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Morgenstern, Dr. Julian, 1943.

THE BETH-EL SYNAGOGUE

49th and Farnam Streets  
OMAHA, NEBR.

DAVID A. GOLDSTEIN, RABBI  
325 South 37th Street  
Telephone HARney 4074

October 18, 1943

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

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The words that Rabbi James Heller applied to the action of the so-called Council for Judaism certainly apply to these utterances of Dr. Morgenstern. Dr. Morgenstern is guilty of "an act of treachery" to our people. He is equally guilty of "an act of treachery" to the Reform movement which men like you and James Heller so ably represent.

It is not for me to suggest what action to take on these words of Dr. Morgenstern. I leave that to your zeal for the cause of Zionism and Reform Judaism and to your good judgment.

Respectfully yours,

*David A. Goldstein*

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November 1, 1943

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325 South 37th St.  
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With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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## Jewish Leader Raps Zionism

Cincinnati, O. (U.P.)—The nationalist aspects of the Zionist movement for a restored Jewish state in Palestine are "sad and tragic," Dr. Julian Morgenstern, president of Hebrew Union college, said Saturday in describing extreme Jewish nationalism as nearly "identical with nazi and fascist theory."

Dr. Morgenstern addressed the opening session of a new academic year at the Cincinnati Jewish seminary.

Tracing the growth of Zionism, Dr. Morgenstern said it had run "the gamut of modern racial nationalism from the very modest hope of restoration of Palestine as the center of a new cultural life to the extreme theory

of Jewish nationalism which holds that the bonds of Jewish racial nationalism are eternally indissoluble. . . ."

"There is absolutely no compelling urge towards Jewish nationalism today, other than of sheer desperation and despair," Dr. Morgenstern added.





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