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Personal correspondence, 1934 January.

EUGENE E. DAVIS

3455 VEGA AVE.

CLEVELAND, O.

Jan 10/34

My Dear Rabbi Silver

On behalf of my family

I wish to express my deep appreciation
for all your kindnesses in our recent
bereavement and also the extra efforts
on your part to be with us at
the time of our sorrow

Knowing how much my Mother
craves to see you must realize what the
words you spoke meant to us

Am enclosing a check which I
trust you will accept in the spirit in
which it is sent with kindest regards
E. Davis

Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 2nd., 1934.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

In order not to trespass upon your valuable time by calling on you personally, I am taking the liberty of writing this, my appeal, in full hope that you will make me feel honored and happy by giving me your advice, of which I am in need; and nothing but advice I am asking for.

I have a family of eight depending on my support, six children, ages from 7 to 18, best and honor students in school, masical talented etc. of which every father ought to be proud of. If this family of mine would be brought up in the present Russia, where poverty and need is everybody's

usual problem, instead of the luxury it has been used to, I would not be considered as one who is not worth living.

I have always been in business of my own, upon a large scale, being considered a successful business man, good husband and father, respected by my friends and family, but now I am one of those that has lost his money, naturally, his friends.

For over a year we are living, rather, existing on charity, getting my grocery order, where I am looked upon as a beggar, and since the prices on food are advanced we are half starved, and I feel that it is a crime for me to go to the table, when I see my children hungry. Of course, I am doing my best to explain to my family that skilled statisticians and dietitians are telling us that we are not hungry but

it does not help;they are hungry just the same. The main trouble is that there are hundreds of other items,life necessities, exept that piece of bread, and there is not a penny in the house.

My wife and two daughters 17 and 18 years of age did not have a decent coat ner dress for the past three years,patching up and there is nothing to patch with, nor to buy a needle and tread with.

They are avoiding friends and acquaintances in fear that they will find out that we are on the charity list,and I am,actually, drowning in a sea of tears.

Who is responsible for all the misery in my home? Of course,father. Why,every father we know and see supports his family. To make it snort,I have lost my childrens respect,and instead of being the king of

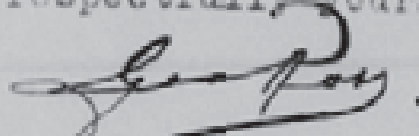
my family, I am a borden ,unproductive
element, a parasite.

To become a business man again I have
lost my hopes, as I do not believe in
miracles. To find a position to support
my family of eight, I am out every day
and am getting the same encouragement,
which you will find in the attached
letters.

As a teacher and leader, what
would you do or how would you act if
you are in my place?

Thanking you in advance and
hoping to hear from you.

Very respectfully yours.


Geo. Ross.

1007 E. 99th. Str.

MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL
OF CLEVELAND
1800 EAST ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH STREET

January 2, 1934.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Ansel Road Temple,
E. 105th & Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The enclosed was sent to me by one of
our employees who is unknown to me. I am passing it on to
you for your information.

Very sincerely yours,

Halim Friedman

MORRIS S. LAZARON
1214 MADISON AVENUE
BALTIMORE, MD.

January 3, 1934.

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

Dear Abba:

You will be interested
in the enclosed. Please return.

With love to you all,

Faithfully yours,

M. S. Lazaron

Cleveland, Jan. 3/34.

Hochgeehrter Herr Doktor!

Der englischen Sprache noch nicht völlig mächtig, bitte ich ergebend, Ihre Zeilen entgegen nehmen zu wollen.

Es ist mir eine angenehme Pflicht und Herrenbedürfnis zugleich Ihnen, sehr verehrter Herr Doktor, für Ihre liebenswürdige Hilfsbereitschaft und Empfehlung an die Herren Dr. Berger und Pubis meinen besten Dank auszusprechen. Wir sind glücklich, im Mount Sinai Hospital Gelegenheit gefunden zu haben, wieder mit der Medizin in Betührung zu kommen und ungehindert und in Freiheit auf unser Examen, dem ich mich zunächst unterziehen will, hinarbeiten zu können. Daß wir außerdem in einer so schönen amerikanischen Stadt domicilieren dürfen, erfüllt

uns mit besonderer Freude.

Eine große Berühigung würde es für mich bedeuten, daß ich mich auf Grund meines ersten Besuchs bei Ihnen, sehr geehrter Herr Doktor, in dem Eindrücke nicht täusche, gelegentlich, wenn mich vielleicht Sorgen eines Fremdlings bedrücken sollten, wieder bei Ihnen vorsprechen zu dürfen.

Mit vorzüglichster Hochachtung
ergebeust

H. Weismann.

M. DWORKEN

Wholesale Fruit and Produce

1112-1114 Woodland Avenue
CLEVELAND, OHIO

Jan 11. 1933

Rabbi Silver:

Dear Rabbi,

We are sending to you, Mr. Koffman, who is the bearer of this note.

We have known Mr. Koffman for the past twenty years, and can truthfully say that he has been an honest, industrious, and religious citizen.

By his tips of thrift, he was ever ready to assist those in need.

Now he is in great need of assistance.

He is without funds - and the necessities of life - besides his wife is ill and I presume without proper nourishment and medical attention.

I recommend this gentleman to you for assistance. Whatever you do for him will be personally appreciated.

Yours Sincerely,
M. Dworken

331 Hopkinson Avenue,
Brooklyn, N. Y.,
January 4, 1933.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Undoubtedly, you must be accustomed to being lauded for your eloquent, inspirational oratory. Last night at the Hotel Pennsylvania, you proved to be so earnest, so forceful, so beseeching in your appeal for our co-operation in boycotting German goods; I cannot refrain from writing you even though I am a stranger to you.

You have touched the chords of most every one's spirit there (if only your speech were broadcast throughout the world!) and, believe me, I am fired with a militant spirit of fighting the Nazis. Although I cannot speak out as effectively as the lady who declared her enthusiasm and active efforts in East Side organizations such as Young Israel, etc. - you remember her, I suppose - I will attempt to do my best in my quiet way. I am not blessed with a silvery tongue but this great cause of our persecuted people will act as a stimulant in arousing my indignation at the anti-boycotters.

Delighted in having had the pleasure
of hearing you, and wishing you every blessing
in the world to carry on your noble mission
in life, I am

Respectfully yours,

L Goldberg



GEORGE W. FURTH
ATTORNEY AT LAW
826 LEADER BUILDING
CLEVELAND

Jan. 4th, 1934.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th and Ansel Rd.,
City.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The enclosed composition speaks for itself.
It is the thought that I had in mind and which I recently told
you I would submit to you for your judgment, after I got it out
of my system.

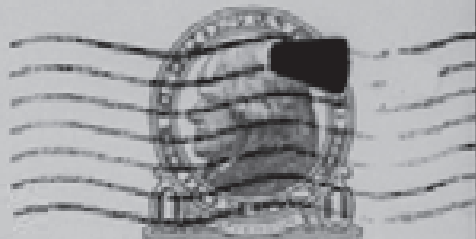
If the idea meets with your approval, you
may return the composition to me, and I will submit it to the
newspapers in the form of a letter.

With kind regards to you, Virginia and the
children, I am

Sincerely yours,

George
George W. Furth

GNF:EG
Encl.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland
Ohio

Galesburg Ill.
Jan 5. 34

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor! - If possible would like to have
a copy of address on Religion in a
changing world. I would appreciate very
much an oblige

Yours very truly
S. Zeller

67 Public Square

January 5, 1934.

Mrs. Jack Matlaw,
§ Moses Silver,
Rechaviah,
Jerusalem, Palestine.

My dear Rose:

I was in New York Wednesday and I had a chance to see Jack. He looks well. He reported to me about you, the children and the folks and also about his experiences in Palestine. He is as yet undecided what he wants to do. He is looking for an opening in New York but he may go out to Kansas City where his brother has a store. Jack is hopeful and confident that he will soon connect up with something worthwhile.

I trust that you and the children are well. Let me hear how you are getting along and also about the folks. Virginia and the children are splendid. The children frequently talk about Palestine and about their grandma and grandpa in Jerusalem.

I am enclosing herewith a little something for you and the children. With love

As ever,

January 5, 1934.

Rabbi Morris S. Lazaron,
1914 Madison Ave.,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Morris:

I am very grateful to you for sending me the enclosed. I read the correspondence with intense interest. Your letter is splendid. Do follow it up. It is a matter of utmost importance.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

AHS:EK
Encl.

January 5, 1934.

Mr. & Mrs. Siegmund Joseph,
1830 Jackson St.,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Friends:

Mrs. Silver and I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending us your new year's greeting and we reciprocate it most heartily. I trust that you are both well and enjoying your stay on the coast.

I need not tell you that you have been greatly missed in Cleveland. I trust that some day soon you will return to us. Things at the Temple have been moving along nicely. We have a full program of activities which fact you probably gather from the Temple Bulletin which I hope you are receiving. Let us hear from you from time to time.

With all good wishes in which Mrs. Silver joins me, I remain

As ever yours,

AHS:BX

January 5, 1934.

Mr. George Furth,
Leader Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear George:

Thank you so much for the composition which you sent me. I approve of it entirely and I believe that sending it to the newspapers for publicity is highly desirable. It will be even more helpful if you would get one or two non-Jews to write to the papers in a similar vein.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

January 8, 1934.
3211 Chatham Ave,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have read one of your lucid articles in a recent edition of The Press, and if my recollection does not deceive me, I have read a number of them, and have found them substantially truthfull, and precise. If this epistle proves too you, that another Christian believes in the honest goodwill of his Jewish Brothers, then it will serve my purpose.

In the midst of the present racial chaos, we seem to find it uncommonly difficult to understand each other, that is, the feeling of superiority among races is predominant. & It is hardly necessary to contend that materialism with its diabolical, insatiable talon, is the one intervening evil that prevents peace from being realized in our universe. & It is the credo of a selfish, barren aristocracy, devoid of all human feeling, and who are a thousand times more repugnant than the inhabitants of sad Molokai.

The sorrow of present conditions is twofold, ~~the realize~~ when we realize that there has always been an abundance of entrusting teachers.

Those teachers who have indeed humiliated themselves, have humbled themselves to an unmentionable degree, in order that they could point out the true path to valetudinarians, only to have these same sick people spit upon them ungratefully! These same servants who never despair in endeavoring to solve every sociological problem.

Today the world is composed of so many unfathomable races, that it would put gray hair on an insensible, inanimate log, if it were given reasonable intelligence to sequester them. However, we need not try to answer an indisputable question, every nation, no matter how braunting, no matter what their name, regardless of their former pomp or glory, have arrived from a, common, humble, divine source. Mongol, Christian, Jew, Ethiopian, etc, etc, their common nucleus is God!

Pandering with Genghis Khan, and the rest of the mimicing conquerors, we must hold on and question, what did they accomplish? They succeeded in devastating cities, and then rebuilding them. What their motive was no one can confirm today. They remained dissatisfied to their dying days.

It is the individual of all races who can exterminate the insidious, adorning racial barriers. Without individual co-operation of the near perfect type, ~~peace~~, i.e., individual perfection, peace will only be a delusion. Strict adherence to the ten commandments is the one and best philosophy, because, if the truth must be told, the innumerable philosophical works, whether they are written or preached, by a Plato, Socrates, Buddha, or Confucius are all based on these ten divine laws!

Like the endless ball or circle, nothing can be added or taken away, the circle is perfect, it is the supreme epitome of truthful eternity. Hoping that the people of the World will better understand each other, and battle the iniquitous, damnable brotherhood of ~~hell~~, hand in hand, I remain

Yours Sincerely

John Makfalvi Mosburger

P.S.

(Since we are speaking of races, I am an American, Hungarian, Asiatic.)

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Dear Felti Silver:-

I meant to whisper into your ear a word or two that I would welcome the opportunity of changing my address from Cincinnati to Chicago. If you could speak to Freshoff that I would be receptive and say, well say what you please, I would appreciate your kindness. It is my feeling that I could do a decent job there. If in your judgement the prohibitions are not too white, I shall leave developments to you.

With warmest regards

Faithfully

as ever

Private and Confidential

Samuel M. W. H.

January 8, 1931.

Rabbi Samuel Wohl,
Isaac M. Wise, Temple,
Reading Rd. and W. Crescent Ave.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Wohl:

I was in Chicago Sunday and spoke to Dr. Freshof about the matter which you mention in your letter. Freshof has an open mind on all candidates for his position. He is not backing anyone in particular. He said that he would be glad to consider your name among the others which will undoubtedly be presented. It is not likely that the congregation will make an early decision.

With all good wishes to you and
yours, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:RK

January 8. 1934.

Miss Ruth Hill,
371 Charles Street,
Boston, Massachusetts.

My dear Miss Hill:

Thank you so much for your kind letter
of December 18th. I am not, at present, con-
templating the publication of a new book.

With all good wishes, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:RX

January 8, 1934

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple, Ansell Road,

Dear Rabbi:-

I thought I would take the liberty to write you about a matter that I did not care to discuss when I visited you last week at the Temple as you were quite busy and I did not want to intrude on your time.

It is a case of an old time resident of Cleveland, a Mr. Sol Schulman, in the fruit business at 1357 East 105th Street. He desires to have his daughter with her husband and five year old child admitted to Palestine. The daughter was a citizen of this country when she married a Russian refugee. The refugee, I understand arrived here illegally. After a temporary stay in the United States the family of three, about two years ago moved to Havana, Cuba. They are now suffering hardships there, and Mr. Schulman is willing to pay all the steamship transportation expenses to Palestine; and will also give the family a sum of money so that when they arrive in Palestine they will not become a "public charge". Rabbi, if you can be of any assistance to help that family enter Palestine in the very near future as permanent residents then please let me know and I would have Mr. Schulman come to see you and talk the matter over.

Now, as to a personal matter. At any time you receive an invitation to come to Warren, Ohio to speak at one of that Jewish community's affairs, and if it is at all possible to accept, I wish you would do so as a favor to me. I believe that in the very near future they will have a dedication anniversary celebration. I need not tell you that it is only a short run from Cleveland by train (about 15 hours) on the main line of the Erie; and that for motoring the roads are excellent.  I would have Mrs. Silver accompany you as the ladies of Warren are outstandingly hospitable. Each of you can be assured of an interesting and pleasant time.

I am enclosing, for your personal use, a letter I received from the late Louis Marshall and which I believe will interest you in that it shows the sturdy wisdom and breadth of mind of that great Jew.

With warm personal regards and best wishes,

Cordially,

Saul Schachne

(Saul Schachne)
1150 West 3rd Street
Cleveland, Ohio

January 8. 1934.

Miss Revella Sholiton.
202 Euclid Avenue,
Akron, Ohio.

My dear Miss Sholiton:

I would suggest that you get in touch with the rabbi of the Akron Temple who will be glad to put at your disposal books on the subject of Palestine.

With all good wishes. I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK

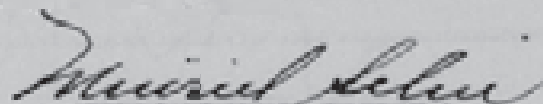
January 8th, 1934.

The Temple
East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

I am interested in knowing the dates of the
Sundays, during the balance of the month and the month
of February, that Rabbi Silver will preach at the Temple.
Will you please inform me? Thank you.

Very truly yours,



Muiriel Selin
613 German Street
Erie, Penna.

January 8, 1934.

Rabbi Samuel A. Halperin,
P. O. Box 424,
Middletown, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Halperin:

I shall of course be glad to mention to Dr. Morgenstern the matter which you raise in your letter. I shall be in Cincinnati in a few weeks.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AJS:EK

January 9th
Dear Rabbi Silver.

May I express my gratitude for the encouragement, the inspiration which your articles in the Press of January 8th signified for me? It is a never-ending source of wonder that occasionally I find in a book or in such an article as yours the answer to some immediate spiritual question or the perfect expression of some half-formed thought.

I wonder what we should do if we could not look to those who are

ahead of us on the road of spiritual
realization for encouragement and hope
and the faith in ourselves without
which there seems to be no hope?

Perhaps the answer to each question
is within each of us; but so often we
seem to lack the ~~power~~ or the will
to give it expression. And a word
expressed seems, somehow, to become
something much more than a word!

But I meant only to thank you for
what was, to at least one young woman,
the answer to just such a question,
and I feel certain it is the real answer.

Very sincerely yours
(Mrs. Barra) Maud Corning

MORRIS S. LAZARON
1814 MADISON AVENUE
BALTIMORE, MD.

January 9, 1934.

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

Dear Abba:

Thanks for your appreciative message in the matter of the movies correspondence. What do you think is the next step?

With love to you all,

Faithfully yours,

M. S. Lazaron

copy to Rabbi Silver

January 9, 1934.

Mr. Richard E. Gutstadt,
Anti-Defamation League,
130 N. Wells Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Gutstadt:

May I again call your attention to my correspondence with Mr. Breen of the Motion Pictures Producers Association? I should like to know just what steps you plan to take to follow up this matter. It seems to me important that it should be done. Do you plan to press the issue along the lines indicated in the letter? Do you plan to ask for the information? Do you plan to get in touch with them and find out what's what? I desire to know just what steps the Anti-Defamation League will take in following up the opening I have made. The point, it seems to me, is of supreme importance and should not be permitted to drift.

I know that you have been tackling the subject on the basis of particular films and that you have done good work, but it seems to me that the approach that I have made is a much more sound and comprehensive one. Please don't answer in generalities, but be definite.

With kind regards,

Faithfully yours,

Horrie S. Lazon.

January 9, 1934.

Miss Muriel Selin,
613 German Street,
Erie, Pa.

My dear Miss Selin:

In reply to your letter of
January 8th, permit me to say that Rabbi
Silver will preach at The Temple on January
13, 20th, 27th and on February 3rd, 10th,
17th, and 24th.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BK

Sec'y to Rabbi Silver.

January 9, 1934.

Mr. S. Zelder,
67 Public Square,
Galesburg, Ill.

Dear Mr. Zelder:

In reply to your inquiry, permit me
to say that Rabbi Silver's "Religion in a
Changing World" is not an address but a book which
you may get in the library or perhaps order from some
of your book stores.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BK

Sec'y to Rabbi Silver.

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THE SHOMREI HADATH CONGREGATION

Parkhill Avenue Corner East 123rd Street

Cleveland, Ohio

January 9-1934

Mrs. W. H. Silver
 Honorable Rabbi.

The Shomrei Hadath congregation will celebrate Purim, with a grand banquet and dances ~~and~~ at the Temple's Auditorium East 123rd & Parkhill Ave., on Sunday March 11th at 6³⁰ PM. And we take great pleasure to invite the Honorable Rabbi and Mrs. Silver to our banquet as our honorable guests. There positively will not be any collection of any sort just an honest to goodness Purim affair. The Congregation and its members, and hundreds of friends will be highly honored with your presence. Hoping you will accept our invitation, The Committee Thanks you in advance.

Very Respectfully

Samuel D. Guth
 President

P.S.U.P.

10019 Hampden Ave.

P.S.
 We are arranging for 350 people which amount we always have at our affairs

January 10, 1934.

Mr. I.R. Morris,
Union Trust Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Morris:

I am enclosing herewith a check for
\$200 to be used in the work of your committee.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK

Encl.

FRED JOSEPH

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Kangaroo
Rd

Cleveland

Jan'y 11, 1938

My dear Rabbi:

I cannot impress upon
you too strongly the popularity of
the Annuity Contracts and I wish
you'd give it again your earnest
consideration. I'm told me to remind
you of it around Dec. 15th and
I didn't. I thought I'd give you
a Month's grace. May I hear
from you. Sincerely, Fred Joseph.

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Jan. 11th, 1934.

Dr. A. H. Silver,
c/o The Temple,
Euclid & Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Doctor Silver:

Just had an opportunity to get first hand
information on Russia, and thought you would be
interested in same, so made a copy of it for you.
Find same enclosed.

Cordially yours,

W. Evans

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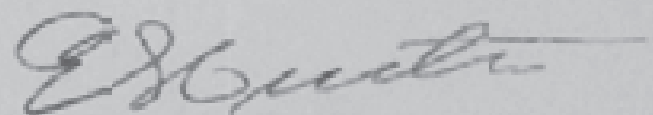
Rabbi A. H. Silver,
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Sir:

Your check for \$37.09 has been credited to the interest due on your loan to date and we are pleased to enclose a renewal note for your signature, to be returned by return mail.

We have left the amount of the note blank in case you may wish to make a payment on the principal at this renewal.

Very truly yours,



E. S. CURTISS
Vice President.

RMB:S

Jan. 12/33
Cleveland, O.

Rabbi Silver
Cty.

Dear Sir:-

We have been giving serious consideration during the past few months to the idea of a Young Men's Hebrew Association in Cleveland. We feel that this city is large enough to support such a movement, and that this is the psychological time.

For these reasons and many others, we would like to enlist your active support. A personal interview would be appreciated, at which time we could outline our aims and purposes.

Hoping to hear from you at your earliest possible convenience.

Respectfully,

Dave Katro

Charles Gulko.

Address.

Dave A. Katro

3368 E. 152nd St.

Shaker Hts., O.

January 12, 1934.

Mrs. Warren Corning,
Lantern Courts,
Route 3,
Mentor, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Corning:

I am deeply appreciative of your thoughtfulness in writing to me about my statement which appeared in the Cleveland Press. I am happy to know that you like it and that you found some help in it. It was good of you to take the trouble to write to me.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:RK

January 12, 1934.

Mr. Eugene E. Davis,
3435 Vega Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Davis:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter and for the generous gift which you enclosed. In keeping with my practice, I shall place it in a small charity fund which I use from time to time.

I trust that you and your dear ones are well. With all good wishes, and thanking you again for the kind sentiments which you express in your letter, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS: EK

Stephens College
A Junior College for Women
Columbia, Missouri
January 13, 1934

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Thank you so much for your prompt and full reply to my inquiries. The books you recommend are being used by my students and they find them very helpful in their work. With sincere appreciation for your help and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Mellie Lee Helt.
Mellie Lee Helt.



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To Mrs. Joseph Fink

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Rabbi Silver

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Cleveland, Ohio,

January 15, 1934

To the President and Executive
Board and Members of The Hebrew
Free Loan Association.

HEBREW FREE LOAN ASSOCIATION
-versus-
ANTI-SEMITISM.

Long before our Association was constitutionally formed our immortal Grandmother of Israel, Mrs. Carolina Weil, made loans to a few of our delinquent families without divulging their names. Her example was followed by her sainted daughters Mrs. Samuel Halle and Mrs. John Schloss, and later on she was quietly aided in her personal service work by Mrs. Mathilde Wolf, Miriam Halle's mother, Mrs. Kaufman Hays, Mrs. Leopold Einstein, Mrs. Belle Weiner, Mrs. M. T. Silver, Mrs. Abe Stern, Mrs. Bama Rheinheimer and Mrs. Rose Erlanger, and many other ladies all imbued with the spirit of not allowing any of these delinquent families to fall the prey of charity aid. With the constant increase of Russian Refugees the necessity sprung up for an Educational Institution to familiarise all new comers with American ideals. Rabbi Gries' appeal for such an Institution penetrated the heart of Grandfather Joseph who donated his former residence on Woodland Avenue for the forming of such Institution. Rabbi Gries, Flora Schwab and Ike Joseph became the Executive officers in the forming of an Educational Alliance.

The Hebrew Relief at the time invaded the Alliance Building to hold their weekly meetings and was immediately informed by Mrs. Schwab that no Charity Branch can operate in the Alliance Building, that she did not want the children and parents of the new comers to come in contact with our neglected hopeless poor, who could have been self-supporting today had they been treated in conformity with our Jewish

sublime laws.

With 90% of the Russian Refugees fully self-supporting there were but 10% left who needed the assistance of the Hebrew Relief Society. The Glauber family, in memory of their brother Joseph H. Glauber, former member of the Relief Society, donated the building to the Relief Society that is now occupied by one of the Community Chest Branch. With the aid of Maurice Black and Charles Ettinger's donations of \$200.00 each, the Hebrew Relief Society, aided by Mr. Holstein, continued to operate until it formed itself into the Hebrew Free Loan Association.

An aggressive powerful influential opposing faction sprung up against the established Free Loan Association that resulted in checking its sublime object from its outlined plan "To make loans to Jews and Gentiles alike". With the donation of Grandmother Weil's first \$1000.00 followed by the \$1000.00 donation by Flora Schwab, and with the balance left of the Russian and Roumanian Refugees Society our Free Loan was struggling on for several years when our Charter members unanimously decided to disregard all restrictions imposed upon us by our Associated Charities, refusing to become a branch of their Association and decided to appeal to all lodges and Synagogues for the enlistment of a large army of members fully in sympathy with our sublime cause.

Rabbi Gries, Barney Mahler, Sam Friedman and others called upon many lodges and Synagogues and enlisted over six hundred members with a membership fee of \$3.00 per annum only, but many of our able citizens made liberal donations to enable us to make loans to Jews and Gentiles alike.

When we were fully self-supporting and began to make free

loans to non-Jews we soon learned that free loans to non-Jews would make the impoverished non-Jews as self-supporting as temporary loans aided the self-respect of our own brothers and sisters. In giving aid to non-Jews and helping them to sustain their self-respect we weaken the leaders of the Anti-Semitic element in their nefarious propaganda to make Anti-Semitism a political issue. Without the support of their misguided followers they would have no leg to stand on either in Congress or in any other civilized Country where our Free Loan Association could be made the means of solving the problem of non-Jewish helpless wage earners.

Let me cite to you one particular case:

Some years ago a Monument Builder was in desperate need of a Three Hundred Dollar loan to pay a threatening landlord's claim on overdue rent for such an amount (\$300.00).

He appealed to one of his customers who had a two thousand Dollar monument order placed with him, asking an advance of the required sum, but the customer, a lady, was not then in a position to comply with his request. However she was willing to try to secure from the landlord an extension of time, and inquired for his name.

The landlord happened to be a Jew, and the lady in question, being a member of the Federation of Women's Club, appealed to a fellow member, a Jewish lady with whom she was on very friendly terms asking her to intervene in her behalf and endeavor to obtain a thirty day extension from the Jewish landlord, saying that she expected to raise the money within that period and so help the monument builder out of his difficulties.

However, the Jewish lady asked this woman to send the monument builder to her home, offering to help the man to obtain a loan of Three Hundred Dollars from the Hebrew Free Loan Association without

interest or expense --- that is, if this woman were willing to be one of the endorsers of the note, and the loan to be repaid by the monument builder in weekly installments.

This lady customer had never heard of such an Institution and was frankly puzzled, fearing, as she modestly stated, that such a loan might put her and the monument builder to undue publicity and expense. The Jewish lady, however, made it clear to her that the Hebrew Free Loan Association, guided by a Jewish law, is obligated to make loans to Jews and Gentiles alike, to those in need of temporary help, without interest and without publicity.

The monument builder came to the Jewish lady's home, was introduced to her husband, who is an officer of the Free Loan Association, and asking him for the name of another endorser, the monument builder gave him that of one of his Jewish customers who also was his college fraternity brother.

This endorsement was easily obtained and the Board granted the loan without any objections. Paul Peiss was his endorser.

The monument builder, a member of a traditional Anti-Semitic family, and who could not obtain such a loan of Three Hundred Dollars from any of his own countrymen, without paying exorbitant interest, is now exalting the lofty spirit of Judaism among his countrymen with wonderful results against Anti-Semitism.

Upon you, Brothers and Sisters, rests the burden to devise ways and means to make it impossible for our enemies in our rank to poison the minds of their helpless victims against the law of Moses and the teachings of Jesus to carry out the divine Commandments in

Deuteronomy "Thou shall fear the Lord, thy God; Thou shall let thy brother live with thee; Thou shall not lend thy money upon usury to thy brothers".

Respectfully submitted for your
Kindest consideration,

MARCUS FEDER, Sr.



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January 16, 1934

Dr. Abba H. Silver
Cleveland, O.

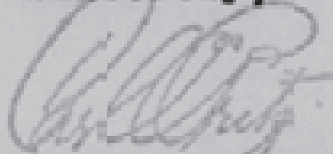
Dear Dr. Silver:

We beg to advise you that the status of your pledge to the Hebrew Union College Endowment Fund is as follows:

AMOUNT OF PLEDGE	PAID TO DATE	AMOUNT NOW DUE
<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	<u>\$ 100.00</u>

Your remittance at this date will be highly appreciated.

Sincerely,



CARL E. PRITZ,
Treasurer

January 17, 1934.

Mr. Samuel H. Guth,
10019 Hampden Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Guth:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter and for the invitation which you extend to me and to Mrs. Silver to be your guests at the Purim Party of the Shomrei Hadath Congregation on March 4th. I feel highly honored. We shall be very happy to attend the party providing nothing interferes with our plans. As you know a rabbi's program for Sunday evening is usually filled with weddings and other engagements. There is also the possibility of my having to leave the city that evening. However, if I am free, I shall be very happy to come.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS: BK

January 17, 1934.

Mr. Dave A. Kates,
3368 E. 152nd St.,
Shaker Heights, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Kates:

In reply to your kind letter of
January 12th, permit me to say that I shall
be very pleased to see you any morning up
until 1 P.M. Please telephone before you
come to make sure that I am not otherwise
occupied.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS: BK

January 17, 1934.

Rohner, Gehrig & Co., Inc.,
15 Moore Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I have received one pair of shoes from you, whereas, I ordered two. The check which I sent you for \$35.45 covers the price of two pairs. I assume that the other pair will soon arrive.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK

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January 17, 1934.

Dr. A. H. Silver,
105 Street & Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed please find a Reprint
of the Statement on my dissertation. I trust
that you will find time to read it.

With kind personal regards, I
remain

Faithfully yours,

Herman Halperin

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To the Stockholders of the
Palestine Economic Corporation:

We are pleased to enclose check in payment of our first dividend equal to 1%, payable to stockholders of record December 20, 1933.

While this dividend is being paid on fractions of a share, it will be the policy in the future to pay dividends only on full shares. You are hereby accorded the privilege of bringing your fraction of a share to a full share by purchasing the fractional difference at the rate of \$100.00 per share. This privilege expires on July 2, 1934.

We are advised by counsel that upon the basis of rulings received from the United States Treasury Department, the Corporation must withhold with respect to this dividend the tax of 5% imposed by the National Industrial Recovery Act upon dividends, and this amount has accordingly been deducted.

Very truly yours,

PALESTINE ECONOMIC CORPORATION

By

Bernard Fleisher

Chairman of the Board

2419 East 61 Street
Cleveland, Ohio
January 18, 1934

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road and East 105 Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I think you would be interested to know of a "Hitler in our midst". The person I am referring to is Mr. J. E. Lutton, credit manager of the J.M.&L.A. Osborn Company, who in a recent conversation with me said,

"Your People (The Jews) need a Hitler."

"Is that so," I said. "I suppose you are one of the Hitlerites."

"Yes I am," he replied. "I would be worse than Hitler. I would kill every one of them."

I am perfectly willing to explain the whole matter of the conversation to anyone interested. There was nothing in it to provoke such an attitude or statement on Mr. Lutton's part.

Every civilized, sane person disapproves of racial intolerance, and narrow mindedness. The United States is a monument to tolerance and freedom. It is certainly my duty as everyone else's not to allow intolerance to gain sway.

I have sent copies of this letter to the Cleveland Press, and to the Jewish World. I also wanted you to have one. You may make any use of this information that you wish.

Yours truly,

J. Katcher

701 Lafayette Ave
Buffalo, N. Y.

Jan. 18, 1934

Dear Silver,

I am sending you under separate cover a copy of my new Hebrew book. The book has been very favorably received in Palestine. I hope you will find time to read it. My previous book of poems I believe you have.

There is one personal matter I should like to lay before you. I need a position. From the University of Buffalo where I have been teaching for

For six years I draw a salary of seven hundred dollars a year - hardly enough to maintain my family. I understand that at the Hebrew Union College there is going to be a vacancy in Hebrew language, and I suppose this is the time when plans are made for next year. Could my name be urged before the proper authorities of the College? I think I qualify. I would serve the institution loyally. Or, if this effort fails (I don't know why it should), would you recommend me to

~~any~~ other Academic or educational position? I would be so grateful.

I have just finished a new book, Maimonides' Logic, to be published by the American Academy for Jewish Research in honor of that great Jewish Philosopher's 800th birth-day.

I was happy to see you here. Would I could see more of you.

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Temple Israel
Saint Louis

FERDINAND M. ISSERMAN, RABBI

OFFICE OF THE RABBI
KINGHIGHWAY AND WASHINGTON
SAINT LOUIS

January 18, 1934.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th St. & Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Abba:

I feel that I owe you an apology for keeping you so late on Saturday night. This was due to the fact that my watch was set for Central Standard Time, and Cleveland is on Eastern Time.

I was lucky to learn about this else I might have been one hour late for services.

With many thanks for your gracious hospitality,
I remain

Sincerely yours,

Ferd

FMI:BA

January 18, 1934.

Mr. Saul Schachne,
1150 West 3rd Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Schachne:

I would suggest that you have Mr. Sel
Schulman get in touch with the Zionist Organization
in New York, 111 Fifth Ave., New York City. They would
give him all the information that he requires.

I want to thank you for your kindness in letting
me read the letter of the late Louis Marshall.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX
Enc.

January 18, 1934.

Mr. Fred Joseph,
3157 Kingsley Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Joseph:

Let me thank you for your kind note of
January 11th.

After consulting with Mrs. Silver, I have
definitely decided not to take out any annuity
insurance at this time. Thank you for your kindness
in bringing the subject to my attention.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

January 18, 1934.

Mr. Solomon Bernards,
343 S. Crawford Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Bernards:

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

I would suggest that you take one or two courses in public speaking at some Night School or some other institution in your city. That, I am sure, would prove helpful to you. When I am next in Chicago, come to see me and I shall be glad to talk the matter over with you in person.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BX

January 18, 1934.

Mr. John Makfalvi Mosberger,
3211 Chatham Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Mosberger:

Let me thank you for your thoughtfulness
in writing to me. I appreciate tremendously
the noble and truthful ideas expressed in your
letter.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BX

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Jan. 19, 1934

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
E. 105th St. & Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I hope you will soon get a chance
to read the paper that I delivered at the Con-
ference in Milwaukee. I am particularly anxious
to get your frank criticism and estimate of it.

With best wishes, I remain,

BH:DP

Most sincerely yours,

Bernard Heller

Chapel and, Ohio
Jan. 19, 1934

Dear Ralph Silver,

I'm writing you I am aware that I am in no understanding now. I am deeply appreciative of your expressing a wish to chat with me when the opportunity presents itself - showing to it how that you think I have ideas worthy of exchanging. I have been apprehensive of that and I have sought to find means of putting these ideas into concrete and useful (to you) form: From this, that since we seem to have similar conceptions, might be the means of furthering similar objectives. I mean objectives that the word extra-religious seems to fit, as the word extra-political might be applied to the idea of discovery of public works projects. For such work to be done there must be granted recognition of concrete values in art or religious aid or social aid in the establishment of values that have been lost or a result of racial and sectional differences; consequences of post-war failures of adjustment.

The fact that there are no ready vehicles for expressing such work should not prevent us from standing in the way of their production.

I do not believe that by economic
improvement alone we will regain former
levels of approximate content and well being.

You know of my wish to do drawings
abroad or even in Palestine and of my
belief that ^{we} ~~you~~ are assured technique can
withstand confusing points of view and
can substantiate through its medium values
~~in~~ and for the present that were sacred
in the past.

Though in presenting these thoughts for
your consideration I know that I am
adding, if you but read them, to the
preoccupations of which you spoke and
of which I am at least partly aware
I cannot assume that I am doing
you a disfavor without denying the sense
of my experience and capacities nor
would I think myself able to have your
good opinion.

Sincerely Yours

Bluma H. Rosenbaum

14414 Upton Ave
Cleveland 9 Ohio

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
My dear Rabbi, -

Ever since you uttered
the very beautiful and final
tribute to my dear departed
Husband, I have intended
writing to thank you,
and assure you of our
appreciation of your
kindnesses to me and the
girls.

Please accept this small
amount as an expression
of our gratefulness to

to you.

With very kindest
greetings, I remain,
Very sincerely,
Elsa G. Buda.



2582 Colchester Rd.
Cleve. Hgts. Ohio.
Jan. 19, 1934.

J. S. Royer

Holtan, Ill.

January 20, 1934.

Rabbi Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I listened with much interest and profit to your sermon January 7 at The University of Chicago Chapel. We need more of such philosophy. The radio is becoming the means by which the common people are receiving messages which are bringing to the world the Gospel of Light and Truth.

I am writing a series of articles for publication. They will give my reflections on some of the most significant incidents of my life. One of the brief articles relates to my attending the services of a Jewish Temple in Chicago some years ago. I was very much impressed with the deep religious feelings of the service and the fine cultural qualities of the people attending. It all left a lasting impression.

At the time--(some fifteen years ago) my two sons were attending the State University of Iowa. While there they attended religious services at the Unitarian Church, where one Sunday the pastor gave a fine address on the sterling qualities of the Hebrew people. One of my sons soon after hearing this address wrote me regarding the subject of his pastor's address. My answer to his letter is addressed to, My dear Friend:

I have thought of including this letter in the brief sketches which I am writing and will call, NOTES BY THE WAYSIDE.

I am taking the liberty of sending you this brief paper and will very much appreciate your appraisal of what I have said. Am also inclosing two other brief papers and would be thankful for your criticism of what they contain.

I shall be happy to hear from you and remain,

Gratefully and sincerely yours,

J. L. Meyer.

*Please return inclosures.
Postage inclosed.*



January 22, 1934.

Mrs. Elsa G. Bulen,
2582 Colchester Rd.,
Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Bulen:

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 in a small charity which I use
from time to time.

With all good wishes, permit
me to remain

Very cordially yours,



AHS:BE

January 22, 1934.

Mr. J. Katcher,
2419 E. 61st St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Katcher:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of January 18th. I am sorry that you had the unfortunate experience with the gentlemen about whom you write to me. May I suggest that it isn't always wise to write about these things to the newspapers. There is very little to be gained in giving extensive publicity to such opinions of individuals.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK

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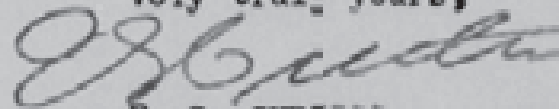
Rabbi A. H. Silver,
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Under date of January 12th, we wrote you enclosing a renewal note for your signature to cover the renewal of your collateral note which matured January 12th.

Up to the present writing the note has not been returned to us, and we shall appreciate receiving it by return mail, as the note in our files matured on the above date.

Very truly yours,



E. S. CURCISS,
Vice President.

RB:VH

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ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE
Chicago, Ill

January 22, 1934.

Rabbi Morris S. Lazaron,
1914 Madison Avenue,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Rabbi Lazaron:

We have been simply swamped with work and, despite the enlargement of our organization, we find it extremely difficult to keep abreast of our correspondence. This accounts for the delay in answering yours of January 9, which delay was in no sense advertent.

We are having compiled a list of all Jewish motion picture interests. We are now negotiating with the Chicago Board of Movie Censorship to review practically all pictures which come to them. Special notation will be made of the producing firms, the nature of the picture, the types represented in the cast. Over a period of time there will be a collation of very material information. It is our intention to strongly follow, through our New York and Los Angeles committees, those moving picture interests which seem to have no perception of their responsibility as an educational medium.

We have compiled a very extended list of Jewish theatrical interests. This covers pretty well the United States and Canada. We are prepared, if necessary, to contact all of them through our League representatives in hundreds of cities. If the constructive purpose of Jewish leaders like yourself and organizations like ours, which have in mind the conservation of the Jewish good name as well as the welfare of the American people, is to be disregarded, we feel that we can cause sufficient pressure to be brought to effect a change of heart.

A threat to the box office is very potent. We dislike very greatly to utilize militant methods of this character, but if it be absolutely necessary, we will do so.

In the meantime, our California committee is compiling information for us and we are anticipating receipt of it in the very early future.

We shall be happy to exchange information with you and to cooperate insofar as we can in effecting a worthwhile purpose.

Very cordially yours,

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Richard E. Gutstadt
Director

January 23, 1934

Dear Abba,

It is so happy to hear that you saw Jack so soon after his arrival in New York. He writes you were friendly and sympathetic. How like you, dear Abba. I only hope his hopes will soon be realized and that he will connect up with something real soon. He is going around seeing many people and seems to be cheerful and confident that something will turn up.

We at home here are having some real winter weather. We had enough rain this last week to make up for last time, for which the country is quite grateful. We manage to keep well and comfortable with the help of a few little stoves. We even had a small snowfall last week, which certainly delighted the children. Danny made half a snowman, but the rain washed it away before he had time to finish. The folks are wonderful and are doing everything possible to make us happy here.

Am happy to hear that Virginia and the children are well. Does your Daniel go to school, already? - Tell Virginia to write me about ~~you~~ all of you..

Many, many thanks for your little something. Right now it seems like a million to me. It will tide me over very nicely for incidentals etc, until Jack gets started. How sweet and thoughtful of you, dear.

Love and kisses to all of you from the children and myself.



Devotedly,

Rae.

January 23, 1934.

Rabbi Joseph L. Fink,
Temple Beth Zion,
599 Delaware Avenue,
Buffalo, New York.

My dear Joe:

I wish you would find out for me whether the Quality Yeast Corporation, 6163 East Market Street, is selling yeast made in Germany or in the United States. Some of their customers in Cleveland have inquired of me. I would appreciate an early reply.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:AY

MORRIS S. LAZARON
1914 MADISON AVENUE
BALTIMORE, MD.

January 24, 1934.

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

Dear Abba:

Si ippur nuove. I will
keep you informed.

Love to you all.

M. S. Lazaron

copy to Rabbi Silver

January 24, 1934.

Mr. Richard E. Cutstadt,
Anti-Defamation League,
130 N. Wells Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Cutstadt:

I received your letter of the 22nd and I am happy indeed to note that you are setting up an effective instrument to deal with the motion picture problem. It is my belief that this is among the most important things which Jews must do. We cannot, in the nature of things, tackle the whole problem because non-Jews are in part responsible, but we can bring the strongest pressure to bear upon the Jewish producers and stop the breach in the wall at that point.

You are quite right that the most effective way to handle the proposition is to accumulate facts. I believe, however, that a time limit should be set to the reviewing of pictures. I should say the period of one month is quite enough to get detailed information. My suggestion, therefore, is that you set this fixed limit and notify the Chicago and other groups who are reviewing pictures to send their information in at the end of one month - say, by March 1st. Meanwhile, I shall make contact with Mr. Bernard Cough, the Baltimore movie censor, explain what we are doing and ask him to make similar notations on all pictures he reviews. I shall send this information on to you.

By March, then, you will have the information. Will you then tell me just what steps you plan to take at that time?

With kind regards,

Faithfully yours,

copy to Rabbi Silver

January 24, 1934.

Mr. Bernard B. Gough,
First National Bank Building,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Gough:

I am happy to report to you that the point you raised in such fine and friendly fashion is bearing fruit and that the Anti-Defamation League is taking steps. We must first, however, accumulate facts. Arrangements have been made through the Chicago Board of Censors to review all pictures passing before them, listing the title of the picture, the name of producing company, and incidents in the picture which might produce anti-Jewish feeling.

May I ask you, in a quite unofficial and purely friendly way, to do this? Between now and March 1st, will you take a little notebook as you review pictures day by day, list these incidents, titles, producers, etc.? I will be glad if you will include such things as use of Jews in abortion scenes, salacious gestures or remarks, and the like. Much ill feeling can be aroused, as you know probably better than I, by innuendo as well as by the spoken word. Keep a definite file of this information and forward it to me by March 1st. I shall be grateful to you and I assure you that all information will be confidential. It is the facts that count in the endeavor and it will be especially helpful coming from an unprejudiced and unbiased source.

With kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

Morris S. Lazaron.

Y oungstown, Ohio. Ja nuary 24, 1934.

R abbi Abba Hillel Silver: We enjoy ed y our lecture of the 23, very much a nd find much food for thought in it along with co nsiderable alarm. After condemning the Hitler , Mussolini and Stalin types o f government , making Germany great and the Germans very little, you give prai se to the man in Americaa who i s do ing the same thing. May I call so me things to your attention . As a n American of the upper middle class who who hopes we are not going to rewri te the National a nthem with i ts Land of o f the free and the home of the brave, I am greatly concerned lest the con trol of our institu tions, all our business, even the very thought s of our minds be controlled by those who would have us follow them with our eyes and ears closed . All done in the name of patriotism and the name of the forgotten man.

Mr Roosevelt while a Socialist in all but name, won the election as Gov. of New York. Then while still wearing that name of Democrat , but having adopted the ideas of the Moley s, Tugwells, Berle, s won the nomination for the Presidency. His speeches were an illustration of the fact that n words may be used to cover up ones meaning as well as to explain it . This might be calle d Chiselling on the Democrats?

Immedi ately he calle d in these men to write his speeches and for further teaching along the lines they have been advocating for y ears .

A government fro m the the top down, by what they call a Co nstitutional Dictatorship, with absolute authority over the eco nomic life of the people also the thinking of the people. That all Democracy has failed and needs replacing . That new for ms of Gov,t must replace the old . That individ⁶ ual effort is always selfish and harmful so we have the constant ridicule of those who have lifted themselves by their own sacr ifice and self denial and the constant glorification of those who have not denied themselves and are in need today.

I mmediately on going into offi ce we find these things happening :

Communist agitators were no longer to sent out of the country , Emma Goldman recently allowed reentry. Such agitators sent to organi ze the workers , (so called) in mines and factories , on Gov,t pay.

Communists can not be discharged from local CWA projects , even when not working. The cessation of their activities against this administration .

Roosevelt began asking for power ever and evr more power with no limit as to the time . This was limited in some cases but not at his req uest.

Thru a cleverly worded law he sought to put the newspapers in his control with power to put any cut of busi ness that opposed him. This was contrarty to our Constitutional rights but a lit tle thing like that does not stop the real di ctator. Then thru NRA codes again the same thing wastwice tried by the cleverest of ruses. This so far has failed.

H owever the elimination of the minority opinion from the radio was a much simpler matter . Due to the licensing system , no voice may be lifted over air today without the approval of this administration .

During the Christmas holidays, Roosevelt told newsmen that he is interested i n putting all means of communications under license? including the telephone and telegraph. That in i tself would most effectively control the press and is a direct subver sion of our American i deals and voiced by one sworn to uphold our liberties.

These things ca n not be la ughed off. To me they are sinister indeedd

These things are said to reporters in Washington and are said to be off the record. They do not make the headlines and the great masses never read beyond the headlines. But surely y ou read beyond the surface news?

These radicals who say plainly in their teaching what they consider the i deal state , so far from our own in its makeup, put into key positions in our Gov,t. As if Woodrow Wilson i n wartime had said to leading Germans in America, Help me win this war against the germans. Roosevelt has put t the salvation of Democracy into the hands of those who do not believe in it.

These men are writing the laws for congress.

Each of these laws passed last spring or this term of Congress has one characteristic. Each takes power and freedom from the individual, from business and from duly elected representatives of the people and transfers it to men appointed by the President or to the President himself. The real purpose of the Tugwell Food and Drug act is not its protection of life but its transfer of power. Power over those who oppose its purposes. over those guilty of public opposition, power to favor those industrial firms that give the most support.

Minority groups will have no voice in the new America. As on Russia they will be eliminated as rapidly as possible by controlled education, press, starvation, intimidation, ridicule spread of falsehoods. Last summer it was ordered that our schools should teach what the government wanted taught but this order was considered premature and later withdrawn. This can be verified. Now it is proposed to gather in Washington a group of several hundred young men and give them a course in Gov't at govt expense. All fine if carried out in a non partisan manner. But Dangerous indeed if the purpose is to train for Communistic leadership.

Business, given every handicap, is then told it is fighting for its life and if it fails, what it has left will be taken away.

That a revolution will surely come if we do not what ever is asked by Roosevelt. But who wants it more than those in power? Using the lowest part of our people as club over every other class. Hey!

Revolutions always go farther than their leaders plan and ours would be no exception.

Meanwhile, business is being forced to spend all its capital so that it too will be at the mercy of the government, as are our rail roads, insurance companies, banks, and farmers. What an opportunity it is indeed for a Mussolini, a Hitler or a Stalin. This American Mussolini must be judged by his actions, not his words. A winning personality in the hands of one who considers himself the Moses of this generation may be only a Napoleon with a delusion of grandeur.

It all fits into the Dictatorship jigsaw. Put the pieces together and begin to use the various powers you have acquired, including the two billion to be unaccounted for. Manipulate credit to break every large firm. Prevent any public discussion except what you desire people to know. License all business and hold every license in the hands of those appointed by the President. Only control of telephone and telegraph and press prevent this very thing.

Another proposal of deep meaning also. that all taxes should be paid at Washington. "The hand that holds the purse strings" etc.

One Party? His own. There are nightmare possibilities in all this. What dummy elections are Germany and Italy know all too well? And meanwhile leaders of the peoples thought, the Father Coughlin, and the Rev. Philo and the Rabbi Silvers, help grease the toboggan down which our liberties are certainly being taken for a ride and the climb back would indeed be a bloody one.

Please Return

Cleveland, Ohio,
January 25th, 1934.

Rabbi H. Silver,

Dear Rabbi:

Please advise me on the following matter:

Several years ago when the world began to roll downward, economically, and I with it, I had a little money saved, the reward of twenty years of indescribable hard toil on the part of my self and my wife. The depression left me without business or work of any kind, and our savings began to dwindle. From a saving account of about seven thousand dollars we are now down to about twenty five hundred dollars. We saw a very tragic end ensuing upon us, and the constant worry of the past several years has undermined our health. I decided to apply to the county Relief for aid before we are faced with starvation. I was granted the fabulous sum of \$3.50 a week. I was not aware that I was doing the wrong thing. Recently a friend pointed out that the government might cheat up and find that my wife has money, and hold us both liable for it. (The money is in my wife's name.) We are both terribly worried over it, and would very much appreciate your advice on this matter.

Respectfully Yours, Meyer Dworkin,
2531 E. 80th St.

Los Angeles Jan 26/34

Rev. William Silver

Dear Sir.

On January 1st of this year I mailed a check to apply on the Adelaide Simplimer Waltz Memorial Book Fund, which I have done every year since my darling's death on Jan. 8th 1916, and up to date, have not received an acknowledgement or any of the Bulletins.

Would you kindly look into the matter and if possible send me the Jan. Bulletin as they are so very interesting and I enjoy reading them.

Hoping this will not inconvenience
you, with many thanks for your
trouble, I am

Very Sincerely
Mrs. Sarah R. Simpliner
40 Westmont Apts
807 So. Westlake Ave
Los Angeles
Calif.



January 26, 1934.

Rabbi Jonah Wise,
7 Hanover Street,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Jonah:

Mr. Samuel Hartman, of this city, called me up this morning and asked me to write to you in the hope of interesting you in the case of Alfred Haas. Mr. Haas is a young attorney from Germany whose residence permit in the United States is about exhausted or is already exhausted. He would like to be allowed to remain in the States. I promised Mr. Hartman, who is a very fine Jew and who has been very active in all relief campaigns since the war, to write to you. Perhaps you can help Mr. Alfred Haas. His address is 3123 - 63rd St., Jackson Heights, Long Island.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK

January 26, 1934.

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

My dear Genet:

I am enclosing herewith a letter and
I would appreciate having your advice in the matter.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

January 29, 1934.

Mr. Albert I. Cornsweet,
1222 North Campbell Ave.,
Tucson, Arizona.

My dear Albert:

I learned at the last meeting of the Board that you and your dear wife are in Arizona in an effort to recuperate and to regain your health. I am sorry that I did not know of it ere now. But my life has been so crowded ever since my return from abroad with local and national duties that a great number of things have escaped my attention. I sincerely hope that your stay in Arizona is benefiting both you and your wife and that you will soon be able to return to us completely restored in health.

I am writing this on the coldest day of the year. Cleveland is in the midst of a good old-fashioned blizzard. I write you this so that you may enjoy still more the sunshine of Arizona.

The Temple Bulletin undoubtedly keeps you informed about the numerous activities at The Temple. It has been a very busy and interesting season so far.

With all good wishes to you and yours,
I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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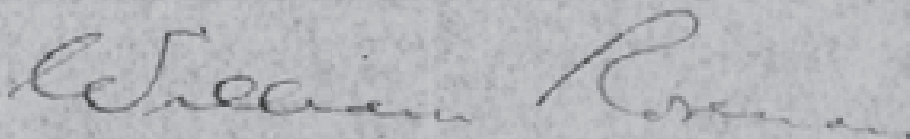
January 29, 1934.

Dear Colleague:-

I am again obliged to ask your assistance in a matter which, as I learn, neither the Board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis nor the Joint Distribution Committee could treat separately and directly. Miss Selma Levy, of Berlin, Germany, the daughter of the deceased Dr. Jacob Levy, compiler of the Talmudic and the Biblical Aramaic Dictionaries, is, at her age of eighty, suffering from want bordering on starvation. I personally sent recently a contribution which kept her going for a short while. May I ask you to be one of a number of Rabbis to whom I am appealing to send me \$5.00 or \$10.00 as your means permit, in order that the present generation of Rabbis may, through their gift to Miss Levy, honor the memory of a great scholar, by whose work all of us have benefited. Please send me your contribution at an early date and make the check payable to me so that I can forward the currency to Miss Levy. I shall deeply appreciate your prompt co-operation.

Thanking you in advance, I am, with best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



WILLIAM ROSENAU

P.S. Please excuse the fact that this communication is not written on a regular letterhead. The promptness with which this request had to be sent out made it necessary to have a number of copies made at the same time.

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Dear Abba ^{and} Virginia,

I expect to leave Larch Friday,
by bus, for Kansas City. I am due
in Cleveland Sat. at 12¹⁵ p.m. will stay
over a day or so. A friend of mine
from Coshocton, O. is coming out
to see me. I hope to find
you all well ^{and} happy.

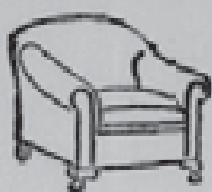
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Dear Mr. L. Lane

Jan 30-34

I am writing you this letter because I am compelled by circumstances, and I must let you know that it is very critical to me. I must do something out of the ordinary now to keep going in my business or I go under completely.

So I ask you to please, find some way of transferring with proper safeguards some of the children's money to me so I can hold out enough to carry on, until things pick up again.

My creditors are after me now, and delay means they are closing my business. After all the years in business it will be terrible, because I can not get a job now. I must give the children their education and a home at least. That is why it is a very serious matter for them that I carry on.

I have tried everything else and this is my last chance. On Feb. 6th I have a note in the bank due. I must pay. They will not renew same because of my checks returned uncollected. My balance is too small. I will subscribe to any security you find necessary. Will you give me my insurance policy. Give me my store and give you notes, or mortgages on my business. This is my only chance to continue on in business.

I have tryed everything else there is nothing
else left for me, but a hope you will
and must try to help by a loan from
the children fund.

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January 31, 1934

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
% The Temple
E. 135th at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

As you wish to use the current dividend under your policy No. 232143 in partial payment of the January semi-annual premium, it will be necessary that you sign and return the enclosed dividend voucher.

Yours very truly,

H. M. Bode

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