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March 15, 1946

Mr. Frederick F. Greenman, President
New York Federation of Reform Synagogues
3 East 65th Street
New York 21, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Greenman:

Thank you for your letter of February 13.

I shall be very happy to have you send out the enclosed letter over my signature. I have made one or two slight changes in it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

May we have a copy of your address delivered before The Cleveland Council for American Unity? We think it would be good material for our magazine.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Cordially,

Francis Merchant
(m.v. more)
Francis Merchant, Editor

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AMERICAN BUREAU
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March 19, 1946

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

The editors of the LONDON JEWISH CHRONICLE, oldest and most widely known Jewish journal in the world, are pleased to announce the next step in a successful experiment - a new method of delivery in the United States to those who desire to gain a sounder and quicker view of European Jewish affairs than is now possible through agency sources, as represented in the Jewish and general press.

Clipper service having proved reliable on a limited scale during the past three months, the publishers are now prepared to accept further subscriptions at the usual rate of \$6.00 per year, plus \$.25 per week. This enables them to ship by airplane, from London to New York, in such a manner that the issue of any Friday reaches subscribers in the United States within a few days, instead of weeks, thereafter.

Those already receiving the CHRONICLE by this means are highly pleased with this innovation. Therefore, we wonder whether you, as a holder of public opinion, might care to join our growing list of airmail subscribers?

If you are attracted to this extraordinary method of obtaining authentic information concerning the Jewish scene abroad, we should be pleased to enter your subscription on a six-months trial period. This means that in addition to the \$6.00 for the regular annual subscription, you would send us \$6.50 (a total of \$12.50) to cover special Clipper service.

The reason we suggest a limited period of six months is because we wish to make doubly certain that this arrangement will continue to operate on a safe and prompt basis in the months ahead. We are confident, of course, that you will want to receive the CHRONICLE by Clipper far beyond the initial six months and you will so advise us in due time.

We should appreciate your early favorable response so that the publishers in London, still subject to paper restrictions, may make adequate provisions without loss of time.

Very cordially yours,

Victoria Tarlow
VICTORIA TARLOW

VT:SS

March 21, 1946

Mr. Carlton K. Matson, Associate Editor
The Cleveland Press
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Matson:

Permit me to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing to me and for the expressions contained in your letter. I enjoyed the Andrica meeting very much and I was particularly happy to have an opportunity to see you and to talk to you after so long a time.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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March 21, 1946

Mr. Louis B. Seltzer, Editor
The Cleveland Press
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Louis:

It was so gracious of you to write me about the address which I delivered at the Andrica banquet. I deeply appreciated your thoughtfulness in writing. It was a lovely meeting and I tremendously enjoyed being there. It always is a great pleasure for me to be of service to you.

With all good wishes to you and Mrs. Seltzer in which Mrs. Silver joins me heartily, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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March 22, 1946

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

Dear Abba:

I want to tell you how much we missed you here last night. It was reported that you were ill. I hope that this finds you well. The Christian-Palestine Institute came off well. It had enough newspaper publicity and radio programs to make the city conscious that an important conference was in process. There were 35 programs in the two days making Detroit's conference the most comprehensive yet held.

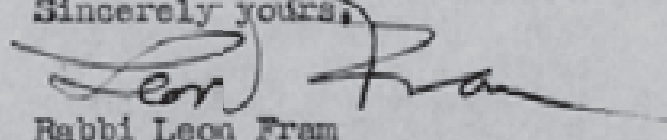
I have offered some criticisms of our procedures to Mr. Steinberg who will undoubtedly convey them to the staff and to you. The man who was delegated to speak in your place was Professor Francis McMahon. He spoke with deep reverence for you and your work, and he delivered a very moving Christian plea for justice to the Jew. Senator Magnusson was "so-so", but he had a very receptive audience, and the dinner ended in a spirit of genuine enthusiasm.

I hope, Abba, that when we finally set the date for our Building Fund dinner you will be in good health and be able to come. Because building itself will be difficult yet for a long time, and because of the conditions of unrest that have been prevailing in Detroit, we are postponing the event to a more favorable time. I will keep you informed of our plans far in advance so that the probability shall be heavily in favor of your being with us.

I want to felicitate you in advance on the Testimonial Dinner of March 31. Having no assistance, it is impossible for me to be away from my Congregation on week-ends. I want to join in the tributes that will be given you by saying that no matter how glowing they will be, they will be under-statements.

With kindest greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,


Rabbi Leon Fram

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

March 22, 1946

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

My predecessor, Rabbi Charles Latz, followed the practice of holding confirmation on a Sunday. I am making an attempt to change it to Shabuoth. Our Temple Board should like to know what the practice is in your Temple. Do you hold confirmation on Sunday morning or on the day of Shabuoth? I shall be grateful for the information.

I was eager to attend the Union Convention to hear you and to talk to you. I was to have been one of the delegates of our congregation. We are in the midst of the expectancy of a child and duty kept me here. I hope things are well with you.

Faithfully yours,

George

GBL:gn

March 25, 1946

Dr. George B. Lieberman
651 Renkert Building
Canton, Ohio

My dear George:

The Temple conducts its Confirmation Service on the day of Shabuoth regardless of when that day falls. This has been our practice for a great number of years.

With all good wishes to you and yours,
I remain

Most cordially yours,

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March 26, 1946

Dr. Oscar B. Markey
2923 Brighton Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Oscar:

Under separate cover I am sending you a book by Rabbi Joshua L. Liebman called "Peace of Mind." It is an effort to synthesize modern religious thought with the science of Psychoanalysis as a common aid to modern men. I wish that you would review this book for The Temple Bulletin. I know of no one better qualified to do it.

Dr. Liebman is one of the very able and scholarly men in our Reform Jewish Ministry. For some years he was in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Cincinnati and I believe that he is teaching Philosophy at the Boston University.

A review of about a thousand to fifteen words would be quite adequate.

I hope that you are well. I am sorry that we have not as yet had a chance to sit down for a long chat. Why don't you come over to the house some evening? With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

March 28, 1946

Dr. G. E. Densmore,
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

My dear Dr. Densmore:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your kind letter of February 16. I have been away from the city most of the time and my correspondence has lagged.

I regret that I have no sermon of mine on a record and I am therefore unable to comply with your request. Should I at any time make such a record, I shall be most happy to send you a copy of it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:EK

March 26, 1946

Mr. Francis Merchant, Editor
Our Book
405-406 Blackstone Building
1426 West 3rd St.
Cleveland 15, Ohio

My dear Mr. Merchant:

I regret very much that I haven't a copy
of the address which I delivered before The Cleveland
Council for American Unity to send. I spoke from notes.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:DK

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ELMER T. CLARK, SECRETARY-TREASURER
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

March 27, 1946

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Replies to my recent letter regarding the recipient of the Theta Phi Distinguished Service Award indicated that it should go to Dr. John R. Mott.

All persons did not reply and several names were suggested, but Dr. Mott was favored by more persons than any other. Bishop Holt and I, canvassing results, are recommending Dr. Mott, whose contributions are so well known that it seems unnecessary to present them here.

Please let me have your reaction to this recommendation.

Cordially,



Elmer T. Clark
Secretary-Treasurer

March 27, 1946

Mr. Edward A. Norman, President
American Fund for Palestinian Institutions, Inc.
1860 Broadway
New York 23, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Norman:

I should very much like to attend the meeting on May 28. Unfortunately, I have another engagement scheduled on that day.

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

Most cordially yours,

ABS:GR

DAVID PINSKI

222 WEST 77TH STREET

NEW YORK, N. Y.

March 28, 1946

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The friends and associates of David Wertheim are tendering a testimonial dinner in his honor on Thursday evening, May 16, at the Hotel Commodore. This testimonial will be our way of expressing our appreciation and esteem for him for his devoted services to the Labor Zionist movement as National Secretary of the Poale Zion in America for the past thirteen years and for his invaluable contribution to the Zionist cause as a whole.

May we take the liberty of inviting you to join as a member of the Committee of Sponsors which is now in formation for this testimonial. Your reply on the enclosed card will be greatly appreciated. Should we not hear from you to the contrary by April 8th, we shall assume your acceptance and shall add your name to the Committee.

Anticipating your early reply, I remain

Cordially yours,

David Pinski

David Pinski
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April 1, 1946

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

A group of leading American intellectuals consisting of non-Jews and Jews, perturbed by the rise of racial antagonism in our country, have invoked a project for treating the situation in a methodical scientific manner.

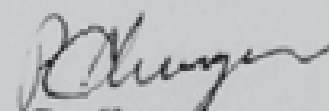
As the root of racial propaganda today is the allegation that Jews are an unproductive race, and that they have made no valuable contribution to the upbuilding and the welfare of the United States, it was therefore decided to undertake the publication of a series of books in which the part played by the Jews in the growth of this country is to be discussed on the basis of carefully examined documents. In each state of the Union all available data relevant to the subject will be taken from government archives and other sources to form a picture of the Jewish contributions to, and Jewish sacrifices in behalf of our country.

Furthermore, these books will do away with another wrong, mainly the misconceptions and omissions about the part that the Jews played in the upbuilding of this country, which is lacking in most of the books of our historians.

We have decided to name our organization the AMERICAN JEWISH SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY, and it shall be a non-sectarian organization for the study of Jewish problems, and we are starting now with the first volume; this will be the Jewish achievement in the state of Alabama, from the early time of settlement up to the present day.

In view of your known humanitarian attitude toward the problem of Jewish minority, and your deep interest in the fight to eradicate the poison of Fascism, we would be very much obliged to you if you would favor us with your views and suggestions regarding our work.

Sincerely yours,


Dr. P. Churgin,
Vice-President

AMERICAN JEWISH SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

A Non-Sectarian Organization for the Study of Jewish Problems

246 Fifth Avenue, Room 202, New York 1, N.Y.

THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE JEWS TO THE UPBUILDING OF AMERICA

The enemies of the American principles of liberty, equality and democracy have spread the poisonous allegations among the uninformed masses that the Jew is a parasite who contributes nothing to his country, and living off its riches, refusing to make sacrifices in its behalf when it is in peril.

This, of course, is untrue. Jews have participated in the upbuilding of America in every field of activity to a larger extent than their proportion in the general population. But the data proving that fact has not been collected and co-ordinated to present a comprehensive and convincing picture for everyone to see. The material is scattered in government archives, institutions, in private hands and many other sources. Unless that material is brought together, we cannot meet the false allegations of the enemies of Americanism in an effective manner.

In order to combat the evil of that poisonous propaganda of long standing, the AMERICAN JEWISH SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY has been founded. It will collect and organize all facts relating to Jewish contributions to American civilization in literature, science, art, the theatre, the professions, industry, commerce, politics and in every other field.

THE AMERICAN JEWISH SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY plans to publish such books, dealing with Jewish contributions in each state of the Union. All documents relevant to the subject in every state will be published and the data carefully collected and scientifically checked by reputable scholars, to make sure of their authenticity. All our publications will be scrupulously accurate, and the books of the states will contain the whole truth about the Jewish contribution to the upbuilding of our country from the beginning to the present day.

Once a complete library of such publications is built up, it will be impossible for any demagogue to go unchallenged by American public opinion when he accuses the Jews of being a parasitic race. The books themselves will give him the lie.

Leading scholars in America, both Jewish and non-Jewish, are engaged in the compilation of these books. In each state its respective academicians were invited to contribute their studies in their particular field relating to the Jews' contribution to the state, based on all available documents.

THE AMERICAN JEWISH SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY will from time to time also publish books on other subjects in the field of Jewish Sociology.

THE AMERICAN JEWISH SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY consists of Jews and non-Jews alike, and is not run for profit, its aim being purely humanitarian and scientific.

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JEWISH CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UPBUILDING OF AMERICAN LIFE

by DR. ZVI CAHN

The full story of the participation of the Jews, as individuals, or as communities, in the upbuilding of these United States is still to be written. The subject, in fact, has hardly been explored. American historians, in their search for material on important personalities whose efforts and devotion contributed to the growth and advancement of this country, have often omitted Jewish names, or mentioned them without knowing, or without pointing out that their bearers were Jews. The sources are still to be unearthed from the archives, but they are available.

That there were numbers of Jews who contributed greatly, each one in his own manner, to the upbuilding of America, is attested by the Christian scholar, Guy McConnell, who is a descendant of nine generations of Yankees. This generous-minded gentleman inquired into this field and speaks of his work as follows (National Jewish Monthly - June, 1944):

"Recently I sat in the lounge of an exclusive club with a small group of men who were members of the state's historical commission and its board of education. All were non-Jews. The conversation concerned popular post-war re-education of the American masses and the responsibility of Christians in connection with the mounting tide of anti-Semitism in the United States.

My companions knew that I, a ninth-generation American, and a direct descendant of the founders of Methodism, was under contract with a well-known non-Jewish publisher for a book on the Jews in the history of the Republic. I had done more than fifteen years first hand research. They asked me to relate some of my experiences and discoveries. So I talked about what I call American sins of omission, a form of anti-Semitism in a democracy.

I pointed out that as far back as 1654, the first Jews in America participated with other peoples of numerous and diverse old-country origins in the erection

of what was to be something new under the political sun -- the United States of America, a republican form of organized life on the democratic principle, based on laws and concepts at least partly of Hebraic origin. This makes the American Jew unique among all Jews.

But in the school books your boy and girl bring home, where is this Jew in the story of the founding and building of the American commonwealth?

HE ISN'T THERE!"

But something was recently done about it. A group of eminent scholars, including both Jews and non-Jews have now formed an organization to carry out the project of studying the Jewish contributions to America. The name of the organization is the AMERICAN JEWISH SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY, with headquarters at 246 Fifth Avenue, New York. Among the sponsors of the organization are: Dr. Edwin H. Sutherland, Professor of Sociology at the Indiana University; Dr. J.O. Hertzler, Professor of Sociology at the University of Nebraska; Dr. Otto Klineberg, Professor of Sociology at Columbia University; Dr. Herbert Blumer, Associate Professor of Sociology at Chicago University; Dr. Charles R. Hoffer, Associate Professor of Sociology at Michigan State College; Dr. J. Ginsburg, Professor of Mathematics at the Yeshiva College; Dr. P. Churgin, of the same College, and myself as Executive Director.

The aim of the organization is to publish books dealing with the contributions of the Jews to each individual state in the Union. Jewish and non-Jewish scholars will engage in this project, examining every relevant document to be found in the archives of every state or in private hands. Jewish organizations which have existed at any time during the history of this country will be studied with the view of examining their contributions to the advancement of America. The books will be published in alphabetical order and the beginning is made with three volumes dealing with the states of Alabama, Arizona and Arkansas. These books will contain a great deal of material which was uncovered just now and will show a new picture of the great contribution of the Jews to the above mentioned states.

WHAT THEY SAY—

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

February 26, 1944

Dr. Ivi Gahn
Secretary
American Jewish Sociological Society
Room 511
475 Fifth Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Dr. Gahn:

If you think that my cooperation would be of help in the interesting plans you have put forward in your memorandum, I shall be glad to participate in the sponsoring of your society.

Very truly yours,

Paul F. Lazarsfeld

Paul F. Lazarsfeld

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March 23, 1944

Dr. Ivi Gahn
American Jewish Sociological Society
475 Fifth Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Dr. Gahn:

Your letter outlining the purposes of the American Jewish Sociological Society and asking permission to use my name as one of the sponsors has been received. I am heartily in agreement with the proposed objectives of the American Jewish Society and, therefore, am willing for you to use my name as one of its sponsors if you care to do so.

It does not seem likely that I will be able to make any financial contribution to the organization but will be ready to assist in other ways that may be feasible.

Very truly yours,

Charles R. Hoffer
Charles R. Hoffer
Associate Professor

CRH:D

INDIANA UNIVERSITY
BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

February 28, 1944

The American Jewish Sociological Society
475 Fifth Avenue, Room 511
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear sirs:

I shall be glad to have my name used as one of the sponsors of the research program suggested in your letter of February 28, 1944.

Sincerely yours,

Erwin H. Sutherland

Erwin H. Sutherland

THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
LAWRENCE

March 4, 1944

Dr. Ivi Gahn, Secretary,
American Jewish Sociological Society,
475 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Gahn:

I shall be very happy to serve as a sponsor for your society and the work it is doing. I shall not, however, be in a position to participate in any of the contemplated studies for some time to come.

Sincerely yours,

J.O. Bertaler
J.O. Bertaler

The University of Chicago
Department of Sociology

March 11, 1944

Dr. F. Churgin
Executive Vice-President
American Jewish Sociological Society
475 5th Avenue Room 511
New York 17 N Y

Dear Dr Churgin:

In response to your invitation of the 24th of February, I wish to say that I will be glad to have you list me as one of the sponsors of your Society. I trust that it will have a fruitful career in gaining greater insight into and intelligence of Jewish problems.

Respectfully,

Herbert Blumer
Herbert Blumer
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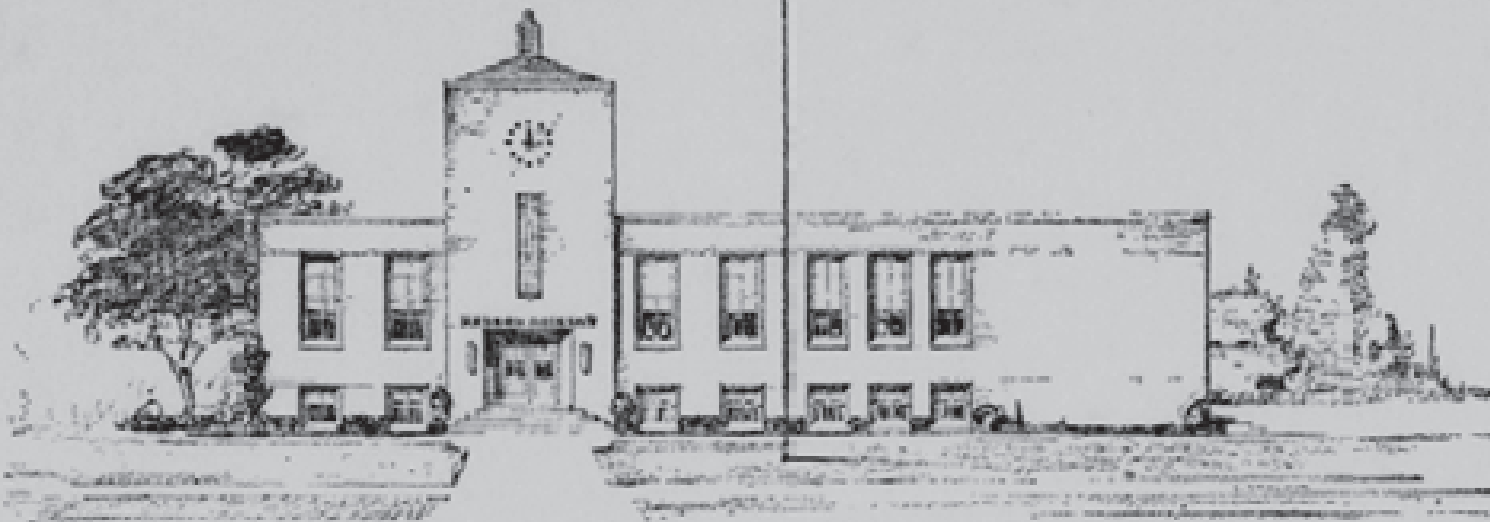
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Hebrew Academy of Cleveland will be greatly honored in having you as our guest at the Corner Stone Laying Exercises which will be held Sunday April 7th, 2:00 P.M. at the place of construction, 1860 So. Taylor Road.

This historic event marks another milestone in the phenomenal growth of our school, celebrating the erection of the first school building in Cleveland devoted to Hebrew Religion and Secular Education.

Please accept this very cordial invitation and share with us in this great Mitzvah.

Sincerely yours,

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Rabbi M. Lefkovitz
Hebrew Academy of Cleveland
985 E. Blvd.
Cleveland 3, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Lefkovitz:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter and for the invitation of the Hebrew Academy of Cleveland to attend the Corner Stone Laying Exercises next Sunday afternoon. I deeply appreciate your kindness in inviting me and I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately I have long scheduled congregational duties which will make it impossible.

I wish to congratulate you on this auspicious occasion and to wish you and your co-workers on the project all success.

Most cordially yours,

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Dear Friend:

On April 4th, the Hon. Adolph J. Sabath will
celebrate his 80th birthday.

Adolph J. Sabath was born in Czechoslovakia on
April 4, 1866 and came to the United States in 1881.
He has been a member of the House of Representatives
for the past forty years.

Congressman Sabath is Dean of the House of Re-
presentatives. He is chairman of the House Rules
Committee and has served untiringly as a champion
of liberal and progressive causes in Congress.

We feel that Congressman Sabath has earned the
appreciation of the American people for his life-time
of service and devotion to the cause of American demo-
cracy.

We invite you to join in a public tribute to
Congressman Sabath on his 80th birthday by signing
the enclosed birthday greeting. We enclose also
a post-card which we would appreciate your signing
and returning to us, indicating thereby your will-
ingness to join in greeting Congressman Sabath on
his birthday.

Sincerely yours,

Abner Green

Abner Green
Executive Secretary

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American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born
23 West 26th Street, New York 10, N. Y.

Hon. Adolph J. Sabath
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

We join in extending to you best wishes on the celebration of your eightieth birthday and in paying tribute to your outstanding service as a member of the House of Representatives for the past forty years.

We commend your spirit and work as a leader and a fighter for progressive and humanitarian causes on the floor of the Congress of the United States. We respect your independence and vigilance in the cause of the people whom you have so ably represented these past forty years as a member of Congress.

We look forward to your continued service in the interest of the people for many years to come. We know that you will always be found fighting on the side of progress and democracy. We wish to express our deep appreciation for your important contributions to the welfare of the American people.

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23 W. 26th St., New York, N.Y.

American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born
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I wish to join in signing your Statement greet-
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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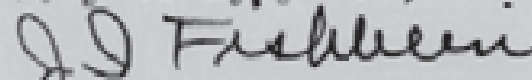
Dear Dr. Silver:

On May 2, the Chicago Jewish community in its entirety is holding a testimonial honoring the thirty-five years of communal service rendered by Judge Harry M. Fisher. I do not need to impress upon you the significance of this man's life, replete as it is with unstinting devotion to Klal Yisroel and the American people as a whole.

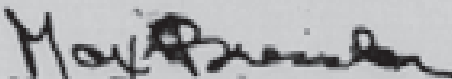
In preparation for this event, the Arrangements Committee is planning on issuing a printed program containing messages from leaders of American Jewry which can be retained as a memento of this significant occasion.

I am writing to you, therefore, to inquire whether you would be willing to submit such a brief message of greeting which can be reprinted in the Judge Harry M. Fisher Testimonial Program. Because time is so short and printing so difficult, I would appreciate having your response as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,



J. I. Fishbein
Program Chairman



Max Bressler
Chairman, Arrangements Committee

JIF/s

CLEVELAND PEACE COMMITTEE

11205 Euclid Avenue

Cleveland, Ohio

April 4, 1946.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple, Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

The crisis of our time is control of Atomic Energy, civilian control and international control. We feel it important for a small group to get together to think and plan some constructive action.

We are inviting a group of scientists, educators and religious leaders to meet at the College Club, 1958 East 93rd St., at 4 P.M. on Thursday, April 11, to remain through dinner. There will be no speeches but a few brief introductory talks followed by much discussion and consideration of practical things to be done. This is in line with similar conferences recently held in Chicago and in Pittsburgh.

We earnestly request your presence. Only a limited number have been invited in order to keep the group small enough for frank and free discussion. Please reply by Monday April 8.

Cordially,

Mabel Head Secretary.

Inviting Committee :

Dr. Philip Smead Bird	Dr. Everett MacNair
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April 5, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
c/o The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

On March 25th, our Secretary, Mr. Gottlieb Hammer, wrote to you concerning the next meeting of our Board of Directors which is to take place on Thursday, April 11th, at 6:30 P.M. at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York. This will be a dinner meeting. To date, we have not heard from you as to whether you plan to be present.

Since this is a very important meeting, please make every effort to attend. I am most anxious to have your advice and counsel on a number of urgent matters. May I have your reply by return mail?

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Dewey D. Stone
Chairman of the Board

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Rabbi A. Allen Steinbach

Brooklyn, N. Y.

PLEASE ACCEPT MY PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS AND THOSE OF THE CCAR ON THE COMPLETION OF TWENTY FIVE YEARS IN THE RABBINATE. WE WISH YOU THE FULLEST MEASURE OF ACHIEVEMENT AND CONTENTMENT IN YOUR DISTINGUISHED MINISTRY DURING THE COMING YEARS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your kind words of congratulation on the occasion of my installation. It was thoughtful of you to remember me.

I am looking forward with a great deal of pleasant anticipation to the work here in Minneapolis. The field is broad and offers a challenge which I hope to be able to meet. Rabbi Minda has been more than kind to me in setting up the outlines of my work. I am sure our relationship will be fruitful and pleasant.

With repeated thanks and all good wishes to you, Mrs Silver, and the boys, in which June and Judy join, I am

as ever,

Dick

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April 8, 1946

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The proposed standard rabbinical contract, which is to form the basis of discussion at a meeting of the presidents of the several rabbinical seminaries and rabbinical bodies on April 25th, is now in the hands of the printer. In about a week you will receive several copies of it.

Among those who are definitely going to attend the meeting are Dr. Louis Finkelstein, Dr. Robert Cordis, Dr. Julian Morgenstern and Dr. Stephen S. Wise.

You stated in your letter to me that on the day of this meeting you have commitments elsewhere and therefore will not be able to attend. While we know that you could appoint an individual to represent the Central Conference of American Rabbis at this meeting, the importance of this subject from the standpoint of the rabbi in your organization makes your personal attendance eminently desirable.

With very best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Jeremiah J. Berman

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Mr. Dewey D. Stone
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Dewey:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 5. I wish I could attend the meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science on Thursday, April 11. Unfortunately I will not be able to get to New York on that day.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 195th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are grateful to you for the greetings
that you sent to us on the occasion of the
Brooklyn Jewish Center's 25th Anniversary
of its founding.

Please accept our hearty thanks for the
very fine sentiments therein.

Sincerely yours,

SAMUEL ROTTENBERG
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Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Celebration

April 17, 1946

Mr. N. L. Dauby
The May Company
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friend:

May I join your host of friends in the community in extending to you my heartiest felicitations on the award for distinguished public service which was made to you yesterday by the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce. I know of no citizen of Cleveland who deserves it more. It is gratifying that your exemplary services to our community in so many fields over so many years have received this formal recognition at the hands of this important organization in the community. We who have known of your many benefactions and services to everything that is constructive and forward-looking in the life of our city have been voting you medals in our hearts for a long time.

Most cordially yours,

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I want to thank you for your very nice letter of April 17th with reference to the award I received from the Chamber of Commerce. Up to this time I thought I would be able to get away without publicity, and be able to live my life in the background as I always hoped to live it. I happen to be allergic to publicity. I hope now they will let me continue to do things I like to do without any more public mention. Your letter is very beautiful and I appreciate it very much.

With kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

N. E. Dauby.

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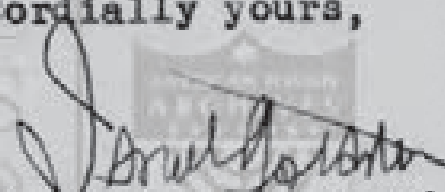
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I would appreciate a word of approval
and encouragement from you touching the project of
a Jewish-sponsored university about which we chatted
the other day. The enclosure tells the story.

Cordially yours,


Dr. Israel Goldstein

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As is well known, Protestant and Catholic denominational groups have established scores of colleges and universities in the United States. Our purpose is to make a contribution as a Jewish group to American education by supporting a university which in student body and in faculty shall be open to all races and creeds, with merit as the only criterion for admission. We propose to have a faculty of distinguished scholars who will attract a student body of good caliber.

The premises we have chosen for this purpose consist of a beautiful one hundred acre campus and suitable buildings in Waltham, Mass., ten miles out of Boston, which is the historic cradle of American culture. The University charter gives the right to confer the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Sciences, Doctor of Medicine, and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. Its present name, Middlesex University, we plan to replace by a more suitable name reflecting the new program and the new sponsorship.

Our plan is to open the College of Liberal Arts in October, 1947, to strengthen and improve the School of Veterinary Medicine which is now functioning on a limited scale, and to re-open the Medical School later when we have resources adequate for a first-class Medical School.

We must soon begin to give thought to the selection of a faculty for the College of Liberal Arts, so that it may be open to receive students in October, 1947. In order to be in a position to talk to prospective instructors and professors, an adequate fund must be assured. Since, fortunately, we have the site and buildings, a fund of \$1,500,000 would be adequate to justify the opening of the University under its new auspices. The major part of this goal should be realized by the end of the current year.

Distinguished educators such as Professor Albert Einstein, President Emeritus Alvin Johnson, President Paul Klapper, Professor Mordecai M. Kaplan, Dr. Karl Compton and others, will cooperate with us to develop a first-class institution of higher learning conducted on American democratic principles. The following comment by Dr. Einstein may be of special interest:

"Such an institution, provided it is of a high standard, will improve our situation a good deal and will satisfy a real need. As is well-known, under present circumstances, many of our gifted youth see themselves denied the cultural and professional education they are longing for."

"I would do anything in my power to help them in the creation and guidance of such an institution. It would always be near to my heart."

Professor Einstein's consent to the use of his name for our Foundation evidences the depth of his interest.

Dr. Karl Compton, President of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, comments: "It would provide another facility for higher education at a time when existing facilities are greatly over-taxed and when all of the trends point toward a continually increasing demand for higher education of the youth of our country."

Those who desire to contribute financially to this University project may do so through the Albert Einstein Foundation for Higher Learning, Inc. Contributions will be deductible for Income Tax purposes.



This is the Main Building of the University at Waltham, Mass., supported by the Albert Einstein Foundation for Higher Learning. It admits students of all races and creeds, without quota.

Contributions are welcomed, and may be addressed to the Albert Einstein Foundation for Higher Learning, 150 Broadway, New York City.

An Editorial which appeared in

the BOSTON TRAVELLER on April 5, 1946

A JEWISH UNIVERSITY

One of the genuine lacks in local education will be supplied when Dr. Israel Goldstein and his associates take over the physical plant of Middlesex University in Waltham and make it an institution of the first rank. The success of the institutions of higher learning which are maintained by the Christian churches is the reliable pledge of success for this venture, which will be Jewish in backing and universal in scholarly appeal.

At one step Middlesex has shaken off the shackles of its past and entered upon a period of high promise. It is incumbent on the general public as well as the world of scholarship to know and evaluate fully the fact that Middlesex hereafter will be in the main stream of the world's intellectual tradition and that its future graduates will be full-fledged and fully honored members of the ancient company of scholars.

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Dr. Abba H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Under separate cover I am forwarding current issue of THE EXAMINER on the front page of which there appears an important statement by Dr. Theodore N. Lewis. I will be glad to receive for publication any statement, pro or con, that you may be good enough to offer and I am sure that our readers will be interested.

As certified by the Audit Bureau of Circulations, THE EXAMINER has the largest Anglo-Jewish weekly reader audience in the United States.

Every good wish.

Cordially yours,

Rabbi Louis D. Gross
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Dear Dr. Silver:

In connection with the forthcoming 57th Annual Convention of the CCAR, I should like to publish in LIBERAL JUDAISM an article that might highlight the brightest facets in the development of the CCAR since its inception.

Would you please suggest the person who is best fitted to do such an article. Or better still, would you make the assignment as president of the CCAR? Coming from you, I am certain that there would be no refusal.*

I would publish such an article in the July issue and it ought to be no longer than approximately 2500 words. It should be in my hands no later than the third week in May. Perhaps the writer of this historical piece could also suggest suitable illustrations.

I wonder whether you have had an opportunity to read our April issue containing a running story of the UAHC Biennial, which included outstanding portions of your magnificent address. The full text of that paper will be published in a later number.

With warm personal regards, I am

Faithfully yours,

Louis Rittenberg
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*It goes without saying that I intend to cover the convention itself fully.

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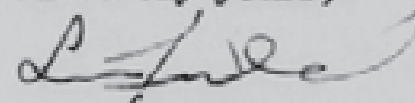
Dear Dr. Silver:

May I send you herewith a copy of the joint resolution which you signed.

The resolution was forwarded to the United States Census Bureau where it was well received. Copies of the correspondence with the U. S. Director of the Census are enclosed. I shall keep you informed. Thanks very much.

With kind personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



H. S. LINFIELD, Director

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JOINT RESOLUTION
of the
NATIONAL JEWISH RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

It is our judgment that there is an urgent need for the appointment of a special agent, as in the past, to enumerate the Jewish bodies in the 1946 United States Census of Religious Bodies. We therefore earnestly hope that the Director of the Census, following the good practice of his predecessors, will make arrangements with the Jewish Statistical Bureau to enumerate the Jewish bodies in the forthcoming census, in order to assure a complete and accurate enumeration:

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To the Director of the Census
Bureau of the Census
Washington, D. C.

March 28, 1946

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Washington 25

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March 20, 1946

Dear Mr. Lazrus:

I am writing following Dr. Linfield's conversation with Dr. Hauser concerning some of the problems relating to the enumeration of Jewish Congregations in the forthcoming Census of Religious Bodies. As you know, at this writing we are not yet assured of appropriations for this census. If the appropriations are received, we shall, of course, begin our work on this census early in the coming fiscal year.

I am informed that Dr. Linfield, Director of the Jewish Statistical Bureau, served as special agent in connection with the Census of Religious Bodies in 1926 and 1936 and materials collected through him are incorporated in the reports of these censuses.

We shall very much appreciate receiving from the Jewish religious organizations that are represented by your Bureau a statement indicating whether there is need for appointing a special agent to enumerate Jewish Congregations in the 1946 Census of Religious Bodies. As you know, special agents have been discontinued in connection with the enumeration of a number of other denominations and we should like to know whether in your judgment a special agent is necessary in order to insure a complete and accurate canvass of Jewish religious bodies.

Sincerely yours,

(s) J. C. Capt
Director

Mr. S. Ralph Lazrus, Chairman
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March 28, 1946

Mr. J. C. Capt, Director of the Census
Bureau of the Census
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Capt:

Referring to your kind letter of March 20, 1946, I beg to send you herewith the joint resolution signed by all the national Jewish religious organizations. It is our unanimous judgment that there is need for your appointing of a special agent to enumerate the Jewish congregations in the 1946 Census of Religious Bodies.

Our national religious organizations feel strongly about this matter. The special agent must be indeed thoroughly experienced, represent an institution which is equipped for the work of the census, in close touch with our congregations and rabbis, and enjoy their confidence. Our national religious organizations therefore respectfully suggest that you appoint Dr. H. S. Linfield, who directs the Jewish Statistical Bureau, which possesses the equipment and the means required for the census. Dr. Linfield, as you know, successfully served as the government's agent in the last census, and the arrangements made then did not involve additional expenditures on the part of the United States government.

It is our unanimous judgment that without a special agent, such as we have in mind, the enumeration of the Jewish congregations will be incomplete and inaccurate, and it will fail to serve the purposes of our religious organizations. Moreover, an incomplete and an inaccurate enumeration might give rise to misleading and false assertions which will prove harmful to the Jewish people.

We are planning to effect far-reaching changes especially in the matter of national reporting on the part of our Jewish congregations. We hope that this is the last time that we appeal to you to appoint a special agent, as given above.

I have the honor of presenting this appeal in the name of all our national religious organizations, to wit:

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Central Conference of American Rabbis (the Jewish reform congregations);

The United Synagogue of America, the Rabbinical Assembly of America (the Jewish conservative congregations); and

The Union of Jewish Orthodox Congregations, the Rabbinical Council of America, the Union of Orthodox Rabbis (the Jewish orthodox congregations).

Thanking you in advance and looking forward to hearing from you,

I am

Very sincerely yours,

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S. RALPH LAZEUS, Chairman

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Department of Commerce
Bureau of the Census
Washington 25

April 9, 1946

Dear Mr. Lasrus:

I have your letter of March 28, with reference to the employment of a special agent for the collection of data on Jewish Congregations at the Census of Religious Bodies.

No plans for the census will be made until the appropriation is approved by Congress. As soon as we have definite assurance that the money is available and work on the census is organized, I shall be glad to give careful consideration to the recommendation of your national religious organizations.

Sincerely yours,

(S) J. C. Capt
Director

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PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE FOR MENTAL HYGIENE
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WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP OUR MENTAL CASUALTIES?

ADDRESS DELIVERED OVER STATION W L I B, May 9, 1946
By ELLEN C. PHILFINE, CHAIRMAN
PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE FOR MENTAL HYGIENE.

Recently conditions in our State mental hospitals have been making shocking news. Actual pictures have appeared of naked, underfed patients -- and there are over 600,000 of them in the United States; 100,000 in New York State hospitals alone! People have asked me, "Is this really true?" It is true.

When I, as a novelist and the wife of a staff psychiatrist, came to live in the world's largest State mental hospital, I did not know that over one-half of all the hospital beds in this country are occupied by mental patients. I didn't know that mental illness strikes more people than tuberculosis, infantile paralysis and cancer combined - that one out of every 17 Americans is mentally ill. I didn't know that children are in those institutions, nor did I dream that some day many of our veterans would land behind those hospital bars.

I came as a woman, and I was dismayed by what I saw. I found myself part of an enormous factory - a factory of despair, undermanned by paid personnel, with most of the workers unpaidpatients. I went into the crowded wards and saw patient after patient sitting idly, day after day, or standing where there weren't even enough chairs. No occupation was provided for them unless they were strong enough and suitable for farm or laundry or some such work. There were Occupational Therapy shops, it is true, but there were never enough Occupational Therapists, so that only a limited number of patients could busy themselves with the simple crafts there. Moreover, attendants were so scarce that they couldn't be spared from their ward duties to take patients outdoors for recreation or walks, so that most of the non-working patients never got farther outside than the open barred porches. I saw those poor men and women standing there, day after day, looking longingly out, half-naked, in the bitterest weather - for there were never enough clothes for patients. I saw the food they ate - food costing 22 to 26 cents a day per patient - cold slop, ladled out carelessly by indifferent attendants or working patients. I couldn't help comparing it with my own food up at staff--the finest meats, fresh vegetables, plenty of butter.

Nurses were practically invisible. That meant that each doctor struggled along, without any professional assistance, trying to take care of from 400 to 1,000 patients. Yes, that is how many patients one doctor is expected to take care of in a State mental hospital- 400 to 1,000 patients! Untrained attendants did most of the first aid work, when patients got hurt - and in an understaffed

mental hospital, patients get hurt often. They get hurt because mentally ill people are human beings like you and me. If you lock them up behind bars without any fresh air and without any recreation, day after day - if you starve them, and then, as a final insult, fail to give them any treatment, they will get worse instead of better. They'll grow irritable with each other and pick fights. That I discovered, was how most of the patients got hurt - fighting with each other - although there were whispered tales of brutalities from bad attendants.

I got to know the attendants. When I learned that some of them were expected to support families on salaries as low as \$100 a month, it was a wonder to me that any good attendants ever stayed in the place.

But to me the most terrible tragedies were those patients who, in spite of every discouragement - in spite of indifference, neglect, poor food, and no treatment - had managed to achieve some recovery.

Those recovering patients were tragic because they were lost in the shuffle. I only began to suspect their existence because some of them came to help me in my apartment. Domestic work for the staff was considered Occupational Therapy - and it was, in the sense that it got patients out of the terrible wards and afforded them an opportunity to eat good staff food. I heard the stories of my helpers; they all longed with a terrible yearning to get out, to get back to life again. Some of them had been there five, six, seven years. Their families had died, or had forgotten about them, or were afraid to take them out. Meanwhile, those poor women - and there were men too - suffered tortures being confined with patients who were still mentally sick.

With the help of the social service department, I got those women jobs outside, so that they were released. But I was oppressed by the thought of all the recovering patients that I, as one single individual, could not possibly help. The social workers freely admitted they could not ferret out all the patients who might be ready to leave, because there simply were not enough social workers to do the job. Further, they confessed that even after patients were released, there was no guarantee that they would not come back, because there weren't enough social workers to help them in the thousand and one problems of readjustment which might make them sick again. Then I was shocked to discover that only 13% of the 100,000 New York State mental hospital patients could hope to be discharged, and that of these nearly 40% would eventually return.

By then I had given up believing that I was in a hospital. The name "lunatic asylum" had been changed, but conditions were worse than in any prison - closer to those in a concentration camp, with everybody, including the staff, being tortured. Doctors could not get the simplest drugs or equipment, sometimes not even aspirin, for their patients. Good directors lived in hopes between annual budgets, and then each year their hopes crashed as they failed to receive enough money to provide even physical necessities such as clothes, food, sheets and towels, for their patients - to say nothing of treatment. Everyone, from the sickest patient to the most optimistic staff-member, gradually came to feel that the public did not care, that nothing could ever be done to correct such conditions - because the State hospitals and all the workers and patients in them were simply relegated to a forgotten darkness.

That was why I wrote my novel about the State mental hospitals, "They Walk In Darkness". I could not believe that people would not care, if they knew the truth as I knew it, from the inside. I knew I'd be attacked for daring, as a doctor's wife, to write such truths; therefore, I was not surprised when I was attacked

as unethical by some of my best friends, prominent psychiatrists, who for years had been saying among themselves what I aired publicly. But I didn't care about such attacks, because meanwhile I'd been justified in my confidence in the people, in ordinary humane citizens who, like myself, could not sit idly by while a great social wrong was done.

Meanwhile, you see, there had been an investigation of the New York State mental hospitals. Some said it was just another one of those political investigations which blow up a great storm for a few days in the press, resulting in the enforced resignation of a Commissioner, so that a previous administration can be blamed. But from this investigation had emerged a report which was, in the main, honest and thoroughly shocking. The Dawson report revealed the lack of modern psychiatric treatments, which could restore many patients to society. It disclosed the high incidence of tuberculosis among both patients and employees, and condemned the "unbalanced and inadequate diet". It demanded a greatly increased staff, to provide actual care and treatment. Moreover, it recommended a review of all patients, to determine which were well enough to leave.

This Dawson Report was promptly buried. Some people were angrily asking why a session of the New York State Legislature was allowed to pass without any action to reform the State mental hospitals. Why had there been an investigation?

To those angry people my novel, "They Walk In Darkness" exploded the story behind the buried Dawson Report. A storm of feeling began to rise. Legislators roused. People, citizens from all walks of life, came together - psychiatrists, clergymen, lawyers, veterans, social workers, civic organizations, State hospital employees, the relatives of patients, other writers and artists. An amazing, thrilling thing happened. A Committee of all these people was formed, out of the feeling that something had to be done, because it was the people's responsibility.

That is the story of the People's Committee for Mental Hygiene-- our Committee, and your Committee, because you, every one of you listening to me, are the people, the citizens and voting taxpayers, who can change the appalling State hospital conditions.

Don't think of it as a world apart. It is terribly near to the relatives who have patients there. Those relatives are among you-- relatives of children, of veterans, of husbands and wives, of fathers and mothers. If you had lived there as I did for four years, your heart would break for those poor relatives coming week after week, hoping against hope. Your heart would break because there is hope for the mentally sick people who are well-fed, who are given the benefit of active treatment, and decent humane care. There would be hope in the State mental hospitals if there were twice as many doctors, three times as many nurses, four times as many attendants, and five times as many social workers and occupational therapists.

We tried, during the past session of the Legislature to get some of these necessities for the patients. We were blocked at every turn.

Our fight goes on. We shall succeed if you, as citizens and voters, recognize your responsibility and help us. Remember, this is not a cause for lost people thousands of miles away. These people are your friends, your relatives, your neighbors. Your taxes support the institutions to which they go. We are fighting to bring to them the hope which we know exists - the hope of cure, and of decent, humane care.

If you are interested in helping us do your job, please write to PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE FOR MENTAL HYGIENE, 154 Nassau Street, Room 1007, New York 7, N. Y.

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

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We are eager to share with you the latest reports on both the campaign in this country and the progress being made in the actual work of building and staffing the Medical School on Mt. Scopus. The enclosed CAMPAIGN SUPPLEMENT, will, we believe, give you gratifying information on both these subjects.

We are grateful for the added support which your sponsorship lends to this project.

Sincerely,

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LOUIS B. SELTZER
EDITOR

May 17, 1946

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In the years I have spent observing social causes and civic leaders, I have known of no contribution to the life of a community more meaningful than the campaign waged by Dr. Sharpe and his associates to secure humane care for our shamefully forgotten mentally ill fellow-citizens.

To honor this leader and to call attention to the movement which he symbolizes, I feel privileged in being chairman of a committee arranging a testimonial luncheon to him.

It is fitting that our community in this sesquicentennial year honor one who has brought so much light into the dark corners of our mental institutions. It is equally fitting that you, who have made your own contribution to the community, share in this occasion.

Therefore, I have the honor of inviting you to serve on the Committee on Arrangements for the testimonial luncheon to Dr. D. R. Sharpe at 12:00 Noon, June 6th in the Ball Room of the Hotel Hollenden.

For the forgotten people whom he has so selflessly served, I hope I may be favored with an early acceptance. The enclosed postcard is for your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Louis B. Seltzer

Louis B. Seltzer, Chairman
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105 Street at Ansel Road
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Dear Rabbi Dr. Silver:

Each of us, no matter how concerned we are with the fate and future of our people generally, feels especially compassionate about our Lithuanian Jews, for from the illustrious Jewish community in Lithuania, we carried with us the lovely traditions and memories which will be with us through life.

Because we are certain that you, too, Rabbi Silver, are sentimental about the kibbutz which was the cradle of your revered parents, we take the liberty of asking you for some of your valuable time for purely Lithuanian problems which are, in these tragic times, so urgent.

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We, Lithuanian Jews, are proud that the leader of our great Jewish movement is one of our sons. We feel that you should have and will want a place in the discussions of vital and actual problems pertaining to the remnants of our glorious kibbutz, the Jewish community in Lithuania.

In order to discuss matters of relief, help, rehabilitation, we have called a National Convention for Sunday, May 26, 1946, 10 A. M. at the Manhattan Center in New York City, where representatives of the Federations throughout the country and Canada, landsmanshaften and societies will get together.

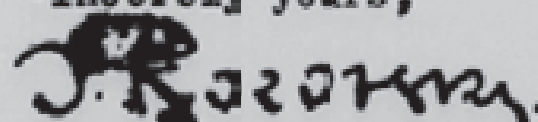
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Our National Convention would gain in significance if you would participate in it, and every surviving Lithuanian Jew and each of us personally would be honored if you would address our get-together.

In the sincere hope that you will grant us the courtesy of your presence which will give us inspiration and courage in our heartbreaking work, and looking forward to your immediate acceptance, we are

Sincerely yours,



I. Rozovsky, Exec. Director
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Dear Dr. Silver:

M. MYER SINGER
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While awaiting your answer, which came on May 16th, I learned that Rabbi Marcuson had made some sort of tentative arrangements for publicity with the very person whom I had in mind, namely, Henry H. Levy.

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I gather, however, that the budgetary allotment for this work will be done on a more-or-less parsimonious basis, and I am frankly uneasy about it. I am not at all worried about the coverage in LIBERAL JUDAISM, which will be ample, I am sure. But I know that you would want to see these sessions of the CCAR in Chicago given the maximum space in the general and Jewish press. That is possible only if Henry Levy does not need to count pennies in the set-up of his machinery for a smooth job of turning out day-to-day publicity and photographs of the various sessions. I strongly urge you to make certain that there will be no slip-up on these plans.

It might be a good idea if you were to have a talk with Levy when next you are in New York. He can be reached at 3 East 65th St., New York City. If you are so minded, I would suggest that at that time you also discuss with him the possibilities of an all-year-round setup for the promotion of public relations of the CCAR.

I appreciate your assurance that the matter of Chaplain Richmond has been turned over to Rabbi Feldman.

I am asking Rabbi Allan Tarshish to do the article on CCAR, which you were unable to undertake because of your other commitments.

Looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you in Chicago, I am, as ever

Sincerely yours,

Louis Rittenberg
LOUIS RITTENBERG

LR:SS

LAHC address

*Full text of your
will appear in the July issue.*

May 20, 1946

Mr. I. Rozovsky, Exec. Director
American Federation for Lithuanian Jews, Inc.
1133 Broadway
New York 10, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Rozovsky:

Thank you for your kind letter of May 17.

I regret that I will not be able to be with you on Sunday, May 26. I am occupying my pulpit on the morning of that day and in the evening my Temple holds its annual congregational meeting, which I must attend.

I trust that your deliberations will be successful. If there is anything I can do to help, please communicate with me.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:OR

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May 27, 1946

Mr. Louis Rittenberg, Editor
LIBERAL JUDAISM
920 Riverside Drive
New York 32, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Rittenberg:

Thank you for your letter of May 19.

I have written to Rabbi Marcuson, suggesting that he write to Mr. Henry W. Levy advising him of the Conference's wishes of adequate coverage for its Convention, and that it will finance within reason such a program.

I will not be in New York in the near future so that I will not be able to see Mr. Levy in person. But you may wish to speak to him and talk over the matter of the CCAR Convention coverage.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

May 27, 1946

Mr. Louis Rittenberg, Editor
LIBERAL JUDAISM
920 Riverside Drive
New York 32, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Rittenberg:

Thank you for your kind letter of April 30.

I read the report of the UAHG Biennial, which appeared in the April issue of "Liberal Judaism", and I enjoyed it tremendously. I am pleased to note that you are publishing the full text of my address in your July issue. I have had quite a number of requests for it and I have informed them that "Liberal Judaism" has taken the manuscript for publication.

As regards your request of me to recommend someone who would write an article giving the highlights in the history of the CCAR since its inception, quite a few names suggest themselves. The Vice President of the Conference, Feldman, who is a conscientious recorder. An older man, Felix A. Levy, who was himself President of the Conference. Marcus, Professor of History at the HUC. Joshua Block, head of the Jewish Division of the New York Public Library.

If you would indicate to me your preference, I should be very happy to write to the individual, and in the name of the Conference request him to prepare such an article.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE

May 29, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

May I invite you to join me and a group of other friends in honoring Mr. Edmund I. Kaufmann on the occasion of his sixtieth birthday at a dinner party in the Trianon Room of the Hotel Ambassador (Park Avenue and 51st Street, New York City) on Monday, June 10th, at 6:30 P.M.

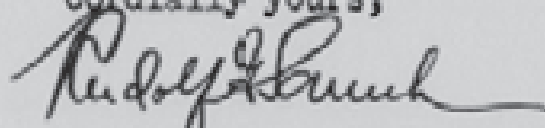
There are many reasons for this friendly tribute to Mr. Kaufmann. His career of Jewish communal service is one that is reflected in the achievements of many organizations. This year his career has been climaxed in his role as National Chairman for Initial Gifts of the phenomenal United Jewish Appeal campaign. In this role he has had the admiration and gratitude of all who are associated with him.

The dinner party on June 10th will be an informal occasion at which we shall try to carry on in that spirit of congeniality and rare good humor that characterize Mr. Kaufmann in his public and private life.

Will you let me know that you will join me as my guest on this occasion.

I think it would be well if we were to present Mr. Kaufmann with a series of letters from his friends in the form of an album which he may keep as a testimonial. Such a message from you to be included in the album will be helpful.

Cordially yours,



Rudolf G. Sonneborn

RGS:MBG
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May 31, 1946

Mr. Rudolf G. Sonneborn
L. Sonneborn Sons, Inc.
88 Lexington Avenue
New York 16, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Sonneborn:

I should very much like to attend the dinner honoring Mr. Edmund I. Kaufmann on the occasion of his sixtieth birthday, but I am scheduled to be in St. Louis on June 10. Will you not convey to Mr. Kaufmann my heartiest felicitations on the occasion of his anniversary? I should like to join with his host of friends in paying tribute to him for the splendid services which he has rendered the cause of our people as a Zionist leader, as an outstanding philanthropist, as a champion of the rights of our people everywhere, and as a patriotic American citizen loyal to the noblest traditions of our country.

May he go from strength to strength!

Most cordially,

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NELLIE B. HOLLIDAY
2901 HAMPTON ROAD
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June 1, 1946

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Temple Tifereth Israel
Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I send you herewith our copy for Temple Tifereth Israel that we intend to use in our Guide Book to Cleveland. I would appreciate it very much if you would read the material and return to me with your comments.

Please feel free to mark up the copy in any way you see fit with additions, omissions or suggestions you might have.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Nellie B. Holliday

Nellie B. Holliday

NBH:vm

Encl.

June 6, 1946

Mrs. Nellie B. Holliday
2901 Hampton Road
Cleveland 20, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Holliday:

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of your article on The Temple which you intend to use in your Guide Book of Cleveland. It is exceptionally well done, and I have no corrections to make other than the few which I indicated in the manuscript.

On the third page before the last, the second line from the bottom, there is a word which I cannot decipher.

Please head the article, "The Temple." This is the name of our institution for nearly fifty years, and of the structure which your article describes.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX
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The Cleveland Press

OFFICE OF
LOUIS B. SELTZER
EDITOR

June 13, 1946

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We owe much to you as a member of the Committee on Arrangements for the memorable meeting last Thursday in honor of Dr. D. H. Sharpe. I thank you most heartily for your splendid contribution to its great success.

Sincerely yours,

Louis B. Seltzer
Louis E. Seltzer, Chairman
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My dear Friend Silver:

I continue to read with a great deal of interest your Temple bulletins and the various Zionist literature in which your activities are recorded. I marvel at your terrific outpouring of energy. Permit me to tell you that I frequently quote you in my synagogue's publications, and I have always instructed my Secretary to send you copies.

I am going to be in Chicago for a few days during the C.C.A.R. and I look forward to the pleasure of seeing you.

I want you to be among the first to know that the Beverly Hills community bestowed upon me the honor of the Presidency of the BEVERLY HILLS ZIONIST DISTRICT. I succeed Dr. H. N. Mantchik. The year ahead promises a great deal of growth. Should you at any time plan to be in these parts, my people will join all other Zionist groups in tribute to you and your excellent leadership.

With every good wish, believe me to be,

In friendship always,

Ernest R. Trattner
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DATE: June 19, 1946

FROM: Ernest E. Barbarash, Director
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New Address:
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SUBJECT:

I am enclosing herewith a draft of a suggested ad
for publication in your local paper in the issue of Friday, June 28th.

Regards.

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E. E. B.

June 22, 1946

Mr. Saul S. Danaceni, Ass't. Prosecutor
County of Cuyahoga
Office of the Prosecutor
1560 E. 21st and Payne Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Saul:

You may wish to use the enclosed draft of a
suggested Ad for publication in the local papers.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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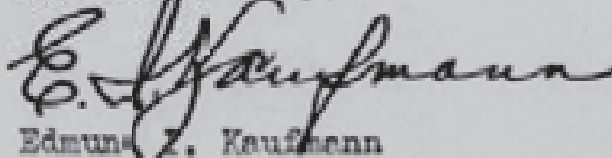
Dear Dr. Silver:

This is the first opportunity I have had to thank you for your gracious letter written on the occasion of my sixtieth birthday.

It is something that I shall always prize and as I grow older and less useful, I shall probably spend most of my time reading letters such as you wrote.

With all good wishes, I am

Yours cordially,


Edmund I. Kaufmann

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June 26, 1946

H. S. LINFIELD, PH.D.
Director

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Pres.
Central Conference of American Rabbis
Sherman Hotel
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Silver:

The United States Census Bureau has just requested that the Jewish Statistical Bureau submit a statement on the work we propose to do for the forthcoming United States Census of Religious Bodies.

The Census, scheduled to be taken early in 1947, is of great significance, since through it American Jews are enumerated among the religious groups of the country, instead of the American races, which receive a separate census. Serious questions have been raised in high places relative to the forthcoming "religious" census.

A meeting is therefore being planned of the members of our Council which represents all wings of American Judaism.

The United States Census Bureau appreciates the weight of the unity of American Israel that is behind the policies of the Jewish Statistical Bureau. In the important matters before us, we must continue to act in the spirit of complete unity.

You are a member of the Council, and your presence at the meeting is highly desirable. Because of the season of the year, will you let us know if you could arrange to meet in New York on July 25, 1946, in the late afternoon?

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

H. S. LINFIELD

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Dear Dr. Silver: Keep me in the loop on matters coming to Chicago. Best wishes to you and yours. All with love to CCAR. Harry.

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RESOLUTION
ON
UNITED STATES CENSUS OF RELIGIOUS BODIES

The census of American religious bodies, begun in 1850, provides the only general statistics of organized religion, gathered simultaneously, and its uniform reports spread mutual understanding of the work of all faiths, in our country. We therefore record our opinion that there is a continuing need for the census of religious bodies and that the United States Census Bureau should conduct this census for the year 1946, as in the past decades.

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JOINT RESOLUTION
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To the Director of the Census
Bureau of the Census
Washington, D. C.

March 26, 1946

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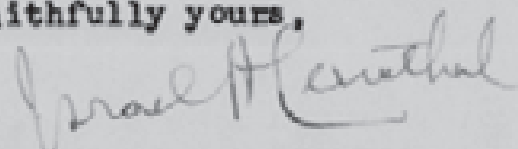
June 28, 1946

My dear Dr. Silver:

This is the first opportunity
that I have had to extend to you my sincerest
thanks and appreciation for your very kind letter
of congratulations which you were good enough to
send to our Center on the occasion of its 25th
anniversary and also my silver anniversary in the
ministry of the Center. I appreciate greatly
the very gracious sentiments you expressed about
me.

With kind personal greetings
and all good wishes to you and yours, I am

Faithfully yours,



ISRAEL H. LEVINTHAL

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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LEONARD A. STIDLEY

29 N. Pleasant Street,
Oberlin, Ohio
July 8, 1946

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

Dear Rabbi Silver;

The editorial committee of the RELIGIOUS EDUCATION magazine is projecting a symposium on the topic "Spiritual Forces to Undergird the United Nations." The committee believes that the interfaith constituency of the Religious Education Association will respond to an issue of the magazine composed of papers dealing with sub-topics of the major theme.

At present the committee has the following sub-topics for the symposium: (1) Spiritual Factors in the United Nations. (2) The Nature of Man and the United Nations. (3) The Ideal of Love and the United Nations. (4) The Programs of Churches and Synagogues Implementing the United Nations. (5) The Ideal of Justice and the United Nations. (6) Spiritual Forces for Minority Groups in the United Nations.

Would you be willing to write an article of 3-4 thousand words upon either of the topics-"The Ideal of Justice and the United Nations" or "Spiritual Forces for Minority Groups in the United Nations" ?

We are aware of your busy schedule, and in one way hesitate to ask, but in another way we are aware of the contribution which you would make thru such an article. The article would not be needed until October 1st.

You may have some questions about the proposed symposium. Either Dr. Emanuel Bamoran or I shall welcome an opportunity to try to answer such.

The editorial committee and the readers of the magazine will appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Leonard A. Stidley

Leonard A. Stidley
Chairman, Editorial Committee
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Ans.
July 20

AHEPA HOSPITAL and "JUSTICE FOR GREECE" COMMITTEE

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Boulevard
Shaker Heights, Ohio

July 12, 1946

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Cleveland Chapter No.36 of the Order of Ahepa (American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association) is sponsoring a banquet on Saturday, July 27th, at 7:30 P.M. at the Rainbow Room of the Carter Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio. Reception 6:00-7:30 P.M..

The occasion is to honor our visiting hero, the Commander-in-Chief of the Grecian Armies at the Albanian front and of the British Expeditionary Forces in Greece, General Alexander Papagos, who proved that the Axis military machine was not invincible.

The proceeds of this banquet will be added to the Hospital drive which is being conducted throughout the United States by the Greek Americans, to erect and support a hospital in Athens, Greece, where thousands of heroes wounded and sick may find their way to return to society well and useful citizens.

On this happy and humane occasion, we extend to you and Mrs. Silver a cordial invitation to be our special guests that evening.

Looking forward with anticipated pleasure to be honored by your presence, we are

RSVP

John Kras
John Kras, Secretary

Respectfully yours,
The Ahepa Banquet Committee

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I think that you will be interested in the enclosed Resolution which was passed at the recent Annual Conference of the National Council for Jewish Education.

Sincerely yours,

Louis L. Ruffman

Louis L. Ruffman
Secretary

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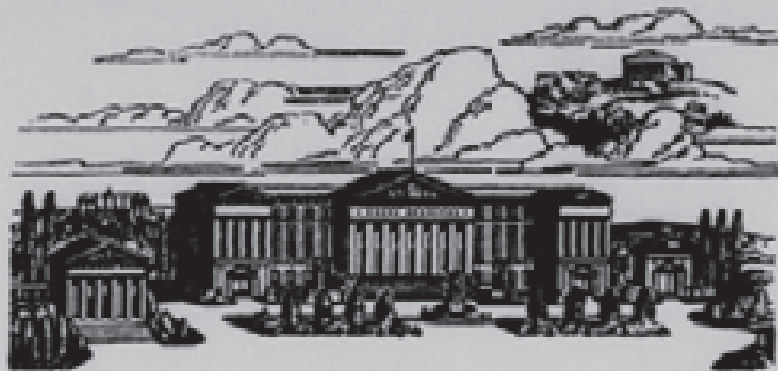
DAY LETTER

8-4-46

MRS. ISAAC LANDMAN
50 Plaza Street
Brooklyn, N.Y.

SHOCKED TO LEARN OF THE SUDDEN PASSING OF YOUR BELOVED HUSBAND. MAY I EXTEND TO YOU PERSONALLY AND IN THE NAME OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS OUR PROFOUNDTEST SYMPATHIES AND AN EXPRESSION OF OUR DEEP SENSE OF LOSS. DR. LANDMAN WAS FOR MANY YEARS AN HONORED AND DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN RABBINATE. HE SERVED WITH UTMOST DEVOTION THE GREAT IDEALS OF ISRAEL AND OF AMERICA. AS EDITOR AND WRITER HE MADE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE DESSIMINATION OF TRUE KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING THE HISTORY AND LITERATURE OF OUR PEOPLE. I PRAY THAT YOU AND YOUR DEAR ONES WILL FIND A VAST MEASURE OF COMFORT IN THE PROUD MEMORIES WHICH YOUR HUSBAND HAS LEFT YOU.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



AHEPA HOSPITAL and "JUSTICE FOR GREECE" COMMITTEE

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August 10, 1946

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Ahepa Hospital Committee wishes to express its regret for your inability to attend our banquet of July 27, at the Carter Hotel.

We know, however, that it was because of prior engagements or urgent business that you were unable to be with us.

We wish you to know that we missed you that night and we hope to have you and Mrs. Silver with us the next time the opportunity arises.

Respectfully yours,

John Kres

John Kres
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August 16, 1946

H. S. LINFIELD, PH.D.
Director

The Honorable Dr. Silver
East 108rd Street & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am glad to inform you that the United States Census Bureau has just appointed me Special Agent to assemble the statistical data of the Jewish group for the forthcoming Census of Religious Bodies. This is the third time that the government has honored the Jewish statistical office and its director, in this manner.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the joint resolution adopted by the National Jewish Religious Organizations on March 26, 1946. I can assure you that the desires of the great religious organizations carried great weight with the government authorities.

I am preparing a draft of the schedule to be used in this census, and I shall communicate with you in the near future.

Very sincerely yours,

H. S. LINFIELD

Director, Jewish Statistical Bureau, and
U. S. Special Agent, Census Bureau

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To the Director of the Census
Bureau of the Census
Washington, D. C.

March 26, 1946



Congregation Brith Sholom

ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA

August 20, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President
Zionist Organization of America
c/o Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

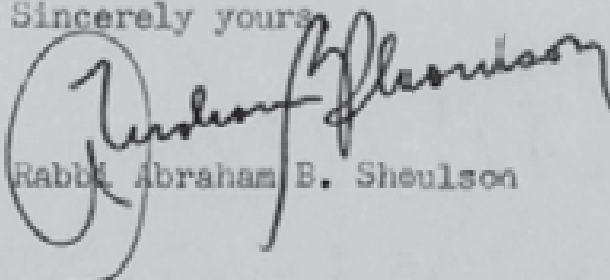
It might interest you to know, that the Jewish community of Erie is making preparations to celebrate the forthcoming Fiftieth Jubilee of the founding of Congregation Brith Sholom. Congregation Brith Sholom is today the largest Jewish congregation in northwestern Pennsylvania, having grown from a mere handful into the service of five hundred Jewish families. Under its' auspices are conducted all of the religious, educational, and social activities which make for a well rounded program of service-both to the Jewish and non-Jewish community.

This occasion will be marked by the publication of a Golden Jubilee Volume. I am sure that the people in our community would appreciate a message from you which could be reproduced in this Jubilee edition of the Erie Jewish Review. Incidentally, this edition will be published to coincide with the Jewish New Year. We would, therefore, appreciate your regular annual Jewish New Year message.

The congregation has been headed by myself as spiritual leader for the past five years, and it is indeed gratifying that this occasion will be marked under my leadership.

Although I know that you are, at present, busily engaged in behalf of our cause-which is at present at one of its' most crucial moments in our entire history, we of the Zionist District in our community would, nevertheless, appreciate a personal message from you on this occasion.

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Abraham B. Shoulson

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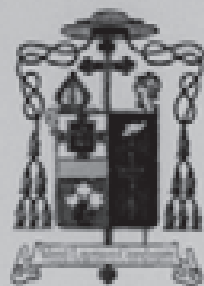
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The priests, religious,
and faithful of the
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members of his family, join
with me in thanking you for
your kindness at the time of
the death of Archbishop Schrembs.
† Edward F. Hoban
Bishop of Cleveland.

Michigan's First Jews

By IRVING I. KATZ

Executive Secretary, Temple Beth El, Detroit

Starting this week, there will be a new series of articles in the CHRONICLE on "The History of Jews in Michigan." The series, which will run weekly, will be written by Irving I. Katz, historian and executive secretary of Temple Beth El, and will cover the history of Jews in this state from 1763 to the present day. The articles will be amply illustrated with pictures. Most of the material published will appear in print for the first time in this country and is the result of extensive research.

ARTICLE I OF SERIES

In the first U. S. Census of 1790 the number of "Hebrews" in the United States is given as 1243. In 1818, Major Mordecai Manual Noah estimated their number to be 3000. But as far back as 1763, 27 years before the first U. S. Census and 12 years before the American Revolution, we find a Jewish trader in Michigan.

Ezekiel Solomon

Ezekiel Solomon is the first Jew on record to have settled in Michigan. He lived in Fort Michilimackinac, the Mackinac of today, from 1763 to 1816, and was one of the proprietors in a general store. He was an eye-witness of the massacre of the British garrison by the Indians at Mackinac on June 2, 1763, and was one of the few whites to escape alive. This appears from his own affidavit, taken at Montreal for use before the Military Court of Inquiry. The oath to this affidavit is important because it shows that Solomon was a consistent Jew. While the testimony of all other witnesses appears under the heading, "Sworn before me on the Holy Evangelist," that of Solomon's simply says, "Sworn, etc.," omitting the words Holy Evangelist. When the French Catholics of Mackinac addressed two petitions to the Governor of Canada asking that a Roman Catholic missionary be sent to the post, Solomon's name does not appear on the petitions, but on a later list of persons, who volunteered to contribute to the support of the missionary, his name appears for a contribution of 50 livres. After the English ceded Mackinac to the Americans in 1812, Solomon went with the English to the New English settlement at Drummond's Island where in 1816 he was granted two lots. His descendants still live on St. Joseph's Island, near Drummond's Island.

Levy Solomons of Montreal is mentioned in 1775 as being engaged in very extensive trade operations at Mackinac. He was married to a daughter of one of the famous Montreal Franks and was president of the Montreal Synagogue in 1788. Jacob Franks, Jr., mentioned below, was his son-in-law.

William Solomons appears in the records of Mackinac as official interpreter of the English officials as late as 1816.

In the "Detroit Gazette" of June 17, 1820, the name of J. Solomon appears among the passengers on a steamer en route to Mackinac.

Jacob Franks

Jacob Franks, an English-Canadian Jew, was a resident of Mackinac during the War of 1812. He was a member of the Franks Family of Montreal and is also said to be related to the famous Franks Family of Philadelphia. He arrived in Green Bay, Wisc., in 1794, the first Jew to settle there, where he engaged in the fur trade. In 1797 he brought his nephew, John Lawe, from Canada, and took him into the business. In 1806 he is reported to have sent to Mackinac 10,000 pounds of deer tallow. He built the first saw mill and the first grist mill in Wisconsin in 1809 and was a person of prominence during his sojourn in that State. His name appears in Mackinac among thirteen signers to a petition to the Governor of Canada, commending Capt. Robert Livingston who was wounded in the War of 1812. In 1814, he and three others were appointed to inventory two schooners captured from the United States and brought to Mackinac. When the English surrendered Mackinac, after the war, his house was among several pillaged. He was allotted a building plot in Drummond's Island in 1816 but nothing further appears in records about him. His son, Jacob Franks, Jr., was a noted Hudson's Bay Trader and one of the first to explore the remotest parts of the Canadian Northwest.

John Lawe became a leading citizen of Wisconsin and, among other services of note, was an Associate Judge of the first court in Brown County, which was then a part of the Michigan Territory under Governor Cass. In 1854, he served as a Lieutenant with the British forces that defended Mackinac against the Americans.

Detroit Jews

In Major Roberts' "Diary of the Siege of Detroit" reference is made to four Jewish traders captured by the Indians during Pontiac's siege of Detroit in 1763. One of these, Nathan Chapman was released and settled in Detroit where his name appears as late as 1796. The fate of the others, one Levy and two unnamed Jews, is not known.

A Mr. Jacobs, a trader, is mentioned in 1763 as being attacked and killed by the Indians while on his way from Detroit to Saginaw.

Solomon ben Isaac Halevi, mentioned as a witness in a matrimonial case before the Beth Din (Jewish Court) of London, lived in Detroit in 1783.

Under date of November 5, 1798, the name of Isaac Moses appears in the records of Detroit's first Masonic Lodge (Zion Lodge No. 1) as having filed an application for membership which was accepted a month later. He was a New York Tory whose property was confiscated in 1783.

Louis Benjamin is mentioned in the Dec. 19, 1808 records of the Governor and Judges of Michigan Territory as having been awarded a new lot to indemnify him for his loss in Detroit's fire of 1805.

Alex. Cohen was on a payroll for grading a street in 1835.

Frederick E. Cohen, an English Jew, was in Detroit in 1837, during the Patriot War, when he was enlisted in the Canadian Militia. He soon settled in Detroit and became a prominent portrait painter, being the teacher of Lewis F. Ives and Henry Hopkin, famous Michigan artists. Cohen was a very odd fellow, ready for any adventure and dressed like a fop. The Detroit Institute of Arts possesses a portrait of him by himself.

(Article II of this series, appearing next week, tells of the coming of the German Jewish pioneers and the founding of the Ypsilanti-Ann Arbor community.)

MAN OF THE WEEK

To Irving I. Katz, executive secretary of Temple Beth El, the CHRONICLE accords the honor of choosing him as the Man of the Week. Born in Daugavpils, in Latvia, Katz got his secular education in this country.

He is a graduate of the Spenserian Business College of Cleveland with a degree of Bachelor of Business Administration and also a graduate of Western Reserve University where he was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

Becomes Executive Director

While going to college, he became executive director and director of education of Morrison Temple in Cleveland. He decided on a career as an attorney, and with this in mind, he returned to Western Reserve University and entered the law school where he attended for two years.

At this time, romance entered into his life. He met a girl from Chicago and made two decisions. One was to make her his wife. The other was that his career was going to be in the field of congregational work. In this he was at least partly guided by his intensive Jewish education. He speaks, reads and writes Hebrew fluently and has a complete background in Rabbinic lore.

Katz thereupon left the law school to return no more. In 1932 he accepted another position as executive secretary, this time at Anshe Emeth Temple in Youngstown, Ohio where he remained until 1939 when he was called to Detroit to become executive secretary of the Temple Beth El in Detroit.

His marriage has been blessed with two children, Nina, aged ten and Myrna, aged seven.

Active in Avukah

While at the university, Katz specialized largely in literary activities. There was a fine chapter of Avukah there and he was very active in this organization. Later,

he became the vice-president of the graduate chapter and finally he became national publicity director for Avukah.

Continuing his activity after graduation, Katz was chairman of the first annual conference of the Cleveland Jewish Youth League, comprised of sixty youth groups. He was also the vice-chairman of the social service and teacher's division of the Jewish Welfare Fund there. When he arrived in Youngstown, he was very active in organizational work, holding offices in the Jewish Federation, the Jewish Center and other similar organizations.

On Community Council

Here in Detroit, he is a delegate to the Jewish Community Council and a member of their synagogue committee. He is optimistic about the council and feels that their future is very bright.

"I think the Council has tremendous potentialities. These will be more fully realized when trained professional workers who go to school with the express purpose of making Council work their vocation become available for the specialized fields that must be developed in Council work."

Katz is the president of the National Association of Temple Secretaries and a member of the Commission on Synagogue Activities of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. He is a regular contributor to the monthly magazine, "Liberal Judaism" where he writes articles on synagogue administration. He has already published a manual for executive secretaries which is in use all over the country. He is planning to publish another manual on problems dealing with the executive phase of congregational work.

Was Award of Merit

Last year, he won an award of merit from the Union of American Hebrew Congregations for his activity in their fund raising campaign.

As a hobby, Katz has made an extensive study of the history of Jews in Michigan, especially of the history of Temple Beth El in Detroit. The material on the Temple will be published in 1930 when the congregation reaches its hundredth birthday.

He is also starting a series of articles in the CHRONICLE on this subject, the first of which appears today. He has one of the finest collections in existence of early Jewish history in Michigan, including rare manuscripts, books and pictures.

No Experience with Anti-Semitism

"I never had any personal experience with anti-Semitism," said Katz, "but I realize that it exists and is growing in this country."

"However, I am a great believer in democracy and I have very optimistic hopes for the future of the Jewish community in America. I feel that we will be able to take care of any anti-Semitic activity in this country. If the Jews in the United States will make use of their heritage, they do not need to fear."

"Anti-Semitism," he continued, "looms largest in the minds of those who have nothing Jewish to fall back upon. The greatest problem of our people is their ignorance of things Jewish. Before anything else, we must teach our children their history and their ideology. Every one of our children must know what it means to be a Jew."

Speaks Many Languages

Travel brings great enjoyment to Katz. He has been all over Europe, having traveled through Russia, Germany, Poland, France, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Finland and Belgium.

As a result of his travels and his studies, Katz speaks fluently in German, Russian, Yiddish, Hebrew and English. He is also able to converse in various Slavonic languages. While in college, he ran a newspaper column on customs in the various countries in which he had lived. When word got around that he was acquainted with all these languages, students came to him constantly for translations of foreign language quotations.

"My principal difficulty now," he said, "is that I do not have the time to devote to the many activities and organizations in which I am interested. Sometimes I am up till three o'clock in the morning working on the material I have, but I never seem to be able to catch up."

Hopes to Publish Books

"Some day," he concluded, "I hope to publish a number of books on synagogue organization, administration and finance. I have a great deal of original material on hand and I am constantly getting requests for information and organization from synagogues all over the country. It is one of my ambitions to get these things done and some day I hope to get started on this work."

His principal pleasure, however, comes from delving in research work on Jews who lived in Michigan in early times. In order to write the CHRONICLE articles which will appear in this paper weekly he has gone into books, letters, articles, family letters and photographs.

A surprising amount of information has been gathered together on Jews who have lived in this state. The information goes back to 1763.

Studies Temple Beth El

Katz first became interested in this subject from his studies in the early history of Temple Beth El. Some of the Jews connected with the Temple in its ninety-five years of history have been prominent in the history of Michigan and the City of Detroit. Their story promises to make interesting and stimulating reading.



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First Jewish Judge In Michigan State



JOHN LAWE

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