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Personal correspondence, 1916.

654 West 8th Street.

Eric Pa.

My Dear Patti.

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I want to
have your kind
assistance while in New
York. I assure you it.

was greatly appreciated.
Please don't forget that you
are to attend the Convention.

With kindest regards &

Many thanks.

Have you seen
the Senator?

Sincerely

Emma P. Sachs.

WRHAS





Patric A. WRHS,
% University Club
Wheeling W. Va.



January 16th, 1916

Mr. Edward Hample,
Care Myer & Mandelblon,
169 Water Street,
New York City.

My dear Ed,

I was very happy to receive your letter informing me of your efforts in behalf of Maxwell. I am sure that he deeply appreciates them, and you know how much I personally appreciate them. It will be of incalculable value to him and will afford him the opportunity for greater service, which he has long craved.

Hoping that you will meet with success and anticipating the pleasure of seeing you right soon again, I am

Very sincerely yours,

DR. K. KOHLER
President Hebrew Union College
3016 STANTON AVE.

CINCINNATI, O., March 3^d 1916

My dear Mr. L. W.:

I was greatly pleased to receive your letter of the 1st inst. the contents of which were not entirely new to me, as I had learned in confidence from Wheeling friends the news that the Providence Congregation was anxious to have you as rabbi. All the more I appreciated the tone and spirit of your letter, and I can only say that your attitude thus far does you all credit. Now before giving you in all sincerity my advice in this rather delicate situation in which you are placed let me ask whether I have been correctly informed that you have renewed the contract with your Wheeling Congregation for two years? In this case, of course, you could or should by no means enter into any negotiation with any other Congregation without being released from your obligations by your present Congregation. And this could be best achieved by referring the whole matter to the Congregations which might decide among themselves what would be of the greatest benefit for the cause. In the case of Lazarus the Wheeling Congregation surely acted most generously in recognizing the claim of the rabbi upon accepting the larger field opened to him in Baltimore.

So should also your attitude be above all suspicion and reproach. For you personally however, the question to be considered is whether in view of the larger opportunities offered by the Providence call you should leave a Congregation that has been so congenial and so kind to you, or whether you would not rather remain where you have been so successful and endeared yourself to all and each within and outside of the Congregation, being quite certain that in a few years larger opportunities will come to you commensurate with your

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CINCINNATI, O.,

growing power and the fine qualities of mind, heart and tongue with which
I trust God has endowed and blessed you? This is really for you
alone to decide in all seriousness and I might say, in prayerful consultation
with the best in you. Should you feel called upon to seize the opportunity
now offered take by all means your friends in the Congregation into your
confidence before coming to a definite decision and assure yourself before
all things that you would have the good will of your pleasant Congregation
when leaving for another.

As to your brother Maxwell I must tell you that he would have no chance
to be elected in Providence.

Rest assured that my warmest wishes and those of my family are with
you for all time and in all your aspirations.

Yours sincerely
D. K. Kohler

WRHS



HARRY CUTLER
PROVIDENCE RHODE ISLAND

March 21, 1916.

My dear Rabbi Silver,

I am back at my desk again, having practically recovered from the ruptured blood vessel, which was caused, the doctors say, by over-work, and high blood pressure, and have before me your letter of the eighth instant.

I can not help but admire the loyalty which you manifest toward the congregation you are serving, nevertheless, feel that the cause of Judaism in general, and the reform movement in particular, in a section of the country where the services of a man of your type at this particular time ~~are~~ sorely needed, has had a set-back, which the self-sacrifice and generosity of your congregation could have prevented.

It is a great deal to ask ~~of~~ a congregation, to do, nevertheless, it is only those who have acted in a similar capacity who have the right to ask it, and more than once our Temple and our congregation have made the same sacrifice as indicated to you when you were here.

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CINCINNATI, O.



Rabbi A. N. Silver
Temple Mishkan Shalom
Wheeling, W. Va.

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I shall be happy to hear from you from time to time, and am glad to have made your acquaintance and gained your friendship.

With best wishes in which Mrs. Cutler unites, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Harry Cutler

Rabbi H. A. Silver,

wheeling, W. va.



Dictated but not read.

Dear Will el,

Pauline & I
have determined to be mar-
ried somewhat earlier, than
at first we had thought
and we shall be mighty
pleased to have you do
the — wedding stunt. It's
the first time we've been on
to the side of the altar and
had my colleague perform
the operation, but so-called
legislation waits no one
permission for a veritable man
himself! The day is May 1st
Monday and we shall count
upon your presence as perhaps
the most necessary feature of the
most wonderful day!
Sincerely yours
Morris S. L.

This space may be used for writing.

Made by Chilton Company Phila., Pa., U. S. A. 4389

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very far from short.
The most pleasant spending
even when day instead.

My father - please

POST CARD

MAR 2
9 - A.M.

1916

THIS HALF FOR ADDRESS



Rabbi A. H. Silver
University Club
Philly
Pa

MORRIS S. LAZARON
THE ESPLANADE
BALTIMORE



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Wheeling West Va.

Morris S. Lazaron



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Paul: A. H. Silver,
University Club,
Wheeling W. Va.

Wheeling, June 7th 1916.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

While our appreciation of your patient and earnest work in our behalf was probably not in evidence during the year, we wish to now assure you of our most sincere gratitude and thanks.

Inasmuch as you were not included, when announcing our desire to eliminate the presenting of gifts, it is our wish

that you use this small token
personally as a remembrance from
us.

Please grant the wish of your
first confirmation class in

Wheeling, by using this only
for yourself on the coming vaca-
tion, for it will only add to
our happiness if we know you
are deriving pleasure from our
small gift.

With the repeated wish that the

summer has only happiness
in store for you, we remain
your loving friends,

Clusia Davis,

Bessie Schwartz,

Pauline Ditz,

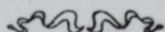
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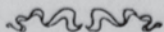
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NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTEEN

AT HALF PAST TWO O'CLOCK

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HOW LONG WILT THOU FORGET ME, . . . NIETCHE
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IF WITH ALL YOUR HEARTS—ARIA. - }

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BALTIMORE HEBREW CONGREGATION

MORRIS S. LAZARON, RABBI

Dear Hillel,

It delayed, the more the less hearty expression
of appreciation of your most respectfully simple &
beautiful ceremony. If you have a copy of the program
may we have it? We trust you will
use with pleasure the little cigar cutter... is it not too
for Wheeling Stogie.

Congratulations on your
first Community Bulletin & much success to it. I do
want to say that your splendid work in Wheeling ^{has given} ~~the~~ ^{the} Temple
look Pauline & we much joy because the welfare ^{of the} ~~of the~~
spirit among the people there ~~is~~ rather close to our hearts.
The letter you asked for should have been written ~~ear~~ ^{ear} this
but coming as it did so short notice & in the midst
of preparations here, Sholem Sholem ~~it is~~ ^{it is} a round of entertain-
ment, it was quite impossible to get down to it at that
time.

Shall we see you in Baltimore? By the
way — first sample for rocks to get arrested for spending!

Cordially
Morris S. Lazaron.

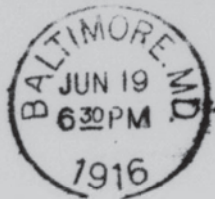
Mar 19th

It is "against the law" for any
letter to go Wheelingward without
carrying with it my greeting.
This mine to you, Dear Rabbi!

Too bad we can't be in Wheeling
just now and witness a true meeting
also of occupants. So Sholem Sholem
Cordially Pauline H.S.

MORRIS S. LAZARON

BALTIMORE



WRHS
Rab. A. H. Silver,
University Club,
Washington, D.C.
Wa.



188 Henry St.,
N. Y. August 21, 1916

Dear Abe:-

Acting upon your
suggestion I am sending
you this letter as a
reminder that you have
promised to write a letter
to the old man. In
the letter mention the
fact that I intend to
take up Biblical criticism
courses etc. at Columbia.
Kindly forward the
letter to me at your
earliest convenience, as I

P.S. I will send you a small sized
photograph of the banquet as
soon as I will get it
from the photographer

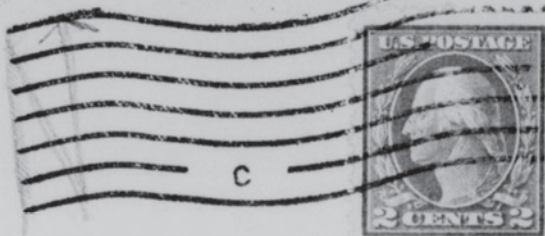


would like to get an
answer from the old man
before Columbia pens.

I am inclosing an
advertisement which might
be of interest to you.

Will probably be
up your house this or
next week as I want
to see Max before he
leaves New York.

Trusting to hear from
you soon, I am
Yours Sol



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W. Va.

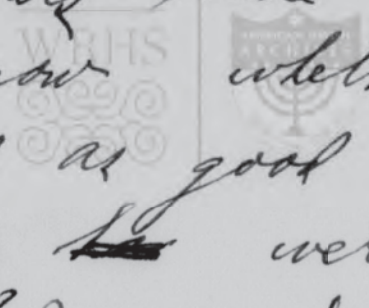
188 Henry St.
N. Y. Sept. 6, 1916

Dear Abe:-

The letter certainly did take. It could not be otherwise. After I read ~~the~~ the letter I knew and felt sure that the answer will be a favorable one. I am herewith inclosing a copy of Dr. Koller's letter.

Now, Abe, I want you to be my guide and adviser. What shall I do now? Do you think that the reply is of such a nature that makes my

Spades C.C. & F.
month Every minute is
precious now. I therefore
need not tell you that
an immediate reply
would be greatly appreciated.
Alas, I depend upon
you for advice and guidance.
I am here alone, with
nobody to show me or advise
me what to do. My parents
too, know nothing about it
and they, too, I think that
you are the only one who
can be of great help to me.
I put my trust in you.
You have begun the work
in my behalf successfully

admittance to College, ^{sure} ~~that~~? 

Is there not a possibility that, after all, my application should be rejected by the Committee on Admissions?

You are well acquainted with matters there and you surely know whether this reply is as good as if my application ~~had~~ were accepted or not?

^{should} I enter Columbia or C.C.N.Y.? What subjects especially should I take up at ^(Columbia) College?

If I am to enter Columbia or any other College I must act immediately for Columbia opens this

IV

Spoke to your father to-day. Your mother feels better. Expected to hear from you with in 2 or 3 days.

and I feel confident that you will carry it thru successfully. I have no doubt that you will. I surely will always remember that, if I succeed it will be only thanks to your efforts and friendship.

Kindly respond immediately for a delay days ~~to~~ or two might prevent me from entering Columbia.

Eagerly looking forward to your letter and assuring you of my appreciation. I am,
Yours Sol

Copy

My dear Mr. Cohen!

Your letter of Aug.
29th is before me and I
can only repeat what I
said to you last year.*
I can not advise you to study
for the Jewish ministry but
if you feel the inner
calling and have the
means of self-support
for at least the first
year of your stay at the
College next year, try
to prepare yourself by a
thorough study, not so
(over)

* What does he mean by "last year"
when I only saw him in July?

much at the University
and for elocution as of
the Biblical and Rabbinical
literature under competent
guides and advisers.

Forget not that the
road is long and thorny
until the top is reached.

Yours truly

Dr. K. Koller

188 Henry St.,
N. Y. Sept. 12, 1916

Dear Abe:-

Your letter at hand.
Many thanks for your
suggestions and advice. Need
I assure you that I
appreciate your interest
in me and your efforts
in my behalf? Am not
as yet determined what
college to enter, that is
if I will enter at all,
for, Abe, I have no luck!
~~I have never~~

After reading ~~then~~
this letter you will know
how much faith and
confidence Sol has in you.



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Wheeling,
W. Va.

~~#~~ will the whole matter
of my entering the College.

It is my personal
family affair that I am going
to tell you now, ~~and it~~ a
sort of confession.

You will recall that
when I spoke to you, at
the beginning of the summer,
of my desire to study for
the ministry, I have told you
that I would not consider
entering the College if my
lady friend would not consent
to it. I told you then that
she was much in favor
of it, and that she encouraged
me. But now, when I
received K. K.'s letter and I

for matters like these
you do not tell to any body
except to one in whose
friendship and sincerest friendly
devotion you have the most
implicit faith.

I have never told
hard luck stories to anybody.
I have always put up a
cheerful face when with
my friends, whether I felt
cheerful or not. This is
my nature. Now, for the
first time, I will tell
a hard luck story, and
you are the first man
to hear it. I have no
doubt that it will remain
between the two of us, as

told her of my intentions to go to Cincinnati next year she told me that she does not like me to go.

Of course you can not blame her for it. She has good reasons. She is going to be 21 this month!

She figures that it will take me at least 7-8 years till we will be able to settle. (1 year preparation at Columbia ~~she figures~~ at least 5-6 years at College, and 1 year after graduation till we will be able to fix up a home). She will then be 28 - an old maid. From her point of view she is right.

I told her that I think it will take me only 5 years all in all: 1 year preparation at Columbia, and not more than 4 years at College, and that we could settle right after graduation. She then said that if she were sure that ~~if~~ it would only take me 5 years, she would not say a ~~single~~ word and would tell me to go. But she says she is sure that it will take at least 7-8 years. She cites abrams, Feldman + Ben as examples. She says that it took them 6 years at the College, so she does not

^{VII}
Silverman ^{who} ~~told~~ ^{telling} me
that I would not
be admitted to the College,
nor when I have all
hopes that I will be
admitted, ~~I~~ and ~~the~~
all obstacles are ^{almost} removed,
something new comes up.
Do you see why I am
complaining about my
luck?

What shall I do?
I know one thing that
the work I am doing now
I find no interest in;
that the ministry would
be most interesting and
pleasant to a Herzlite;

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see why and how I am
going to make it in four.
You yourself made it in 4
year because you are
an exception.

~~So as for~~

Then again, she
doubts very much whether
I will be a success
as a Rabbi on account
of my accent.

So, as you see, I
am in a dilemma.
I do not know what
to do. When I wanted
to study for the ministry
I was discouraged
from doing so by Dr.

VIII

that this is the profession
I really received the
training for; ~~that I will never forgive myself if I do not enter~~
I do? I need a true
friend's advice and
consolation. You are the
one. Abe, what do
you think of it? What
advice can you offer me?
Don't answer me that
it is a personal affair
of mine & you can not advise
me. You are the only true
friend I have. I have
nobody else to advise me.
You must do it. You have
had experience as a minister
and you surely can show me the
way. Kindly respond immediately,
for college opens in a week, & time
is so short. I must act immediately.

188 Henry St.,

N. Y. Sept. 19, 1916

Dear Abe:-

Exactly what you have advised me to do, I did during the past two weeks. I told her that while I ask of her only to wait a few additional years, she asks me to sacrifice ~~all~~ my career, my ~~and~~ her future, just because she has no patience. She has finally seen the justice of my arguments and pleas and she has consented.

Now about my studies. I thought, at first, of entering Columbia, for there,



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% University Club,
Wheeling
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two also at the Evening Extension Courses of Columbia. The reason why I ~~do~~ not enter the Day Session of C. C. N. Y. is because at the day session all the courses are prescribed while at the Evening Session they are ^{mostly} elective. Then again while going to the Evening Session I can keep up my position, and but were I to enter the Day Session I would have to give up ^{my position} and go looking for a teaching position, and it is mighty hard to get a teaching position nowadays for (a) the supply is greater than the demand and (b) ~~now~~ you can get now graduates of the Teachers

I thought ^{it} I could take
up, if not all, then at least
most of the subjects you
have advised me to study.
But, after looking over the
Columbia catalogue I found
that, with the exception of
one course - "Introduction
to the Study of the Bible" -
none of the other subjects
are offered. Then again, were
I to enter Columbia I
would have to put down
100-125 dollars immediately,
and I am penniless.

I finally made up my
mind to enter the Evening
Session of the City College. I
might take up a course or

Institute to teach for
\$5.00 a week. The Uptown
Talmud Torah now has teachers
who get \$10.00 a month.
If I would not get a
teaching position I would
have to depend upon
my folks - a thing I do
not like to do, for I know
they can not afford it.

Since the courses at the
Evening and Day Sessions
are exactly the same
and since at evening I
can take more elective subjects
I think it ~~is~~ ~~no~~ will not
matter much. What is
your opinion?
When I will register

V

I will write you immediately
the courses I am taking
up.

I regret very much
that I will miss the
course on the Bible at
Columbia, but I hope
the same or a similar
course will be given
during the summer, for
I intend to attend the
Summer Session of
Columbia.

As soon as I
get thru with registration
at the Evening Session, I
will start studying
277-11 for 11/11 and 11/11
with Pa.

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I never knew the rules well.
What would you advise
me?

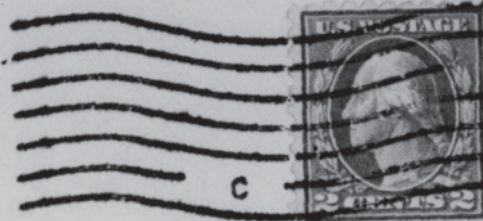
~~So~~ Should I use King
James Version of the Bible
or will any other do?

~~What~~ I will, of course
put much stress on elocution.

If you think that
it is more advisable
for me to enter the
Day ~~Session~~ rather
than the Evening Session.
then kindly notify me at
once, for it is not late
yet. It will be unusually
hard for me but I will
do it gladly.

How are you spending

Since I am not taking
 up any courses in the Bible
 and Jewish History, ~~the~~
 advise me what to do.
 Can I study it by myself?
 And if so, what text books
 should I use? If not, how can I acquire a knowledge of it?
 How can I ~~acquire~~ acquire a
 Scientific knowledge of
 Hebrew Grammar and Syntax.
 What text books should I
 use? Do you know of anybody
 in New York with whom
 I can take up this
 subject? I have never
 been strong on Hebrew
 grammar. I might have
 spoken and written Hebrew
 grammatically and correctly but



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To University Club,
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your time? How was the
machine tour. You have
not written me a
word about it. Write
me of your activities
and successes. Send
me your monthly bulletins.

Need I remind you
of your promise to
send me a photograph
of yourself?

Trusting to hear
from you soon,
I am

Sol

P.S. What particular magazines and
periodicals would you advise me
to read. From time to time, advise me
what books I use and interest to
me should I read.

not ~~the~~ a study of the policy and I read it but did

Congregation Teshem Shomayim

ABBA HILLEL SILVER, RABBI

Wheeling, W. Va., Oct. 4, 1916.

My dear Sam.

That note you sent me, dear Sam, touched me deeply. I felt a mingled sensation of pride and humility. I was proud to know that I have friends who have so much faith in me. I felt humble at the sense of the great responsibility such faith puts upon me.

I appreciated your suggestion, old boy, to "go after" the position vacated by Mr. G. I know what you meant. ... But I have made a firm resolution never to "go after" any position. I have witnessed sights of scrambling for positions that have ~~shaken~~ ^{shaken} my faith in the ministry completely.... I shall never be a partner in such wholesale marathons that disclose the nakedness of our colleagues to the gaze of a disillusioned public....

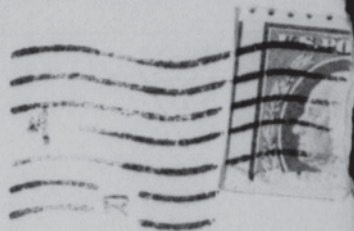
I have been happy here, Sam, beyond measure. I have received during the last eight months five calls to positions, much larger and more lucrative than the one I now occupy. I did not accept one. I may have a larger field of opportunity in some other place in the future.

but I know that I shall never be more con-
fident. Should, therefore, an offer come to me
which is commensurate with my ambition
of service and effectiveness, I shall consid-
er it but I shall never go out of my
way one step to "go after it." Perhaps I
am a wee bit conceited. Perhaps I have
fathomed the truth of Gotham's parable....

Sam, Here is to you, for a year of crowning
success! I envy you this year at school....
It is as if one were standing on the top
of a mountain watching the sun rise....
That's how you feel!... May the sun of ful-
filment harbor every effort of your life.
Yours -
Abba.

My love to all my friends in Huntington.

Rabbi A. H. Silver
Wheeling, W. Va.



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Rabbi Saml S. Mayersberg,

Huntington,
W. Va.

"Fifth Ave. Hotel"

3016 Huntington Ave. Cincinnati Nov 15th 1916

My Dear Mr. P. Wer!

I found your Program of the Anniversary Proceedings
at the College and wonder whether you received my
Greetings to you and your congregation which I forwarded
to you soon after I had received your letter. Fore
that Greetings from Dr. Grossman, Rabbi Boll and Lazarus
printed on the Program but no reference is made to
my Leshem Shamayim at home.

Sincerely yours

J. K. Kohler

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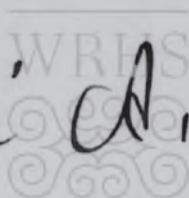
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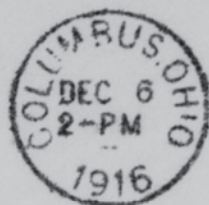
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753 E. Broad St.,
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Rev. A. H. Silver,
Wheeling,
W. Va.



753 E. Broad St.,

Columbus, Ohio, December 6, 1916.

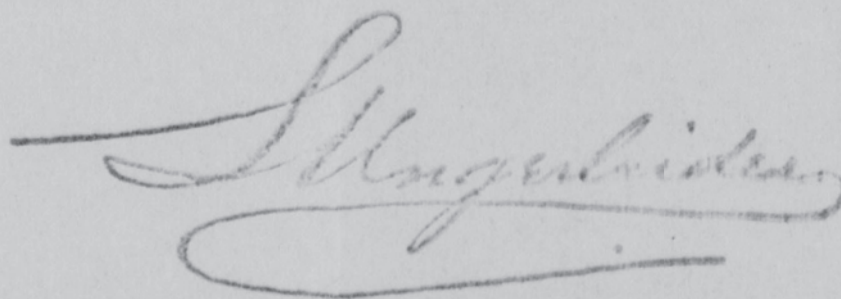
Rev. A. H. Silver,
Wheeling, W. Va.
Dear Reverend:

I have this day sent my check to Mr. Duga in payment of my membership dues up to December 31st. Also hand in my resignation from the Eoff Street Temple. My reason for doing this is due to the fact that I have taken up my residence in Columbus and it is therefore necessary for me to join the Temple here. If it were not for the fact that I am leaving your community I would, under no circumstances, take a step of this kind, as I would always be willing to do everything I possibly could to assist the Temple. While I admit that my attendance has not been very good I have always been willing, as stated above, to do anything I possibly could for your success and in this connection I wish to state, that at any time I can do anything to be of some assistance to you or your congregation do not hesitate to call upon me and I shall be very glad to render any assistance possible.

Whenever you are in the vicinity of Columbus I shall be very glad to have you call on me and be my guest.

Hoping you are enjoying good health and with kindest personal regards, in which Mrs. Ungerleider joins me, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "S. Ungerleider". The signature is written in dark ink and features a long, sweeping horizontal line at the bottom that extends across the width of the signature.