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DELAWARE AVENUE
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OFFICE OF THE
RABBI
JOSEPH L. FINK, PH. D.

Nov 1, 1939.

My dear friend:-

I have just finished your paper on "The World Crisis

and Jewish Survival". I am still under its majestic spell.

It is a document filled with real statesmanship, wisdom
and prophecy. It bears the authentic stamp of the
genius of Israel. You certainly are among the rare
spirits of whom it was said



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Gratefully
Joe

November 1, 1939

Mrs. Philip Bernstein
1552 Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Florence:

Rabbi Silver requested me to send you
your Marriage License. He thought that you should
have it.

Cordially,

BJK
Enc.



November 2, 1939

Mr. Joseph Seide
11317 Parklawn Drive
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Joseph:

I have been extremely busy and out of the city a good deal of the time. Hence the delay in answering your letter. I wonder whether you could come in sometime the latter part of next week? Please telephone before you come.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 2, 1939

Mr. James Lieberman
3710 West 37th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Lieberman:

I have as yet been unable to find any employment for you. Some of the people in the Knitting Industry know of you and are not enthusiastic about employing you. One of them writes:

"We had James Lieberman in our employ for at least two or three years. I cannot give you the exact time as our employment department is closed today. However, that is beyond the point.

"I know him quite well and he always was a trouble-maker. He worked in every knitting plant in town that has or had rachel machines, and this, in itself, is not a very good recommendation for him because a rachel operator, as a rule, stays put even when it's slack for a good rachel man is very scarce in the U.S."

However, I shall keep trying. With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

November 2, 1939

Rabbi David Sherman
68 Liberty Place
Weehawken, N.J.

My dear David:

I was happy to receive your letter and to know that you are in a new pulpit. I trust that you will be completely happy. Your proximity to New York will give you more stimulating contacts than you could have had in Binghamton.

I wish I could see my way clear to come to you again for your installation, but if you knew my schedule for the next few months, you would have "rachmunos" on me. I am simply overwhelmed with work. The war situation has piled additional obligations both on the United Jewish Appeal and the United Palestine Appeal, and I must forego many tempting invitations which I would otherwise gladly accept.

With all good wishes for success in your new pulpit, and hoping to see you in New York before long, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. Mrs. Silver and the boys wish to be remembered. Raphael still can't make up his mind whether on Saturday I am writing a sermon or a "Sherman".

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Nov. 3-1939.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel & E. 105th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

I am returning herewith the report of
M. Shertok that you were so kind to loan me last evening.

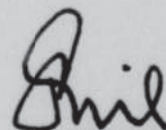
I read it at home and certainly enjoyed
its confidential contents.

Thank you for the privilege of seeing
this report.

Let me remind you of what I told you
about your next visit to Palestine. I am serious about want-
ing to join you, and I hope when you make the visit, my af-
fairs are such that I can get away to join you on such a trip.

With many thanks and continued regards,
I am,

Sincerely yours,


PHILIP FRANKEL.

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CLEVELAND, O.

November 4, 1939

Mr. Harry A. Levy, Executive Secretary
The Temple
East 105 Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Levy:

I received your letter written to me on October 19 with the enclosure that Mr. Herman Ornstein wrote to Rabbi Silver.

I want you to know that we have in our employ at the present time several refugees. In every one of the cases that we employed a refugee, we had to make a place for him.

However, we have come to the point where any further placement would be definitely at the expense of people who have been in our employ for in some cases, as long as 20 years. In other words, we have gone as far as we could possible go.

I sincerely regret my inability to do anything about Mr. Ornstein.

Sincerely yours,

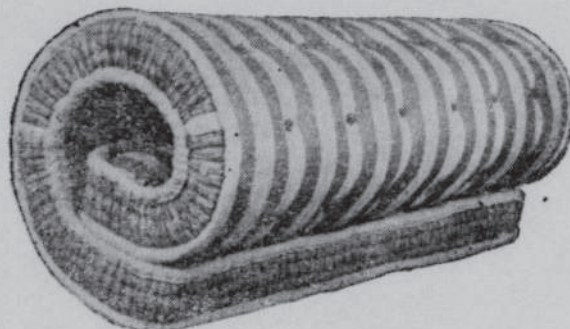
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio.

My Dear Rabbi:

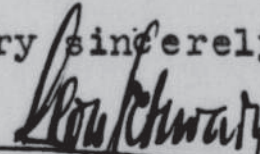
I was an Alabama delegate in The American Legion Convention in Chicago and made sure to be in my seat on Wednesday of the week to hear you. I thoroughly enjoyed your fine address, and as a coreligionist I was glad to note that our religion did not enter into it. You spoke as an American to fellow-Americans.

Some years ago you gave a definition of "America" that I preserved in a scrap book. This week I am to give an Armistice Day address, in the country 60 miles from Mobile, and I intend to quote from that beautiful description which begins with, "God built a continent of glory and filled it with treasures untold."

The attached quotes Woodrow Wilson on "America" as I heard him speak it in my home town here 26 years ago. His declaration about not acquiring territory by conquest is certainly pertinent at this particular time.

With high esteem and all good wishes, I am

Yours very sincerely,



Leon Schwarz.

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ALABAMA AND SPEAKER BANKHEAD

The Decatur Daily is agreeably impressed by the remarkable unanimity of Alabama Democrats in their support of Speaker William B. Bankhead for the Democratic presidential nomination. Says The Daily:

Whatever firing there will be on Alabama's political front during the next several months will be a kind of co-operative bombardment of the woods in behalf of Speaker William Bankhead's presidential candidacy.

When Governor Frank Dixon, in Atlanta, gave out a statement placing his support squarely behind Speaker Bankhead for president, it meant, according to political observers, that this state has lined up solidly behind our native son.

Not many presidential candidates ever have had the support of their home states with the same degree of unanimity which Speaker Bankhead has in his home state.

Alabama has its share of political leaders and political factions, but ponder for a moment the support Speaker Bankhead now has: Governor Dixon and, of course, all the political power of the state administration; former Gov. Graves, and no one doubts for an

A NEW KIND OF WAR

One of those "sincere" senators contributed to the debate on neutrality revision his opinion that this was a "phoney war." Questions as to whether the opposing forces in Europe were just sparring in the hope that a peaceful settlement could be reached or were playing with a more sinister purpose in regard to the position of the United States have been voiced in countless expressions of our people. Even in England newspapers have chided the government for not making more of a show out of the fight.

G. H. Archambault writes from Paris for The New York Times of an interview with a general speaking for the French High Command. He said:

"We are conducting this war not with economy but with avarice, as far as lives are concerned." Perhaps the explanation will enlighten those, including one American senator, who have declared that this war is "phoney." The general staffs of 1939 may be recalling some of the costly experiences of the war of 1914-8 and profiting by them.

The Times then reviews some of the history of activity in World War I as follows:

Consider a few records made in the older war. In February, 1915, the French attacked in Champagne. In a month of fighting they gained a mile on a limited front. They lost 240,000 men, killed, wounded and missing. In February, 1916, the Germans attacked Verdun. In August and continuing till December the French counter-attacked. At the end of the battles the Germans had not taken Verdun, but their lines were about five miles beyond their original trenches at the deepest portion of the new salient. The Germans had lost about 278,000 men, the French about 460,000.

Between July and the end of November, 1916, the British, with French support, attacked along the Somme. The deepest point of their advance was about five miles ahead of their original starting place. The staff believes their position somewhat improved strategically. They had lost more than 400,000 men. In April, 1917, the French General Nivelle attacked on the Chamin des Dames, announcing that he meant to break the German line. He did not succeed, but he lost 118,000 men, and for some months the French Army was incapable of a further major offensive.

Losses in World War I were tremendous in certain instances, but the conditions were often entirely different from the present positions of the opposing forces. At present an avowed military deadlock exists between the Maginot and Siegfried Lines. It would be foolhardy for either side to assault directly. Losses in manpower by the most conservative estimates would far exceed the 20 per cent maximum established by all known modern data. When losses get that high, morale goes down so sharply that it appears useless to keep companion troops in the field.

However, this purely factual exposure of the front

had sought the most elementary military advice. The field of chemistry and physics is so utterly international in character that little of significance could escape the military chemists of both sides. The chance of developing such terrifying gases is slim, the chance of keeping them secret slimmer.

Mr. Pratt touches upon the increasing mechanization of warfare, and speculates hopefully that it will mean a lower casualty rate than the cruder mechanical war of 1914-19. He quotes the opinion of Lord Birkenhead that the ultimate mechanical war will be fought by "a single gigantic machine on either side. As the levers of one combatant go dead, as red lights flash on the instrument boards, the operators realize that their manless machines, grappling with the enemy out on the front, have been destroyed, and they must surrender unless the enemy apparatus come in to trample them to dust; a form of war that even pacifists might approve."

Mr. Pratt concludes generally that the present conflict has probably not reached its full intensity, but its scope is probably already defined. Thus, this war is as real and earnest as any war could be—but very unlike the war that various novelists have taught us to expect.

WILSON ON AMERICAN LIBERTY

Colonel Leon Schwarz, the pleasant Mobilian, in a letter to The Advertiser, recalls that 26 years ago, October 27, 1913, President Woodrow Wilson visited Mobile to address a Pan-American Congress. "At this time of strife and territorial aggression in the world," says Colonel Schwarz, "the following, taken from that address by the then president of the United States, may well be read over and over again":

I want to take this occasion to say that the United States will never again seek one additional foot of territory by conquest. She will devote herself to showing that she knows how to make honorable and fruitful use of the territory she has and she must regard it as one of the duties of friendship to see that from no quarter are material interests made superior to human liberty and national opportunity.

This is not America because it is rich. This is not America because it has set up for a great population opportunities of material prosperity. I would rather belong to a poor nation that was free than to a rich nation that had ceased to be one with liberty. But we shall not be poor if we love liberty, because the nation that loves liberty truly, lets every man free to do his best and be his best.

"We shall not be poor if we love liberty," is one of the choicer of the many well-remembered Wilsonian phrases.

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November 5, 1939

Mr. I. Pasch
2036 E. 86th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Pasch:

I regret that we have no copy of the sermon which
you requested available to send you. Should it be printed,
I shall be happy to send you a copy.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK



Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



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EUCLID AVENUE

CLEVELAND

November 1, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o The Temple
105th & Ansel
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

First of all I am sorry that we didn't have the pleasure of your company on Wednesday night and I want you to know that Tillie and myself enjoyed having Mrs. Silver with us but we would have liked it a great deal better if you had also been there. However we hope that soon we will be able to have both of you with us on some other occasion.

When Norman was in Cleveland last week--unknown to us--he sent a letter to the editor of The Cleveland Plain Dealer. Some friends called our attention to the fact that it had been published and I sent over for some clippings today and I am herewith enclosing one.

Please note Dr. Lupton's comments also.

Very truly yours,

ALLEN KLIVANS

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om Plain Dealer Readers.

reflection on the entire community. It would be well for you to attend a stockholders' meeting of the Cleveland Railway Co. and witness the type of people who have their life saving in this enterprise. You would be amazed to view the number of aged people and especially elderly women. It is a pathetic sight indeed.

I would recommend that your editorial staff give less headlines and glare to the voice of some has-been there, who seeks to be the self-appointed representative of the stockholders, qualifying himself by owning one share, and give a broader viewpoint representing the interest of the city, as well as the stockholders, as no city can progress without the flow of outside capital into that city, and surely, surely the advertising the city of Cleveland has given itself by scuttling the stockholders of the Cleveland Railway Co., will be a flag to divert their capital from Cleveland. Better be a little more realistic and not expect widows and orphans to suffer the loss of their investments and feel kindly about it. Shame on your representatives, who would scuttle the life savings of frugal people.

E. B. BEALL.

Galion, O.

Rights for Browder

Editor Plain Dealer—Sir: I should like to correct and criticize your editorial of Friday, Dec. 25, "The Collegiate Browder."

First of all, you leave out of the list of schools that Browder has spoken to, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Secondly, Browder was not invited to speak by "the stooges of the Kremlin." At M. I. T. he was invited by the Technology Peace Association, which includes the Technology Christian Association (hardly from Moscow), as a member organization.

Thirdly, at M. I. T. Browder was received in a gentlemanly fashion

but instead of making Reds of the engineers, he provided a comedy touch. It was a poor show for the Communists.

Fourthly, you forget the bill of rights. This might sound trite, but don't forget it. Would you give reactionaries like Coughlin and Dies a free hand and yet stop Communist Browder? It is questionable which is worse—reaction or the threat of Communism.

Browder has a different slant on economics and government. You disagree with him, so do I. That is our right. But it is our duty to give him his rights. Anything else is treason to the Constitution.

If the United States is in danger of turning Red because of Browder speaking to college people, we're on mighty shaky ground. I'm buying a ticket to New Zealand.

NORMAN KLIVANS.

Cleveland.

Dr. Lupton Dissents

Editor Plain Dealer—Sir: As a Yale graduate I must protest against your recent editorial, "The Collegiate Browder."

When I saw that the Yale authorities permitted Mr. Browder to speak to the students, I was prouder of my alma mater than I would have been for a dozen football victories.

To me "free speech" means allowing a speaker the sacred privilege of making a fool of himself, and his auditors the equally sacred privilege of being fools enough to believe him.

May I ask what you mean about college authorities applying antidotes against Mr. Browder's poisonous lies? If I had a son at Yale who was not learning to separate mental poison from food, and lies from facts all by himself, I would take him out, put him into knee pants again, and advise his mamma to see that he wears his rubbers when it rains.

DILWORTH LUPTON.

Cleveland.

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showed that total loss from fire suffered by the suburb was \$46,647, giving a per capita loss of 80 cents. This was a substantial reduction over the loss in 1938, it was announced to the Council.

Garfield Vote Invalid

But for a ruling of Garfield Heights President of Council Grant K. Weber (R.) that the election was invalid, Edward H. Malone, auditor until Dec. 31, might have been made clerk of the suburb's Council at a turbulent organization meeting.

Councilmen George F. Basel, Charles F. Vorisek and Joseph L. Zelazny, nominated as members of the Democratic slate of former Mayor Don O. Cameron and later elected, voted for Malone's appointment and were joined by Louis J. McNamee, a Republican.

Members of the slate of former Solicitor Edward S. Crudele (D.)—John D. Cassidy, Edward J. Jindra and Raymond McGowan—opposed the move and requested a ruling from the presiding officer, Weber, on the ground that the appointment was not on the list of business for which the Council had been notified. Weber concurred.

Reports that the intended appointment was a concession to William J. Johnson, Democratic boss of the suburb's Cameron administration, were denied by Mayor Raymond H. Ring, new Republican incumbent, and others.

Newburgh Heights Gay

Flowers were abundant at the Newburgh Heights Town Hall as 400 persons packed the hall to watch recently-elected Mayor Frank Ptak sworn into office by Common Pleas Judge Joseph H. Silbert.

There was a great deal of talk. Judge Silbert spoke of his "solemn and sacred duty." Mayor Ptak promised "a good administration." But no one had anything to say about the Harvard Club.

Leo Nogorski was chosen president of the Council and Henry Olszowski clerk of the mayor's court. After resolutions were passed giving the mayor power to appoint three deputy marshalls, he ap-

November 6, 1939

Mrs. Henry Auerbach
15107 Shore Acres
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Auerbach:

Rabbi Silver has requested me to send
you the enclosed letter which he received from
Mrs. Leon L. Watters.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



RABBI SOLOMON B. FREEHOF, D. D.
THE RUSKIN APARTMENTS
120 RUSKIN AVENUE
PITTSBURGH, PA.

November 6, 1939.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Abba:

This is the second letter to which I referred. I am writing to you from home because I did not want the staff of the Temple to know its contents. Lillian is kind enough to take the letter down, and she sends you her regards.

The Jewish Education people in Cleveland have been negotiating with Saul Spiro of Pittsburgh as to the possibility of him taking Friedland's place in Cleveland. First, let me tell you about Spiro's ability. He is an able educator, a good organizer and a hard worker. Just now he is President of the Zionist Organization of Pittsburgh. I have many contacts with him because, besides being on the Hebrew Institute faculty (which is equivalent to the Talmud Torah system), I also got him the position as head of the Southwestern District, an organization of twenty-five Sunday Schools in the Pittsburgh vicinity. This Southwestern District has its offices in the Temple and I see Saul Spiro often. I know he is an able man and would do a good job in Cleveland.

The reason I am writing to you is not just to recommend him, but because of the fact that he has hesitated to proceed with the negotiations inasmuch as he knows of the state of controversy in Cleveland and he does not feel like taking sides, particularly since he does not belong "to one side or another." He is not interested in anything else but doing a good job of education. In case anything comes of these negotiations I want you to know that he is a person of fine balance and will not be partisan.

RABBI SOLOMON B. FREEHOF, D. D.
THE RUSKIN APARTMENTS
120 RUSKIN AVENUE
PITTSBURGH, PA.

Dr. Silver - page two -

Nothing may come of the whole negotiations. If the negotiations fall through it will be because Saul Spiro feels that he is being approached by one side only. I do not need to tell you any more about it. I just want you apprized of the situation. If he does go to Cleveland, you will like him very much, I am sure.

As ever,

Sol

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November 7, 1939

Mr. Sholem Asch
C/o J. P. Putnam Sons
2 West 45th St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Asch:

Enclosed herewith is a clipping from yesterday's
Cleveland Plain Dealer which I thought would be of
interest to you.

Very cordially yours,

BJK



Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



Rabbi S. Bogin
537 Douglas St. N
Akron Ohio

הרב שלמה באגין

7/39

לרב הרב הקדוש המהולל
בית יצחק ה"ל סאלאט!

אדוני אבי קדושים וישר מיט ואלה רואים ויחיו
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RABBI SOLOMON B. FREEHOF, D. D.
RODEF SHALOM TEMPLE
FIFTH AND MOREWOOD AVENUES
PITTSBURGH, PA.

November seventh
1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Tifereth Israel Congregation
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I am writing you two letters because I have to talk to you about two unrelated matters and you might want to file the letters separately.

First, with regard to Rabbi Kasher and his Torah Shelemah. He is doing very well. He already has gotten this year a promise of a complete volume in Baltimore and Rosenau may get him another volume. He wants me to tell you that he is coming to Cleveland in the near future. I know that you will help him as much as you can.

With best wishes,

As ever,

Sol

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P.S. I will write you about the other matter in a day or two.

November 8, 1939

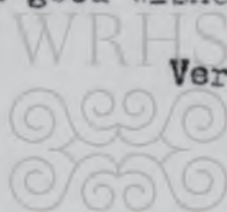
Mr. Leon Schwarz, President
Mobile Mattress Company
160 N. Water St.
Mobile, Ala.

My dear Mr. Schwarz:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter
of November 4 which I read with much interest.

With all good wishes, I remain
Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



RABBI SOLOMON B. FREEHOF, D. D.
RODEF SHALOM TEMPLE
FIFTH AND MOREWOOD AVENUES
PITTSBURGH, PA.

November eighth
1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

Just a footnote of correction to the letter that I wrote you yesterday with regard to the Jewish Education appointment in Cleveland.

If I did not make it clear in my letter, I want to make it clear now. All discussion with the man mentioned was highly tentative and indirect and there was no actual negotiation in any technical sense, but the circumstances are such that they can proceed in either direction to real negotiation or to dropping the whole matter. I wanted you to know what was what.

With best wishes,

As ever,

Sol

SBF:GK

November 8, 1939

Rabbi S. Bogin
537 Douglas St.
Akron, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Bogin:

Permit me to thank you for your kindness in sending me a copy of your book, "The History of the Evolution of the Religious Idea". I know that I shall read it with a great deal of pleasure and profit.

I shall be very happy to see you when you come to Cleveland. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Nov. 8 - 1939

Dear Rabbi Silver

May we thank you
for your attendance at the
services of our father Simon
Fox. All of us were much
impressed by your kind words
in our hour of sorrow.

Sincerely yours
Sam and Harry Fox.

November 9, 1939

Mr. Joseph Goodman
Union Home Furnishers, Inc.
Troy, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Goodman:

I greatly appreciate your kind invitation to have dinner with you on Monday evening, November 13 and to stay at your home. I wish I were free to avail myself of your kind offer of hospitality. I do not, however, eat before speaking in public and I must leave Troy the same evening to return to Cleveland. I have already requested Mr. Fred Glass to make reservations for me on the train to Cleveland. I am to be in Schenectady to open the campaign for the United Jewish Appeal Monday noon and I will probably arrive in Troy just in time for the meeting in the evening.

With all good wishes, and looking forward with pleasure to seeing you, and again thanking you for your thoughtfulness in inviting me, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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November 9, 1939

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My dear Friends:

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

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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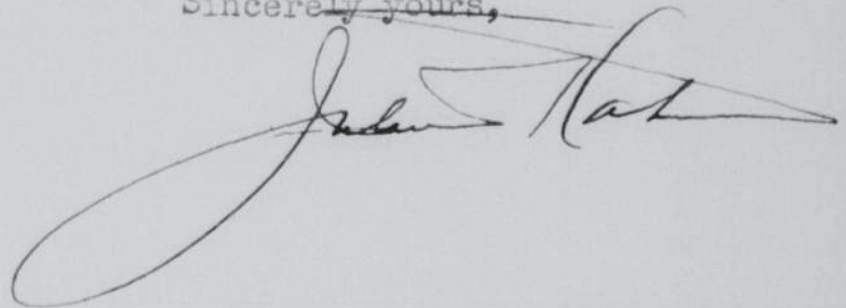
Dear Dr. Silver:

This letter will serve to introduce to you Mr. Albert E. Kahn, my nephew, who is at the present time devoting himself entirely to the management of The American Council Against Nazi Propaganda, an organization of which Mr. William E. Dodd is chairman.

I will appreciate it very much if you grant an audience to my nephew because I believe the message he will convey to you will be of exceptionally great interest.

With my kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

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My dear Rabbi,

I am enclosing a letter addressed to you by my cousin _ a German refugee now interned in France _ who evidently corresponded with you while you attended the last Zionist Congress. In connection with this letter I should like to find out if it were convenient for you to grant me an interview this coming Sunday at the Temple at 9:30 A.M. for advice in this matter.

Anticipating your compliance to my request, I am

Very respectfully yours

Louis Hande

P.S. I am a member of your Temple for almost five years but never had an opportunity to have a personal talk with you. I should greatly appreciate if you would make it possible for me to talk to you.

10401 Homeworth Ave.
Garfield Heights, Ohio
November 9, 1939

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I would like to have you know how happy I was to be able to attend your Temple Service this past Sunday. It's quite wonderful that the Services are in English and are open to the general public.

This is the first time I've ever attended any Jewish Service and I was very favorably impressed, although I realize I missed the symbolic associations of the ceremony.

I am of the Christian Faith (Ukrainian Orthodox) and would like to say that your whole sermon impressed me as being

treated in the fair and just manner you said was lacking years ago.

I blush to say that in my limited connections I associated Prayer Books, Hymnals, an organ, a choir and the rising of the congregation and responding in prayer to the preacher - only with churches and the Christian Faith.

We are expecting to receive our issue of this great book in the near future, and after hearing your discourse I'm waiting for it more eagerly than ever.

I noticed you referred to Jews as a Jewish Mystic Rabbi and admit I made it a point to consult the dictionary about "mystic."

I must say that during the service I really felt I was in a House of Worship and when I left I just knew that that day I had been where devout people prayed and that I too had joined in prayer.

As an orator or preacher you are spellbinding and truly must be an influence and inspiration to many.

"If a deed, however humble,
Helps you on your way to go,
Seek the one whose hand has
helped you,
Seek him out and tell him so!"

Sincerely yours,

Mary Jakymetz

111 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.
10th November, 1939.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I have arrived in the States from England in advance of Dr. Weizmann's visit. I am very anxious to have a talk with you and I understand from Mr. Aboulin that you will be in New York on Wednesday next. I hope to meet you then in order to give you a comprehensive report on the situation and to discuss with you the question of Dr. Weizmann's visit.

Looking forward to seeing you

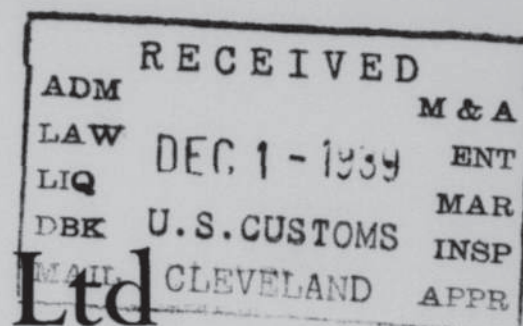
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Very sincerely yours,

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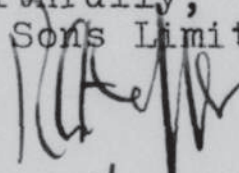
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Sanger Hotel, Dallas

November 11, 1939

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
The Temple
105th at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Through an oversight on the part of our mutual friend, Rabbi Ephraim Frisch, I am in receipt of the enclosed letter which is intended for you. Perhaps you have received a letter intended for me, if so will you kindly send it to my residence address Sanger Hotel, Dallas, Texas.

You will be interested to learn that I am taking a leave of absence from my duties after ten active years as Executive Director of the Jewish Federation for Social Service of Dallas and at the same time have tendered my resignation effective soon.

I hope the pleasant contacts we have enjoyed down through the years will continue.

I am leaving today for Pittsburgh to visit with my Sister-in-law, Mrs. J. Leonard Levy and other members of my family, but expect to return to Dallas in a few days when I hope to hear from you.

Incidentally, I am available for Public Relations work.

With all good wishes and personal regards.

Sincerely,

George A. Levy
George A. Levy

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ניו-יורק, 12 לנובמבר 1939.

לכבוד
הרב הלל טילבר,
ק ל י ב ל נ ד.

אדוני הרב הנכבד,

מהחברת הראשונה של "בצרון" שאדוני קבל
יכול לעמוד על אופי הירחון, מטרתו ומהלכו, ועל פי הכלל - כל
ההתחלות קשות - יגיד כל קורא זה - גם זו לסובה. אני מקווה
שמהופעת "בצרון", אשר ילך עוד וישתפר, תתחיל הקופה חדשה בתנועה
העברית באמריקה - אם רק תהיה לי התמיכה הרוחנית סיחדיטגולה.

אדוני יזכור שלפני שנים אחדות פניתי אליו
בהצעה ליסד ירחון עברי, ספרותי מדעי, אשר יפרנס את הצרכים
הרוחניים של אנשי העלייה שלנו, הצמאים לדברי טהרה ומדע עברי.
כעת אני קבלתי עלי את האחריות, והתחלתי במפעל זה בעזרת קבוצה
קטנה של נדיבים, שנתנו לי את האפשרות להתחיל בדבר.

הכללי הירחון - להרים את המחשבה העברית
והמדע העברי. יש בסדרונה זו הרבה שקראו ושנו בילדותם, אבל טפני
קול ההמולה של עולם המעשה, אינם שומעים את קול הדופק של לבם,
הקורא להם לשוב לימי נעוריהם ולהאבת התורה, שהביאה סבית-סדרשם.

המטרה היסודית שהעמיד לפניו הירחון היא -
ריכוז הכוחות של בעלי המחשבה העברית בסדינה זו. הגיעה כבר
השעה ליהרות האמריקאים לסצוא את עצמם ולהכיר את ערכה, שהטילה
עליה ההיסטוריה בתקופה האחרונה, כשהיא נשארה כמעט המרכז היחידי
בתפוצות הגולה שהולכת ונהרבת לעינינו. עד עכשיו היו רגילים
בתפוצות הגולה להביט על אמריקה כעל דודה עשירה, או כעל פרה חולבת
שדי לה בקש ובגבבה בלבד שתתן חלב. הקבוצה הישראלית הגדולה שבדסינה זו
גדל וחולץ לא רק בהטריות אלא גם ברוחניות. בתי הסדר העליונים
לחכמת-ישראל שנשארו כעת לפליטה אצלנו, הם לבדם מספיקים להועיד
על המרכז הרוחני הגדול שהולך ונוצר לעינינו כאן, ולמעניהם הולכים
ונזכפים כסה וכסה חכמים וסופרים עברים, אשר בידם להעשיר את
ספרותנו עושר רב.

אולם, לצערנו, הצורך הרוחני הזה עדיין לא חדר
להון לבבותיהם של עשרי ישראל, שאין לבם פונה אלא לדברי נדבה של
עזרת הגוף, ולא לעזרת הנפש. אמנם אין איש יכול להטיל ספק בצרכי
עם-ישראל החסריים המרובים. אבל אין גוף יכול להתקיים בלי נשמה,
כשם שאין נשמה בלי גוף. "חלמוד תורה כנגד כולל" - היה ויהיה הפתגם
הלאומי שלנו לעולם. הרוחניות שטשה לנו תמיד סבצר חזק, ובלעדו
אי אפשר לנו להתקיים אפילו שעה אחת. ובשעה שיהווי אמריקה האסיריים
טוציאים אלפים ורבבות על הצרכים החסריים הנהוצים בלי ספק, יש מקום
גם לתת עזרה לצרכים הרוחניים הנהוצים אף הם.

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להרב הלל סילבר, קליבלנד.

אני הושב שזוהי מחקרת הרבנים, העומדים על משמר קניני הדת וכל הקנינים הרוחניים שלנו, להנך את הדור בצורך זה, ולדבר על לבם השכם ודבר כי התורה באיזו צורה שהיא מתגלה, היא ורק היא חיינו ואורך ימינו. והרבנים יכולים להשפיע על הללו שיש בידם לעשות - למצוא אחד מעיר ושנים כמשפחה ולמסוך אותם לרעיון הזה.

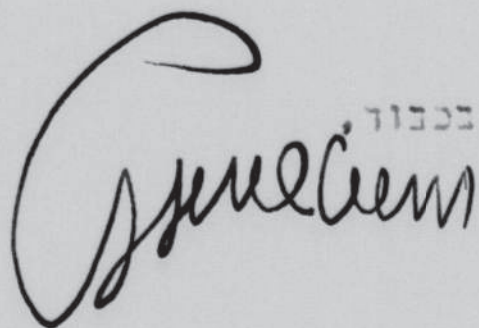
כפי שאדוני ידוע לי כאחד סיחידים הסגולה, המשתתפים בצרה עם-ישראל ובצרכיו הרוחניים והחמריים, אני סלא תקוה שיעמוד לימיני ויהיה לי לאחי-עזר ולאחי-סמך בהגשמת המפעל.

אני כבר באחי בדברים עם כל הסופרים והחכמים העברים בארץ-ישראל ובכל הארצות, לרבות הסעודיים שבסדינה זו, וכולם סיחלים ומאפים לעזרת "בארזן", בין בחומר ובין ברוח. כי חוץ מזה ש"בארזן" ישמש למסכת חכמים ומספרים כימה חשובה, היכן שיוכלו להכיע את פתרונותיהם ורעיונותיהם - כסובן לא בכל עתון יכולים גיזלי החכמים והסופרים להשתתף, ובפרט בעתונים היומיים והשבועונים שאינם מאייכנס כלל לדברי חכמה ומדע, ירחון זה - אם יהיה מסוכלל ובן-קיום, יוכל להספיק גם הספקה חסרית לסופרי ישראל, ביהודי לחכמי ישראל שבאירופה שגלו מארצם, ולסופרי אמריקה, על ידי שכר-הסופרים שיקבלו בשביל מאמריהם, באופן שתהיה להם חסיכה בדרך כבוד כראוי.

ומשום כך לא נגשתי להתחלת המפעל עד שהייתי בטוח באפשרות הוצאתו לפועל לפחות לזמן ידוע. אולם, כסובן, אם לא תהיה לי עזרה מצד יחידים סגולה בערי הסדינה, הרוצים בקיום הספרות העברית, אז בודאי לא תהיה לי האפשרות להמשיך את קיומו לזמן רב. אבל אז אגיד: אני את שלי עשיתי - ואם לא תבוא עזרה מצד אחרים - אני את נפשי הצלתי.

אני הושבנו לאחד סיחידים הרבנים שיבין את ערך המפעל הזה ויהיה לי לעוזר בהגשמתו.

בברכה ובכבוד



November 14, 1939

Mr. Jacob Billikopf
805 Bankers Securities Bldg.
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Billie:

I shall arrive in Philadelphia tomorrow (Wednesday evening) just in time to address the mass meeting. I must be in New York for a noon meeting of the Allocations Committee. I shall leave Philadelphia immediately after the meeting in order to get back to Cleveland Thursday morning. I shall try to contact with you sometime between my arrival and departure, although I am not sure I shall get the chance. But I hope to be in your vicinity again before very long and we may have a chance to spend a little time together.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever,

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Dear Jacob Billikopf:

You are a liar! I have not forgotten your existence and I do think of you continually. Yes, I have read the addresses on the refugee problem. Not only that but I have worked in one way or another to help it.

The trouble is, as you rightly guess, that many of the suggested solutions are entirely impractical. Like you I am not sure about the plan for the settlement of refugees in the Philippines. The Philippines are of course a tropical country. Next, settlement there implies agriculture as an occupation. I don't know whether these refugees could adapt themselves to those particular environs. I have so often seen people moved to some place like Alaska and only a dismal failure result. Just because people are having a mean time in the city is no reason to expect that they will want to turn into farmers.

All the children are well, but now they are grown up and scattered. One is working in Louisville, another is head engineer of a mine in Mexico, still another is married and living in Baltimore. Mrs. Roosevelt is well.

With best wishes,

(signed) Theodore Roosevelt

Mr. Jacob Billikopf
Labor Standards Association
805 Bankers Securities Bldg.
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Dear Abba:

Nothing organically the matter with me: But in past few years, particularly since Ruth passed away, I have been suffering (largely from fatigue) to such an extent that when I have a good night's rest, I am on top of the Mts; But when sleep is terribly disturbed, then I am in the depths. My M.D. insists that I must cut out E.E. meetings & all of the accompanying excitement, so, it is best, best can understand that I attend an E.E. affair. This by way of explanation & apology if I should fail to show up at the meeting on the 15th.

Ruth

As you will undoubtedly arrive in the morning, so let us spend a few hours together. Please!! Lunch? Dinner? You will be perfect with such questions.

What do you think of this idea & the other?

Rabbi, don't you remember me? You met? You officiated at the marriage of my cousin's daughter in Wheeling, W. Va.

Don't you remember my name?

I will save ^{you} all such anxiety & introduce myself as

Apply yours

Ruth

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

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November 14, 1939

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

Dear Friend :

I want you to know how sorry I was that I was unable to be present at your address in Buffalo last Sunday. Euclid, of old, made it impossible by formulating the law that a body cannot be in two different places at one and the same time. I heard a very glowing report of your address, and I am sorry to have missed you.

A young man in Buffalo, named, Dr. Irving Perlstein, is applying for an internship at the Mt. Sinai Hospital in Cleveland. He is a splendid young man and eager to make Jewish contacts in Cleveland.

Any kindness that you may be able to extend to him will be deeply appreciated. I have asked him to communicate with you.

With every good wish,

Cordially yours,

Joe

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

I have gone over with much interest a press report in the Buffalo Evening News covering your address at the community vesper service in First Presbyterian Church, where you take it upon yourself to place Father Coughlin in a class with Fritz Kuhn and Earl Browder as those who are opposed to peace.

You are undoubtedly right insofar as Earl Browder and Fritz Kuhn is concerned, but when you make accusations of this kind against Father Coughlin I am inclined to believe that it is just a case of "striking below the belt" and statements of this kind founded on false assumptions usually have very unfavorable repercussions.

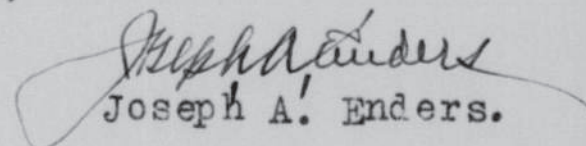
I have just procured a booklet from Father Coughlin covering a series of radio addresses and I have found nothing which, in my opinion, would lead me to conclude that Father Coughlin was not in favor of peace, but rather that his denunciations of the lifting of the arms embargo would unquestionably place him in a class with those who are striving for peace, by using all available means to stay out of European territorial disputes and squabbles by keeping strictly "neutral" and not taking sides with either of the belligerents.

Furthermore, I feel sure the 17,000,000 listeners to Father Coughlin's weekly programs will readily conclude without doubt that he is rather anti-Nazi, anti-Communist and anti-Fascist.

Incidentally, let me assure you that there is no weapon with which to successfully combat truth and sincerity.

Very truly yours,

JAE/CHB


Joseph A. Enders.

42 Howland Terrace
Nov. 15, 1939
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Having written a story of
your life it was chosen to
go into our community scrap-
book at the Temple Emanuel,
we would like very much
to receive an autographed
photograph of yourself to
go with the story. Hoping
to receive it, and thanking
you very kindly, I remain

Sincerely yours
Barbara Maskell

November 15, 1939

Miss Mildred Chadsey
2194 Ambleside
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Miss Chadsey:

Enclosed herewith is a transcript of the address which Rabbi Silver delivered on "The Nazarene". This transcript has been neither proof-read nor corrected by Rabbi Silver. Please return it to me when you have finished with it.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK
Enc.

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November 15, 1939

Rev. Walton E. Cole
First Unitarian Church
Toledo, Ohio

My dear Dr. Cole:

Several weeks ago I had an inquiry from a correspondent concerning you and your radio work. I was somewhat appalled at my ignorance in not knowing what you had been doing, but was very much interested and was deeply gratified about all that I learned in response to my inquiries and with what I was able to pass on to the man who had written me. It happened that Miss Florence Baer, a Toledo woman who was formerly on my staff, is now at Unitarian headquarters, so that both from the Toledo and Boston Unitarian circles I had every opportunity for first-hand information. I should add that it was entirely in your praise.

It was with much satisfaction that I had the opportunity of hearing you at the Community Church in Boston, and only an unusually busy week has prevented my writing earlier to express my great admiration for your address, both in its letter and its spirit. I do not see how it could have been more in harmony with the "American way of life" which you expounded, more generally tolerant and thoroughly Christian, and yet at the same time thoroughly honest in its concern for truth and for brotherhood.

I think you are doing a very brave, and also an exceedingly valuable, piece of work in showing up Coughlin. What you are doing is all the more valuable because you make it not so much an anti-Coughlin matter as a positive building up of the American way.

I am expressing in an editorial paragraph in the December issue of ADVANCE something of the appreciation that I am conveying to you in this letter. But I did want you to know how I felt; and though my opinion may be unimportant, what I say and feel may compensate for those vicious attacks to which every man is subject who takes such a course as you are taking. I am suggesting also in my editorial that the Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice is to be highly commended for the support that it is giving you. I could only wish that all our churches and our church people were back of you in a substantial way.

With sincere regards,

Yours faithfully,

W. E. Gilroy

WEG:BF

November 16, 1939

Mr. Joseph A. Enders
167 Lovering Avenue
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Enders:

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your
letter of November 14.

For Father Coughlin's sympathies for Fascist
and Nazi ideas and institutions, please consult any
issue of "Social Justice". He has more than once reprinted
Mr. Goebbels' Nazi propaganda verbatim in his sheet. If
you are interested in truth, may I suggest that you read
the enclosed two pamphlets which I am pleased to send
you. They will give you a good idea of how "truthful"
the Detroit Cleric is. I would also suggest that you
procure a copy of the book published by The Institute
for Propaganda Analysis called "The Fine Art of Propaganda".
This is a study of Father Coughlin's speeches, published
by Harcourt, Brace and Company this year.

With kindest regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 19, 1939

Bloch Publishing Co.
31 West 31st St.
New York, N.Y.

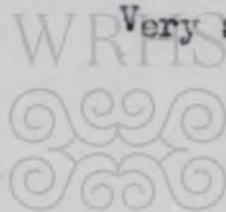
Dear Sir:

Please send me twenty-four Marriage Certificates
by return mail. I shall be pleased to send my check
upon receipt of same.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



November 20, 1939

Rabbi Samuel H. Markowitz
500 W. Wayne St.
Ft. Wayne, Indiana

My dear Rabbi Markowitz:

Rabbi Silver has requested me to send
you the enclosed letter which he received from
Mr. David Coleman.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK
Enc.

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



November 20, 1939

Miss Mary Jakymetz
10401 Homeworth Ave.
Garfield Heights, Ohio

My dear Miss Jakymetz:

Permit me to thank you for your kind note of November 9. I was happy to know that you enjoyed the service which you attended at The Temple. Please be assured that you are always welcome.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



November 20, 1939

Mr. George A. Levy
Sanger Hotel
Dallas, Texas

My dear Mr. Levy:

Thank you for the letter which you forwarded to me from Rabbi Ephraim Frisch. I have sent to you his letter intended for you.

I was surprised to learn that you were severing your connection with the Jewish Federation for Social Service in Dallas. I hope that you will soon find an opening for your splendid talents in some other community.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

MRS. MAXWELL M. ROZAN
1100 MONROE BOULEVARD
SOUTH HAVEN, MICHIGAN

Nov. 20, 1939

Dear Rabbi Silver;

I find it difficult to express to you my deep and sincere thanks for the beautiful tribute you paid Dad. No one understood him quite as well as you, and your words were a great comfort to all of us.

Enclosed please find tokens as further appreciation. With kindest personal regards from mother, Jane, Max and myself.

Fondly

Alice Feigenbaum Rozan

November 21, 1939

Mrs. Maxwell M. Rozan
1100 Monroe Blvd.
South Haven, Michigan

My dear Alice:

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

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



Paul Greenwald

THE RICHMAN BROTHERS CO.
1600 EAST 55TH STREET
CLEVELAND, OHIO
PHONE: HENDERSON 0200



Fine Clothes for Men

Dear Rabbi Silver,

As per our telephone conversation - this is the book I spoke to you about. I wish you to keep it.

Sincerely
Paul Greenwald

[1939]

99 CLAREMONT AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Nov 23.

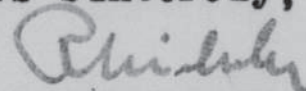
Rabbi Aba Hillel Silver
Cleveland Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I have just returned from Europe on a boat loaded with Jewish refugees. Among the group, many of which were of the highest quality of intelligence, one young man from Vienna stood out as a particularly fine type. What impressed me about him particularly was that he had mastered the English language so perfectly that it was almost impossible to recognize him as a refugee or foreigner. Also he has a most pleasing personality. His name is Hans Grunwald. Age 31 years. Experience in minor executive posts in cotton, oil and banking concerns. I have written to various of my friends about him and am writing to you to ask, if he came to Cleveland looking for a position, would you have any person or committee in your congregation which would interest itself in such a person with a view of helping him to make connections? He has very good references.

With kind personal regards,

Yours sincerely,



Reinhold Niebuhr

CAMPUS SWEATER COMPANY

234 ST. CLAIR
AVE. W.



CLEVELAND
OHIO

CAMPUS SWEATERS

November 24, 1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o The Temple
Ansel & East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

I am enclosing herewith a small token in appreciation of your fine sermon at the funeral of Mrs. Birdie Shlesinger.

Please know that the family is truly grateful of the thoughts you so sincerely expressed.

Yours sincerely,

John Weis

THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE
CINCINNATI, OHIO

November 26, 1939

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I had hoped that Thanksgiving would present an opportunity for me to come into Cleveland and to talk with you after Sunday morning services. Since my classes were resumed on Friday I was unable to take the weekend off. I hope that you will have time to see me during the winter vacation for I shall surely be home then.

Now that I have become acclimated to the Hebrew Union College I can see it in perspective and I can appreciate the opportunities offered to the students. Since many of my preconceived notions about the College have altered I am beginning to see the true values it has to offer. It is only in the light of what I know now that I can fully appreciate the guidance that you have given me in the matter of religious and academic training preparatory to my entrance.

My University background has equipped me with the means for the critical analysis of facts and situations which is so necessary for the student here. The Hebrew studies which I pursued in Cleveland under Mr. Schuster laid the foundation for a practical

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THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

CINCINNATI, OHIO

able philosophy regarding the scientific method of Biblical criticism. I believe that it will not be until I, as a rabbi, finally come into active contact with society that I will completely realize the value of what has been done for me both by Hebrew Union College and by The Temple in making it possible for me to attend.

Last summer I wrote a letter thanking Mrs. Auerbach and The Temple Women's Association who are responsible for the student scholarship fund. Now I want to express my sincerest gratitude to you for designating me as the recipient of the scholarship. I hope that during the time I spend at the College I will be able to justify the interest that you have shown in me.

Yours truly,
Richard E. Singer

THE CLEVELAND INSTITUTE OF MUSIC
CLEVELAND, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

November 27, 1939.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I have just learned that a letter which I dictated on September 23rd, was never sent you. I am very sorry that I am so late in thanking you for your subscription to the Maintenance Fund of the Institute. Your financial support is of the greatest importance to the development of a school of music which has steadily increased its significance in the life of our community.

It is our hope that you will regard the Institute as your own. Any suggestions which you may care to give us regarding the administration, or the artistic affairs of the Institute, will be welcomed.

We hope to have the pleasure of seeing you at our recitals and lectures this season.

Sincerely yours,

Beryl Rubinstein

Director.

BR:JB

Emil Bernhard Cohn
801 West End Avenue (6A)
New York City

November 27th, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland (Ohio)

Dear Dr. Silver :

Because you were one of the first who took an interest in me in this country I am glad to inform you that I just came back from Havana where I succeeded to legalize my stay in the U.S.A.. It took only a couple of days and I am awaiting now my family hoping that it will not be too late for them to come over from Europe.

Well , the first step done , the second has to follow: The job. Something is handled, for instance Lewiston- Maine, but I don't know if something will come from it. It is not so easy. Most of these orthodox Congregations are " litwishe Schulen" and in spite of the fact that I have learned Jiddish too , I have my doubts and arguments about being *פריינדליך געווען*.

Meanwhile I have improved my English spending my summer-time in a camp (Cejwin Camps of Mr. Schoolman) and speaking only English there - telling stories , lecturing etc.- . In order to practise writing too I started writing for New Palestine and I hope that you have read there my first attempts. However, the most important for me are the lectures which could me bring over the country and give me the opportunity to meet people, to get in nearer contact with them and to introduce myself as a speaker. My real hope, even for the material question , is , at least for the next two or three months , the U.J.A.- They have promised me to help, but the thing is urgent for me. Mr. Magida is on his trip and , as I hear , you are also on the way. If you could use your influence there for me you would do me a real favour. And if , occasionally, you could give me again the opportunity to speak in your Zionist Society, I hope to satisfy your expectations more this time than then when just ~~xxx~~ I started speaking and lecturing English in this country.

Hoping you are well with your family I send you my best wishes and regards and remain , dear Dr. Silver,

very sincerely yours

Emil Bernhard Cohn

I beg to attach an exposé, which perhaps will find your kind interest.

EDUCATIONAL WORK OF DR. EMIL BERNHARD - COHN

Officiated as Rabbi in:

Berlin	1906-1907	
Kiel	1908-1912	
Essen	1912-1914	
Bonn	1914-1925	
Berlin	1925-1936	
Amsterdam	1936-1939	(Refugee work)

In Bonn, member of Board of Education of the City of Bonn during entire stay, from 1914-1925.

In Berlin, director of the XXI School for Religion of the Jewish Community from 1925-1936.

For many years the Preussische Landesverband Juedischer Gemeinden (Prussian Association of Jewish Congregations) entrusted me with the inspection of the Country Communities and Sunday Schools.

As Rabbi, teacher, school inspector and also as a writer and editor of Jewish papers I was at all times very much interested in Jewish educational work especially because up to within the last few years there was no official organized educational work within the German Jewry, aside from the local School Committee of the Berlin Community. Most of the work was left to private initiative and even the Teachers' Semenaries used to work without methodical plans. An inquiry which I made in 1925 established the fact that there as at that time no semenary in which methods of Hebrew pedagogy were taught. I therefore began to work on my own account. This work was threefold:

I.

METHODS FOR HEBREW INSTRUCTION

Realizing that the old method of teaching Hebrew by progressing from word to word was impossible. I developed a new method which started with an outline of the grammar omitting all feminine forms. It was a grammar of only eight sections of ten lines each. As the child progressed, the other forms were worked into this outline and intensive practice in translating from German into Hebrew supplemented this work.

In 1933 when the emigration began and the learning of Hebrew became an increasing actuality, I published my method in the two volumes of my book "Iwrith l'olim - Neuhebraeisch schnell gelernt" (Verlag Siegfried Scholem, Berlin). The special characteristic of this book was the attempt to present the grammar of the oriental language in form of the western European grammars. The success of this book - 11 000 copies were sold in a few months - proved the value of this method.

The second volume was published one year later - 1934 - and represented an attempt to teach methodically the reading of unpunctuated New Hebrew by building

up the whole structure of the language from the different groupings of word constructions. The aim was to make able even the beginner to learn it. In both volumes many examples of conversation and modern readings were given. The first volume of the book has been recorded on Phonograph-Records by the Company Otto Sperling, Stuttgart, 1935.

II.

JEWISH YOUTH LITERATURE.

At all times the lack of first class youth literature was evident in Germany. The professional and successful Jewish writers felt too proud to lend their talents to such a work and therefore it was left in the hands of ordinary teachers. They were mostly amateur writers and were unable to provide the Jewish children with good literature and especially with dramatical productions for Purim, Chanukah and other occasions.

Because I had achieved a fair measure of success as a German writer - my first play "Der Brief des Uria" was presented by Max Reinhardt's Kammerspiele in Berlin 1909, my "Anna Boleyn"-presented by almost all important German stages - reached America 1923 (Milwaukee), my "Prisoner" was presented 1928 by Eugene O'Neill in New York (Province Town Playhouse) - I tried to remedy this defect. In 1929 I succeeded in persuading the Committee for Youth Readings of the United Order B'nai B'rith in Berlin to aid me in publishing an annual Jewish Youth Book for children from 8 to 15. The Lodges guaranteed the sale of 1000 copies each year for their children, the well known "Juedische Verlag" took over the publication and the first volume was published in fall 1929. I had enlisted the efforts of the best Jewish painters in this work. The children themselves contributed drawings, poems etc. However most of all the contributions and even drawings and musical compositions came from myself.. From these six annual volumes we sold about 3000 - 5000 copies each year.

Each volume was begun with an illustrated "Lunch" followed by numerous short stories from Jewish History and modern life, legends and poetry, dramas and shadow plays, anecdotes and riddles. The last volume was published 1936.-

Furthermore I published as supplements many legends and folk stories in my own weekly "Der Juedische Bote" which I edited during my stay in Bonn, later on in the issues of the "Juedische Gemeindeblatt" in Berlin. Some of these stories were translated in English and French and published in France, French Switzerland, and XNUMX South Africa.

The list of my material, which I submit here, is incomplete, because I have not my material at hand.

III.

METHOD OF HISTORIC INSTRUCTION.

There was in Germany only very poor material for instruction of Jewish history, biblical and postbiblical. All Jewish teachers regretted the lack of useful material and good representations of Jewish history. Furthermore I have always regretted the attitude of most Jewish historians towards the history of the world. They used to present Jewish history in a vacuum without regard of the general world history. In order to show my own methods of history instruction and the result of my experiences as a teacher I published my book: "Die Juedische Geschichte Ein Gang durch die Jahrtausende" (Edited by Erwin Loewe, Berlin 1936)

This book became the bestseller among Jewish books of that year, we sold 5000 copies in a few weeks and before the Nazis were able to stop it. This book was intended to be the first volume of a series of similar books - "Buecher der Klaerung und des Wissens" which I started to publish then. But the turn of events permitted only the second volume to be published: "Was ist der Talmud?" by Dr. Berkowitz, Berlin.-

As supplement of this work I published in 1935 a book "Das Juedische A B C. A guide through Jewish knowledge" (Berlin, Verlag Erwin Loeve, 1935) This Encyclopedia of about 5-600 pages represents a reading book, not a book of reference. It contains 200 independent articles about Jewish History, life and science.



ARTHUR M LOWENTHAL

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

November 28, 1939.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

More and more, with intimate association, the layman understands the heavy duties of the Rabbi - duties not centered in the Temple. And so your appearance in Rochester is not appreciated only because of the fine purpose you so profoundly aided, but because of the great personal effort you were forced to make. The attitude of your audience is best indication of its indebtedness to you. The few who had opportunity to sit easily with you carry a sense of comfortable friendship in addition to respect. You have won our very sincere thanks.

Cordially,

Arthur M Lowenthal

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street & Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

C O P Y

November 29, 1939

Rabbi S. H. Markowitz
The Temple
500 W. Wayne Street
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Rabbi Markowitz:

Replying to your letter of the 27th, Rabbi Merfeld resigned from the congregation. Confidentially, I understand that the resignation was not entirely voluntary, but since I have no direct information I cannot go into details that led up to it.

He is still serving the congregation. I understand that when he retires, and I am not sure whether that will be the first of the year or the end of this season, he is thinking of starting another congregation. At least so he intimated to me in a recent conversation.

The congregation itself is composed of many elements, with a few of the motion picture group in it. I do not know the size of the Religious School.

Frankly, while I think that they can pay any reasonable salary they promise, I know that once a year they hold a midnight show to raise funds and I don't know by what methods other than dues they raise money. Nor am I acquainted with their books, so I cannot tell you how many pay dues and how many are prompt in their payments.

I am sorry I cannot be more specific, but I do not happen to have the information that you seek.

With best wishes and kind regards always, I am

Cordially,

SIGNED

EDGAR MAGNIN



MAIL
EARLY
FOR
CHRISTMAS



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

The Temple
Ansel Rd & E. 105th St
City

Nov 29 '39

Would you kindly send me the text of
Parker's letter
Sunday A. M. and greatly oblige
J. Packer 2036 E. 86th St

November 30, 1939

Mr. Loren Weber
Campus Sweater Company
234 St. Clair Ave. W.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Loren:

Thank you so much for your kind note
and for the check which you enclosed. In keeping
with my practise, I shall place it in a small charity
fund which I use from time to time.

With all good wishes to you and yours,
I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. I am still hoping that your children will find
their way into our Religious School again. In these
unsettled and difficult times, it is highly important
for Jewish children to receive guidance and inspiration
in a religious institution. The Temple can provide
that.



November 30, 1939

Mr. Arthur M. Lowenthal
Rochester, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Lowenthal:

Thank you so much for your kind note of November 28. I enjoyed my visit to Rochester greatly, particularly the quiet hour of pleasant relaxation in your delightful home. I hope that I may have the pleasure of reciprocating your kind hospitality in our home when you or Mrs. Lowenthal, or both of you, visit Cleveland.

I trust that your Campaign in Rochester will be completely successful.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 30, 1939

Collector of Customs
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request, I am enclosing herewith the statement of W. Heffer & Sons of Cambridge, England, covering the parcels of books which they sent me and which are now in your possession.

Please return these statements after your perusal of them.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

Cleveland, Nov. 30 - 39

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

Dear Rabbi:-

I am here in behalf of the Jewish Teachers Seminary of New-York and intended to lay before you the object of my mission. But Mr. Feder, Pres. of the ^{local} Jewish Cultur-Gesellschaft, informed me that being your time is so very limited you would rather have me written to you of my request.

I am soliciting contributions for the above mentioned institution.

which is sponsored by the Jewish National Workers Alliance and the Poalei Zion. Its object is - to be brief - to prepare those of our youth desiring to become teachers in the various types of Jewish Schools, and also to give them the possibility to get acquainted with our treasures by a medium adaptable to them.

This institution is chartered by an Act of Legislature of the State of N.Y. and thus recognized legally in its academical standing. And thus I hope my appeal to bring you proper support in a way you would see it fit.

Your contribution will be highly appreciated by all

the organizations connected
with this institution.

Very Respectfully yours

Jr. R. Anshach

P.S. % Hotel Rae
Prospect & 22nd St.

Phone: Cherry 9624

November 30, 1939

Dr. R. Auerbach
% Hotel Rae
Prospect and 22nd St.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Auerbach:

I regret that due to the great demands
which are made upon me from all sources, I am
unable to contribute to your project.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



November 30, 1939

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof
The Ruskin Apartments
120 Ruskin Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Sol:

Please pardon the delay in answering your kind letters with reference to Mr. Saul Spiro. I have been traveling so much of the time that my correspondence has seriously lagged.

Frankly, I do not know what to write to you about the situation here. I have had very little to do with the Bureau of Jewish Education for years now. I have heard, of course, that the Bureau has been contacting people here and there looking about for a successor to Friedland. My own feeling of the matter is, and I have expressed it to the members of the local Federation, that before any man is engaged, the community ought first to act upon the recommendations of the Survey of Jewish Education which was made in our community two or three years ago, in order that we might agree first upon just what we want, and then look around for the right kind of person to implement the program agreed upon. Otherwise, I am afraid that the new director will find himself in the same arena of conflict, and his work would be greatly handicapped. But, as you probably know, there is more than reason or logic involved in the situation.

With all good wishes to you and Lillian, and hoping to see you both in the near future, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 30, 1939

Mr. Paul Greenwald
The Richman Brothers Co.
1600 East 55th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Greenwald:

Let me thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of the Blue Book. I was very happy to receive it and to add it to my library. It contains some very valuable and historic material.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Furncliff Hall
Springfield, Ohio
November 30, 1939

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Would you please sign
the enclosed blank and send it

to :

Dean Shager
Wittenberg College
Springfield, Ohio

Thank you very much. I
hope you and your family are
fine.

Sincerely yours,
Lois Puliger