission's legal department, will follow Col. Griffith with a discussion of the impact of the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act upon the employment of partially disabled veterans.

CAPT. MAX GOLDENBERG of Crile Hospital, will open the afternoon session at 2:00 o'clock with a discussion of the "Army Reconditioning Program".

GENERAL WILLIAM L. MARLIN, Manager of the Veterans' Administration, will close the session with an address on the subject "Assistance Available to Veterans under the Veteran Administration Program".

The importance of the subject matter to be discussed warrants your attendance and that of your <u>Personnel</u> and <u>Production Executives</u> as well as <u>Foremen</u>, all of whom will be responsible for the administration of your veteran re-employment policies. Opportunity will be given after each address for questions from the floor. There will be no registration fee for the Conference sessions.

Please return the enclosed reservation card, indicating the number of representatives from your company who will be present at the Conference and at the Luncheon, so that adequate arrangements for service can be made. You may pay for luncheon tickets at the door or have them charged to your company as you desire. Luncheon tickets will be \$1.75 including tax. Tables seat ten.



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October 4, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In view of your interest in Zionism,
you might like to read the enclosed private memorandum
I have written on the Middle East. I would like to
have your frank reaction.

Sincerely yours,

Raymond L. Buell &

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# TRAFFIC NEWS

# FROM: BUREAU OF PUBLIC RELATIONS CLEVELAND POLICE DEPT.

GEO. J. MATOWITZ CHIEF OF POLICE EDWARD J. FLANAGAN CAPTAIN

Dear Pastor:

Will you kindly read this message to your congregation on Safety Sunday, Oct. 8th. Your cooperation will help reduce accidents

The Cleveland Police Department.

OCTOBER 9TH TO 14TH IS PEDESTRIAN SAFETY WEEK. THE CLEVELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT REQUESTS EVERYONE TO DO THEIR PART IN PRE-VENTING TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

MOTORISTS ARE REQUESTED TO USE GREATER CARE --- AND TO DRIVE AT REDUCED SPEED. THE PERSON ON FOOT IS URGED TO TAKE TIME TO WALK SAFELY.

October 8, 1944

Dr. Oscar Thomas Olson Epworth-Euclid Methodist Church 1919 E. 107th Street Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Olson:

The Temple, its officers and members join me in extending to you and through you to the members of the Epworth-Euclid Methodist Church our warmest fraternal greetings on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of your great institution which has been a source of spiritual strengthening and guidance to the entire community. The friendly association of The Temple and Epworth date back many years when Epworth was on 55th and Prospect and The Temple was on 55th and Central. Both our physical and our spiritual neighborliness have continued uninterruptedly since then. We pray that our Heavenly Father may prosper your work and bless it abundantly throughout the oncoming years.

Most cordially yours,

AHS: BK

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# Zionist Leader Pays Tribute to Willkie

By Associated Press.

CLEVELAND, October 9.—
Wendell Willkie was "the symbol of great generosity of heart and worldwide encompassing sympathy," Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, national chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, said todal in a telegram to the 1940 depublican presidential nomine s widow.

was a noble human being. A great American and an inspiring citizen of the world, said Dr. Silver. In an age when the hearts of men were growing smaller and their visions narrower, Mr. Willkie remained the symbol of great generosity of heart and a worldwide encompassing sympathy. He championed the cause of all minorities and more especially the Jewish minority which more than any other group had suffered so grievously.

He defended the rights of all peoples and also the right of the Jewish people to rebuild its national life in Palestine, for all of which he will long be remembered by grateful hearts with profound gratitude.

Webster Frowes 19, 100. Dear Robbi: \_ I read your delightful Tribule to thendell Willkie in the newspapers here I had a delightful cor. respondence with Mr. Willie which culminated in his contributing several books to this Foundation laming to make a neurorial to Me willkie with these books and the tributes of a number of prominent americans among these are Uplan dose Av Kaltenbarn Cedric Faster Gabriel Heatter, Walter

binchell John handercook and a few others, I want to include yourself in this memorial Will you writyour tribule on your station lery- sign it personally for This project? When there Tributes are in I will have a delightful menorial. I hope you will cooferate to the extent my. gested. I may mention that in one of the books contribute to this Foundation by Faith Baldwin, she wrote a shart "Creed," which was in the

pricise words written somewhere hysyourself. Faith Baldwin has contributed a book of every tille still in print! Would you like to con. tribulo some token? co- sperate on the mender willhis tribule, I am, Very Cordially H.Z. Schroeder 1 I am adding several auted catholic nomes to my advisary Council, and would like a name like

your own on it shen all the refre. sented. if I added your name to that list? Thurk you for your kind consideration. Sincerely yours H.L. Schweden

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Oct. 10, 1944

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have been thinking a lot of our talk yesterday in Sterling Graham's office, and I have since obtained a copy of the text of the Martin Sweeney speech over WHK on the evening of ct. 4th. I said in the meeting that if the broadcast were as you gentlemen described it I felt the Plain Dealer editorially ought to smack Sweeney down.

But after reading the text, and conscious of the difficulty of proving that he delivered it exactly as it is written, I am very dubious as to the wisdom of attacking him. I am inclined to believe that most of the poison in the speech was, as Sterling Graham said yesterday, in the inflection and manner of delivery. The only point on which you could get him in the text, provided he delivered the text as written, was his statement and reiteration thereof that the problem was to "save a Christian America from Communist control".

Of course, as you and I look at it, Communism is not a religion but a social philosophy. It is neither Christian nor Jewish. It is neither Mohammedan nor Buddhist. On the other hand, a lot of people who mean no harm at all but who have been brought up as devout Christians, often speak of the desirability of making America a Christian country and do not have in mind any anti-Semitic feeling at all. They merely mean that they want to have America live according to the principles of one whom they believe to have been the greatest ethical teacher who ever lived.

Now I don't think for one minute that its what Sweeney had in mind. I think what he had in mind was the rankest kind of anti-Semitism. But on the record I submit it would be pretty hard to make such a charge stick in print.

After a good deal of thought I have concluded the

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best way to handle this is to see that he does not do it again over the air. Knowing Martin L. Sweeney as well as I do I think that if I had had a chance to edit this speech before it was delivered I could have smelled, if you will, the way in which he would insinuate intolerance into the words. And I propose that hereafter all his broadcasts which come our way are going to be more carefully scrutinized with this in mind.

Sincerely yours,

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Permit me to thank you for your thoughtfulness and courtesy in sending me your memorandum on the Middle East. My dear friend, Mr. Emanuel Neumann, who has frequently spoken to me about your interest in all the problems which touch the Middle East, had shown me your memorandum some time ago, which I read with the keenest of interest.

Your approach is certainly one of great thoughtfulness and fairness, and it reveals a close acquaintance with the manifold problems involved. With many of your conclusions, I am in complete accord. Concerning some of the others, I should like to have an opportunity to explore them with you a little further. It is difficult through the medium of a letter to do that. I wonder whether it would not be possible for us to meet for an hour or so at lunch or at some other convenient time? I come to New York frequently. It would give me great pleasure indeed to make your acquaintance and to discuss a subject which is of great interest to both of us.

Again thanking you for your kindness in sending me your memorandum, and with all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

October 11, 1944 Mr. Paul Bellamy, Editor Cleveland Plain Dealer Cleveland, Ohio My dear Mr. Bellamy: Thank you so much for your kind letter of October 10. I agree with you that it would be wiser to watch Sweeney's utterances over the air in the future rather than to castigate him editorially now for the speech which he made. It was a great pleasure for me to have had the pleasant chat with you the other day. My friends and I are very pleased that we had an opportunity to talk over the entire situation with you. With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, AHS: BK

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My dear Dr. Silver,

A thousand thanks to you for your very gracious note. It arrived Sunday morning. I availed myself of the privilege of reading it to my congregation. Our people were deeply moved by your expression of fraternal regard.

We have had a happy week in our Anniversary occasion, and one of the loveliest aspects of it is to think of the friendship that exists between the Temple and Epworth-Euclid.

I am enclosing a copy of the current issue of our Outlook."

Yours sincerely,

Char Thomas Chou

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# THE METHODIST YOUTH **FELLOWSHIP**

#### Intermediate Fellowship

Intermediate Fellowship will meet at 3:30 p.m. in the Harmony Class Room. Marilyn Kerr and Anne Rush will lead the devotions. George Johnson, a British student at the School of Medicine, Western Reserve University, will speak on war-time conditions in his country.

#### **Epworth League**

All youth of high school age are cordially invited to supper and recreation hour at 5:30 p.m. in the dining room. William Hassell and Robert Fisher are in charge of the recreation, and Mrs. Wm. A. Dewald and Mrs. Walter Gardner will prepare the supper. At the 6:30 League meeting in the Upper Room class room the topic of discussion will be, "What makes a good Epworth League?". David Peterson, president, will lead the discussion.

#### Explorers

The Explorers will meet at 6:15 in the young people's room. "Should an International Police Force Be Established?" is the topic of a debate to be presented at this Sunday's meeting by George Springer and Dudley Kimpton, members of the Case debate team. Come and learn both sides of the question. Miss Norine Wines will lead the meeting.

#### Carson Class

"Jesus' Understanding of Man" will be the topic for discusion for Oct. 15. The text is to be found in Matthew 12:9-21. Miss Helen McKenzie will lead the worship; Tom and Ila Farrell will furnish the music.

# **Explorers-Carson Hike**

Members of the Explorers and Carson Class will have a conducted nature hike, rain or shine, at Strawberry Lane, Saturday, Oct. 14, starting from the shelter house. Drivers will call you regarding transportation. Food will be provided. The tour will start at 4 p.m. and supper will be served at 6 p.m.

## Harmony Class Party

Thursday, Oct. 19, is the date for the fall session of "Harmony University" in the recreation room of the church. You may expect very little education, plenty of fun and frolic in this refresher course. Come and bring a prospect.

Fear has defeated more men than actual trouble has.

# CHURCH NIGHT, WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16

6:10 P. M. Dinner, served by Units 1 and 15, L. E. Allerton and G. H. Pimbley, leaders.

7:00 P. M. Worship period, led by Dr. Olson.

7:30 P. M. Dr. John Bruére, Minister, Calvary Presbyterian Church, speaking on "Post-War Planning for the Church."

Make reservations for dinner, GArfield 1201, by Tuesday p.m.

## Red Cross Centers Need More Workers

Some of us turned up at Red Cross the other night expecting to put in our two hours and whip up 50 or 75 or almost 100 of the very easy fourby-four dressings. Imagine our surprise to be confronted with simply mammoth pieces of gauze which pulled angrily at the south corner as you were cautiously adjusting the north, and vice versa. They proved to be four-by-eights, or something equally out-size. Strangely enough we managed to make up towards 40 each, which wasn't bad-considering....

Every so often at the Red Cross centers special calls come in for dressings other than run-of-mine. It makes for variety, and sometimes we enjoy knowing we are working for Crile Hospital where our boys are coming home to be made whole again.

Won't you put in an hour or two a week at this important work which is far from done? There is now a center at Moreland School in Shaker Heights, open one evening a week as well as the usual daytime hours. Two or three Cleveland Heights centers are also open, and Prospect School in East Cleveland is conveniently located. Consult your telephone book.—B. L. C.

## First Guild Meeting Scheduled Next Friday

The first meeting of the year for the Business and Professional Wom- Braemar road, Shaker Heights. en's Guild is to be a dinner meeting at the church on Friday, Oct. 20 at 6:15.

Mrs. Warren D. Troutman will speak on "Our New Relations with Latin America." All members and friends are invited. Please let Elizabeth Schlagetter have your reservation before Wednesday, Oct. 18. Call her at CEdar 4445.

Some . . . special political and economic groups want to win complete victory for themselves regardless of the consequences for others and for the nation . . . by and large they represent a serious menace to the unity of the nation, to the war effort and to the lives and futures of American fighting men.—Charles E. Wilson, executive vice-chairman of the War Production Board, formerly president of the General Electric Company.

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## Gives Blood Donation While on Furlough

Do you know that one of the last things one of our service men did before going overseas was to give a blood donation to the Red Cross?

This young man was home on furlough for those few precious days before going to a port of embarkation. He already had been a donor of more than a gallon of blood, some of it after going into service. And so he made his appointment at 1227 Prospect avenue, went down and gave his pint, and then-off to the wars!

Please report your blood donation, as soon as you have made one, to Mrs. H. G. Harvey, LOngacre 8378, 3260

## Conference Women Elect

Cleveland women elected to office for the 1945 term by the Women's Society for Christian Service of the North-East Ohio Conference are Mrs. H. F. Brandt, president; Mrs. R. L. Meeks, vice president; Mrs. M. H. Preslan, corresponding secretary, and Miss Audrey Wright, secretary of the Weslevan Service Guild.

A good word is an easy obligation; but not to speak ill requires only our silence, which costs us nothing.-Till-

Every life has its actual blanks, which the ideal must fill up, or which else remains bare and profitless forever.-Julia Ward Howe.

A life spent worthily should be measured by deeds, not years.-Sheridan.

#### Rabbi Silver Sends Anniversary Greeting

The following letter, written by Abba Hillel Silver, Rabbi of The Temple at East 105th street and Ansel road, was read by Dr. Olson at the morning service Sunday as Epworth-Euclid Church entered its 25th Anniversary Week:

"Dr. Oscar Thomas Olson Epworth-Euclid Methodist Church Cleveland, Ohio My dear Dr. Olson:

The Temple, its officers and members join me in extending to you and through you to the members of the Epworth-Euclid Methodist Church our warmest fraternal greetings on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of your great institution which has been a source of spiritual strengthening and guidance to the entire community. The friendly association of The Temple and Epworth date back many years when Epworth was on 55th and Prospect and The Temple was on 55th and Central. Both our physical and our spiritual neighborliness have continued uninterruptedly since then. We pray that our Heavenly Father may prosper your work and bless it abundantly throughout the oncoming years.

Most cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver."

#### **Board of Education Meets**

The Church Board of Education is asked to meet at the church on Tuesday evening, Oct. 31.—Walter N. Lacy, chairman.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I much appreciate your letter relative to my Foreign Policy Memorandum No. 4. I want very much to talk to you about the situation. I am tied up on other matters pretty intensively until after the election, working a good deal at my home in the country. But I would be grateful if you would let me know in advance if you will be in New York in December and whether you might then have lunch with me.

I am anxious to get your reaction to statements recently made by Roosevelt and Dewey as to the Jewish Commonwealth. In my opinion the Governor made a bad slip when he said that the Jewish Commonwealth had been promised in the Balfour Declaration.

Again with thanks for your letter,

I am

Sincerely yours,

Raymond L. Buell

October 24, 1944 Mr. William Dinwoodie The Cleveland News Cleveland, Ohio My dear Mr. Dinwoodie: In connection with the conversation which I had with you over the telephone yesterday morning I thought you might be interested in the enclosed copy of a letter which I wrote to the Honorable Nathaniel L. Goldstein, Attorney General of the State of New York, on October 20 in reply to a letter which he wrote to me requesting me to address a Dewey meeting in Madison Square Garden on November 24. With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, AHS: BK Enc.



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Dear Dr. Silver:

The Junior Mizrachi Women's Organization of America, a part of the religious Zionist movement, will hold their 5th Annual Convention, on Sunday, November 26th, at the Hotel New Yorker, 34th Street and 8th Avenue, New York City.

Our organization, counting an active membership of 5,000 is devoted to the ideal of reconstructing Palestine in the spirit of the Torah and the Jewish traditions. To this end, we erect Children's Houses in Kibbutzim and Kvutzon in Eretz Yisrael.

You, as one of the outstanding leaders in the world Zionist Movement, have through the vigor of your written and spoken word, championed the cause of our people. We feel that a message from you will give us, added strength to continue our important work for the rebuilding of our Homeland.

Will you be good enough to favor us with an early reply and your kind permission to release your statement in its entirety or in part.

May the Lord continue to bless you with strength, wisdom, and health, to go on with your devoted work for our people.

With sincere Zion's greetings, we are,

Very cordially yours,

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At the present time you are a guarantor in the amount of \$500.00 under the provisions of the Association's uniform underwriting agreement. This agreement will continue in effect for next year's season, unless you choose to terminate it prior to January 1, 1945 by written notice. Naturally, I am hopeful that you will go along with us for the coming season, in which case no action on your part will be necessary at this time.

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With warm appreciation of the support you have given our Metropolitan Seasons in the past, and trusting that we may continue to merit your confidence in the future, I am, with kind regards,

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Dear Sir and Friend:

This is being written to you in the interest of the Negro service men and women in the armed forces from Cleveland, in the belief that you might be willing to assist the undertaking insofar as it might be possible for you to.

We will hold a Spiritual Musical Festival at Public Auditorium December 17, 1944, to raise funds with which to establish a Service Home with Club rooms to carry our share of the huge rehabilitation job that lies ahead after the war is over. The undertaking has the endorsement of the Cuyahoga County Council, The American Legion, the Chamber of Commerce and the Better Business Bureau, and the Negro Ministers of the city.

We would greatly appreciate it if you would permit us to employ the statement: Endorsed by Rabbi Silver, in the letters we are to send to persons we believe would be interested in assisting an undertaking of this nature, a copy of which is here enclosed.

This is not a promotional scheme, and no commissions or salaries are being paid to the persons that are so kindly helping us to forward the program.

Respectfully and sincerely yours, Keelest J. Faggs, Chairman Service Home Committee.

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November 1st, 1944

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your interest and belief in the necessity for a free vote lead us to ask if you will become a sponsor of this Committee.

Our purpose is to free the ballot for ten million voteless citizens in eight Southern states, not alone because a free ballot is the foundation of a democracy, but because the poll-tex system grants out-size powers to the poll-tax Congressmen who, almost free of ballot-box restraint, form an unrepresentative minority.

Plans for the next campaign are under way. We will be happy if you lend your name to our efforts.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Katherine Shryver

ks/db uopwa 27 November 3, 1944

Herbert J. Faggs, Adjutant The American Legion - Post No. 94 2319 E. 55th Street Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Faggs:

In reply to your letter of November 1 permit me to state that you may use my name in connection with the Spiritual Musical Festival to be held in the Public Auditorium on December 17.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS: BK

November 3, 1944 Mrs. Katherine Shryver, Executive Secretary National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax 127 B. Street, Southeast Washington 3, D.C. My dear Mrs. Shryver: In reply to your letter of November, I shall be pleased to serve as a sponsor of your committee. Very sincerely yours, AHS: BK

November 5, 1944

Mr. B. Friedman, Chairman District #4
Jewish National Workers' Alliance
717 Spruce Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Friedman:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your letter. I have been traveling about a great deal and my correspondence has lagged.

I wish I could accept your gracious invitation to attend a meeting November arranged under the auspices of the Jewish National Workers' Alliance. It would have given my great pleasure indeed to attend this meeting, particularly as it would be in the nature of a celebration of my joining the ranks of the Alliance. Unfortunately my work has been so heavy and my commitments are so many that I cannot, in justice to myself and my health take on any additional out of town engagements. I am sure that you will understand. The months of November and December will be particularly crowded ones for me as I shall have to be in Washington a good deal of the time in connection with our Palestine Resolutions.

Please convey to your members my profound appreciation for their thoughtfulness, and the hope that I may be able to be with them at some future time.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS: BK

NEW YORK CITY

November 9, 1944

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Will you join a representative group of Americans in rescuing from starvation and bitter suffering the brave people of an allied nation?

After three years of unceasing struggle against the Nazi invaders - a struggle so heroic it has stirred the whole world - the Yugoslav people under Marshall Tito are today liberating their homeland. Free at last from the Nazi terror the people of the liberated areas need our help in fighting off hunger, cold, disease. If help does not reach them soon, tens of thousands of men, women and children will die this winter.

Quick action has been made possible. A relief ship is to be dispatched here by the Yugoslav Government to carry back desperately needed food, clothing and medical supplies. The Yugoslav Government has appealed to us to fill this ship. It is not often in these days of dreadful universal suffering that we have the chance to help so directly, so effectively, and so immediately.

These people who appeal to us are our friends - friends who have earned our keenest admiration for their inspiring courage in fighting their enemy and ours.

An American Committee is being formed to collect clothing, food and medicines. The prestige of your name would help us win a generous response from the American public. Our appeal has the approval of the President's War Relief Control Board and will in no way conflict with the National War Fund Campaign.

Will you serve as a sponsor along with those listed below?

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My dear Mayor Lausche:

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Most cordially yours,

AHS: BK

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November 10, 1944

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver 19810 Shaker Blvd. Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Negro Business Hour has been presented over WHK every Sunday Morning for the past five years. Our Anniversary program is November 26, at which time we will have a forty five minute program and we would like for you to be one of the three minute speakers.

I would suggest that you speak on the subject of (Inter-racial Goodwill).

Please inform us in the next few days if you can accept this invitation.

Jim:mwc

Very truly yours

The Officers and Board of Directors

of

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request your presence

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St. Louis Rabbinical Association

November 14, 1944 Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman Temple Israel Kingshighway and Washington St. Louis, Mo. My dear Ferd: Because I have been traveling about a great deal, I have neglected to send you my good wishes on the occasion of your fifteenth anniversary with Temple Israel. These belated greetings, however, are nonetheless heartfelt and sincere. You have served with distinction and high devotion the cause of your Temple, your community and your people, and I pray that the oncoming years may bring you an even increased measure of achievement in all those fields of human endeavor to which you have dedicated the fine gifts of your heart and mind. Mrs. Silver joins me in sending you and Mrs. Issmerman our warmest good wishes. Most cordially yours, AHS: BK

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BIOGRAPHICAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE WORLD Telephones: COrtlands 7-8457 Office of the Editor November 15, 1944. Rabbi Abba H. Silver. The Temple, Ansel Rd. and E. 105th St., Cleveland, Ohio. Dear Rabbi Silver: Your biography has been edited and is now submitted to you prior to publication in WHO'S IMPORTANT IN RELIGION, which records the careers of Religious Leaders, Educators and Church Officials. Please go over this sketch carefully, making any corrections or changes you desire, and then return the proof to me with your personal signature of approval. Should you like to own a copy of the forthcoming volume, containing your biography, a reservation card is enclosed for your convenience. Sincerely yours, Robert Tilton. Associate Editor.

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17 November 1944

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In reply to the enclosed letter, Professor Leo Shapiro of the Department of Intercultural Relations of the Anti Defamation League suggested that I lay certain problems I encounter, as the member of the staff especially responsible for questions affecting the Jewish group, before you. Letters similar to this one are being addressed to Professor Horace Kallen and Dr. A. L. Sachar and to Rabbis Solomon Goldman of Chicago and Joshua Liebman of Boston.

The following are types of specific questions upon which the staff asks your advice:

- 1. When Jews such as Haym Salomon, Samuel Gompers or Justice Brandeis are mentioned in U. S. history texts, should they be identified as Jews? Here is the type of quotation in mind: "No account of the financial difficulties of the colonists, however, would be complete without reference to the generous contributions and the unceasing efforts to raise funds made by such Americans as Robert Morris and Haym Salomon, a Jewish money broker from Philadelphia." In one text Samuel Gompers is referred to as "a remarkable English Jew."
- 2. In U. S. history, how much and what type material about the contribution of Jews or of the Jewish group should be included?
- 3. What is the best method in U. S. history of treating the recognition of the contributions of various groups to American life?
- 4. In the fields of English and American literature, what recognition of intergroup tensions and adjustment should be asked? Is it desirable to make a point of including some Jewish authors on Jewish and non-Jewish themes? Should stories giving an insight into Jewish experience in a gentile world be included? What aspects of modern Jewish experience should occur in these anthologies?

- 5. In the field of world history:
  - a. How should the crucifixion be treated? How should responsibility for the crucifixion be treated?
  - b. How much dependence upon gospel accounts of the life and death of Jesus is compatable with sound historical treatment? (Four quotations, representing a fair sampling of what has been found on this subject, are enclosed.)
  - c. How much emphasis both in world and U. S. history should be placed upon the racist theories of the Nazis and upon their scientific baselessness? How much emphasis should be placed upon Fascist and Nazi persecution of religious groups, including the Jews?

We are attempting to work out these and similar problems on the basis of cultural or democratic pluralism. What are the implications of this concept as applied to these problems?

Finally, there is the question of the "indirect" vs. the "direct" teaching approach in combatting prejudice. Many teachers say that they get more results by using an indirect attack. They say nothing about differences and little about prejudice. Rather do they organize classes and schools on a democratic, equal rights basis. They "live" tolerance and fair play in all activities and discourage prejudice when it is actually shown. They feel that a direct approach emphasizes the differences we are attempting to relegate to the background. Other, and fewer, teachers use, in addition to an indirect approach, emphasis upon differences and their strengths, the psychological bases of prejudice, its dangers in America, and methods to combat it. As far as textbooks and teaching materials are concerned what approach to the problem of group conflict and prejudice do you feel most effective?

If there are points about the Committee's work upon which you desire more details, I will be glad to supply them. I am enclosing a mimeographed preliminary statement of the Committee's purpose.

I would hesitate to burden you with these matters, but I know you are keenly interested in the improvement of group relations in America. The staff and the Committee will deeply appreciate whatever you have to say.

Sincerely,

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The Cleveland Jewish Center

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Nevember 19, 1944

The Temple
Ansel and E. 105th
Cleveland, Ohio

Attention: Activities Director

Dear Sir:

Our Park School boys have erganized two basketball teams composed of boys aged respectively fourteen and fifteen and a so-called junior team composed of boys aged eleven and twelve.

These two teams play at the Cleveland Jewish Center on Sunday afternoons from 2:00 to 5:00 p. m. and we are working out a schedule of inter-school games in which we would like to have you participate.

If your boys are interested in playing a basketball game with either of our two teams, we should appreciate your getting in touch with Rabbi Jack J. Cohen at the Center at Gl. 7577.

Looking forward to a pleasant association in this venture.

Signeraly yours,

Saul G. Stillman

Athletic Club Director

SS:ee

November 20, 1944

Mr. John F. Morning Board of Education Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Morning:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of November 10. I should very much like to participate in your Anniversary program on November 26, but unfortunately I shall be out of the city on that day.

I wish you every success. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS : BK

Miss Naomi Greenberg, National President Junior Misrachi Women 1135 Broadway New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Greenberg:

Will you not convey to the delegates who will attend your 5th Annual Convention my warmest greetings and good wishes. I know of the fine work which the Junior Mizrachi Women's Organization has been doing, and I hope that your good work will prosper. The religious forces of Jewry organized under the banner of Mizrachi have been a bulwark of strength both to our movement and to national rebirth in Eretz Yisrael. It is out of our enduring religious loyalties that our national movement has drawn its strength and inspiration throughout the years. I share with you the prayerful hope that the near future will witness the consummation and fulfillment of the ancient hope of our people.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS: BK

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Saint Louis
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OFFICE OF THE RABBI
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba Hillel:

The pleasure of my fifteenth anniversary service at Temple Israel was increased by your very friendly and generous message of congratulations.

I am grateful to you.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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GREENWOOD 3559 HAR ZION HEBREW SCHOOL 54TH STREET below WYNNEFIELD AVENUE . PHILADELPHIA. 31, PA. HARRY COHEN DR. SIMON GREENBERG Rabbi President DR. SAMUEL SUSSMAN HYMAN BOMZE Chairman, School Committee Principal November 22, 1944 Dr. Abba Hillel Silver E. 105th St. & Ansel Rd. Cleveland, Ohio Dear Dr. Silver: Enclosed I am sending you the current issue of "The Jewish School and Democracy," a magazine which you may have seen before. It is sent to several hundred schools throughout the United States and is used by a few hundred teachers. I would like to get your permission to quote from your book, "The Democratic Impulse in Jewish History," which I find has valuable material which should be made available to our Jewish teachers, and which would indeed be helpful in presenting personalities and events in Jewish history in a more meaningful and effective manner. I do hope to get a favorable reply from you. With Zion's greetings, I am Respectfully, SS:EF SAMUEL SUSSMAN

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Phone: Murray Hill 6-0928

December 6, 1944

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver 19810 Shaker Blvd. Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

On Wednesday, December 27th, there will be held in Washington an important Conference of lecturers on international topics and lecture bureau managers. This Conference, under the auspices of the American Platform Guild, is being arranged in cooperation with the State Department. There is a growing belief that the platform should be given a greater place in the dissemination of news, and should have first-hand information on matters of public policy, etc.

This Conference will be held in the State Department Building and will be limited to 125 people. High ranking officials of the State Department will talk to us, and there will be open discussion periods.

We would very much like to have you one of the group to be present on this occasion which we feel will be an important one.

Will you please let me know very promptly if it will be possible for you to accept our invitation. It is going to be difficult to hold the attendance to the limits of the meeting room.

There will be a morning and afternoon session and a luncheon. This has all been arranged so that it is not necessary for people attending this Conference to remain in Washington overnight unless they wish to do so.

cerely yours,

Executive Secretary

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December 12, 1944

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver East 105th St. at Ansel Rd. Cleveland. Ohio

Dear Mabbi Silver:

We take pleasure in presenting you with our new publication, "An Anthology of Jewish Humor and Maxims".

We hope that you will extend us the courtesy of acquainting yourself with the contents of this book, since your opinion regarding this work will be greatly appreciated.

mespectfully yours.

PARDES PUBLISHING HOUSE INC.

December 14, 1944 Mr. James B. Pond, Executive Secretary The American Platform Guild 2 West 45th Street New York 19, N.Y. My dear Mr. Pond: Thank you for your kind letter of December 6 inviting me to attend a conference under the auspices of the American Platform Guild in cooperation with the State Department on Wednesday, December 27th. I shall make every effort to attend. With all good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours, AHS: BK

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FROM THE DESK OF:
DOROTHY FULDHEIM,
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December 14 '44

Rabbi Silver, The Temple, 246 East 105 St. Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you so much for your willingness to be a member of one of the panels in the series, "Young America Thinks", which originate in the High School auditoriums of the city and suburbs.

We believe that the program is making a valuable contribution toward vitalizing the study of current problems for young people.

I hope it will be possible for you to participate in the forum which will be held in the John Hay High School on Wednesday, December 20, at 8 o'clock in the evening. This will be a night school group, which of course, includes all ages, from sixteen years on up.

The topic is " What is to be done with Germany after the war is over?"

Dr. William E. Wickenden will be the other member of the panel.

Again, I do appreciate your interest, and hope that we will have the pleasure of your cooperation at John Hay.

Dyrthy Full him

John Hay High School 2075 East 107 Street Tel GA 7700 Principal, Mr. L. L. Werstler

P.S. Each panel member has six minutes, for formal presentation of the subject, and the rest of the time is taken up with the questions from the students, answers, and further discussion.

Temple Isvael 133 Merriman Road Akron 3. Ohio

J. Marshall Tuxay, Litt. D. Rabbi

December 14, 1944.

My dear colleague and (still) friend,

Enclosed is a clipping which we discussed a fortnight ago.

I wired C.B.S. protesting Lessing Rosenwald's egregious misstatements. The reply I received is wholly unsatisfactory and evasive. It states that Bernard Joseph had spoken before Mr. Rosenwald and consequently the score is even. Undoubtedly you gave this matter your attention long ere this.

With kindest greetings for a joyous Chanukah from house to house,

Earnestly

JMT/JM

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

I understand from Mr. Allen King that you are quite willing to have your address to the National Council for the Social Studies on "The Moral and Psychological Basis of a Lasting Peace" published in Social Education, the official journal of the National Council. I have accordingly had the article retyped by columns in the form in which we forward material to the printer. I shall be grateful if you will go over the copy, which except for the addition of guide headings stands as you wrote it, and return it to us with any changes which may be desirable. I hope that it can be published in our February issue which will be going to press in about ten days.

Several members of the National Council have indicated their desire to have the address published, and I know that many members who were unable to be at Cleveland will be glad to have it made available to them.

Sincerely yours,

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December 18th, 1944

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am very glad indeed it is possible for you to attend the American Platform Conference on International Affairs in Washington on December 27th. It looks as if this Conference were going to be even more important than we had originally anticipated.

Hon. Edward R. Stettinius, Secretary of State, will open the Conference with a personal address of welcome. This will be at 9:30 A.M. It is therefore quite important that every delegate be present by that hour.

The actual Conference will be in Room 474, but you are to report to the main reception desk at the main entrance of the State Department Building on Pennsylvania Avenue. There you will get your proper identification and will be shown to the Conference room.

This Conference will not be covered by the press, as it will be off the record and platform people will be able to freely discuss matters with the State Department heads who will make the major addresses of the day.

Will you kindly let us know whether you wish to attend the luncheon at the Hotel Roger Smith. The luncheon charge is \$1.65.

Please also let us know where you will be staying while in Washington in case we have any need to reach you. If traveling by train and not staying anywhere, may we have this information.

Looking forward to seeing you in Washington,

Sincerely yours

Executive Secretary

JBP:g

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December 18, 1944

Dear Rabbi Silver:

May I thank you on behalf of our Committee for the interest you have shown in agreeing to sponsor our work?

The enthusiastic response we have met has been most encouraging to all of us.

With winter upon them, our Yugoslav allies, victorious over a vindictive human enemy, face the bitterness of their frozen mountains without adequate food, clothing or shelter.

Your help and that of other generous Americans will make it possible for us to send shiploads of warm clothing and other urgently needed supplies to Yugoslavia at the earliest possible moment.

Thank you for being one of us.

ZLATKO BALOKOVIC

ZB:C

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December 20th, 1944

TO DELEGATES TO AMERICAN PLATFORM CONFERENCE

We are enclosing herewith your credential card to the American Platform Guild Conference on International Affairs at Washington next Wednesday, December 27th, 1944.

This card will facilitate your identifying yourself when you call at the information desk at the main entrance of the State Department Building.

Please bear in mind the morning session opens at 9:30 and we wish all delegates to be prompt.

We sincerely hope that those attending the Washington Conference, who have not already planned to attend the New York Convention, December 28 and 29, will arrange their plans so as to also attend the New York meetings.

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December 22, 1944

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

When you talked some time ago with Frances Schweitzer, TIME's Public Relations Representative in Cleveland, I believe that in the course of the conversation about TIME, LIFE and FORTUNE you discussed the Preview of FORTUNE.

This is just a note to say that I'll be sending you the service regularly during the coming months. Your January Preview has already gone out, but because I think you may have missed it, I am attaching a belated copy of the December Preview.

As you already know, this service brings with it the privilege of requesting advance tearsheets of those articles you feel may prove helpful in your work. There is, of course, no charge for the Preview, and no strings attached to it--but naturally the service is rather restricted. We hold it for a few men and women who, like yourself, feel that they have a real need for some of FORTUNE's material.

I'll look forward to hearing from you whenever you see articles that interest you. And I think that with rare exceptions we'll be able to fill whatever requests you may care to make. Since our tearsheets are limited, all requests must naturally be filled on a first-come first-served basis.

Be sure to call on Miss Schweitzer whenever you have any special comments on the job that TIME, LIFE and FORTUNE are doing these days. Let her know, too, if ever we might be of some further help to you.

Dorothy W. Bishop

Bureau of Special Services

DWB: jp

December 26, 1944

Dr. Samuel Sussman, Principal Har Zion Hebrew School 54th Street Philadelphia, 31, Pa.

My dear Sussman:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your kind letter. I have been out of the city a good deal of the time and my correspondence has lagged.

You have my permission to quote from my book, "The Democratic Impulse in Jewish History."

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS: BK

Soutines.

December 26, 1944

Permit me to join your host of friends in sending you my greetings on the occasion of your 35th birthday. The Jewish Press renders a great service to our people when it disseminates vital information concerning all that is transpiring in the Jewish world, and by giving wise and constructive interpretations of all that transpires. The Sentinel has through the years sought to fulfill this mission.

I wish you increased service and usefulness to our common cause in all the oncoming years.

Most cordially yours,

December 27, 1944

Mr. Erling M. Hunt, Editor Social Education 204 Fayerweather Hall Columbia University New York 27, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Hunt:

I am returning herewith my manuscript, "The Moral and Psychological Basis of a Lasting Peace." I am very happy that the address will be made available to the members of your organization.

I enjoyed my meeting with your group greatly. With all good wishes. I remain

Very cordially yours,

AAS: BK

#### TENTATIVE PROGRAM . AMERICAN PLATFORM CONFERENCE

#### ON INTERNATIONAL AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS . WASHINGTON, D. C.

Wednesday, December 27, 1944

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Afternoon Session. . . 2:30 - 5:30
Foreign Economic Problems

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Addresses followed by Discussion

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EDWIN C. WILSON

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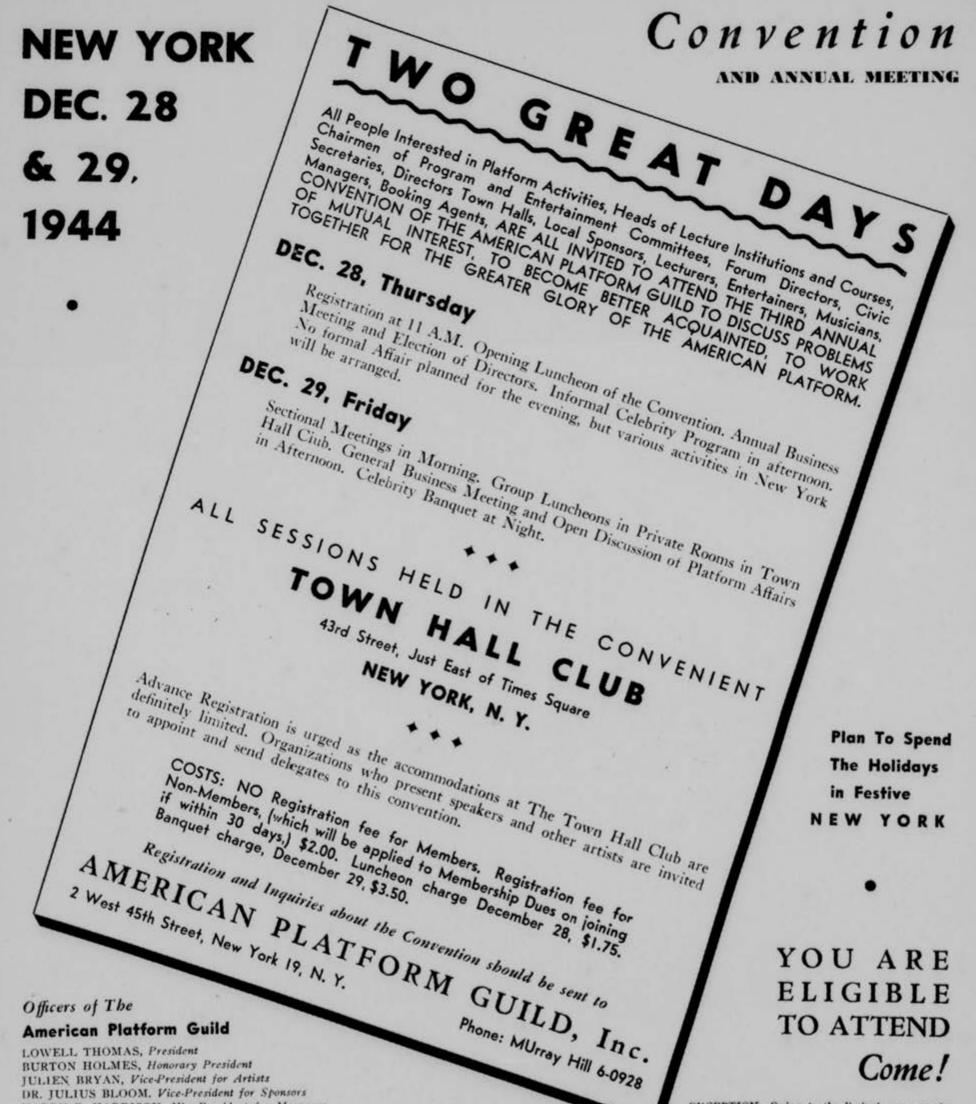
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### מַאֲמֶרוֹת

### האם היה ר' יצחק ן' גיאת כ"מחשכי קצין" ?

באחד מפיוטיו של ר' יצחק ן' גיאת, שפרסמתי במאמרי "שרידי שירה מתקופת הזהב" ב"היברו יוניון קוליג' אננואַל" בסינס נטי, ברך ט"ו לשנת 1941, עמוד קכ"ח, נגמרת התפילה שהיא "זולת" ליום ראשון של סוכות בחרוז כזה:

ילידי איתני מארם נהרים

צלי אפרוש עליכם וצריכם אשיב אחוריים הק גלותכם אם נשלם אלף ומאָה ושמונים ושיריים לשנה הבאָה בירושלים.

העירותי שם על החרוז הזה שהוא מפליא ואומר דרשני. ניפר בבירור שהמשורר מביע כאן מעין "נבואה" או "בשורה" הקובעת את זמן ביאת הגואל, וזאת היא הפעם הראשונה שגיאת נתפש לחשבון הקץ בפיוטיו. הגם ר' יצחק גיאת ב״מחשבי קצין"! ובאמת, אם נבוא לכלל דעה כזו, חלא יש לזה חשיבות היסטורית תרבותית מרובה. אם ר' יצחק גיאת, אבי הפיוט הדתי, אחד מעמודי התורה והפוסקים בתקופתו (הוא מת בשנת תתמ"ט = מעמודי התורה והפוסקים בתקופתו (הוא מת בשנת תתמ"ט = 1089), מוצא לאפשר להכנים "חזון" כזה לתפילה בציבור, הרי זה מגלה לפנינו את הלך־הרוח ומצב־הנפש הדתי לא רק של המשורר, כי אם גם של המוני ישראל בימים ההם.

והנה בא ידידי הגדול הפרום׳ ר׳ לוי גינצבורג, שדרכי הפיוט העתיק נהירין לו ביותר, להשיג על השערתי זו. באחד ממכתביו אלי הוא מבאר את החרוז באופן אַחר, וזו לשונו: "ספק גדול בידי אם הפייטן רמז כאן לקץ, ויותר נראה לי שאת המלה "מאַה" קיצר הפייטן מהמלה מאתים לפי הפסוק בסוף דניאל "ימים אלף מאתים ותשעים אַשרי המחכה ויגיע" וכו׳. הפייטן רצה להשתמש במלה "תשעים", לפי הפסוק, אלא שהיה מוכרח להתחשב להשתמש במלה "תשעים", לפי הפסוק, אלא שהיה מוכרח להתחשב

"מים אלף מאתים ותשעים אַשרי המחכה ויגיע" וכו'. הפייטן רצה להשתמש במלה "תשעים", לפי הפסוק, אלא שהיה מוכרח להתחשב עם ה"חרוז" נהרים, אחוריים, ולא יכול היה להגיד "תשעים ושיריים" (שזהו נגד הפסוק) ולכן הוא אומר "שמונים ושיריים", כלומר " תשעים, ועל ידי כך שמר על שניהם, על הפסוק ועל

גראה לי שדעתו של גינצבורג קשה לקבלה. אם רצה גיאת לשמור "על הפסוק ועל החרוז", מפני מה היה מוכרח ללכת ארחות עקלקלות ולהשיג את מבוקשו על־ידי קומבינאציה מכבידה ? הלא היתה לפניו דרך יותר פשוטה, לצטט את הפסוק כמו שהוא ולכתוב "חוק גלותכם אם נשלם אל תשעים ומאתים" והחרוז יוצא בשלום. ידיו לא היו אסורות על־ידי "משקל", מפני שאין משקל לשיר ויכול היה לקצר או להוסיף מלים בכל שורה כרצונו. הלא דבר הוא !

ולחיזוק השערתי אני בא כאן להביא עוד ראיה אַחת, שלפי דעתי היא מכריעה. במחזור אלגיר שבאַפריקה הצפונית נמצא פיוט אחד לאַחרון של פסח המתחיל "תביאמו ותטעמו ותקל כובד נוגשים" (רשום ב אוצר השירה והפיוט" של דוידון, וצונץ ב לי טעראַטורגעשיכטע", עמוד 635, נוטה לייחס את הפיוט לר' יצחק אבי זמרה שחי באמצע המאָה הט״ז) ושם הפייטן משתמש באותו אבי זמרה שחי באמצע המאָה הט״ז) ושם הפייטן משתמש באותו החרוז בכיון של גאולה וקץ באופן שאינו משאיר אַף צל של החרוז בכיון של גאולה וקץ באופן השנים וגומר את תפילתו:

מנובן, שהוא משנה את מטפר השנים וגומר את תפילתו חוק גלותכם אם נשלם אלף וחמש מאות שנים ושיריים

תהיו גאולים לשנה הבאה בירושלים.

ניפר בבירור שאבי זמרה מצטט פאן את דבריו של גיאת שהיה הפייטן ה״פופולארי״ ביותר בקהילות צפון אַפריקה ועליו הוא סומך עצם הרעיון של חשבון הקץ. מכאן שיש לנו גם הרשות לשער וודאית, שגם בחרוזו של גיאת (הפיוט שלו הזה נמצא רק במחזור "חיזונים") נמצאו המלים "תהיו גאולים", אלא שמסדר המחזור ראה צורך לעצמו, מפני טעם שאינו ידוע לנו, להשמיט

נשלם" אינו מתאים לקץ קבוע. קוק בא למסקנה זו: לפי המקובל נפטר ר' יצחק גיאת בשנת תתנ"ט, היינו בשנת אלף ועשר לחורבן, ואם נשער שחיבר פיוטו זה נעשר שנותיו האחרונות, אז הנכון שהיה כתוב בפיוט "חוק גלותכם אם נשלם אלף ושיריים — לשנה הבאה בירושלים", וכוונתו שאם בשנה זו נשלם זמן הגלות אז בשנה הבאה לירושלים. אכל כשארך הזמן והקץ לא בא, ואת עודף השנים איראפשר היה לכלול ב"שיריים", נהגו כפי הנראה להוסיף את השנים הנוספות על ה"אלף". הנוסח שלפנינו הוא איפוא של המעתיק האחרון שהי כמאה ושמונים שנה אחרי זמן חיבור השיר על ידי ר' יצחק ף גיאת.

שנת מותו של גיאת, תתמ"ט, אינה "לפי המקובל", אלא רשומה בהודעתו של ר' משה אכן עזרא בספרו "שירת ישראל" (בתרגום הלפר, עמוד ע"ב), ודבריו של קוק נותנים לנו איפוא את הפתרון המתקבל על הדעת. גם השערתו השניה על המנהג של שינוי מספר השנים לפי זמני המעתיקים, מתאמתת ומתאשרת עלידי "שינוי השנים" שאנו רואים בפיוטו של אבי זמרה.

ד"ר ש. ברנשטיין.

בחיי עמים אחרים. אלא כתמורת פתאום. כשנגעה ההשכלה בגיטו, היה זה כבר זייף ממשא חיי ימי־הבינים. ההשכלה באָה באור־פתאום מסנוור עינים, וגדלה על כּן הבריחה מן הגיטו ומסורת חיי דורות התחילה להתמוטט. עם הפרעות והתעוררות האַנטישמיות באָה התגובה. בצורת התנועה הלאומית. היא נגעה תחילה בתלמידי האוניבר־ סיטות, שכבר רחקו מעמם, ולפיכך רבו בה מתחילתה יסודות זרים, בהשפעת הסביבה. היתה אז תקופה של מבוכה בחיי העם, תקופת ההרס הוודאי והבנין המקווה והרחוק. אָז נולד ביאליק, "בחשכה נולד, והשעה שעת תוהו ובוהו. שעת ערבוב תחומים". הוא נתעלה בעיני דורו בזכות שירתו, אבל הוא עצמו ראָה את שליחותו לעמו רחבה ומקיפה יותר: לשמור על קניני התרבות של האומה מדור־דור, שלא יתפופזו במבוכת דורו. רעיון הכינוס. הוא החזיר לדורו לבירות הפאים את נשראל

ניגנה גם את הריקוד האוריינטאלי מן האופירה "אסתר" של פרידריך בלוך, שהיה נוכח בנשף.

רבי אב. סולטס, מנהל המקהלה של הנוער המתלמד במוסד שכטר, ניצח בהתעוררות רבה על הזמרה בציבור, ואחרי חצות ננעל הנשף בשירת "התקוה".

### ידיעות וציונים

יוכל העשרים של הפועל המזרחי

הסתדרות הפועל המזרחי באמריקה חוגגת השנה את יובל שנת העשרים לקיומה של תנועת הפועל המזרחי ותורה ועבודה בארץ־
ישראל. לשם חגיגה זו יתקיים ביום א', 21 בפברואַר, בערב,
באנקט במלון אבבי, רחוב 51, קרן ברודוויי. בבאנקט ישתתפו
אמנים ומשחקים ידועים בתכנית עשירה ומעניינת. יותר מאַרבע
מאות איש ואשה ישתתפו במסיבה. אורח הכבוד של המסיבה יהיה
הרב מאיר ברלין, נשיא המרכז העולמי של המזרחי, שבא עכשיו
מארץ־ישראל. הרב ברלין ישא נאום מקיף על דברי ימי התנועה
והישיגיה. הרב ד״ר ש. פדרבוש, נשיא הפועל המזרחי באמריקה,
ישב בראש, ואיזידור מרגולית, סגן נשיא, יהיה שר־המשקים.

אפרים קאפלאן כועידת החינוך בכאלמימור

בהשתדלות "ועד החינוך החרדי" נקראה ועידה מיוחדת למען
החינוך הדתי בבאלטימור, ליום א', 21 בפברואַר. אפרים קאפלאן,
נשיא ועד החינוך החרדי, הוזמן להשתתף בועידה כאורח־כבוד וירצה
על פרובלימות החינוך הדתי בארצות־הברית. הועדה המסדרת את
הועידה מורכבה מחשובי הרבנים, בעלי־בתים ועסקני חינוך. בראש
הועד בבאלטימור עומד הרב ד"ר נ. דרייזין. הרב
יעקב פרלמוטר, מחבר הספר "מענינא דיומא", הוא ראש הועד
המסדר את הועידה. יתר חברי הועד הם הרבנים רוזנברג, שפירא,
מיכאל, שוהם, שנקר, פלדמאן, חאמסון, ד"ר טאבאק ורבי סטיטש־
מאן, מר שוגר ומר לוגדון (ראשי הועדה לארגון ולפרסום). הועידה
בבאלטימור היא חלק מהתכנית של ועד החינוך החרדי לכנס ועידות
חינוך בחלקים שונים, של האָרץ. המעוניינים בכינוס ועידות יפנו

שלושה סניפים חדשים לנוער המזרחי

המחלקה לנוער ולתרבות של המזרחי, בהנהלת ד"ר אהרן רוו־ מארין, יסדה שלושה סניפי נוער חדשים: אחד בבית־הכנסת "בני ישראל", שרבה הוא הרב נחמן צבי עבין, שני — בקהילת "היכל ציון", ושלישי — בבית־הכנסת "בית יוסף", שרבה הוא הרב משה

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ארבע שנות קיום של "מועדון קבלת שבת" בשיקאגו ללא סיוע חמרי ואף ללא עידוד כל שהוא נוסד המועדון העברי בפלת שבת לפני 4 שנים. ב־9 חברים התחיל ועכשיו ל"ו חברים בצבא האמריקאי וכמאה חברים וחברות מבקרים בכל קבלת שבת הנערכת אחת לשלושה שבועות. למעלה מ־60 פעולות היו למועדון, בין סופות תש"ג עד ט"ו בשבט הרצו: המשורר ש. האלקין על "מה כדאי לקרוא בספור העברי", ד"ר משה לב, שבא מקרוב לאמריקה, הרצה על "אשר ראיתי ושמעתי בספרד ובפור־טוגאל", נשיא המועדון ומייסדו הסופר יעקב טארקוב־נעמני הרצה על "ארצות, מדינות, עמים ואישים". תכנית קבלת שבת האחרונה היתה מוקדשת לזכרו של ביאליק. משה ליבמאן, מנהל בית־הספר המעברי הגבוה, הרצה על "ח. נ. ביאליק האיש ויצירתו". על יד המועדון קיימת קבוצה ללימוד תנ"ך בהדרכת הרב הצעיר ה"עילוי". צימרמאן, והולכת ומתארגנת קבוצה דראמתית.

בזמן האחרון יזם המועדון מפעל הראוי לשמש מופת גם להסתדרויות עבריות אחרות. למרות היות המועדון ארגון הכולל בתוכו צעירים וצעירות מחוסרי משרות או המקבלים משכורות זעומות, בכל זאת מינה המועדוו למעלה מ־20 חותרים של הדישרה

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Dear Dr. Silver:

Again I want to thank you most cordially for your book, "Messianic Speculations" which you sent me, which proved to be of unusual help to me. What a pity that I did not come across this truly scientific classic work before! It would have spared me a great many troubles and painful research. The only thing I find to be a gross exaggeration in your book is your generous inscription concerning my humble work.

Now I wonder whether you don't think that you now have to include in the second volume of your work Yizhak Ibn Giyat as one of those Mechashvei Kizim. In case you missed my note in the Hadoar #16 of 1943, I wish you would look through the attached clipping. The main reason Prof. Louis Ginzberg is not inclined to accept Giyat as a Messianic Speculator is because he is generally mevatel those Speculators and does not believe that they were taken seriously by the community. This does not hold ground as far as Giyat is concerned, because his "speculation" is part of a prayer to be found in the "Mahzor Unicum Hizzunim". S. Ch. Cook most vigorously accepts my view in an article published lately in the Jerusalem weekly "Bamishor" and Louis Ginzberg himself admitted to me that my argument is a strong one.

On the other hand, with regard to Samuel Usque, suthor of the Portugese book, "Nechamath Yisroel", of whom you told me that you included him in your second volume - which is regrettably still in mss. resting in your desk - I am not so certain whether you could classify him as a speculator. I dealt with that man in an article in the "Bitzaron" last year, pointing out that Spinoza, Uriel "costa and Samuel Usque could really be considered as the unconscious forerunners of Jewish Nationalism or secular Judaism. It is true that Usque followed Abarbanel almost 50 years later with the publication of his book similar to Abarbanel's Trilogy, but Usque speaks to us in dramatic dialogue, stressing so-to-speak the political potentialities and aspirations inevitably leading to Israel's redemption in the Holy Land. So, we would be unfair to him in labelling him as a speculator while in reality he is a dreamer and thinker much nearer to "modern" Jewish hopes of the 17th and 18th centuries.

(P.T.)

I wonder whether you possess some of my other books, for instance the Diwan of Leo de Modena, Diwan of Immanuel Francis, Diwan of Salamon Da Piera, the Italian Diwan, etc. If you don't, please let me know. I shall somehow ferret out for you a copy of each.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dr. S. Bernstein

P.S. Szulwas' book, "Rome and Jerusalmm" is now available at the Jewish book stores - such as Solomon Rabinowitz Book Store

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December 28, 1944

Dr. A. H. Silver, The Temple, E. IO5th Street and Ansel Road, Cleveland, O.

Dear Dr. Silver,

Please accept my deep appreciation of your kind holiday remembrance. I am inclined to think I shall feel very regal when I decorate my old carcass with the lovely garment you have sent.

With best wishes for the New Year,

Very sincerely,

Heans Stewart

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Harvard University Press has just printed President Lowell's baccalaureate sermons that he preached over the years to the Senior classes at Commencement time.

A friend of Mr. Lowell has put some copies of this book at my disposal to be sent to friends - particularly to some of our Harvard preachers who knew his interest in the college chapel.

I am asking the Harvard Press to send you one of these copies. It is interesting to notice that they are sermons, rather than addresses. Mr. Lowell was very jealous for that half hour and gave a lot of care to his part in it.

Sincerely you

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Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek, in a radio message to the Churches of China, likened the ethics of Jesus to the democratic principles which the Chinese people are seeking to incorporate in their national life. He recalled that fifteen or twenty years ago, when there was a strong trend toward stamping out religion in China, he had undertaken a study of the Christian faith and had become convinced, as he put it, that "Jesus was not only the Savior of mankind but also the leader of a social religious revolution." The revolutionary force that Jesus gave to the world," said the Generalissimo, "is not unlike that which has inspired our Three People's Principles." This emphasis of Chiang Kai Shek on the revolutionary quality of the Christian faith may shock some people who have come to regard Christianity as a formal set of ecclesiastical rules which are to be meticulously observed with the view to insuring one's entry into the Kingdom of Heaven. It must be confessed that the routine worship of Christians very often suggests little, if anything, of the spirit or the outlooks of a revolutionary dynamism. But here is the head of the Chinese state reminding his fellow Christians that the gospel of Jesus is a revolutionary gospel. That gospel is revolutionary in the sense that the Christian religion is the foe of injustice and of tyranny and of exploitation. Whether or not Christianity may be equated with a particular theory of government may be questioned. The Generalissimo is convinced, however, that democracy is a form of government that, more than any other, reflects the spirit of the New Testament. Certainly there will be no disposition amongst American Christians to quarrel with that point of view. A totalitarianism that dwarfs the dignity of humans and that looks upon men, women and children as the pawns of state policy or of empire cannot be squared with the principles of Christianity as these principles are understood by the overwhelming majority of Christians throughout the world. It is just as well that the Generalissimo pointed to the revolutionary aspects of the Christian faith. It is a revolutionary faith. But it is a faith that disowns the customary techniques of revolutionary violence. Its sword is not the sword of steel nor are its weapons the weapons of wholesale destruction. Its sword is the sword of love, of reconciliation, of charity, of goodness, of long suffering, of forgiveness. If it should ever happen that men in high places began wielding that sword we would witness a revolutionary upset on a global scale, the like of which this world has never seen.

Pope Pius, in his already famous Christmas Message of 1944 did two things. In the first place he went farther than any Pope has yet gone in support of an

international organization to maintain the peace of the world. The Pontiff sees this organization invested by common consent with "supreme power to whose office it would also pertain to consider in its germinal state any threat of isolated or collective aggression." "No one," said Pope Pius, "could hail this development with greater joy than he who has long upheld the principle that the idea of war as an apt and proportionate means of solving international conflicts is now out of date." But the Pope lays down one condtion to his endorsement of an international organization to restrain aggression. That condition is that the organization shall be truly representative of all peoples, victors, vanquished and neutrals. It is conceded "that any people, to whose government - or perhaps even partially to themselves - the responsibility for the war is attributed, should have for a time to undergo the rigors of security measures until the bonds of mutual trust, violently broken, shall be gradually welded together again." Such a development was said by the Pope to be quite understandable from a human point of view, and, in all probability, inevitable. Nevertheless, and that word "nevertheless" is the key to this part of the Pope's Christmas Message - "Nevertheless even these peoples," said the Pontiff, "must have a well-founded hope commensurate to their effective collaboration in the world of reconstruction of being able, together with other states with equal consideration and with the same rights, to be associated with the great community of nations." To put it quite plainly this means that the Pope does not want to see established an international organization that will take on the character of a power alliance of the victorious nations for the purpose of keeping the vanquished nations in a state of perpetual bondage. That's what the Roman Catholic Bishops in the United States said some weeks ago. That's what the Protestant Churches of this and other countries have been saying. "One thing we know," said the Pope, "that the moment will come, perhaps sooner than the people think, when both sides realize that, all things considered, there is only one way out of the meshes in which war and hate have wrapped the world, namely, a return to the solidarity too long forgotten, a solidarity not restricted to these or those people, but universal, founded on the intimate connecting of their destiny and rights which belong equally to both." I'm glad the Pope said that. I could only wish that these words might find their way into the thinking of the statesmen who will give shape to the world of tomorrow. There's more common sense in this part of the Pope's Christmas Message than I have seen forthcoming from the utterances of the world's political leaders, without exception.

In the second place, the Pope's Message exhalted democracy as a way of life. The Pontiff observed that war tortured peoples are becoming in every way more aggressive in their opposition to "the concentration of dictatorial power that cannot be censured or touched." He declared that the tendency toward democracy is capturing the peoples of the world and winning a large measure of consent and support from those who hope to play a more efficient part in the destinies of individuals and of society. But the Pope is interested in something more than the framework of democracy. He gave it as his conviction that a sound democracy would resolutely turn its back - and here I use his words - on "such corruption as gives to the state legislature an unchecked and unlimited power and, moreover, makes of the democratic regime, notwithstanding an outward show to the contrary, purely and simply a form of absolutism."

Set over against the sordid quest for political power and prestige which is now under way in many parts of the world, the Pope's Message is a clarion call

to men of goodwill to rally to the standard of international decency and morality. Listen to these words and be thankful that they can be uttered and have been uttered in the world of secular madness: "Blessed be the Lord! But from the mournful groans of sorrow, from the very depths of the heart rending anguish of oppressed individuals and countries, there arises an aura of hope. To an ever increasing number of noble souls there comes the thought, the will ever clearer and stronger, to make of this world, this universal upheaval, a starting point for a new era of far-reaching renovation, the complete reorganization of the world."

Christians of all faiths will say 'Amen' to that. But if these things are to be, if there is to be renovation and reconstruction, there is not a moment to be lost. The war will be won. Of that there can be no doubt. But will the peace be won? The answer to that question is for the moment shrouded in doubt. The talk today is of alliances, of power politics, of spheres of influence. But the peace can be won if those who believe in the things of the spirit will lift their voices above the din of national greed and selfishness.

The American Zionist Emergency Council is being reorganized. There has been a break in the ranks of the Council occasioned by differences of opinion on strategy with respect to the Palestine resolution put before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on December 11. The two co-chairmen of the Council have resigned, Dr. Abba Silver of Cleveland and Dr. Stephen S. Wise of New York. It will be recalled that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, on advice of the State Department, deferred action on the Palestinian resolution which urged free entry of Jews into Palestine. It is reported that Rabbis Wise and Silver have disagreed as to the wisdom of pressing now for action on Palestine by the Senate. In addition to calling for free entry of Jews into Palestine, the resolution which was urged upon the Senate Committee by Rabbi Silver called for the ultimate establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine. Dr. Silver, in giving the reasons for his resignation explained that his decision was "irrevocable" and stated that "my policies do not appear to have the support of a sufficient majority of the membership of the Council as now constituted to warrant my continuing in office.

An American churchman, Dr. A. L. Warnshuis, has just returned to the United States from Europe. Dr. Warnshius was the first American civilian to be admitted into Switzerland in more than two years. While in London, Paris and Geneva he counselled with church leaders in regard to the overseas relief and reconstruction plans of the American Protestant Churches. If what Dr. Warnshuis reports is true, we are likely to see a wholly new church in Europe in the years ahead. Before the war the churches of the Continent existed on the outer rim of community life. They were concerned, in a narrow and theological sense, with the cure of souls and with life beyond the grave. Now, according to Dr. Warnshuis, these churches are turning more and more toward the problems of the social order. It will be of interest to our American churches to learn that plans are under way to meet the postwar needs of the European Christian community on an interdenominational basis. Already national committees representing the various non-Roman churches have been set up in Belgium, in France and England. These national committees will review the needs of their respective churches without regard to denominational labels. Then the World Council of Churches will supervise the

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work of relief and reconstruction, again without regard to denominational considerations. The result of all this is likely to be a vast development in the field of interchurch cooperation and Christian unity.

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The Rabbi and Board of Trustees of Temple Ohabei Shalom, Brookline, Mass., deeply appreciate your message of good will and congratulations on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Rabbi Samuel J. Abrams as spiritual leader of our congregation. The beautiful and hearty sentiments expressed by hosts of friends and worshippers, representatives of the nation, state and community, the press, college presidents, national organizations, and religious leaders from all denominations from near and far, were truly inspiring. To all we give our sincerest thanks.

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### STATEMENT ON CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE IN THE SCHOOLS

The Synagogue Council of America is in receipt of numerous requests from many parts of the country for a general statement in reference to the observance of Christmas in the public schools. In response to these requests, the following statement is issued for the guidance of Rabbis and community leaders who may be faced with the problem.

The Synagogue Council of America recognizes the division of church and state as a basic principle of the American way of life. The public schools are rightfully considered to be in the sphere of government. While responsible in a measure for the development of moral and ethical qualities in their pupils, public schools should never participate in sectarian teaching.

In many instances it is not difficult to draw the line between what may rightfully be taught or properly observed in the public schools and what should be totally barred. The use of Christmas symbols, songs, playlets, and the like, provides some of the most difficult problems in determining what is acceptable and what is objectionable in school practices. The difficulty arises from the fact that Christmas has been traditionally considered a national holiday, as well as a religious holiday of Christmas. We cannot ask the public school authorities to exclude from the schools all reference to the spirit which permeates the atmosphere of America at the Christmas season. To effect the influence of the environment, it is clearly the obligation of Jewish parents and Jewish religious and educational institutions to explain to Jewish children that most of their neighbors accept certain theological concepts which Jews do not share. Schools are obligated not to teach or inculcate any of these doctrines which would disturb the right of parents to bring up their children in their own faith.

It is impossible to define precisely the border line between acceptable and objectionable Christmas observance in public schools. The possibilities for breaching the line by mere interpretation are many and varied. Each instance is so dependent upon the circumstances that only persons of high learning and true devotion can issue a correct verdict in each instance. Such persons should be guided by good judgment, tact and discretion.

The questions that are involved in Christmas observance require so much knowledge of theology and of religious custom that sometimes it is difficult even for Rabbis to arrive at sound conclusions in all instances. Those who are not equipped with the training, experience and authority of the Rabbis should not depend upon their own judgments in dealing with such problems. Rabbis should accept the obligation to determine when Christmas observances in schools attended by children of their congregation infringe upon the principle of separation of Church and state, even though protesting against such infractions and asking remedy, involves the relationship between Jews and their neighbors.

It is advisable that any complaints received by the Rabbi be thoroughly investigated and discussed with local civic protective agencies, where such exist under the aegis of the Jewish community, before any publicity is given to such complaints. However, when the information has been obtained and verified, it shall be the prorogative of Rabbis to decide whether the situation warrants an attempt to rectify it. The readiness of the school authorities to introduce illustrations of Jewish ceremonies and ceremonials into the schools, such as the lighting of the Chanakah Candles, should indicate to some extent whether there is a desire for Christian indoctrination.

Whenever it is found advisable to protest to the schools on account of over-zealous Christmas observance, public controversy should be avoided, if possible. Notoriety given to such matters evokes wholesale misconceptions and misunderstandings. The Rabbi and his co-workers should assure themselves that approach to the school authorities will be on a basis of private inquiry and consultation. These interviews and communications are "privileged" and not to be dragged into the open, lest the entire community be plunged into needless disturbance.

If the elimination of objectionable materials cannot be achieved without publicizing the matter, documented evidence should be prepared in advance of the exposure. If there is to be any publicity, it must be planned and purposeful. It should be a measure of last resort to be used only after other corrective efforts have failed.



### A Tribute to Franklin Delano Roosevelt

ENTLEMEN, I am not familiar with your individual party politics. I have endless faith in America and in whatever government might be elected. But I would be beneath contempt, and without even an inkling of the meaning of gratitude, should I fail to express to you, and to all other men, American or British, with whom I come in contact, my admiration, friendship and undying affection for Franklin D. Roosevelt.

"His foresighted vision in a blind world, his patience and his courage, his chivalry and his ability, have endeared him forever to the people of these islands. I do not hesitate to say that when this war is over, and no matter what course the internal politics of my country or yours will take, there will be erected on the highest spot of the British Isles a monument to the man who led his people to stand with freedom in its darkest moment. That monument will be to Franklin D. Roosevelt, a great president, whom I only wish, gentlemen, I could call MY president."

Winston Churchill to American Correspondents



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### L'UNION O.S.E.

L'Union OSE (ORGANISATIO SANITARIS EBRAICA), Union de Sociétés pour la Protection de la Santé des Populations Juives et Oeuvre Juive de Secours aux enfants a été fondée en 1912.

Cette Union s'était posé pour but d'organiser la protection sanitaire des collectivités juives dont les conditions de vie, d'alimentation, d'habitation exigeaient une action systématique d'assistance dans tous les domaines de la santé. Guidée par ces principes, l'OSE fut amenée tout naturellement à concentrer la plus grande partie de ses efforts sur l'aide à l'enfance, plus spécialement exposée et sensible. C'est ainsi que durant les années précédant la guerre, les trois quarts des institutions de l'OSE étaient consacrée exclusivement à la santé physique et morale des enfants et des adolescents.

Depuis 1933, le siège de la Direction Centrale de l'UNION OSE se trouvait en France. A la suite des évènements postérieurs à 1939, la délégation permanente de l'OSE à Genève a assumé les fonctions de la Direction Centrale. Cette Direction est composée de trois membres : le Dr.B. Tschlenoff, vice-président de l'Union OSE, MM.L.Gurvic et le DR.J.Weill.

Justq'aux hostilités actuelles, l'OSE entretenait des branches d'activité en Pologne, Lithuanie, Lettonie, Roumanie, Hongrie, Allemagne, France et Angleterre. Des Comités d'Aide et de Propagande fonctionnaient en outre aux Etats-Unis d'Amérique, au Canada, en Australie, en Afrique du Sud et au Mexique. Elle possédait alors 250 Organisations locales et comptait environ 70.000 adhérents.

Au moment de son plein épanouissement, 600 institutions fonctionnaient sous la surveillance des Directions OSE dans différents pays, notamment en Europe Orientale, où la densité des populations juives était la plus forte et leur standar, de vie le plus bas.

Par l'organisation d'un réseau de centres d'assistance médicosociale, l'Union OSE s'efferçait d'assurer une éducation physique et morale de l'enfance aussi normale que possible malgré les conditions défavorables.

C'est ainsi que furent fondés dans ces pays des "Gouttes de lait", des Pouponnières, Ecoles maternelles, Crèches, Jardins d'Enfants, Colonies et Cantines scolaires, Homes et Foyers d'enfants, Colonies de vacances, Consultations médicales, Policliniques, quelques Hôpitaux, Sanatoria et Préventoria.

Au fur et à mesure que les événements politiques poussaient la misère juive vers l'Ouest, la situation des masses juives déracinées obligeait l'OSE à ouvrir de nouvelles institutions dans les pays occidentaux.

L'Evolution de la guerre et notamment la situation crée par l'occupation des pays de l'Europe orientale et Centrale entraîna la fermeture d'un grand nobmre de ces établissements et mettait fin en général à l'activité de l'OSE dans beaucoup de pays (Allemagne, Lithuanie, Lettonie). Dans d'autres pays, comme par exemple au début en Pologne, puis en Hongrie, en Roumanie, en France, les Institutions de l'OSE ont été incorporées dans la nouvelle organisation représentative des populations juives, crées soit par les puissances occupantes elles-mêmes, soit sous leur influence.

Les circonstances ne permettent pas de résumer à l'heure actuelle le travail qui a pu être continué en <u>Europe Orientale</u> et <u>Centrale</u> par les Sociétés OSE ou les organisations qu'on leure substituées, malgré l'entrave apportée à une activité régulière.

En FRANCE, l'OSE a considérablement développé son activité depuis la guerre. Avant les hostilités, elle avait consacré ses efforts à l'assistance aux enfants abandonnés provenant de l'Europe centrale. 5 homes furent ouverts dans la région parisienne hébergeant plusieurs centaines d'enfants qui fréquentaient les écoles et étaient familiarisés avec les travaux manuels dans les ateliers fonctionnant à l'intérieur des Homes.

En 1939, l'OSE prépara des centres d'évacuation pour les enfants de la zone parisienne.

C'est à partir de ce noyau de Maisons d'Enfants qu'une Ocuvre considérable d'assistance aux enfants prit son essor et devint peu à peu l'organisation centrale d'assistance et de protection de l'enfance et de l'adolescence israëlite, victimes de la persécution. Viggt homes cuvrirent leurs portes, donnant àsile, dispensant l'instruction générale et vartisanale à plus de 2.000 enfants. La presque totalité des enfants réfugiés, parmi lesquels se trouvent un grand nombre d'enfants abandennés comptant par milliers est entièrement à la charge de la Direction, qui, après la fusion de toutes les Organisations Israëlites de France, a représenté et géré l'activité et les intérêts de l'OSE française dans le cadre de l'Union Générale des Israëlites de France.

Les enfants qui n'ont pas été placés dans les homes sont répartis dans les familles privées et pris à charge par l'OSE. En dehors de ceux-là, 2.500 enfants environ demeurés auprès de leurs parents sont surveillés et assités par elle.

En dehors de cette branche d'activité, un réseau serré d'assistance socialé étendu à de nombreux départements contribue utilement à la protection sanitaire des familles nécessiteuses. Il englobe toutes les activités nécessaires pour la lutte contre la maladie, et à la prophylaxie. D'une manière générale, la Direction Santé (OSE Française) assume auprès des Israélites nécessiteux les fonctions d'un service d'hygiène sociale.

En dehors de son action d'assistance, l'OSE a poursuivi, malgré des difficultés presque insurmontables et en collaboration étroite avec les grandes organisations internationales d'entréaide sa politique d'évacuation d'enfants des foyers de persécutions européens dans des pays d'outre-mer. Grâce à ses efforts persévérants, il fut possible de faire émigrer en 1941 et 1942 plusieurs centaines d'enfants en Amérique et d'obtenir en 1943 les possibilités d'émigration aux Etats Unis, au Canada, au Mexique, à St. Domingue pour 5000 enfants. L'occupation totale de la France vint arrêter brutalement cette activité, surprenant 500 enfants à Marseille au moment où ils s'apprêtaient à quitter la France pour l'Amérique du Nord.

En 1944, les méthodes de travail en France ont dû être changées par suite de l'augmentation des persécutions et les entraves miss à l'activité de l'UGIF. Pour sauver les enfants, il fallut dissoudre tous les homes et organiser un placement familial à la campagne de tous les enfants abandonnés et menacés de déportation. Plus de 5000 enfants seuls étaient mis en sécurité grâce à ces mesures, et pris à charge par l'OSE. Il fallut sassi adapter aux nouvelles conditions tout le travail d'assistance. Le nombre de ces enfants seuls de parents déportés augmentait de mois en mois.

En SUISSE, l'OSE poursuit deux branches essentielles d'activité. D'une part elle assume les fontions de la Direction Centrale, entretien la liaison avec ses comités d'Outre-Mer et développe aussi, à partir de la Suisse un travail d'assistance aux populations juives de certains pays occupés et un travail préparateire peur l'émigration collective d'enfants. D'autre part elle collabore, sans avoir d'activité propre, dans le cadre du Verband Schweizerischer Jüdischer Flüchtlingshilfen pour les adultes, et dans celui du Schweizer Hilfswerk für Emigrantenkinder pour les enfants, à la soluzzation de certains problèmes d'aide aux réfugiés en Suisse.

C'est d'après ces principes que furent réalisés en Suisse différentes actions de secours parmi lesquelles il y a lieu de citer les suivantes:

l°) Envoi de médicaments et fortifiants en Pologne, Roumanie, Slovaquie, Bohême, Croatie, France, Italie et Grèce d'une manière presque ininterrompue depuis 1940 à ce jour par l'intermédiaire du Comité International de la Croix-Rouge.

2°) Contact suivi avec les organisations internationales d'entr'aide et certaines administrations compétentes en vue de préparatifs de l'émignation collective d'enfants et de cadres techniques tels que médecins, infirmières, assistantes sociales etc...

auprès de l'Union OSE ayant pour but de coordonner les tentatives de sauvetage, d'émigration, ou de rétablissement de l'enfance juive en Europe, victime de la guerre. Ce Comité est composé comme suit:

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4°) Dans son travail de collaboration avec les Deuvres Suisses, l'OSE s'intéresse au fonctionnement des homes d'enfants réfugiés, à l'assistance aux adolescents à l'aide supplémentaire médicamenteuse dans les camps, au perfectionnement technique des cadres parmi les réfugiés en vue de leurs activités ultérieures dans différents pays.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Cleveland Army and Navy Committee of the Jewish Welfare Board is responsible for the provision of adequate religious activities in behalf of the Jewish patients and personnel at the Crile General Hospital. This program includes not only the usual religious services but the special matter of regular visiting to the bedsides of patients by ordained rabbis. Rabbi Armond Cohen has been designated by the Cleveland Army and Navy Committee as the civilian chaplain at Crile General Hospital. Rabbi Cohen has assumed the responsibility for organizing such special religious functions and services as may be required at the hospital.

I wish to advise you that Mr. Jay M. Halle has been appointed chairman of a committee to arrange for regular hospital visiting by rabbis in the community. The Army and Navy Committee invites your participation in this program and hopes that you will find it possible to visit the hospital one afternoon each week for the purpose of rendering spiritual counsel to patients who are located here.

Robbi Rudolph H. Rosenthal Within the next few days you will hear directly from Mr. Halle concerning the schedule which is being set up for this visiting program. Mr. Halle will also discuss arrangements with you concerning the operation of this plan. We very much appreciate your interest in this work and thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Louis S. Bing, Jr.

Chairman

### MEMORANDUM

TO: Rabbi Samuel Belkin

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Since the Kingston incident occurred, we have been in receipt of requests from many Rabbis and community leaders in many parts of the country for a statement on the observance of Christmas in schools. It was also recommended at a recent meeting of representatives of the American Jewish Congress, American Jewish Committee, B'Nai B'Rith and the Synagogue Council of America that such a statement be issued by the Synagogue Council for the guidance of Rabbis and community leaders in handling this problem when it arises.

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee of the Synagogue Council of America, the enclosed proposed draft was submitted and it was decided that it be sent to the heads of our constituencies and to a number of other outstanding religious leaders in Israel for their suggestions and corrections before any action is taken on it.

I am therefore sending you this draft with the cordial request that you suggest any corrections, emendations or additions you may see fit to make and return them to me at your convenience.

AO:fs

Rabbi Ahron Opher

#### SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY SYRACUSE 10. NEW YORK

Jan. 4, 1945

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

A Committee of eight American philosophers are now finishing up a three-volume course in philosophy for the U. S. Armed Forces Institute as well as for civilian use. Your publishers have granted us the privilege of reprinting some pages from yourRELIGION IN A CHANGING WORLD.

Now our publishers, the Macmillan Co., have just asked us for brief biographies of the authors in our book of readings. We are so hard pressed for time that I venture to ask if you would help us by putting down some familiar facts: the essential and important facts about yourself, as a kind of 75-word autobiography. The pattern below includes some items we should like.

Would you do this for us VERY SOON, perhaps today or tomorrow?

VERY GRATEFULLY YOURS.

R.F.Piper Acting Chairman

1. Year of birth.

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\*\*\*I beg of your not to let modesty impede your pen. \*\*\* Dr. Raymond F. Piper Syracuse University Syracuse, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Piper:

I am enclosing herewith the brief autobiography which you requested.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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January 15, 1945 The Honorable Arthur H. Vandenberg United States Senate Washington, D.C. My dear Senator Vandenberg: I read your great statement before the Senate. It is one of the most penetrating presentations of what our foreign policy should be that I have read. Your constructive recommendation to sign a treaty now to demilitarize Germany and Japan as the essential preliminary step for the building of a permanent world organization is one of the most helpful ideas which has as yet been suggested. More power to you! With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, AHS: BK

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January 18, 1945

Dear Colleague:

When the President's inauguration has taken place, the whole world will be looking forward to his long-awaited conference with Mr. Churchill and Mr. Stalin which is expected in the very near future. The Jewish people has a twofold concern with the decisions of this conference, since the status of the Holy Land and the fate of our European brethren will probably be among the crucial matters to be discussed. As Americans and as Jews we look to this historic occasion with great anxiety and fervent hope.

In accordance with the established practice in Israel and in connection with this momentous event, we call upon you to offer special prayer in your Sabbath morning service on January 27th for the health and safety of the President and for the success of his mission.

May we also suggest that you devote your sermon on that day to the general theme of the responsibility of the United Nations to hold inviolate the pledges made to the Jews and to all oppressed peoples of the world.

Yours in the service of God,

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, Pres. Synagogue Council of America

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26th January, 1945.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, c/o World Jewish Congress, 1834 Broadway, NEW YORK 23, U.S.A.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

We have pleasure in enclosing a copy of the current issue of Jewish Affairs, the monthly publication of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies, and we would like to draw your attention to page three of this issue. The article is a summary of a speech you delivered about May of last year at a Conference on "Jewish Social Welfare Workers of the U.S.A." We took this over because we thought that your balanced and realistic approach would be helpful for S.A. Readers.

Yours faithfully,

for GENERAL SECRETARY.

# ARTISTS FOR VICTORY, INC.

Portrait of America Exhibition and Competition

THE CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART

January 26, 1945

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Rev. and Mrs. Abba H. Silver 19810 Shaker Boulevard Shaker Heights, Ohio

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Silver:

Because of your leadership in the cultural and public life of this city, Artists for Victory would be honored to have you serve on the Board of Sponsors of a most important exhibition of living American art, to be displayed to the public, beginning on March 16th, at the Cleveland Museum of Art. Cleveland is the third stop on the exhibition's national tour, following its initial showing at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. (A private preview, to which we hope to have the privilege of welcoming you, will take place Thursday night, March 15th, from eight to eleven o'clock.)

Naturally, such sponsorship would imply no financial obligation whatsoever on your part---merely an indication of your approval of this new and trail-blazing enterprise, which will serve, it is hoped, to further popular appreciation of the finest art of our own time and country.

The exhibition of one hundred and fifty paintings which will be displayed at the Cleveland Museum was selected by a jury of artists from among five thousand canvases submitted from every state in the Union to the Pepsi-Cola Competition for American Artists.

Another jury of artists and art experts selected the prize winners, which, in conjunction with fourteen more paintings just purchased by the industrial patron, become the nucleus of a collection of living American art which will ultimately be presented to the public.

The democratic basis upon which this project is being run by the industrial patron has been hailed as a great forward step in the world of art, through which Industry serves as a channel for the benefit of art, artists and the public.

Will you join other distinguished citizens in sponsoring this project?

William M. Milliken Director, Cleveland Museum of Art

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January 29, 1945

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On January 4th, we sent you a draft of the proposed statement on hte observance of Christmas in Public Schools to be issued by the Synagogue Council of America and asked for your comments and suggestions. This statement was prepared at the request of many Rabbis and lay leaders and in consultation with the NCRAC, as a result of the Kingston incident.

We are most anxious to have your opinion of that statement before it is submitted to the Council for adoption.

Will you be good enough to look over this statement and send us your comments at your earliest convenience? If you have misplaced the copy of the draft we sent you, please advise us and we shall be glad to send you another copy.

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Ahron Opher

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January 30, 1945

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple East 105th Street and Ansel Road Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Colleague:

DR. LEO JUNG

The Nazis have robbed the Ecole Rabbinique of Paris of its valuable library of 15,000 volumes. Not a book was left. The 40,000 volume library of the Alliance Israelite Universelle similarly has become a prey of those scientific devils. The president of the Consistoire, Monsieur Leon Meiss, and the acting Chief Rabbi, Monsieur Jacob Kaplan, visited me last week and described to me the immediate and most urgent need of providing at least the essential books, rabbinic texts, Judaica, etc. I have already found a number of books in my library which I have dedicated to this purpose, and I am wondering whether you might not be willing to help in this fine cause.

In this city I have called up a number of my friends, written letters to others, and asked them to send Jewish books (with the exception, of course, of Siddurim, Mahzorim, Humoshim, or elementary text books) care of Rabbi Simon Langer, 251 West 87th Street, New York 24, N.Y. Rabbi Langer will acknowledge every gift in detail and be responsible for their transmission at the shortest possible time to Paris.

If I do not burden you too much, I should be grateful indeed if you were to find it feasible to ask some of your friends who might have S'forim from their parents or grand-parents somewhere in the spare rooms of their homes, to present them to that rabbinical college.

French Jewry may become the second or third most significant Jewish community in Europe, and the books will prove of great value. Rabbi Langer (till 1940 the spiritual leader of a prominent Paris congregation) has obtained the agreement of the authorities for suitable book plates to commemorate the donor wherever desired.

Hoping to hear from you soon, and with all good

wishes,

Sincerely yours.

Rabbi Leo Jung

LJ:MP

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# Dheb Zedek Congregation

CLEVELAND 8, OHIO

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ON LEAVE RABBI LOUIS ENGELBERG, Chaplain, U. S. A.

January 30th, 1945

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver Ansel Road Temple Cleveland Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Please accept my belated but nevertheless sincere thanks for your copy of your article entitled "The American Jewish Community in Wartime and After"which appeared in the Jewish Social Service Quarterly. It is needless for me to say that it is thought provoking and well written as are all your articles and books.

I am also at this time following with close interest the recent activities of the Zionist Organization of America and the American Emergency Zionist Council. I know that we have a great stake in the future commonwealth of Palestine, and you may well rest assured that nothing short of absolute victory in this will satisfy us.

With kindest personal regards to you and Mrs. Silver, and with my sincere prayers for success in all the undertakings and endeavors in behalf and support of this great cause, I am

Sincerely yours,

PINCUS DACHOWITZ, Rabbi

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### THE CLEVELAND JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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CLEVELAND, OHIO

January 31, 1945

COMMITTEE

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

At the request of the Cleveland Hospital Council, The Cleveland Junior Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a program to provide additional male orderlies for Cleveland's under-staffed hospitals. This organization is planning to bring the need for 760 to 1000 hours weekly to the attention of men's groups, industrials and other organizations over the city.

The work of Volunteer Male Orderlies is strenuous, oftimes menial, but, it is vital to the welfare of hospital patients and its only reward lies in that fact. A recent editorial in an afternoon Cleveland newspaper commented, "There are few things that we civillian men can do on the home front today which will be as valuable a service".

We would appreciate your comments endorsing this effort of securing Male Volunteer Orderlies for Cleveland hospitals. Your written approval will aid materially in introducing the value of this need to various groups in this community.

Thank you very much for your consideration and cooperation.

Yours very truly,

THE CLEVELAND JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Public Health Committee

M. H. Cole, Chairman

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# CANTON HEBREW CONGREGATION CANTON, OHIO

February 2, 1945

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing to you in behalf of the Installation Committee of the McKinley Avenue Temple.

In connection with Rabbi Lieberman's arrival in Canton, our congregation has planned an installation program. Due to several circumstances beyond our control, our arrangements were made in haste. Rabbi Lieberman has made known, on several occasions, his admiration and devotion for you.

We telephoned you several times last week with the intention of appealing to your kindness to come here to take part in one of the installation ceremonies. Both in your home through your housekeeper and your office we learned that you were in Boston and did not expect to return for some days. The President of the Central Conference will install our new rabbi.

We are also having a banquet on Sunday evening, February 11 at 6:30 p.m. A few days ago, Mr. Abe Luntz was in Canton and he is also planning to attend. He would be so very happy to take you and Mrs. Silver to Canton. We are sending you are most cordial invitation to be our guest. I know how much your presence would mean to our new rabbi.

Realizing, however, your heavy schedule, may I suggest that in case you cannot come in person, would it be at all possible to send us a letter of greetings to the Jewish community which we would read to the assembly at the banquet? I know that as a leader in American Israel and as a neighbor in Cleveland, we shall be delighted to have words from you on the occasion of our installation.

We are sorry that we could not contact you and we hope you write to us at your convenience.

With personal regards and all good wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

BMD: PS 720 Renkert Bldg. Canton 2, Ohio

Ben M. Drever

Chairman, Special Invitations

February 5, 1945 Mr. Ben M. Dreyer 720 Renkert Bldg. Canton 2, Ohio My dear Mr. Dreyer: May I send through you to the members of the Canton Hebrew Congregation, my heartiest congratulations on the occasion of the installation of Rabbi George Lieberman as its spiritual leader. I am convinced that his coming to you will mark a new epoch in the life of your congregation, for Rabbi Lieberman will bring to you a rare quality of leadership and a consecrated devotion to the cause of Judaism. I have known Rabbi Lieberman for many years and my admiration for him has deepened with the years. I trust that Rabbi and congregation will find great stimulation in each other, and that the future will be rich in blessings for both. Most cordially yours, AHS: BK

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We need your advice and assistance in the following undertaking.

An effort is being made by us to obtain a modest contribution from our community toward the building and equipping of the General Frederick H. Kisch Memorial Laboratories. These will complete the Hebrew Institute of Technology in Haifa, Palestine, and honor this gallant Jewish soldier, the late Chief Engineer of the British Eighth Army in Africa.

This is being done at the request of Field Marshall Montgomery, International Head, and Professor Albert Einstein, Chairman of the American Committee for this project.

Living in this undustrial area, we readily understand the need of industrialization in Palestine in order to absorb the large numbers of refugees. The completion of this Technical Institute - the only one in the Near East - is a prime necessity.

We urgently request you to be present at a luncheon on Tuesday, February 13th at 12:15 P.M. in Parlor L of Hotel Statler. Dr. R. Samuel, member of the faculty, a physicist of international reputation, and a personal friend of Dr. Einstein, will be present at this luncheon to answer any of your queries. We want to formulate plans for obtaining Cleveland's contribution to this project in a way that will minimize the work required by each of us.

Sincerely yours, Harry J. Fisher

Harry J. Fisher

For the Steering Committee

Rabbi A. H. Silver - Dr. Wm. E. Wickenden, President, Case School

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## Congress of the United States House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

February 8, 1945

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Just this note to express the hope that you have received my communication of January 20 and that you are planning to send me a letter containing your definition of the type of un-American forces and influences which might well come within the purview of our newly created House Committee on Un-American Activities.

In the event that my earlier letter might have failed to come to your attention or have been mislaid, I am enclosing herewith a mimeographed copy of it and another list showing the committee of one hundred to whom it was sent. Thus far, replies have come in from about fifty and I am hopeful that you will let us have the benefit of your view-point as I feel it will be exceptionally helpful. I am arranging with a group of research workers to take the correspondence about the 15th of February and after analyzing it, to bring back to our Committee a synthesis of the recommendations and suggestions sent in reply to my question.

Hoping you will find time to write me in this connection within a few days and with best personal wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Kard Earle S- Muna



# COMMITTEE FOR THE STUDY OF RECENT IMMIGRATION FROM EUROPE

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Various communities, social agencies, government departments, educational institutions and individual citizens have felt for some time the need for a nationwide study of the adjustment of recent immigrants from Europe and the effect of this group on American life. These immigrants are largely refugees. There is little reliable information available on this subject, but rumors and guesses are widespread.

Under the auspices of the American Christian Committee for Refugees, the American Friends Service Committee, the Catholic Committee for Refugees, the National Refugee Service and the United States Committee for the Care of European Children, a committee was finally organized last year to get at the cold facts of this problem. Dr. Maurice R. Davie, head of the Department of Sociology of Yale University, and one of the outstanding authorities on immigration, was engaged to direct the project. He is assisted by a full staff of other specialists in the field. We have money enough to do a workmanlike job.

The study is now well under way. In fact it is to be completed by the fall of this year. One hundred seventy communities in forty-four states and in the District of Columbia are already actively participating. A general questionnaire, which forms part of the field study, has been distributed to sixty thousand individuals comprising approximately one-fourth of the total number of immigrants who arrived in this country since 1933, the period covered by the study.

To gain the maximum interest of the general public in the objective, unbiased facts of recent immigration, it is of the utmost importance to have a body of sponsors consisting of distinguished persons serving not for partisan reasons but in the interest of good citizenship. Our committee has given thoughtful consideration to the selection of such a list on which your name is included.

Membership on this body of sponsors involves no onerous duties or financial obligations but is an indication that you approve the undertaking of such a study. Informative material will be sent to you as the study progresses and your advice and attendance at our study conferences will always be welcomed.

May I count on you to join our committee of sponsors? A card of acceptance with return envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Very sincerely yours

C. A. Dykstra

Chairman, Sponsors Committee

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# Congress of Industrial Organizations



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Office of
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Department of Education and Research

February 14, 1945

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Rabbi Hillel Silver

Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We will be most grateful to you for your cooperation in criticizing the enclosed manuscript which endeavors, in picture strip form, to translate some of the social action texts in the Bible into terms of trade union tenets. The copy enclosed would of course be illustrated in the manner of our earlier picture strip treatment of the CIO postwar program, WITH VICTORY, copy of which is also enclosed.

You are probably familiar by now with our pamphlet on IABOR AND RELIGION which was published early last fall. Our purpose in creating this new version of the story of how similar trade union ideals are to the ideals of religion is to reach those millions of people who go to churches but who also are prey to anti-labor propaganda. Since so many of these people do not read seriously presented, dignified looking material but are "comic" book fans, we are making this effort to seek them out through a medium to their taste.

The layout of the pages, with captions and balloons and reference tests are all included herewith, only the actual illustrations being lacking. If you will let us know your reaction to this whole project and to any part of it which calls forth your particular comment, we will be most appreciative indeed. We would not of course think of going ahead with it without submitting it to at least a half dozen of those in the clergy who also have proven themselves friends of the American worker and sympathetic to his multiple problems.

Sincerely yours,

Kermit Eby, Director Education & Research

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ABRAM S. MAGIDA. Secretary

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2. Allotments from communities where there are Welfare Funds

We respectfully solicit your help in both directions. Surely, you have some friends who would like to get our regular news releases (three times each week) so they may keep fully informed on Jewish developments. Furthermore, we have applied to all welfare funds for allotments. We shall be very glad to send you a copy of our application, as well as the names of the officers to whom we have applied and the amount asked for. Your assistance in either or both of the directions indicated would be of tremendous value to the Service, particularly at this time.

Sincerely yours,

Abram S. Magida, Secretary, National Committee of Sponsors

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### Dear Friend:

For a great many years now many of us have felt that Reform Judaism has been derelict in its duties to the concept of the Jew as an individual, different in no other regard than his religion from the people who constitute the majority population of the environment in which he lives.

This is an American idea, based upon a society that regards the individual man as the basis of its own way of life. For this principle we are fighting a war. Our prayers are that the peace will extend the principle to other places in the world.

To us, it is incredible that in the face of such hopes, that branch of Judaism which might have led the world in such thinking is now paralyzed and stultified by a process of appeasing the group of Jews who demand rights for Jews upon the basis of common group interests, such as nationhood and politics.

The result of this patternless compromise has produced a queer amalgam of Orthodoxy, Conservatism and Reform, in which the forward-looking pattern of Reform has suffered.

This degeneration of Reform is witnessed to in the constant attempts to introduce discarded ceremonialisms into the ritual; in the steady increase of Jewish nationalistic thinking in our religious school materials; in the employment by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations of an avowed Yiddishist and Zionist as its Director of Education; in the participation of the Union in the American Jewish Conference; in the abdication of leadership by the Central Conference of American Rabbis by declaring its "neutrality" on the issue of political Zionism; in the growing number of anti-Reform Rabbis being ordained by the Hebrew Union College; in the unhappy alliance of Hebrew Union College alumni with alumni of the Jewish

Institute of Religion, which represents an avowedly different philosophy of Judaism; in the rapid increase of "token" Reform Jews in Reform Congregations, men and women who make no secret of their disdain for Reform but who join Reform congregations for any number of reasons and then proceed to liquidate the principles of Reform.

We view with great alarm, these tendencies and others, in all parts of the nation. We have watched patiently for some indication that the trend would be halted. We see none forthcoming.

Therefore, we believe that we have reached a period in history when, as at the beginnings of Reform, leadership must be taken by laymen who have no vested interests in official Jewish life; who are sincere in their concern for Judaism and the future of men and women who are Jews.

We believe that as between these two philosophies -that of Jews being regarded as free, individual men and Jews
being considered a special group which must ask for special
privileges and treatment, there is no compromise possible.

We have joined therefore, with those men and women in Houston, Texas and in Lincoln, Nebraska who have with such courage and devotion begun what we believe to be a historic movement in American Jewry.

We hopefully announce the formation of the American Reform Jewish Congregation, dedicated to the principles which we have had prepared and enclose for you to read.

This is, to our best knowledge, the third congregation in this layman's movement. We have just begun. We hope others will follow as we have followed those who pioneered before us.

In any event, we are grateful for your attention and would appreciate hearing from you with any observations you may care to offer.

Very sincerely,

AMERICAN REFORM JEWISH CONGREGATION

Norman Buckner

President

### ARE INVITED TO HEAR THE

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"ANTI-SEMITISM AND WHAT IS BEING DONE ABOUT IT"

Under the auspices of

THE CLEVELAND CHAPTER, AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

at EUCLID AVENUE TEMPLE

Monday, February 12, 1945

### Resolution Adopted December 1st, 1944, by American Reform Jewish Congregation, Pontiac, Mich.

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 only, 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? America is our nation, and we want no other national designation, either in whole or in any degree. We are Jews, and as such, 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 a religious group only. We stand for the continuation of Judaism solely as a religion; and not as a political entity, 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 retain and use in connection with our religious services only such ritual and ceremonies as may symbolize, in effective and beautiful form, the principles of our faith, and we shall also retain and use such rituals and ceremonies as are adaptable to the progressive and liberal spirit of our times.

### Principle No. 5

We recognize the complete religious equality of every individual.

### Principle No. 6

Many treasures of Divine revelation were recorded in Hebrew and in that language is preserved eternally a literature and teaching that influences all people. As a reminder of its religious significance we use in our ritual a limited number of Hebrew expressions having particular beauty. Except for such expressions, 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 coreligionists 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.

### Principle No. 8

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 teach them adequately.

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, the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Hebrew Union College give to their programs vigorous and thorough analysis, reconstruction and action.

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February 20, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road & E. 105th Street
Cleveland 6. Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

As the war is drawing to a close, I am sure that you share my anxiety about the continuance of the Franco-fascist government in Spain. That it is anti-United States, anti-democratic, is more than apparent, and yet the support which is officially given to Franco and his German cohorts by the United States government remains the strongest asset in the possession of these unscrupulous usurpers. If this support is continued beyond the end of the war, it is much more than a possibility that Spain, with her actively expanding connections in South America, will be the breeding place for the next world war. Our careless attitude toward Spain made possible the present war, and it can just as surely lead us into the next one.

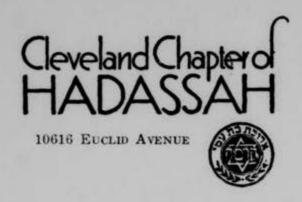
The people of Spain are attempting to overthrow Franco, and in the next few months their struggle for freedom will become enormous and vital. But the Spanish people know that the American policy toward Franco will be a controlling factor in their success or failure.

The American Committee for Spanish Freedom, which has as its program the Coffee Resolution, a copy of which is enclosed, offers all of us who understand this problem an opportunity for consolidating our efforts and making them effective. This resolution was introduced in Congress recently by Congressman John M. Coffee of Washington. It asks the American Government to sever diplomatic relations with Franco and support the republican forces in Spain, in order to preserve harmonious relations between the United States and Latin America, and to eliminate the perpetual threat to world peace which a fascist government contains. It is the work of this committee to see that it is passed, and it will be passed if the American people make it apparent to their government that this is their wish.

I know that a person of your position and influence could do a great deal to present and muster support for this important cause. It will not be a long campaign. It must be short and intensive. I feel that you will want to share the responsibility of every American for eradicating fascism now, as well as assisting the gigantic effort of the tireless and brave Spanish people. Will you join with those of us in Cleveland who are founding a chapter of the ACSF to muster support for the Coffee resolution? We would consider it a great privilege to have you with us.

Hayne Shutter

WS: mb



February 23, 1945

Dr. Fred Falkman, Secretary Cleveland Zionist Society 14128 Superior Rd. Cleveland, Ohio

Dr. Dr. Falkman,

World Jewry has just sustained an irreparable loss. Henrietta Szold, the greatest Jewess of our time, died in Jerusalem on the thirtieth day of Sh'vat (February 13,) at the age of eighty four.

In tribute to the noble memory of our great founder and leader the Cleveland Chapter of "adassah and its constituent groups, in cooperation with all Zionists of the city, will hold a memorial meeting for Henrietta Szold at the Euclid Avenue Temple on March 15 at 8P.M. Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner, Cantor Saul Meisels and a representative of National Hadassah will participate in the program.

Henrietta Szold, scholar, social service leader, pioneer Zionist and founder of Hadassah, was known by all as a modern prophetess of Israel. The story of her life is the story of her people from 1860, when she was born, until today. It is the story of their trials, but it is even more the story of their grandeur and courage. At every crisis, she was there to help, to guide, to encourage and inspire.

Because of what Henrietta Szold means, not only to "adassah, but to all Jewry, we therefore invite the entire Cleveland Jewish community to join us in this memorial service. We would like to have you as representative of a Zionist organization represent your group on the platform of the auditorium that evening.

We are requesting that you inform and invite your membership through any medium of meeting, bulletin, mailing or publicity you may use.

Thank you for your heartfelt cooperation.

Sincerely, alie Goodman

Alice Goodman.

President.

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Dr. Freehof's volume, "Reform Jewish Practice," is a welcome scholarly presentation of the subject, written in his characteristic style of clarity and precision. It will, I am sure, be widely read.

It is the first effort, to my knowledge, to present in systematic form, the customs and practices which are generally accepted by Beform or Liberal congregations and their members. De. Freehof gives their historical background and indicates their points of agreement with tradition. While in no way intended as a "Shulchan Aruch" for Reform Judaism, it is nevertheless an attempt — and a successful and commendable one — to arrange, collate and analyze those religious observances and practices which have after a century and more, come to be identified with the ritual way of life of the Reform Jew.

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### February 23, 1945

Mr. Kermit Eby, Director Education & Research Congress of Industrial Organizations 718 Jackson Place, N.W. Washington 6, D.C.

My dear Mr. Eby:

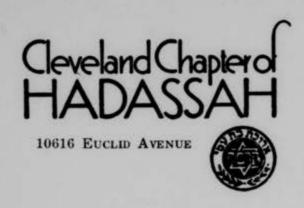
Thank you for your courtesy in permitting me to see the enclosed manuscript which I am returning. The idea is a good one, and should be effective.

There are one or two suggestions that I should like to make on the manuscript. In the paragraph marked Number 14, the text reads: "Then, as now, the pharisees were more interested in seeming religious than in facing the problems of the common man." This is incorrect. The pharisees were the teachers and Rabbis of their day, and the Talmud, which represents their conception of life and law, contains some of the most advanced labor legislation known to the ancient world. The Talmud is replete with lofty teachings glorifying the idea of labor, and defending the rights of the laboring man. Over a hundred Rabbis mentioned in the Talmud, were themselves artisans and day laborers. The employer is admonished not to oppress the laborer in his wages, for it means his very life." Professor Moore, of Harvard, who wrote the most authoritative study on Judaism in the early centuries of the Common Era wrote that "All the Rabbinical legislation in this field (labor and the laborer) is not purely juristic, but is consciously guided and controlled by the moral and social principles which are equally a part of the divinely revealed Torah (Bible)."

In the paragraph marked Number 17, the quotation, "Thou Shalt Love Thy Neighbor As Thyself," is from the Book of Leviticus, Chapter 19, Verse 18. Mark was quoting from the Old Testament.

In the paragraph marked Number 23: "God asked Moses to organize the starved and overworked people against the Emperor." The term, "Emperor," is not to be applied to the Pharaohs of Egypt.

With reference to paragraph Number 26: I doubt whether the Exodus from Egypt can be properly characterized as "the greatest strike and walk-out in history." The purpose of a strike or walk-out is to be organized effort to achieve better labor conditions, etc. and having



February 23, 1945

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, President Cleveland Zionist Society The Temple Cleveland , Ohio

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Thank you for your heartfelt cooperation.

Sincerely, alice Goodman

Alice Goodman,
President, and still a loyal member of
the Fronist Society!!
Please send someone to the meeting!

# RABBI GEORGE B. LIEBERMAN, LITT, D. MCKINLEY AVENUE TEMPLE CANTON, OHIO

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February 24, 1945

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I hope you did not consider me ungracious. You were kind enough to send a very encouraging letter on the occasion of our Installation Banquet. Under pressure for time, amidst new duties in a new community, I am writing to you somewhat belatedly. The people were impressed with the generous words you spoke of me. Knowing how busy you are, and what burdens you have been carrying, I feel doubly grateful for your thought of me.

So far things have been going very well. I found Canton much to my liking and, if progress continues at the same speed, I shall have no regrets for making the change.

Many thanks again and all good wishes in which Sylvia joins me.

Faithfully yours.

GBL:db

February 26, 1945

Mr. Merrill F. Hartshorn 1201 16th Street N.W. Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Hartshorn:

I would appreciate it very much if you would send me three or four copies of "Social Education" Volume IX, Number 2, the copy which appeared in February 1945.

Thanking you for your courtesy, and with best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

BJK

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

Permit me to convey to you my deep appreciation for your kindness in attending the farewell dinner in my honor, and for the great pleasure you have given me in spending a full evening with us.

I need not tell you how highly I cherish your participation, and how deeply I value your friendship.

I shall remember, for a long time, the kind words you have said about me, which are an inspiration to me, and will so continue to be for a long time to come. shall indeed look forward to an opportunity to serve you in whatever way I may be able to.

With deep gratitude and with kindest personal regards to you and Mrs. Silver, I am,

Very respectfully yours,

Zambrowsky Executive Secretary

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### STATISTICAL TABLE

### MARCH 1945

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Number of families attended by the O.S.E.

(115) 448 families

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Composition of families
ADULTS: men: (3) 11
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Total: (4) 20

CHILDREN: Total (218) 788

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French	(64)	208	families
Polish	(11)	37	"
German	(8)	37	"
Austrian	(6)		"
Turkish		60	"
Italian	(7) (1) (9)	5	"
Greek	(9)	52	"
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Roumanian		3	"
Russian	(2)	8	"
Yugoslavian		2	"
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Armenáan		3	"
Bulgarian		4	"
Albanian		1	11
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66d Rue Sainte - Marseille Adresse Télégraph.: OSEMARSEILLE Téléph.: Dragon 50-91

### TABLEAU DEMOGRAPHIQUE

Marseille, le 194

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

By virtue of the dissolution of the United Jewish Appeal and all of the attendant headaches, I have been regrettably delayed in acknowledging your letter of February 22nd.

The extraordinary standards of increase which you established as the guest speaker for the opening meeting of the Miami campaign did indeed provide the base for that which promises to be a completely successful effort this year. We had a number of letters of appreciation for your gracious willingness to make this trip and for the splendid resultgetting stimulation which you gave to the annual campaign in Miami.

As I indicated previously, I am personally most grateful to you for accepting this invitation. You have established a tradition with me of accepting at least one invitation a year for communities in which I am especially interested, and I hope that I may look forward to a continuation of this arrangement.

I am happy to enclose herewith our check for \$35.00 to reimburse you for your personal expenses in connection with this trip. Also, I am glad to assure you that we have sent \$300.00 to the W. Colston Leigh lecture bureau for expenses which you incurred in having Mr. Jay Allen occupy your pulpit during your absence.

With kind regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Teldor Coons

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March 8, 1945

Mr. Erling M. Hunt, Editor Social Education 204 Fayerweather Hall Columbia University New York 27, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Hunt:

Dr. Silver has beceived several requests for the address he delivered before the National Council for the Social Studies and which was printed in the "Social Education," on "The Moral and Psychological Basis of a Lasting Peace." I wrote to Mr. Merrill F. Hartshorn of the Washington office requesting him to send us several copies of "Social Education" which appeared in February 1945. To date I have not heard from him. I am wondering if you could send Dr. Silver a half dozen copies of that issue, if you have them.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

. Soul Eliester

March 8, 1945 Mr. M. H. Cole, Chairman The Cleveland Junior Chamber of Commerce 400 Union Commerce Bldg. Cleveland, Ohio My dear Mr. Cole: I trust that you will pardon the long delay in replying to your kind letter. I have been away from the city most of the time and my correspondence has unfortunately lagged. I hope that my endorsement of your fine project will not come too late. The request of the Cleveland Hospital Council for additional male orderlies to relieve the strain on the under-staffed hospitals should not go unanswered. Those who will reply to your appeal will render a vital service to their country and their community in this hour of national emergency. They will also derive the deep satisfaction of helping fellow human beings who in their illness and distress find themselves dependant upon the sense of helpfulness and essential humanity of their fellow men. I wish your effort every success. Most cordially yours, AHS: BK

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Dear Dr. Silver

Again I tried to reach you and you were out of the city. I just phoned Leon Feuer and I spoke to him through his wife, as he is ill. We decided that I should make a direct effort to get you to come here for the annual Gewerkshaften rally on Sunday evening, April 8. This is another event at which a majority of our Zionists will be present. Cass High has nearly 4,000 seats and the place is certain to be jammed to the doors. You can have a splendid platform and I hope you will wire me that you accept.

Will it be possible for you to give me a positive reply by tomorrow?

Many of our people are waking from their lethargy. The Roosevelt-Churchill speeches were bad and we don't like them. There will be action at the next local ZO meeting on March 19.

I wrote the New York office that if the proposed March 17-18 meeting in Chicago is to be a talk-fest without action that I would not go. I made reservations, however, expecting to put up some sort of fight. Evidently others like me expressed similar views, and I heard by wire today that the Chicago conference was called off.

I feel more confident that we shall have a change and that Zionists will listen to reason.

Please let me hear from you tomorrow. We shall, of course, cover all costs and whatever you may choose to wire should go collect.

Thanks and all good wishes.

Yours,

Philip Slomovitz

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Dear Miss Kline:

I am sorry that you have had no reply from Mr. Hartshorn to your request for additional copies of the February issue which includes Dr. Silver's address before the National Council for the Social Studies. Unfortunately I haven't enough copies of the issue in this office with which to meet your request, but I am asking Mr. Hartshorn either to forward copies from his office in Washington or to have them sent from Menasha, Wisconsin, in case they have not already been put in the mail.

Very sincerely yours,

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

From a note that I received from Dr. Hunt I concluded that you did not receive the six copies of SOCIAL EDUCATION containing your address at our Cleveland meeting. They were sent to you about ten days ago.

Under separate cover I have sent you six more copies of this issue and I trust that they will reach you satisfactorily. I am sure that there was some slip-up in the earlier shipment.

Sincerely yours,

Merrill F. Hartshorn Executive Secretary

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Dear Dr. Silver:

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To signalize the unique position which The RECONSTRUC-TIONIST occupies in the cultural life of the American Jewish community, a birthday dinner will be held on Monday evening, May 14th, 1945, at the Commodore Hotel, New York City. Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, long a friend of The RECONSTRUCTIONIST, and Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan, founder of the Jewish Reconstructionist movement, will be among the principal speakers.

We should be very happy to have you act as one of the sponsors for this unique occasion.

At this time, when a vital Judaism is so necessary as a source of inner strength, The RECONSTRUCTIONIST and the Reconstructionist movement are very important morale builders in Jewish life. Letters which we receive from men and women in the armed services stationed in all parts of the world, are evidence of the great contribution which the movement and the magazine are making in giving these young people the inner security they need.

We hope sincerely that you will find it possible to join with us in sponsoring this memorable event.

Sincerely yours

Harry H. Liebovitz, Chairman

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Rabbi Silver Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The enclosed marked copy of Dr. Van Kirk's broadcast may be of interest to you and I am sending it at his request.

Dr. Van Kirk's program RELIGION IN THE NEWS is heard from coast to coast on Saturday evenings from 6:45 to 7:00 (E.W.T.) on the stations of The National Broadcasting Company.

Cordially yours,

Enid Benson Jameson

Secretary to Dr. Van Kirk

March 26, 1945 Mr. Merrill F. Hartshorn Executive Secretary The National Council for the Social Studies 1201 Sixteenth Street, N.W. Washington 6, D.C. Dear Mr. Hartshorn: Thank you very much for your letter of March 20. The six copies of Social Education which you so kindly sent me arrived last week. There had been several requests for the address which Dr. Silver delivered, and thinking that the letter to you went astray, I wrate to Dr. Hunt. I hope that I didn't put you to too much trouble. With best wishes, and tanking you for your courtesy, I remain Very sincerely yours, BJK Secretary to Dr. Silver

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March 26, 1945

Rabbi A. Hillel Silver c/o The Temple Ansel Rd. Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I am enclosing herewith a copy of our annual Bazaar book which I trust you will find of interest.

With best wishes for a happy Passover,

Respectfully yours

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## ASIRAI ZION FUND, INC.

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March 27, 1945

Dr. Abba milel Silver The Temple Cleveland. Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We record with anguish and sorrow the irreparable loss and the heroic death of the two Hebrew Patriots, Ephraim Bet-Tsouri and Eliahu Hakim, who went to the gallows chanting the prayer, "Hear O Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord is One." They died so that Israel might live.

In honor of these two Hebrew martyrs, the Committee For The Asirai Zion, which represents many groups and shades of opinion in American Jewry, and which was recently organized to help the thousands of political prisoners in Palestine, is arranging a Public Memorial Meeting. This Meeting will be held at the Hotel New Yorker, 34th Street and 8th Avenue, on Sunday, April 15th at 8:30 P.M. We expect a most representative audience to be present to pay tribute.

May we ask you to accept our invitation to address this Memorial Service.

We are anticipating a favorable reply.

Sincerely yours,

Isaac Zaar Co-Chairman

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April 3, 1945 Mr. Isaac Zaar Asirai Zion Fund, Inc. 140 West 42nd St. New York 18, N.Y. My dear Mr. Zaar: Permit me to thank you for your kind letter and for the invitation which you extend to me to participate in the public memorial meeting which you are arranging for Sunday, April 15. I regret very much that I will not be able to attend this meeting as I must be in Cleveland on that day to occupy The Temple pulpit at the Sunday morning services and to conduct other congregational duties on that day. It is deeply to be regretted that the authorities did not employ the larger wisdom and practice the quality of mercy which were so clearly indicated in commuting the sentence of Ephraim Bet-Tsouri and Eliahu Hakim. Most cordially yours, AHS: BK

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Marseille, le

5 AVY11 1945.

RAPPORT SUR L'ACTIVITE DU CENTRE MEDICO SOCI L DES OEUVRES

D'ENTR' LIDE PENDANT LE MOIS DE M'RS 1945

199 Malades nouvesux ont fait appel à notre Centre ce mois.

dont : Adultes 110 Enfents 89

557 consultations ont été faites au cours du mois.

dont : Adultes 348 Enfents 209

92 personnes ont été vues par notre rediologue,

dont : Adultes 46

En surplus de nos enfants habituels, les QUAKERS nous ont adressé :

vue de l'admission d'une certaine catégorie d'enfants déficients à leur goûters acclaires. D'autres examens semblanles vont suivre (établissement de fiches médicales, pesées régulières, radioscopies) et nous nous occuperons au Centres/ des enfants les plus déficients et les plus intéressants qui auront besoin d'un traitement médical par la suite. Ceci n'est qu'un projet de principe, non encore ratifié, mais l'accord avec le Service Départemental de la Santé et de la Volle est chose faite, à condition toutefois que l'enquête sociale sit étébli l'indigence de l'enfant.

En plus, 45 enfants furent examinés au Centre, en vue de diriger les plus déficients sur les Centres scolaires, créés par l'ancien Commissaire de la République (Direction médicale Mme Dr. Fradys). Onze Centres evec 600 enfants- qui ont tous passé par notre Centre en vue de dépistage- fonctionnent sctuellement dans les Bouches du Rhône, le Vaucluse, le Var, les Alpes Marit. Ces Centres ont été absorbés a présent per le Service de Santé et l'Entr(Aide Française. A notre grand regret, nous avons dû demander au Service de Santé de la Ville d'arrêter les examens de contrôle radiologides groupements scolaires de Marseille, qui depuis 1943 se faisaient au Centre les après-midi. En effet, le Centre fonétionnant maintenant le matin et l'après-midi, il n'est plus possible d'offrir l'hospitalité dans nos locaux déja traps restreints, au service médical scolaire. L'embouteillage devenait tel, que nos malades n'arrivaient plus à pénétrer dans l'immeuble, et le bruit de 100 ou 120 gosses empêcheit un travail normal dans nos cabinets de consultations.

### SERVICE DES ADULTES : (Dr.R:Zimmer)

348 Consultations dont 110 nouvesux malades.

Parmi ces derniers, nous avons relevé les faits les plus saillants, comme suit :

### ETAT GENERAL :

Satisfalsant		31						
Moyen		56						
Manvais		13						
Nettement déf	icient	10	(poids	entre	27	&	45	Kge

### AFFECTIONS DE LA PEAU:

Gále	3
Furonculose	5
Prurit généralisé	1
Lichen plan	1
Dermatites par manque de propreté	9

### AFFECTIONS BRONCHES ET POUMONS:

Asthme	2
Solérose pulmonaire	5
Pleurésie	3
The pulmonaire active	4

### AFFECTIONS CARDIO-VASCULAIRES:

Aortite					3
Arythmie					4
Azotémie	(au	dessus	de	lgr.)	2

### AFFECTIONS ABDOMINALES :

Ulcères de 1'estomac	2
Allergie digestive	5
Cholecystitite ou lithiase	3
Dysenterie smibienne	1

Kyste de l'ovaire 1 Fibrome de la matrice 2

RHUMTISME POLIARTICULAIRE DEFORMANT: 12

### AFFECTIONS DU SYSTEME NERVEUX :

Nevroses diverses dûes aux évèements 16
Cyclothimie 4
Sciatique 3
Zona 1
Mal comitial(dont 2 B.W. positives) 3

### TROUBLES EN DOCRINIENS ET CIRCULATOIRES:

Affections Dysménorrhée
Acrockanose marquée et troubles circ.ll
Hyperthyroidie

### AFFECTIONS DIVERSES :

Disbète insipside	1
Néoplasme du larynx	1
Trachome	1
Spécificité (séro-réaction+)	6
Grossesse	2

En ce qui concerne la marche actuelle du Centre, les remarques suivantes s'imposent :

Il était entendu qu'une assistante sociale des Oeuvres soit mises à la disposition du Centre à tour de rôle. La représentante de l'Unitarian Service Committee, ayant trouvé des locaux pour ses Services, rien ne s'oppose à ce que ce projet trouve une solution immédiate, les bureaux mis à la disposition de l'assistanté étant libres.

Il serait en effet désirable d'avoir à l'avenir un contact plus direct avec les différents services sociaux des oeuvres. Le médecin traitant aurait souvent besoin de renseignements sociaux complémentaires, et il serait utile d'avoir sur place la possibilité d'uné échange de vues entre le servuce social et le service médical. Le rôle du médecin ne doit pas seulement se borner à signaler les cas sociaux, mais aussi pouvoir discuter de leur cas et conseiller le service social et vice-versa.

De plus, il serait souhaitable que tout nouveau malade se présentânt au Centre soit d'abord vu par l'assistante sociale qui devrait normalement remplir elle-même la partie sociale du sodier médical. Jusqu'à présent nous étions réduits aux indications plus ou moins sincères des malades eux-mêmes. Il serait également beaucoup plus délicat que l'assistante sociale questionne les nouveaux malades dans l'intimité de son bureau, sur les antécédents familieux et personnels, ce qui éviterait aux gens l'obligation douvent pénible de débiter les secrets de leur viepfivée devant

d'autres malades. Ce procédé déchargerait en même temps le service médical déja débordé.

Nous avons recu avec jois le magnifique envoi de l'OSE venu de la Suisse qui a été le bienvenu dans la situation précaire pharmaceutique actuelle du pays. Je relèverai spécialement parmitous ces articles, introuvables sur place, le Cibazol, le Merfen: solution, aplendide pommade au genre de laquelle nous ne sommes plus habitués, gouttes nasales, (vu le manque total d'iode et composé d'argent) la coramine, la Larostidine. Des envois plus importants de fortifiants. tels que: Ferro-Redoxon. Becozime. C-Phos, ainsi que de Calcium nous rendraient grand service. Le dernier produit, sutout sous forme injectable - est introuvable sur place autant que l'acétyl-choline et le Larostidine. Les injections intra-veineuses de calcium se sont révélés, comme le meilleur moyen thérapeuthique pour relever rapidement l'état général de nombreux malades déficients. Les Ca chocolatés, à considérer presque comme friandises pour nos gosses, ont trouvé des amateurs reconnaissants. Je signalerai encore à cette place que nous manquons totalement d'ousbaine en France.

En accord avec Monsieur REIN, nous avons gardé en principe la moitié degl'envoir Le reste va être réparti dans les autres centres de l'OSE (Montpellier et Nice, selon leurs demandes.)

Les Quakers de leur côté nous ont fait don de 20 kgs de savon. Ils ont mis en outre à notre disposition pour les régimes quieques kilos de pâtes et de riz. Nous simons à croire que ce n'estq qu'un début.

Grâce à Madame Spiegel, nous avons fait la connaissance de l'aimable Chief-Chaplain de la place, qui nous a apporté quelques caisses légèrement avariées contenant de savon à barbe des dentifrices, des compresses hygiénques, 2 sacs de 50 kgs de farine blanche et à la grande joie des enfants: du chocolat, des bonbons et du chewing-gum. Il nous a promis d'autres gêter ries pour l'avenir. Nous savons d'avance que nous pouvons compter sur lui comme ami.

### Consultants adressés per les différents comités

	Adultes	Enfants
OSE	75	75
S.S.A.E.	12	7
v.s.c.	15	5
GERAL		2
QUAKERS	1	
JEUNESSE JUIVE	3	
UDIA	2	
MAISON DU PRISONNIER	2	
	110	89

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## ASIRAI ZION FUND, INC.

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April 6, 1945

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Alarming news reached us from Palestine imploring American Jewry to organize, in this country, a Committee for the Asirai Zion and to establish an Asirai Zion Fund to help the thousands of victims of the anti-Jewish policy of the Palestine Administration. Thousands have been thrown into jails and hundreds deported to distant Eritrea and Sudan. Their only sin, even in the eyes of the biased British officials, is their self-sacrificing fidelity to the cause of Zion, and their burning passion to end the homelessness of the Hebrew people.

Funds are immediately needed to help these victims, and to alleviate the suffering of their families. As you can readily see from this very letter form, a number of prominent, public spirited citizens have already joined this Committee for The Asirai zion. May we ask you to help us in this work of pidion shevuyim, and to join us in this Committee. Your name, we are confident, will strengthen and further our work.

We trust that you will honor us with your participation in this great work.

For the sake of Zion, let us not be silent.

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MARSEILLE

10 Avril 1945

RAPPORT SUR LE TRAVAIL SOCIAL à MARSEILLE

MARS 1945

Il n'y a pas de grands changements dans la situation de nos assistés depuis le dernier rapport datent de fin janvier memes conditions lamentables de vie et d'habitation, mêmes besoins pour bous d'alimentation, soins médicaux, vestiaire et secours.

De 200 familles enrégistrées fin janvier, nous sommes passés, fin Mars, à 450 - aux permanences du matin: nous avons journellement une moyenne de 5 à 8 cas nouveaux, des demandes des aides de toutes sortes.

Malheureusement, nous ne pouvons pas davantage faire de travail en profondeur = manque de personnel. Nous n'avons que 2 enquêteuses pour 450 familles. Et elles perdent une grande partie de leur temps pour les diverses enquêtes ou recherches du Regroupement Familial, qui nous faut, si nous voulons bien les faire, courir des journées entières sur la moindre trace.

Il est donc impossible de suivre chaque famille, et de nous faire une opinion exacte sur chacune d'elles - c'est dommage, surtout à Marseille où nous ne pouvons que rarement obtenir une totale franchise de nos assistés, qui cherchent à tirer de plus de bénéfice de tous ceux qui s'occupent d'eux.

### Placement d'enfants:

Les cas médicaux urgents: enfants à placer en Sana ou en Préventorium. Nous les transmettons aux Dispensaires antituberculeux, qui font les démarches et les placements eux-mêmes.

La crise du logement étant de plus en plus aigue, nons cherchons à y remédier en proposant aux familles nombreuses le placement de leurs enfants. Nous myons rarement à les persuader. Les enfants désireraient quitter le taudis familial, mais les parents n'y prêtent pas attention, ils préfèrent que les enfats partagent leur misère et leur saleté et nous donnent tous la même réponse:

"Pourquoi s'en séparer maintenant, alors qu'ils ne nous ont pas quittés quand il y avait la Gestapo", - ou encore lorsque le père est déporté, comme dans la plupart des cas - "et moi alors? Qu'est ce qu'il me restera si vois m'enlevez <u>eussi</u> mes petits?"

Jusqu'à présent, nous n'avons donc pu placer que des cas urgents et avec beaucoup de mal encore.

- a) en Maisons OSE = 4 de nos enfants sont partis courant Mars, et nous établirons des listes pour les proposer au Service de l'Enfance.
- b) 7 ou 8 autres sont partis dans des Centres Scolaires du Ministère des Déportés (desla région marseillaise, ce qui présente l'avantage pour les parents de pouvoir les voir) et nous avom encore d'autres demandes de placement dans ces centres, qui seront sans doute acceptées courant Avril.
- c) Secous Suisse: 2 enfants seulement ont pu pertir avec des convois pour le Suisse en Février - et il n'y en aura plus avant Juillet. Mais nous avons obtenu des places dans les Colonies Suisses en France et 5 de nos filles doivent partir vers le 10 Avril de la Colonie Suisse de St. Georges dans l'Ardèche.

Enfants Isolés:
Nous en avons 56 au Ier Mars, y compris les enfants assimilés aux isolés (placés chez des parents ou ayant un des deux parents déporté et l'autre à l'étranger ou malade). Le nombre en augmente journellement, au fur et à mesure que l'OSE est plus connue.

La plupart des parents nourriciers sont des gens simples petits rentiers, petits commerçant de campagne, ouvriers, etc.,
qui ont gardé les enfants pendant des mois sous l'occupation et
même après, sens penser à demander de secours, même si ils sont
dans la gêne.

Ils sont envoyés chez nous soit par le COSOR, soit par la Préfecture, soit par d'autres oeuvres qui nous signalent les enfants. Nous leur indiquont, s'ils ne l'ont pas fait, les demandes à faire pour les allocations militaires et prenons la pension des enfants à charge. Ils refusent toujours de se sép rer des enfants, confiés à eux par les parents avant leur déportation.

Jusqu'à présent nous leur avons donné 800 à 1000. -- Francs de pension, mais cele est insuffisent et il faudrait arriver à pouvoir leur verser Frs. 1500. ---, frais médicaux et vestimentaires non compris.

Nous espérons obtenir pourquelques cas "l'Assistance aux Familles", qui sera toujours un petit supplément.

Parrainages:
Nous avons fait une première liste de demandes qui sont en trai
d'être examinées par la Représentante à Marseille du Secours Suisse,
qui tient à faire elle-même toutes les enquêtes. La aussi, nous avons
eu la désagréable surprise de constater que beaucoup avaient omis,
volonatirement, de nous dire qu'ils touchaient déjà des parrainages.

Secours:
Les Français obtiennent petit à petit les allocations militaires.
Nous ne pouvons pas, fauts de personnel, leur aider dans leurs démarches,
qui sont très longues à aboutir. Mais nous en laissons le soin aux
Assistantes du CJASR, dont c'est le rôle plutot qu'à nous.

Le COSOR manque le plus souvent d'argent, et ses distributions sont bien réduites.

Le CJASE donne régulièrement, mais encore sur un taux si minime, que nous sommes obligés de continuer à verser des secours, dans la plupart des cas, pour les enfants et que nous envisageons avec angoisse de devoir, un joir, supprimer totalement. Ces secours sont souvent vitaux pour nos assistés. (Il est évident, cependant, que parmi eux il y en a qui font du "Commerce", mais comment discerner entre eux ceux qui faudraient avoir d'autres??)

Travail:
Nous nous heurtons parfois à la mauvaise volonté évidente de ceux qui pourraient travailler - et dans ces cas nous supprimons les secours.

Beaucoup de nos assistés ont été évacués et logés par la Préfeture, à la campagne - avantage du bon air pour les enfants, et d'un logement plus sain, mais gros handicap pour ceux qui pourraient travailler, car ils ne peuvent descendre journellement en ville pour le traveil, et me peuvent trouver à se loger en ville.

En dehors de cela nous avons, heureusement, ici les armées Alliées, qui emploient beaucoup de monde, et les payent très largement (interprètes ou travailleurs sur les quais).

Suralimentation:
Nous n'avons malneureusement, pas assez à distribuer: du lait ar
zertificats médicaux (nous attendons toujours un envoi d'Ovamaltine
qui nous était destiné et promis depuis Novembre). Arrivé le 9/4/45

Nous espérons pouvoir bientot faire un patronage, avec goûter.

A signaler que l'UJJ a organisé depuis plusieurs semaines des "études surveillées". Tous les soirs de 17 à 10 h. les enfants y font leurs devoirs sous surveillance de professeurs et ils reçoivent un copieux goûter. Dommage que nous n'ayions pas pu en prendre l'initiative.

Nous venons de faire la connaissance d'officiers juifs Américains et par eux espérons obtenir dans quelque temps des "restes" de produits divers non-distribués et qui se perdent la moitié du temps (farince, dentifrices, brosses à dent peut-être, etc.)

Vestiaire:

L'entr'elde Française ayant toujours à peu près rien, nous ne nous adressons que rerement à elle, la présentation de nos fiches d'enquêtes est suffisente. Le Jecours quaker fait des distributions, nous leurs signalons des cas, et ils les convoquent eux-mêmes.

Nous déplorons seulement que nos assistés vont réclamer directement du vestiaire chez eux et nous ne sommes pas toujours au courant de ceux auxquels ils donnent. Nous allons donc essayer de nous entendre avec eux à ce sujet.

Nous avons pu distribuer, contre points de laine, de la laine layette pour les bébés et d'autre pour les adultes (que Madame Bloch nois a procurée).

Nous distribuons aussi, pour des cas d'extrême urgence, des draps et des nappes pour faire des couches.

L'Oeuvre de la Layette donne aussi une layette, tres modeste, mais c'est toujours quelque chose. Mais nous n'avons que peu de femmes enceintes.

Enfin nous venons de faire, la semaine passée, une distribution de vêtements donnés par la Croix Rouge Grecque, à nos petits assistés Grecs âgés de 3 à 12 ans. Cette distribution a cu lieu chez nous, en commun avec 2 représentants de la Croix Rouge Grecque et chaque enfant a reçu 3 objets - pyjama ou chemise de nuit, jupe ou chemise (pour lez gerçons) et 1 splendide tricot.

Nous espérons ranouveler de temps en temps cette distribution.

Nous avons aussi obtenu un bon d'achat pour 100 mètres de toile à matelas.

### Rapports toujours très cordiaux avec les autres Ceuvres.

Nous ne parlerons pas de la liaison avec les ocuvres juives, dont mentionne le rapport moral. Nous signalons seulement que le SSJ s'occupe depuis quelques semaines des jeunes en apprentissage, et que l'ORT fonctionne, mais semble encore manquer de direction et d'organisation.

Nous sommes en contect étroit avec le SSAE, qui nous signale des cas, et s'occupe des questions de papiers et questions juridiques, de beaucoup de nos assistés.

Nous venons de prendre contact avec l'Assistance Publique, qui nous a déjà transmis un cas d'enfant isolé, qui, sans cela, se seratt "perdu" parmi les gosses de l'Assistance.

Enfin, les questions de Patronage, d'Internat, de Maison d'Enfants et Colonies de Vacances; ont été déjà longuement discutées avec Monsieur Garel et Madame Salomon lors de leur passage.

Monsieur A. Rein en parlait dans son rapport, mais nous ne ponvons qu'insister sur la nécessité d'ouvrir, dans la région, une maison d'enfants et un internat, qui pourraient fonctionner des Octobre prochain.

Nous allons commencer à établir des listes pour Colonies de vacances de concert avec nos médecins.

Nous laissons aux médecins le soin de faire un rapport sur la question médicale parmi nos assistés.

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## OEUVRE DE SECOURS AUX ENFANTS

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Marseille, le 13 April 5

Captain Morris N. KERTZER Chaplain Headquarters DBS APO 772, N.Y. U.S.

Dear Captain Kertzer,

Permit us to express once more the warmest thanks of both ourselves and our small charges for the wonderful gifts which you have bestowed upon them through us.

This gesture is the best proof to us that you appreciate the importance of our organization and the work it is doing.

As we promised we are inclosing a brief report of the C.S.E.-Union including last months' social report and also a summary of our expenditures.

You will certainly know the underground work which O.S.E.-Union accomplished during the occupation of France and that we began again since the liberation to provide for the welfare of the children and supply the medical care for the jewish population. Our organization has reopened 25 medical-social centers in the most important departments since the liberation and 13 orphanages have been given new life by the use of all of the means at our disposal.

Our Central Office in Paris, 62 rue Spontini, subway-station "Pompe", will be honored to receive you and explain in more details all of the work which has been accomplished by our organization and tell you of our plans for the future.

We want to inform you before your trip to New York that the situation of our little ones is desperate in that there is the greatest need of clothing, linen, wool and cloth. We are sure that you will do all that is possible to make your fellow-coutrymen understand our situation. For our dispensary we shall urgently need pharmaceutical products and various strengthening medicaments.

and to again express our deepest thanks.

The Officers and Boards of the Temple Sisterhood and Brotherhood of Temple Ohabei Shalom 1187 Beacon Street Brookline 46, Mass.

My dear Friends:

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in inviting me to attend the testimonial to Rabbi Samuel J. Abrams on the occasion of his 25th anniversary as Rabbi of your Congregation. I wish I were free to leave Cleveland on that day because I should like to be present on this occasion and join the host of friends of Rabbi Abrams in paying tribute to him for his years of faithful and distinguished service to the cause of his people and of his faith.

Rabbi Abrams, whom I have known as a friend for many years, even from boyhood, has been among the most devoted and conscientious servants of the great ideals of Judaism and of Americanism to which he has brought rare gifts of heart and mind. His colleagues throughout the country have admired him for the wholesomeness and integrity of his spirit and for the high standards of the Rabbinate which he has consistently maintained. I congratulate you upon the privilege of having enjoyed his leadership for a quarter of a century. Rabbi Abrams should feel pride and deep satisfaction in work well done and in the universal love and esteem in which he is held.

Most cordially yours,

he Officers and Boards of the Temple
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, The Temple, East 105th Str. at Ansel Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We do not expect our sponsors to carry day-to-day work of the committee. But once in a while we need some special help, and hope we are justified in asking for it.

Discharge Petition #1, to bring the anti-poll tax bill onto the House of Representatives floor for a vote, has accumulated 174 of the necessary 218 signatures. Mrs. Frances Bolton, Representative from Cleveland, has twice signed discharge petitions for this bill, in other Congresses, and has said she will vote for the bill when it comes up -- and if it comes up. But in the meantime she refuses to sign Petition #1, "on principle." She says she won't sign any petition.

We feel that full support of HR 7 includes signing the discharge petition, and we very much want Mrs. Bolton's name on the petition. We regret her opposition to the democratic principle of petition. It is an ancient and honorable right, straight from the Bill of Rights and bright with constant use. In the House of Representatives it is a safeguard against minority rule.

Would you write to Mrs. Bolton your support of this position, if you agree? The only people who can legitimately ask her to change her mind are the people in her own community.

Thank you for your staunch support of the fight for a free franchise.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Shayver

Mrs. Katherine Shryver

from

#### FRANCES L. SCHWEITZER

TIME Inc.
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April 26, 1945

My dear Rabbi Silver:

One of our most pressing problems now and in the immediate future is the returning veteran. Recognizing this, the MARCH OF TIME has just produced a new film, The Returning Veteran, which I think you would like to see. You are cordially invited to attend a private showing of this film at the Hotel Cleveland on Tuesday, May 1st, in the Rose Room from four until six o'clock.

As refreshments will be served, I should appreciate your calling me at CHerry 6350 to let me know whether or not you will be able to attend.

Frances L. Schweitzen

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Rabbi Aba Hillel Silver Temple E. 105th St. Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed you will find a statement of the program sponsored by the Hebrew Arts Committee of the Zionist Organization of America. You will note that the first performance of the Hebrew Theatre Group will take place on May 13th.

In connection with that performance, we are planning to issue an attractive playbill, and would like very much to print a brief statement from you about the place of the Hebrew Theatre in America and the need for it from & Zionist point of view.

Your immediate reply to this request will be greatly appreciated. A statement from you would help also to further a goal in which I believe you are interested.

With Zion greetings, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Simon Greenberg

Chairman

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1715 No. Broad Street

30 April 1945.

Mrs. Hugo Hartman, President,
National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods
755 Lincoln Avenue
Winnetka, Illinois.

My dear Mrs. Hartman:

The Board of Keneseth Israel Sisterhood met in special session on April 9th, 1945. A long and serious discussion took place, of which the following is a summary.

It was our understanding that after the 1943 meeting of the American Jewish Conference the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and its constituent organizations decided to take a neutral stand on the matter of the Declaration for Palestine - which calls for a re-constitution of Palestine - until such time as a Biennial can be called and a vote taken in the matter.

However, the Conference Bulletin, which you have been enclosing in the President's Packet sent to the Sisterhood Presidents presents only one side of the issue.

In the packet of March, 1943, particularly, you specifically draw our attention - on the green sheet - to the Bulletin, since "it is the duty of National Federation of Temple Sisterhood members to be informed as to the Conference and its activities" because the N.F.T.S. is one of the 64 organizations belonging to the Conference.

Why was it not also important to send the "Information Bulletin" of the American Council for Judaism with the Packet? We feel that your failure to do this is a definite contra-indication of your so-called neutral position.

We object to the resolution of the American Jewish Conference, adopted at its meeting held in Pittsburgh, in December, calling for Jewish Representation, as such, to the Board of U.N.R.R.A. and all other conferences of the Allied Nations.

We feel that this resolution is dangerous to the future

of Judaism.

We are Americans and Judaism is our Religion - and therefore cannot consider ourselves members of the American Jewish Conference, nor do we wish it to be our spokesman to the world.

National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, to our knowledge, has informed the State Department that we do not subscribe to the Resolution of the American Jewish Conference in the matter of Palestine, thereby confirming the impression the American Jewish Conference wishes our Government and the world to have, namely, that all the constituent members of the Conference are agreed on this point. If the N.F.T.S. were genuinely neutral it would take every possible measure to appreise our and other Governments of its true position.

Since you have not taken this important step we are reluctantly compelled to sever our connections with the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods and, accordingly, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board.

RESOLVED, That inasmuch as our affiliation with the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods automatically puts us in the position of subscribing to the American Jewish Conference and some of its principles in which we do not believe, we regretfully withdraw our membership from the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods;

That a copy of this letter be sent to Mr. Adolph Rosenberg, President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, to the State Department of the United States, and to the Sisterhoods affiliated with the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

With warm personal greetings to you,

Sincerely.

(Mrs. Morton M. Kohn, President)

(Mrs. Kurt Blum, Cor. Secretary)

ROBERT E. SHERWOOD
630 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

May 7, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

On June 25, The Nation Associates, of which Miss Freda Kirchwey is President, is arranging a dinner to mark the seventieth birthday of Dr. Thomas Mann, the distinguished novelist.

I have assumed the Chairmanship of the Committee which is arranging the dinner, in association with Hon. Henry A. Wallace and Dr. Frank P. Graham as Honorary Chairmen; Professor Albert Einstein, Sir Norman Angell, Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, Dr. Otto Loewi and Pearl Buck as Honorary Vice Chairmen; and Jo Davidson, Marc Connelly, Dr. Harry Scherman, Carl Van Doren, Joseph Wood Krutch, Lillian Hellman, Carl Sandburg, Katherine Anne Porter and Edna St. Vincent Millay as Vice Chairmen.

In their behalf I extend an invitation to you to serve as a member of the Sponsoring Committee.

We have chosen to honor Dr. Mann not only because he is one of the greatest of living writers, but because he stands as an unconquerable exponent of intellectual, spiritual and moral values, which need urgent reaffirmation at this time. We hope to provide through this dinner a forum for a discussion of how the intellectual and creative forces of the nation may be harnessed to the cause of freedom and human progress.

Dr. Mann, who has no liking for public tributes, has consented to this dinner because of his profound understanding of the importance of these forces among all peoples in building the world of tomorrow.

I shall hope, therefore, that you will find it possible to accept this invitation.

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Robert E. Sherwood

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Dear Dr. Silver:

Your service as a member of the Cleveland Committee of the United Negro College Fund last year was of significant value and enabled us to get the results we did. We hope that we may count on your active cooperation again this year.

If not the most important, the race problem is certainly one of the most critical the country faces. Mr. Rockefeller gave expression to a similar conviction in addressing the workers last year. Education for citizenship offers the only solution.

The reward for your cooperation has been a year in which more was accomplished towards an understanding between the races than in any previous like period.

The goal for the 32 colleges this year is \$1,550,000. sum, \$60,000 is the quota for Cleveland.

The National Chairman of the Fund is Mr. Thomas A. Morgan, a Southerner by birth, president of the Sperry Corporation and a director of Pan American Airways and other important enterprizes. Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., continues as chairman of the National Advisory Committee, and Mr. Winthrop Aldrich as National Treasurer. Mr. Walter Hoving, campaign chairman Chairman as National I. Committee of College Presidents last year, is now chairman of the Executive Committee.

> At the request of the national officers, I have agreed to serve again as chairman of the Cleveland Committee, with Hon. William G. Mather as Honorary Chairman. Mr. Dale Brown as Treasurer, and Rev. Wade Hampton McKinney as Co-chairman. All these gentlemen served last year. It is our hope and plan to complete the Cleveland campaign by June 15.

We need you as a member of the general committee, and urge you to allow us to include your name along with a grand group of our citizens in support of this worthy cause. Please assure me of your desire to cooperate with us again this year.

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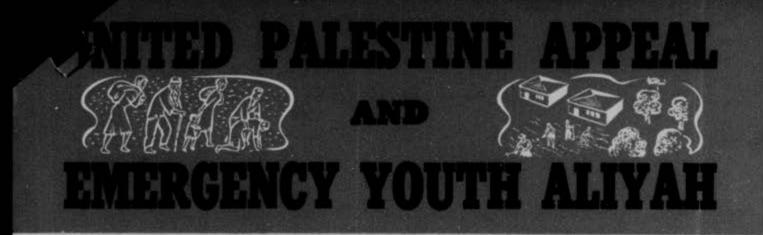
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My dear Abba:

I know you will be pleased to learn that the campaign which you opened so auspiciously with your inspiring address at the opening dinner on April 9th, is nearing the objective set for the campaign.

Before we are even ready with the 1945 campaign, we are thinking of the 1946 U.P.A. We shall be issuing very soon a booklet listing all the contributors in the 1945 Appeal in Montreal. It would be very much in place if we could have a message from you inserted in this booklet. I assure you it will be deeply appreciated.

I hope you can see your way to sending us a message of about 100 to 150 words.

With all good wishes from Rebecca and myself to you and your family, I am

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### ROBERT E. SHERWOOD 630 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK CITY

May 25, 1945

Dr. Alba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Chio

Dear Dr. Silver:

It is a source of real gratification to know that you will serve as a member of the Committee sponsoring the dinner in honor of Dr. Thomas Mann.

The dinner, as you know, will take place on June 25 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. I do hope you are planning to be there. We have every reason to believe that this will be a distinguished affair and one which will make a distinctive contribution to the thought and action of those concerned with progress and human values.

We shall write to you again to tell you more about the program for this dinner.

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Sherwood

Chairman

May 31, 1945 Rabbi Jesse Schwartz, Executive Director United Palestine appeal 527 Sherbrooke Street West Montreal, Quebec My dear Jesse: Thank you for your kind letter of May 11. I should like to comply with your request but I feel that it would be better if you would take out a paragraph or two from the enclosed address which will meet your requirements. You can introduce it be saying how delighted I was and what a privilege I regarded it to have participated in your campaign in 1945. "ith all good wishes to you and Rebecca, I remain Most cordially yours, AHS: BK Enc.

### HERBERT BAYARD SWOPE 745 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK 22, N. Y.

June 1, 1945

Dear Dr. Silver:

I would like you to be my guest at dinner (informal) Thursday, June 14th at 7:30 P.M. at the River Club, 447 East 52nd Street.

Bernard Baruch and other distinguished men will be with us to express their views on the need of developing and maintaining a strong and informed public opinion, and the part played therein by the Overseas News Agency - of which I am Chairman.

I am hopeful you can accept. Let me know at 101 Park Avenue or Telephone MUrray Hill 3 - 2985.

Faithfully.

Hubrit Bayard Swofer

June 4, 1945 Mr. Joseph C. Hyman, Executive Vice-Chairman American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee 270 Madison Avenue New York 16, N.Y. My dear Mr. Hyman: Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter which Dr. Silver received from Sgt. Eric Lipman and which Sgt. Lipman requested be sent to your office. With all good wishes, I remain Very sincerely yours, BJK Secretary to Dr. Silver Enc.

Dr. Ariel Leiser Goldburg Congregation Beth Ahabah 1117 W. Franklin St. Richmond, Va.

My dear Dr. Goldburg:

Please accept my heartiest felicitations on the occasion of your installation as Rabbi of Congregation Beth Ahabah. I wish you every success in your new ministry and a full measure of contentment. Your predecessor, Dr. Calisch, brought honor and distinction to the position which you now occupy and I am sure that you will continue and advance the fine tradition.

Most cordially yours,

AHS: BK

Dr. Edward Nathan Calisch Congregation Beth Ahabah 1117 W. Franklin St. Richmond, Va.

My dear Dr. Calisch:

May I join your host of friends throughout the nation in extending to you my heartiest felicitations on the occasion of your eightieth birthday and your elevation to the position of Rabbi Emeritus of the congregation which you served with such distinction for so long a time. That you are still strong in body, mind and spirit at "Gevurot" must be a source of great happiness to you, and we all wish you continued well-being through the oncoming years. That your community has for many years regarded you as one of its foremost citizens is well known to all of us, and your congregation honors itself by honoring you.

Most cordially yours,

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June 7th, 1945.

Miss Bessie Kline, Secretary to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, The Temple, East 105th Street at Ansel Road, Cleveland, Chic.

My dear Miss Kline:

With reference to the letter which Rabbi Silver received from Sgt. Eric M. Lipmen, Dr. Joseph C. Hyman asked me to acknowledge receipt of your note enclosing this material.

We are, of course, familiar with the tragic facts set forth in Sgt. Lipman's letter about the situation in Theresienstedt. Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, our European Chairman, is closely in touch with S.H.A.E.F. and with UNRRA on this matter and has arranged for J.D.C. representatives to be stationed at the former concentration camps, with a view to acting in a consultative and liaison capacity and in bringing special aid to the Jews there.

We can quite understand the deep feeling that actuated Sgt. Lipman to write as he has. It is fortunate that in some respects Sgt. Lipman's statements are not borne out by the facts. Sgt. Lipman labors under very great emotion when he makes the statement that "there are no other Jews - with very few exceptions - alive in Europe today, than the Jews of Theresienstadt."

Our Dr. Schwartz is expected here before long and one of the major matters under consideration is how we can most effectively be of service through S.H.A.E.F. and UNRRA and directly to the most helpless group of people - the Jews in concentration camps who are without nationality and without a definite notion of where they are to go.

The letters that St. Lipman enclosed are indeed touching, and we are bound to do everything that is humanly possible to help such victims.

Lillian Center

Secretary to Dr. Joseph C. Hyman.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Cleveland appeal, over Judge Cull's name, is scheduled to go into the mail on June 18th, and we are glad to know that your name again appears as a committee member. We are very grateful for your continued interest and help, and enclose a sample of the complete set-up for your information.

With appreciation,

Sincerely yours

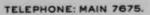
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June 19, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Rittenberg has asked me to acknowledge with thanks the two photographs you were kind enough to send him.

At the very first opportunity he will communicate further with you.

Sincerely yours,

Alfreda Anker

Secretary to Mr. Rittenberg

June 19, 1945 Mr. Henry Monsky Omaha National Bank Building Omaha, Nebraska My dear Friend: Thank you for your kind note and for your acceptance to act as one of the Sponsors of the Yiddish Art Theatre, a very commendable cultural project. I followed your work in San Francisco closely. I, too, hope that we may have an opportunity before long to chat together. With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, AHS: BK

June 20, 1945 A. Johnston, Secretary British Consulate 1673 Union Commerce Bldg. Cleveland, Ohio My dear Mr. Johnston: Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me the pamphlet, "The Jewish Bulletin." I shall be very happy to receive it regularly. With all good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours, AHS: BK

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Habbi &. H. Silver 105th Street and Ansel Road Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Would you be good enough to try to locate somebody for us in your community, who has had some experience in journalism, to send us news? We pay a penny a word.

Thanking you in advance, I am

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Sincerely yours,

THE JEWISH POST

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# THE JEWISH POST

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# Al Segal Writes a Letter to The Jewish Post

DEAR MR. COHEN:

So your paper is another year old. My being congratulatory on this occasion is based on more than the fact that you use my column, although I do think it's a pretty good column and that your using it suggests excellent journalistic judgment.

However, I am not one of those columnists who reads only their own stuff. Each week, after carefully observing how my column has been handled in your paper (I am like a mother who makes sure that her child has been comfortably put to bed) I scan the other pages of The Jewish Post.

This perusal always quickens my heart with hope for Jewish journalism in general which frequently is rather a sickly affair. I am sickened by the kind of Jewish journalism that considers its main function to report that Mrs. Zilch has had a baby and that Mrs. Shabbosdeckel's daughter is at last engaged, thank goodness.

Its editorial opinions, if any, are colored to please the local big-shots. The president of Anshe Giborim Synagogue must be cultivated; the president of the Ladies' Auxiliary must be kept flattered. Then there are Zionists. They are numerous in the community and nothing must be printed in criticism of their cause.

So, ironically enough, we often see a totalitarian journalism among the Jews—the kind that in the dark countries is devoted entirely to praises of the authorities and all their works and tolerates no criticism at all.

(I know of one Jewish community in which editorials of possible controversial nature are submitted to the community council for censorship and approval. The two competing editors meekly accept this humiliation.)

Sometimes I have thought that when I get tired of working for the daily press I should like to run a Jewish paper of my own. I should like to tell the president of Anshe Giborim where to get off: "Sir, this isn't a paper dedicated to the purpose of admiring you. I have already printed your picture three times this year and don't you think that's enough? It's your kind that is making Jewish journalism just a sickly palaver of kovod.

"Jewish life isn't just you and your kind. Jewish life is a complex of many elements and I must have plenty of space to tell all about it. Jewish life runs with the important news of the world and here you come to ask me to print as news the names (with your picture) of all the members of the Lemonade Committee you have appointed for the Anshe Giborim picnic.

"Now, sir, please don't feel offended. I am not pointing only at you. If Jewish journalism in America is lacking, it's because of the exactions of its customers who think Jewish journalism exists for the exploitation of their vanity.

"They think that to get their names in the paper is the main achievement of being an effective Jew. That is just about ruinous to journalism whose function should be to print ideas rather than names, Jewish principles rather than pictures of the big-shots.

"Please, sir, help me to get out a significant paper by not insisting too much on your personal publicity. I realize that I must print some of it, but be reasonable. Please don't butt in with your picayune affairs to crowd out the immense drama of Jewish life. It's so absurd; it's like a clown injecting himself into a great tragedy.

"And, incidentally, don't you ever come around to try to direct my editorial opinion. A lot of people seem to think that because they are important subscribers they can control my paper. Your only interest in my paper is your annual subscription. I like to have your subscription but if you think it gives you a proprietary interest I don't want it.

"Mind you, I am not being mean but I think it's about time Jews—especially the leaders among them—realized for what purpose Jewish papers exist."

Of course, I know that if I spoke in this way to the president of the Anshe Giborim and to others like him, I might have to fold up, but it would be worth while to find out whether a Jewish community wants real journalism or only a puff sheet.

Well, my dear Mr. Cohen, all this brings me back to your paper and its merits. I have often delighted in its frank speech, in its willingness to get into local controversies, in its calling a spade a spade, in its handling of important Jewish news, in its appreciative understanding of the drama of Jewish life, in its adult way of looking at Jewish life.

I like your style which is never stodgy. I like your paper's make-up which suggests to one who picks it up that he is going to have a bright evening of it.

I hope the next ten years will be happier not only for the Jewish Post but for all Jewish journalism. I like to believe that in the next ten years Jewish papers won't contain so much about anti-Semitism. This is to say, I am hopeful of a bright new world in which being a Jew will no longer be just a matter of doing something about anti-Semites.

In such a world Jewish journalism will have the opportunity to assert the positive side of Jewish living. I mean the fine body of ideals that is called Judaism by the pursuit of which Jews may attain the good life.

We have been so busy fighting each other as well as our enemies that we have quite overlooked the main end of being a Jew.

ALFRED SEGAL

Cincinnati, Ohio

### Rabbi Sidney Akselrod

Cincinnati

"The president of the sisterhood of my bi-weekly congregation in Logan, W. Va., recently asked me to recommend a good Anglo-Jewish newspaper. I was unable to do so. When I returned to Hebrew Union College I canvassed the student body. There was but one opinion—The Jewish Post, and I agree with my colleagues. The Post is the best Jewish newspaper I have ever read."

### Rabbi Max Arzt

Jewish Theological Seminary

". . . a fearless champion of truth."

### Rabbi Elmer Berger

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

"... You are unique ... I hope you will continue to publish a paper which will serve truth first and not be bound by partisanship ..."

### Rabbi Eugene Blachschleger

Montgomery, Ala.

"... I consider your publication the best in the field and I eagerly look forward to receiving it each week."

### Rabbi William G. Braude

Providence, Rhode Island

"... I am so impressed with its calibre that I am taking it to a Rabbinical meeting this afternoon and will display it to the men with the hope that we can produce something like it here."

### Rabbi Julian B. Feibleman

New Orleans, La.

"It is far and away the best Anglo-Jewish paper we have."

### Rabbi Abraham E. Halpern

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". . . your very splendid paper has become a national institution."

### Chaplain Sidney I. Goldstein

"I regard The Post as American Jewry's foremost English weekly and consider it to be a sine qua non in my reading for the week."

### Rabbi Abram Vossen Goodman

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". . . without question the best Jewish weekly newspaper appearing in the United States today."

### Dr. Robert Gordis

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"... it possesses, unlike far too many
similar weeklies, a vitality of outlook and
forthrightness of expression. . ."

### Rabbi Israel H. Levinthal

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" I have been a great admirer of your paper and I feel that it deserves the support of American Jewry."

### Rabbi Abraham J. Levy

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"I find The Post to be the best Anglo-Jewish weekly in America . . ."

### Rabbi Felix A. Levy

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"I feel that it is the best journal of its kind in the country. I recommend your paper at every opportunity to my colleagues and friends."

### Rabbi Theodore N. Lewis

Brooklyn

"The Jewish Post is the best Anglo-Jewish weekly in the country. It is best from the point of view of coverage of Jewish news, of stimulating and fearless editorial opinion and best in its desire to serve the cause of American Israel."

### Chaplain Eugene J. Lipman

"By a process of elimination I have come to the conclusion that you do the best job of any Anglo-Jewish periodical in America."

### Rabbi Walter H. Plaut

Duluth, Minn.

"I can truthfully say that your paper is by far the best Anglo-Jewish paper in America."

### Rabbi Sidney L. Regner

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"... it is good to see a paper that isn't afraid to print honest comment on Jewish life, and that has a healthy respect for the importance of ideas."

### Rabbi Max Reichler

Brooklyn, N. Y.

"The Jewish Post has become the outstanding Jewish weekly in America and a 'must' for every thinking Jew."

### Rabbi Benjamin Schultz

Yonkers, N. Y.

"I am happy to inform you that my entire congregation, are to become readers of The Jewish Post. At my request two of our public-spirited men are subscribing for all the members. What I have seen of The Post convinces me that it is the paper for the American Jew. It is fearless, forthright and frank; and seeks the news regardless of special interest."

### Rabbi Mordecai M. Thurman

Wilmington, N. C.

"Informative, intelligent, challenging ..."

### Rabbi Sylvan D. Schwartzman

Augusta, Georgia

"Yesterday our Temple Board of Trustees held its monthly meeting and voted to send a four month's blanket subscription to The Jewish Post to every household in our congregation. Those of us who have come to know The Jewish Post have recognized its splendid coverage week-toweek of the important Jewish happenings. But what is more, its stimulating editorial comment, its weekly features and its letters to the editor give a well-rounded interpretation to that news which should encourage lay thinking and form intelligent opinions upon the facts. The Post is the only medium in modern American Jewish life that I know of which gives us an answer to a very serious lack in adult Jewish knowledge."

### Rabbi Nathaniel S. Share

New Orleans, Louisiana

"... something unique in contemporary Anglo-Jewish journalism — an honest open-minded comprehensive weekly. Your forthright editorial policy is doubly commendable because it is almost a rarity these days."

### Rabbi William B. Silverman

Gastonia, N. C.

"I admire your courage, the freshness of your approach and the dynamic nature of your entire paper."

### Rabbi Manfred Swarensky

Madison, Wisconsin

"It is the best edited Anglo-Jewish weekly I have seen."

### Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg

Easton, Pennsylvania

". . . I must take time out to commend you on the consistent excellence of your paper. There are too few like The Post among our Anglo-Jewish periodicals. I like The Post well enough to really read it and that's more than I can get to do with a lot of the stuff that comes my way. . ."

### Rabbi Jacob Weinstein

Chicago, Illinois

"I have long wanted to write to tell you how much I have enjoyed reading the Jewish Post. I like its simple layout and the bold and vigorous quality of your editorials. , ."

### Rabbi Alfred Wolf

Dothan, Ala.

"Your wide-awake paper is one of the most vital links between this isolated Jewish community and the American Jewish community."

### Rabbi Sidney Wolf

Corpus Christi, Texas

"I really read your paper from cover to cover with great pleasure."

July 17, 1945

Mr. G. M. Cohen Publisher, Jewish Post 508 Meridian Life Building Indianapolis, Indiana

My dear Mr. Cohen:

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Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 9th.

I am not at the moment in a position to recommend someone in Cleveland who can act as your correspondent. I shall be away from Cleveland most of the summer.

I would suggest that you write to Mr. Leo Weidenthan of the Jewish Independent of Cleveland, sho may be in a position to help you.

> With all good wishes, I remain, Very sincerely yours,



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Rabbi A. H. Silver 19810 Shaker Blvd. Shaker Heights, Ohio

Dear Habbi Silver:

The tragedy of blindness should impress all of us with the blessing of good sight. Each year this club conducts a Sight Saving Seal Campaign, appealing to public-spirited Clevelanders, giving them an opportunity to share in this work. Your share will not obligate you in any way; neither are we asking you to make a contribution. We feel an Honorary Committee of prominent Clevelanders will add confidence to this campaign and all we ask is that you lend your name to this worth-while welfare work.

The entire expense of this campaign is borne by the Lions and every penny goes to the aid of the blind since there is no promotional nor administrative expense.

Last year, six guide dogs were placed; one cataract operation was paid for; four artificial eyes, ten Braille watches, and an average of two pairs of glasses per month were given to worthy subjects. The Cleveland Public Library was the recipient of twenty volumes of Braille bibles, fifty-eight volumes of Moon bibles, a quantity of talking records of the Readers Digest, and also a quantity of the Braille edition of the Readers Digest.

Since suitable literature is in preparation to mail on September 1st, we ask you to indicate your permission on the bottom of this letter or call the Lions club office at CH 2324.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation, I am yours in the spirit of this service.

Very truly yours,

L. A. Leonard, Secretary Lions Club of Cleveland

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I would prefer not to have my name used.

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added much to the joy of my suniversary, and I thank you for it. Edward N. Colisch

# Linked in Freedom's Cause

When the sword is finally beaten into the plowshare—the spear into the pruning hook—the new world we help build shall be the world in which we live.

For more than a decade, powerful forces have been attempting to strip the world of democratic doctrines by driving a wedge of hate and suspicion between man and his neighbor—by setting insidious booby traps whose detonations would divide America and shatter American rights.

These forces of destruction are well on their way toward defeat on the fields of battle. Their carefully sown lies—their malicious rumors—their subversive propaganda—are being exposed. The seeds of their planned evil are being uprooted from the hearts and minds of Americans.

The American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith are joined together in this great cause—and, united, join with all true American institutions in building a better world where all men shall live together in safety, unity and equality.

Linked in freedom's cause—The American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League are devoted to the objectives of creating a better understanding among men of all religions . . . toward eliminating the misconceptions concerning the Jews . . . toward preserving and safeguarding the religious and civil rights of Jews.

It is a unity built upon a pragmatic realization. The rights we fight for—protect and defend—today . . . shall be the rights we enjoy tomorrow!



# "Anti-Semitic Hate Propaganda Endangers America"

Public Relations: The Public Relations Division, through professional techniques and mass media, reaches the American people daily. Its function is to expose the motives of organized anti-semitism, clarify misconceptions about Jews and foster better understanding among all American groups.

Over the Air 200 Times a Day: In the field of radio, the public relations division averages more than 200 individual station broadcasts a day . . . every day in the year!

A series of twenty-two full page ads carrying our message is currently appearing in more than 250 daily newspapers in America, six in Canada, many weekly publications and a group of pulp magazines. Now also appearing on billboards throughout

In All Newspapers and Magazines:

the nation.

Every publication day throughout the year the general press—1900 dailies with a 43 million circulation—the rural press, the foreign language press, the negro press, the labor press—with 10 million readers—receives and uses some material from this division. To the city desk go news releases—background material, cartoons and even comic strips for the editorial and feature writers. Many

requests for material emanate directly from the publications who have come to recognize the authenticity and reliability of this division's information on contemporary Jewish affairs.

so,000 Books a Year: More than 50,000 copies of important books carrying our message are annually distributed to libraries and other institutions where they are accessible to the public. Material and complete ideas are furnished to writers whose books are publicized through the division.

Three Million Pamphlels: The Public Relations Division has distributed more than three million pamphlets this year! They include such titles as "The ABC's of Scapegoating" and "... To Bigotry No Sanction."

Heard by 7,000 Audiences Annually:

Through cooperation with non-profit lecture bureaus, a group of prominent speakers delivers our message of unity to more than seven thousand audiences annually, including businessmen's clubs, church groups and women's organizations.

Pro-Democracy Organizations: Labor, educational, veteran, and other organizations devoted to the cause of American democracy, willingly join with the American Jewish Com-

mittee and the Anti-Defamation League in an all-out effort to prevent scurrilous and unfair attacks on any group.

Religious Organizations: Through cooperative religious organizations we promote interfaith activity, channel pro-democratic material to the religious press, aid in the development of religious textbooks and supply information to ministers, religious writers for honest presentation.

Education Toes IIIs There: With educational organizations we share in the development of teaching manuals and materials designed to give American youth a better understanding and appreciation of the cultural values of the varied groups which together comprise the American people.

Fact-Finding and Legal Investigation Division is the emergency section of the defense program, devoted to dealing with overt manifestations of anti-semitism and organized activities of anti-semitic groups. The facts gathered by the division are channeled to the proper authorities for remedial action and used as a guide for the over-all operations of the defense program.

Research Division and library staff maintain a

storehouse of catalogued and assimilated facts 20,000 volumes in the libraries - files of newspapers published throughout the world - over two million individual items of pertinent information to the defense program, catalogued in the clipping file over a period of ten years - rare official documents sought after by government agencies, analysts and writers. The division responds to a continual stream of requests for their recognized reliable information from newspapers, magazines, schools, public institutions, private institutions and other branches of the organizations. Analyses, studies, bibliographies and other profound findings are published in their regular publications, "The Contemporary Jewish Record," the "Committee Reporter," "The ADL Newsletter," and "Facts About Fictions Concerning the Jews," and a host of similar books and pamphlets . . . totaling a publication circulation of one-half million copies.

Projected on a Face to Face Level:

The Community Service Division consists of: the central staff, over 150 public relations committees in a many cities, eleven regional offices, 2,000 key men in 1,000 cities. This Division is a clearing house for information and service for the national organizations and the community groups—adapting national projects for local community use, aiding in local problems, circulating information and maintaining constant contact between Jewish communities.

# Linked in Freedom's Cause



Interioran Jewish Commillee Thirty-eight years ago, when AJC was formed, this was written: "The American Jewish Committee is organized to prevent the infraction of civil and religious rights of Jews in any part of the world... to render all lawful assistance and take appropriate remedial action in the event of threatened or actual invasion or restriction of such rights... to prevent unfavorable discrimination with respect to these rights... to secure Jews' equality in economic, social and educational opportunity."... This is the purpose. This is the pledge.

Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'iille Built upon thirty years of service and devotion to the Jewish community, the ADL is dedicated to the elimination of defamation of Jews . . . to the counteraction of un-American and anti-democratic propaganda through a broad educational program . . . to the advancement of good-will and a proper understanding between American groups and to the preservation and translation into greater effectiveness of the ideals of American democracy.

Joint Defense Afficeal The JDA is the link that couples the two national organizations in the unified defense program. Created in 1941 as an instrumentality for a combined fund-raising operation, the organization—through the Committee of Six, a group of men representing both the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League—further serves as a coordinating agency for the actual programs of both agencies, rounding out the over-all defense and educational program on an intense national scale with a maximum of efficiency and impact.

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During the later half of the past century I enjoyed a delightful correspondence with many famous men and women the world over. The subjects under discussion were Philosophy and Religion, and the writers of the letters were poets, novelists, historians, theologians, critics, scientists and educators. I have communications from Oliver Wendell Holmes, Edward Everett Hale, Samuel F. Smith, author of "America"; Julia Ward Howe, Ella Wheeler Wilcox, Archibishop Ireland, Jane G. Austin, William Morris, Alfred Austin, Gilbert Parker, Isaac McLellan, John Muir, President Eliot of Harvard, Israel Zangwill, Charlotte Yonge, F. W. Farrar, Sir James Dewar, Philipps Brooks, Anne Besant, Margaret Deland, Kate Douglas Wiggin, and a host of others.

Of course these letters are intensely interesting and valuable; most of them are classics. Several prominent Universities have sought to acquire them but I have decided to place them on exhibition in Libraries, Colleges, Churches, and other places. Exhibits will be at the St. Louis Public Library and before the League of American Pen Women.

With these letters I propose to exhibit inscribed books and music of outstanding authors and composers. So I am now inviting writers and composers everywhere to take part in these exhibits. Many have already contributed books, music or other material, inscribed. Among the more prominent of these contributors are: Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Herbert Hoover, Wendell Willkie, Ambassador Jos. C. Grew, Vice President Wallace, Archbishop Spellman, Albert Einstein, Norman Angel, Henry Ford, Marshall Field, Mackenzie King, Premiers Curtin, Smuts and Fraser, Lloyd George, Jan Masaryk, Sumner Wells, Admiral Nimitz, Winston Churchill, Cordell Hull, Gov. Dewey, Chas. E. Hughes, Owen Roberts, Simon Lake, Mary Pickford, Elizabeth Pinney Hunt, 26 Senators, Faith Baldwin, Edna St. Vincent Millay, Geo. Arliss, Gen. Somerville, Donald Richberg, Archibald MacLeish, Capt. Eddie Rickenbacher, Edith Bolling Wilson, Will H. Hays, Booth Tarkington, Gene Fowler, Fulton Oursler, Robert A. Millikan, Franz Werfel, Robert Nathan, Rupert Hughes, Harry Emerson Fosdick, Hendrick van Loon, Sigrid Undset, Nobel Prize winner; Sir Wm. Mulock, Chas. M. Sheldon, H.V. Kaltenborn, Lloyd C. Douglas, Grace Noll Crowell, Mrs. Zane Gray, Clara E. Sears, Garrett Mattingly, Betty Smith, Sholem Asch, Pulitzer Prize winners, Jas. Truslow Adams, F. Lauriston Bullard, H. J. Haskill, G.B. Parker, Louis Jaffe, Henry Dwight Sedgwick, Channing Pollock, Virgil Markham, Cedric Foster, Gabriel Heatter, Graham Swing, Cyril Clemens, Silas Bent, Shirley Seiffert, Elizabeth Seiffert, Geo. E. Sokolsky, Walter Lippmann, Sam Campbell, Harold Bell Wright, Laura Benet, Gene Tierney, Gracie Fields, Dorothy Lamour, Ann Baxter, Agnes Moorehead, Olivia de Havilland, Walter Pidgeon, Curt Massey, Ginger Rogers, Joan Bennett, Joan Crawford, Carole Landis.

The following composers have contributed: H. Augustine Smith, Herbert Stothart, H. Alex Matthews, Carrie Jacobs Bond, A.G.H. Bode, R. Deane Shure, Edward B. Marks, Irving Caesar, Harriett Ware, Molly Haley, W. Russell Bowie, Florence Maxim, Gale Brown, Sidney Brown, Mabel Daniels, Helen Leavitt, Grace Bush, John Haynes Holmes, Vida Scudder, S. Ralph Harlow, J. Edgar Park, Fritz Reiner, Howard Robbins, Henry Tweedy, Wm. P. Merrell, Jas. Gordon Gilkey, Shepherd Knapp, Grace Compagno, Jack Tenney, Marion Ham, Granville Bontock and others.

A Message from Winston Churchill: "Books in all their variety offer the means whereby civilization may be carried triumphantly forward."

A message from President Roosevelt: "Through books we have appraised our enemies and have discovered our allies. A war of ideas can no more be won without books than a naval war can be won without ships."

It is desired that you take part in this project by contributing one or more of your books or as much music as you wish, inscribed, as a part of these exhibits. If you are an author please write, if you will, a short "creed" of your own, or some message or sentiment. Composers are asked to do the latter.

Several Previews of these exhibits have already been held before select audiences, who have praised them highly. Each exhibit is preceded by an interesting lecture. Many authors and composers have sent their photographs.

May I have the honor of an early response?

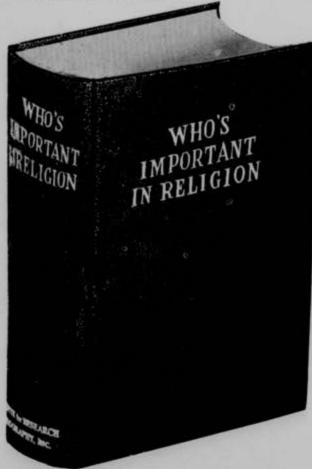
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TUCKER, HENRY ST. GEORGE, Presiding Bishop of Protestant Episcopal Church and Bishop of Virginia, was born in Warsaw, Va., July 16, 1874, the son of Beverley Dandridge and Anna Maria (Washington) Tucker. He was educated at University of Virginia, from which he received his M.A. degree. The degree of D.D. was conferred upon him by Virginia Theological Seminary. In 1911 he married Mary Lillian Warnock, and they have two sons: Henry St. George and James Warnock. Bishop Tucker was appointed Episcopal missionary to Japan in 1899. He was missionary priest in Hirosaki from 1900 to 1903, and then served as President of St. Paul's College, Tokyo, until 1912. He was Bishop of Kyoto from 1912 to 1923, when he returned to the United States and became Professor at Virginia Theological Seminary until 1926. He was elected Bishop Coadjutor of Virginia in 1926, and has served as Bishop of Virginia since 1927, and as Presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church since 1938. Bishop Tucker is author of "Providence and the Atonement" and "History of Episcopal Church in Japan." Residence: 6501 Three Chopt Rd., Richmond, Va. Office: 281 4th Ave., New York, N. Y., and 110 W. Franklin St., Richmond, Virginia.



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