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STATE BANK of the U. S. S. R.



The 9% RAILWAY BOND, LOAN
OF 1927



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The 9% Railway Bond Loan of 1927, guaranteed by the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, is issued by the People's Commissariat of Ways of Communication, by virtue of a decree of the Central Executive Committee and of the Council of People's Commissars of the USSR, of October 1st, 1927, and has for its object to increase funds designated for railway construction.

CONDITIONS OF THE LOAN

1) The loan is issued to the amount of Chervonetz 6 000 000 (\$30 870 000), in 60 series of Chervonetz 100 000 each (\$514 500), and in bonds of denominations of Chervonetz 10 (\$51.45), Chervonetz 25 (\$128.62), Chervonetz 50 (\$257.25), and Chervonetz 100 (\$514.50).

2) The loan is issued from September 1st, 1927, and its redemption will be finally completed on September 1st, 1934. Redemption takes place twice annually, on March 1st and September 1st

of each year, beginning on March 1st, 1929. Five series of the loan, amounting to Chervonetz 500 000, will be redeemed on each of the said dates. The numbers of the series to be redeemed will be determined by amortization drawings to take place one month before the respective date of redemption. The redemption of the loan will take place according to the following plan:

Date of Redemption	Amount Redeemed	Amount to be Redeemed
March 1st, 1929	Chervonetz 500 000	Chervonetz 5 500 000
Sept. 1st, 1929	" 1 000 000	" 5 000 000
March 1st, 1930	" 1 500 000	" 4 500 000
Sept. 1st, 1930	" 2 000 000	" 4 000 000
March 1st, 1931	" 2 500 000	" 3 500 000
Sept. 1st, 1931	" 3 000 000	" 3 000 000
March 1st, 1932	" 3 500 000	" 2 500 000
Sept. 1st, 1932	" 4 000 000	" 2 000 000
March 1st, 1933	" 4 500 000	" 1 500 000
Sept. 1st, 1933	" 5 000 000	" 1 000 000
March 1st, 1934	" 5 500 000	" 500 000
Sept. 1st, 1934	" 6 000 000	—

3) Interest is payable on bonds of the loan at the rate of 9% per annum from date of issue. The payment of interest takes place once every 3 months on coupons due March 1st, June 1st, September 1st, and December 1st, beginning with December 1st, 1927.

4) The holders of redeemed bonds are paid the nominal value of same as indicated above.

5) The payment of due coupons and of redeemed bonds is effected within the boundaries of the USSR by the State Bank of the USSR, and abroad, by specially authorized correspondents thereof. Such coupons are also accepted as payment at all railway booking offices.

6) The bonds of the loan may be freely sold and pledged and are accepted as security on state contracts and deliveries, as well as for deferred payments of excise and customs duties.

7) The bonds of the loan and income thereon are exempt from every kind of general and local tax and duties.

8) All claims concerning payment of coupons and redeemed bonds must be made during a period of 10 years from the date when respective payment shall have become due.

9) Payment of interest and redemption of bonds of this loan circulating abroad, and bearing the certificate of the State Bank of the USSR, is effected in the country where payment is made, on the basis of the gold parity of the chervonetz (one chervonetz contains 7.74234 grams of fine gold and equals 5.145 dollars.)

10) The loan is issued at 98 per cent and will be redeemed at its nominal value.

An analysis of the conditions on which the 9% Railway Loan is issued results in the following conclusions.

Taking into consideration all recently issued loans, both in the USSR, as well as in other countries, this loan is issued for the shortest term of years. On the other hand, the conditions of this loan do not provide for its retirement prior to maturity. These two conditions are decidedly favourable for the holders of the loan. Invested capital is on the one hand not tied up for too long a period (average — $4\frac{1}{4}$ years) and on the other, secured against premature and unexpected release. The payment of interest on this loan, four times annually, is in itself an actual increase in the revenue of this loan, as the frequent payment of interest on due coupons increases the revenue of the loan by 0.4%. For small holders of the loan, to whom interest thereon constitutes a supplementary source of income, this system of payment of interest is doubtless of actual value.

Further, it is necessary to point out that the issue rate of 98 per cent, pointed out in Paragraph 10, is decreased to 95 per cent. The State Bank of the USSR, which receives special terms, is able to offer purchasers of bonds a bonus to the amount of 3 roubles on every 100 rouble bond.

A comparison of the redemption plan with the actual purchase price thus shows further advantages for bondholders of the 9⁰/₀ Railway Bond Loan.

The redemption of the bonds of this loan will commence on March 1st, 1929. This is 1¹/₂ years from the issue date. The bondholder is thus in a position, commencing with this date, to realise the difference between the purchase price and the nominal value. Since redemption of the loan will commence on March 1st, 1929 and will be prolonged over the following 5¹/₂ years, the average chance of being redeemed is 2³/₄ years. Adding to this the 1¹/₂ years during which redemption of the loan does not commence, the holder of the bond has an average chance to receive the nominal value of the bond after 4¹/₄ years (2³/₄ + 1¹/₂). The bondholder may thus receive an additional revenue of 5 roubles on the average after 4¹/₄ years, making 1.18⁰/₀ annually.

A summary of the revenue offered by this loan shows the following:

% on invested capital (9 roubles on 95)	9.47
% from further invested receipts on coupons	0.4
Difference between purchase price and nominal value	1.18

Total yearly revenue on bonds of loan — 11.05⁰/₀

The arrangement for due coupon and redeemed bonds payment, which has been pointed

out above, makes it possible for the holder of bonds to receive sums due on this loan not only from specially authorized correspondents of the State Bank, but also at a stated address, or by transfer from any bank at the expressed desire of the holder. To receive such payment it is sufficient for the latter to mail coupons or redeemed bonds to the State Bank of the USSR, with a corresponding request. The latter will without delay arrange the transfer of money in accordance with instructions received.

The exemption of capital and income of the bonds of this loan from every kind of government or local tax or duties constitutes a decided advantage to bondholders of this loan. This privilege is common to all Soviet loans.

The establishing of a 10 year period for the payment of due coupons and redeemed bonds gives this loan an exceptional character. In general, this period does not exceed 3 years. The 9% Railway Loan is the only firm income loan with a 10 year term for redemption claims instead of the customary 3 year period.

The fact that the certificate of the State Bank of the USSR is printed directly on the bonds of the loan, and not in the form of a separate supplement to the bond, is obviously of great convenience to bondholders. Loss of the certificate might otherwise result in great difficulty.

ies for foreign holders of the loan, when payment is made in foreign currency.

The printing of the certificate of the State Bank on the bond also carries with it obligations, although the loan is covered by a Government guarantee. The significance of the certificate lies in the fact that in view of the contract between the State Bank of the USSR and the Commissariat of Ways of Communication, all sums realised by the latter are deposited in the State Bank, which handles the expenditure accounts of the Commissariat of Ways of Communication. Under these circumstances, the State Bank has on hand a security easily realisable and guaranteeing the regular payment of interest as well as of bond redemption. This security is all the more real since the revenue of the railways of the USSR by far exceed its expenditure. Such an excess has been registered during a successive period of years, as is seen by the following table:

	Gross Income	Gross Expenditure	Clear Profits
	(in million roubles)		
1922-23	372.1	373.2	-1.1
1923-24	691.8	665.5	26.3
1924-25	953.6	796.6	157.0
1925-26	1365.7	1184.8	180.9
1926-27	1555.3	1305.0	250.3
1927-28	1706.5	1406.0	300.5

The figures for 1927-28 are according to Estimates.

The development of cargo movement is characterized by the following data:

	Amt. cargo transported (mill. tons)	Freight Runs (billion tons- kilometers)
1913	158.2	76.8
1921-22	39.9	16.1
1922-23	58.0	23.5
1923-24	67.5	33.7
1924-25	83.5	47.4
1925-26	116.7	69.1
1926-27*	136.6	83.6
1927-28**	150.6	91.8

The growth of the average freight run is called forth by the necessity to transport several types of heavy freight greater distances (coal to the Baltic Sea instead of importing same), and the increased goods turnover with Siberia. In spite of this growth, the net of railways of the USSR is not so overcharged as was the case in pre-war times. Some of the roads are however very heavily loaded and require an increase in carrying capacity or the building of new lines.

The freight turnover is similar in its makeup to that of pre-war times. A tendency similar to that

* For 1926-27 data is preliminary

** For 1927-28 data per Estimate

of pre-war times of a growth in industrial cargo may be remarked.

The railway net of the USSR and its track length exceeds that of prewar, notwithstanding a decrease of about 11 000 kilometers which following the war, together with certain territory, ceased to be part of the USSR. During the World War and the Revolution, a series of lines started during the first years of the war were completed. Among these lines are to be found such important lines as Kazan-Sverdlovsk (formerly Ekaterinburg) and a number of roads through the Urals, Siberia and Central Asia. Due to this, we have a net of tracks covering in round figures 75.5 thousand kilometers, while in 1913, pre-war Russia had only 70.6 thousand kilometers.

Several thousand kilometers of road are now being constructed and in 1926-27 so important a line as the Turkestan-Siberian was commenced. A series of roads of the greatest economic importance, as the trunk line connecting the Donetz Basin with Moscow, the Volga with the Azov Sea (Saratov-Millerovo), etc., will be constructed in turn.

STATE BANK
OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

CERTIFICATE

The State Bank of the USSR hereby undertakes to pay the coupons of this bond and the nominal value of the latter when redeemed, in the currency of the country where payment is made on the basis of the gold parity of the Chervonetz. One Chervonetz contains 7.74234 grams of fine gold and equals \$5.145.



Board of the State Bank of the USSR:

Pyotr Koryoloff

УТВЕРЖДЕННЫЕ И ГАРАНТИРОВАННЫЕ ПРАВИТЕЛЬСТВОМ СССР
КРЕДИТНЫЕ БИЛЕТЫ

Платежные билеты производятся путем 12 тиражей, по 500.000 червоновцев каждый, начиная с 1 марта 1929 года и кончая 1 сентября 1934 года.

По облигациям займа начисляется со дня выпуска 3% годовых. Уплата процентов производится за каждые три истекшие месяца по купонам, срочным 1 марта, 1 июня, 1 сентября и 1 декабря, начиная с 1 декабря 1927 г.

Срок для предъявления в оплату купонов и вышедших в тираж облигаций устанавливается десятилетний со дня наступления срока купона или срока погашения облигаций.

PLAN FOR THE REDEMPTION OF THE LOAN CONFIRMED AND
GUARANTEED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE USSR

The redemption of the loan is effected by means of 12 amortizing drawings amounting to 500,000 Chervonets each, beginning from March 1st, 1929 and ending on September 1st, 1934.

Interest is payable at the rate of 3% per annum from the date of the issue of the loan. The payment of interest issues place every three months on coupons due March 1st, June 1st, September 1st and December 1st, beginning with December 1st, 1927.

All claims concerning payments of coupons and bonds which have been redeemed must be made during a period of ten years from the date when the respective payments shall have become due.

Дата погашения займа Dates of redemption of the loan.	Погашенная часть займа. Amount redeemed. Число — Число	Непогашенный остаток займа. Amount outstanding. Число — Число
1 марта (March 1st) 1929	500.000	5.500.000
1 сент. (Sept. 1st) 1929	1.000.000	5.000.000
1 марта (March 1st) 1930	1.500.000	4.500.000
1 сент. (Sept. 1st) 1930	2.000.000	4.000.000
1 марта (March 1st) 1931	2.500.000	3.500.000
1 сент. (Sept. 1st) 1931	3.000.000	3.000.000
1 марта (March 1st) 1932	3.500.000	2.500.000
1 сент. (Sept. 1st) 1932	4.000.000	2.000.000
1 марта (March 1st) 1933	4.500.000	1.500.000
1 сент. (Sept. 1st) 1933	5.000.000	1.000.000
1 марта (March 1st) 1934	5.500.000	500.000
1 сент. (Sept. 1st) 1934	6.000.000	—

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

9% RAILWAY BOND LOAN OF 1927.

Authority. - The Loan is issued by the People's Commissariat of Ways of Communication by virtue of a decree of the Council of People's Commissaries of the U.S.S.R. of October 1, 1927, and is guaranteed by the Soviet Government.

Nature of Issue. - The nominal principal amount of the loan is 6,000,000 chervontzi (equivalent to \$30,870,000). The bonds are offered at 95 and interest. No public offering is being made outside of the U.S.S.R., but subscription can be made either direct to the State Bank of the U.S.S.R., Moscow, or through certain correspondents of the bank abroad.

Maturity. - September 1, 1934.

Purpose of Issue. - To increase the resources intended for railway construction.

Interest. - 9% per annum payable quarterly commencing Sept. 1 on March, June, Sept. and Dec. 1. (interest coupons call for payment in rubles and copecks. 100 copecks = 1 ruble. 10 rubles = 1 chervonetz).

Payment of matured coupons and redeemed bonds may be effected at all offices of the State Bank of the U.S.S.R. and its correspondents.

Payments Abroad. - Bonds of this issue subscribed for outside of the U.S.S.R. are furnished with a special certificate of the State Bank of the U.S.S.R. guaranteeing to pay the coupons and redeemed bonds in the currency of the country of the holder on the basis of the gold parity of the chervonetz. One chervonetz contains 7.74234 grams of fine gold and equals \$5.145. By special arrangements made with the banks mentioned payment may be obtained in the currency of the country - in Berlin at the Deutsche Bank and Garantie und Kredit Bank fur den

Osten; and in London at Lloyds Bank Ltd., Midland Bank, Ltd., Moscow Narodny Bank and Bank for Russian Trade.

Similar arrangements are being made with other banks.

Price. - 95 and interest per 100.

Denominations. - Coupon bonds payable to bearer in denominations of 10, 25, 50 and 100 chervonetz each (\$1.45, \$128.62, \$257.25 and \$514.50 respectively).

Issue. - 6,000,000 chervontzi in 60 series of 100,000 chervontzi each.

Redeemable. - 5 series of the loan amounting to 500,000 chervontzi are to be redeemed at par on each March 1 and September 1 beginning March 1, 1929, by drawings held one month before the redemption date.

Schedule of Outstanding Amounts:

	Chervontzi
Sept. 1, 1927	6,000,000
March 1, 1929	5,500,000
Sept. 1, 1929	5,000,000
March 1, 1930	4,500,000
Sept. 1, 1930	4,000,000
March 1, 1931	3,500,000
Sept. 1, 1931	3,000,000
March 1, 1932	2,500,000
Sept. 1, 1932	2,000,000
March 1, 1933	1,500,000
Sept. 1, 1933	1,000,000
March 1, 1934	500,000
Sept. 1, 1934	-

Prescription. - All claims concerning payment of coupons and redeemed bonds must be made within a period of 10 years from the due date of payment.

Tax Exempt. Principal and interest are exempt from every kind of general and local taxes and duties within the U.S.S.R.

Marketability. - The State Bank of the U.S.S.R. has announced that it would repurchase bonds bearing its special certificate making them payable in dollars or other foreign currency whenever offered to it and without limitation as to amount at the then current price quoted on the Moscow Stock Exchange and effect payment therefor in dollars in New York. Arrangements have been made with banks in London and Berlin for repurchase of the bonds when offered in any amount for payment in the respective currencies.

Bonds of this loan may be freely sold and pledged in the U.S.S.R. and are accepted as security for State contracts and deliveries and also as security for deferred payments of excise and customs duties.

Matured coupons are accepted for payments by all railway booking offices in the U.S.S.R.

[n.d-1927]

2039 Abington Road

My dear Rabbi Silver,

- Mrs New

wants me to extend her
thanks to you for your many
great kindnesses to her during
her sorrow.

She hopes that you will

accept the enclosed check
as a slight token of ~~her~~
appreciation.

With best wishes to you and
Mrs Silver for a lovely summer
and a safe return.

I remain sincerely

Helen E. Strauss

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO *

~~W. L. Silver~~



Cleveland, Ohio

Rabi Silver
Anshel R. d Tempel
city

Dear Friend [n.d - 1927]

"Gammon"

Have your note. Thanks for \$15.00.
It was evident that you acted "for the good."
Am enclosing check for \$30 herewith. The
"dummy" was sent to you sometime to-day.

I want to take this opportunity
to express my personal gratitude as
well as that of the committee for your
readiness and help.
Under separate cover, I take

pleasure in sending you a copy
of my "Changing Conceptions" inscribed.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Silver
in which Mrs. Gamoran and Carrie
join, I am

Very

Sincerely yours

Emanuel Gamoran

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Dear Mr. Silver

We acknowledge, with much pleasure,
the receipt of one dollar in payment of dues
to our organization for a period terminating
three years from the present date. We are
happy to welcome you into our fellowship and
hope to have the benefit of your counsel and
co-operation.

Most cordially yours,

Ernest L. Talbert

[no date-1927]

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CHAJIM BLOCH

RAFAELGASSE 1

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Hochgeehrter Herr Rabbi Dr. Silver,

ich beehre mich Ihnen mit gleicher Post mein neues Werk, "DAS JUEDISCHE AMERIKA" zu übersenden und hoffe, dass Sie diesem Ihr volles Interesse zuwenden werden.

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Für eine neue bedeutend vermehrte Auflage meines Amerikabuches bitte ich Sie mir Ihre Photographie ehebaldigst zukommen lassen zu wollen.

Und nun gestatten Sie mir, hochgeehrter Herr Rabbi Dr. Silver, Ihnen bei dieser Gelegenheit die allerschönsten Glückwünsche zum Neuen Jahr zu entbieten und indem ich Sie noch verehrungsvoll begrüße, bin ich

Ihr sehr ergebener

Chaim Bloch

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היה רבי שלם למלא גזע צדק היה אחד מאלי הישר אבא ויהי שון קחוב
מסירת הגאולה אליו תחת עמו לו הקדש את כל הארץ שלו ואמר כל כמות קולו
וקטן העני מוצא אמרה אלהים אמת אמתין ואלו הכוא. לך אחד מאתנו ילמד
קלמה לעד נזה לאכל

1. H. ...



Dr. George Leitch
Stathcarrs Apt.
Toronto, Ont.
Canada

[n.d - 1927]

M.

*The family of the late
Reverend Doctor Nehemiah Mosessohn
gratefully acknowledges
your kind expression of sympathy*

Geor H. Silver: [n.d-1927]

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I wish to thank you and Mrs. Silver for
your kind expression of sympathy. It
helps me a little to bear the burden of grief
when I realize that I have good friends who
feel with me and cherish the memory of
my dear wife.

Faithfully yours

Geo H. Silver

From S. Maccoby [1927]
10322, Pierpont Ave.
Cleve. Ohio

Letter of Thanks

Souvenir Book for Rabbi Silver
from Annual School Class
1927

[n.d-1927]



Irma Kraft

Author and Lecturer



Organizer of the International Playhouse, Member of the Société Internationale of Paris, Member of the Advisory Board of the Provincetown Playhouse, the Executive Board of the Civic Repertory Theatre.

Author of "Plays, Players, Playhouses—International Drama of Today," "The Power of Purim and Other Plays," "Silk," "People of the Night," "Borderlands," etc.

Contributing correspondent to *The Daily Telegraph*, London; *The Jewish Chronicle*, London; and the Central Press Association of America.

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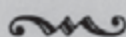
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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Irma Kraft has for years been concerned with literature and the theatre. Her first play produced in Wheeling, W. Va., at the age of eighteen, had a successful run with a Liebler Stock Co. Her second, written in collaboration with Frank Mandel, "Silk"—sold to Klaw & Erlanger. Since that time she has organized "The International Playhouse," produced "The Bridge of Distances" at the Morosco Theatre and written "Second Sight," the epic of an American boy. Miss Kraft lived abroad for four years during which time she was sent on several occasions for a survey of the theatres of Europe. She was the representative of the *Jewish Chronicle* in Palestine and Egypt; Press Representative to the International Suffrage Conference in Rome and to the University Woman's Conference in Christiana. Hence her knowledge of International theatre and other conditions is gained from first hand contacts. Her book on International Drama—"Plays, Players, Playhouses," published by George Dobsevege, 11 West 42nd Street, is available at all book-stores. She is at present concerned with many of the important theatre movements of New York City and is the author of much dramatic criticism.



PRESS COMMENTS

From "The Philadelphia Public Ledger"

"Irma Kraft spoke to a packed house last night on The New Viewpoint in Drama. She is best known perhaps as the founder of the International Playhouse. But as author and lecturer she has traveled the world over. A keen observer, she has not only become thoroughly acquainted with world topics in general, but has given particular attention to Modern Drama and its problems."

From the N. Y. "Times"

"If Barrie had tried to write 'Peter Pan' in a College Class Room it would have been suppressed by the cut-and-dried teachers of drama because it did not follow the old ideas," Irma Kraft, founder of the International Playhouse of New York, said at the Round Table discussion of college dramatics at the Conference on the Drama at Yale University today."

From "Canton Repository"

"Experimental Theatres are the hope of the Drama," declared Irma Kraft in an address to the College Club today. Miss Kraft plans to go abroad in the Spring to study Russian Drama under the Soviet Regime and to Salzburg for the Drama Festival under Max Reinhardt. Later on she will go to the Drama Conference at Oxford University, where 'Recent Continental Drama' will be the Round Table Discussion."

From "The London Daily Graphic"

"The article which appeared in the *Daily Graphic* yesterday, entitled 'A Frank Talk to Our Timorous Women,' by Irma Kraft, a well known American journalist, has attracted so much attention that we have invited Miss Rebecca West to reply to it."

"According to Irma Kraft, British women remain in a state of comparative subjection, due to sex jealousy which still plays a potent part in the affairs of life in spite of the franchise and what is termed emancipation."

From "The Newark News"

"Broadway is sick of cheap sex plays and sophisticated cynicisms and today is reverting to an epoch when decency and purity are regarded with tremendous seriousness," Irma Kraft, author, journalist and critic, declared in a lecture on 'Current Plays.'"

"The New York Theatre is experiencing a wave of internationalism. One finds plays from almost every country in New York, today. Undoubtedly from internationalism comes art in its broadest sense. There can be no doubt that the American viewpoint must be broadened by this influx of colorful foreign creations."

Irma Kraft, in *The Daily Telegraph* of London

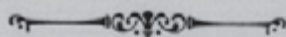
"Irma Kraft is one of the few writers who has made an intensive study of the drama of many nations—drawn from her own observation. Her impressions are not the result of mere superficial knowledge. They are the outcome of years of study during which time she has lived in a number of the countries of which she writes."

The Preface of George Arliss in "Plays, Players, Playhouses"—by Irma Kraft.

Irma Kraft Makes Contrast—

"While Jewish women of the Old World are experiencing an intellectual and religious renaissance which will have a powerful effect upon the cultural and ethical development of the future, the Jewish women of the United States are becoming glutted with money, success and ease,"

The Gazette—Montreal, Canada



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thank you for the beautiful
ceremony and for your
kind good wishes.

We find Washington
a beautiful city although
we have struck bad
weather.

Remember us to Mrs
Silver please.

Sincerely yours
Louise & Irving

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Mary H. Silver
 Thanks for your
 message of good
 wishes on our 40th
 Same was very
 much appreciated
 Hope this will find
 you both well
 as it leaves us -
 Will see you Apr 10 -
 affectionate regards
 from Sol & Selma Hest

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Dear Rabbi and Mrs. Silver:-

My husband joins
me in thanking you for
your lovely gift.

Lillian Kaufman Heyman

[no date - 1927]

Friday -

Rabbi Silver -

"The Temple"

My dear Rabbi -

Had a very
pleasant trip home and feel good
to see old faces -

I enjoyed the luncheon at
in the vestry room and am sure the
best equipped kitchen among the "Temples"
The work is unusual and expect to
relate what is being done there - at
our Sisterhood meeting and hospital
for joint diseases next week - sure it
will prove profitable to us as it does
to your body of good workers.
I thank you for the letter ^{in return} to Mr.

P.S.

I meant to tell you Rabbi Silver
what a help Mrs. Sam Hartman was
to me - without her firm hand &
heart I would have been crushed -
Making my days a little brighter
with Her presence and good cheer -
You can be proud to count such
a lovable woman among your
folk -

Thanks again to her & you.

Phillipson and trust he gains the desired
results so badly needed for her future
welfare - I also thank you in advance
for your visits to my sister - hoping new
life and love will be engendered by your
help - may I ask you for the reply you
get from Rabbi Phillipson also what
your visit meant to my sister - only God
can help ~~the~~ placed in the month and
mind of the good Rabbi - may your
spiritual guidance bring forth good
fruit -

Thanking you again & again
for your help in this sad
misfortune, with regards

Yours Cordially
Mrs. Carey L. Leiser

210 W 70 St -
N.Y.C.

Brazilian Court Hotel

Brazilian Ave., at Hibiscus
PALM BEACH, FLA.

[no date - 1927]

Friday

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This winter has certainly proven to be one series of disasters for me. One of them has prevented my writing to you sooner.

WRHS



As you know, I came to Miami the end of January to recuperate. I was just getting a good start when I developed a very nasty abscess that sent me to the hospital for an operation. Isn't that "muzzel" when your family

Brazilian Court Hotel

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is 1600 miles away?

This week, as soon as I could be moved, Mrs. Weiskopf packed me up & here I am, to spend the balance of the month with them.

It's a good thing Maurice has improved so well, so that Mrs. Weiskopf hasn't two invalids on her hands.

I hope to be home in time to take in one or two Temple & Alumni activities before the season closes.

Trusting this finds both Mrs. Silver and yourself in excellent health and with kindest regards to you both. I am cordially
Helen Tronstein

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Dear Alta:

Ever since receipt of your Bulletin last week I have wanted to send you a line of congratulation - I think the tribute paid you at Cohoes, N. Y. a great honor and truly merited. I too think your definition of America the most beautiful & most inspiring thing I know.

As you see Leo & I are here spending a few days with Marc. Came out Sunday morning & we leave for home tonight.

Heard Stephen Rice last night - I'd rather listen to you.



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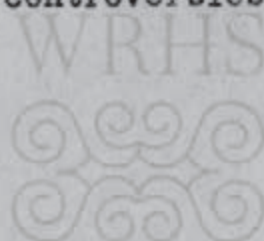
I have wanted to send you
me of our current program.
Did you see me? If not I will
send it. We surely had a fine
current & accomplished
much for W. V. A. Gen. M.

How is father? Love
to you both in which I do &
W. V. A. join me - Again
congratulations & best wishes
for your continued success
Truly yours,
Claudia

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Four principles of Democracy as outlined by Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

1. That every citizen shall be equal to every other citizen before the law.
2. That no opportunities shall by law be denied to one group, and granted to another.
3. That any citizen shall be privileged to hold any office to which his fellow citizens wish to elect him and that citizen shall have the right to
4. That political controversies shall be settled by referendum and not by force.



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The 25th Anniversary of the Jewish Encyclopedia

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From a sermon preached last Sukkoth at the London Great Synagogue

By

DR. JOSEPH HERTZ,

Chief Rabbi of the British Empire,

President of the Board of Governors of the London Rabbinical Seminary

Many a Jew says that he is proud of being a Jew. Thereon a renowned French co-religionist, some years ago, remarked: 'I will not say I am proud of being a Jew. I will not be proud of something that is not my achievement, but has come to me as a matter of birth; I would rather say, I am happy in my Judaism.

Are we happy in our Judaism? Are our children happy in their Judaism? This is the great problem for Jewish teachers and parents to-day -- how to make our children happy in their Judaism.

Now, they cannot be happy in their Judaism if they do not love it; and they cannot love it if they do not know it, if they are unfamiliar with Jewish ideals and Jewish teachings, with the triumphs and the martyrdom of the Jew thruout the ages.

I do not for one moment underrate the difficulties of this educational task. Thus, until recently, there were very few books on Judaism in English, and even the cultured Jewish parent had no access to the Jewish knowledge requisite for this sacred purpose.

It is only 25 years ago this Sukkoth, that the Jewish Encyclopedia began publication, the first organized effort to place the whole content of Jewish life, thought and achievement, the history and literature, the religion and philosophy, the customs and institutions of the Jew, within range of everyone.

I referred to this 25th anniversary of the Jewish Encyclopedia in a sister-synagogue on the first day of the Festival; and I gladly do so again to-day, because that work constitutes a notable milestone in our cultural history. It has led thousands of Jews to rediscover the loftiness of the religious civilization entrusted to Israel's care for the moral and spiritual welfare of humanity; and it has helped them voluntarily to identify themselves with this living Jewish civilization.

Letter addressed to Dr. Singer

By

George F. Moore
DR. ISRAEL LÉVI,

Chief Rabbi of France

Professor of Jewish History and Literature at the French Rabbinical School

I remember well the heroic efforts you made here in Paris, more than thirty years ago, to bring out your Jewish Encyclopedia. Well, you were fortunate to realize that enormous enterprise in America to the profound satisfaction, both of the scholarly world which constantly uses this vast repertory as an indispensable and reliable instrument of labor, and of the cultured layman to whom it offers an attractive survey of the psychology and life story of the Jewish people.

Owing to your work the knowledge of Judaism has also penetrated, directly and indirectly, into the widest non-Jewish circles.

It gives me, therefore, great pleasure on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of your Grande Encyclopédie to render the homage that is due to them, to all those who upheld you in your enthusiastic endeavor -- publishers, writers, editors, and subscribers -- and to congratulate yourself in particular on the unshakable faith of the apostle with which you clung to your life's ideal.

The late Professor of Rabbinical Literature
At the University of Cambridge, England
DR. ISRAEL ABRAHAMSON,

Dr. Singer has done many good things in the course of his active career. Everyone is, however, agreed that it is as the inspirer of the Jewish Encyclopedia that he has won his permanent place in the history of literature. That master-piece has been the source from which students have derived their starting point in several fields of research, and no greater compliment than this could be paid to a work of reference.

The Jewish Encyclopedia presents information to be found nowhere else. But above all it stands out as the fullest expression of what may be termed the Jewish spirit. It does not merely record facts; it also illustrates a theory of life.

Now, to have designed such a work, to have persisted in the design in spite of discouragement, to have secured the co-operation of hundreds of prominent scholars of various nationalities, and to have carried through the plan to triumph and success — this was one of the most significant accomplishments of modern times. He who dared, and so won, could not be an ordinary man. Nor does such a one deserve an ordinary eulogy. No single voice could do justice to the case. I am, therefore, proud to be associated in this paying of a long overdue debt to one who is not merely a man of ideas, but with his idealism combines a rare capacity to bring ideas to practical fruition.

REV. DR. STEPHEN S. WISE,
Rabbi, The Free Synagogue,
President, The Jewish Institute of Religion
New York City.

Dr. Singer's service to American Israel is become a part of American Jewish history even as his Encyclopedia is become an important item in the great literature of Israel.

To have originated and to have edited the Jewish Encyclopedia was to have helped the Jews not only to be understood by the world without, which up to the time of its appearance had an excuse for confusing facts and fictions touching the Jew, but above all to have moved the Jew to a pride-giving, withal humbling, self-appraisal.

I wish that those of us who feel that we are Dr. Singer's debtors might take a leaf out of his book and assuming his role for a moment, plan something that would lift him above those worldly cares which have sat so lightly upon the scholar's brow, so that when age comes to this "unaging youth", his may be an otium cum dignitate or, as Singer himself would say, that the "trouble bringer of Israel" be free from troubles for the rest of his days.

The late ISRAEL ZANGWILL.

The Jewish Encyclopedia, to repeat the truthful statement of my friend Judge Mayer Sulzberger of Philadelphia, is the greatest Jewish achievement since the compilation of the Talmud, and corresponding honor should be paid to its moving spirit.

Dr. Singer in diminishing the world's ignorance of Judaism, of Jewish literature and history through which the Jewish cause suffers daily and will continue to suffer unless we bestir ourselves, has made no small contribution to the ultimate salvation and prestige of his people.

GUTZON BORGLUM
Sculptor
New York City

As originator of that piece of constructive Jewish scholarship, the Jewish Encyclopedia, which for all time to come will remain connected with his name, his people owe Dr. Singer a debt, I may say, without prejudice, they will never be able to fully repay.

As a Gentile and an artist, I look upon his achievement from the angle of constructive art, in the best sense of the word, as the creation of a great, beautiful and lasting thing.

And in this sense, I am bold to state that Dr. Isidore Singer is an artist, a creative genius—for since his earliest manhood he has been the agent or instrument of great ideals, and with them, he possesses in phenomenal proportions the two most genuine birthmarks of genius—unquenchable enthusiasm and infinite patience. His Jewish Encyclopedia published—and this is characteristic of our great country with its broadness of view and religious freedom—by a Gentile publishing firm, in its very conception is a work of real genius, a work of literary art.

This little man, with his vast dome and sparkling eyes, whom I tried in my own modest way as a tribute to my friend, to fix in bronze as a type of Jewish thinker, involuntarily reminds me of his great predecessors and models, Leibnitz and Diderot.

The late Rabbi of Temple Beth-El, New York,
President of the Hebrew Union College
REV. DR. K. KOHLER

The Jewish Encyclopedia should be hailed as a benefactor, as a source of light and instruction in every Jewish home. How little does the Jew know of his own history and literature! Who possesses the comprehensive knowledge to form a correct judgment of Jewish life and thought in all its relations to the world, past and present, social, intellectual and religious?

The Jewish Encyclopedia went forth at the beginning of a new century to mark the achievement of the emancipation of the Jew which was wrought by the nineteenth century.

It sets forth his claims to recognition before the tribunal of the world, as no other power will do. It offers no plea or argument; it gives terse, incontrovertible facts. It neither flatters nor whitewashes the Jew, but presents him as he is and was, with his virtues and vices, his merits and demerits, his strength and his weaknesses, with all his noble traits as well as his frailties and idiosyncrasies.

Pointing to its contents, the Jew can say to his fellow-citizens and fellow-men throughout the world: "many of you have hated me, some loved me, others ignored me, while most of you have simply tolerated me, but none has thoroughly learned to know me and see me as I am, or striven to put himself in my place, to understand my relation to the social structure of which I am an integral part, to the civilization in which I have played no insignificant role, to the religious and intellectual systems and currents of thought, to which I have contributed no mean share. Look at this faithful record of my life throughout the centuries, and see whether, with all my shortcomings, I am not the peer and equal of any other race, class or sect."

JOHN HAYNES HOLMES
Pastor, The Community Church
New York City.

I am glad to take advantage of the approaching 25th anniversary of the publication of the first volume of the Jewish Encyclopedia to send my congratulations and reverent salutation to publishers and editors alike.

The stupendous publication stands by itself as a landmark in the history of Jewish scholarship and of Judaism generally in America. Indeed, its importance carries far beyond the bounds of the Jewish world. It is a monument of scholarship in the eyes of all lovers of knowledge and takes its permanent place among the great achievements of learning in our time. Surely the place of Dr. Singer, as the originator of that immortal literary master-piece, is secure in the long and noble list of the great scholars of Judaism.

JULIAN MORGENSTERN, PH. D.
President, Hebrew Union College
Cincinnati, Ohio

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the publication of the first volume of the Jewish Encyclopedia warrants suitable commemoration, for it is of more than passing interest and significance in the history of Jewish scholarship and likewise in the history of Judaism in America.

Not only has the Jewish Encyclopedia been an invaluable source-book of information, but it has also given a mighty stimulus to added research in many directions and has thereby sponsored many subsequent publications of scientific value. It is no exaggeration to say that the Jewish Encyclopedia plays in relation to modern Jewish scholarship a role very similar to and commensurate with that which Maimonides' Moreh Nebukim played in relation to medieval Jewish philosophy.

It contributed very much to the movement so noticeable in the last two decades, of the formation of Jewish study classes in congregations, sisterhoods and the Council of Jewish Women, for the study of Judaism.

JOSEPH H. COHEN,
President, Beth Israel Hospital,
New York City.

The Jewish Encyclopedia has given to English-speaking Jewry for the first time the opportunity to gain a thorough knowledge of the whole extent of growth philosophy and religion, history and literature. Being only 67 years young and judging Dr. Singer from his past records the Jewish people may look forward to even greater achievements as he grows from strength to strength.

ADOLPH LEWISOHN,
Merchant and Banker,
New York City.

I wish to extend to Dr. Isidor Singer my heartiest congratulations. Dr. Singer has been a very active worker for the benefit of the community. By his many scholarly publications, he has rendered a great service to science and Judaism. As a writer he is forceful and accurate in his statements. I wish him long life and happiness, and hope that the general community will continue to have the benefit of his good work for many years to come.

DR. GEORGE F. MOORE
Professor of the History of Religion, Harvard University
Cambridge, Mass.

I followed the progress of the Jewish Encyclopedia with great interest, and the appearance of the first volume completely dispelled any doubts I might have entertained about the success of the editors in enlisting and retaining competent and often eminent contributors, and in securing from them articles not only of high intrinsic merit but--a more difficult thing--adapted to the different, and what might seem incompatible, classes of readers for whom the Encyclopedia was designed, and, finally, in carrying it to completion within an unprecedentedly brief period of years.

I have had the Encyclopedia in my hands almost daily since the volumes were successively issued, and can bear testimony to its incalculable usefulness as a piece of learned apparatus. Jewish scholars, brought up in this learning, and Christian scholars who have come to their studies in the field since the beginning of the century, may not sufficiently appreciate what it was to work with even the best apparatus previously available. To mention only one feature, the biographical articles made ready reference possible for names and subjects which before had to be laboriously and not seldom fruitlessly hunted down in collections not to be found in every library, and many of them long out of date.

To students of the New Testament or of Church History the Encyclopedia opened sources of information otherwise inaccessible to them; and it may perhaps be added, the neglect of these advantages made less excusable the perpetuation of many errors still current among them on these subjects.

The late JACOB H. SCHIFF

It is certain that the Jewish Encyclopedia, created through Dr. Singer's energy, will long remain a monument to him, and of much value to Jewish interests and affairs all over the world.

HON. SAMUEL GREENBAUM
Former Supreme Court Justice,
President, The Educational Alliance,
New York City.

No higher encomium upon his extraordinary ability and enterprise and his untiring and unwavering zeal in the cause of Judaism and of general learning can be given to Dr. Singer, than to say that he is the man who conceived and succeeded in launching and carrying that monumental work, the Jewish Encyclopedia, to its successful completion. Res ipsa loquitur. May he be spared to us for many years of usefulness and happiness.

REV. DR. H. G. ENELOW
Rabbi, Temple Emanuel,
New York City.

As originator and managing editor of the Jewish Encyclopedia, Dr. Singer has made a unique contribution to the spread of Judaism and to the knowledge and better appreciation of the Jewish people. His achievements have had the additional merit of stimulating similar works in other languages, such the Jewish Encyclopedia in the Russian language, and I. D. Eisenstein's Otzar Yisrael, thus increasing greatly the benefits of his own enterprise.

REV. DR. H. PEREIRA MENDES
Rabbi Emeritus, Spanish and Portuguese Congregation
New York City

Every student and lover of Jewish literature can appreciate the tremendous work that Dr. Singer has done, is doing, and certainly will do. There is much yet for him to do, even in connection with the Jewish Encyclopedia, the publication that has immortalized him.

The Jewish Encyclopedia is an epochal work, but it opens the way for one of larger scope. Dr. Singer is just the man to do it.

HENRY M. TOCH,
Treasurer of Temple Emanuel
New York City.

May strength and vigor be with Dr. Singer for very many years to come to enable him to continue the excellent work that he has done in the field of Jewish literature, so that the world be enriched through him with other masterpieces vying with the Jewish Encyclopedia.

PROFESSOR LUDWIG BLAU, Ph.D.
President, Budapest Rabbinical Seminary.

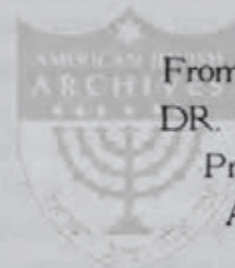
I congratulate Dr. Singer upon being the author of such a work and hope that the noble aim of the Amos Movement will succeed to the best of whole mankind.

REV. DR. FREDERICK CARL EISELEN,
Dean, Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill.

Dr. Singer deserves to be congratulated on the publication of his book. I am very much impressed with his keen insight into the present situation and the lofty idealism looking forward to the time when the ideals of the old prophets may be realized in all human relationships.

ZEBI HIRSCH MASLIANSKI
New York City
(Translated from the Hebrew)

May God grant to Dr. Singer the vigor and the number of years of our first great teacher, Moses, the son of Amram, so that he be able to add many other works to his many mighty deeds in the field of Jewish letters. The Jewish Encyclopedia is his immortal monument and generation after generation in Israel will bless Yissroel Singer's name as the man who has realized the dream of the heroes of Jewish scholarship in the old continent since the year 1844 when Moritz Steinschneider and David Cassel, two of the greatest luminaries of the Torah, timidly produced a prospectus of a "Juedische Enzyklopaedie" - but things did not move further. Baruch attah posses ha-chalomoth.



From the Address delivered by
DR. HENRY M. LEIPZIGER
President of the Judaeans
At the Judaeen Banquet
May 21st, 1901.

No other land could have produced the Jewish Encyclopedia. In no other land could it have appeared under such favorable auspices. At no other time could it have appeared so auspiciously as at the beginning of a new century. An omen, it seems to me, it is of closer relationship and better understanding between the Christian and the Jew, stimulated by the faith of the enthusiast who went round from land to land, like Columbus did, searching for a patron, coming here to this city, with its half million almost of Jews. Where did this dreamer, this "singer" in Israel, find not alone words, but help, good help? At the hands of the believing Christian, who justifies his faith by his acts.

I believe in all sincerity, when I look into the eyes of Dr. Funk and into the faces of his co-laborers, his managers and editors, that it was in the belief of their duty to bring about a better relationship between the Jew and the Gentile, that they started the Jewish Encyclopedia.

And the doubting Thomases were all among the Jews! The sincere believer was the non-Jew.

We owe it to the great Gentile publishing firm; we owe it to the glory of our name to become acquainted with the magnificent scholarship of this book, but also to make this colossal masterpiece of learning and lore spread and become known to all, Jews and non-Jews.

Colonel HERBERT H. LEHMAN, Banker,
New York City.

I wish to join with Dr. Singer's many friends in congratulating him and wishing him many more years of useful service.

The community is greatly indebted to him for his devotion and energy.

HON. SAMUEL D. LEVY,
Judge, Children's Court
New York City.

To Dr. Isidor Singer we are mainly indebted for the conception and successful carrying out of the Jewish Encyclopedia. If he had rendered the world no other service than the bestowing on it of that monumental work, humanity and, particularly, his co-religionists would have owed him an incalculable debt of gratitude. For, the Jewish Encyclopedia has done more to acquaint the Christian world with the history and psychology of the Jew, his enormous contribution to civilization and his great potentialities for further service to mankind than any other work since the famous History of the Jews by Heinrich Graetz.

But, in addition, Dr. Singer's pen has been, for more than four decades, in evidence wherever the Jew has been a target for unjust criticism and vile attack, ever defending in the forefront the honor of the Jew.

In brief, I consider Dr. Isidor Singer as one of the most progressive and representative Jews of our time.

ISADORE FREID, General Agent,
New England Mutual Life Insurance Company
New York City.

The expressions of admiration and good-will voiced by so many of our people and those beyond the borders of the Jewish camp, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of Dr. Singer's life work, constitute a collective tribute of which any man may well be proud. And this tribute is fully deserved, for few men have labored so persistently in order to realize a beautiful vision.

But I entirely agree with Dr. Stephen S. Wise that something more than paper compliments fit this particular occasion. Would it not be more appropriate for Dr. Singer's numerous well-to-do and wealthy friends and admirers to inaugurate a movement to provide the creator of the Jewish Encyclopedia with a purse of honor large enough to secure to him peace of mind to the end of his days? Surely that is the least that a people can do for the brain that evolved the Jewish Encyclopedia, "A Religion of Truth, Justice and Peace", The Amos Society, etc.

HON. OTTO ROSALSKY,
Justice, Court of General Sessions,
New York City.

Permit me to add my tribute of admiration for the labors of Dr. Singer, that distinguished scholar, to whom Judaism is so lastingly indebted.

His Jewish Encyclopedia has been a potent force for the unification of Jewry throughout the world.

ADOLPH S. OCHS
Publisher, The New York Times
New York City

I wish to join with the great host of Dr. Singer's friends and admirers in extending congratulations to him on the approaching twenty-fifth anniversary of the publication of the first volume of the Jewish Encyclopedia. It is a noble and useful work, and a contribution of incalculable value to the world's storehouse of knowledge and information.

HON. ALBERT OTTINGER,
Attorney General of the State of New York
Former pupil of Dr. Singer
Albany, N. Y.

Dr. Isidor Singer has erected his own monument in conceiving and editing his immortal work--the Jewish Encyclopedia. The Jews of the whole world should pay tribute to him for having been the first man properly to place before humanity the universal knowledge of the Jew in all of his aspects.

I knew Dr. Singer thirty-one years ago, when he came to this country, after having fought in France with magnificent courage in behalf of the revindication of Captain, now Lieutenant-Colonel, Dreyfus.

Dr. Singer came here, as almost all pioneers, penniless, struggling against almost insuperable obstacles, yet his optimistic idealism triumphed in the face of all opposition, and finally, produced his life's work.

Rev. Dr. DAVID PHILIPSON
Rabbi, B'ne Israel Congregation,
Member, Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Jewish Encyclopedia, "the dream come true," of that resourceful and indefatigable toiler, Dr. Isidor Singer, to whom all praise is due for this signal achievement, may indeed be termed a magnum opus in the fullest sense of that phrase. There is no Jewish literary production which during the past quarter of a century has held quite the same position in this country as has been the case with this Encyclopedia.

All who were privileged to participate in the production of this mighty literary structure, the planner Dr. Singer who with undaunted determination would recognize no such word as fail, the publishers, editors, many of whom have passed to the "Academy on high," the consulting editors, the contributors, indeed builded better than they knew. The Jewish Encyclopedia stands in the front rank of American Jewish achievement. The service it has rendered cannot be overestimated.

REV. DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER
Rabbi, The Temple.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Permit me to extend to Dr. Singer and to all who made the Jewish Encyclopedia possible, my heartiest felicitations on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the publication of this monumental work. The Jewish Encyclopedia has been a boon to the intellectual and cultural life of American Israel. Students, scholars and laymen alike have found it invaluable.

PETER WIERNIK

Editor-in-Chief of the Jewish Morning Journal,
New York City.

The beginning of the fulfilment of the dream to publish the Jewish Encyclopedia dates back to the end of the 19th century, when American Jewry was, numerically, about one-fourth of its present size, and proportionately much smaller in spiritual and material possessions, hardly of any significance for the world Jewry of that time. Dr. Singer has been dreaming that dream for years before, and what happened twenty-five years ago, when the first volume of his projected Encyclopedia actually appeared, in the English language and in America, was the materialization of a splendid idea which seemed well-nigh fantastic, before his persistence and endurance demonstrated that the thing could be done.

It was a tremendous achievement for that time and for all times through the great cultural treasures which were brought together in those massive and stately twelve volumes, the sea of facts and figures, the amazing diversification of the subjects treated and of the men and places described.

JOSEPH L. BUTTENWIESER

Former President of the Hebrew Technical Institute
and of the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies of New York.

In this materialistic age when men pause only to applaud and celebrate material success, it augurs well that we Jews stop for a few moments in our business transactions to commemorate during his lifetime the fine achievements of Dr. Isidor Singer in the cause of popularizing the knowledge of the Jew's contribution to the progress of the human race.

The Jewish Encyclopedia will forever remain a monument aere perennius to Dr. Singer's rare scholarly endowments and his indomitable energy.

May the future realize his high hopes of further and larger achievement in the field in which he has sown so liberally and so wisely!

REV. DR. JUDAH L. MAGNES,
Former Rabbi of New York's Temple Emanuel
Chancellor, Hebrew University,
Jerusalem.

The Jewish Encyclopedia is one of the great monuments of the Jewish life of modern times. The man who conceived it and whose energy and enthusiasm brought it to completion is, to my mind, something of a genius.

DR. GEORGE ALEXANDER KOHUT
New York City.

One really does not know what to admire most in Dr. Singer - his creative ingenuity, his resourcefulness, or his initiative. And when to these are added a colossal capacity for work and an exuberance of energy, one has a good mental picture of this master-builder of encyclopedias.

By the outside world Dr. Singer is known and esteemed as a classical scholar, journalist, editor, and promoter of gigantic literary enterprises. To the initiated few he has endeared himself for quite other reasons. Above all else he is a warm-hearted Jew!

He does not align himself with any formal creed. He is neither "orthodox", "conservative", nor "reformed"; neither "Zionist", nor "anti-Zionist". He belongs to the class of the unforgettable Jacob H. Schiff and his worthy successor in the direction of American communal life, Louis Marshall. He belongs to Kol Yisroel, and, although standing foursquare upon the anti-ceremonial platform of the Prophets, harking back to the souvenirs of his youth in an old Moravian Kehillah, he is, since his arrival in this country, thirty-one years ago, honorary member of the People's Synagogue in the very heart of New York's East Side.

WILLIAM ROSENAU, Ph.D., D. H. L.

Rabbi, Eutaw Place Temple
Associate Professor of Post-Biblical Hebrew
at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland.

I well remember that when the Jewish Encyclopedia was first projected, many a person never dreamed that the work would be completed. However, with Dr. Singer's executive ability, and the collaboration of 400 prominent scholars, Jewish and non-Jewish, one volume after another happily appeared, until eventually American Israel's most worthy enterprise stood complete before us.

I make bold to assert that if it had not been for the inspiration that the Encyclopedia gave, the Translation of the Bible by the Jewish Publication Society, the production of the Hebrew Classics, originally also a conception of Dr. Singer, and other literary ventures in the Jewish field, might never have been launched.

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A FEW ENDORSEMENTS

REV. DR. GEORGE ELLIOTT,
Editor, The Methodist Review, Member of the
Amos Council.

Dr. Singer is one who so thoroughly has absorbed the spiritual message of the prophets of the eighth century before Christ that his passion for social justice and the universal brotherhood of mankind makes him a citizen of the Kingdom of God. He is one with such modern prophets of today as Mahatma Gandhi, whom the spirit of Jesus is guiding into all truth.

DR. CHARLES A. ELLWOOD,
Professor of Sociology, University of Missouri,
Columbia, Mo.

Dr. Singer, through his book, grasped an opportunity to do something worth while; that is, to bring about a genuine rapprochement between liberal Christians and liberal Jews. There is really no difference today between liberal Christianity and liberal Judaism, and that fact ought to be proclaimed from the house-tops. It is time that these foolish dissensions between those who are working for the same ideals should cease, and that some of us should have the courage to say so.

DR. CHAS. P. FAGNANI,
Prof. emer. of O. T. Literature,
Union Theol. Seminary;
Secretary of the Amos Council
Paris, France

"A Religion of Truth, Justice and Peace"

What is this? A new thing under the sun! We have known religions based on uncritical traditions, not on truth; on sacerdotal zeal for worship, not on the practice of justice between man and man; on quarreling and mutual excommunication, not on peace. New? Yes, because it has never been tried, but oh, old as Amos and his splendid successors, the prophets of Israel.

It is Isidor Singer, the creator of the Jewish Encyclopedia, who was inspired to put the Shofar to his lips and blow thereon a blast which announces to the stricken world wherein its salvation lies.

Letter of
EDWIN MARKHAM
Author of "The Man with the Hoe"
Member of the Amos Council

Dear Dr. Singer:

You have written one of the most important, one of the most illuminating volumes of our time. I wish that it could go out in a million copies into the hands of both Jews and Christians. They ought all to welcome the central teaching of the book - that the cry for a new social order based on social justice can be heard in the pages of the Prophets as well as in the Gospel of Jesus. This shows a common ground whereon both Jew and Christian can stand in the fulfillment of the great social task of the world.

It may interest you to know that I am writing a volume on the social vision of Jesus, wherein I shall mention your volume, and shall touch upon some of the lines of your discussion.

I salute you, Isidor Singer, as a brother of my spirit. I hail you as a man of the people, as a man with a great mission.

Letter of
PROFESSOR CHARLES C. TORREY
Head of the Department of Semitic Languages,
Yale University.

My dear Dr. Singer:

I thank you very cordially for sending me the copy of your "Religion of Truth, Justice and Peace".

It is an inspiring book; containing also much information which is not easily found elsewhere. I hope it may have a wide circulation (I have no doubt that it already has this) and be carefully read.

PROF. DAVID STARR JORDAN
President Emeritus, Leland Stanford Junior University,
Member of the Amos Council

Dr. Singer has, indeed, to use Professor Fagnani's terse term, put the Shofar to his lips and the blast he sent out seems to indicate that the line from Amos and those who followed him as defenders of the faith is not extinct.

Religions die; religion never. But all religion tends to become encrusted with superstition, tradition, symbolism, sacerdotalism, and from time to time some firm hand must cleanse the temple by sweeping them all away. When a religion becomes solidified into an institution, its creed must be written again.

THE AMOS SOCIETY

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THE AMOS DINNER

On the evening of March 23rd, 1925, there met at Town Hall, New York, on the invitation of Dr. John H. Finley, President of the Amos Society, and Mr. Paul M. Warburg, member of the Amos Council, a company of prominent men and women, Jews and Gentiles, dedicated to the restoration and propagation of the teachings of the Hebrew prophets, the immortal harbingers of a RELIGION OF TRUTH, JUSTICE AND PEACE.

That meeting seemed doubly fraught with historical and spiritual significance. There was in the atmosphere of that modest banquet hall, something electrical, compelling and uplifting. It was almost as if there rested on those who spoke the very spirit of prophecy. Nothing pretentious there, or showy. No exhibitions of cleverness or of oratory. Only the sincere sense of a welcome duty, and of the high privilege of leadership in service. 'Surely the Lord was in this place', to speak with the patriarch Jacob, and not a few of those men and women gathered there that night both knew and felt it.

DR. SAMUEL HARDEN CHURCH
President of the Carnegie Institute
Member of the Amos Council

I have always stood for law and order in the country, but I have sometimes felt that there is one act of anarchy which I should like to perform - just one. I should like to feel free, regardless of law, to go up and down the land with a hammer and chisel and cut off the names from every church and temple in this land and say only, This is God's House of Prayer and Service.

DR. ISIDOR SINGER

Why should it not be possible to gather gradually under one roof, the roof of the Amos Society, those hundreds of thousands of Jews and those millions of Gentiles who persist in remaining aloof from Synagogue and Church, but are united in the belief, not that the Messiah has come, but that the Messianic Age, the Kingdom of God, foreshadowed by the Prophets can be realized here on earth by the children of man?

THE PLATFORM OF THE AMOS SOCIETY

From the Presidential Message of Rev. Dr. Abram Simon, Member of the Amos Council, submitted to the 36th Annual Session of the Central Conference of American Rabbis at Cincinnati, at the occasion of the Golden Jubilee Celebration of the Hebrew Union College, October 24, 1925.

"THE AMOS SOCIETY was quickened in the fertile brain of Dr. Isidor Singer, projector of the Jewish Encyclopedia. Believing that the Hebrew prophets furnished in their ethical and religious idealism a platform upon which earnest minds of all faiths could find common ground, he gave life and body to his vision by calling together in the month of August, 1923, in the City of New York a group of men to form the Amos Society. Be it understood that this society was not organized on the specious plea that Social Justice was a new ethical phenomenon in Jewish literature and religion, but rather that the time was favorable for investing the old idealism with a new driving force for its practical application to modern life and for the publication of such literature as would present the historic aims and spiritual contributions of Judaism and Christianity in their true light and relation to each other for the eventual cultivation of understanding, sympathy and tolerance.

"The program is ambitious, in keeping with the earnestness, scholarship and enthusiasm of the 31 leaders of the Society. I am impressed with the possibility of multiplying small Amos groups in every large city as radiating centers of practical religious and fraternal work. I am directing your attention to this Society because of its unusual opportunities. It merits your consideration and moral support."

[no date - 1927]

Dear Friends:

Great news! Belle gave
birth to a baby boy.

They are feeling fine and the
next will take place
on Wednesday May 11th at
the Jewish Hospital.

Best wishes to you
Samuel Wohl

S. Miller
A FRIENDLY MESSAGE

FROM

Reading Road Temple
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Rabbi Abba Hilel Silver

The Temple

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

You probably remember the time I visited Cleveland, about two years ago, when a committee was established in the interest of the Kitzur Hatalmud. This was during my early residence in the country when I naively believed in committees and promises,

During the three years I have lived in the United States, I have not achieved practical results. However, I myself have become more practical during this period; at least I know the value of committees and pledges.

I am now firmly convinced that if something is to be accomplished, it can only be done through individuals who are interested in the cause and are willing to make it their own.

It was Maimonides who said, "האדם הבודד אינו יכול לעמוד" "The man who does one thing only, can conquer me." Jewish history is the victory of individuals over the masses. Jewish history has been guided by spiritual men, who through the efforts of their conviction and persistence paved a way for the future.

I am now addressing myself to you. I have read a number of your articles and speeches; I have also had the pleasure of your acquaintance together with the exchange of a few words; and all this gives me reason to believe that you are the man to take this cause in your hands. If you should consider it worthy I know that you will be able to help me through your influence not only in your own community, where I am planning to visit shortly, but also throughout the country in general.

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I am inclosing herewith a copy of a letter I addressed to Justice Brandeis. Upon his invitation I later had the pleasure of meeting him. He impressed me as a genuinely wise person -- like our Jewish sages of old who were able with their clever minds to see through the complete chain of Jewish wisdom throughout the generations.

Justice Brandeis expressed the opinion, that although he is not acquainted with the Talmud, still he believes that if it was a source of life for so many generations, it is proof that there must be deep-rooted living elements therein which can still guide our people for many generations in the future.

I hope that you will give this matter serious consideration and give me a clear and definite answer as to whether or not I may rely upon your help and to what extent.

I am inclosing herewith a few pamphlets from which you can see the aim and purpose of the Kitzur Hatalmud.

I am ready to furnish you with further details about the progress of the society until now if you are interested and would like to participate in the cause.

By the way I wish to tell you that I heard through the newspapers your criticism on the unsoundness of Reformed Judaism as it has developed in this country.

You have probably taken note of a similar criticism I made at one of the Rabbinical Assemblies which raised a storm of excitement on the part of the Orthodox Jews.

I am now publishing this article in the *פיראן דע* after it is published I shall send you a copy, for I feel that you will be one of the sympathizers with my proposal.

With my very kind regards I am,

Sincerely yours,

Ch. S. S. S.

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J. H. SKIRBALL, RABBI

Dear Abba:-

If I remember correctly you wrote a sermon on "The Jewishness of Jesus," which I think was published. I have to give a series of lectures at our local college a week after next, on that particular subject, and I would like to refer to your sermon. If it hasn't been published will you send me the manuscript which I promised will be returned the next day.

All in all things are going along very nicely here, altho I am afraid I may get a little impatient within the next year, as all that impatient within has been done. I am capable of doing has been done.

Our men's club has gone over very well. We have Will Durant coming in March. If you happen to hear Lewis P. Browne will you let me know what you think of him, for I may get over my college day prejudice and use him.

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J. H. SKIRBALL, RABBI

What are you going to do this summer. If
my ship comes in I may go abroad. Give
my dearest regards to Virginia and of course
yourself as ever
Jacob



[no date - 1927]

Anti-Vivisection

Dear Mr. Silver:

I realize your position in regard to matters antagonistic to the inbred ideas, set opinions, rather, of your audiences, as I realize and sympathize with any one's reluctance to fight with their daily bread and butter. Miss Stella Hatch, President of The Animal Protective League has just finished telephoning me and she said she thought it was a wonderful concession on your part to take an interest in our work and to investigate the matter. I felt that, too, at the time you wrote me, but I felt that you, if any body, would investigate so grave a charge, and would, if convinced of the truth of our statements, voice your opinion publicly. Since meeting you, I did sense a reluctance on your part to discuss the matter and at first I was disheartened so far as you are concerned. Then, I put myself in your place. You are doing as much good in the world as perhaps any one other person. One good is as valuable as another good. If you, by discountenancing the set ideas of perhaps a large proportion of your congregation, lost the opportunity of influencing them in ways to which they are amenable, and have spent years in the preparation of that ministry, the act would be an unhelpful in stead of an helpful act. Perhaps that is the reason ministers, who should be the first to discountenance the acceptance of relief from physical pain by the crucifixion of animals, seldom reply to our pleas. As I said, you were the first one, so far as I know, to reply, and you replied in so kindly a manner that I had hoped. I still hope, but in a different manner than I did. Miss Hatch said this morning, "If he will just take a personal interest, that will be wonderful." It will. We do not as a body countenance vivi-section in any form for any reason, feeling as Browning did, "I would rather submit to the worst of deaths,

so far as pain goes, than have a single dog or cat tortured on the pretence of sparing me a twinge or two."

Nevertheless, any alleviation of the torment of animals for the relief of humans would be welcomed by any of us.

The reason the organization takes the drastic stand that it does is because in England regulation of the vivisection of animals was tried for twenty-five years only to increase it's horrors by legalizing it. There seems to be no way to place restrictions. The law at present upholds any act, no matter how fiendish, if "science" or "the good of humanity" be attached to the act.

We can only get at these people through votes. At present our president has been appointed Field Secretary, his mission being the starting of small organizations in every small town on the United States. You get the reason.

Very sincerely yours,

Caroline Bathrick

Caroline Bathrick,
631 E 108,
Eddy 5418 M,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Miss Hatch has again telephoned me in response to request for news in the Monday edition of The Cleveland Times, to be edited entirely by The Business Woman's Club of Cleveland. This is her news:

Because of the, which prevails throughout the state, The Cleveland Animal Protective League are raising a fund for the employment of a State Humane Agent whose business it will be to investigate and remedy cases of cruelty which are most frequent, especially in the rural districts, and which cannot be reached by the local humane societies. Seven hundred dollars have so far been donated for the fund by the people of Cleveland." And then she adds, "Ask our humane agent here about the dogs now at the Western Reserve with their vocal chords cut." "The whole Nation should rise up against these atrocities." You know how they cut the vocal chords to keep the dogs from shrieking under the knife when curare is not used and ether prevents the studying of pain. Couldn't you

couch the thing in terms other than vivi-section & help?

I believe you will in time. I believe all misdeeds will. I wish you would let the first you see the most powerful

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