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## Morgenstern, Dr. Julian, 1943.

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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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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 com-

pelling urge towards Jewish nationalism today, other than of sheer desperation and despair," Dr. Morgenstern added.

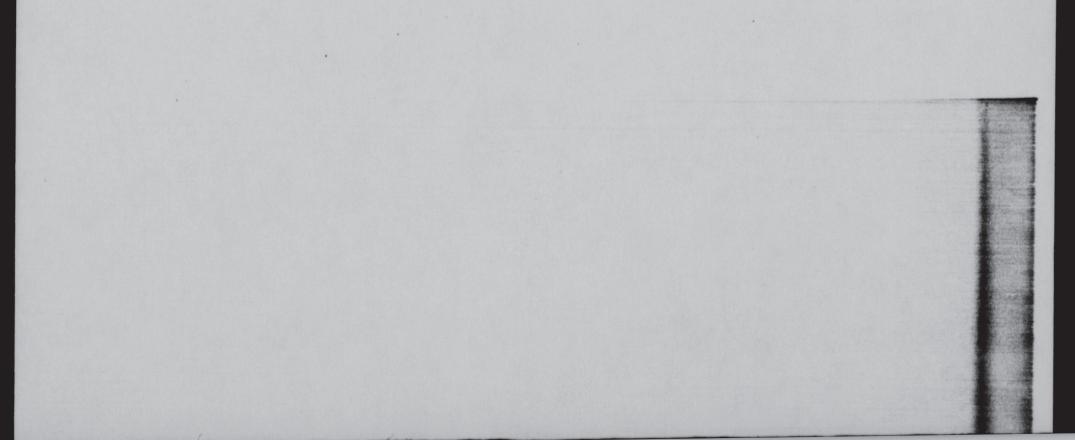
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