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Personal correspondence, 1939 September.

September 1, 1939 Rabbi William B Schwartz Temple Israel Central Avenue and Winchester Place Lawrence, N.Y. My dear Rabbi Schwartz: Habbi Slver's Conference Paper has not as yet been published. I do not know whether it will be published before it appears in the C.C.A.R. Yearbook. In the meantime, I am referring your request to Rabbi Silver's secretary who will place your name on the mailing list in case the Paper is printed before the Yearbook comes out. With kindest personal greetings, I am Sincerely yours, MH:BJK Rabbi Melbourns Harris

ISAAC HERZOG, M.A., D. Litt.

CHIEF RABBI OF THE HOLY LAND

JERUSALEM.

P.O.B. 1102 מל. Sep. 2rd 1939

TEL. 2361 . ליי

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Cleveland, O.

Dear Dr. Silver,

You will by now have received a letter from Mrs. Kook, daughter-in-law of my late revered predecegsor Cbief Rabbi Kook, >": regarding Rabbi Krislow's recalcitrance in connection with his unfortunate wife.

Kindly do your best to bring Rabbi Krislow to a sense of his bounden duty. Despite his signed undertaking to support his wife with £.6 per month, he has not sent for the past seven months more than seven dollars!

Write for yours size rely yours

Sauce Herfog

N. B. I have also written to Rabbi Peiros about this matter.

My Dear Rabbi:

I wonder if you would undertake a confidential mission for me. I am estranged from my family and because of the circumstances of the estrangement desire to communicate with them without divulging to them my whereabouts.

Will you permit me to send to you letters to be forwarded by you to my family and in turn to receive letters from them to transmit to me. I shall not impose upon you in this matter until I am convinced that you will not be questioned as to my address and will not be pestered by my family.

I hope, if you will accommodate me in this matter, to be able in a very short time to straighten out the tangled web of my family troubles to such an extent that I can again correspond directly with my people.

If you will do this you will be instrumental in preventing the wrecking of three lives needlessly.

I take the liberty of enclosing two letters to be forwarded, without return address, and a self addressed stamped envelope for your reply. I take the liberty of imposing upon you in this instance because I am sure that you, as a rabbi, will respect the confidence and keep my present address secret.

While I am financially embarrassed at the moment, I shall, from time to time, make such financial contribution as I am able, to any charity local of national, of your selection, which, I am sure, is the best way I can express my appreciation of any thing you might do for me in this regard.

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Eli D. Langert

399 Laurel Street

San Francisco, California

September 7, 1939 Mr. Aaron Permut, President Orthodox Jewish Orphan Home 879 Parkwood Drive Cleveland, Ohio My dear Mr. Permut: I am enclosing herewith a letter of August 5th with a check for Six Dollars which was sent to me by Mr. Fred Soul. He asked me to apply the amount to a Jewish orphan organization and I am sending the money to the Orthodox Jewish Orphan Home. Please acknowledge this contribution t Mr. Soul. With all good wishes for a happy new year, I remain Very sincerely yours, AHS: BJK Enc.

100 St. Nicholas av. New york Cety. My dear Doctor Silver: You may or may not remember me, but I do really think and talk Hyan godle often. Visitor of the old Temple on 55th Street to hear your lettures and I also visited you

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in new york along with Galfi Wise Two out of the City when you spoke but my wife Called my attention to the last that you had spoken, and since I was unable to Sisten to you I got a copy of your appress. The used to attend the Temple servises with on Sunlaye you will be able to send me that copy. Sincerely yours Serrge Weston

September 7, 1939 Mrs. Harry Levin 1159 S. Citrus Ave. Los Angeles, California My dear Mrs. Levin: I am enclosing herewith a Certificate of Marriage as you requested. Please procure the signatures of two witnesses present at the ceremony. With best wishes, I remain Very sincerely yours, BJK Secretary to Dr. Silver.

September 8, 1939 Mr. Harry H. Kozman 15914 St. Clair Ave. Cleveland, Ohio My dear Friend: I have been informed by the office of The Temple that you have made a contribution to the Scholarship Fund of The Temple in appreciation of the safe return of my family and myself from Europe. Need I tell you how deeply I appreciate the thoughtfulness, friendship and loyalty which prompted your contribution. I assure you that my family and I are most happy to be back home away from the horrors and tragedies of war in Europe in the peace and freedom of our beloved country. I wish you and all your dear ones a most happy new year. Most cordially yours. AHS: BK

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MR. MARCUS FEDER, SR. SWETLAND BLDG. September 9th, 1939 Rabbi A. H. Silver, 2 East 105th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. My dear Doctor:-As a faithful supporter of all your great aims in Life, permit me to join "Kol Jisrael" and extend to you my hearty wishes for a happy successful New Year, illuminated by the happy surrounding of your dear family. May God guide you in the future as he guided you in the past on the progress of "Kol Jisrael". MARCUS FEDER, SR. BR

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September 10, 1939 Mr. H. Friedman 11724 Imperial Ave. Cleveland, Ohio My dear Mr. Friedman: I would suggest that you get in touch with the Jewish Social Service Bureau. That is an organization conducted by the community to render just the kind of service of which you stand in need. With all good wishes for a happy new year, I remain Very cordially yours, AHS : BK

The Temple An rel Road & 105th. Cleveland, Olio

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by wifed from the face of the earth. Regards.

may God power bless you". M. C. Rusk

September 10, 1939 Mr. W. C. Rusk The Ohi -Buick Co. 1900 E. 24th St. at Euclid Ave. Cleveland, Ohio My dear Mr. Rusk: I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing to me on the occasion of my homecoming. It is good to be back in a land of peace and freedom. With all good wishes, and a ain thanking you for your kind remembrance, I remain Cordially yours, AHS: BK

As per your suggestion of last Friday, I submit to you the following facts concerning myself, which I hope you will find helpful when writing to the Fort Wayne congregation.

The Temple.

I was born in Pinsk where I received the traditional training in Hebrew and Talmud, etc. In this country, where I arrived before the World War, I obtained my secular education at the universities of Missouri and Kansas. Before entering the rabbinate I served as principal of the largest Hebrew School in St. Louis and later as director or the Associated Hebrew Schools, which I organized. graduated from the Hebrew Union College with the class of 1928.

My first rabbinical post was at Sunbury, Pa. and I have been serving this community for the past five years. You know this community and congregation longer, and, no doubt, better than I do. The rabbinical office here was a barely recognized appendage of the Hebrew teacher's job. I strove to raise its dignity, and, I am happy to add, that I have succeeded. This community had always been contented with High Holy Day services and with a bare minyan on Sabbaths. Late Friday night services had been attempted here at various times only to be given up. In spite of the discouraging past experiences, I have maintained regular late Friday night services with a high average attendance and with a volunteer mixed choir which, too, was an unprecedented innovation here. In addition to having become a permanent feature of this community's religious life, these services have also contributed towards a better understanding between us and the Gentiles; Christian visitors to our services have been quite frequent.

As a result I have received many requests to speak at various church services, to address Sunday School classes, high school students, and teachers' groups. For several years I have been an officer of the Ministerial Association, a director of the Neighborhood House, and have actively participated in every undertaking of the general community.

I am married and have two sons, aged fourteen and eight. My salary is very modest, affording me only a hand-to-mouth existence. I am obliged to be very sparing with my expenditures for books and with my contributions to causes that are close to my heart. My old parents also have claims on my support and my elder son will be ready for college in two years.

I might have added some comment on my work in the field of Jewish education and my Zionist activities, but I see that this letter is quite long as it is.

Dr. Morgenstern's letters, which I enclose, will give you a sort of official comment on my work.

Assuring you of my deep appreciation of your kindness in having received me last Friday and in offering
to recommend me to the Fort Wayne congregation, I am,
with best wishes for a sold and your family,

Very sincerely yours,

Julius Kerman.

Enc.

THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

CINCINNATI, OHIO

December 17, 1937. (Dict.Dec.16)

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Rabbi Julius Kerman, 9th St. and Reid Ave., Lorsin, Ohio.

My dear Kerman:

I have read yours of the 13th inst. carefully and with the utmost sympathy. I agree fully with you that you are entitled, on the basis of your work thus far, to promotion in your chosen profession. Unfortunately however, and I say this to my extreme regret, this will not be easy.

The situation in the rabbinate has changed quite a bit in the last two years. As you know, we have cut down our enrollment at the College systematically during the last eight years so that the classes which are graduating now are comparatively small. In consequence, there is comparatively little difficulty now in finding positions of the ordinary character of initial pulpits for our graduates. The problem of the rabbinate today is to find congregations of a sufficient size to offer a reasonable opportunity for service and a salary ranging from \$3,000. up, which would constitute a promotion for those of our graduates who have served in their initial pulpits creditably and who are entitled in consequence to advancement. Unfortunately however, there is a great dearth of positions of this type. I have upon my list right now the names of over fifty graduates of our College, practically all of them men of ability, who have served well and are entitled to promotion. They have all written to me within the last year to enlist my support for them in the fulfillment of this ambition. But very few suitable openings present themselves. With the very best will in the world for all of these men, for whom without exception I have a high regard, I can do no more than, when an opening does offer itself, to present to the congregation in question the names of the five or six men upon my list who seem to me to fulfil most completely the qualifications for the pulpit which the congregation sets forth in its letter to me.

All I can say to you at this time is that I shall gladly enter your name upon this list and do what I can in your behalf. Be assured that I understand your situation most sympathetically and am eager indeed to do all that lies within my power for you. But very probably it will take quite some time before the opportunity which I desire as much as you will offer itself. More than this I cannot say at this moment.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I am Very sincerely yours,

Very sincerely yours,

THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

CINCINNATI, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 7, 1938. (Diet.June 2)

Rabbi Julius Kerman, Lorain, Ohio.

My dear Kermans

Replying to yours of the 30th ult., at my very first opportunity, I understand all that you say in your letter and you may be sure with utmost sympathy. Unquestionably you are entitled to advance in the rabbinate. You have served faithfully ever since your graduation, but the situation in the rabbinate today is more difficult and distressing than I have ever known it to be, especially for men like yourself. Of this year's four graduates of the College, the smallest class in 25 years, two are already placed and I feel reasonably certain that I will be able to find small beginning pulpits for the others. But for men like yourself who have served for a number of years, faithfully and constructively, there is almost no opportunity at the present moment. In fact, although you may not realize it, I can assure you you are far better off than quite a good many of your colleagues. At the present moment there are at least a half dozen men, most of them very worthy and deserving, who are entirely without positions and this in most cases through no failt of their own; and there seems almost no opportunity to get anything for them. They must take whatever they can find. In consequence of this situation I have been writing quite regularly to a number of men who have approached me with requests similar to yours that under present circumstances they must be patient and consider themselves fortunate to have something at all. I hope earnestly that conditions may improve, and I imagine that if economic circumstances throughout the country do improve there will be a corresponding easing up in the rabbinate. then some opportunity will offer itself to you. But for the present I must say, to my extreme regret, that I see no opportunity. Be assured, whenever the chance shall come I will be happy indeed to serve you to the best of my ability, and that your name is upon my permanent list and you will not be forgotten.

With cordial greetings and wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

PRESIDENT.

September 11, 1939 Mr. Eli D. Langert 309 Laurel Street San Francisco, California My dear Mr. Langert: Rabbi Silver regrets that he cannot comply with your request. With best wishes, I remain WRHS Very sine rely yours, BJK O/60 Secretary to Rabbi Silver. Enc. - 2

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Hay B. Waylor.

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September 11, 1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver 2 East 105th Street Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

May I take this means and opportunity to say that I am very gladithat you and your wife have returned safely from Europe. Also, to wish you beyachem lesholom.

Wishing you a very happy and prosperous New Year, we remain,

Sincerely yours,

YESHIVATH ADATH BNAI ISRAEL

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President

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September 11, 1939 Mr. Carl Wagner 1576 E. 93rd St. Cleveland, Ohio My dear Mr. Wagner: In reply to your letter of September 9 please be advised that you may procure an admission card to the Holy Day services by making such a request at The Jewish Social Service Bureau in the Huron-Sixth Building. With all good wishes, I remain Very sincerely yours, Secretary to Rabbi Silver. BJK

September 12, 1939 Circulation Department New York Times Times Square New York, N.Y. Dear Sir: Rabbi Silver's copy of the New York Times was discontinued for the summer months while he was vacationing abroad. He is now back in Cleveland and would like to have you resume sending his copy of the Times to the following address: Dr. A. H. Silver 246 E. 105th St. Cleve and, Ohio Thanking you for your early attention to this matter, I remain Very sincerely yours, BJK Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

September 12, 1939 Dr. Silas Star Cleveland Hotel Cleveland, Ohio My dear Dr. Star: Sadie Horkheimer asked me to see that you have accommodations in The Temple for the Holidays. I am enclosing a ticket of admission. When you get to the Temple, please look me up. With best wish s, I am Very cordially yours, VH:K

General Delivery. Of acine, Misconsin Lear Rassi; Im a great admirer of your oratorical tolents as your fame as an orator has spread for and wide. Consequently, when I was told recently by a friend of mine that you published a book of sermone which you had delivered in your temple I was antious to get it. I decided therefore to write to you personally and find ant what it Costa ao I can send you the money and you can send me the Snaok! Elease let me benow at your corbet convenience Sencerely P.S. I hoppen to be a "landsman" of.
yours a fine gon 3. f.

September 12, 1939 Mr. Joseph Schenker G neral Delivery Racine, Wisconsin My dear Mr. Schenker: At the request of Rabbi Silver, who appreciates greatly your kind letter, I am sending you under separate cover his book "Religion in a Changing World" as well as three of his printed sermons. The price of the book is \$2.00 and the pamphlets are \$.25 each. With best wishes, I remain Veby cordially yours, BJK Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

MRS. ROBERT REISLER New York, New York Tues . Sept , 2, 1939 Dear Miss Khine, In reply to your letter of June 26, 1939. I servicely hope the Pabli Silve has successfully returned safely from Europe. & view of the present of crisis there. Will you be st kind as to repeny letter of last summer to here as soon as he has the time to Conside, it? Sweelly your Malle Simon To Pender 619 W 163

September 12, 1939 Mr. Marcus Feder, Sr. 612 Swetland Building Cleveland, Ohio My dear Mr. Feder: Every year at this season I receive from you a beautiful token of your friendship and esteem. It brings me great joy indeed. I need not tell you that I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness. Your beautiful basket of fruit will add greatly to the joy of this Holiday season. I pray that the coming year will be one of great health and happiness to you and yours, and a year of blessed relief for our people. Most cordially yours, AHS: BK

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September 12, 1939

Mr. Abba H. Silver E. 105th St. at Ansel Road Cleveland, Ohio

Re: Policy 2518,435

Dear Mr. Silver:

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If you have any additional questions in connection with your policy, we shall be glad to have you let us know.

Very truly yours,

H. W. Johnson, Cashier

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THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES HOME OFFICE NEW YORK, N.Y. THOMAS I. PARKINSON, PRESIDENT HERMAN MOSS, C. L. U. CLEVELAND, OHIO, GENERAL AGENT 900 UNION COMMERCE BUILDING CLEVELAND, OHIO September 12, 1939. Rabbi A. H. Silver, The Temple, Ansel Road and E. 105th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. Dear Rabbi Silver: Our Home Office has asked me to deliver to you the enclosed letter, which was received while you were away on your vacation, indicating that your Equitable policy, No. 2518, 435, has now become fully paid up as of August 7,1939. This means that you will have \$5000 of paid-up life insurance, with no further premiums to be paid. There is, however, an option whereby you may continue to pay the same premium for 11 3/4 more years, when the policy would become an Endowment, and the face of the policy, \$5000. would be payable to you in cash. This option is selected in only a very few cases, but I am giving you the information so that you may consider whether it is applicable to your own plans. I would be very glad indeed to discuss the matter with you if there is any further information which you may desire. With kind regards, I am Very sincerely yours, HM.N

HERMAN MOSS, GENERAL AGENT 900 UNION TRUST BUILDING CLEVELAND, OHIO

Not having heard from you, I am assuming that Virginia and you may be able to attend the formal opening of Bratenahl School, on Tuesday evening, September 19th, concerning which some posters will no doubt be sent to the residents of the village.

Mr. Ball has well earned some informal comment about the excellent work he has been doing as President of the School Board, as well as his work in following through on the detail of the improvement to the School.

Herman Moss

S-ptember 13, 1939 The Bloch Publishing Co. 31 West 31st St. New York, N.Y. Gentlemen: Please send me one copy of each of the following books: THE MAIN INSTITUTIONS OF JEWISH LAW - Volumes I and II by Isaac Herzog MOSES MAIMONIDES - Edited by Rabbi I. Epstein ANGLO-JEWISH LETTERS (1158-1317) - Edited by Cecil Roth Upon receipt of same, I shall be pleased to send you my check. With all good wishes, I remain V ry sincerely yours, AHS: BK

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MRS. CLARENCE N. WEIDENTHAL 2227 EDGERTON ROAD UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, OHIO

Sept. 16, 1939.

Dear Rabbi Silver, -The enclosed letter came to us about two weeks ago. For a time, Sa and I were much too angry and hurt to do anything at all about it. how after some hesitation, we have decided to return it to you

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know as you will that among

the fine legacies which we have inhested from both our parento

is the memory of many, many years of imquestioning loyalty to the Temple

and its leadership, and that her

unwitting blunder has been indeed

as most unfitting conclusion to on all too rare devotion which

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we in our turn hope to continue. We feel too that our writing to you directly will effect in the future a more careful technique in matters of this hatine. transly, we should there to ofone others the writation resulting from such unnecessary errors. WRHS Sam and Clarence jour me in wishing you, Mis Selver and your boys good health and a fine New Year. Cordially, Anne Cheidenthal

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September 18, 1939 Mrs. Clarence M. Weidenthal 2227 Edgerton Road University Heights, Ohio My dear Mrs. Weidenthal: I was very unhappy over the contents of your letter. Such mistakes are inexcusable. I can account for it in only one way. The officers of the Temple Women's Association are new. They have but recently been elected and their inexperience and lack of information have unfortunately led them into this error. I am sure that you will forgive them. I am at once calling the attention of the President of the Temple Women's Association to this matter and I am confident that no similar mistake will be made in the future. I thank you for bringing it to my attention. With all good wishes for a happy new year, I remain Most cordially yours, AHS: BK

Sept. 16, 1939 hlear Rabbi Silver: I am writing to ask for an appointment, larly this week if at all possible, to ask your advise as well as tell you about a very important question to day, religious persecution at the transfor of a fellow few, a member of your Congregation. Its is rather difficult to put it down on paper and if you aould give me 20 munite or a half how of your valuable time, I assure you it will be must be brought to your attention. very busy week for you but

this would be an opportune time to talk to you. Hoping I may look forward to a Tavorable reply from your, and rousling your and yours a Very Hagpy Mew Year I am texpectfully yours Killian Miller, 1603 Belmar Rd., E. Eleveland Phone: -Yellowston 4632

September 18, 1939 Mr. M. M. Gottlieb Allentown, Pa. My dear Mr. Gottlieb: I have just returned from abroad and find your book, "For the Honor of the Nation", on my desk. Because of the pressure of work during the Holiday season, I have not, as yet, had an opportunity to go through it carefully. However, I have glanced through it and I find it a very intelligently gotten up, stimulating and helpful contribution to the subject of true Americanism and good will. You are to be congratulated upon this work of love to which you have devoted yourself. I am confident that it will have very excellent results. With all good wishes for a very happy new year to you and yours, I remain Most cordially yours, AHS: BK

September 18, 1939 Mr. Peter Siebel Siebel Company 438 West 37th St. New York, N.Y. My dear Mr. Siebel: Upon my return from abroad, I found on my desk the book "Art In Palestine" and your kind letter dated July 20th. I need not tell you that I profoundly appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of the beautiful book which you published. I shall treasure it. You have rendered a real service to the cause of Art in Palestine and to the artists whose works you have reproduced. With all good wishes for a very happy new year, and with kindest regards to Elias Newman, I remain Very cordially yours, AHS: BK

September 18, 1939 Miss Helen Bein 73 Sherman Ave. Mansfield, Ohio My dear Helen: Please pardon the long delay in answering your letter. I have but recently returned from abroad and have been immersed in work ever since. I trust that you are well and that you have had a pleasant summer. The question which you raise is an old and muchly debated one. Books have been written on it and considerable heat has been generated over it. Actually, it is a purely academic question which has little bearing upon the practical problems confronting Jews in the world today. Of course we are a race - though not a pure race - in the same sense as we speak of the Slav, or the Latin, Anglo-Saxon, Gaelic, etc. racial groups. These groups are not as sharply differentiated one from another as some people think, and the differences among the individuals of each racial group are probably more sharply defined than the differences between the races. It is quite proper to speak of the Jewish race and the Jewish religion. Not all Jews, of course, are religious. Nevertheless there is a Jewish religion to which most Jews adhere in one form or another. When you come to Cleveland, I hope that you will come in to see me. With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, AHS: BK

September 18, 1939 Cleveland Co-Ordinating Committee for Refugees Huron-Sixth Building Cleveland, Ohio Attention: Mr. Ben Wolf My dear Mr. Wolf: Enclosed herewith are some letters received by Rabbi Silver. Perhaps there is something you can do about them. With best wishes, I remain Very sincerely you s, AHS:K Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

Eleveland Heights Q 2694 Hampshire Rd. September 18, 1939 Rabbi Hillel Silver, The Demple 105th and and and Rd. My den Rabbi. Tilver: pleasure you gave me last week when you called on us, and I was so surgicied that I fargot to give you the enclosed money you may choose given to whoever I høfe this will do some good to some for people. I pray to God everyday to give me more thrength and a few years more to live and be a member of the Lemple.

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September 19, 1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd. Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you very much for your letter of September 18th.

I know that you are extremely busy. I do hope, however, that you will be able to read "For the Honor of the Nation" sometime soon.

I am attaching a copy of a letter I have just received from Rev. L. M. Birkhead, of the Friends of Democracy, Inc., which is self-explanatory.

We are using the attached folder to help promote the sale of the book.

Of course, it is not necessary for me to tell you about the kind of pressure that is needed to awaken the interest on the part of the average person.

As I see it, the need of reading a book such as "For the Honor of the Nation" is greater than ever.

I hope that you did not have too trying a time while abroad.

With every good wish for the New Year to you and yours and looking forward to hearing from you very soon, I am

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FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY, Inc. L. M. Birkhead, National Director National Headquarters: 713 Fidelity Building: Kansas City, Mo. Sept. 15, 1939 Mr. M. M. Gottlieb Allentown, Pennsylvania Dear Mr. Gottlieb: First of all, let me express my deep appreciation to you for the opportunity that you have given me to read the excellent book, "For the Honor of the Nation". I think it is one of the best statements I have seen of the whole problem of decency and tolerance in our democratic civilization. It deserves a very wide reading. I have submitted this book to our administrative committee and as soon as we have had an opportunity to reach a conclusion as to what use we can put it to in our campaign, I shall get in touch with you. I expect to be in New York again within about a month. It may be possible for us to arrange to get together again at that time. Sincerely, (SIGNED) L. M. BIRKHEAD L. M. Birkhead LMB/jro enc.

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Department of Mathematics

September 19, 1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver United Jewish Appeal 342 Madison Avenue New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I am interested in connection with a will that I am planning to make, in a Jewish charitable institution or organization of a national character which may be expected to be functioning for some time yet, say eight or ten years.

My first attention was attracted by the J.D.C., but its durability is perhaps more or less questionable. I was next considering the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, but there again is the danger of its becoming a University of Arabian Palestine.

I decided, finally, to address myself to you whom I consider most authoritative in such a question to advise me to the best of your ability in this matter.

Will you kindly recommend to me an institution that most corresponds to my object in view, giving its full title and address, also if possible, your particular reasons for preferring that institution to others.

Your earliest reply will be greatly appreciated.

Very respectfully yours,

HILLEL HALPERIN

Original to Dr. Silver

September 19, 1939 Dr. A. H. Silver The Commodore Hotel New York, N.Y. Dear Rabbi Silver: It seems that something always turnsuup at the last moment. This time it's a matter terrible important to Adelaide Dworken, daughter of Max Dworken, Temple member. Mi.ss Dworken plans to marrked on September 10th to Howard Kowit, both confirmants of The Temple, and wants you to officiate at the wedding. Mr. Levy tells me that the Dworken account is delinquent but is sure that it will be cleared up by Mr. Dworken. I promised Miss Dworken that I would try and reach you before you left the country. Are you planning to be back in Cleveland by the 10th of September? And will you schedule the wedding? I'd appreciate your dropping me a line before sailing so that I may notify Miss Dworken. She seemed to hesitate when I suggested Rabbi Harris if you were not here at the time. The enclosed letter from the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto was received this morning. If you would indicate on the letter what reply to make, I'll be glad to answer it for you. And that's about all. My best wishes to you. Mrs. Silver, Daniel and Raphael for a very pleasant summer. Very cordially, P.S. I hesitate to ask this, but would it be "chutzpah" on my part to bill the UJA for secretarial services for June? I would not, of course, do so the rest of the summer. I sort of counted on it. If you do not think so, may I request that check is make out to me, personally, so that it would not have to go through The Temple office. If you think I should not bill this item, please frankly tell me so.

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Pittsburgh, Pa. Tue sday

Dear Habbi Silver:-

way back in the days when we made your University Club study a lunch room and hangout, you wrote a word picture of America. I'd like to have a copy for publication, please.

You and I have failed to cross paths for a long time, too long. Some day, I hope, we shall find time to do a little chatting, just for old time's sake.

Kemember me to Virginia and the boys,

Faithfully,

Si Steinhauser

Huggo Editor

September 21, 1939 Mr. George Weston 100 St. Nicholas Ave. New York, N.Y. My dear Mr. Weston: Permit me to acknowledge your letter of September 7. I regret that we have no more copies left of Rabbi Silver's lecture on "Woodrow Wilson's Contribution to Civilization". With best wishes, I remain Very sinearely yours, AHS: BK Secretary to Rabbi Silver

September 21, 1939 Mr. Si Steinhauser, Radio Editor The Pittsburgh Press Pittsburgh, Pa. My dear Si: I am enclosing herewith a copy of the poem, "America". I was very pleased to hear from you. I trust that you and your family are all well. Why don't you look me up when I get to Pittsburgh? With all good wishes for a very happy new year, I remain Most cordially yours, AHS: BK

September 21, 1939 Mr. and Mrs. Simon Fox 2694 Hampshire Rd. Cleveland, Ohio My dear Friends: It was indeed kind and thoughtful of you to send me a check of \$100 to be distributed to charity. I need not tell you that I am very grateful. I do not know, at the moment just how I will distribute your charity gift, but you will receive receipts from those who will be the recipients of your generosity. Wishing you a most happy new year, and with kindest regards from Mrs. Silver, I remain Most cordially yours, AHS: BK

September 21, 1939 Mrs. Leo Keller 2945 Kensington Rd. Cleveland, Ohio My dear Friend: I received today a heck of \$25 from the Cleveland Trust Company Estates Department for services rendered on the dedication of the tombstone, last Sunday. You should not have gone to the trouble or the expense. I was happy to ren er this small service to you and in memory of a dear friend. In keeping with my practise, I shall place the check into a small charity fund which I use from time to time. With all good wishes for a very happy new year, I remain Very cordially yours, AHS: BK

September 21, 1939 Mr. Casper J. Mil er, President The Collver-Miller Co. 2063 East Ninth St. Cleveland, Ohio My dear Mr. Miller: Let me thank you for your kind letters and the check which you enclosed in refund for my unused tickets for the SS ILE de FRANCE. I did not iffer my tickets to the United States Lines for passage. I am taking the liberty of returning the check for your commission. You are fully entitled to it. You had more work to do in connection with our trip this summer than at any previous time. With all good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours, AHS: BK Enc.



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Rabbi A. H. Silver Ansel Road Temple Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi:

On the eve of our as of Atomerent and Torgiveness I am thinking of you and believe that this easy would be the most appropriate one for reto to you for for torgiveness.

I have no intention be destrict my folly; I know that I was wrong; I know that I should not have done what I did. But please believe me that what I know new, I did not know several months ago. My health was so impaired and my nerves so shattered, that I did not know what I was doing. My wife and I have been in an abnormal condition. My doctors will confirm this statement. Sufficient to say that I have suffered two nervous breakdown consecutively.

This is the only defense I have for all my unpardonable actions. Based on this defense, I am asking for your forgiveness.

I just can't bear the thought of your being angry with me. You know how devoted I have been to you for the past fifteen years and, believe it or not, I still am. There is nothing in the world that I would not do for you. You have done very much for me, even more than I could expect; but, I am sorry to say, that in the state of mind in which I was in last summer, I was incapable of appreciating your generosity. However, looking at matters now, I appreciate more than words can ever express, everything that you did for me.

I am now making every effort to come back to myself spiritually and to build my economic existence. I hope to succeed this time. Nobody has assisted me and I am not asking anybody for assistance. I am also not asking for any aid from you and I promise you that I never will.

This letter is not written with the intention of receiving any more favors from you, now or in the future. I am writing soley because I feel that I have been wrong, and because it is my duty to ask for your forgiveness. I hope that you will understand me and accept my most sincere apology.

With very best wishes to Mrs. Silver, the children, and your-self for A Happy and Healthy New Year, I am,

Most devotedly yours,







September 22, 1939 Rabbi J. H. Wagner 37 N. 5th St. Indiana, Pa. My dear Rabbi Wagner: The following books and sermons written by Dr. A. H. Silver may be procured at The Temple: RELIGION IN A CHANGING WORLD - (a collection of MESSIANIC SPECULATION IN ISRAEL 3.00 THE DEMOCRATIC IMPULSE IN JEWISH HISTORY. Individual 8 rmons .50 THE WORLD CRISIS AND JEWISH SURVIVAL25 THE RIGHTS OF MINORITIES AND THE NEXT WAR25 RELIGION IN PRESENT-DAY JEWISH LIFE25 I shall be happy to send you any of the above that you may wish. With best wishes for the new year, I remain Very sincerely yours, BJK Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



September 22nd, 1939

Dr. A. H. Silver 246 East 105th St. Cleveland, Ohio

FRANK J. CROHAN, PRESIDENT

Dear Dr. Silver:

We had the pleasure of entertaining you at the Commodore September 19th and now attach our bill No. U-9587 \$3.54 covering incidentals which we will be pleased to have you take into consideration in the usual course of business.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, The Temple, East 105th Street at Ansel Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Abba:

I suppose you would like to know when I returned to Canada. I arrived on September 2nd at Quebec on the Empress of Australia. I understand you got back in good time, too, before the outbreak of the war.

I wonder if you could have your secretary send me a copy of your address that you delivered at the Rabbinical Conference in June on the subject: "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival". I shall appreciate it very much.

With best wishes to Mrs. Silver and yourself for the New Year, I am

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Sincerely yours.

Jesse Schwartz

Sent 9-29-39

Des abla 19. 9. 26.39 I am takug the liberty I state and found. hoping That you will do sue that I shal faron that Dale Rach Ron signed storal of Ithem matters little. Wir Kuraw signed a dez for more sund it went there that ask Jon to let nee Keeder at noutr earliest contenting else han had to iel or

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MRS. HARRY WEINRAUB Sept. 26,39 2880 Edgehill Road Cleveland, Ohio Rabbi a. H. Silver. The Temple. and Rdilis. Mean Rabbi Silver, Jeur and a Junior If you werent a of your calibre, the Officers and the Board of Directors of Hadarral, as well as morself, Grogiam chairman, would have the grant difficulty in seeking words suitable to express in soule degree our deep gratitude and appreciation In youngracioning in acapting the task of or our years work. But as it is me can only song. Todale Rabali. It was a glowing meeting, yo might accomplish. It Field Hadarod and Palestine into an indivisible integer. Wishing your and your family

September 26, 1939 Rabbi Isaak Krislow 3447 E. 140th St. Cleveland, Ohio My dear Rabbi Krislow: I have just received some letters from Jerusalem which concern you and your family. At your leisure I would appreciate it if you would come in to see me so that we may talk over the matters raised in the letters. I trust that you are well. With best wishes for a very happy new year, I remain 2/60 9 Most cordially yours, AHS: BK

Baltimore Ind. Sept 28, 134. Dear Rabbi: hank you so kindly your talk before the Ratherical Conference last Juste, the subject of which talk was The Horld Crusic. and Jewish Turowal

after reading your remarkable paper Ican well under stand why my frother, labbi Segel, praised & po. warmly. It is indeed, as he said, a masterfrece and & thank you again and again

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regarding the balance in sewish life and the sore need of it through out the Horly today yes, duced to go real Carly to hear youlon Lunday morninger when the was in blevy land before eny marriage and so It have good reason to mise your inspering and otherbuy sermons. Thisking bu a Happy new years, and a happer one foldall our People, usceraly, Extler Segel Toodinan

September 29, 1939 Rabbi I aak Krislow 3447 E. 140th St. Cleveland, Ohio My dear Rabbi Krislow: Rabbi Silver will be ple sed to see you in his study next We nesday morning, Oct. 4th, at ten-thirty o'clock. With best wishes, I remain Very sincerely yours, Secretary to Rabbi Silver. BJK

September 29, 1939 Mr. Jack Matlaw 46 Ninth Avenue New York, N.Y. My dear Jack: I am afraid that I must return the enclosed papers. I do not feel justified in signing any more affidavits. I have refused to do it in the case of others in Lithuania who are somewhat more closely related than the members of your family. When I am in New York next, I shall be happy to explain the situation to you. With all good wishes to you, Rose and the children, I remain Very cordially yours, AHS: BK Enc.

September 29, 1939 Mrs. Arthur Brin 2566 Lake of Isles Blvd. Minneapolis, Minn. My dear Mrs. Brin: Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 27. I have taken the liberty of bringing the contents of it to the attention of our local Refugee Committee. I am not a member of that Committee but I am sure that it will be glad to review the matter to which you refer. With all good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours, AHS: BK

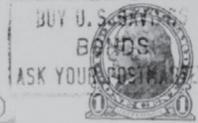
September 29, 1939 Mr. Abraham L. Liebovitz % United Palestine Appeal New York, N.Y. My dear Friend: I have received many gifts during my long Zionist career - flowers, brickbats, etc. - but never shirts. Things being what they are today, a Zionist leader requires not soft-collared shirts, but well-tempered steel armor. I need not tell you that I am deeply grateful to you for your thoughtfulness. If at any future United Palestine Appeal meeting I give evidence of losing my temper, please arise and demand that I keep your shirt on.... With all good wishes, I remain Very sincerely yours. AHS: BK

September 29, 1939 Mr. H. J. Hagerty Commodore Hotel 42nd St. at Grand Central Terminal New York, N.Y. My dear Mr. Hagerty: Let me thank you for your kind letter of September 22 and for the courtesy which you extended to me in putting at my disposal a room at the Commodore without charge. I need not tell you that I am deeply appreciative of this and of the many other courtesies which I have enjoyed all the years which I have been stopping at the Commodore Hotel. With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours,

September 29, 1939 Time Magazine 330 E. 22nd St. Chicago, Ill. Attention: Circulation Department Dear Sir: Will you kindly let me know, at your earliest convenience, when the following subscription to Time Magazine expires? Rabbi Abba H. Silver 248 E. 105th St. Cleveland, Ohio Very sincerely yours, BJK Secretary to Rabbi Silver

September 29, 1939 Mr. Ben Wolf Cleveland Co-Ordinating Committee Huron-Sixth Bldg. Cleveland, Ohio My dear Mr. Wolf: Enclosed herewith is a letter which Rabbi Silver received from Mrs. Arthur Brin, of Minneapolis, Minn. which has reference to the Stern family who are known to you. With best wishes, I remain Very sincerely yours, BJK Enc. Secretary to Rabbi Silver.





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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

E. 105 St. at Ansel Rd.

Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I call your attention to the October issue of the Survey Graphic entitled, Schools - The Challenge of Democracy to Education.

Best regards.

Cordially yours,

Jacob Billikopf

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