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Mary Sachs
Robes et Manteaux

NORTH THIRD STREET AT NOS. 208-210
HARRISBURG, PA.

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Paris

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Now that this very wonderful and outstanding Community Welfare Drive is over, we find that it was a phenomenal success, for not only did they make their quota but went over nearly \$35,000. The last report I heard was that \$450,000 had been pledged, and I believe that 60,000 persons contributed. In other words, our Community Drive was a huge success because the Employees' Division so nobly answered the call.

Your very mystical and profound message certainly lived throughout the campaign. There were many editorials in the papers regarding it, reprints were given, and at many different times, the laity from the floor quoted Rabbi Silver. On the very last evening when we were all gathered together to hear the final reports, one of the Captains of the Employees' Division (connected with the Reading Railway Co. I believe) got up and said that his great inspiration to carry on in this drive came through none other than Rabbi Silver. He said that on the evening that you spoke, he felt like a piker, but as he worked through-out the week, he arrived at the conclusion that not only was he a piker but that there were many others. In other words, you called on his truth and he came out with it in the open.

Would that we had a greater percentage of ministers who were imbued with the mysticism and profundity of speech and in knowing the prophetic laws as you and our dear Rabbi are gifted, and as you are enhancing that gift by using it wisely! I certainly could not help but feel that you and Dr. Bockstaber were closely linked up in your development of spirit. In our community, we are more prepared for men like you than for the spectacular type of men - for in our every day contact, whether in the schools, in the restaurant, the game rooms, or the House of Worship, we are proud of our spiritual leader. He is constantly paying the way for men like you to be brought to our Community, for through him, we fully understand the mission and message given us.

Mary Sacks
Robes et Manteaux

19, Rue d'Anzin
Paris

NORTH THIRD STREET AT NOS. 208-210
HARRISBURG, PA.

Rabbi Silver

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I received your lovely copy, and I am going to have a real visit with you in the reading of it, for I know it represents your ideals and aspirations in this changing world in which we are living. It was a real joy indeed to have a little visit with you while you were in our city.

Again thanking you for your thoughtfulness in sending me the book, and hoping that you and your dear ones are in good health, I remain, believe me to be

Sincerely yours,

Mary Sacks

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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ד"ר אבא הלל סילבר שליט"א,
קליבלנד.

אנו מאשרים בזה קבלת מכתבו מיום 9 אפריל בצירוף הסך
25 דולר, שהשיג בדרכו למוסדנו מאת הגברת סופיה אויערבאך מעירו.

שלהנו, כמצותו, שט"ק וחטובה אל הנדיבה ישר אל כחבתה,
ובזה יקבל מר את חודשנו העמוקה בעד הסתולותו בדרכו זו.

ע"ר מצבו של מוסדנו, הנה למותר לנו לטפח לכבודו על
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הילפרין מפריז, ושיכיל כעשרים חדרים יפים ומסודרים כהוגן, ע"י הבנין
הזה יוקל הרבה הדוחק בחדרי המוסד, ובנינו המוסד בכללם יקבלו צורה
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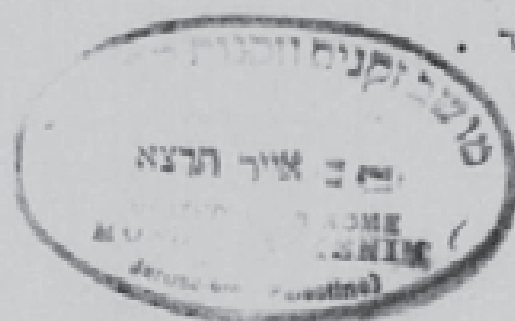
נאחל את כבודו להתראות איתו בהצלחה ובקרוב בהצרות
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בד"ס למכתבו ולילדיו,

גבאי סילבר

אברהם סילבר

גבאי ומנהלי מושב זקנים וזקנות המאוחד.



May 4th, 1931

Rabbi F. M. Isserman,
Temple Israel,
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Rabbi Isserman:-

Since my return from St. Louis I have been on the hop, skip and jump all the time. I have therefore been compelled to delay writing to you and thanking you for the courtesies which you showed me while in your city and for the pleasant afternoon which I enjoyed in your home.

Please tell Mrs. Isserman how grateful I am for her gracious hospitality. It was very good to meet some of the non-Jewish men in the St. Louis ministry. One or two of them impressed me very much.

Hoping to see you at the Rabbinical Conference and with best wishes to Mrs. Isserman and to you, I am

As ever yours,

AHS/IR

May 4th, 1931

Rabbi Samuel Thurman,
United Hebrew Temple,
225 S. Skinker Rd.,
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Rabbi Thurman:-

I have been wanting to write to you ever since my return from the meeting at St. Louis but I haven't been long enough in Cleveland to devote to my correspondence properly.

I want to tell you how much I appreciated the lovely luncheon which was arranged for me at the Jefferson Hotel and on the fine manner in which you conducted that meeting. I enjoyed my visit to St. Louis very much.

Please convey my best wishes to Mrs. Thurman. I hope to see you at the Rabbinical Conference.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

May 5th, 1931

Dr. Dale Van Duzen,
1350 W. 102d St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Van Duzen:-

Please pardon the long delay in answering your letter. I have been away from the city a good deal of the time and my correspondence has lagged.

If you could make time to come into our Temple Library some day I should be very happy to put at your disposal some books which may give you some of the information which you require on the subject of Jewish dist.

Please let me know ahead of time when you can come so that I will be here to meet you.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

Book
Order.

May 5th, 1931

The World Tomorrow,
52 Vanderbilt Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Please send me a copy of the May, 1931
issue of The World Tomorrow, together with your bill
for same.

Thanking you in advance for your prompt
attention, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

May 5th, 1931

Mrs. Jeannette Stern Turner,
St. Clair Hotel Apts.,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Turner:-

Please pardon the long delay in answering your letter of April 14th. I have been out of the city a great deal of the time and my correspondence has lagged.

I wish I could see my way clear to help Mr. Enrico Glicenstein at this time, but I find that the funds of the Temple which could be used for such purposes are at the present time nearly exhausted and this is a bad year to try to raise money for such purposes, however worthy they may be. Perhaps next season if things improve I might induce some member or members of the congregation to give me some money for the purchase of Mr. Glicenstein's etchings.

With kindest regards and best wishes,
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

ANS/IR

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I have been reading your recent book with keen attention and appreciation. However I am left with a distinct question. What do you mean when you say, "I am a Jew"? In what way does that differentiate you from your Christian neighbors?

I ask in all humility and seriousness, because

I have been seeking the answer for many years. The explanations which I can muster are not satisfying to me. Does it mean merely a difference of heritage and old customs of worship? or perhaps the added change given by the conception of Jesus? Or is Judaism a slightly different approach to the conception of God, etc.? But the way of life devolving therefrom is yet identical with my neighbors—

So wherein is a vital difference? And Judaism
has no mission today - or has it? and what is it?

These perplexities, which one who
is proud to call himself a Jew should be
able to answer, have puzzled me for long. I
would be grateful for your help —

Sincerely,

Gonetta Tamin

6655 McCallum Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

May 6th, 1931

Miss Annette Temin,
6655 McCallum St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Miss Temin:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your letter. I have been away from the city a good deal of the time and my correspondence has lagged.

It is very difficult in the compass of a letter to answer the many questions which you raise. One should have an opportunity of discussing them *vis-a-vis*. Perhaps some day when I am in Philadelphia for an address we could get together.

In the meantime I would suggest that you read Dr. Kaufman Kohler's book on Jewish Theology in which you might find some answers to the questions which puzzle you. Perhaps an hour spent with one of the Liberal Rabbis of your own city might help you in clarifying your thoughts on the subject.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AES/IR

Report of General Secretary
to
Board of Trustees

May 6, 1931

Luncheon, 12:15

According to John Love, Cleveland has more unemployment per capita than any city in England except London, and any large city in the United States except Detroit. It has more unemployment than Berlin, Germany, and more than Manchester, Birmingham, Liverpool, Glasgow, or any other English city of similar size to Cleveland. The last U.S. census of unemployment in January revealed that no large city in the United States had more unemployment except Detroit.

This sounds as though I deemed Cleveland's high rate a distinction. No, but I do think that our relatively high rate of unemployment brings out in strong relief the comparatively lower expenditures of the Cleveland Associated Charities and the importance of the work which you are doing.

However, this is an old story and will not be emphasized in my report today. In order to achieve this economy, and to accomplish this service for Cleveland families, we are sacrificing another equally important service, our regular function of rehabilitating families. At one of our Board meetings, the question came up as to whether we are continuing our regular work, and we answered "No". This is true. The normal function of the A. C. in rehabilitating families and adjusting family difficulties has been almost obliterated in the past year or so,--often dropped just at the psychological moment when it was becoming most productive. Perhaps this needs more to be emphasized than any other one thing, not only that we are giving up this work, but that giving it up means a real sacrifice to the community.

Other agencies doing good work have been obliged to cut their budgets, but they sometimes fail to see that we have perhaps been obliged to curtail our constructive work to a greater extent than have they. They sometimes think of us as getting their money, but as a matter of fact, the particular type of work for which we stand in normal times, is having less attention even than the work for which they stand in spite of their cuts in budgets. For example, the Director of the Child Guidance Clinic, in concluding his annual report calls attention to the fact that "the Child Guidance Clinic's budget for 1931 is 10% less than the budget for 1930". He adds that "relief needs must be met and under the method now in operation in this city, it is but to be expected that the non-relief agencies must sacrifice to meet this need. This is not the place", he says, "to call attention to the short-sightedness of this policy."

We hear such discussions frequently and sometimes it is implied that the A. C. is profiting from this depression. On the other hand, a number of social workers in other agencies, like Mrs. Finch, realize that the work for which the Associated Charities stands has been obliged to undergo an equivalent sacrifice, and that our present work in meeting this emergency was inevitable and is in itself valuable.

People who know the situation, recognize that the City has not the funds even if it would, to enter upon an extensive relief program. Even the Board of Education, which has first claim on the tax funds, before the City Government, is being obliged to cut important expenditures. The City seems ready to spend what it can for relief but the available sum is so limited that it cannot be squandered without disastrous results to needy families. Meanwhile we are straining every nerve and are effecting every economy in order that the money which we have from the Community Fund and the City may go as far as possible in helping needy families.

For example, during the past two or three weeks, we have been conducting a clothing drive in which we secured the co-operation of the City Ice and Fuel Co. to collect the clothing for us. All this second-hand clothing saves buying new clothing, or increases the clothing that we can give to desperately needy families.

Then we have carried out a plan for utilizing skimmed milk for our families,--a thousand gallons a day, some of which was being poured down the sewer. Having heard from the Cleveland Milk Council that skimmed milk was being wasted, we made repeated efforts to get this milk for our families. We suggested that it be made into cottage cheese so that it could be easily distributed, and at first the Cleveland Milk Council thought this could be done, but after some study, reported that the process was too expensive. Then we suggested that it might be bottled but they reported that the bottling was so expensive that it would cost us about as much as the whole milk. Just at this juncture we heard, through the Cleveland Health Council, that Mr. Calliday of the Milk Council, had again stated that they were ready to give away a thousand gallons of skim milk a day. There was still the difficulty of working out any plan with the Cleveland Milk Council which would enable us to use the milk.. We had for some time been distributing fifty gallons of skim milk, given us by a friend of mine in the Rotary Club, and had learned of the difficulties. Some families, having no other receptacles, took the milk through the streets in open pails and then left it standing around the house before giving it to the children. We were aiming to distribute milk, not microbes. Furthermore, since we had only this one distributing center, the Lodge, it was impossible for our families with no money for car-fare, to come way across the city to this place. So the distribution was limited to a very few families...Moreover, it is against the law to distribute milk in small quantities unless it is bottled. There was the problem of securing proper places of distribution and the more important question of securing proper supervision of such stations. The Junior League seemed the only organization that could furnish people who would give adequate supervision and distribute the milk only on our requisition. So I approached the officers of the Junior League and received from their President and their Board, a very sympathetic hearing. It was very difficult for them to take on such a large, new enterprise at this season of the year, but when they heard that skimmed milk was going to waste in such large quantities and that our families were desperately in need of it, and that their supervision was absolutely essential to any plan of getting the milk to our families, they agreed to undertake the distribution. So we called a meeting of the representatives of the Health Department, Health Council, Chamber of Commerce, Junior League, Federated

Churches, and others. At this meeting, the Health Department agreed to permit us to distribute the milk other than in bottles, as an emergency, and to furnish sanitary police who would be present at the opening of the stations for two or three days and would continue to inspect them. The Chamber of Commerce and the Health Department secured from certain manufacturers several scores of covered containers for those of our families who could not provide them. The Federated Churches secured certain churches as distributing centers and we approached others, including some of the Catholic churches. The Milk Council agreed to deliver 1,000 gallons of milk to these stations without charge, at the time we designated; and the Health Council arranged for police protection. We are furnishing unemployed men who will help out around these stations under the supervision of the Junior League, and we have had tickets printed which are being distributed to our 8,000 relief families who will each be given two quarts or a gallon, according to the size of the family, once or twice a week. In other words, about 150 of our relief families will call for their milk at each of these ten or twelve stations every day. Since our families have so little with which to provide food, this will be an extremely important addition to their diet.

We have worked out another plan which has met with many laudatory comments. This is an arrangement with a large number of the eleemosynary institutions including children's institutions, hospitals, settlements, and others to utilize the services of our unemployed men without pay while we furnish relief in return for this work. This has accomplished three things. In a period when the other agencies are being obliged to cut their budgets it has enabled them to do much needed repair and spring clean up work without charge for labor. Secondly, it has given the men themselves a feeling that they are doing something to earn the help that is given them, - often a great aid to their morale. Many of them have insisted on working many more hours than they were expected to work. And then, third, it has given us insight into the attitude of some men who are less inclined to work.

Now, however, we shall have to abandon this plan unless the Board can suggest a way out. The City Auditors say they cannot reimburse us for the relief so given as the requisitions are marked "Labor in Lieu of Relief" and the law does not permit this money to be used for administrative expense. The auditors definitely suggested that we simply leave off that statement, "Labor in Lieu of Relief" so that they could pay the bills. The head of the auditors who is very sympathetic took the matter up with the City Law Department and they said this would be permissible. Shall we do this? Our own funds are extremely limited. Perhaps we have a leeway of \$25,000 for relief for the remainder of the year and no one knows how much we may need that small amount. The city money will be exhausted by June 15th. This item of "labor in lieu of relief" amounts to probably \$1,000 to \$3,000 a month. Should we conserve our own small resources by following the auditors' suggestion or should we abandon the work plan? Altogether, while the plan has cost our staff members time and effort, it has proven socially useful.

Another economy measure, but somewhat different, has been in connection with the Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief Commission, which every year distributes over \$100,000 in help to soldiers and sailors. For some time we have been interested in this large expenditure of money with little commensurate return, and two years ago, one of our staff was encouraged to bring this into a study which he was making for a thesis so the facts would be revealed. Several times we brought it to the attention of the Welfare Federation and they co-operated with us most effectively in bringing pressure to bear upon the County Commissioners and the Soldiers' Relief Commission. Mr. Clapp and I talked with the Soldiers' Relief Commission and Mr. Sweeney of the County Commissioners and arranged for the Soldiers' Relief Commission to accept a case worker, Miss Alma Lucht, whom we put on our pay-roll while she worked for three or four months for the Soldiers' Relief Commission as an experiment. Judge Eastman released her temporarily from her position as Receiving Secretary at the Juvenile Court for this purpose, while we paid her salary. The Red Cross also loaned a worker later and we provided a stenographer. Miss Lucht has recently completed her part in the study, as Judge Eastman could not spare her any longer. The other people are still down there. But even in the course of three or four months a remarkable demonstration has been made. Literally, scores of families were found which were not in need of the relief which they have been receiving in some cases for years. Continued investigations of this sort should save thousands of dollars even in this period of unemployment. Furthermore, this saving has already enabled the Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief Commission to take from us many families that we would otherwise be obliged to support. And what is most important, the Soldiers' Relief Commission and the County Commissioners are themselves sold to this plan and have made little objection to dropping these cases. Their mistakes were apparently due, not to political pressure, but rather to the lack of trained people who could sift those who were in need from those who were not.

These are only four instances of many to show the efforts which we are making to make money go as far as possible.

Recently we are becoming involved in another venture. It is probable that the City Manager will appoint a Commission of which your Secretary will be a member, to organize for our clients and others, individual gardens throughout the city in vacant land. The Manager is now trying to work out a plan whereby the plowing can be done without charge, the seeds can be furnished, and police protection and supervision of the gardens can be arranged.

Miss Hanchette has been doing splendid work on the personnel of the organization, an exceedingly large problem all through the year when one considers the size of our present staff and particularly acute at this time of year when we are arranging for new supervisors, district secretaries and case workers to take the place of those who are departing or likely to depart. Several years ago I inaugurated the plan of writing each year a recruiting letter to every college in the country. I affix a personal note in scores of

instances where I know the college professor or where he knows someone in our organization. Every year we receive scores of replies from these colleges. And their interest becomes cumulative as more and more of them send us students. Through these letters, through very successful visits to the colleges by Mr. Heckman, Miss Corbett, and others; through Professors' Weekend last year, and through Junior Month, we have received more applications each year from qualified students and are obliged to take in each year, fewer unqualified people. But while more people are applying for our course, there is still a demand throughout the country for twice as many people as are being graduated by the various schools of social work, and accordingly there are demands all the time from the other agencies for the graduates of this school who are members of our staff. Moreover, salaries paid elsewhere are often more attractive than we can pay here in Cleveland, particularly since we have ceased to increase salaries. But through efforts to maintain the morale, we have managed to keep our turnover down to the average of other places, although inevitably, there are many replacements and problems of personnel.

Among other questions to be discussed today are three involving personnel. Two of these relate to vacations. For many years this Board has had a policy of giving vacations of two weeks to all clerical people with the exception of those who had been with us five years or more. In the latter case we had provided a three weeks' vacation. Recently a Committee of the Welfare Federation of which I was a member, recommended to the various agencies a general policy of giving only two weeks' vacation to clerical people. In view of this recommendation, would the Board wish to establish a plan of giving two weeks to all members of our clerical staff except those who have already had a three weeks' vacation. This would mean that those who have now been with us six years would receive three weeks, others only two. Next year those who have been with us seven years would receive three weeks, and so on until we get to the point where only the clerical people who have been with us ten years will receive three weeks. The Welfare Federation itself is pursuing the plan of giving three weeks vacation to those who have been with the agency ten years or more. We would recommend therefore that our policy of giving three weeks' vacation to clerical people should be changed except with those people who have been with us since January 1st, 1926. Under this plan only about 10% of our clerical people will be receiving three weeks vacation. The remaining ninety percent will be receiving two weeks or less.

This same Committee suggested that in case of people who are leaving the agency we should give them no vacation. We have followed the plan for years, of giving the regular vacation to those who leave. Would the Board favor our abandoning our past policy with the exception of people who have been with us since June 1st, 1926? In the case of people who have been with us less than five years we would then give them no vacation when they depart and they would be expected to refund the money for the time in case they had received a vacation just before leaving.

Another question relates to our psychiatric service. There is a unanimous opinion among our group at Main Office and Mr. Calfee

that we should make a slight change in this department, substituting the services of a psychiatric social worker for the very few hours per week which we now have from the psychiatrist. One main reason is that we can for similar expenditure secure a much larger portion of time from a psychiatric social worker. And a second reason is that some of the work formerly done by Miss Myrick outside of her work with volunteers can be turned directly or indirectly to such a person, and a half time person whom we have in mind would then be able to take Miss Myrick's place. The net cost for these two fields (psychiatric and volunteers) would then be \$1200 to \$1500 less than the total cost for the same two fields before Miss Myrick left. This plan, if approved, would not go into effect before January 1st, but our plans must be laid now.

The assumption of the new relationship with the City has entailed a tremendous increase in our bookkeeping but has not yet caused any great disturbance in our work. We prepared ourselves to meet it and have thus far been able to care for the slight difficulties which have arisen. Our representative, Mr. Gray, is not being kept busy at the City Hall through complaints by Councilmen. His very presence there probably decreases complaints, and we have kept him busy with things he could do down there in any spare moments. The Sunday Plain Dealer carried an article saying that thus far the Councilmen have not attempted to bring political pressure on the A.C. and that the Councilmen seem quite happy with what we are doing. This seems to be true.

We are planning with the aid of three district secretaries, to bring some case work problems before the Welfare Committee of the City Council to show them more concretely our difficulties. And each of our districts is making a contact with certain councilmen within their boundaries, to give them a better understanding of our work. Some of them will be asked to serve on our committees. At this juncture as I was dictating this sentence a councilman called and suggested a certain person for our staff. However, he made no effort to bring any pressure to bear, simply bringing the worker to our attention, and this has been the attitude of the Council with regard to our cases up to date. Of course, they have referred cases and they have called up to get explanations, and as we expected, it is taking more time to work on the cases in which the Councilmen are interested and also on other cases where we need more adequate facts to prevent adverse publicity, but as for violation of our policies this has not even been suggested as yet. I fear the criticisms will increase about June 1st, when we shall need to go back to the Council for more money. Have you any suggestions of other methods for keeping the Councilmen sympathetic without giving way to political influence?

While we are on the subject of educating the public, Mr. Calfee had a most helpful idea the other day. He suggested that we approach the Chamber of Commerce and possibly the Real Estate Association and others for a hearing on what the Associated Charities is right now doing in this community. The Chamber of Commerce is arranging in the near future for such a meeting with their Finance Committee, at which Mr. Calfee and I will have an opportunity to present your cause.

Some months ago I was appointed by the Federated Churches as Chairman of a Committee on Marriage and the Home, which would undertake an institute to which members of the various churches would be invited, with speakers and round table discussions on various aspects of this subject. To bring in the Catholics and Jewish people we suggested that the Conference be turned over to the Adult Education Association. This was done and the programs of this conference are now at your places. It will occur tomorrow and next day. As you will see from the program Mrs. E.S.Hanson and Mrs. E.M.Williams of our Board are on the sponsoring committee and Miss Mabel Berry, District Secretary in our Prospect Office, participates in the Round Table. As a family agency, we are naturally concerned with any conference on family life and have a real contribution to make through the experience of our workers in dealing with family situations.

The parallel between the 1921 depression and the present one is interesting. The former depression commenced in September and so far as the A.C. was concerned, the peak was reached a year from the following March. This depression commenced for us in September, 1929, and by analogy the peak should be reached this March. And that is exactly what has happened, if we may judge from the April figures. In March we had under care the largest number of families in our history. In April the number has started to decrease and the amount of money spent for relief has also started to decrease. For the first time, we closed more cases through re-employment than we accepted from among the new applications. We fervently hope that as in 1922, there will be a steady decrease and no increase. However, there are still elements of doubt.

True, from the middle of January to the fore-part of April our new applications decreased 11 weeks out of 12, but it is significant that while they were decreasing nearly every week up to April that during April they have decreased only 2 weeks out of 5 and, the last week in April, they were heavier than the first week in April. This may be partly due to the publicity in connection with our city appropriation. This possibility is strengthened by the fact that a smaller proportion of our applications this month prove to be in need of relief. In fact, our expenditures for relief during the fore-part of April were less than in either of the two-week periods in March, and in the last two weeks of April we have spent \$10,000 less than in the first two weeks. This is partly because less money is needed for fuel and clothing in the warmer months and partly because the number of relief families has decreased from 8022 in March to 7761 in April. But even on the most optimistic estimate we shall be \$800,000 short in our relief funds for the rest of the year. East Cleveland has just appropriated \$3,000 to care for the A.C. relief and the other suburbs may follow but this does not change the fact that we shall be \$600,000 short in our relief funds.

Looking back to that critical time in January,--January 7th, to be exact,--when our Board of Trustees met and twenty-two members present at the Board meeting each individually signed a letter to the Welfare Federation and Community Fund,--looking back to that time we can be extremely thankful that we foresaw this emergency in time and brought our pressure to bear upon the Federation and with their aid upon the City, at the nick of time. Had we waited until the following Board meeting, it would have been too late, because up to that time there was no immediate

plan of approaching the City and as you know, in spite of our starting when we did, and in spite of every effort to hurry along the procedure in the State Legislature and in the City Council, we have secured the money from the City just at the psychological moment when our own funds were exhausted. We may congratulate ourselves that we started making a disturbance with the Federation and the other people at the time when we did.



CINCINNATI, O., April 20, 1931

M Rabbi, Abba Hillel Silver



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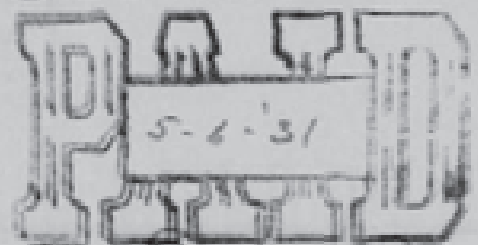
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May 7th, 1931

Miss Irma Kraft,
170 W. 76th St.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Irma:-

Please pardon the long delay in answering your letter. I have been away from Cleveland a good deal of the time and my correspondence has lagged.

I am very much interested in meeting your young friend Bernard Bandler. I shall be in New York on Monday, May 25th stopping at the Commodore and I should be very happy to meet him if he would call on me.

Virginia and the children are fine.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

Borkheimer Brothers

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Rabbi A.H. Silver,

Wheeling, W. Va. May 7, 1931

Cleveland, O.

Dear Abba-- Rabbi Shulman was elected to the pulpit that I wrote you about some little while ago. Do not know when he will be home, but naturally we will have to look for his successor.

My own inclinations tend towards a graduate of the Hebrew Union College, preferably a graduate of this year.

Are you familiar with any of the youngsters of this year?

I am writing you this letter so you can give the matter a little thought and can tell me about it when I see you in Atlantic City.

This congregation will have to start once more and build up from the bottom. They certainly should not pay in excess of three thousand, or at the outside thirty five hundred dollars, for the congregation to meet its responsibilities.

Hope you and your family are all well. Have not had a line from Virginia for so long that I hardly know how you are.

Lots of love to you all.

Dad

May
Seventh
1931.

Mr. I. Goldstein,
2815 Euclid Hts. Blvd.,
Cleveland Hts., Ohio.

My dear Mr. Goldstein:

Permit me to thank you for your kind
note and for the check which you enclosed.

In keeping with my practice I shall
place it into a small charity fund which I use from
time to time.

With heartfelt sympathy, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

The family of the late

Rose Goldstein

acknowledges with grateful
appreciation your kind expression
of sympathy

May 7th, 1931

Mrs. Lillian Dembrow,
9301 Parmelee Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Dembrow:-

Permit me to thank you very much for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of your article on "How a Woman Views Religion." I read it with a great deal of pleasure.

I am wondering whether the "Dawn" is the proper medium for your writing. I am under the impression that it is a missionary sheet. I may be wrong.

With kindest regards and best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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My dear Irma:-

Please pardon the long delay in
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With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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May 7th, 1931

Mr. Jacob Bernstein,
168 Riverside Dr.,
Ashtabula, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Bernstein:-

I am sorry that I overlooked your letter of April 15th so that it was too late to comply with your request.

Should you have need for a sermon at some future time, please do not hesitate to write to me.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

ALVIN A. STONE, M. D.
10616 EUCLID AVE.
CLEVELAND

May 8th 1931

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Would you please
accept this remittance in grateful
recognition of services rendered
in our recent bereavement.

Very Sincerely
Alvin A. Stone

PS Mr.Nathan Bravin is Editor of the Dawn

WILLIAM L. DEMBROW, M. D.
9301 PARMELEE AVENUE
CLEVELAND, OHIO

May 8th, 1931.

My very dear Rabbi Silver:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 6th and want to thank you most cordially for your letter in which you tell me that the "Dawn" is a missionary magazine. I have never seen the full magazine and Mrs.Nathan Bravin whom I met in Pitts. is a Jewish woman and I never suspected that they are missionaries.

I assure you, that I will never again write for the "Dawn" as you have noted from my articleon "How a Woman Views Religion" - I am not looking for new things- all I want from my Religion is a feeling of consolation and I have found the Jewish Religion the most sensible and most liberal. I am not seeking popularity either for I do not even come to my Temple to engage in any social affairs as I have a higher calling in the realm of Religion. I seek truth and beauty and above all a feeling of worship.

Trusting that you will understand me better by this explanation.

Yours very Sincerely,

Lillian Dembrow
Lillian Dembrow.

I am now reading your book and I relish every chapter of it. May God bless you with good health and may we always be proud of your good work.

MORRIS S. LAZARON
1814 MADISON AVENUE
BALTIMORE, MD.

May 8, 1931.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Abba:

Many thanks indeed for your remembering to send me the material on the unemployment bill.

I am taking up with our local office the matter of your travelling expenses. The local drive will pay it.

I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your having come to us. It was a tremendous push.

With love to you all and anticipating the little get-together in Atlantic,

Faithfully yours,

W. S. Lazaron

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May 10, 1931.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

My fiancée, Miss Sylvia Goodman, and I are planning to be married on Sunday, June 28th, in Cleveland. We should very much like to have you perform the ceremony. Will you be so kind as to let me know whether you will be able to do so, and what hours you will have available on that day. We have not set the exact time, but should prefer between three and five in the afternoon.

With kindest regards, I am
Sincerely yours,
Edwin F. Woodle

May 11th, 1931

Mr. Edwin F. Woodle,
The Interstate Folding Box Co.,
Middletown, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Woodle:-

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of
your letter conveying the glad tidings of your coming marriage
to Sylvia Goodman.

I have reserved the afternoon of Sunday, June
28th, 3:00 p. m. for you. Please let me know where the wedding
will be held.

With best wishes to you and Sylvia and looking
forward with pleasure to seeing you on your great day, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

May 12th 1931.

Dear Rabbi Silver-

Words fail me,
but I do want you to know
how much we appreciate
all your many kindnesses -

Please come
over to see us soon - and
bring Mrs. Silver with you.

Sincerely -

Rosa Spiegel

ESTD.



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THE INTERSTATE FOLDING BOX COMPANY

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Dear Rabbi Silver,

May 12, 1931.

Thank you for your very kind wishes. I am surely pleased to know that you have been able to make arrangements for the afternoon of June 28th. I feel certain that the hour of three will be satisfactory. If it should not be I can let you know within a few days, and I will write you when we have decided upon the place for the wedding.

Sincerely yours,

Edwin F. Woodle

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May 13th, 1931

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Recently when I was in Cleveland I endeavored to see you about the work of Pioneer Youth concerning which Professor Dewey wrote you some time ago. Failing to reach you by telephone, I am therefore writing you of our summer play schools for mill village children about which I particularly wanted to see you.

As you know southern textile mill towns are places of extreme poverty. There have been a good many strikes for better conditions during the last few years but the situation is still very critical. The people are living on starvation diets in mean houses with inadequate clothing and very little chance for recreation. As one of them put it, "We are not really able to be humans."

In this situation children are growing up. Unless something is done the next generation of workers will be stunted physically, emotionally, and mentally. To expect a labor movement of strength and intelligence to grow from them is futile. But the inheritance of these children is good. Many of them come from the old mountaineer stock. Given the right experiences they might develop into people of considerable power.

Pioneer Youth is planning to go into these communities and give a few of the children opportunities to develop their capacities. We want to give them experiences in working together on enterprises vital to them, such as we conducted last summer in Marion, N. C. Our work there is described in the enclosed reprint and our plans for the coming summer in the folder, "Educational Adventures." Already we have accepted applications of seven mature college students and teachers as leaders of the schools which will be supervised by Miss Agnes Sailer who did such splendid work for us in Marion last summer.

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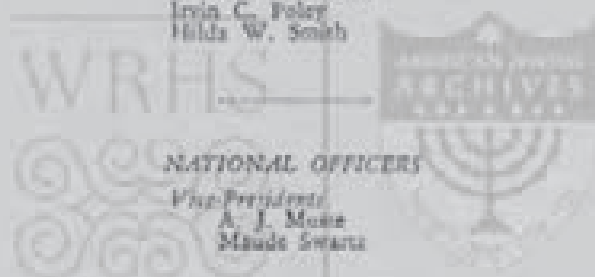
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*Pioneer Youth should not be confused with The Pioneers
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Materials for one school - clay, paint, wood, cloth, tools, and so forth - together with the costs of the "roughing-it" camp will total about \$350 which will completely support a school for eight weeks, including rent and other incidentals. We have already received contributions totalling \$550 but have a balance of \$1200 still to be raised.

I wonder if you will be willing to help support one of these schools. Since our old friends are helping us raise a camp scholarship fund desperately needed by our three camps in the north for children of unemployed workers, I am turning to you and several new friends for contributions of \$100 or as much more or less as you can give. We shall be grateful for whatever help you can give our work among these children of the new industrial south.

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Sincerely yours,

W. Walter Ludwig
W. Walter Ludwig,
Director.

May 13th, 1931

Miss Katharine Gibson,
Cleveland Museum of Art,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Gibson:-

If you will come in some morning to the
Temple Library I will place at your disposal some literature
on the subject of Jewish folk lore.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

Mantua Ohio
May 13, 1931

Rabbi Silvers
East Synagogue
Cleveland Ohio.

Dear Sir: -

I am writing you in behalf
of the World History Class of Mantua Township School,
and am asking you to kindly send me a
copy of your address, "democracy at the Cross
Roads", also your poem, "America". We wish to
use this literature in coordination with our
texts in studying governmental conditions
at the present time. Thanking you in advance
for your trouble I am,

Yours Respectfully
John A. Alger Jr.

John A. Alger Jr.
Mantua

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JR.

May 15th, 1931

Herrn Otto Harrassowitz,
Leipzig G I.
Germany.

Dear Sir:-

Please send me from your Katalog 431
part I. the following two books, #79 Jerusalem Vol 5
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Upon receipt of same I shall forward you
a check.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

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May 15th, 1931

Mr. Maxwell Silver,
Public National Bank
1490 Madison Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Maxwell:-

I was glad to receive your letter.

I will probably not have a chance to see Dr. Morgenstern before next month. I plan to be in Cincinnati on June 9th. If I do not see him at that time I will undoubtedly see him at the Rabbinical Conference later on in June.

It is, of course, much better to discuss with him the matter in person than to rely on correspondence.

With best wishes to Jane in which Virginia joins me, I am

As ever yours,

AHS/IR

May
15th, 1931

Dr. Alvin A. Stone,
10616 Euclid,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Stone:-

Permit me to thank you for your
kind note of May 8th and for the check which you
enclosed. In keeping with my practice of many
years I shall place it into a small charity fund
which I use from time to time.

With kindest regards permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/TR



May
15th
1931

Miss Elsa Spiegler,
1494 E. 115th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Elsa:-

I wish to thank you for your kind note of May 12th and for the check which you enclosed. In keeping with my practice I shall place it into a small charity fund which I use from time to time.

I hope that Mrs. Silver and I will have an opportunity in the very near future of calling on you.

Please convey my best wishes to your Dad.

With kindest regards, I am

As ever yours,

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JOSEPH DEUTSCH
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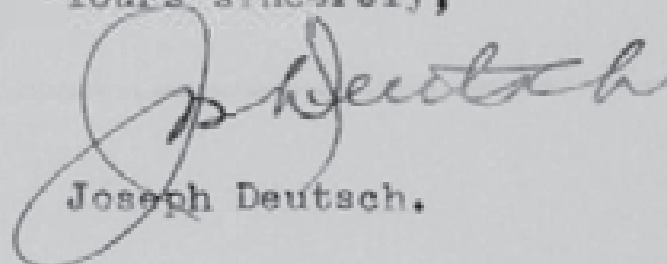
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

The writer wishes to call your attention to
a letter which he wrote to Mr. Arthur Brisbane
in the year 1922.

He believes you will find interest in reading
same. Thanking you in advance,

Yours sincerely,


Joseph Deutsch.

JD:PR

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שבועון עברי
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15 במאי, 1931

רבי א. ה. סילבר
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רבי סילבר היקר:

ערכ הקונגרס הציוני, העומד להיות בסוף החודש הנא
בבאזל אוסרת מערכת "הדואר" לפחות בחכות על השאלות
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ובזה אני מוסיף להשתתף בחכות זה. השאלות
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העניין ולונוע בשאלות שלא נרמזו כאן.

מרת-הבאסר צריכה להיות כאלף מלים.

אשמח לקבל את דבריך במהירות האפשרית.

שלך

בברכה ציון

מנחם ריבאלוב
עורך

School of Chemistry,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minn.

May 15th, 1931.

Rabbi Silver,
Temple Israel,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

~~When~~ When you came to Minnesota this spring and gave your talk before the University on the subject of "How shall we measure life", I heard you with great interest for your ideas correspond very closely to my own philosophy. In a recent number of SCIENCE a short article by Dr Willis E Whitney, Director of Research of the General Electric Company, has appeared. The title has apparently no connection with yours, but everything Dr Whitney writes is worth reading, and I think you will be delighted to find that he comes to essentially the same conclusions as yourself, ~~that~~ that growth is the real expression of life, not only for the individual, but for society as a whole.

I am enclosing a copy of this article.

I am only sorry that I do not live in Cleveland where I could hear you more frequently.

Yours very sincerely,

Nelson W Taylor
Nelson W Taylor.

Assistant Professor of Physical Chemistry.



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We therefore advise you NOT TO DEPOSIT YOUR BONDS with the Pinney, Berwald, Grill Committee but wait until you hear from the other committee which we feel will be more representative of the bondholders' interests.

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If there is any further information you wish in connection with this situation, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Thanking you for your past confidence, we are,

Sincerely yours,
THE S. ULMER & SONS COMPANY

Solomon Ulmer,
President.

THREE HILLS
P. O. WARM SPRINGS
VIRGINIA

May 16/31

Dear Silver: Your postal came
as we were preparing to come down
here, where we are almost as "busy"
as you are but in a less worthy way
since we are completely occupied in
enjoying in various ways the delightful
place and charming country.

I am very busy even after supper
as I play chess with Miss Mary Plummer,
("To Have and to Hold") one of the sisters whose
home is Three Hills where we (Mr & I) are
guests. And tho I only win about one game
out of five (5) I find it great sport.

THREE HILLS
P. O. WARM SPRINGS
VIRGINIA

As my first fishing trip the spring
was disappointing I plan to go again
about the end of this month and I
sincerely hope you and I can have
a game or two of chess in the interval
I am at home: between arriving
from Virginia and departing for the
fishing club - to which latter place
you really ought to go with me if only
for a few days. Think it over!

Kind and cordial greetings to you
and Mrs. Silver.

Dr. John M. Silver,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Faithfully yours

E. P. Green

HENDLER HOTEL

328-330 WASHINGTON ST.

JOHNSTOWN, PA.

THE TRAVELING MAN'S HOME

May 16, 1931

Dear Rabbi Silver-

I have it on good
authority that Shulman is leaving
Wheeling, W. V., having accepted a
call to Chicago.

Would like to make
contact with the Community, if there
is any possible chance. What
would you suggest?

A word from you or
Mr. Silver might help a great
deal, and I would appreciate
greatly your interest in this
regard. With kindest wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Maurice Deuse

May 16th, 1931

Rabbi Saul B. Appelbaum,
c/o Hebrew Union College,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Appelbaum:-

I spoke to my father-in-law, Mr. Horkheimer of Wheeling about the vacancy in the Wheeling pulpit. He would like to know something more about you. Please write to him giving him any information which you think may be of help to the Committee in making their decision.

A word from some of the authorities at the College may be helpful.

Address Mr. Louis Horkheimer, c/o Horkheimer Brothers, Wheeling, W. Va.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

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May 19th, 1931

Mr. V. A. Heck,
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Wien, I.
Austria Hungary.

My dear Mr. Heck:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of
your letter of April 29th.

You may send me a copy of Rossmann,
Das schwer zu behandelnde Juden-Hertz..

Upon receipt of same I shall forward
you a check.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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CLEVELAND

May 20th / 1931.

Dear Rabbi Silver :-

I am taking the liberty of writing this to you since I do not know the name of the Chairman of your Music Committee.

I have heard the soprano soloist position at your church is open and I would like to sing for your committee, if I may.

As you probably already know I am the soloist at the Church of the Covenant and have been for three years - and am also on the staff of N.B.C. Cleveland. Station W.T.A.M.

Any courtesy you may show me in this connection will be very much appreciated.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Very sincerely,

Carabella Johnson
14108. Detroit Ave
Lakewood 2486-M.

To :-
Rabbi A.H. Silver
The Temple
Angle 42 E. 105th St.
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CARABELLA JOHNSON
Dramatic Soprano

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ARABELLA JOHNSON, recently returned to this country after many European successes, is more than a singer of artistic attainments; she is essentially and always an entertaining performer. Whether it is an appearance on the concert platform, in grand or comic opera, or in the lighter forms of musical entertainment, she has that ability which is known in theatrical circles as always "getting it across." This versatility, combined with a charming personality and beautiful voice, accounts for the unusual popularity of this young artist.

She began her career with the Cleveland Opera Company in their production of "Princess Chic." Her success was instantaneous and she was acclaimed by both press and public a comic opera star of the first magnitude. This impression was repeated when she sang the prima donna roles in "Fortune Teller," "Wizard of the Nile," "Serenade," "Mikado," "Geisha," "San Toy," "Cavalleria Rusticana," "Faust," "Carmen," etc.

In the meantime Radio has done much to bring her voice to millions of people and she has been happily called "Cleveland's Favorite Radio Artist."

Among her costume recitals, "Three Centuries of American Song," with the delightfully quaint costumes, and the lilting fascinating presentation of the numbers in "Songs of the Spanish Soil," have made these two concerts much in demand.



PRESS COMMENTS

"Admirable indeed was the Santuzza of Carabella Johnson. This reviewer, at any rate, was not prepared for so stirring a performance. Here was intensity of dramatic utterance of no mean order; moving pathos, too, all the play of conflicting emotions."—James H. Rogers, Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Carabella Johnson is an extraordinarily fortunate artist in that she possesses a rich soprano voice, a fine sense of the dramatic and a personality of much charm."—Gabriel Lapierre, Paris, France.

"Carabella Johnson was a revelation to the audience. Admirable was her singing and she was insistently applauded."—La Voce del Popolo Italiano, Cleveland, O.

"Miss Johnson displayed her fortunate possessions of voice, temperament and dramatic ability, which with her charming appearance made her portrayal of 'Carmen' vividly impressing."—Musical Leader, Chicago.

"Santuzza was excellently sung and acted by Carabella Johnson. She listens quite as well as she sings and acts. Her alternate scolding and pleading with Turiddu gave her opportunity to display a voice of good range, power and quality, and an excellent control of the trick of suiting vocal color to the meaning of the text."—C. B. Macklin, Cleveland Press.

"The high spot of the evening was the Santuzza of Carabella Johnson. She acted and sang the part splendidly and was enthusiastically applauded by the audience."—Archie Bell, Cleveland News.

"Carabella Johnson is a splendid artist. She has a beautiful soprano voice which she uses with rare skill and outstanding histrionic ability which would make her a feature artist in any opera company. She is one of the finest 'Carmens' I have heard."—Oscar Saenger, New York City.

"One of the high lights of the evening was the fine singing of Carabella Johnson, her voice fuller and warmer in tone than in previous appearances, her acting of the intensely dramatic role of Santuzza a revelation of new power."—Alice Bradley, Cleveland Topics.

"Splendidly accomplished was the Santuzza of Carabella Johnson. She sang and acted excellently with so much dramatic fire that she virtually carried her audience away with her performance."—Waechter and Anzeiger, Cleveland, Ohio.

"Carabella Johnson looked the part of 'Carmen' to perfection; she indicated the action admirably, and sang the role with great intelligence."—Music News, Chicago, Ill.

"Miss Johnson can sing. She has a splendidly trained voice which possesses an unusual bell-like quality and surpassing sweetness. Furthermore here is a singer who pays attention to the niceties of diction. She is a singer who can act and an actress who can sing."—The By-stander, Cleveland, O.

"Miss Johnson's voice was charming in some imitation grand opera flutings with the real flute of the orchestra repeating each phrase, and her diction was a delight to the ear."—Evening News, Mansfield, O.


"I would offer my compliments to Carabella Johnson for her commendable ingenuousness and pleasing singing in the role of 'Cleopatra.'"—Wilson G. Smith.

"Carabella Johnson was delightful in two groups of Spanish songs in costume. Her performance, exquisitely finished, swept the audience off their feet and they insistently demanded encores." — Ted Robinson, Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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Miss Johnson may be
engaged for appearances
in opera,  and
piano recitals, radio, or
at clubs, conventions,
etc.

880 Lakewood Rd.
Cleveland O.

May 21, 1934.

Rabbi A. H. Silver.
105 E. St. Aniel Rd.
Cleveland O.

Dear Rabbi.

I am herewith
enclosing four cents in postage for which I
would greatly appreciate if you would
please send me a copy of your book "The
Democratic impulse in Jewish History".
If there are any charges please let me
know and I will send you a check by return
mail.

If you do not have the book please let
me know where I can get it.

Thanking you in Advance

I remain

~~Your friend~~

F. Goldfeder.

May 21st, 1931

Mr. F. Goldfeder,
880 Lakeview Rd/.
Cleveland, Ohio.

1 Copy "Democratic Impulse in Jewish History"

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SAMUEL A. HALPERIN

RABBI - THE TEMPLE

Charlotte, North Carolina

Valeda Mausrons

1211 East Boulevard

Apartment No. 1

Phone 3-2694

May 21, 1931

5/22/31

Doctor A. H. Silver
Rabbi, The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

If you have not submitted
the name of a candidate for the Wheeling
pulpit, would ask you, if you think it
advisable, to submit my name for that
pulpit. I mentioned this matter to Rabbi
Lazarus. He knows, I deserve a decent pulpit.
Best wishes to you and yours.

Sincerely yours

Samuel A. Halperin

May 21st, 1931

Rabbi Melbourne Harris,
Congregation Anshe-El,
Arguello Blvd., & Lake St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Rabbi Harris:-

Before receiving your telegram I
had already suggested the names of two or three
people to the Wheeling Congregation. I shall, of course,
also mention your name.

With kindest regards and best wishes,
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

May 21st, 1931.

Rabbi Maurice Feuer,
Johnstown, Penn.

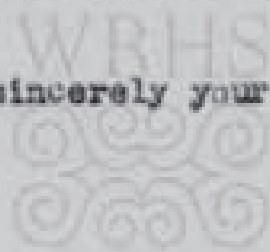
My dear Maurice:

Before receiving your telegram I had
already suggested two or three names to the Wheeling
people. I shall, of course, be glad to suggest your name
too.

I am

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,



AHS/IR

THE PUBLIC SQUARE IMPROVEMENT COMPANY

(ULMER BUILDING)

BONDHOLDERS' PROTECTIVE COMMITTEE

THE STANDARD TRUST BANK
CLEVELAND, OHIO
DEPOSITARY

Cleveland, Ohio,
May 23, 1931.

To the Holders of the First Mortgage Leasehold
6% Serial Gold Bonds of The Public Square Improve-
ment Company.
(ULMER BUILDING)

A situation has arisen with reference to the Ulmer Building bonds which we feel compels the bondholders to take some action immediately. Our attention has been directed to the fact that a few days ago a so-called Bondholders' Committee composed of D. C. Pinney, R. F. Berwald, Jr., and D. N. Grill addressed a letter to some of the bondholders (how many we do not know), asking that the bondholders deposit their bonds with that Committee.

We are advised that only one of these three men own any of the Ulmer Building Bonds, and he only to the extent of \$3,600.

It is our opinion that if a Committee be necessary to represent the bondholders at this time, such a Committee should be fully representative of the bondholders, and for that reason the undersigned, who own or represent in excess of \$125,000 of bonds (more than one third of the entire issue), have volunteered to act as a Bondholders' Protective Committee, and to this end have entered into a Bondholders' Protective Agreement nominating The Standard Trust Bank, of Cleveland, Ohio, as Depositary. An executed copy of this Agreement, defining the terms and conditions under which the Ulmer Building bonds may be deposited with the Committee, is on file with the Depositary, where it may be examined by the bondholders. In order to keep expenses down to a minimum, however, we have not deemed it advisable to send to each bondholder a copy of the Agreement.

The provisions contained in this Bondholders' Protective Agreement are the usual and general provisions contained in agreements of like character used generally in similar situations, and it is therein specifically provided that any plan that may be adopted by the Committee for the reorganization or readjustment of the bonds or the property must first be submitted to the bondholders for their approval, and if the bondholders at that time are dissatisfied they may withdraw their bonds. This latter feature of the Agreement affords full protection to the bondholders.

Our object and purpose, as members of the Bondholders' Protective Committee, will be to follow such procedure and to take such action from time to time as may be necessary and advisable for the best interests of all bondholders, and to act as the representative of the bondholders in

connection with any matters which may come up in the future affecting in any way their interests, with the end in view of conserving and protecting in the most economical manner the investment of the bondholders.

The Public Square Improvement Company, owner of the Ulmer Building, has defaulted in the payment of principal and interest of its First Mortgage Bonds, and by reason of said default for some time past the building has been managed by The T. W. Grogan Company, a building management company and a leader in its field, under the direct supervision of The Guardian Trust Company, of Cleveland. It is evident, therefore, that the inability of The Public Square Improvement Company to pay its obligations has been due primarily to the general real estate depression and to the same influences which have affected adversely other office buildings in Cleveland.

Each one of us has a substantial interest in Ulmer Building bonds and is therefore vitally interested in its successful operation and in keeping expenses down to a minimum. In view of this fact we believe that we are entitled to your cooperation and assistance. We therefore urge that you evidence your willingness to cooperate with us as a Committee by forwarding your bonds without delay (preferably by registered mail), to the Depository, THE STANDARD TRUST BANK, Cleveland, using the enclosed letter of transmittal. The Standard Trust Bank will issue to you a transferable Certificate of Deposit representing the bonds so deposited by you.

The complete and prompt cooperation of all bondholders is essential to proper representation by the Committee of your interests, and it is our hope that with the return of normal rental conditions the obligations of the company can be discharged and the company can again proceed to pay the principal and interest of its bonds. It will be the aim of the Committee to keep the bondholders fully advised as to any and all developments which in any way affect them, and to give them a careful analysis of the property as soon as possible. If, in the meantime, you desire any further information please address your communications to the Committee, Care The Standard Trust Bank, Cleveland, Ohio.

Thanking you for your cooperation and assuring you of our desire and willingness to protect your interests, we are,

Very truly yours,

S. A. Hoskins
(Chairman of the Board, Ohio Northern University),
Columbus, Ohio.

Leo R. Kundtz,
Cleveland, Ohio,

W. H. Rohan,
(President, The Wm. H. Rohan Company),
Fort Wayne, Indiana,

J. A. Kreusch,
Sandusky, Ohio,

Arnold L. Stern,
(Director, The Capital Bank),
Cleveland, Ohio.

Bondholders' Protective Committee

1206 E 112th St. May 24th.

My Dear Rabbi Silver:

At this the close of another season of your Sunday morning lectures, I wish to thank you for the help, I have received from the Six I heard.

Like many another middle aged man with his family raised, financial outlook in satisfactory condition and most other matters about the way we want, a series of adjustment has been necessary, and the talk you gave on the adjustments we all have to face in life, has meant a good deal to me.

Wishing you all the success in the world
& remain

Very cordially
and sincerely

Arthur. J. Hill



The second principal thought that has been of much value to me was the one I got during the lecture, in which you that "Disappointments are woven into the fabric of our being."

That lecture has helped me a lot to receive life's small bumps gracefully, and without useless rebellion.

My own minister is splendid as a spiritual adviser, but ever since you have been in the new temple, I have received a large measure of philosophical comfort from your lectures that has enriched my inner life.

PN 5641
24 May 1951

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אל מעלת כבוד ידיד נפשו הרב החכם רב פעלים
וכו' מוה"ר דר. אבא הלל סילבר שליט"א
קליבלנד.

רב מאד נעלה,

נדרסים היינו מהבטורה המרה שהגיעה אלינו מהעדרתו
של אחותו הכבודה והנפלאה בנשים, חברתנו מרת פ' ר' ל' ע"ה.

בימי בקורה של המנוחה בעירנו ובמוסדנו הכרנו לדעת
את סוהר לבה ואת יקרות נפשה, והיא היתה "ח' כ' ר' ה" נאמנה
למוסדנו והתענינה בהתפתחותו.

זאת, והקשרים שישנם בין מוסדנו להורי המנוחה
ולכבודו, הם ומחייבים את הסתפחותנו הגדולה בצער האטון הגדול
הזה.

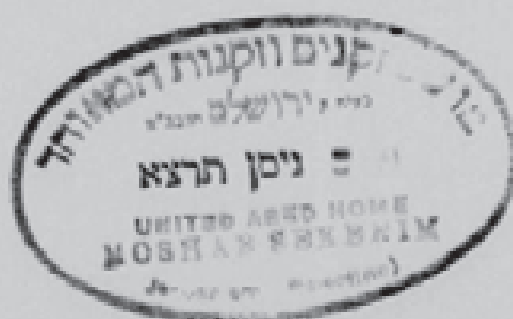
בשם מאות זקני מוסדנו אנו שולחים לכבודו בזה את
תנחומותינו לכבודו ולמספחתו, ובעבודתו הגדולה לטובת עמנו
וארצנו ינחם, ולא יוסיף לדאבה עוד. א.מ.!

הידיעו המרה הגיעה לאביו ע"י מכתבו של כבודו שקבל
אביו בנוכחותנו במשרד מוסדנו, והשתדלנו עד כמה שאפשר להרגיע
את אביו ואת אמו על שברם הגדול, ואנו מקווים כי ימצאו נחומים
בעבודתם הפוריה לטובת הכלל, ובישיבתם בירושלים ובארצנו, ולא
יוסיפו לדאבה עוד.

בכבוד רב וכברכה :

דוד יעקב רבינו

גבאי ומנהלי מושב זקנים וזקנות המאוחד.



May 25, 1931

Rabbi A. H. Silver.

Dear Sir. -

Some time ago you were quoted as saying in an address that the Prohibitive amendment had been put across by a lot of fanatics who had liquor in their cellars.

I am afraid you spoke from prejudice rather than knowledge. If you had said that some of those who voted for the 18th amendment were drinkers of alcoholics, and had liquor in their cellars you would undoubtedly have been right.

A considerable proportion of the voters of the community in which I was born and grew up were teetotalers. My father, brothers, and myself never touched even beer, and not a few of our neighbors were as abstemious. He voted no license and prohibitive tickets

during the 80's & 90's as well as later,
as did some who did drink an
occasional glass of beer or cider.

So did the only man of the commu-
nity who drank to excess once or
twice a year. He voted dry in the
hope, as he said, of helping to put
liquor beyond his reach. I have
no reason to believe that our
community differed essentially
from thousands throughout the
country. Those who there voted
for prohibition did so mostly for
altruistic reasons. They knew from
observation and published statistics
and facts that great numbers of
men, and some women, drank to
excess, resulting in physical and
moral injury to the drinker, and
to his family. They believed that
if the manufacture, sale, import-
ation and transportation of alcoholic

liquor were made illegal, drinking to excess and its attendant evils would largely cease, that money formerly spent for harmful liquor would be spent for more and better food, clothing, housing, education, etc, and that millions of individuals and the country in general would be greatly benefitted thereby.

Employers & labor worked and voted for prohibition because their drinking employees came to work morning after morning absolutely unfit to do good work. Both employer and employee were heavy losers through such drinking. Years ago the N.Y. C. Railroad officials offered to locate its repair shops in Collinwood provided the village would out its saloons permanently.

The Prohibition movement was,

like the Anti-Slavery movement, of slow but fairly steady growth. Much more than a hundred years ago individuals and organizations began working for temperance, both through moral suasion and through laws.

Men like John B. Gough in this country, and Father Murphy in Ireland worked, on the platform and otherwise, to induce drinkers to sign the pledge. I think it is more than seventy years ago that Neal Dow was elected the first prohibition governor of Maine. And it must be forty-five or more years ago that John C. St. John was elected the first prohibition governor of Kansas. State after state adopted prohibition amendments by majority vote,

until sixteen States, including Ohio, were in the dry column before the National Amendment was adopted.

Seven-eighths of the states, as I recall, endorsed the National Prohibitory Amendment by majority vote. I do not think that all of those who so voted should properly be termed fanatics.

Nor do I think that anyone should advocate the annulment of the 18th Amendment until he has worked out a more satisfactory substitute.

I think you have said you do not want the return of the Saloon. Do you advocate the adoption of the Dispensary System, which was tried for nearly a quite ten years in South Carolina, during the 90's. Governor Tillman advocated it, and his administration worked hard for its enforcement, and it was a failure.

Gov. Tiltman admitted, two years after its adoption, that that more liquor was being sold outside the Dispensaries, ~~as~~ than in them.

The fact is that under any system of regulation that has ever been tried anywhere liquor dealers are as a class chronic law-breakers.

What regulatory system or plan do you advocate in place of Prohibition, or would you have no regulation? If there is some system tending toward sobriety, better than prohibition I would favor it, as I have favored Prohibition.

Respectfully.

E. H. Reddy.

17630 Griesman Road.



THE S. ULMER & SONS CO.

ULMER BUILDING
PUBLIC SQUARE

CLEVELAND

*Real Estate Mortgages
Investment Securities*

May
Twenty-fifth
1931

To Holders of The Public Square Improvement
Company (Ulmer Building) First Mortgage
Leasehold $\frac{6}{8}$ Bonds, dated February 1, 1928.

On May 16th we, as underwriters of the above bond issue, wrote you that a so-called Bondholders' Committee had been organized to represent the bondholders in the above issue, consisting of D. C. Pinney, R. F. Berwald, Jr. and D. N. Grill. In that letter we stated that we did not believe this committee to be a proper one to represent the bondholders in view of the fact that as far as we can discover only one of its members holds any bonds and he only to the extent of \$3600.00. We also advised you that a committee more representative of the bondholders was then in process of organization and that you would hear from that Committee within a few days.

This Committee has now been organized, meets with our full approval and will receive our full co-operation. By this time you have no doubt heard directly from them.

This Bondholders' Protective Committee consists of the following men, whose ability is unquestioned and who personally own or represent bonds in excess of \$125,000, more than one-third of the entire bond issue:

S. A. Heskins, Chairman of the Board of The Ohio Northern University, and Treasurer of The Columbus Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Leo R. Kundtz, son of Theodore Kundtz, owner of a very substantial amount of bonds and who was for many years head of the Kundtz Manufacturing Company, a large corporation, and who is at the present time a Director of The White Sewing Machine Company and of the Central United National Bank of Cleveland. Mr. Kundtz' son is acting for him because of his advanced years.

William H. Rohan, President of The Wm. H. Rohan Company of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Investment Bankers.

J. A. Kreusch, of Sandusky, Ohio.

Arnold Stern, Director of The Capitol Bank of Cleveland, Ohio.

The men on this Committee are capable, successful business men who will bring to bear on any problems arising in this matter, the results of their many years of experience. The members of this Committee own such a substantial amount of bonds that they therefore have a direct personal interest

THE S. ULMER & SONS CO.

-2- To Ulmer Building Bondholders

5-25-31

in conserving their own investment in these bonds. It is obvious that the Committee will therefore use the utmost discretion in handling the situation and that whatever they do will be done in the most economical manner.

The Bondholders' Protective Agreement under which this Committee operates, is similar to that under which Committees on other Ulmer issues have operated, in that any plan which is finally approved by the Committee must be submitted to bondholders for their approval before it is put into operation, and if any bondholder disapproves the plan he has the privilege of withdrawing his bonds upon the payment of his pro-rata portion of the expense.

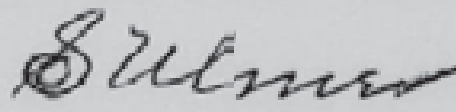
We feel it our duty to call your attention to the fact that the Bondholders' Protective Agreement under which the Pinney-Berwald Committee proposes to operate has no such provision. Under that agreement once a bondholder deposits his bonds he passes title to the Committee, is unable to withdraw his bonds and automatically approves in advance any plan which they Committee may adopt, whether in his judgment it is a good plan or not.

We believe that the Hoskins-Kundtz Committee is entitled to your fullest co-operation and support, and we urge you to promptly deposit your Ulmer Building Bonds with this Committee in accordance with its instructions. Only by acting promptly and in unison can the bondholders be assured of receiving the fullest protection to their investment.

We are grateful for the co-operation which we feel certain you will accord the Committee and ourselves, and remain

Very truly yours,
THE S. ULMER & SONS COMPANY,

By



President.

SU:BM

Temple Beth Zion

DELAWARE AVENUE
BUFFALO

OFFICE OF THE RABBI
JOSEPH L. FINK

May 25, 1931

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

Dear Friend :

I have learned of the vacancy in Wheeling, West Virginia, due to the fact that their rabbi has gone to Glencoe, Illinois. I would like to suggest the name of Hyman J. Schachtel, graduate of this year's class of the Hebrew Union College. He is an excellent young man, with a fine Jewish background and an eloquent speaker. He is a Buffalo boy. I recommend him most highly to you. Any kindness that you can show him will be deeply appreciated by me.

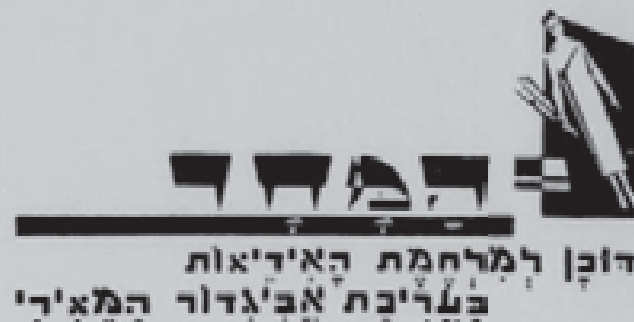
With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Joseph L. Fink

[27 May 1931]

בתשובה נא להעביר
מס' 639



תל אביב יום ד' חודש סיון... שנת 1931.
ה' תר"ל

לכבוד רב... קמח

א. נ.

בזה נתכבד להודיעו שאהרי הסתה כפושכת, בטיבת חכרו של העורך סן הארץ
חתמיל להופיע כהדס "הסחר", ירחון למלחמת ואיוואות של אביגדור המאירי.
החברה הראשונה היא הוברת א"ג, הופיעה כבד, ואנו שולחים לו אותה רצוף לוח.
יחד עם זה אנו שולחים לו איזה גלויית החתמה, והגנו בסופים שכבודו יראה לנו
את אהדתו בהחיסו את עצמו. ידידיו זמכריו.

אסירי חובה נהיה לו באם יסציא לנו איזה סוכן חרוץ לחפצת ירחוננו ולרכישת

טנויים. קמח

בהקרה שכבודו יטלא את בקשתנו, אנו סודים לו לספר.

בכבוד רב. רב.
המחר"ה תר"ל
תל אביב

Jerusalem

May 27th, 1931

Rabbi Joseph L. Fink,
Temple Beth Zion,
Buffalo, N. Y.

My dear Joe:-

Thank you for your note of May 25th.

I will refer the name of Hyman J. Schachtel to the people in Wheeling although I have already turned over a heap of names to them.

Are you going to the C. C. A. B. Conference? If so I will be happy to see you there.

By the way I have not heard from the Buffalo Community Fund people with reference to my honorarium and traveling expenses. They may have written to me about it and even sent me a check but I seem to have no record of it.

With kindest regards and best wishes,
I am

As ever yours,

AHS/IR

MORRIS S. LAZARON
1214 MADISON AVENUE
BALTIMORE, MD.

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Dear Alice,

Do I know anything
about Cleeland Community
Religions that at which
I have been asked to
speak next season? Is
it anything like Sunday afternoon
Club of Chicago and do you
think it warrants my accepting.

Faithfully,

Mary

Love to you all.

May 27th, 1931

Miss Rose Piltz,
14916 Wineman Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Miss Piltz:-

I believe that you are the young lady who was in to see Rabbi Silver about a week ago and for whom someone at Glenville High School made an appointment for you and your mother to see Rabbi Silver on Friday of this week.

As Rabbi Silver expects to be out of the city this Friday, he has asked me to have you call up for an appointment some time next week.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

See

May
27th
1931

Mr. Arthur G. Hill,
1206 E. 112th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Hill:-

May I thank you for your very
kind note of May 26th.

I need not tell you that I am
deeply appreciative of it. It is very helpful
to a man to know that his work has been of some
slight service to other men.

Thanking you again for your
thoughtfulness in writing to me and with best
wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

WIRE

May 27th, 1931

Mr. Sol Applebaum
Hebrew Union College Dormitory,
Cincinnati, Ohio

ARE YOU PREACHING ANYWHERE WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK
PLEASE WIRE ME WHEN AND WHERE.

A. H. SILVER



Rabbi A. N. Silver
The Temple. Aust Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed
you will find check
which I wish you
to accept in appreciation
of your services for my
dear husband the late
Phillip Gleichman.

With kindest regards.
Sincerely

Ruby S. Gleichman

2525 Euclid Heights Blvd.
May 27, 1931.

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1931

Mrs. Ruby S. Gleichman,
2525 Euclid Heights Blvd.,
Cleveland Heights, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Gleichman:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind note of May 27th and for the check which you enclosed. In keeping with my practice I shall place it into a small charity fund which I use from time to time.

Trusting that you and your dear ones are well and with best wishes in which Mrs. Silver joins me, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

MS/IR

Dear Dr Silver —

Father & I want you to know
how very much we appreciated your
kind thoughts & words in our
recent great loss.

Sincerely

Arnold S. August

May
27th
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Mr. Arnold S. August,
2477 Overlook Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

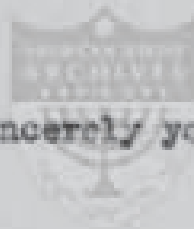
My dear Mr. August:-

Permit me to thank you for your
kind note of May 22d and for the check which you
enclosed. In keeping with my practice I shall
place it into a small charity fund which I use
from time to time.

With kindest regards and best
wishes, permit me to remain

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Very sincerely yours,



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1171 E. 20TH ST.
CLEVELAND, O.

May
27th
1931

Mr. Alexander Howie,
1171 E. 20th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Howie:-

Permit me to thank you for
your thoughtfulness in sending me the volume
on the Sterling Memorial Library of Yale
University.

I am very anxious to acquaint
myself with this unusual edifice.

With kindest regards, permit
me to remain

Very sincerely yours,



AHS/IR

May 27th, 1931

Mr. Eugene E. Wolf,
Engineers Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Gene:

You asked me some time ago to send you
some information about the Julius Rosenwald Essay Contest.

I am enclosing herewith a descriptive
booklet as well as a letter from Mr. S. Benderly indicating
the interest which this Contest, now closed, has evoked
throughout the country.

Please return the letter and folder to me
after perusal.

With kindest regards, I am

As ever yours,

ATS/IR

May
27th
1931

Mr. & Mrs. Max Lieber,
1158 E. 98th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Friends:-

Mrs. Silver and I will be very
pleased to be with you on the occasion of your
twenty-fifth anniversary on June 13th.

With best wishes, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



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Mr. and Mrs. Max Lieber

request the pleasure of your

company at the

twenty-fifth anniversary of their

Marriage

on Saturday evening, the thirteenth

of June

Beechmont Country Club

Cleveland, Ohio

Kindly Respond

Dinner at Seven

May 28th, 1931

Mr. Otto Harrassowitz,
Querstrasse 14,
Postcheckkonto,
Leipzig.

My dear Mr. Harrassowitz:

From your Katalog #432- Judaica, Teil II
please send me the following items:

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Upon receipt of same I shall forward you a check.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

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Miss Elizabeth McGee,
S. S. Carmania

Our best wishes for a very pleasant summer

Rabbi & Mrs. A. H. Silver



RICHARD C. ROTHSCHILD

8 WEST 40TH STREET

NEW YORK

May 28, 1931.

Rabbi Abba Silver,
c/o Richard R. Smith, Inc.,
12 East 41st Street,
New York, N. Y.

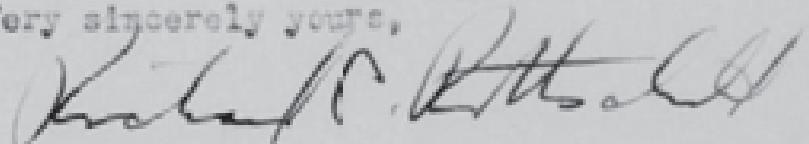
My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am sending you under separate cover a copy of a book which I have just written called "Paradox, The Destiny of Modern Thought", on which I should be delighted to have your opinion.

I have a feeling that while you may differ with this book in certain respects, you will be fundamentally in sympathy with its general approach. John Haynes Holmes has written the introduction, and it has already been commented on most favorably by such men as Albert Einstein, Joel Spingarn and Professor Bakewell of Yale.

In particular, I am anxious to receive your comments on Chapter VII, the chapter on religion. It has always seemed to me that there is a far better defense of religion than that usually expounded. In other words, it is not the religious impulse which today is on the defensive, but rather the whole scientific structure itself which appears to be so firmly entrenched in the popular mind.

Very sincerely yours,



RCR:AB.

May 28th, 1931

Mr. Louis Horkheimer,
Wheeling, W. Va.

My dear Dad:-

I am enclosing a letter which I received from Sol B. Appelbaum. It may perhaps be well to arrange for his preaching in Wheeling.

I have also received another letter from Rabbi Melbourne Harris who was assistant Rabbi with the Congregation Emanu-El at San Francisco.

With love in which Virginia joins me,

I am

As ever yours,

AHS/IR

My dear Rabbi Silver; —

It was my great pleasure to be able to meet you when we visited your city and your temple with Prof. Fiske.

I ought to have sent your pictures much earlier than this time. I am very sorry I have been so lazy to let you have your pictures. I am through with my examinations now; I ~~have~~ been struggling with them until this morning.

Our theological building and dormitory are almost finished to be reconstructed now. They are very nice, I think.

You must come to see us some day, soon.

May God bless you & your temple.

I am sincerely your Japanese
brother,

~~Just~~
May 28th '31.

David Takahara.
174 W. Lorain St.
Oberlin, O.

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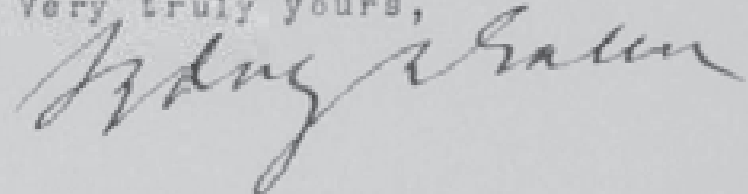
May 28, 1931.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th & Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mrs. Eugene Propper has requested me to mail you
the enclosed check.

Very truly yours,



SNG:MC

Encl.

The Temple

EAST 105TH STREET AT ANSEL ROAD

TELEPHONES CEDAR 0132-0133

Cleveland

RABBI LEON I. FEUER
MINISTER OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ABBA HILLEL SILVER, D.D.
RABBI

HARRY A. LEVY
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

May 28th, 1931.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o The Temple
East 105th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

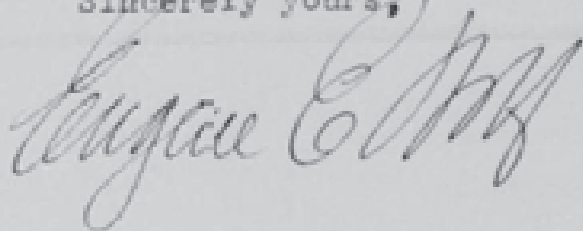
Dear Rabbi:

I am enclosing herewith the letter
and the pamphlet with reference to the Julius Rosenwald
Essay Contest.

I am much interested in this subject
and shall talk to you further when I see you.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,



EEW:LR

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 May
Twenty-eighth
1931

To the Holders of the First Mortgage Leasehold 6%
Serial Gold Bonds of The Public Square Improvement Co.,
(Ulmer Building): -

We have before us a letter addressed to the bondholders from the Pinney-Berwald Committee, dated May 25th, which we feel should not remain unanswered.

When that committee was organized we were of the opinion that because of the fact that the property was being operated under the supervision of The Guardian Trust Company in a manner beyond any fair criticism, that there was no need for the organization of any committee. We were also of the opinion and still are that that committee was not representative of the bondholders. Only one member of that committee appears to own any of the bonds. We do not know nor have we been advised as to who sponsored and organized the Committee and just what interest the other two members have, as they do not appear to own any of these bonds.

The Pinney-Berwald Committee was organized without consulting with any of the large bondholders or with the underwriters, and we felt that if a Committee were necessary, certainly that Committee should be entirely representative of the bondholders and, if possible, composed of large bondholders. We discussed the matter with those owning or representing large blocks of bonds and as a result of the discussion, the Hoskins-Kundtz Committee was organized, which we feel will represent the bondholders ably, efficiently and economically.

Anyone examining, without prejudice, the personnel of the Hoskins-Kundtz Committee, must certainly come to the conclusion that it is an unwarranted reflection on that Committee to insinuate that it would be under the influence or dictation of this company. Every man on this committee is a business man of experience and recognized ability in his line, able to think for himself. Mr. Hoskins is Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ada University and Treasurer of The Columbus Mutual Life Insurance Company; Mr. Kundtz represents a very large block of bonds owned in his family; Mr. Rohan speaks for a large group of bondholders in his territory to whom he sold these and other bonds and who look to him for counsel and guidance in these matters; Mr. Krousch is not only a large bondholder personally, but also speaks for those to whom he sold bonds in his territory; Mr. Stern owns a large block of these bonds.

We whole-heartedly approve of the Hoskins-Kundtz Committee and feel that it can adequately represent the interests of all bondholders. So far we have been unable to learn who sponsored or suggested the organization of the so-called Pinney-Berwald Committee.

The property, of course, has not been able to pay interest on the bonds for almost two years, but to infer that this has been due to the operation

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of the property by its present management is unwarranted and entirely uncalled for. The Pinney-Berwald Committee knows, as does everyone else familiar with conditions, that the failure of the company to pay interest on its bonds has been due entirely to the general real estate depression which has not only affected the Ulmer Building but all office buildings in Cleveland as well.

The Hoskins-Kundtz Committee, representing amongst its member over one-third of the bonds, certainly can speak with authority and certainly will receive recognition from The Grogan Company and The Guardian Trust Company insofar as their suggestions may be of assistance in the working out of the problems affecting the Ulmer Building.

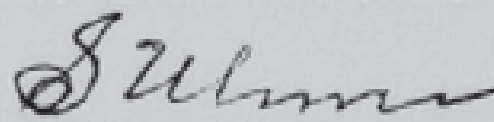
We note that the Pinney-Berwald Committee recognizes that we have a sincere desire to work out the equity in the property. Certainly in doing so we must necessarily first protect the bondholders. The assistance of The S. Ulmer & Sons Company and its officers has been welcomed by the management, all of it having been given without any charge whatsoever against the property. We believe it an unwarranted and uncalled for insinuation that the efforts of this company have been merely to further its own interests and one that we feel will be resented by the bondholders who know of the efforts this company has made in the past to work out the affairs of bondholders which have become involved in various properties due to the general real estate depression.

We feel at this time that the attention of the bondholders should again be called to what we consider a very important difference in the Trust Agreements under which the two Committees operate. When the bondholders signing deposit their bonds with the Pinney-Berwald Committee they are in effect signing a blank note, giving the Committee full authority and absolute power to do anything they see fit in connection with the entire matter without being under necessity at any time to consult with the bondholders or to receive their approval of any important steps that they may contemplate. In the organization of the Hoskins-Kundtz Committee, care was taken to provide in the agreement that if the bondholders disapprove of any plan presented by the Committee they may withdraw their bonds upon payment of the proportionate expense to that date.

In other words, no plan can be carried out by the Hoskins-Kundtz Committee without obtaining the consent of the bondholders and permitting them to withdraw their bonds if they dissent from the plan. This very important and vital feature is lacking in the Pinney-Berwald Committee and we feel that the bondholders should be fully familiar with this important feature before they give consideration to the request of the Pinney-Berwald Committee.

We are certain the interests of bondholders will be best served by depositing their bonds with the Hoskins-Kundtz Committee and therefore we again urge that all bondholders forward their bonds immediately to the STANDARD TRUST BANK, Ontario and St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

Very truly yours,
THE S. ULMER & SONS COMPANY,

By 
President.

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Alexander Howie, Inc.
STONE SETTING CONTRACTORS

Cleveland, Ohio



May 29, 1931.

Rabbi A.H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I have your letter of thanks for the
volume on the Sterling Memorial Library of Yale
University.

It is my sincerest hope that you find
the perusal of this book just half as interest-
ing and pleasurable as we found the building of
this building, to be to us.

Very truly yours,

Alexander Howie
Alexander Howie.

AH:DB.

May April 29th, 1931

Temple Beth-El,
Jersey City, N. J.

Gentlemen:-

I am enclosing herewith my check for \$100 in payment of the burial plot which I bought for my dear departed sister, Mrs. Pearl Michaelson.

Permit me to state again how deeply appreciative I am of the courtesies which I received at your hands during the hour of our recent bereavement and especially at the hands of your Rabbi who brought us the fullest measure of sympathy and help.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

May 24th, 1931

The Pullman Company,

Refund Dept.
Pullman Bldg - Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:-

I am enclosing herewith my Pullman reservation for May 25th, 1931 which I could not use because I missed the train. I got a later train to Cleveland the same evening.

Please refund me the amount.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

ERNEST R. TRATTNER

597 Fifth Ave
New York City
May 29th, 1931

My dear Doctor Silver:

A few days ago Scribner's showed me the splendid approval you wrote to them on my forthcoming volume. Permit me to tell you how deeply I appreciate this fine expression. It is quite unusual for one colleague to praise another's work - but you are an unusual man and it was to be expected.

During the past week I have been reading with a great deal of interest a new book entitled The Messiah Jesus by Robert Eisler Ph.D. of Paris. Doctor Joshua Bloch tells me that Eisler is a Jew and while he does not agree with his point-of-view nevertheless holds Eisler in high esteem. This book is crammed full of good stuff - and unusual stuff too. It's the sort of thing I am sure

you'd delight reading. The book is a translation and was recently published here in New York by the Dial Press.

I understand that your book, "Religion in a Changing World" is still going well. Harry Emerson Fosdick asked me the other day if I knew you. He mentioned something very complimentary about an address you gave at the University of Chicago Chapel, and then went on to say how much he enjoyed the whole temper and spirit of your book.

New York interests me very much and I hope to be able to stay here and continue my graduate work at Columbia toward my Ph.D(I haven't very far to go.) All this depends on finding a pulpit in or around this area. I think something ought to turn up this summer.

With all good wishes and, again, with thanks for your fine endorsement, I beg to remain,

In friendship always,

Wm. R. Inge

PETER W. JACOBS
10 FORT WASHINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

May 30/21

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

Dear College-age Friend

The few times I have

seen you, your attitude was

most friendly.   because of

this response, I am writing

you, in the hope that you

may be able to place me,

or to tell me of an opportuni-

ty. I have lived in New York

for over one year, and have

for, have struggled with out a

Post. I will appreciate your coop-
eration. I often hear of your
splendid work, and the high
regard of the people.

Do you expect to attend
the Conference?

With anxious wishes for
a pleasant summer, from
Louse to house,

Sincerely yours
Ryer Jacobs

Phone: Washington Heights 1831

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Allentown, Pa.
May 30-1931

Dr. Abba E. Lill Silver.
% Richard H. Smith Co.
New York.

My Dear Sir:

It affords me great pleasure to address you informally and to extend to you my greetings of love and esteem for all your good works and words. Mine is but a voice out of thousands that have been profited by your ministrations of love in a world of sin. As an unknown but devoted friend I have been a victim of unemployment for some time but I have not lost faith in the God of our fathers, whose righteousness pervades the world and rules the destinies of the Nations. But I feel a sense of loneliness and am yearning for knowledge and

wisdom concerning the prophecies
 of it which now challenges
 the questioning mind. Your book
 entitled "Religion in a Changing World,"
 has come to my notice, and I am
 anxious to enlist your interest and
 support in securing a copy, if possible,
 direct from you. It may seem
 rather imposing to ask you for this
 gracious favor but I hope and
 trust that I am not encroaching
 too much upon your good nature at
 this time. It will mean a world
 of joy and inspiration to me I know
 should you feel inclined to grant me
 this blessed heritage.

With all good wishes I remain—

Yours Sincerely,

Harry Q. Kneer,
 444 N. Fulton St.

May 30, 1931.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I was confirmed at the temple in 1928. I am writing to ask you a personal favor. I would come in person were it not for the fact that I am working every day.

I am thinking of entering the profession of nursing. I am required to enclose a reference from my minister with my application.

I wonder if you would be so kind as to send to my home a personal reference. I would appreciate this inexpressibly.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I thank you.

Very sincerely yours,

Bertha Lowenthal
10312 Barrett Ave.
Cleve. Ohio.