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Personal correspondence, 1918 July-December.

W Dear Rabbi Silver:

Let me thank
you for your invaluable ser-
vices, sympathy and words
of consolation.

Sincerely
Mrs. Walter Deutsch —

November Fourth —

November 6th, 1918

My dear Mrs. Deutsch,

Permit me to acknowledge and to thank you for your note of appreciation. I am glad I was able to be of service to you in your hour of sorrow.

The check enclosed with your note I shall place in a little ~~private~~ charity fund.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Walter Deutsch
2077 East 93rd Street
Cleveland, Ohio.



EIGHTH AVENUE TEMPLE
BROOKLYN, N. Y.
RABBI ALEXANDER LYONS, PH. D.
RABBI
RES. 526 EIGHTH STREET

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

Nov 6-18

Dear Colleague:-

I have to officiate at 4 marriages in your City Thanksgiving Day. Kindly inform me whether I need a special authorization from your state. What are the requirements of the officiating minister?

With much appreciation

Fraternally

Alexander Lyons

Find out from License Clerk and write to
Rabbi Lyons.

November 7, 1918

Mrs. Leo Wolf
45 South Broadway
Wheeling, West Virginia

My dear Mrs. Wolf:-

Pardon my tardiness in acknowledging the very kind invitation to be with you on my coming visit to Wheeling. Unfortunately I shall be compelled to leave Wheeling Monday night for a lecture tour out West. It would serve my convenience greatly to put up at the hotel.

Anticipating the pleasure of seeing you next Monday, I am

Sincerely yours,

313 S. Front St.

Wheeling W. Va.

Rabbi A. H. Silver:

Dear Friend: Read in to-day's
paper that you are coming here
to deliver a lecture. Will you
consider our home yours during
your stay? We will truly enjoy

having you. Anticipating a
favorable reply. I am

Cordially Yours

Wm S
Sera S. Hooker

November 8th, 1918

Mrs. Julius Horkheimer,
313 South Front Street,
Wheeling, West Virginia.

My dear Mrs. Horkheimer,

It was very lovely of you indeed
to extend to me the hospitality of your home
during my forthcoming visit to Wheeling.

Unfortunately, I shall be in
Wheeling just a few hours, as I am compelled to
leave Monday night for the East. It will be
much more convenient for me to put up at one of
the hotels for the few hours I shall be there.

Thanking you most cordially for your
kindness, and anticipating the pleasure of seeing
you, I am

Sincerely yours,

November 8th, 1918

Mr. George Keesuth
Market Street,
Wheeling, W. Va.

My dear Mr. Keesuth,

Will you kindly have sent to me
as soon as possible, one dozen unmounted copies
of a picture which you took of me about two years
ago - not the study of me which you exhibited, but
the other - the head and bust.

The pictures should be finished in
black, not brown, as I am using them for distribu-
tion to newspapers in connection with some lecture
work I am doing.

I shall appreciate it if this order
is hurried through.

Sincerely yours,

November 8th, 1918

Dr. Henry Steuer,
956 Ross Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Steuer,

Do not think me ungrateful in
not coming to see you. I have been ex-
tremely busy, and am now leaving town for
a few days. Upon my return, I shall come
in for further torture.

I should appreciate it very
much if you will send me a statement.

Very truly yours,

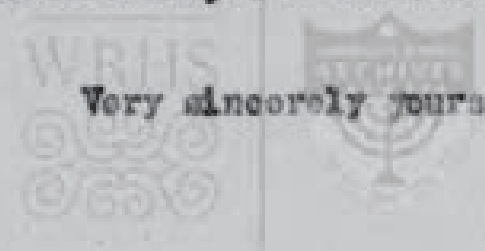
November 8th, 1918

Mr. Walter Weil
1522 East 107th Street
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Weil,

I am sending you herewith a collection of Bible stories which I think your child will enjoy. When you are through with this collection, I shall send you another.

Very sincerely yours,



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Friedman Blau Farber Co.
Using their office temporarily,
also **Hotel Breslin**
this
Hotel. Broadway at 29th St.
New York

EDWARD C. FOGG, MANAGING DIRECTOR
ROY L. BROWN, RESIDENT MANAGER

COPLEY PLAZA, BOSTON, MASS.
UNDER THE SAME MANAGEMENT

Nov. 9.

Dear Abba,

I tried to reach
you before I left and was sorry
not to have been able to
speak to you. However, I
gave my Mother directions
to return your books and
to convey to you tokens of
my esteem in the shape of
a couple of bottles of that
Tokay which we formerly
absorbed together. If you
do not get them, let me



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know.

I expect to locate in or
near New York, at least for
a while. If you have any
errands, messages or commiss-
ions that I can attend to,
write me. If you haven't,
write anyway when time allows.

Hope the funeral business
is rotten but that every thing
else is fine "by you". Best
regards from,
Henry Haiman

The "T. T. Hunt"
Nov. 10, 1918.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

This is just a
little note to thank you for the
numerous letters that you have
shouldered upon me. I am also that
I too have been a bit dilatory in
writing to you this year. And,
if you wish, I will try and
do better.

Don't you feel just like
a "punctured tire" when you think
that peace was unjustly announ-
ced. I certainly wish the war

would cease and also this dreadful
epidemic of the "flu". We have been
quarantined for I believe six weeks.
To me but now has the "flu" so
in Jan at least be thankful for
that.

I am, taking a good many
studies this year. I would
have no time to be a musician.
The only thing that I find very
difficult is Latin. It is very
the part of a song. It is too hard
if it is to come. I am not taking
French which I am crazy about.
Etc. - yours!

Allen Jacobs is now this year

We are great chums.

The Silver man you in Wheel-
ing on the 29th. Virginia wrote
that you expected to come.
and you can now realize
how angry he was and how
to you he would not
have been allowed to come
in account of the fear-
anties. I always mean to
ask if other for some ever
or other it seems to slip
my mind. I hope that
you will be down some
time when I am home.

As soon as the fall is
calling me to study the "the"
I will have to stop something.
Please write ~~me~~ ~~it~~ soon.
is. Love to all from you.
Worship
Luis

P.S. Helen sends her regards.

November 10th, 1918

Rabbi Alexander Lyon,
386 Eighth Street,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Lyons,

Rabbi Silver who is in the West on a lecture tour has asked me to secure the necessary information and answer your letter to him inquiring about the necessary steps to be taken to permit you to officiate at a wedding in Ohio.

I am informed by the Probate Court that a Rabbi not holding an Ohio State License cannot officiate at a marriage ceremony in this State, and that you could only assist *at such ceremony*

desires to I am further advised that where an outside Rabbi officiates, a Justice of the Peace must perform the real ceremony. Or you could act as proxy for an Ohio Rabbi and said Rabbi would have to sign the certificate.

Very truly yours,

Sady.

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RABBI A H SILVER

GARFIELD HOTEL CLEVELAND OHIO

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I rejoice with you and greet with joy the dawn
of the new day.
Aliba.

November 11th, 1918

To Whom it May Concern:

I have known Miss Hattie Steinhauser for many years and I am very pleased to recommend her for any governmental agency for War service.

I am absolutely convinced of her loyalty and her patriotism and her great devotion to the cause of our allies.

She is exceptionally qualified for service requiring experience in social work.

Respectfully

November 11th, 1918

Miss Fattie Steinhauser,
South Penn Street,
Wheeling, West Virginia.

My dear Miss Steinhauser,

Enclosed please find
the letter of recommendation which you
requested of me through Rose Hase. I
hope that it will be of service to you.

I am sorry that I did
not have the chance to go to Wheeling
this week, but I hope I shall be able to
do so in the near future.

With kindest regards
to everyone at home, I am

Sincerely yours,

Wheeling, W. Va.

Nov. 14 1918.

My dear Mr. Silver:

I need not
tell you of our disappoint-
ment at not hearing you
on Monday - I feel that
you need a rest and
we here in old Wheeling
are anxious to have you
tell us all about your trip.
Can't you arrange to come
to spend a few days here
sometime between now
and the tenth of December.
Leo & I expect to go East

about that time for a
few weeks. Any time be-
fore that that you can
come we shall be ready
to receive you. I have
just returned from our
newly established barracks
for the troop trains - there
have been from 80 to 125
boys here ~~one~~ night
almost every night for
three weeks. The old ~~Army~~
home - opposite Wheeling
Park has been given for
that use and the Rotary
Club furnished the ne-
cessary cash and a
committee of ladies are
in charge - we keep

the boys supplied with
home made preserves
& jellies and cakes, etc.
Also apples - candy and
cakes. And provide
some entertainment
for the evening. Under
separate cover I am
sending you some cookies
the whole of which
went to the boys. Just
thought you might en-
joy something to nibble.
There is nothing for
the War Chest this week -
is a much disappointment
young man - had passed
all exams for the Central

Officers Training Camp
and expected to be
called any day - now
I am hoping that he
will soon return to col-
lege - although he is
anxious to go to work.
Hope to hear that we
may expect you soon.
With kindest regards
from Leo, Mace, and
myself I am

Sincerely yours
Claudia W. Wolf.

Congregation B'nai Israel
BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

RABBI SAMUEL J. ABRAMS
422 WEST AVENUE

Nov. 14/18.

Dear Abe:-

We were glad to get your letter and learn that you are well. My present post is extremely interesting and quite engaging. While you are reading my Bulletin "with a great deal of interest" I am sorry to say that I cannot say the same concerning your Bulletin - for I have never received any. Will you please ~~place me on your mailing list~~ place me on your mailing list for the Bulletin. I should like to read it regularly, and, perhaps, profit by comparison. If you ever happen to be near Bridgeport (Bx. is only $1\frac{1}{2}$ hrs. from here) I shall deem it a treat and pleasure to have you occupy my pulpit.

Baruch and the Ben Yachid join me in best wishes to you.

Sam -

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CLEVELAND

Dear Mr. Silver -

I desire to express for my sister
Mrs. George Herrer and our family - myself
included - full sense of appreciation for
your aid and comfort during the
sad days of death and funeral of
George Herrer.

Your real friendship and assistance
can not be measured by value - but ask
you to accept the small check tendered
as a slight token of this appreciation.

For Mrs. Geo Herrer
and Orlan Family

November 15th
1918 -

Sincerely

J. B. Kohn

Mr. Silver - Can you enroll
my name for your Friday evening classes - for Bible Study.

THE *French Shop* DRESS
S. E. LIEBOW.

128 MONTICELLO AVENUE

635 NEWARK AVENUE

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Nov. 18 1918

Dear abbo:

I hope you are good? If you have clippings please send them to me as promised.

I was yesterday in the Bronx, papa is feeling much better, mamma and Rose are feeling fine.

I am getting along very good now, business is good and am able to meet my new bills pretty fair. As you know that I am working without a capital. As long as I have not any old debts then I am not worried. My business will keep up for the coming year as now I will be all right and somewhat independent.

Jack is opening an upholstery store not far from my store. (If he would ask me I would not advise him to do it, as the store which he has now brings him in for a living.) Of course he has not any money except what you owe him? \$12 1/3. He asked me for money and I gave him \$100.00. He told me he will write to you for the money.

THE ^{DRESS} French Shop
S. E. LIEBOW.

128 MONTICELLO AVENUE

635 NEWARK AVENUE

JERSEY CITY, N. J., 191

I did not say anything to him about it.
I thought perhaps you are not in a position
to send him anything at present. So, if you
wish I ~~can~~ will try and advance him
another \$100 and that will make \$200 ~~or~~
and you can write to him on his letter
that I will give him the money for you,
that is, if you have not got money to send him.
At the same time I would reduce my loan with
you. If this is satisfactory to you I will do it
if what I write is agreeable to you, and when
you will answer him on his letter that he
should get money of me, please do not say
anything about my affairs with you.
Simply say, that Ely will give you so
much for me as I have not got at present.
the cash. Please send me your clippings without fail
Regards from Miss Irving & Esther. You ought
to see Irving reading his books. With best regards
Ely

[Nov 18, 1918]

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The year is 1788

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80 Market St.,
N.Y. Nov. 19, '98

Dear Abe:-

I am surprised that I did not hear from you since you left New York. I was much worried at first, for I was afraid, lest you caught cold that night after leaving the house. I tried to reach your folks by phone, but could not get any one to respond to the call. "Nobody answers" was the telephone girl's reply. But after receiving your bulletin and the Jewish Independent this week, i.e. yesterday, and

I sinned, ² so that I
~~could~~ can make atonement.
If it is the latter I
trust you will try
your utmost to spare
a few minutes and
write a few words. You
know how anxious I
am to hear of you.

Do you intend to
tour the East soon if so,
when? Henry Burby wants
me to let him know
when you will speak at
the Free Synagogue. He
told me that he will
come from Camp just

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ready that you are
touring the West for the
government. I knew
that you were well
and in perfect health.

Why you did not
write to me all that
time, I do not know.
I guess it must be
either that it seemed
against you - which I
doubt. Or that you
were so occupied that
you could find no time
to write. If it is
the former, I trust
you will do me justice
and ~~to~~ tell me where

to hear your address.
Well, you're sure as
lead of one auditor.

Max Felskin, I understand
is now at the Chaplain's
Training Camp. I received
a card from him that
he is on his way to
Louisville, Ky.

Abe, I would ask you
to let me know how I
can ~~procure a ticket or~~
make arrangement to get
a 50% allowance on railroad
fare, as you get. An occasion
might offer itself when
I might sometimes, at
some special occasion
desire to go to Cleveland
to see Abe. You never
can tell. (But not, not to official)

When we shall
see ourselves again
we shall have a few
good hearty laughs.
Max Felshin ^{has} was up
to see me. He told
me that he saw
Grossman in New York
after you had been
up to the Zionist
Organization Headquarters.
And Grossman gave
Felshin information about
you and your Temple.
I tell you, ~~when~~ I did

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I believe Grossman
more than I do you.
For more information
about you you must
have ~~patience~~ ^{patience} until you
come to New York.

Anna sends ~~her~~
best regards to you.
She is ^{going to} ~~making~~ ^{making} latkes
on Chanukah. How about
coming down? She will
make it any day that
pleases you best. And
take it from me, she
is some latke cook.

I trust, Ah, you
will not keep me

not have such a hearty
laugh for a long time.
By the way, do you
know that Frederic
V. Loesser, who has a
big department store
in Brooklyn N.Y. is
the President of your
Temple. What? You
don't want to believe
it? Who do you say
is your President?
A certain Mr. Lowenstein?
Go on you don't know!
It's Frederic Loesser
and no one else.

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waiting for a reply.
As ever, Yours
Sol

my folks wish to
be remembered.

Excuse scribbling

Am inclosing letter and
editorial about the Stelfare
Board in the English Department
of "Tageblatt". It might be
of interest to you.

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Surgeon General
Washington

November 19th, 1918.

Fabba Abba Hillet Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:-

The Surgeon General directs me to write you concerning Miss Rosa Skirball who is under consideration for service as a Reconstruction Aide in Occupational Therapy in connection with the re-education of disabled soldiers.

The function of these Aides is to teach hand crafts primarily to bed and chair patients in the hospitals. We are informed that you can speak regarding the qualifications of this applicant for this work.

Will you kindly write us at your earliest convenience, using the inclosed addressed envelope, concerning both her personal and professional fitness for this type of service?

Very truly yours,

1 Inclosure.

M. E. Maggerty,
Major, Sanitary Corps,

November 20th, 1918

Mr. J. B. Kohn,
2374 Canal Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Kohn,

I desire to acknowledge and to
thank you for your ~~valuable~~ appreciation
and for the check which accompanied it.

I am glad I was able to serve
Mrs. Werner and all of you in your hour of
sorrow.

The check which you sent, I shall
place in a little private charity fund.

Trusting all of you are well,
I remain with kindest regards

Sincerely yours,

November 21st, 1918

My dear Mrs. Auerbach,

On my return from the West, I found your very beautiful gift. Needless to say how deeply I appreciate it.

I trust that you and Mr. Auerbach are well.

With kindest greetings,
I am

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Henry Auerbach,
7021 Hough Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio.



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Signal Mountain, Tenn. 11/24/18

Dear Friend Rubbi :-
I tried to see you before I left for the army but the call came so quickly I hardly had sufficient time to close up my personal affairs and business. I was sorry that I did not get into the service sooner as the possibility of going abroad now is very remote - nevertheless I am kept pretty busy and expect to be in service for several months to come.

At the camp where I am located there are over 3000 physicians - about 600 dentists - several hundred veterinarians - and about 25,000 enlisted men in the sanitary service - it is the largest medical officers training camp in the world. Our routine is started by the bugle call at 6 a. m. - 6:10 is roll call - 6:30 mess - 7 to 9 drilling & horse-back riding - 9 to 12 - lectures in military medicine - sanitation & hygiene. 12 to 1 lunch hour and from 1 to 4 - lectures & courses in French - 4 to 5 drill - mess at 5:30 and taps at 9:30 - which is welcome most of the time.

The moral of the men is somewhat



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Signal Mountain, Tenn.

how due to the fact that peace
is assumed but Uncle Sam is going
along preparing us for any emergency
that may arise. We have no idea
what officials intend to do with the
great number of medical men in
training.

The J. W. B. S. head quarters are pretty
well patronized here and the work
is likeable and active. Many New York
boys (furnish) are among the enlisted
men—and the number of foreign
physicians is quite in keeping with
our ratio as to numbers. Some of them
are very fine types and are a credit
to our race—very few of the objectionable
ones are present.

I hope you will not be too busy
to drop me a line but I shall surely
be pleased to hear from you.

Your Friend
D. L. Selman

D. L. Selman

Box 7 Co 25

Camp Greenleaf

Chickamauga Park

Ga.

November 28th, 1918

Major L. E. Haggarty,
Sanitary Corps,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Major Haggarty,

I am very pleased to give
you the information which you have re-
quested of me with reference to Miss
Rose Skirball of Cincinnati.

I have known Miss Skirball
for many years and I have no hesitance in
recommending her most highly for the ser-
vice for which she has applied. She is a
young woman of great loyalty and patriotism,
as well as a social worker of real ability
and experience. She has devoted quite a
number of years to settlement work and to
personal service in Cincinnati. I am quite
sure that she will prove a valuable addition
to your staff of workers.

Very truly yours,

Mr. and Mrs. Moses W. Becker
announce the marriage of their daughter

Gertrude

to

Rabbi Adolph Steiner

on Tuesday, November the twelfth
one thousand nine hundred and eighteen

Chicago

November 25th, 1918

Rabbi Adolph Steiner,

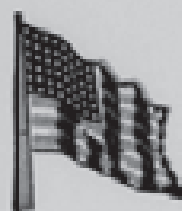
Lima, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Steiner,

It was a pleasure and
a surprise to me to learn of your marriage.
I wish to extend to you my heartiest con-
gratulations and my best wishes and hope I
shall have the pleasure in the near future
of meeting Mrs. Steiner.

With kindest regards and
best wishes for many years of happiness,
I remain

Very sincerely yours,



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November 25th 1918

Rebbi Akiba Hillel Silver

The Temple

Cleveland 1 -

My dear Sir:

It was fine of you to
remember me with the Bulletin and
with your charming letter. No doubt, in
the very near future all the boys will be home.
My address you will find below. Enlisted into
the Quartermaster Corps, was under orders to pro-
ceed to Camp Meigs, Washington D.C. After being
in the Army less than 4 weeks was examined
and favorably passed up for a commission.
Because of the sudden termination of hostilities
and armistice - there was no further use for
officers and men. Therefore shall return
home as a private. Enjoyed my vacation
with the army very much. Again thanking
you for your interest and kind letter
remain sincerely yours

Silas Auerbach

10th Company
Barrack's
Columbus, O.

TO THE WRITER: SAVE BY WRITING ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS PAPER

TO THE FOLKS AT HOME: SAVE FOOD, BUY LIBERTY BONDS AND WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

ROBERT PERRY MARTIN
CAPTAIN
J. B. GREINER, JR.
1st LIEUTENANT
JOSEPH L. NAAR
2nd LIEUTENANT
LEONARD M. BLUM
2nd LIEUTENANT, S. C.

The
Massanutten Academy Cadet Corps
Woodstock, Virginia

COLONEL HOWARD J. BENCHOFF
HEAD MASTER
PRINCE WARREN
1st LIEUTENANT, 5th INFANTRY U. S. A., RETIRED
MAJOR AND COMMANDANT

ROBERT G. LECHNER
1st LIEUTENANT AND
ADJUTANT
J. EDGAR BRANT
2nd LIEUTENANT AND
QUARTERMASTER

Nov. 25, 1918.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Received your letter and also

the book called "The Faith of Israel" and surely
want to thank you for doing so.

I assure you that it will be for the
good.



Very truly yours,

Roger Blum.

ROBERT PERRY MARTIN
CAPTAIN
J. R. GREINER, JR.
1ST LIEUTENANT
JOSEPH L. NAAR
2ND LIEUTENANT
LEONARD M. BLUM
2ND LIEUTENANT, S. G.

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1ST LIEUTENANT AND
ADJUTANT
J. EDGAR BRANT
2ND LIEUTENANT AND
QUARTERMASTER

Nov. 26, 1918

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Please excuse the delay
of this letter but my military duties barely leave
me time to breath as there is something going on
from the time you get up in the morning until
you go to bed.
Before leaving Cleveland
you told me to write to you and that
you would send me some literature. Even
if I don't write many letters I can always
try to find time to sit down and read.
There are not many Jewish Boys here and it
makes it pretty hard on a Jewish leader as
to his way of church and to the way he acts

What I mean is that meals are not kosher
and things on different style. I am
the first Jewish Boy that ever became a Com.
officer at this school and that's pretty good for
a town like Cleveland. I suppose Christmas
I will see all the boys back at temple having
returned from camp and overthere.

We are being taught the same thing that
they teach in the training Camps. When
I first came here I was put in the Infantry
and about 3 weeks later I was transferred to the
Signal Corps and made 1st sergeant. The follow-
ing ^{day} the General Order was that I was promoted
to 2nd Lieut. But with all this glorification
I don't care to be so high as I do not like
to report others for things I like to do. I hope
you will write soon. I remain your
Loyal and Friend
And St Leonard Blum

ROBERT PERRY MARTIN
CAPTAIN
J. B. GREINER, JR.
1st LIEUTENANT
JOSEPH L. NAAR
2nd LIEUTENANT
LEONARD M. BLUM
2nd LIEUTENANT, S. C.

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Woodstock, Virginia

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ROBERT G. LECHNER
1st LIEUTENANT AND
ADJUTANT
J. EDGAR BRANT
2nd LIEUTENANT AND
QUARTERMASTER

Tuesday, Nov. 26, 1918.

Dear Rabbi,

I heard to-day that you never received my letter of nine weeks ago, and so am writing again. We have two competitive Literary Societies and I belong to the Poe. We have very good programs and discussions on current topics. On February 22 is the annual debate, the biggest literary event of the year. I take advanced Algebra, junior English, beginner's French and Physics and Chemistry. In addition I take piano. I belong to the school orchestra, which rehearsed last night. We have played once and play at the Thanksgiving service Thursday. I am also a corporal of Squad 3, Artillery. With many other little things, I am very busy. I regret very much not being able to attend the alumnae talk, dinner and reception December 8, but trust to see you, the teachers, and the class about December 22, when I will tell you a few stories. I send my wishes that the class organization and study circles be a success. My uniform cap, the missing link, came to-day, so my uniform is completely here. We are quite advanced in military. The daily schedule is as follows; first call 6:30 A.M., reveille 6:40, assembly 6:50, mess 7:15, call to quarters for inspection 7:50, recall 8:10, drill 8:15, recall, 9:15, school 9:30, recall, 12:20, mess 12:40, school 1:30, recall 3:30, fatigue 3:30, retreat 5:15, mess 5:45, call to quarters for study 7:30, recall 9:30, tattoo 9:50, taps 10:00. On Sundays I attend the reformed church, where we discuss topics such as Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. On Sunday evenings we have Y.M.C.A. meetings. Saturdays are holidays. There are only 6 Jewish boys here including myself.

Sincerely,

Your confidant,
Edward Weiskopf.

November 26th, 1918

Mr. Samuel Ornstein,
The Oak Street Temple,
Wheeling, W. Va.

My dear Sam,

I hope that you will pardon
this terrible delay in answering your
very lovely note, which brought to me
the good tidings of the arrival of the
new member of the Ornstein family.
I have been so completely swamped with
work that your kind letter escaped my
attention. I am sure however, my dear
Sam, that you know how ~~pleased~~ I am to
hear of the great joy that has come to
your life. I know how you and Jeannette
must feel. My blessings and my prayers
go with you and with the little baby boy.
I trust that I shall have the honor of
seeing him and his fond parents in the
near future.

With kindest regards to
Jeannette, I am

Very sincerely yours,

GUS. G. BALLEMBERGER

...Tailor...

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Cleveland

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Rabbi A. H. Silver
"The Temple" at

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Permit me to extend to you
on behalf of the family & myself our sincere
thanks for your kind services & please accept
enclosed as a slight token of our appreciation.

Sincerely Yours
G. G. Ballenberger

FREE SYNAGOGUE
NEW YORK

STEPHEN S. WISE
RESIDENCE, 23 WEST 90TH STREET

Nov. 27, 1918

Rebbi A.H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friend:

May I ask you to be good enough to send me your thought on the question with which, as you see, I am to deal on Sunday morning,-- "When Is A Jew Not A Jew?" I am asking a small group of friends to be kind enough to write out for me their thought on this important question. If it be not troubling you too much, I should be most grateful for a brief statement from you covering the subject.

Sincerely yours,



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TULSA, OKLA. Nov. 29, 1918.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My Highly Esteemed Friend:

I take pleasure in hereby informing you that we have finely concluded our negotiations for the acreage we were dickering on at the time you were here. We had a time getting it, as since you were here the man brot in a thirty barrel well adjoining the ground, but we had an option and made him stick to part of the terms, altho the lease has now cost us \$5,000.00 and expenses.

I can also take the pleasure of informing you that on my way home ~~Monday~~ after the signing of the contract, I met an oil man on the train who made me the offer of \$10,000.00 for one thousand acres, which I refused to consider.

We are starting our organization and expect to have it worked out by next week some time, and I would like to know how far we can count on you; in other words, how much money you can spare without a strain. Regardless of the amount, we will apportion you out accordingly the same as ourselves; of course the more the better.

Now my friend do not hesitate to say so if you do not feel like investing, because this is a business proposition, and would have no effect upon our friendship, which you have forever. We have great faith in the proposition, and we want you to feel likewise. In fact we are having several big oil men go in with us. For whatever money you send us, we will secure you with receipt, also you share in the proposition in writing.

As soon as our organization is complete, I am going East, and I am looking forward with great pleasure to the visit I expect to have with you.

At the time of this writing, Rabbi Menkes is out of town, having been called to Oklahoma City for a conference, as they want him to start on a speaking tour for the Red Cross, to work the South-western states.

Hoping that you have survived your recent labors in good shape, and that you are at this time, in the best of health, I remain

Your sincere friend

J. Wissman Gen. Mgr.



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Cleveland

June 20

1918

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Abba Hillel Silver

Herman Moss

GENERAL AGENT

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CLEVELAND, OHIO

November 30th, 1918.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
% The Temple,
Cleveland.

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	Extra single premium for War Coverage	125.00
479	Ordinary Life Policy	<u>107.45</u>
		\$339.90

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Paid 164.90 by check #387-Per 4/19.

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Dec. 2.....1918
Palo Alto, Cal.

Arthur G. H. Silver,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Colleague:-

You are in a position to do me
a favor and I am not ashamed to
ask for it. I am aware that our
relations before you graduated
were anything but friendly. But
I also recall, and so will
you, that at one time I did
my utmost to be of service to
you. It is on the strength of
these earlier memories
that I bank my hope of your
granting me the favor I seek:

I expect to resign my
chaplaincy very shortly. As I
have given up South Bend for
good I should, of course, be
very happy if I could take
another position.

Now I understand that

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Palo Alto, Cal.

there is a conservative congregation - the one that Schwartz once held - in your city that looks for a Rabbi. From what I hear it offers a large field for work. That's just the kind of congregation I am looking for. But...

Yes, there are two "buts"

In the first place, I should like, before entering upon negotiations with the congregation in question, to be the possessor of authenticated information about its large field etc.

And, in the second place, I feel rather delicate about applying. I would much prefer if you suggested my name to the leaders of that congregation and gave

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Palo Alto, Cal.

me such recommendations
as, in the light of your total knowledge
of me, you think I merit.

If you feel like conferring
this double favor upon me
I shall be very grateful to you.
In any case, however, I trust
you will let me hear from
you as early as you will
find convenient.

With best wishes,

Julius G. Peibert.

My address:

1st Lt. Chaplain J. A. Peibert
Camp Fremont, Palo
Alto, Calif.



HOTEL DEL CORONADO

JOHN J. HERNAN, MANAGER

Coronado Beach, California



San Diego - Dec 4/9

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Mon. chere Monsieur Silver.

I have not had a chance to
 talk to you in any language
 since your return, but one second
 or a half for which I am very sorry,
 (I don't mean the 1/2 minute. talk don't
 misunderstand me.) but I had so much
 to ask & now I have to wait till I come
 back which may be in some month.
 The Friday 21st which Miss Jessie Cohen send
 me regular, tells me that you are travelling
 some, giving the people some of your experience
 from abroad. why not stretch your point
 or point right here, where people are just
 as anxious to hear you as they were
 in Oklahoma, Missouri or Ill. I will
 promise you a full house, for when
 I raise my voice to the limit, every
 body - runs away. Well I made
 a very desirable discovery soon after
 my arrival here in Rabbi Segel
 who loves Cleveland & its inhabi-
 bitants, & find in him a very intel-
 ligent man & ardent worker.

I enclose an article of his
which I found quite interesting.
If you find time, glance it over.
We are quite chummy together, since
he knows so many of my Cleveland
friends & speaks in such high terms
of Dr. Walfenstein, Mr. Gies, Rabbi
Silver, all people I think a great
deal of & under this conditions I
considered him worthy to join
add another link to the chain
of my nephews, & I don't think
I made a mistake.

Now to something where all getting
ceases. Poor Mr. Gies, who was right
in the midst of doing so much good
by which so many would have been
profited or it was such a pleasure
to him. He will be sadly missed,
every day more. If I am right your
work will be largely increased, but
please don't overdo it. Your Aunt
is warning you, but do your duty.
I enclose a \$5.00 check for the M. J. Gies
Memorial Chapel Fund, which I consider
not only a fine Memorial for him but also
almost a necessity. No more papers! Enough
anyway. With kindest regards from your Aunt
Mrs. D. Blumberg

Dec. 4, 1918.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

Recd. your welcome letter of Nov 29th and was more than pleased to hear from you. It sure does make a fellow feel good to keep in constant communication with the affairs of the Temple. In fact when looking over "The Temple Bulletin", I feel sorry for having missed the lecture of the previous Sundays. The morale of the boys down here is still high but everywhere there seems to be the same anxiousness to get back to civilian life again. I am spending the day in quarters, recuperating from the effects of an inoculation against pneumonia, which is administered in the arm.

Appreciating the interest the Temple is taking in the welfare of her boys, and

wishing you health and kindest regards,
I am,

Your friend
Prof. L. F. Rosenthal



But -

No matter what bitterness, no matter
what strife -

The Jew has braved all, through this suffering,
painful life.

It is true, the good must suffer, in order
to reach that land

Where no sorrow or tears are known, and sweet-
ness is shed from His hand.

In the days of old, when the Jew knew every
torture, every fear,

He escaped from his land of horrors, by the hand
of his Overseer

Who whispered unto him, that which he
all guessing,

The kindest, the sweetest words ever

Those a Blessing"

over

1. Egypt.

And so the world must run, ever
twirling round and round,
By the Will of Him the All-power, that
hath made man from the ground.
And hath given to all his people a
religion of their own,
Till they knew brotherly love - and the
bird of sin hath flown.



Benj. Smilovitz.

No wonder, you are called a wonderful man,
Eli Silver! I was fool enough to have
asked you to solve such a problem. And you
have given me the power, to solve it myself
without even thinking of it. Thank you.

Benj. Smilovitz.

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Reb. A. H. Silver
% The Temple
On Central & E. 55th St
Cleveland
Ohio

Jews Celebrate Palestine Day Today Over World; History Of Zionist Movement Given

Today, Sunday, Dec. 1, is Palestine Day throughout the world. The Zionist organizations of the United States have declared this day to be Jewish Flag Day, when miniature Jewish flags are sold to realize funds for the purchase of soil in the Holy land. The Zionists of San Diego, following in the spirit of this day, will offer these flags to their coreligionists in order to swell the fund devoted to the purpose of buying land in Palestine, not for any individual or group, but to be the inalienable heritage of the entire Jewish people. The following article is offered as being appropriate to this occasion:

By RABBI SEGEL, of San Diego.

The year 1881 is an important milestone in Jewish history. That year marked the great exodus of millions of Jews out of the pale of Russia and Rumania. For almost a century the Jews of eastern Europe had waited for the ideals of the French revolution to bring them freedom, equality and opportunity. This hope seemed lost forever, when in 1881 the czar incited the populace to pogroms against the Jews, the most fearful in history up to that time. Despairing of ever receiving fair treatment, several million Jews began an exodus from eastern Europe. Hundreds of thousands migrated west towards England and America, seeking a liberal government and economic opportunity. Only a few thousand directed their way southeast to the ancient land of Israel. Yet in the history of the world the tiny stream that flowed into Palestine is more important than the mighty river that crossed the Atlantic.

The pioneers who arrived in Palestine after 1881, found their Jewish brethren living there broken in body and soul. The picture of the Jews at the wailing wall is an accurate portrait of the spirit of the hundreds of wanderers, who throughout the centuries since the destruction of Jerusalem, had come to pray and to weep over the loss of their ancient land and temple. Those Jews who settled in Palestine prior to 1881 huddled together in the ghettos of Jaffa and Jerusalem. They depended upon charity for their support. They came to Palestine not to live there, but to die and be buried there.

Bring New Spirit

The pioneers of 1881 and the succeeding years, however, brought with them a new spirit. They had turned their backs upon the western lands of opportunity, and had come to Palestine, not to crowd into the cities and duplicate the ghettos of Europe, but to buy farm land and to develop it through their toil for the benefit of the whole Jewish people. They had come to re-establish the ancient Jewish home in Palestine, to foster the development of the Hebrew language and to realize under modern conditions the social ideals of the Bible. In one generation these brave immigrants carried out one of the most daring colonization movements in history. Their steadfastness under trial, their indomitable courage, their skill in causing a wilderness to bloom like a garden, and their phenomenal success in creating a new communal life based upon the broadest principles of democracy and tolerance, impressed the British government so favorably that last year it took upon itself the duty to assist all Jews who so desired to rebuild their ancient home in Palestine.

The early settlers in the years following 1881 met with such obstacles that they would have failed pitifully had not the rest of the Jewish world come to their aid. The colonists had more faith than ability, more idealism than practical knowledge of agriculture. At first they were supported by societies in eastern Europe who called themselves "lovers of Zion." Later philanthropists in western Europe, led by Baron Edmund de Rothschild of Paris, came to their aid. Since the beginning of the world war in 1914, the Zionists of America have assumed the burden of maintaining and developing the colonies. With this aid from the rest of Israel, the pioneers rallied after their initial mistakes and failures, and gradually gained economic independence—a condition hitherto unknown among the Palestinian Jews, who had degenerated into alms-takers. Until the world war brought such distress into Palestine, the funds sent there had for a decade been devoted to the founding of new colonies. The older colonies were self-supporting.

Colonists' Primary Aim

The primary aim of the colonists was to secure an economic footing by developing the agricultural possibilities of the country. Before their coming farming in Palestine had not developed far beyond the ancient methods described in the Bible. The Jewish immigrants began to introduce the latest agricultural improvements. They fought the dreaded malaria by draining the soil near their homes, and by planting groves of eucalyptus trees imported from Australia. In areas which lacked water they drilled artesian wells, and rediscovered the ancient system of irrigation, since adopted by the United States to irrigate the so-called deserts of Arizona and California. They built good roads and established experiment stations. They imported modern agricultural implements from America, and sent over several of their most promising young men to study agriculture here. Twelve of them were at the University of California until the war broke out. Ten of them then enlisted in the Jewish legion. The other two were rejected for physical defects. One of their youths, Aaron Aaronson, became the discoverer of dry or wild wheat on the heights of Mt. Hermon. His discovery is considered of inestimable value to the world, and he has been invited by our government to come to this country and to point out in which western states this wheat can best be grown. He has just completed a tour of our country, and after careful investigation has made the statement that Palestine is a miniature of the fruitful state of California.

Communal Government

The second requisite of the colonists was the establishment of efficient communal government. Almost immediately the problem of a common language presented itself. Most of the colonists, being from eastern Europe, spoke Yiddish. So Yiddish was suggested as the language of Palestine. Some suggested Arabic, the prevailing tongue of that part of the world. Other groups tried to influence the colonies to adopt the language of their respective countries. The most persistent of these groups was the Deutsche Hilfverein, which even then was being used by its government to further German interests in the near east. A sharp struggle ensued, and

then the supporters of German found themselves overwhelmed. For Ben Yehuda, a zealous nationalist, insisted that since the colonists had come to Palestine to realize the social principles of the Bible, they must revive the ancient Hebrew language as the official language of Palestine. Today not only do the children of the colonists speak Hebrew as their mother tongue, but thousands of Arabs employed by the colonists have learned to speak Hebrew. As a crowning success the gymnasium of Jaffa rejected German in favor of Hebrew as the language of instruction. Two graduates have been accepted without special examination in the leading universities of Europe.

Accept Equal Rights

In their communal life the Jewish colonists accepted without question the principle of equal rights for all, including the vote for women. In one respect at least Jewish Palestine is more advanced than even our United States. The Turkish officials were very negligent. So the colonists were forced to appoint their own community police. For years the half-civilized Bedouins had broken into the fields and carried off the crops under cover of night as their forefathers had done in the days of Gideon. Young men called Shomerim or guards volunteered to watch the fields at night at the risk of their lives. Many stories of noblest heroism center around these dauntless Shomerim, who paid with their young blood for the protection of the infant Jewish colonies.

The colonists learned in time that the negligence of the Turkish officials was equaled only by the corruption in Turkish courts of justice. Every case was decided in favor of the side that could afford the highest bribe. For this reason the colonists went to work and established their own courts upon the model of the ancient Beth Din, court of justice. In each court there were two collaborating judges, one versed in the traditional Jewish law, the other, usually a practical business man, to temper the ancient laws in the light of modern conditions. These courts had no power to enforce their decisions, but so fair were their rulings that not only the Jewish colonists but even the Arabs preferred to settle their disputes in the Jewish courts. What is more striking is that in the 30 years of the existence of these courts, not one of the Jewish colonists has been a defendant in a criminal case. The Jews in Palestine are proving that do not produce gunmen, or even ordinary criminals.

Receives Gold Medal

The period of settlement in Palestine has not been of sufficient duration for great achievements. Yet if the past be a guarantee for the future, the Jewish settlements in Palestine promise to contribute much to the economic and social progress of the world. Palestine wine received the gold medal at the Paris exposition in 1900. Palestine olives and olive oil are potentially superior to the best Italian product. Palestine oranges have a finer flavor than California oranges, hitherto considered the best in the world. The Palestinian product prove their superiority by commanding a higher price in the open markets of Europe. As an item to show how rapidly Palestine agriculture is developing, let me cite the example of oranges. In 1904 a few hundred thousand cases were exported. In the year before the war, 2,000,000 cases of Palestinian oranges were shipped to Liverpool. In the short period of recent Jewish colonization in Palestine, furthermore, an art school has been founded at Jerusalem. The products of this school, the Bezmel School of Art, have won the highest praise throughout the world.

Spirit of Co-operation

Probably the greatest achievement of the Jewish settlers in Palestine has been the wonderful spirit of co-operation created among them. When the world war spread to Palestine, almost half of the colonists and laborers lost their homes and their employment. The rest of the colonists and workmen voluntarily assembled and voted to work only half time so that their distressed countrymen might have an opportunity to earn as much of as living as they. Among the 150,000 Jews in Palestine there are Jews of every nationality and shade of religious belief. There are Russian, Rumanian, Turkish, German, French and English colonists comprising Orthodox, Conservative, and the most radical agnostics. But religious tolerance is so well recognized that no group attempts to force its conception of life upon any other group. The relation between the hard-working colonists and the marauding bands of Arabs has always been critical. Yet the patience and good will of the colonists have held fast. There is danger that with the spread of education, the young Arabs will try to dispossess the Jewish colonists. Dr. Aaronson was recently asked about this matter, and inquiry was made as to whether it was not dangerous for the Jews to improve the educational facilities among their Arabian neighbors. The famous agronomist replied: "Whatever may occur, we Jews in Palestine can look only with pleasure upon the intellectual progress of the Arabian population. If we Jews, who have suffered for 2000 years, have not yet learned to be tolerant of others, however antagonistic we may suspect them to be, we do not deserve to have God bless our handiwork in the rebuilding of the Jewish homeland in Palestine."

I can give no better summary of the devoted efforts of the Jewish colonists in the Holy Land during the last 37 years than to quote again from Dr. Aaronson, one of their greatest leaders: "They (the colonists) have suffered much, but their story will be told some day and told in joy. It is a story to make us proud that they are our own people; it is a story that will be told through the ages, and make Jewish blood tingle with pride, as it will win the homage and admiration of the entire world."

VIGOROUS PROTEST GOING TO GERMANY

(Associated Press)

PARIS, Nov. 18 (Delayed).—The French government, through Marshal Foch, will send a vigorous protest to Berlin concerning the treatment of war prisoners, Edouard Ignace, under-secretary for military pensions, announced in the chamber today. He said the new government in Germany treats the prisoners no better than the old one.



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"WITH THE COLORS"



Dec. 6, 1918

Siminatti.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Received your

letter of the 22nd & noticed weekly
& must say it was a pleasure to
hear from you. We have been hoping
for the last two weeks to be able to
get home & attend services again
but the papers so far have failed to arrive
from Washington. There are five
other Jewish boys beside myself in
this detachment. We just attended
a big banquet given by the Jewish
Welfare League for the Jewish Boys
in town at the time. It was



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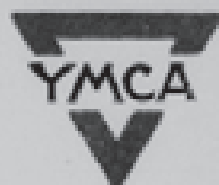


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at Rabbi Phillips's Temple.
a regular banquet followed by dancing
with regular Jewish girls. If you
remember me from Temple you'll
remember that I was what one would
call studious. Well I don't know how
I got in this branch of the service
but I've been away four months now,
& this is a school. My vocation was
to be a carpenter with extra studies
on the side. When we came down
here the first thing we did was
build a barracks at the University of
Cincinnati for the Student Army
Training Corps. Then when the Flu
broke out I became a professional
amateur nurse. I was stationed at



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the Cincinnati General Hospital attending to the wants of my pals who had the Flu. I had to wear a mask & one of those medical aprons. Since peace was declared we've had more or less of a snap. Don't get up to roll call in the morning sleep quite late, go down & help yourself to breakfast. Do what I'm doing now write letters till dinner time, then in the afternoon go to some show. We have to stand at "Retreat" though at 5 o'clock. Then we're free till 12 o'clock, when we have to be in quarters. They gave us a farewell banquet at Hotel Gibson Wednesday evening & it was announced there that they were waiting for the paper to arrive. While I was writing here one of the fellows came in and told me the Flu ban was to



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be placed on again tonight at midnight.
If the ban is on that means we won't
get home for some time. The worst part
of it was we had passes to get home
for Thanksgiving + when the word
came that we were to be mustered out
the passes were rescinded. Now all
the fellows are on edge waiting
to be released. Well I guess I've said
quite enough for this time. Will
close hoping to hear from ^{you} then
be back to see you in the very
near future.

Very Sincerely Yours

J. Newman
U.S.A.


Akron Ohio,
Dec. 9-1918.

Rabbi A. Silver,
Cso Temple,
Cleveland Ohio.

Dear Sir:

While in Cleveland Sunday, I attended services at your Temple and had the pleasure of hearing your sermon on "The Jew of Tomorrow". I enjoyed the sermon

so much that I would
appreciate securing a
copy of same, if possible.

I understand, that
at some future date
you contemplate coming
to Waco.  Would
you consider saying
something about the
four principles as given
by you Sunday? —

Thanking you for
 this favor, I remain
 Respectfully yours
 (Thine) Beren R. Epstein

646 Bellevue



23 East 89th St
New York - Dec 9, 1918.

Dr. Rabbi Silver -
Cleveland - Ohio -

Dear Rabbi -

Just a few lines to ask
you if you wish me to give
a concert again this year at your
temple. I could arrange to have
an entirely new program of songs
and etc. I would also be very
thankful to you if you could
recommend me to sing at any
temples around Cleveland. Thanking
you again and hoping to hear from
you soon - I am
Sincerely yours -
Rachos Jasnowsky

December 10th, 1918

Mr. Isaac Bloom,
Hebrew Union College,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Bloom,

Enclosed please find check
for \$25.00, to cover part of my debt.
Please inform me as to the amount still
outstanding.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

INDEPENDENT ORDER B'NAI B'RITH

WHEELING LODGE NUMBER SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN

Wheeling, West Virginia

December 10th 1918

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland Ohio

Dear Sir and Brother

Enclosed please find demit requested
you will kindly pardon delay, as last Sunday evening was
the first opportunity I have had to place your request before
the Lodge on account of the "Ban"

Much as we regret the loss of your
active membership from our Lodge and District, we congratu-
late Cleveland Lodge in securing such a valuable addition
to their ranks, and in recognition of your untiring zeal
and devotion to the cause, Judaism and Humanity in general,
as a loyal B'nai B'rith, Wheeling Lodge No 615 District # 3,
is determined to at least have you with them in the spirit,
if not in the flesh, and with a unanimous raising vote
recorded you on our books a life long Honorary Membership

Fraturnally Yours

Chas. H. Jacobs.
Leon B. Stein.
I. Isenberg.

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TULSA, OKLA., Dec. 10, 1918

Rabbi A.H. Silver
Cleveland Ohio.

My Dear Rabbi.

It surprises me not to have heard from You in answer to my letter of recent date, and hope You will do so at Your earliest convenience. However knowing how busy You are I can excuse You.

We had a proposition put to us in Texas on which we can all make a small size fortune with a very small investment, as the geology shows the exact same formation as the Tampico field in old Mexico, and the acreage in question is lying in the same trend. Wells from 30,000 to 100,000 bbl. were nothing out of the ordinary in that field. The survey was made by a government geologist and later by two others, and the reports are nearly the same.

The man who put this up to us has paid \$10,000 for a six month option, and does not care to submit it to a big company as he fears they would freeze him out. We are also getting pretty well shaped up on our other proposition. Let me hear from You whether You are willing to share these propositions on equal basis with us. Our investments in these propositions are surprisingly small, as all we are required to put up as our part is \$2500.00 as assurance that we will promote the company, and we are to be reimbursed as soon as we place about one quarter of the stock on the market, which is to be \$100,000.00 which I can do right here in about thirty days. For our promotion we get about one fifth of the stock, and the same proportion out of

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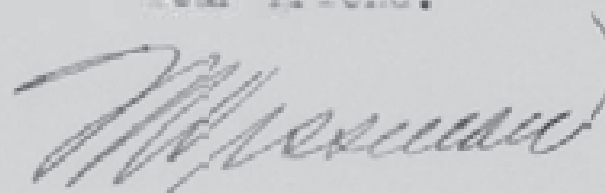
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the sale of the sale of 8000 acers the same people own, which would bring no less then \$20.00 per acre. The company is to be organized on about three thosand acres, and a well is to be drilled for the money. This is on the Texas proposition. There are five wells contracted for in that country and every bit of acrege blocked by big companys.

Rabbi Menkes left last night on a three week speaking tour for the red cross, and entrusted me with conveying to You his kindest regards and the same from me.

Hoping this will find You in the best of health, and expecting to hear from You at Your earliest convenience, as we are very anxious to close this matter as we just have a few days to consider it, I remain

Your friend.



Finke, Austria

Nov 24 1918

LA BATTAGLIA DEL PIAVE - GIUGNO 1918

Dear Rabbi

Kindest

greeting, to yourself.

I have fine hope to

have soon. The

kind of bold enterprise

in the big offensive

here. But I wish to

yourself. Remember

are to all friends

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Rabbi Selman

Her Temple, Esplanade

Central Ave

Cleveland

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U.S.A.

[Dec. 11, 1918]

שלי-לוקס און אונקס'ס אלקטריק פערד.

מלך יקרי.

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December 11th, 1918

Miss Fannie Epstein
646 Bell Street
Akron, Ohio.

My dear Miss Epstein,

Rabbi Silver has requested me to reply to your letter to him dated the ninth instant.

Rabbi Silver has no copy of his address of Last Supper, nor of any of his recent sermons. Unfortunately no stenographic record is made of his sermons and he speaks without manuscript.

Rabbi Silver intends to visit Akron sometime in the future, but the date has not been definitely decided upon.

~~Very truly,~~ ~~that~~ your request cannot be complied with regarding a copy of the sermon,

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.



Hotel Astor

TIMES SQUARE

New York

W. C. MÜNCHENHEIM
P. A. MÜNCHENHEIM

Dec 11/18

Dear Rabbi,

And so I am forced to admit that it is so much the desire to see your parents, but a priority to learn at first hand the source of the inspiration that has carried you so far, was behind my brief.

Well now I know and I have pledged your father to give me the benefit of his counsel so that I can even at the extent of my limitations you can at all succeed.

With the impetuosity for which I am noted making my finger at your paternal procreation (immediately after being introduced) I blurted out, I owe you a judge. Why did you treat Abba so much and neglect me?? Your mother returned and after a counsel of war, they promised to assist me also.

My dear wife has written you the other details of our visit (over)

I am keeping an eye on your
young man. So far there is little
to reprimand and the frequent
word of "Amuse" I have administered
seems to have fallen on fertile soil.

Wishing you continued success
and the spiritual exaltation its
natural concomitant I am

Yours Very Sincerely

Geo Wolf

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Hotel Astor


TIMES SQUARE

New York

WM. C. MÜSCHENTHEIM
P. A. MÜSCHENTHEIM

Wednesday -

Dear Mr. Silver:

Am writing these
few lines to tell you what a
distinct pleasure  was for
us to meet your parents
yesterday - We went up with
Rose & spent an hour with
them - Of course you could
not guess what the chief
topic of conversation chanced
to be. They are expecting you
here soon - Would it fit to join
to come while we are here -
Rose came back down town



Hotel Astor

TIMES SQUARE

New York

WM. C. MÜSCHENHEIM
P. A. MÜSCHENHEIM

with us for dinner & Theatre
& after Theatre she & Marc
showed us over to the Strand
Roof - for a real good time.
She surely ~~will~~ ^{write} ~~you~~ ^{you}, so we
give you ~~some~~ ^{some} & expect you
in ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~coming~~ ^{coming} ~~some~~ ^{some} after the
first of the year - Your room
is ready for you at any time.
Also please come take Klaus
Hope to hear from you again
soon - Kindest regards from
Marc - & myself & Leo will
add his own
Sincerely
Claudia H. Hoff

December 11th, 1918

Mr. Herman Moss,
Equitable Life Assurance Co.,
Hippodrome Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Moss,

Enclosed please find my
check for \$175.00, in part payment of
the premium on my policies. I shall
send you the balance next month.

Trusting that the ar-
rangement is satisfactory, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rms.

December 11th

Dear Mr. Sinner:-

Please know that we
are all very grateful for
your having made it
possible to officiate at
the funeral of our beloved
son and brother, Milton.

It was just ten months
ago that I lost my darling
mother, and, of course, brother's

death has made it very hard for
 me to leave. - I wish there some prayer
 that I could keep before me, Dr. Wilson,
 that would make things seem a
 little lighter and feel that there is
 something still left to live for?
 I feel now that I am about at
 the end of the rope ready to let
 go but I know it's wrong - for I have
 a darling father and two brothers
 who need me. I am really afraid
 to return because the night frighten
 me and to sleep is almost an
 impossibility. I thought perhaps
 you could suggest some prayer
 that would help me forget my great
 sorrows.

Yours cordially
 Miss Mary M. Hinch
 1752 Holycroft Ave.
 Cleveland

December 13th, 1918

Jewish Welfare Board
Personal Division
140 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Gentlemen:-

I am informed that Mr. Max Krohngold has applied for appointment to Overseas Service under the direction of the Jewish Welfare Board.

I have known Mr. Krohngold for a number of years. He has been a member of The Temple for many years and is a reputable citizen of Cleveland and a business man of good standing.

I believe his patriotism is beyond question and I trust you may see your way clear to give favorable consideration to his application for the service he desires to render.

Respectfully yours,

Rabbi A H Silver

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to occasionally refer to, and read from, in talks to Rotary Clubs.

With most cordial regards and again expressing my keenest appreciation of your courtesy in allowing me to confer with you, I am,

Rotarily yours,

Isidore M. Gump

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ROTARY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

An Address delivered before the Ninth Annual
Rotary Convention at Kansas City, Mo.

by

ARCH C. KLUMPH

Immediate Past President I. A. of R. C.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ROTARY CLUBS

Headquarters: 916 Michigan Ave.

CHICAGO, U. S. A.

Rotary Throughout the World

By Arch C. Klumph

Mr. Chairman and Rotarians :

I have indeed been honored by the invitation of the Program Committee to address you on the subject "Rotary Throughout the World."

Surely I cannot complain of the breadth of my topic, not as a consideration of area so much as the great opportunity for international world-wide service.

A few days ago when I first turned my thoughts to this topic, I was confronted with the realization that Rotary does not at present exist throughout the world, and though our future progress may be rapid, Rotary will not likely penetrate the entire list of civilized nations ~~throughout the world~~ for many years to come.

With these deductions, I could only assume that my message must of necessity be something of a dream.

Then I began to wonder if Allen Albert selected me as the champion star gazer or dreamer of Rotary, or did he more seriously believe me to be a prophet.

Some men have a great aversion to being classed as dreamers.

I doubt, however, if I have any objections for I realize that much of the world's progress in commerce, inventions, science and our modern institutions, have all been preceded by a dream of their accomplishment. And so I boldly confess that "Rotary Throughout the World" is not only my dream but my ambition and my prophecy.

I believe Paul Harris was a dreamer and as a result he brought to the world—Rotary.

But while we all sing the praises of our great institution, some may ask, Why Rotary Throughout the World?

Is it too ambitious a task and will it thrust us into stormy seas which may threaten and destroy the great ship of Rotary?

I will endeavor to answer this argument. In so doing, I must repeat what some of you have heard me confess before.

I have been influenced by the philosophy of the eminent Belgian poet and playwright, Maurice Maeterlinck, particularly when he spoke these words:

"If you have a good thought, never keep it back, for by it, the whole world may be made happier."

My friends, when you make the world happier, you make the world at the same time, safer.

And again I have been influenced by the philosophy of a great American writer, Dr. Frank Crane of New York, when in his prayer for vision, he says:

"All around mine own children, stand innumerable children everywhere. May I strive to live for them also. Make mine eyes to see beyond the boundaries of my own country unto all the world."

Does any man with thorough knowledge and understanding of Rotary dispute that its philosophy and its teachings fail to make a happier and better individual, and a happier and better community?

If so, why should we selfishly limit these good results to certain communities or certain nations?

Are we true to ourselves and our teachings when we fail to think of others and keep from them that spirit of Rotary which we so enjoy and appreciate?

Rotary has passed the experimental stage.

The day has long passed when we could with good judgment ask ourselves, is this dynamic institution to be like a beautiful flower which first takes life, develops into a bud, unfolds into a fragrant blossom, rich with color, only to quickly fade, wither, and pass away?

Therefore, my message is based on the premise that Rotary is accepted as a builder of character, first in the individual, then in his business life, and that it is also a builder of character, of the communities where it exists. As a result of this the door is now open for Rotary to enter with a glorious welcome, as a world force.

There never was a time when the human race stood in greater need of "service" than the hour just ahead of us.

Millions of people are being killed and billions of treasure are being spent; empires are tottering; governments are trembling in the balance, and the spirit of friendship and brotherhood among men as lived and taught by the lowly Nazarene, seem almost to have vanished from the earth.

What mighty force will restore Peace on Earth and Good Will among Men?

There must come a closing chapter and a final day for this great war.

We pray and we steadfastly believe with all the strength of our will power that it will end rightly, and this cannot be until the Teutonic powers are crushed, the Hun brought to terms and compelled to atone for his barbaric crimes against humanity; not until Germany shall plead for peace on her bended knee, and be willing to surrender the Kaiser's sword, will there be a cessation of hostilities.

The next step will be the signing of the peace treaty.

Here will come a perplexing problem, for the world will ask, what hand can sign a contract for Germany that can be trusted.

Do you think the terms of this contract will bring about peace, content, and happiness among nations, and a positive assurance of everlasting and permanent world peace?

Will this peace treaty be any different from the peace treaties of the past?

And will not again another nation which may sink to the depths of intrigue and dishonor, proclaim to the world that these contracts or peace treaties are but mere scraps of paper, and that they repudiate them?

How can all further danger of war be averted?

By what means can a universal and permanent peace, based on righteousness be established and maintained?

To my mind, there are two ways in which we may at least endeavor to preserve world-wide peace.

One is by force of arms, the other by friendship.

What the world needs for the promotion of peace, is power to change men. When that power is brought to bear on society, we shall have peace and permanent peace.

Change men and their laws will be changed.

Make men just and their laws will be just.

Make men kindly and they will deal kindly with others.

Make men happier and they will desire happiness in others.

Do more to establish acquaintance and friendship between men of all nations, and the frontiers will not be marked by monstrous death-dealing fortresses.

I would not be so ambitious as to anticipate that one so humble as I would be able to be convincing, but may I quote to you the words of a man to whom all the world at this hour gives reverence. I speak of our honored President, Woodrow Wilson.

In a recent address, he said, in speaking of a permanent peace:

"The only cement that will hold this world together will be the cement of friendship.

"Mere agreements may not make peace secure. It will be absolutely necessary that a force be created as a guarantor of the permanency of the settlement, so much greater than the force of any nation now engaged in any alliance hitherto formed or projected that no nation, no probable combination of nations, could face or withstand it.

"If the peace presently to be made is to endure, it must be a peace made secure by the organized major force of mankind.

"Victory will mean peace forced upon the loser and the victor's terms imposed upon the vanquished. It will be accepted in humility, under duress, at an intolerable sacrifice, and will leave a sting, a resentment, a bitter memory, upon which, terms of peace would rest not permanently but only as upon quicksand.

"The right state of mind, the right feeling between nations is as necessary for a lasting peace as is the just settlement of questions of territory, or of racial and national allegiance.

"The free, constant, unthreatened intercourse of nations is an essential part of the process of peace and of development."

the peoples
All this plainly leads us to the realization that Governments may make international contracts but it is the peoples who must carry them out and say whether they shall be effective.

Following the treaty which will soon be made, the nations will take up the burdens of industry, each seeking its own progress and success, all nations becoming commercial, industrial and inventive competitors.

Competitive struggle for supremacy has never been and never will be a breeder of friendship and content.

Just as the individual strives to succeed over his neighbor competitor, just so, nations will struggle to defeat the others in commerce and crown their own efforts with success.

Therefore, I ask what agency greater than international treaties by governments, can assure the world of a permanent peace; can assure the weak and lowly nations that the great and mighty will not suddenly pounce upon them and crush out their life's ambitions?

I can see but one answer. It is the establishment of a great international friendship—the world wide inculcation of the virus of the principle of *Service, not Self*.

Can we as men and Rotarians do a nobler thing, or render a greater service to mankind than to strive to establish the principles of Rotary, which can only breed friendship and love throughout all the world?

We all know how to value the practice of co-operation, and what tremendous progress co-operation has made in healing the wounds of competition, and if this has proven true among individuals, why will not the same principle heal the wounds of international competition?

Co-operation is made a great force by joining together the competitors; by bringing them into frequent contact; increasing acquaintance; exchanging ideas, and by practicing the motto, "Live and let live."

With this thought in mind, and believing that Rotary can exemplify by performance the principle on which it is builded, and the truth declared in its motto, I believe I can foresee for Rotary in the years to come, its greatest opportunity.

The good of humanity requires that selfishness, hatred and covetousness shall be replaced by unselfishness, friendship and thoughts of others.

I do not assume for one moment that Rotary alone is to establish a world friendship, but I challenge contradiction that in all the world today, there is no organization, there is no institution or other living force so capable, so well fitted, so properly drilled and prepared to assist in bringing about this great ideal as Rotary.

The theme of this message is not a theory, it has been in practice for several years and has not been found wanting.

Can any man here deny that the frequent gatherings between the Rotarians of Canada and the United States have not played some part in cementing the great friendship that exists between these two nations?

A little over a year ago, three humble Rotarians wended their way to the island of our loyal ally on the South—Cuba.

I was one of that band, and I say to you that as a result of that short visit to the Rotary Club of Havana, seed was sown that will develop a giant oak of friendship between noble Cuba and her friendly neighbor, the United States.

"Rotary Throughout the World"—when will it become a realization?

Perhaps not so long when we measure the task with the accomplishments of the past.

In the year of our Lord, 1910, there gathered in the City of Chicago, fourteen then existing Rotary Clubs, which formed themselves into a National Association.

They were ambitious and they were hopeful, but little did they realize that in twenty-four months from that time, Rotary would wing its way across the mighty Atlantic, and thereby become a great International institution.

Little did Paul Harris and the other members in attendance at that first gathering realize that in just ninety-six months from that day, there would be another great convention of Rotarians in the town of Kansas City, at which there would be assembled delegates from more than 400 Rotary Clubs, and that these delegates would come from far off Hawaii, from all the leading communities of Canada, from Scotland, from England, from Ireland, from Cuba, from Porto Rico, and from every principal city in this great United States. With this history back of us, what may we not hope for in the future?

Rotary as an International institution is no longer an experiment.

The International feature of Rotary is its greatest asset.

What would our annual gatherings be today without Pidgeon, Menlove, Higgins, Peace, Cary, Burchell and others of Canada, Stephenson of Scotland, Home-Morton of England, and Alzugary of Cuba?

The experiment of selecting as our International leader, men of different nations, has been tried and found most popular and helpful.

The day of experiment has passed. Our duty of the future is plainly before us, and to the International Boards to come, I charge that your first thought at each gathering should be, what progress have we made since our last meeting in the International development?

Is the question of governing a world-wide Rotary an insurmountable feature? I believe not. It may at times be perplexing but never impossible. Great nations are governed by identically the same machinery as are the smallest cities, and while it is not necessary for me to go into detail at this time in endeavoring to work out all these problems, I would speak for a moment on the question of independent National Associations.

There is but one independent National Association outside of the International Association of today, that being the British Association of Rotary Clubs.

The record of their achievements, their progress and their growth, has been in keeping with the growth of Rotary in all other nations, and all Rotary can point with pride to the high standard which they have kept, but for the future as Rotary becomes extended to other great nations, I would guard against the forming of independent National Associations operating under their own separate constitutions and government; at least, would I recommend this until experience would teach otherwise.

This is based entirely on the theory that independent National Associations discourage that spirit of co-operation and close friendly contact which is sure to accrue when we feel that we are all of one family, that we are Brothers, rather than Cousins. Independent National Associations will naturally tend to thwart the very purpose of engendering international friendships.

The present organization machinery of the International Association seems quite adequate to meet the future situation. As an illustration, let us assume that Italy, our brave ally, soon were to join the great International fold of Rotary.

Presuming that they shall have clubs in twelve cities throughout their nation, they will be made a district of their own, thus affording them the opportunity of a district conference which will be their National gathering. They choose their National leader for their District Governor.

It may be provided that these districts shall elect a District Secretary, issue their own national publication, etc.

It would seem that this would be all that were necessary in the way of a National Association, and at the same time their identity would be close indeed to the International Association.

One thing we must always bear in mind, the International Association of Rotary Clubs is not the United States National Rotary Association. The question of dues, the compulsory subscription to the Rotarian magazine, are all matters of minor detail.

When we speak of loyalty to the International Association, we must assume this to mean loyalty on the part of the Rotary Clubs of the United States, to the Rotary Clubs of Great Britain, Canada, Cuba and so on. Is it not a wonderful and a most inspiring thought to picture the International Convention of the future when Rotary shall be more and more established throughout the world?

Will the word "Convention" at such a time meet the occasion?

I should like to prescribe the word "Congress," and our gatherings would then be known as the International Congress of Rotary Clubs, the great annual forum for the men of all nations.

This Congress will not always be held within the boundaries of the United States.

What greater breadth of education could be afforded the business and professional men of each nation, than that this occasion, the Annual Congress of Rotary Clubs should afford us the opportunity of visiting other nations of the world to study their ways and manners, their ideals, their educational institutions, their governments, their ideas in City planning, to say nothing of the opportunity for each trade section to study and compare the methods and ethics of the same craft in the other nations.

Am I too ambitious and going too far, to say that out of these gatherings may come ideas and suggestions for our respective Governments concerning business legislation?

Many of us who are here today joined Rotary in its childhood stage, in those days when it was more concerned with play than with serious thought; in the days when Rotary had no fixed




goal for the future, and yet many of you, like myself, believed in the very beginning that Rotary was born with a destiny, a great destiny.

We have all agreed for some time past that we were groping in the dark—we had a feeling that there was some great service eventually to make its appeal to us.

Paul Harris, in sounding the keynote of this convention, lays strong emphasis on the fact that Rotary is first for the development of the individual.

Those words were the prelude or the overture for this gathering—I will compose the Coda by saying that the individual shall be developed into a capability for service that shall bring to the nations of the world a fellowship and a friendship that shall forever make war a thing to be abhorred and unnecessary.

*Rotary, thy destiny calls thee;
In its service be thy flag unfurled,
Let us strive for universal friendship
By "Rotary throughout the World."*

Therefore Gent.  Rotary's next
duty is to  of service
not only in  own community
• Nation but—

Oh so long for the day — flag —

Emblem of

Freedom & Love

Equal Rights & Justice
which has never oppressed

Mother of Rotary

Emblem of Nation with character

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December 12th, 1918

To: The Jewish Welfare Board,
Personal Division
140 Fifth Avenue
New York City.

Gentlemen:-

Miss Retta Krohngold is making application to your Board for appointment to overseas service.

Miss Krohngold is a graduate of The Temple Religious School and is a member of one of our Temple families. She is a young woman of sterling character and of sound patriotism.

She has had a number of years' business experience and I feel sure she would render valuable service in the Welfare Work.

Respectfully yours,

December 13th, 1913

Dr. Selman,
Dn. Company 25,
Camp Greenleaf,
Chickasawga Park, Co.

My dear Dr. Selman,

I was indeed very much pleased to receive your letter. I note with great interest the work which you are doing, and am very glad to learn that the J. E. B. work at Camp Greenleaf is so well organized.

I trust upon your return we shall have an opportunity to talk at length about these matters.

I hope that you are keeping very well, and remain with kind regards

Sincerely yours,

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

ISAAC BLOOM, SECRETARY
P. O. BOX 266



ALFRED M. COHEN
PRESIDENT

December 13, 1918.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of check of \$25.00
which has been placed to the credit of your account. In
reply to your inquiry, I beg to inform you that the balance
of your account is \$230.00.

Yours truly,

Isaac Bloom

Secretary. *1213*

December 12th, 1918

Mr. Charles H. Jacobs,
South Front Street,
Wheeling, West Virginia.

My dear Mr. Jacobs,

It was indeed a great pleasure to receive your very beautiful letter of the tenth instant, informing me of the action of the Wheeling Lodge. I appreciate deeply the honor which has been bestowed upon me in being elected an Honorary Life Member of Wheeling Lodge No. 613.

I hope it will be my privilege, in the future to serve you and the cause.

Wishing Wheeling Lodge No. 613 an increase of success and usefulness, I beg to remain

Faternally yours,

December 14th, 1918

Mrs. Rose Erlanger,
Kingsland Apartments,
10th and Junior
San Diego, California.

My dear Mrs. Erlanger,

I received your nice letter with its enclosure, and also the book of Camp views, all of which I found very interesting, and I thank you for your thoughtfulness. I hope you are having a most enjoyable vacation. The climate in Cleveland for the past few days increases my envy of you.

I am glad you have met Rabbi Segal. He deserves your good opinion of him.

I regret to say there is no immediate prospect of my visiting San Diego

Trusting you are in the best of health, I remain, with kindest regards

Very sincerely yours,

December 14th, 1918:

Mr. Edward Weiskopf,
Huscahutton Academy Cadet Corps
Woodstock, Virginia.

My dear Edward,

I was glad indeed to receive your letter, which conveyed such interesting information concerning your work and studies. I am sure you will continue to find your school life very interesting.

Our Alumni meeting was a great success. Your Class - 1918- showed up in great style.

I shall be glad to see you when you come to Cleveland.

Very sincerely yours,

December 14th, 1913

Mr. Pinchos Jassinowsky,
23 East 53th Street,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Jassinowsky,

I have not as yet arranged
my program for the Temple Forum for next
year. When I do I will keep you in mind.
I will, as you desire, suggest
your name whenever the opportunity presents
itself.

With kindest regards and
wishing you every success, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

December 14th, 1918

Mr. J. C. Ballenberger,
249 The Arcade,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Ballenberger,

I thank you for your kind
note of appreciation. I am glad that I
was able to be of service to you and your
family in your hour of sorrow.

The check which was enclosed
with your letter, I shall take the liberty of
adding to a little private charity fund.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

December 14th, 1918

Mr. Leonard Elus,
Hamamutton Academy Cadet Corps,
Woodstock, Virginia.

My dear Leonard,

I was very happy to receive
your letter and am pleased to learn that
you are getting along so nicely, and that
you have been made Second Lieutenant.

When you are in the city during
your Christmas vacation, come in to see me
and I will give you the literature you re-
quest.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

601 Howard Ave.
B'lyn N.Y.

Dec. 17/1918

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This is Bessie Kaufman
(Ely's sister) writing to you.

As a dear friend of
mine by the name of Dr. E. Koenig
has established him self in
Cleveland at 5702 Diamond Ave.
and being a stranger in your City
so they feel very strange and
lonesome out there, and they
having herd of you, so they would
very much like to get your acquaintance.
No doubt through you they would
not be as lonesome as they are.
Therefore I hope that you will find
a little time to get acquainted with them.

or you would send ~~the~~ Dr. Koenig
an announcement to a lecture
of yours and he would have
introduced him self.

Hope you are well as
ever. Best regards from your
folks and myself

I am sincerely
yours

Bessie Kaufman

Regards from Mr. Kaufman
and my daughter.

I thank you

December 17th, 1918

Chaplain J. A. Leibert,
Camp Fremont,
Palo Alto, California.

My dear Mr. Leibert,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant, requesting me to give you information concerning a vacancy here in Cleveland.

I really am not sufficiently acquainted with the makeup of this congregation to be in a position to give you authentic information. It is a large congregation, composed of diverse elements frequently in conflict with one another. Of course, it offers a great field for work.

I am under the impression that they are considering a recent graduate of the Union Theological Seminary. He was here for the last Holy Days, and from what I hear, made a very favorable impression.

However, I shall not hesitate at all in mentioning your name to the President of the Congregation and in telling him of your qualifications for the position.

Very sincerely yours,



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120 BROADWAY, NEW YORK

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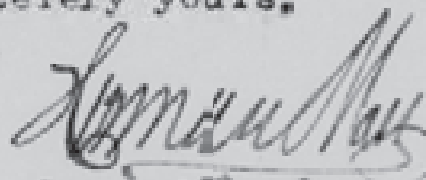
CLEVELAND, December 17th 1918.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Owing to the fact that I have been away from the office for a few days, I have omitted to acknowledge the check which you sent for the amount of \$175.00, as a partial payment on your premium account. Please do not be in any particular hurry to pay the balance.

Trusting this finds you well, I am,
with kind regards,

Sincerely yours,


General Agent.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
% The Temple,
East 55th & Central Ave.,
Cleveland.

December 18th, 1918

Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin,
2187 West 16th Street,
Los Angeles, California.

My dear Rabbi Magnin,

I suppose you are surprised to receive a letter from me. I am really sorry that I did not have an opportunity at an earlier time to write to you. I know that you are well and doing big things in your community. I have received most complimentary reports about you and your work from many of my friends who have visited your city.

I want to ask you for a small favor. There is a fine young fellow here in Cleveland, by the name of Harry Elickman, a law student, who has been advised by his physician to go to California to recuperate. He has been quite nervous and broken up a bit for some time. He is not a tuberculosis case. Mr. Elickman is making his way through school, and of course it would be almost impossible for him to go out to California unless he could be assured of some occupation while he is there. He is very anxious to get some outdoor work to do. Can you help him? You would be conferring a great favor upon him and upon me if you would help him out and see whether you could be of service to him.

The boy's address is 1909 East 97th
street, Cleveland.

Wishing you continued success and
with my kindest regards to you and Mrs.
Magon, I remain

Very sincerely yours,



December 18th, 1918

Miss M. M. Hirsch,
1752 Halyoke Avenue
East Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss HIRSCH:

I was deeply interested in reading your letter of December seventh. I fully understand how deeply you are depressed at the present time. You have been sorely tried, but you should not therefore lose hope, in these trials and bereavements come to everyone of us some time or other, and it is a true test of our strength of character if we bear them courageously, and resignedly.

You ask me for some prayer that you could keep before you as a comfort and a strengthening influence. I have always found the two beautiful Psalms, the 91st and the 23rd, helpful and consoling.

I am taking the liberty of returning your check, as it is not my practice to accept remuneration for services such as I gave your family.

Very sincerely yours,


Enc.

Cleveland O., Dec. 26 - 1918

The Temple

Rabbi A. H. Silver.

My Dear Mr. Silver:-

Received your very kind letter, a few weeks ago, and you will please pardon me, as I will admit I was very late in answering, but guess you ~~understand~~  is, when you are in camp life ~~that~~ that, nothing but write and write all the time.

Was discharged from the Army, last week, to take up Y. M. C. A. Overseas work, but just received a letter from the Y. M. C. A. War Personnel Board, telling me that they could not use me, as the men that are now Overseas, they are sending back. They had my Passports waiting for me in New York, and if I could have reported a month ago,

or 20.

Thanking you again, for your
kind letter, and hoping this finds
you in the best of health with
kindest regards, I beg to remain
Very Sincerely Yours

Wesley August

1743 Eddy Rd.
Beverland, O.



December 27th, 1918

Dr. C. Koenig,
5702 Diamond Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Koenig,

Mrs. Kaufman of New York
has been kind enough to inform me of
your presence in this city. I should
be most happy to make your acquaintance.

Could you come in to see me
any time during the day at The Temple, or,
make yourself known to me after the Sunday
morning service at The Temple.

Anticipating the pleasure of
seeing you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Rabbi A H Silver
City

My Dear Rabbi Silver

Enclosed please
find my check for 10⁰⁰ for
services rendered to my niece
Sylvia Bannock on Wednesday
Dec 18th. Thanking you very
kindly.

Very truly yours
777 Bannock
1858 E 93

Dear Abbe:-

Jack told me that you
received a letter from Washington
asking for my qualifications for
reconstruction work in the
army.

I have since heard from the
same source that they have not
need of my services at the
present time - however I am
in need of such a letter once
more for reconstruction work
under the auspices of the Jewish

present - he is so happy he fairly
bubbles over and of course his wife
is the most wonderful being in
the world -

Jack seems to be enjoying his
work in Des Moines but we are
so anxious for him to get back
to School as soon as possible
the longer he puts off the
less chance there is that he
will go back. If you write him
perhaps you can say something
that will help - but never let
him know that we are concerned
as he resents interference from
this source -

We have been hearing such

Welfare Board-

Dr Grossman, who knew how anxious I have been to be doing something worth while, sent in my name and I feel sure I should be very happy in the work overles.

Now, Otto, if you feel you can say "nice enough" things about me to have weight with the Central Board, I shall surely appreciate the same. Rudolph was with us for a few days - he and Zehrel are going to live in Dallas, Texas, for the

wonderful things about you that
we should like to see you in the
flesh. just to determine how all
this praise has effected you.

Mother, Medred & Grace join
me in sending our most sincere
regards

Most Sincerely yours

Rosa (Shutell)

707 Pleasant St
Cincinnati, Ohio

Monday Evening
December Thirtieth

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Dec 30 1918

Rabbi A. M. Silver,
The Temple, 55th & Central,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Johnny:

I guess you think I have decided to treat you as you have usually treated me in regard to writing to you. You will no doubt be surprised to receive a letter from me from Des Moines, but shortly after I returned to camp from Cleveland I was transferred here. It is a long story and contains so much heart suspense and real thrills that I cannot write it all to you in a letter. But according to my present plans, I shall have the opportunity of seeing you within a short time.

I received a letter from Woolsey asking me whether I had decided to take the Cleveland position, and then he asked me to regard the matter as strictly confidential. I don't know what he meant by this, but for goodness sake, don't let on that I have even mentioned a word to you about it.

I surely did enjoy being with you even for the short time that I was in Cleveland, and am looking forward with the greatest of enthusiasm to our proposed trip to Palestine this summer. I am saving my shackles, - I have two now.

This is a wonderful community with a wonderful camp and a town branch. I have really enjoyed my stay here immensely. I don't know how much longer I shall be in the work. Thinking seriously of once more giving myself up to the dreadful monotony of Pat and Butts. May their shadows ever grow less. Write me soon, now, old boy, and address me c/o Brown Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa.

Sincerely yours,

Jack

c/o Hotel Brown
Des Moines