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March 1, 1940

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

Dear Friend,

I am enclosing a transcript of a radio discussion that I heard and which greatly impressed me. You may have heard the same, and may have taken the same steps I did: namely, I bought several transcripts to pass out among some of my friends, those that I believe need it for one reason, and those, like yourself, who could pass it on to someone else who may need it for the same reason.

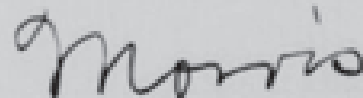
I sat listening to this discourse with mixed feelings. One of thankfulness, and the other that gave me a most ominous feeling. The first was because the subject was handled in truth, and the second was because we, as a race, must be X-rayed and dissected in a mental laboratory just like a butterfly on a pin. One who has always judged a person for what he is and what he stands for can find no answer or reason for questioning.

And so, I should perhaps look at this as a neutralizer against at least one program of viciousness, and be glad that the answer is not an apology but a clinical X-ray, manifesting fact.

Thank you for your help last Wednesday afternoon in getting a much too un-informed layman off to a right start.

With kindest regards to your family and self,

Yours truly,



M. L. Arnold

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March 1, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Silver:

Next October the National Recreation Congress will be held in Cleveland. While this will not bring large sums of money to our merchants it will mean a great deal to our City as leaders in public and private recreation work and other prominent persons will attend from all over the country. Clevelanders will have an opportunity to attend these meetings and hear about the latest developments in the field of recreation.

Cleveland's share of the cost of the Congress is five thousand dollars. So important do our social workers consider this Congress that they stand ready to contribute from their already reduced budgets. We do not think that they should do this as every penny of their funds is needed to carry on their work.

Will you not send us a small contribution to help raise the amount needed.

Very truly yours,

Edw. L. Worthington

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From

The Professor of Physical Chemistry
and Molecular Physics.

DR. R. SAMUEL. F. INST. P.

is from Parkside Hotel
18, Gramercy Pk
N.Y.C. 3rd March '40

Dear Dr. Silver,

In accordance with your letter of Febr. 5th
I have tried several times to see you in New York,
but I did not get news of your presence here until
it was too late or it happened that I could
not be in New York at that time. I would
be very sorry to leave America without having
made your acquaintance and therefore I would
appreciate very much if you could let me know
beforehand when you are coming to N.Y. I shall
be away from March 5th to 7th, but it is likely that
I am here for some time afterwards.

Yours sincerely
R. Samuel

MRS. MARVIN KING
670 CHILTON AVENUE
NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

Dear Reverend Silver,

Thank you for
sending your addresses.
Last night I read "The
World Crisis and Jewish
Survival" to an enthralled
congregation. I have never
seen a more attentive audience.
Perhaps I shouldn't tell
you that I deleted much

for inasmuch as it is a
product of your brain - perhaps
you would think it butchery.
But our minds here are
fed on light fare - The
exercise of following you
thru the high mountains
and deep valleys of your
thought would make it
not only fatiguing but
impossible - So I tried
to cut out all that was not
absolutely essential and in
twenty-three minutes saved
the main structure of your
theme. (I also left out a few

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870 CHILTON AVENUE
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Seldom used adverbs and adjectives)
It has been said you know
"Lives uses such long, difficult
words" I know that these
addresses were delivered before
learned groups who could
appreciate every by path of
your thought and every
delicate nuance of shading
in your chosen words -
but ever since I was a
little girl you have reminded
me of Abraham Lincoln -
I imagined he walked as

you did ^{felt} that you saw
with his large vision and
that you had had the
greatness and simplicity
of ~~that~~ true leader of men
and so my mind returns
again and again to that
unforgettable Gettysburg
Address. If I seem to be
condemning your length
and gorgeous elaborateness I
also am praising both you
and Lincoln in comparing
you. I want you to know
that it was very difficult

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to read parts of your sermon
I was so moved by it - Then
the Ark of The Covenant be-
gins to move -

That was majestic - beautiful
Thrilling - I almost cried.

If you have read this
far in this over presumptions
I am letter - I must add just
another line - I feel that
you - are the Modern
prophet and leader -
There are ~~too~~ few leaders

to guide our people in the
(crucifying wilderness)
to day and somehow I
see you as a Modern
Moses leading your people
towards the goal of your better
world - your promised
land - This all sounds
frightfully dramatic -
but somehow when I think
of you I am always moved
deeply and most sincerely

Polly Kemp

March 2, 1940

MRS. MARVIN KING
679 CHILTON AVENUE
NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

Post Scripts (Should never
be sent)

① I envy the people in Cleveland
who have the privilege of hearing
you often.

② For months, years - years
like centuries my thoughts
are gay, bruised broken
hemmed in by little nothing
Then I hear you speak
my vision clears my
spirits soar - I tread on
bright clouds of thought -

I have ~~been~~ ^{been} healed - wonder-
ful what words can do

I hate to be effusive -
poetic - but you are
so damned inspiring
other words are ^{im}possible

(3) I saw a print of a
portrait of you last year - I
had written & never sent a
request to paint you some-
time - I still would like to
try - do you think I
would paint you with
a halo? Looking forward to
meeting you again in The Art
Gallery. Do you think Picasso is an

think he is ^{premier} the world as it is today. or do you



Rabbi Abba H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland Ohio.

March 4, 1940

Edward L. Worthington, Chairman
Mayor's Advisory Board on Playgrounds & Recreation
638 Terminal Tower
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Worthington:

Enclosed herewith is Rabbi Silver's
contribution to the National Recreation Congress which
will be held in Cleveland next October.

BJK

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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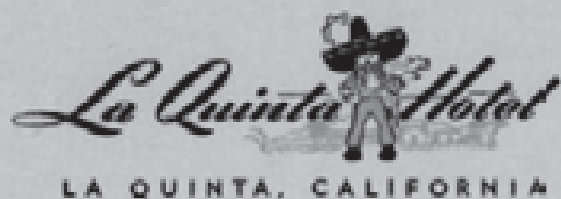
1675 Townsend Dr
Hj. C.

March 4, 1940

Dear Abba -

Regret to have to
inform you that Uncle Jack
passed away on the 26th
of February.

With the hope that this
finds you & your family in
the best of health, with
kindest regards from us all,
as ever
Uncle Nathan



Salmann Schocken

March 4, 1940

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your kind letter of February 26th has reached me here where I have regained my full health and have found an ideal place for rest. I was very sorry that I could not come to Cleveland as I had planned to, but I hope to find an opportunity for seeing you on my way back.

You will, of course, hear from me in time.
Reciprocating your good wishes, I remain
With kindest personal regards,

Cordially yours,

Please excuse business paper, but it is so quiet early in the morning and I can write more peacefully without interruption.]

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1341 East Blvd.

Cleveland, Ohio,

March 4, 1940.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Now that I have summoned up sufficient courage to speak to you, I should like to say everything that is on my mind and forever more keep my peace. Please do not throw this in the waste basket until you have read it through, for I feel that one person's serious thoughts and good intentions are worthy of another person's attention regardless how trivial it may seem at the outset. The matter I bring before you is deadly serious all over the country.

May I tell you that it is a very personal reason that motivates me to speak so loudly to you, for it is said that if a thing strikes home it is more deeply felt. It is definitely in regard to a younger sister that I speak. May I speak in the same manner that you speak when you refer to our parents as good and great. My mother is a very good woman noted for her philanthropies, not when it is easy to give but when it means sacrifice to give. My father, M. Feldman, is one of the outstanding figures in the Jewish community. For thirty some years in the furniture business [starting at \$4 per week] first with M. Seplitz, then Kozonky and Boister, then alone, then with Katy Koshstein & Co. at present. He is a pillar of strength and light. He has aided hundreds of people, expected and received nothing in return. He has given us [his three daughters] fine educations and everything we wished but strangely enough, we never wished for anything but worth while things.]

My father's name stands honest and virtuous in the Jewish and Gentile community. There has never been one person to ever say that my father maltreated him in all these long years, nor has he ever said an unkind word to any one. I have resembled my father most and have always tried to be just a little bit as good and honest as he is. Now I must tell you what is on my mind.

My father stands powerless to help my sister who is but one of many thousands of young women today. My sister is petite, vivacious and serious. For three of her four years at college, she had a scholarship which gave her the best education available: School of Education plus study with Melville Smith, master of theory, Lila Robeson, master of voice, Venice Lutz critic and teacher of piano. After graduation, she substituted for two years and the third year Morgan himself took her from the top of the list and placed her at West Junior High where she is the only Jewish teacher (I think) Morgan knew the situation and was afraid to do this, yet, she has become so beloved [word of others, not myself] that she has endeared herself to all the students and teachers, won her permanent contract and should be happy. yet, she is most unhappy and so are thousands like her. / Her age is 26.

From her position, please do not assume that she is unhappy. She is not! She is thrifty, an excellent cook and keeps her knowledge under her hat when with young men. This point is important for many marriages that might have been put the blame on this technicality.

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But because her morals are not loose, she is left out in the cold. There are thousands of other examples. Just take Hyman [all over 30] Schindler's [Conductor of Women's Symphony Orchestra] 4 sisters. Pretty, good, bright, fine, yet all just existing. Of course, it is fine for a girl to have a good position, be self supporting, and have an excellent mind. What else can he do and live out her days. Yet any one of these girls would grab at any kind of a young man regardless of he is professional or not, if only he were pleasant and honorable and able to make a fair living.

Now comes a very important point! If young people married early in life, it would be such an improvement because young people do not demand as much as their older sisters. Love is full of hope and promise and youth is strong and vibrant and can do things physically that a mature person cannot and will not do. I take my own example. I married at 19 [husband 23]. We had nothing, was helped of course. After 14 years, we have 3 sons - one almost Bar Mitzvah, one behind him, and one almost 5. We struggled but grew up with the children. They are almost adults. We attend as many cultural things as 24 hours per day permits.

We are proud of our fine intelligent children and they are proud of us. We are now starting life anew. After a purely academic life spent in music [the children all play and music is always in the air] I am able to come to the office and enter a world of which I never dreamed of. It is hard and difficult and keen and bright. We ~~are~~ ^{have} had a full and ^{complete} life and are sensible and sedate as we take our position in life.

It may be too late to help that ^{big} strata of feminine youth of 25 to 40 years, but the succeeding ones must not be left to suffer the same fate. Every one is very sorry for them and we try to have a young lady meet a young man, but they know they are being thrown together and are self conscious and nothing comes of it. Young girls could be made to realize with very little effort that early years of joy and anticipation though full of struggle are far better than fleeting youth with the hope of security with its smugness and obstinacy in the 30's. The men if properly educated could be made to realize that joy with one woman is far sweeter than sophistication and frozen flirtation with its barrenness and hiding and hopelessness.

Our parents of this country stand helplessly humble and sad while their children are fading and unhappy, and all their sacrifice and wisdom and kindness avails them nothing.

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Of course, if you speak with these young people, they deny all this because they dare not admit even to themselves that the genuine spark has not yet been kindled and the promise of old maidishness is throwing lines and sharpness into their manner and face. I look as young as any unmarried woman ten years younger. Why cannot the unmarried woman be made to feel that life owes us nothing and therefore everything we get is something sweet and precious and full of wonder. There are so many wonderful things about us if we would only open our eyes to see them and our minds and hands to utilize them.

This will not take one lecture. It must take one lecture every month and a very subtle approach. It must not be some new discovery. It must appear as from nowhere in a mist. Young people must not feel that they are being singled out. They must become aware of something subtle in the air that tingles of goodness and yet electric with excitement. The approach must be slow and cautious and wary.

I have been coming to hear you from my courtship days. In the last three years I have missed only those Sundays when a musical rehearsal could not be scheduled at any other time. I have seen you grow from a great wise young man to a mature statesman, leader and inspirational guide.

No matter how blue, or weary or forsaken as different circumstances in life leave us, I have always left through the comforting prayers and fatherly guidance, clean and calm and full of goodness and hope. No matter how black your subject begins, it is always full of comfort and understanding and resolve to go on at the conclusion. If only there were thousands more like you. May you live very long. The world needs just such sympathy of one man for another. That is why I have never spoken of this subject to anyone. I have always hoped and hoped. But somehow this Sunday, with all the woes of the world which you set to right so patiently and wisely and with all the hungry souls who have so satiated with love and comfort when they leave, I summoned up sufficient courage to speak to you. This requires a great ~~man~~ there is no one greater than you in America to carry this touch of light to the young people's hearts. These young people of 18-25 are the bulwark of tomorrow.

These young people must not feel that two or three children's a hardship. Let them have a few close together, and young, and they will grow up for and with their children. I at 33 do not have the patience nor the strength to bear privation and pain [of course if one must, one does] as I could at nineteen, for then pain is not pain but a step toward a great hope. God is with us children at every step and youth triumphs through youth's determination and hope, over the 30's when every thought is so meticulously pondered.

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At 30 one says, "Shall I or shall I not have a child? What will I give him etc?" At nineteen, one is so busy with the child, by the time he is 30, he has a young man or woman on his hands and has the maturity of years to be more thrifty and self sacrificing and sedate for the child's and his own good.

If you have read through patiently this far, I am really grateful to you. If my thoughts are ~~so~~ clear, I have been a good pupil for your wisdom has been my guidance, and you have been my teacher.

I do pray as Esther prayed to Achashuerus, that ~~you~~ I have found favor in your thoughts and that I can worry no more on this score, for whatever you wish to do will never fail and this work will be greater than many other things. I do not diminish your foreign and American endeavors. But even in this God's beautiful peaceful land, young people are unhappy because of fearfulness left over from the last war. One of the most devoted children of your faith,

Don H. Rosenbaum

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March 5, 1940

Dr. A. H. Silver
10311 Lake Shore Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The contribution which you sent to us last March took care of a very definite need in our work. I sincerely hope that you will be willing to help us again this year.

We are very happy when our friends renew their gifts. To us, it is a real manifestation of their faith in our work. I need not say that the smallest amount that you may send will be greatly appreciated, and I assure you that it will be used where it is needed most.

Very sincerely yours,

F. D. Patterson
President

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March 5, 1940

Miss Bessie Kline
The Temple
Ansel Road at E. 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

Mrs. Dale Brown tells me she heard
Rabbi Silver read a poem which she liked
very much at a recent funeral service.

The idea of the poem was that those
whom we lose through death are like the
stars, not visible always, but neverthe-
less existing.

I would very much appreciate it if
you could send me a copy of the poem.

Faithfully yours,

Dilworth Lutton

March 5, 1940

Miss Martha Markowitz
2600 Hampshire Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Martha:

Let me thank you for your kind note which I greatly appreciate and the check which accompanied it - the sending of which I did not appreciate. What do you want me to do with it? I should like to return it to you, or put it into one of The Temple Funds in memory of our dear Minnie. Come in and talk to me about it next Sunday.

I hope that you are well. Virginia joins me in sending our love.

Most cordially,

AHS:RK

March 5, 1940

Cleveland Co-Ordinating Committee for Refugees
Huron-Sixth Building
Cleveland, Ohio

Attention: Mr. Wolf

My dear Mr. Wolf:

Enclosed herewith is a letter which
Rabbi Silver received Anna Lowengart of Haifa, Palestine.
Will you kindly look into the matter.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

BJK
Enc.

March 6, 1940

Mr. W. L. Savage
Charles Scribner's Sons
597 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Savage:

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

I have been thinking a good deal in recent months about getting together another book for publication, something in the nature of a companion volume to "Religion In a Changing World". Unfortunately I have been so busy in the last few years with duties which have taken me away from my study, that I have found it very difficult to devote myself consistently to completing such a volume. As you probably know, I am national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal which has been involved, in the last few years, in raising large sums of money for over-seas relief, and I am compelled to do considerable traveling through the cities of the United States in connection with these campaigns. If I can get a few quiet weeks this summer, I will try to finish the volume, and if I do, I will be very happy to get in touch with you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BX

March 6, 1940

Mr. M. L. Arnold
The Cottage Creamery Co.
505 Woodland Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Morris:

Let me thank you for your kind letter and for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of the Chicago University Round Table discussion of "The Jew". I had read it with a good deal of interest. With much of it I agree. I, too, share with you the feeling of repugnance at being so frequently dissected in a public laboratory. It would be far better for the non-Jew to do a bit more of self-dissection.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

March 6, 1940

Rabbi Armond E. Cohen
The Jewish Center
1117 East 105th St.

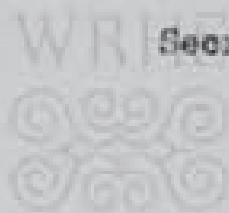
My dear Rabbi Cohen:

Rabbi Silver has requested me to
send you the enclosed letters.

Very sincerely yours,

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Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



JEROME N. CURTIS
ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
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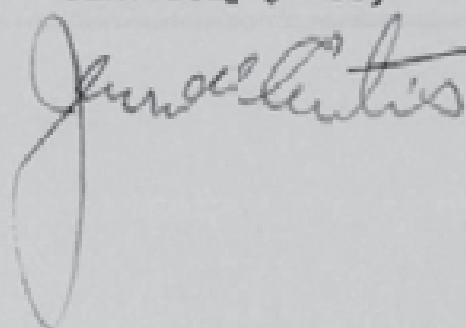
Mar. 6, 1940.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Permit me to take this opportunity to thank you for the stimulating and interesting address which you made to the Ohio District Conference of Jewish Youth. It provoked a great deal of discussion and I am quite sure it will afford food for thought and further discussion in various communities for some time to come.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jerome N. Curtis". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Jerome N. Curtis".

JNC:LA

March 6, 1940

Dr. R. Samuel
Parkside Hotel
18, Gramercy Park
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Samuel:

Let me thank you for your kind note.
I shall be in New York, stopping at the Commodore
Hotel, on Monday, March 18th. Please get in touch
with me and I shall be most happy to see you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AMS:BX

March 6, 1940

Mrs. Dora H. Rosenbaum
1341 East Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Rosenbaum:

I read your letter with a great deal of interest and I shall bear the contents of it in mind for future meetings when I have an opportunity to address groups of young people. There is much that you say in your letter with which I am in hearty agreement.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BX

March 7, 1940

Dr. Dilworth Lupton
The First Unitarian Church
Euclid Avenue at East 82nd St.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Lupton:

The poem to which Mrs. Dale Brown
referred was Barton's "The Dead". I am
enclosing a copy herewith.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

BJK
Enc.

THE DEAD

The dead are like the stars by day,
Withdrawn from mortal eye,
Yet holding unperceived their way
Through the unclouded sky.

By them, through holy hope and love,
We feel, in hours serene,
Connected with a world above,
Immortal and unseen.

For death his sacred seal hath set
On bright and bygone hours;
And they we mourn are with us yet,
Are more than ever ours, --

Ours by the pledge of love and faith,
By hopes of heaven on high;
By trust, triumphant over death,
In immortality.



By Barton



March 7, 1940

Mr. Iver Gramm
19690 S. Lake Shore Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Gramm:

May I extend to you my personal thanks, and add to them the deep appreciation of the officers and members of The Temple for the generous services which you contributed without charge to the installation of the new moving picture apparatus in our institution. Your kindness in putting at the service of The Temple, your time and your engineering skill will long be remembered by us. I trust that you will find the opportunity from time to time to visit our institution and to share with us some of the programs which the new machine which has been installed will make possible.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

MEYER W. WEISGAL
225 WEST 34TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

Personal

March 7, 1940

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Dr. Weizmann has entrusted me with certain duties in connection with his visit here concerning the execution of which I should like to have an opportunity to discuss with you at the earliest possible moment. I shall be available at any time convenient for you.

I am not unaware of the fact that you are not particularly fond of me. I think that is putting it rather mildly. You may have your reasons. Personally, I think I am not as bad as you think I am. I have said certain things under provocation, which, if I were as old then as I am today, I probably would not have said them. I think all of us are more or less guilty of youthful indiscretions. I can do no more than offer my sincerest apologies. If I am not mistaken, you already once (that was when you came to see the ETERNAL ROAD) forgave me for my past sins. But somehow or other, I have the feeling that the memory of that unfortunate Cleveland incident still lingers on. Please eradicate it from your mind as I have done long ago.

I want you to believe me that I have no ulterior motive in writing this letter. I want nothing for myself. I need nothing. I merely want to do my share in the present difficult times. I know I can make a contribution. This contribution can be made only if my work is conducted in an atmosphere of friendship and congeniality.

May I hope that you will accept this letter in the cordial and friendly spirit in which it is written.

With best wishes and kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

M. Weisgal
Meyer W. Weisgal

MWW:nz

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

March 8, 1940

Rabbi Armond E. Cohen
The Jewish Center
1117 East 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Armond:

Following our conversation of yesterday,
I received the enclosed letter from Mr. Georg
Landauer. Please return it to me after you have
read it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

March 8, 1940

Mr. Nathan Silver
1875 Townsend Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Uncle Nathan:

I was very sorry to hear of the passing of Uncle Jack although I think that it is a blessing, for I understand that his illness was incurable and that if he had lived on, he would have suffered much.

I would appreciate it if you would give me his address so that I can write to his family.

With all good wishes in which Virginia and the children join me, I remain

As ever yours,

AHS:RK

New York 3/8/40

Dear Akiba -

We just received a letter from a cousin in Neustadt (she's also a cousin of yours, on mother's side) who I was left a widow, with four children.

Need I go into detail ^{and} describe the misery she's in.

We are getting up a purse among the family so that they may not go hungry on Pasach and I take the liberty of asking you to contribute a few dollars.

We are anxious to send that off as soon as possible and trust to hear from you real soon.

We are all well
Send our love

H. G. We

Jack

K.R. Grossmann-Gilbert
41-42 - 44th St.
Long Island City, N.Y.

Phone: STillwell 4-4661

March 8, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir!

You perhaps will remember that I wrote you from Prague during the last years in my function as director of the Democratic Relief Committee.

I am enjoyed to find your name on the list of the National Committee of the American Civil Liberties Union and you may be interested to learn that I am the former secretary general of the German League for the Defense of the Rights of Man from 1926 to 1933. On account of this function I was expatriated by the Nazis on the first list (August 1933).

Just a few months in the States I wish to get in touch with all those friends who are working here in a similar way as I did in Europe.

You will quite understand that I would like to work here in my old field and for your kind information I herewith beg to enclose a curriculum vitae.

Being at your disposal I am, dear Mr. Silver,

very sincerely yours,

K.R. Grossmann - Gilbert

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K.R.Grossmann-Gilbert

41 - 42 - 44th St.

Long Island City, N.Y.

Curriculum vitae

- 1897 born in Berlin. "Gymnasium".
- 1916-1919 soldier during the war.
- 1918-1919 English war-prisoner.
- 1920-1925 bank-official in Berlin; confidential bank-official in Danzig.
- 1920-1923 chairman of a war-prisoners' association voted as a member of a relief body of the city of Charlottenburg
- 1926-1933 secretary-general of the German League for the Rights of Man in Berlin (leading members: Prof. Albert Einstein, Graf Arco, H.von Gerlach and others).
- My activity was:
- 1.) Management of the central-office with about 100 groups in other cities of the Reich.
Controlling our administration and staff.
Treasurer raising funds etc.
 - 2.) Propaganda to spread out our ideas and to get new members.
(Under my leadership members' contributions increased about 500 per cent.)
 - 3.) Lectures in meetings of various kinds and also by broadcast.
 - 4.) Publishing a press service and memorandums.
 - 5.) Leading campaigns against: (f.i.)
antisemitism in 1930. On one day an appeal signed by 100 non-Jewish well known persons was posted in 1000 German cities and published in the newspapers.
the terror of political groups. I organized an exhibition against the political terror and pamphlets were distributed.
injustice. Of the 30,000 cases of errors in justice the League was occupied with the cases Fechénbach, Bullerjahn and Jakubowski, Carl von Ossietzky became famous.
 - 6.) Peace-work: German-French exchange of pupils (German pupils were sent to France and came back with French pupils spending their vacation in Germany).
 - 7.) Campaign for freedom of speech, freedom of art.
We fought with success against the prohibition of the Remarque-film (film of Remarque's war-book).
 - 8.) Campaign against the Nazism
Meetings, pamphlets. I tried to organize a common front of all democratic parties and groups. Still on February 19th, 1933 (twenty days after Hitler came to

- power) I organized a congress, "The Free Word", taking place in the Kroll-Oper in Berlin. All progressive parties, unions, non-partial groups were represented there
- 1926-1933 editor of "Die Menschenrechte".
- 1933 expatriated by the Nazis on the first list (August 23rd) and often attacked by the Nazi press because of working for democracy and humanity.
- 1933-1938 secretary of the first refugee relief committee in Prague (Democratic Relief Committee, Prague-Paris); member of the executive of the National Coordinating Committee in Czechoslovakia for Refugees coming from Germany and Austria; member of the Committee for Refugee Children in Czechoslovakia.
- 1933-1938 editor of "Information-Service on Germany".
- The "Information-Service" was divided in two editions:
1/ the half-weekly edition with dispatches from Germany.
2/ monthly edition with topics as follows:
The German Youth (survey)
Atrocities in Germany
German Rearmament
The Situation of the Jews
The Situation of the Catholics
German Foreign Propaganda
Economic surveys
The new Nazi laws.
- 400 copies of the monthly edition were sent to important European personages.
- I also sent propaganda material to Germany and called these pamphlets "German Wahrheitsdienst".
- I was one of the leading persons who started the Nobel-Price-campaign for Carl von Ossietzky being the only visible success against Hitler during the last years.
- Until 1933 I wrote about 3000 articles and profiles on social problems and political persons in the German democratic press (BERLINER TAGEBLATT, VOSSISCHE ZEITUNG, WELT AM MONTAG, DORTMUNDER GENERALANZEIGER etc.).
- Further articles I published in the Czech, English and Swedish press and American magazines.
- Pamphlets and books published (in German language):
13 Jahre republikanische Justiz
Der gelbe Fleck
Deutschland am Hakenkreuz
Carl von Ossietzky
Der Antichrist in Deutschland (Czech)
Juden hinter Stacheldraht
Menschen auf der Flucht
Fünf Jahre Flüchtlingsfürsorge
Selfhelp in Action (English)
Contribution of the German Immigrants to American Life (English).

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March 9, 1940

Abba Hillel Silver D.D.
The Temple
E. 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver;

On behalf of the thousands of persons who will attend and derive much benefit from the National Recreation Congress to be held in Cleveland next October, please accept the hearty thanks of the Mayor's Board for your kind contribution.

Very truly yours,

Edward A. Levy
Edward A. Levy
Secretary.



Vassar College
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
March, 9, 1940

My dear Rabbi Silver,

I have just heard the United
Jewish Appeal program over the radio
and I thought I'd like to write you
about it.

I don't believe I've ever been
so moved by any appeal for a
"Cause" before. I know that I
won't forget the beauty and the

dignity of your seat placed in

a very long while.

You have my best wishes in

this drive. It's demonstrative like

this program, I know, that can't

help but move with the Christian and

the Jewish worlds to action.

Very sincerely yours,

Betty Rhoads, class
of 41.

Joechim Henry Billig
53 W Vine Street
Oberlin, Ohio.

March 9, 1940.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
2 East 105th St., Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

Would it be possible to see you
some time this week, Tuesday or Wednesday for 15-20 mi-
nutes. I am working as a graduate student in Oberlin
College, and Mrs. Jaszi suggested to contact you for an
interview in a personal matter. I would appreciate it
very much, if you could see me as soon as possible.

Very sincerely yours:

Joechim Henry Billig

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משרד הרבנים
פה קליוולאנד, אהייא
Rabbinical Council
Misrad Harabonim
of Cleveland

March 10, 1940

Rabbi A. H. Silver
2 East 105-th St.
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

The persecutions and sufferings of our fellow Jews in Nazi Poland are already well known to everyone. We are sure that you, dear Rabbi, don't have to be told of the intolerable plight of Polish Jewry. But as sad as the condition of the average Jew is, the misfortune that befell the leaders of Polish Jewry is still worse. Many of the outstanding religious leaders were tortured, beaten, put in concentration camps and some of the greatest Rabbis were even murdered cold bloodedly by the Nazis.

Therefore, in order to save the lives of the outstanding Jewish Rabbis of Poland, including the Grand Rabbi of Ger and numerous other Rabbinical families, an Emergency Committee, composed of the most prominent Rabbis

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and laymen, was recently formed in New York, under the auspices of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the U.S. and Canada, to enable the great Jewish leaders to save their lives by emigrating to Palestine. Rabbis and laymen of various religious and political affiliations are closely cooperating with the above Emergency Committee.

The Emergency Committee Delegated Rabbi S. Yankovitz to conduct the campaign in Cleveland for this holy cause. We sincerely hope, that you, dear Rabbi Silver, being the most influential Jewish leader in Cleveland, will offer the delegation the aid they undoubtedly deserve.

Thanking you in advance,
we remain,

Rabbi J. Berger

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March 11, 1940

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. at Angel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was very glad indeed to have your letter of March 6th and to know that you are really thinking of getting together another volume for publication. I am more than pleased that such is the case, and I shall want to keep in touch with you as the matter progresses. I am hoping to be in Cleveland some time before many months go by, and I shall come to see you. Thank you again for your letter.

Very sincerely yours,

William L. Savage

W. L. Savage

WLS:klw

March 11, 1940

Mr. Meyer W. Weisgal
225 West 34th Street
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Weisgal:

I am pretty well fed up with people who insult you in public and then try to get out of it by apologizing to you in private. The matter is not as simple as all that. I suspect that the reason for your writing to me at this time is not altogether one of penitence. I wish, therefore, to inform you that I will in no way identify myself with any activity in which you have a finger. I have no confidence in you.

Sincerely yours,

AHS:BX

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AT LAST A CHANCE TO HEAR YOU AND THE WHOLE PROGRAM WAS WONDERFUL

BLANCHE & MAX OZER.

March 11, 1940

Mr. and Mrs. Max Ozer
Hollywood-Roosevelt Hotel
Hollywood, California

My dear Max and Blanche:

It was indeed very thoughtful of you to send me the message after listening in on the radio program. I am so happy that you enjoyed it. Judging by the reaction throughout the country, the program was very well received.

I trust that you are both well and I do hope that in the not too distant future, I may have the pleasure of seeing you again. Virginia joins me in sending you our warmest good wishes.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

March 11, 1940

Circulation Department
New York Times
Times Square
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Please send me a copy of the late City
Edition of the New York Times of Friday, February 23,
1940. Enclosed herewith is fifteen cents to cover
the cost of same.

With appreciation for your courtesy,
I remain

Very sincerely yours,

RJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

March 12, 1940

Mr. Joachim Henry Billig
53 W. Vine Street
Oberlin, Ohio

My dear Mr. Billig:

I regret that it will not be possible for Rabbi Silver to see you this week as he will be out of the city. He will be free to see you next Wednesday or Thursday morning at eleven o'clock in his study at The Temple. Please let me know which day would be convenient for you.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

RJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

March 12, 1940

The Honorable Vic Donahey
United States Senator
Washington, D.C.

My dear Senator Donahey:

My wife is taking our children to Washington for their Spring Vacation next week and I am eager to have them see the United States Senate in session. I would greatly appreciate it if you would mail to me a pass for four for March 19, 20th or 21st.

With grateful appreciation for your courtesy, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ahs:bk

Jüdische Gemeinde

Tagebuch-Nr.

Es wird ersucht, vorstehende Tagebuch-Nr.
bei Beantwortung dieses Schreibens anzugeben

2 F. London 411, Braydon Road 38

Berlin N 24, den 20. Dezember 1938
Oranienburger Str. 29

Sehr geehrter Herr Annona Ediger!

Ihren nach meinem Abschied nochmals meine
Anerkennung für Ihre wirksamen Leistungen zum Ausdruck zu bringen,
ist mir ein besonderes Bedürfnis. In der hohen u. fähigen
Stellung als Generalsekretär unserer Gemeinde drängt sich unend-
lich Vieles an Sie heran u. es ist Ihnen trotz Ihrer Jähkraft u. Ihres
enormen Fleißes oft kaum möglich, die vielen aufstachenden
Probleme zu bewältigen u. dennoch finden Sie Zeit für jeden, der
ein Anliegen Ihnen persönlich vorbringen möchte u. Zeit für die
bestmögliche Erledigung der Angelegenheiten aller, die sich bittend
an Sie wenden. Sie arbeiten nicht allein mit Geist u. Hand, Ihre
Ansprüche an Ihre Tugend liegt der warme Impuls Ihres jüd. Herzens,
u. das macht mich u. macht jedem das Zusammenarbeiten
mit Ihnen zu einem vollen Freuden. In der Tat ist
Sie Ihre Aufgabenkreis versehen ist Ihnen heute das Amt eine schwere
Bürde, doch Sie müssen davon überzeugt sein, dass die Güte Ihres Herzens
ihren reichen Lohn finden werde. Sollten Sie dennoch die Abnützung
liegen auszuwandern, dann werden Sie gewissweise die gleiche
herrl. Aufnahme u. das wohlwollende Entgegenkommen finden, wie Sie
welche derzeit Ihnen jüd. Brüdern bereiten.

Mit dem besten Wünschen für Ihr weiteres Vorkommen u. für die
Zukunft, die Ihnen der Allwelternde frei u. glücklich gestalten
möge bin ich in diesem Gedanken

Ihr ergeb.

Rabbiner Dr. Jakobowitz

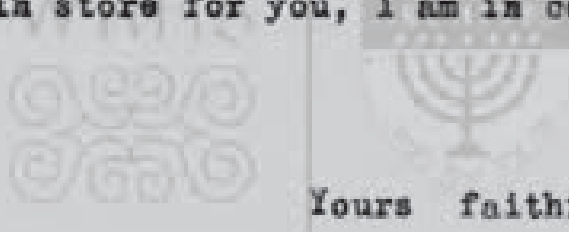
38, Braydon Road
London N 16, December 20th, 1938.

Dear Lawyer Seeliger,

To acknowledge to you once again my obligation for your effective achievements is an urgent want to me.

In your high and leading position as managing secretary of our congregation so many things have been thronging on to you and in spite of your energy and your immense diligence it has often been hardly possible for you to master the many occurring problems and for all that you are finding time for anybody, who wants to get a hearing of his case by you personally and, what is more, even time, to settle the matter of anybody approaching you with a demand as well as any possible. You are not working with spirit and hand only. In the focus of your doing there lies the warm impulse of your truly Jewish heart and it was that will make collaboration with you a real joy to everybody. In the way you are looking after the circle of your tasks, your office-day means a heavy burden to you, yet you may be sure, that the clemency of your heart will find its ample reward. Should you have some day the intention of immigrating you will - as a matter of fairness - the same cordial reception and the benevolence, that you have been showing to your Jewish brethren.

With the best wishes for your further work and your future, God the Almighty might have in store for you, I am in constant reminiscence,



Yours faithfully

(sign.) Rabbi Dr. Jakobowitz.

JETTKA LEVY STEIN

BERLIN January 16th 1939
ORANIENBURGERSTR 33

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

c/o Tempel Emanuel

Cleveland / Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

in renewing our acquaintance, I would like to draw your attention to one of my very dear friends, Dr. Herbert Seeliger, the General-manager of our Jüdische Gemeinde Berlin.

Mr. Seeliger is a man of unusual qualities and abilities, he studied law at several German universities and went through all examinations as one of the best graduates. Although he is still a very young man, he keeps the leading position in our great congregation of about 150000 Jews, respected and estimated by everyone. His main capacity is administration, organisation and with the extra gift of pedagogical abilities, he also worked in the schooling and youth training - department.

Mr. Seeliger wants to come to, the U.S.A. with his wife and child, but being born in a town now belonging to Poland, he would have to wait several years till he could reach this aim. Therefore, dear Rabbi Silver, I would take it a great privilege if you could possibly be of some assistance to him. When he gets a contract of an organisation of any kind, he could emigrate without coming under the quota. He surely will be a gain to every organisation or federation whatsoever.

Thanking you in anticipation, I remain dear Rabbi Silver,
with the expression of deepest sincerity and Zionist
greetings yours

Jettka Levy Stein
(Frau Rabbiner Dr. Levy)

Office of the Communal Rabbi

DR. ALEXANDER ALTMANN

TELEPHONE NO.
BLACKFRIARS 1300



149 Cheetham Hill Road,

Manchester 8.

26th January 1939.

T O W H O M I T M A Y C O N C E R N .

Mr. Herbert Seeliger of Berlin C.2. Kl. Frankfurterstr 8/9, the Secretary General of the Berlin Jewish Community, is very well known to me from my own previous activities as Rabbi in Berlin. From my attendance at the meetings of the Executive of the Berlin Jewish Community and from other experiences I know what immense work has been done by Mr. Seeliger. He was really the centre of all the manifold branches of work which lay within the field of the great Jewish Community in Berlin. Mr. Seeliger dominated with admirable energy and knowledge this large field of duties. His talent of organisation is as great as his power of analysis and solving the most difficult tasks. He was the right hand man of the revered President of the Community Mr. Stahl. I can say further that Mr. Seeliger always showed the highest sympathy and understanding for the special religious problems which arose. I always met with his strongest help and assistance.

I would congratulate any Jewish Community in any part of the world which would succeed in getting the valuable talent, the character and pleasant personal appearance of Mr. Seeliger at their disposal.

A. Altmann

Board of Directors
of the Jewish Community

Berlin N 4, February 7th 1939
Oranienburgerstr. 29

Journal-No. Dir. St.D.

Please state the above journal-No.
if answering the letter.

Mr. Herbert Seeliger, born on March 15th 1903 at Neumark Westpr., residence at Berlin C 2, Kleine Frankfurter Str. 8/9 is in the employ of the Jewish community since the beginning of 1930.

When entering upon his duties he had been junior-barrister and acted at first as law-assistant at our administration-office of justice. In this position he had to see to all the occurrences of juridical consequence, before all to numerous will,- foundation- and insurance-matters as to the settlement of the affairs concerning the taxes and the law of labour of the community. He had also, to attend to the representation of the community at the court and the authority.

Mr. Seeliger's substantial knowledge, large industry and independent work soon stroke the *direction* of the community so that he was shortly untrusted with the settlement of difficult special affairs. At that time he passed the second public examination without interrupting the service for the community.

Then Mr. Seeliger had been appointed manager of the administration of taxes, extremely increasing its productivity owing to his creative ideas and improvement of the working method. When the economical situation of the ~~members~~ members of the community grew worse and their solvention decreased he knew how to manage with abt. 35000 members obliged to pay taxes by treating them in a very clever and individual, partly quite modern way, thus increasing the revenues to a maximum. Furthermore he strengthened their readiness for paying taxes and improved respectability of the community and of its arrangements.

At the same time Mr. Seeliger had charge ^(chief) of the department handling the retirement from the community, of the statistical department and of the forwarding office of the newspaper of the community, the official mouth-piece of the board of directors. When managing this departments he has proved to be a man talented for successful organisation. He build up a distributing office, the staff doing excellent work; so he procured work and earnings to a great many Jewish unemployed.

By working hard and meeting the difficulties he set up a card-index of the ~~members~~ members of the community- at that time more than 160000 in number- which was built up by and by to a comprehensive and representative register of the community.

When at the beginning of 1936 the managing director of the community emigrated and retired from service the authorities of the community did not know any man more suitable to succeeding their highest official than Mr. Seeliger who has been appointed thereby secretary-general of the community.

Board of directors of the Jewish community, Berlin N 4.

The trust put in his person and his ability has not been disappointed. Mr. Seeliger knew how to answer the requirements of this hard and responsible post under the prevailing circumstances. There is hardly a branch within the working range of the community in which Mr. Seeliger had not cooperated owing to his thorough knowledge of the administration and the form of which he had not influenced. Especially in the line of finances and in making budgets he rendered excellent service.

For the last years the regular estimate, balancing on an average of abt. RM. 15000000,-- ~~expenditures~~ and revenues- on account of the steadily increasing demands to the community, was decisively influenced by Mr. Seeliger. The like is to be said regarding the staff-department. 1800 employees and officials were subordinated to Mr. Seeliger as principal of the staff, who made out not only new articles of agreement of salary and appointment but also managed to get trustful, harmonious relations between the direction of the community and the officials under maintenance of order and discipline.

Summarizing we emphasize that the abilities of Mr. Seeliger have been extremely useful to the community and that even the numerous and difficult problems to be handled by the community the last years could be easier mastered owing to the reasonable and active assistance of Mr. Seeliger. Particularly that tasks of emigration and of trustee administration of the members of the community could be pushed on on account of his prudence and capacity. Disposing of a large science of law, sound judgment and thorough knowledge of the ramified administration of the community in total and being a true advocate of Jewish matters he has been the right man who advise and help the board of directors in hardest times.

By his diligence and dutifulness Mr. Seeliger has always set an example to the employees subordinated to him. Although he was some times forced into being hard against officials they have always esteemed and worshipped him. Owing to his good behaviour, objectivity and personal modesty he knew how to grow in favour and to win great authority over the representatives of the community.

In spite of his youth and of having some changes to emigrate Mr. Seeliger has kept his responsible post faithfully, disregarding his own person. We know that his departure will be a big loss to the community, our gratitude to him, however, commands us to give him the chance of getting a position abroad. This is the reason why we give him already now this certificate ending in the cordial wish for his future welfare.

Board of directors
of the Jewish community at Berlin

The Chairman

signed: Heinrich Israel Stahl.

Vorstand der Jüdischen Gemeinde

Tagebuch-Nr. Dir.St./D.

Berlin N 4, den 7. Februar 1939.
Oranienburger Str. 29
Telefon: 42 59 21

Es wird ersucht, vorstehende Tagebuch-Nr.
bei Beantwortung dieses Schreibens anzugeben.

Herr Herbert Seeliger, geboren am 15.3. 1903 in Neumark/Westpr., wohnhaft in Berlin C.2, Kleine Frankfurterstr. 8/9, steht seit Anfang 1930 im Dienst der Jüdischen Gemeinde.

Er war bei seinem Eintritt Gerichtsreferendar und wurde zunächst in unserer Rechts-Abteilung als juristischer Hilfsarbeiter beschäftigt. In dieser Stellung oblag ihm die Bearbeitung aller rechtlich bedeutsamen Vorgänge, insbesondere der zahlreichen Testaments-, Stiftungs- und Versicherungsangelegenheiten sowie die Erledigung der steuer- und arbeitsrechtlichen Sachen der gesamten Gemeindeverwaltung. Auch die Vertretung der Gemeinde vor Gerichten und Behörden gehörte zu seinem Arbeitsbereich. Herr Seeliger fiel der Leitung der Gemeinde durch seine gediegenen Kenntnisse, seinen grossen Fleiss und sein selbständiges Arbeiten bald auf, sodass er nach kurzer Zeit mit der Erledigung schwieriger Spezialaufgaben betraut wurde. In dieser Zeit konnte er auch die zweite juristische Staatsprüfung (Assessorexamen) ablegen, die er, ohne den Dienst bei der Gemeinde zu unterbrechen, bestand.

Er wurde darauf zum Leiter der Steuerverwaltung berufen, die er durch schöpferische Ideen und Vervollkommnung der Arbeitsweise auf die Stufe höchster Leistungsfähigkeit brachte. In einer Zeit, in der die wirtschaftliche Lage der Gemeindemitglieder sich verschlechterte und ihre finanzielle Leistungsfähigkeit im Sinken begriffen war, verstand er es, durch äusserst geschickte, teilweise ganz neuartige, individuelle Behandlung der rund 35000 steuerpflichtigen Gemeindemitglieder das steuerliche Ergebnis für die Gemeinde auf ein Höchstmass zu steigern, die Steuerfreudigkeit der Gemeindemitglieder zu stärken und gleichzeitig das moralische Ansehen der Gemeinde und ihrer Einrichtungen bedeutend zu erhöhen.

Gleichzeitig mit der Steuerverwaltung leitete Herr Seeliger auch die Austritte-Abteilung, das Statistische Büro der Gemeinde und die Expedition des Gemeindeblattes, des offiziellen Organs des Gemeindevorstandes. In diesen Abteilungen hat er mit besonderem Erfolge seine organisatorischen Fähigkeiten bewiesen. Er richtete eine eigene, ausgezeichnet funktionierende Verteilerorganisation für das Gemeindeblatt ein und verschaffte damit zugleich einer grossen Anzahl jüdischer Arbeitsloser Arbeit und Verdienst. Er schuf in zäher Arbeit und unter Ueberwindung grosser Schwierigkeiten eine Kartei sämtlicher, zu jener Zeit über 160000 Seelen betragenden Gemeindemitglie-

der, die^{9r} nach und nach zu einem umfassenden und vorbildlichen Gemeindekataster ausbaute.

Als im Anfang des Jahres 1936 der Verwaltungsdirektor der Gemeinde infolge Auswanderung aus dem Gemeindedienst ausschied, wussten die Gemeindebehörden keinen besseren zum Nachfolger dieses ihres höchsten Beamten zu berufen als Herrn Seeliger, der gleichzeitig damit von ihnen zum Generalsekretär der Gemeinde ernannt wurde. Das Vertrauen, das sie damit seiner Person und seinen Fähigkeiten entgegenbrachten, wurde nicht enttäuscht. Herr Seeliger verstand es, allen Anforderungen, die dieses schwierige und verantwortungsvolle Amt unter den obwaltenden Umständen an ihn stellte, gerecht zu werden. Es gibt in dem grossen Aufgabenbereich der Gemeinde kaum ein Arbeitsgebiet, in dem Herr Seeliger vermöge seiner gründlichen Kenntnis der gesamten Gemeindeverwaltung nicht gewirkt und dessen Gestaltung er nicht beeinflusst hätte. Besonders wertvolle Arbeit leistete er u.a. auf dem Gebiete der Finanzverwaltung und des Etatwesens; der Gemeindeetat der letzten Jahre, der infolge der ständig wachsenden Anforderungen, die an die Gemeinde gestellt wurden, in Ausgaben und Einnahmen durchschnittlich eine Höhe von 15 Millionen Reichsmark erreichte, wurde von ihm in seiner Planung und Feststellung entscheidend beeinflusst. Das gleiche gilt von der Personalverwaltung. Herr Seeliger, dem als Personalchef die rund 1800 Angestellten und Beamten der Gemeinde unterstellt wurden, schuf hier nicht nur teilweise neue Besoldungs- und Anstellungsverhältnisse, sondern verstand es auch, unter Wahrung einer guten Ordnung und Disziplin ein vertrauensvolles und harmonisches Verhältnis zwischen der Leitung der Gemeinde und der Beamtenschaft zu gestalten.

Zusammenfassend möchten wir betonen, dass die Leistungen des Herrn Seeliger der Gemeinde in ausserordentlicher Weise genützt haben, und dass gerade die zahlreichen und schwierigen Probleme, mit denen die Gemeindeverwaltung sich in den letzten Jahren zu befassen hatte, durch die verständnisvolle und tatkräftige Mitarbeit des Herrn Seeliger leichter bewältigt werden konnten. So waren es im besonderen auch die Aufgaben der Auswanderung und der fürsorglichen Betreuung unserer Gemeindemitglieder, deren ordnungsmässige Durchführung durch seine Umsicht und Arbeit gefördert wurde. Ausgestattet mit reichem juristischen Wissen, vermöge seiner Urteilskraft und gründlichen Kenntnis der gesamten weitverzweigten Gemeindeverwaltung sowie seiner Verbundenheit mit allen jüdischen Dingen war er der rechte Mann, in schwerster Zeit dem Vorstand ratend und helfend zur Seite zu stehen.

Durch seinen Eifer und seine Pflichttreue hat Herr Seeliger den ihm unterstellten Angestellten stets ein Beispiel gegeben. Wenngleich sein Amt den Beamten gegenüber zwangsläufig zuweilen auch Härten mit sich brachte, hat er sich doch immer ihrer Wertschätzung und Verehrung zu erfreuen gehabt. Dank seinen guten Umgangsformen, seiner

Sachlichkeit und seiner persönlichen Bescheidenheit hat er es verstanden, sich nicht nur Beliebtheit, sondern ein besonderes Ansehen bei dem gesamten Gemeindevorstand sowie bei den Mitgliedern der Repräsentanten-Versammlung der Gemeinde zu verschaffen.

Trotz seines jugendlichen Alters und verschiedener Möglichkeiten auszuwandern, hat Herr Seeliger unter Hintanstellung seiner Person bis jetzt treu auf seinem verantwortungsvollen Posten ausgehalten. Wir wissen, dass sein Fortgang einen schweren Verlust für die Gemeinde bedeuten würde. Unsere Dankbarkeit ihm gegenüber aber gebietet uns, ihm die Möglichkeit der Uebernahme eines Postens im Ausland nicht zu verschliessen. Deshalb geben wir ihm heute schon dieses Zeugnis, das wir mit dem herzlichsten Wunsche schliessen, dass es ihm in Zukunft recht gut ergehen möge.



Vorstand der Jüdischen Gemeinde zu Berlin

Der Vorsitzende:

Samuel Sachs

Reichsvereinigung der Juden in Deutschland Abt. Wanderung (HILFSVEREIN)

Vom Herrn Reichsminister des Innern durch Verfügung vom 31. 10. 1934 Nr. II 7781 als gemeinnützige Auswanderungsberatungsstelle für jüdische Auswanderer anerkannt.

Berlin N 4, den 3. März 1940
Artilleriestr. 31

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P.O.B.1425

Betr. Herbert Seeliger,
Generalsekretär der Jüdischen
Gemeinde, Berlin.

Sehr geehrte Herren,

Wir gestatten uns, Herrn Herbert Seeliger bei Ihnen einzuführen.

Herr Seeliger ist einer der Männer, die für das Judentum in Deutschland in schwerer Zeit ausserordentliche Dienste geleistet haben.

Er hat an verantwortlicher Stelle die Geschicke der grössten jüdischen Gemeinde in Deutschland mit bestimmt.

Herr Seeliger ist seit 1930 Mitarbeiter des Vorstandes der Jüdischen Gemeinde in Berlin. Er bekleidete zunächst verschiedene Posten an leitender Stelle.

Seit Anfang 1936 ist er Generalsekretär der Jüdischen Gemeinde und leitete in dieser Eigenschaft die gesamte grosse Verwaltung.

Seit Mai 1938 ist er auch offiziell Mitglied des Gemeindevorstandes.

Herr Seeliger hat sich seiner verantwortungsvollen Aufgabe mit grösster Hingabe, allgemein anerkanntem Geschick und starkem Erfolg gewidmet. Er ist in seiner Arbeit aufgegangen. Er hat die Interessen seiner eigenen Person hinter seine Aufgaben zurückgestellt und das Beste für die jüdische Gemeinschaft hergegeben.

Herr Seeliger ist Volljurist. Seine Kenntnisse und seine Erfahrungen beschränken sich aber nicht nur auf das juristische Gebiet. Schon während seines Studiums hat er 4 Jahre kaufmännische Tätigkeit in der Industrie ausgeübt.

Seine Wendigkeit, seinen scharfen Verstand und sein warmes Herz konnten wir unmittelbar bei den Gelegenheiten beobachten, bei denen er unmittelbar mit uns zusammen gearbeitet hat, z.B. in der Camp-Kommission und im Planungsausschuss der Wanderungsabteilung der Reichsvereinigung der Juden in Deutschland.

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Herr Seeliger wandert jetzt aus.

Die ausgezeichneten Eigenschaften des Herrn Seeliger und seine ausserordentlich grosse Erfahrung auf allen Gebieten jüdischer Arbeit lassen es in besonderem Masse wünschenswert erscheinen, dass er auch draussen Gelegenheit hat, für die jüdische Gesamtheit sich zu betätigen.

Wir sind überzeugt, dass seine Tätigkeit jeder jüdischen Organisation, in der er ein neues Tätigkeitsgebiet bekommt, Segen bringen wird.

In vorzüglicher Hochachtung

REICHSVEREINIGUNG DER JUDEN IN DEUTSCHLAND
Abt. Wanderung (Hilfsverein)

Kurt F. ...



Corporation of German Jews, emigration deptm.
(relief corporation)
Artilleriestr. 31

Berlin N4, March 3rd 1940.
Artilleriestr. 31

Re. Loe/R.R.
Herbert Seeliger
secretary general of the
Jewish community at Berlin.

Dear Sirs,

We have much pleasure in introducing
Mr. Herbert Seeliger to you.

Mr. Seeliger is one of the men who have rendered excellent service to the German Jewishness in hard times.

Keeping a responsible post he joined in turning the destiny of the biggest Jewish congregation in Germany to the best advantage.

Since 1930 Mr. Seeliger was fellow-worker of the board of directors of the Berlin Jewish community, first keeping several important appointments.

Since the beginning of 1936 he was appointed secretary-general of the Jewish community, in this capacity having had charge of the whole administration work.

Since May 1938 he was also official member of the board of directors of the community.

Mr. Seeliger devoted himself to his responsible task with greatest intensity and skilfulness generally appreciated, and great success. He was quite absorbed in his work, disregarding his own person and doing his best for the welfare of the Jewish community.

Mr. Seeliger is lawyer by profession. His knowledge and experience, however, are not bound to the jurisdiction alone, having already practised commercial work in the industry for 4 years.

When working jointly we had the opportunity of becoming acquainted with his cleverness and intelligence as well as with his good heart, e.g. at the camp committee and the committee for furthering the emigration of German Jews.

Mr. Seeliger is emigrating now. Mr. Seeliger's excellent abilities and wide experience in all the spheres of Jewish work make it very much desirable that he will get the chance of proving the same for the welfare of the Jewish body.

We are sure that his co-operation will impart a great blessing to every Jewish association intrusting him with new tasks.

Yours faithfully
Corporation of German Jews
Emigration Deptm. (Relief Corporation)

sign. Victor Israel Loewenstein

Corporation of German Jews,
Karlstr. 158
Berlin-Charlottenburg.

March 5th 1940.

Dept. I/Dr.Bae/Kl.

For many years

Mr. Herbert Seeliger has been in the centre of the work of our Berlin Jewish community and the union of German Jews.

He now leaves us in order to get a new home and work abroad; our sincere and cordial wishes follow him.

During many years of good fellowship Mr. Seeliger has rendered us excellent service by his indefatigable activity and absolute reliability as well as by his honest objectivity and capacity of making himself thoroughly acquainted with new tasks.

Every year more he has been highly appreciated; we, ~~therefore~~, are sure that Mr. Seeliger will prove to be man of the same excellent capacities as already known to us, fully occupying any post granted to him.

We should be extremely pleased to learn that Mr. Seeliger had got abroad the chance of verifying his knowledge and his abilities to the best of the Jewish body.



sign. Dr. Leo Baeck



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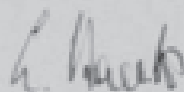
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Herr Herbert Seeliger steht seit Jahren im Mittelpunkt der Arbeit unserer Jüdischen Gemeinde Berlin und unserer Reichsvereinigung. Er verläßt uns jetzt, begleitet von unseren aufrichtigen herzlichsten Wünschen, um sich dem neuen Platz der Heimat und der Arbeit zu bereiten.

Herr Seeliger hat in den Jahren unserer gemeinsamen Arbeit uns durch seine unermüdete Tüchtigkeit und seine unbedingte Zuverlässigkeit, durch seine rechtschaffene Sachlichkeit und durch seine Fähigkeit, sich in jeden neuen Pflichtenkreis einzuordnen, die wertvollsten Dienste geleistet. Wir haben ihn von Jahr zu Jahr mehr schätzen gelernt. Wir sind überzeugt, daß Herr Seeliger auf jedem Platz, auf den er gestellt wird, die gleichen, ausgezeichneten Eigenschaften beschreiben wird, die wir hier dankbar an ihm kennen gelernt haben.

Es würde für uns eine ganz besondere Befriedigung sein, wenn Herr Seeliger es ermöglicht würde, sein Wissen und sein Können in der jüdischen Gesamtarbeit auf neuem Boden zu beweisen.



(Dr. Leo Seeliger)

Jewish Newspaper, Ed. Berlin March 12th 1940.

Berlin:

Herbert Israel Seeliger.

These days Mr. Herbert Israel Seeliger, former secretary-general of the Jewish community at Berlin has emigrated to Shanghai.

Mr. Seeliger was with the administration office of the Jewish community since 1930, soon getting an influential post. Acting at first at the revenue office he has been appointed secretary-general after Mr. Walter Breslauer having retired. At the same time he was appointed to the staff department. In 1939 he has been elected member of the board of directors of the Jewish community.

In spite of his youth Mr. Seeliger is one of the men who are able to form judgment to himself. He has been always anxious to be objective and free from prejudices when acting at Jewish work. At one view he has seen things and people as they are, ranging with them as per their connections. As principal of the staff department Mr. Seeliger had to take care of abt. 1500 employees. It was just about it that he could prove his capacity, his clearness of opinion and his great objectivity.

Mr. Seeliger fully understood the indispensability of a constructive solution of all matters regarding the Jewish emigration. One could rely upon him, when being necessary, to convincingly explain the reasons for pushing on the solution of the emigration problem.

It is with highest regret that we see the retirement of Mr. Seeliger from his position. Before all at a moment that makes it difficult to find out the right Jewish men who are qualified in every respect. His departure will create a real blank. We wish, however, that Mr. Seeliger will succeed not only in building up an existence for himself but also in realizing his resolution to facilitate the emigration of a great many Jews.

When Mr. Seeliger took leave of the board of directors and of the members of the administration office, Mr. Carl Israel Fuchs addressed to him hearty words of appreciation, praising Mr. Seeliger and his work. He did not forget to mention that the trust put in Mr. Seeliger's person has been never disappointed. He had always seen to improving the organization of the administration work. One could rely upon him as a man whose actions based upon frankness and straightforwardness, thus answering all the suppositions of trustful co-operation.

Mr. Fuchs ended his speech in words of confidence. Mr. Seeliger has proved to be an able and capable man. People of that kind will always reach their aim.

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Siedlung auf San Domingo

Von der Wanderungs-Abteilung der Reichsvereinigung der Juden in Deutschland werden uns folgende Ausführungen zur Verfügung gestellt:

Zwischen der Dominikanischen Regierung und einer in den Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika gegründeten Siedlungsgesellschaft, der „Dominican Republican Settlement Association“, ist eine Vereinbarung zustande gekommen, wonach 500 jüdische Familien in San Domingo angesiedelt und die Siedlung allmählich bis auf 100 000 Personen gebracht werden soll. Während die Gesellschaft die finanzielle Verantwortung für die Siedlung übernimmt, verzichtet der Dominikanische Staat auf alle Gebühren, Zölle und Steuern gegenüber den Siedlern. Ein großes, günstig gelegenes und zum Teil schon in Kultur befindliches Areal steht bereits zur Verfügung der Siedlungsgesellschaft, die alsbald mit der Ansiedlung zunächst einer kleineren Gruppe beginnen will.

Unter diesen Umständen wird es interessieren, über die geographischen, wirtschaftlichen und sozialen Verhältnisse der Dominikanischen Republik näheres zu hören.

Die Wanderungs-Abteilung der Reichsvereinigung verfolgt die Fortschritte des obengenannten Plans mit großer Intensität. Sie bittet aber von Anfragen und Anmeldungen abzusehen.

Die Dominikanische Republik gehört dem Tropenbezirk an. Sie bildet den östlichen Teil der Insel Haiti in der Gruppe der Großen Antillen, die dem südamerikanischen Kontinent nordöstlich vorgelagert ist. Der westliche Teil der Insel wird von der Negerrepublik Haiti eingenommen.

Das Gebiet der Dominikanischen Republik umfaßt rund 50 000 qkm (also eine relativ nicht sehr große Bodenfläche). Etwa die Hälfte des Bodens soll kulturfähig sein; aber erst etwa ein Viertel ist in regelmäßigen Anbau genommen; der Rest ist Wald und im Süden Savanne.

Im Norden des Landes zieht sich die Sierra de Monte Christi entlang, der Westen und das Zentrum wird von einem vielfach gefalteten Gebirge eingenommen, in dem die höchsten über 3000 m ansteigenden Erhebungen liegen. Zwischen der Sierra de Monte Christi und dem zentralen Gebirgsmassiv erstrecken sich in der Ostwestrichtung die Täler des Yuna und des Yagui mit der alten, recht dicht bevölkerten Kulturlandschaft La Vega. Im Süden schließt sich an das Zentralgebirge ein etwas breiter flacher Küstenstreifen, das Gebiet des Zuckerrohr- und Banananbaus, in dem auch die Hauptstadt Ciudad Trujillo (früherer Name San Domingo) liegt.

Die Bevölkerung

Die Bevölkerung von etwa 1,5 Millionen setzt sich nach einer dominikanischen Statistik von 1920 zusammen aus 25 v. H. Weißen, 50 v. H. Mestizen und 25 v. H. Neger; aus historischen Gründen ist die Bevölkerung des Südens wesentlich stärker mit Negerblut durchsetzt als im Norden. Die Freundlichkeit und Hilfsbereitschaft der eingeborenen Bevölkerung wird von unseren Einwanderern oft hervorgehoben.

Die Zählung von 1920 stellte 8 jüdische Familien mit zusammen etwa 50 Köpfen fest. Inzwischen ist der jüdische Bevölkerungsanteil durch die Einwanderung auf schätzungsweise 450 Menschen gestiegen, die fast durchweg in der Hauptstadt wohnen. Vor kurzem wurde eine jüdische Gemeinde gegründet, die bereits ein gedrucktes Gemeindeblatt herausgibt. Jüdischer Gottesdienst wird regelmäßig abgehalten; die Torarollen sind von nordamerikanischen Gemeinden gestiftet worden. Es besteht ein Hilfskomitee in Ciudad Trujillo.

Jüdisches Krankenhaus in Berlin

Kranke und Insassen, die drei Tage und länger in Krankenanstalten, Hospitälern, Heil- und Pflegeanstalten, Kliniken usw. aufgenommen worden sind — aber nicht als Dauer-Patienten (Insassen) —, haben ihre sämtlichen Lebensmittelbezugskarten und Seifenkarten des laufenden Versorgungszeitraumes beizubringen und der Verwaltung zu übergeben. Falls sie über den bei der Aufnahme laufenden Versorgungsabschnitt hinaus versorgt werden, sind auch die Bezugskarten der künftigen Versorgungszeiträume einschließlich Bestellscheine abzuliefern. Wenn die Anstaltsverwaltung trotz wiederholter Anforderung die Karten von dem Kranken oder seinen Angehörigen nicht oder nicht vollständig erhält, so hat sie das für den Wohnsitz des Kranken zuständige Ernährungsamt hiervon zu benachrichtigen, das die Einziehung veranlaßt.

Von 1492 bis in die Mitte des 18. Jahrhunderts war die Insel Haiti unter spanischer Herrschaft; der Kultureinfluß der Spanier ist heute noch daran zu sehen, daß die Landessprache spanisch ist. Die Hauptstadt der Insel wurde von Columbus Bruder gegründet und San Domingo genannt. Die Stadt ist vor einigen Jahren nach einem Erdbeben wieder neu aufgebaut worden und zu Ehren des damaligen Präsidenten Ciudad Trujillo genannt worden. Sie zählt jetzt etwa 80 000 Einwohner. Briefe von Einwanderern schildern sie als hübsch und gepflegt, verschweigen jedoch nicht, daß es neben den Pracht- und Villenstraßen auch große Elendsviertel gibt. Den Lebensstandard eines europäischen Arbeiters haben etwa 6000 ihrer Bewohner, einen höheren Lebensstandard kaum 1000. Da die Bevölkerung auch der übrigen Städte und des Landes sehr bedürfnislos ist, bieten sich also, wie hier schon bemerkt sein mag, für Kaufleute keine günstigen Erwerbsmöglichkeiten. Die zweitgrößte Stadt des Landes ist Santiago de los Caballeros mit 36 000 Einwohnern, es gibt noch weitere 5 Städte mit mehr als 10 000 Einwohnern, von denen San Pedro de Macoris (19 000), Imbert (12 500) und Puerto Plata (12 000) genannt sein mögen.

Das Klima

Das Klima der Dominikanischen Republik ist typisches Tropenklima; die Lufttemperatur ist warmfeucht mit geringen Schwankungen im Verlauf des Jahres. Die Dreiteilung der tropischen Länder in die warme Zone (bis etwa 600 m über dem Meeresspiegel), die mäßig-warme Zone (zwischen 600 und 1800 m) und die kalte Zone (oberhalb 1800 m) gilt auch hier. Die Mehrzahl der Ansiedlungen liegt in der warmen

und in der mäßig-warmen Zone; die Nähe des Meeres macht auch die warmen Tages- und Jahreszeiten erträglich. Genauere Angaben über die klimatischen Verhältnisse liegen nur aus zwei Orten des Tieflandes vor; zum Vergleich sind die Angaben für Europa beigelegt.

Ort	Mittlere Lufttemperatur in ° Celsius			Jährliche Niederschlagsmenge in mm
	Jahr	kältester Monat	wärmster Monat	
Sanchez (Osten)	24,9	Februar	August	2060
Ciudad Trujillo (Süden)	25,7	—	—	1405
Europa	11	Januar	Juli	570

Die Tagesdurchschnitte der Temperatur schwanken in Ciudad Trujillo zwischen 16° und 32° Celsius.

Nach Berichten unserer Auswanderer treten in der Dominikanischen Republik Tropenkrankheiten heute nur noch selten auf. Die Hauptstadt ist praktisch frei von Malaria; es empfiehlt sich dennoch, nur unter Moskitonetzen zu schlafen. Schutzimpfung gegen Typhus ist jedenfalls notwendig. Das Sanitätswesen ist gut ausgebildet; es gibt genügend Krankenhäuser und Aerzte, aber jede Krankheit ist kostspielig.

Im Anfang seines Aufenthalts dort wird der Einwanderer durch die veränderte Ernährung oft leichte Verdauungsstörungen bekommen. Da der Tag heiß, die Abende jedoch verhältnismäßig kühl sind, ist es zweckmäßig, sich nicht zu leicht zu kleiden, um Erkältungen vorzubeugen. Die übliche Kleidung des Mannes ist der weiße Leinenanzug, die Frau trägt helle Kleider. Ein guter Regenschirm ist in diesem regenreichen Lande unter allen Umständen wertvoll.

Industrie und Landwirtschaft

Der einzige entwickelte Wirtschaftszweig ist die Landwirtschaft. Den klimatischen Bedingungen entsprechend ist der Süden des Landes das Gebiet der Zuckerrohrplantagen und der Rohrzuckerindustrie; der Norden, insbesondere um die Städte Moca und La Vega herum, ist altes Kulturgebiet, in dem in Klein- und Mittelbetrieben Kaffee, Kakao, Tabak und Getreide gezogen werden. Extensive Viehwirtschaft wird im Osten und im Nordwesten betrieben. Unter dem Einfluß der Nord-Amerikaner, der sich seit dem letzten Viertel des vergangenen Jahrhunderts entwickelt hat, sind alle Zweige der Landwirtschaft stärker aufgeblüht und ist auch das Verkehrswesen weiter ausgebaut worden.

Die öffentlichen Eisenbahnstrecken umfassen erst 260 km; eine Strecke geht von der Hauptstadt aus, die zweite von dem im Osten gelegenen Hafen Sanchez durch das La Vega-Gebiet nach dem Hafen Puerto Plata im Norden. Dieser Hafen ist mit der im Süden gelegenen Hauptstadt durch eine moderne Autostraße verbunden worden.

Die industrielle Entwicklung steht noch weit zurück; der einzige bedeutende Industriezweig ist die Zuckerraffination, die überwiegend in nordamerikanischen Händen liegt. Daneben bestehen für den örtlichen Bedarf Brauereien, Reismühlen, Seifen-, Tabak-, Leder- und Schuhfabriken. Die übrigen Lebensbedürfnisse werden, soweit möglich, in handwerklichen Betrieben hergestellt, zum großen Teil jedoch eingeführt. Etwa ein Sechstel der Einfuhr be-

steht sogar noch aus Lebensmitteln, von denen ein großer Teil im Lande selbst angebaut und bearbeitet werden könnte, — wie überhaupt der natürliche Reichtum des Landes die Grundlage für eine größere und intensivere industrielle Entwicklung sein könnte. An Mineralien finden sich Gold, Silber, Eisen, Kupfer, Kohle und Salz. Das Gold wird noch im primitiven Verfahren gewonnen; der Abbau der übrigen Mineralien ist kaum in Angriff genommen.

Die Währung der Dominikanischen Republik schließt sich der der Vereinigten Staaten an; es ist nordamerikanisches Geld im Umlauf.

Ueber die Lebenshaltungskosten berichten uns Einwanderer, daß ein Zimmer mit voller Pension im Monat 20 bis 25 USA.-Dollar kostet. Eine Familie hat im Monat etwa 20 bis 30 USA.-Dollar für die Miete eines Häuschens und etwa 1 USA.-Dollar je Tag und Kopf für alle übrigen Lebensbedürfnisse aufzuwenden. Lebensmittel und das schwarze Hauspersonal sind billig, dagegen sind Industrieprodukte teuer, soweit sie eingeführt werden müssen. Billig sind auch die einheimischen Möbel, die im allgemeinen den aus Europa mitgebrachten vorzuziehen sind. (Bringt man Möbel aus Europa mit, so sollen diese wegen der Termi eingefahrt möglichst aus Metall sein, und aus Zollgründen schon einen recht gebrauchten Eindruck machen.) Die Wohnungen — Einzelhäuser nach spanischem Stil — bestehen aus einer Reihe von Zimmern, die um einen Hof oder Garten herum angeordnet sind; die Zimmer haben Steinfußböden und

sind meist fensterlos, haben dafür aber Türen zum Hof und oft auch zur Straße. Das tägliche Leben spielt sich zumeist im Hofe („patio“) ab. Ueber die hygienische Einrichtung ist wenig bekannt; die meisten Wohnungen sind wenigstens mit einer kalten Dusche ausgerüstet. Man kocht auf Holzkohle, mit Petroleum oder elektrisch (110 Volt Wechselstrom oder 220 Volt Drehstrom); Gas gibt es nicht.

Das Schulwesen

Die kulturellen Verhältnisse haben unter der Führung des früheren Präsidenten Generalissimo Trujillo wesentliche Fortschritte gemacht. Insbesondere wird uns das Schulwesen als recht gut geschildert. In Ciudad Trujillo allein gibt es etwa dreißig Schulen von der teuersten höheren Schule bis zur Aufbauschule; aber auch die Volksschulen sind mit Aufbauklassen bis zum Abiturium versehen. Den Mädchenschulen sind großzügige Haushaltsschulen zur praktischen Ausbildung angeschlossen. Besonders wird in den Schulen auf die Hygiene der Kinder geachtet. Außer diesen Grundschulen gibt es Fortbildungs- und Handelsschulen und auch eine Universität.

Die geschilderte Struktur der Bevölkerung und der Wirtschaft machen es verständlich, daß für intellektuelle Berufe kein Platz ist. Ausländische Aerzte erhalten kaum jemals die Zulassung zur Praxis. Auch die kaufmännischen Berufe sind für die Bedürfnisse des Landes reichlich übersetzt. Die Eingliederung in den Handel ist dem Einwanderer dadurch besonders erschwert, daß die soziale Lage der Bevölkerung Kreditgewährung auch bei kleinsten Beträgen erfordert, so daß schon ein bedeutendes Kapital dazu gehört, um durchhalten zu können. Die wenigen ausländischen Firmen rekrutieren ihre Angestelltenstäbe aus dem Mutterlande; sie verlangen neben der notwendigen beruflichen Ausbildung die vollkommene Beherrschung der spanischen und der englischen Sprache. Gelehrte Handwerker werden kaum gebraucht. Als Selbständige finden sie die Konkurrenz der billig arbeitenden Neger vor, als Arbeiter die gesetzliche Begrenzung der Ausländer auf 30 v. H. der Belegschaft. Mit ganz besonderen technischen Spezialkenntnissen und gründlicher Sprachkenntnis wird es jedoch in einzelnen Fällen dem Handwerker, dem Techniker, gelegentlich auch dem Kaufmann gelingen können, eine ausreichend bezahlte Stellung zu erhalten.

Kolonisation wird gefördert

Findet der Einwanderer in den städtischen Berufen nur selten Möglichkeit, sich einzugliedern, so ist die Regierung auf der anderen Seite bereit, die landwirtschaftliche Ansiedlung zu fördern. In diesem Sinne ist auch die Einwanderungspolitik der Dominikanischen Republik ausgerichtet. Die Gesellschaft gibt dem einwandernden Siedler zur Durchführung seines Vorhabens Land, Baumaterial und Vieh und begünstigt ihn auch sonst. Man muß sich jedoch darüber klar sein, daß landwirtschaftliche Tätigkeit unter den ungewohnten Verhältnissen nur für junge, gesunde und bedürfnislose Menschen möglich ist. Wie Berichte von Siedlern zeigen, ist die Ernährung des Landwirts aus seinem Boden gesichert; nicht leicht wird aber infolge der Absatzverhältnisse die Beschaffung von Mitteln für die übrigen Bedürfnisse, wie Kleidung usw. sein.

AUS DEN GEMEINDEN

BERLIN:

Herbert Israel Seeliger

In diesen Tagen hat der bisherige Generalsekretär der Jüdischen Gemeinde zu Berlin, Herbert Israel Seeliger, seine Auswanderung nach Shanghai angetreten. Seeliger ist im Jahre 1930 in die Verwaltung der Jüdischen Gemeinde zu Berlin eingetreten, in der er sehr rasch zu einer einflussreichen Position gelangte. Ursprünglich in der Beitragsverwaltung beschäftigt, wurde er im Jahre 1936, nach dem Weggange von Walter Breslauer zum Generalsekretär berufen und zugleich mit der Verwaltung des Personaldezernats betraut. Im Jahre 1939 wurde Seeliger in den Vorstand der Jüdischen Gemeinde zu Berlin gewählt.

Herbert Israel Seeliger gehört ungeachtet seiner Jugend zu den Menschen, die sich ein selbständiges Urteil bilden können, er war immer bemüht, in der jüdischen Arbeit sachlich und vorurteilsfrei zu sein, ihm war es gegeben, Dinge und Menschen mit schnellem Blick zu erkennen und sie in die gehörigen Zusammenhänge einzuordnen. Als Personaldezernent hatte Seeliger eine Angestellten-schaft von etwa 1500 Menschen zu betreuen und gerade dabei bewährten sich seine ausgezeichneten Gaben, seine Klarheit des Blickes und seine absolute Objektivität.

In allen Fragen, die mit der jüdischen Auswanderung zusammenhängen, hat Seeliger die Notwendigkeit einer konstruktiven Lösung begriffen und man konnte auf ihn rechnen, wenn es galt, überzeugend die Argumente darzulegen, die für eine beschleunigte Entwicklung des Auswanderungsproblems sprechen.

Mit großem Bedauern sehen wir einen Mann wie Seeliger aus seiner Tätigkeit scheiden, zumal in einer Zeit, in der es nur schwer möglich ist, in jeder Hinsicht geeignete jüdische Menschen für die Arbeit zu finden. Die Lücke, die durch seine Auswanderung entsteht, wird sich kaum wieder schließen. Seeliger aber wünschen wir, daß es ihm gelingen möge, nicht nur sich selbst eine Existenz aufzubauen, sondern daß er seinen Vorsatz, vielen anderen aus seinem Kreise die Nachwanderung zu erleichtern, in die Wirklichkeit umsetzen kann.

Anlässlich seiner Verabschiedung richtete namens des Gemeindevorstandes und der Gemeindeverwaltung Herr Carl Israel Fuchs an Seeliger herzliche Worte der Anerkennung. Er würdigte die Leistungen und die Persönlichkeit Herbert Israel Seeliger's und

fügte hinzu, daß er das in ihm gesetzte Vertrauen stets gerechtfertigt habe. Seeliger sei immer bestrebt gewesen, Verbesserungen in der Verwaltung durchzuführen. Bei ihm habe man die Gewißheit gehabt, es mit einem Manne zu tun zu haben, dessen Handlungen auf Offenheit und Geradheit gegründet waren.



Herbert Israel Seeliger

und der damit alle Voraussetzungen für eine vertrauensvolle Zusammenarbeit erfüllt habe. Herr Fuchs schloß seine Ansprache mit Worten des Vertrauens. Seeliger habe bewiesen, daß er etwas zu leisten vermöge und Menschen dieser Art werden das Ziel, das sie sich gesteckt haben, immer erreichen.

Behandler gesucht

Für das Jüdische Altersheim, Weinbergsweg 13, wird ein jüdischer Krankenbehandler gesucht. Bewerbungen sind alsbald zu richten an die Gesundheitsverwaltung der Jüdischen Gemeinde zu Berlin e. V., Ironische Straße 2.

Jüdische Wohlfahrts- und Jugendpflegestelle

Wir bitten um Ueberlassung von brauchbaren Nähmaschinen zu Erwerbszwecken. Mitteilungen erbeten an die Bezirksstelle V, Charlottenburg, der Jüdischen Wohlfahrts- und Jugendpflegestelle Berlin, Berlin-Charlottenburg, Bleibtreustraße 2.

70. Geburtstag

Der frühere Kastellan Jakob Israel Klein beging am 9. März 1940 seinen 70. Geburtstag.

BRESLAU:

Jüdische Winterhilfe

Die Jüdische Winterhilfe macht darauf aufmerksam, daß das veränderte Postscheckkonto lautet: Synagogengemeinde Breslau, Abt. Winterhilfe, Breslau 35307.

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DRESDEN:

Jüdische Winterhilfe

Der Winter sowie die Zahl der Winterhilfs-Betreuten hat zu einer besonders großen Beanspruchung unserer Mittel geführt.

Wir sehen uns daher veranlaßt, hierdurch nochmals alle Gemeindeglieder um eine zusätzliche Spende zu bitten. Außerdem werden wir zum Abschluß der diesjährigen Jüdischen Winterhilfe eine letzte Haus-sammlung am Sonntag, dem 17. März 1940, durchführen. Wir sind überzeugt, daß Alle diese Sammlung besonders tatkräftig unterstützen werden undanken im voraus für die bewiesene Hilfe.

FRANKFURT AM MAIN:

Gottesdienstzeiten

In den Gemeinde-Synagogen

vom 15. 3. bis 21. 3. 1940

Konservativer Ritus:

Unterlindau 21/23:

Freitag, 15. 3., abends 17.55 Uhr, Samstag, 16. 3., morgens 8.30 Uhr, nachmittags 18.30 Uhr, Ausgang 19.15 Uhr, Sonntag, 17. 3., morgens 10.00 Uhr, Wochentage morgens 6.55 Uhr, nachmittags 18.15 Uhr.

Theobald-Christ-Straße 5:

Freitag, 15. 3., abends 17.55 Uhr, Samstag, 16. 3., morgens 8.30 Uhr, nachmittags 18.30 Uhr, anschließend Schriftklärung Rabbinder Dr. Leopold Israel Neuhaus, Ausgang 19.15 Uhr, Wochentage morgens 6.30 Uhr, nachmittags 18.15 Uhr.

Hermesweg 5/7:

Freitag, 15. 3., abends 17.55 Uhr, Samstag, 16. 3., morgens 8.15 Uhr, nachmittags 16.00 Uhr, Sonntag, 17. 3., morgens 7.15 Uhr, Wochentage morgens 6.45 Uhr, nachmittags 18.15 Uhr.

Jüdisches Altersheim, Rechenigrabenstraße 18/20:

Freitag, 15. 3., abends 17.55 Uhr, Samstag, 16. 3., morgens 8.15 Uhr, nachmittags 13.00 Uhr, Ausgang 19.15 Uhr, Wochentage morgens 6.45 Uhr, nachmittags 17.30 Uhr.

Jüdisches Krankenhaus

Gagerstraße 36:

Freitag, 15. 3., abends 17.55 Uhr, Samstag, 16. 3., morgens 8.15 Uhr, nachmittags 16.00 Uhr.

Liberaler Ritus:

Hebelstraße 15/19:

Freitag, 15. 3., abends 17.45 Uhr, Samstag, 16. 3., morgens 9.30 Uhr

Donnerstag, 21. 3., Taanith Esther: Fastenbeginn 4.36 Uhr, Fastenende 19.18 Uhr.

HAMBURG:

Sonntag, 16. März 1940

Orthodoxer Gottesdienst: Beneckestr. 4 und Marcusstr. 36, Freitag abend 17.45 Uhr; Sonnabend morgen 8.00 Uhr (Be.); Sonnabend morgen 8.15 Uhr (Ma.); Minchagabot mittags 11.05 Uhr; Schabbath-Ausgang 19.13 Uhr; Wochentage: morgens 7.00 Uhr (Be.), morgens 7.30 Uhr (Ma.), nachmittags 17.45 Uhr.

Liberaler Gottesdienst: Jüdisches Gemeinschaftshaus, Hartungstraße 9/11, Großer Saal, Freitag abend 17.30 Uhr, Predigt: Rabbinder Dr. Norden; Sonnabend morgen 9.30 Uhr.

MANNHEIM:

Jüdische Winterhilfe

Unsere letzte März-Hausammlung findet Mittwoch, den 13. März, statt. Wir bitten unsere Gemeindeglieder, ihre Spende beizubehalten. Gleichzeitig machen wir darauf aufmerksam, daß leider eine Anzahl Gemeindeglieder mit ihren Winterhilfsbeiträgen noch im Rückstand sind. Angesichts der großen Zahl unserer Betreuten und der an uns gestellten Anforderungen können wir auf keine Gabe verzichten. Wir richten daher das dringende Ersuchen an alle, die es angeht, sich ihrer Verpflichtung nicht zu entziehen.

Verantwortlich für den Inhalt: Leo Israel Kreindler, Berlin W 15, für die Anzeigen: Willi Israel Pless, Berlin W 62. Für die Ausgabe Berlin gilt die Anzeigenpreisliste 2, vom 2. Januar 1939. Verlag und Anzeigenverwaltung: Jüdischer Kulturbund in Deutschland e. V., Abteilung Verlag, Berlin W 15, Meinekestraße 10. Druck: Nova-Druckerei, Berlin SW 68.

Vom R. M. f. V. u. P. (Abt. Be. K. A.) zur Verbreitung im jüdischen Bevölkerungsgebiet des deutschen Reichsgebietes zugelassen.

Die nächsten Veranstaltungen des Jüdischen Kulturbundes in Deutschland

Künstlerische Gesamtleitung: Fritz Israel Wisten

Zweigstelle Berlin

Kulturbundsaal, Kommandantenstraße 58/59

Donnerstag, 14. März, 16.30 Uhr
Sonnabend, 16. März, 16.30 Uhr

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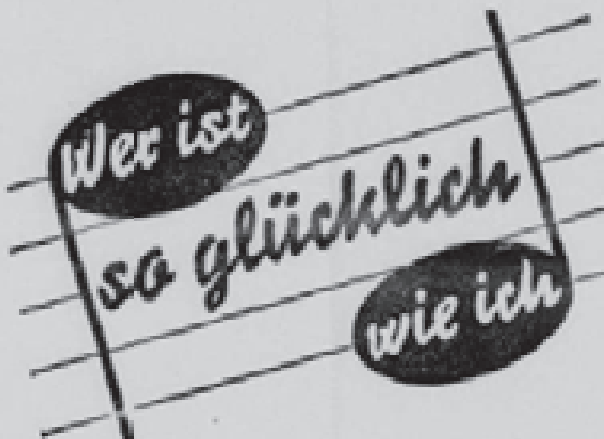
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Voranzeige:

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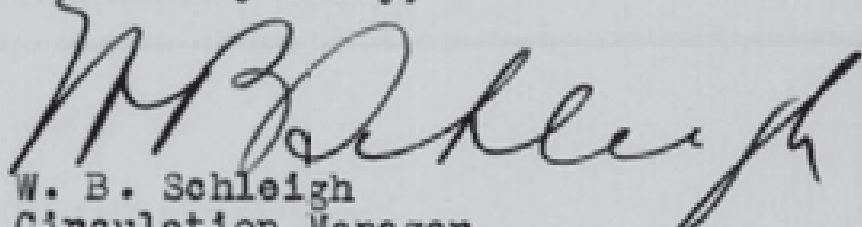
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למען ארצנו ועמנו ובחצרנו חכמי חלק ונחלק לך בחוכמו במגדל.
וכעומד בראש פעולות למען הארץ הזאת חכמי מעיזים פנים לפנות אליך
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הטבותינו צבועות, ואין אנו מבקשים אלא בית קטן וצנוע בהתאם לצרכי
המקום הזה, והסכום הנ"ל יספיק למטרה זו ביחוד שאנשי המקום הזה יתנדבו
לחת את ידם בעבודת הבנין שהוא קודם יחי לרוח ולחרכות ישראל.

רשמנו למטרה זו מגילת על שם קרן קיימת לישראל, מגרש זה קודם לבנין
צבורי כזה. אולם האמצעים לבנין זה אינם לנו. אחת שחלק ונחלק לך בחוכמו
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חכמי מחכים בכליון עינים לחסותך העריכה, וודאי הוא לנו שחמצא
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I wrote you a letter on February 10, 1940, and enclosed a booklet and a letter sent to Mr. Henry Monsky of the B'nai B'rith Lodge at Washington and other data for your consideration. No doubt you have your reasons for not acknowledging my letter and not undertaking such a task as is mentioned therein.

I would appreciate it if you would return all correspondence and enclosures as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

Carl Lertzman

Carl Lertzman

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and the love

of your children

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but we are

very glad to hear from you

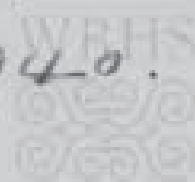
For the friendliness and
help which have given
him new enthusiasm
and courage.

Sincerely

Stella B. Rosenbaum

March 17th

1940.



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March 17, 1940

Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
East 105 Street Temple
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My dear Rabbi Silver:

When I visited you a year ago in Cleveland, you were kind enough to promise that you would try to raise enough funds to publish one volume of the encyclopedia as was done by other larger cities. (Baltimore is raising funds for two volumes. The cost of publishing one volume is two thousand dollars.)

Since I saw you last, I made a trip to Palestine to arrange the publication of the coming volumes. Now, on my return to the United States, I expect to realize the promises made to me then.

I hope to visit you shortly to discuss this matter. I know that you are very busy, therefore I would appreciate it if you would let me know what will be the most convenient time for you to see me.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Very truly yours,

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Author-Editor.

Mar 18, 1940

Dear Abba.

Received your letter,
am enclosing herewith
Aunt Sadie's address which
you asked for. I hope
that if she will be happy
to hear from you.

Glad to know that
both you & your family

Aunt Lillie's address is -

Broadmoor Hotel
102nd St. Broadway
N.Y.C.



are well..

Am making a collection
of several dollars for Passover
for our unfortunate cousins
in Europe & would
appreciate your usual
contribution.



Hoping this finds you
all enjoying the best of
health, & with best regards
from all the family,
as ever.

Uncle Nathan.

PROBATE COURT
CUYAHOGA COUNTY

Cleveland, O., ... March 19, 1940 ..., 19....

Rabbi A. H. Silver

Assal. Rd. A

Dear Sir:

On the 28th day of December, 1940, 19...
a license was issued out of this Court authorizing you to solemnize the
marriage contract between Valfred E. Klein

and Elipore L. Dreifort.

The return of this marriage has not been made, without which the record
is incomplete. Please make such return as early as possible, if the cere-
mony was performed by you, and oblige.

No. 67034

Respectfully yours,

NELSON J. BREWER, Probate Judge

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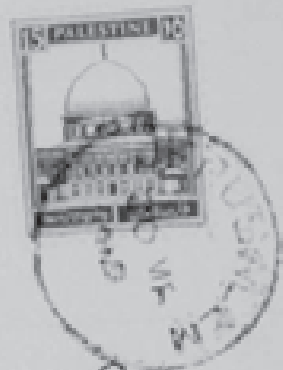
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March 20, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

The enclosed letter is self-explanatory. Dr. Moses has been retired.

Will you be kind enough to write on my behalf? Perhaps the Mobile Congregation will appreciate equipment and experience in a Rabbi.

I regret exceedingly that I must encroach upon your time in matters of this kind. But it seems that no other method has any prospect of success. And there is nothing else to do but to keep on trying.

Thanking you in advance and with cordial greetings, I am

Sincerely,

S. H. Markowitz, Rabbi

SHM:VL

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

March 20 1940

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof
120 Ruskin
Pittsburgh, Pa.

HAVE LEARNED OF THE PASSING OF YOUR DEAR MOTHER. VIRGINIA JOINS ME IN EXTENDING
TO YOU OUR PROFOUNDEST SYMPATHIES.



Huntsville, Texas
March 25, 1940

Dr. Abbe Hillel Silver
Ansel Road Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Doctor:

It is with much concern that I step into your thoughts. Necessity knows no bounds and as a consequence, I must ask your indulgence while I enumerate the reasons for this letter.

I was in the employ of an Omaha Insurance Company and was calling on Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. In 1938 I sold some policies in Clinton Illinois as I did in hundreds of other railroad centers. Some months later I got into trouble thru some applications for insurance and was sentenced to this penitentiary and have been here since last spring. I am now eligible for Clemency but it seems that the sheriff in Clinton Illinois has a hold on me here(Detainer) and I cannot go before the Board as long as that hold is on my record. This sheriff has agreed that he has lost no money but seems to show vindictiveness only in his attitude in maintaining this instrument and I from within these walls, can do nothing to allay his moves. It ~~XXXXX~~ means that I shall have to stay here until September 1941 unless I can get someone

to bring some pressure to bear on him. I am a
Clevelander as my Father was a Rabbi there until
his death in 1920 and am also a veteran of the
World war. And you married me in your study in
November 1925. I ask this favor of you because
I feel that you can help me and I shall be most
grateful for your efforts in my behalf in any
manner that you can.

Rabbi Cohen of Galveston has promised
to help me to get Clemency as soon as this matter
in Clinton is taken care of but I cannot, as I
previously mentioned, do any good until the hold
is lifted.

I am sorry to cause you any inconvenience
but I am tired of this place.

Gratefully yours,

Max Shear
Box 32 Print Shop

The name of the party in Clinton

Sheriff Claude Barrett
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Clinton, Illinois.

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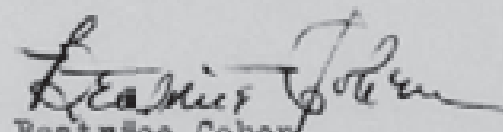
Dear Dr. Silver:

I spoke by telephone today with Mr. Edward W. Russell of Mr. Untermyer's office. Mr. Russell would like me to transmit the following request to you.

Will you be good enough to send to Mr. Russell either the text of your very impressive speech at the Untermyer funeral or a summary of your remarks for permanent record in the Untermyer office.

Mr. Russell explained that your speech made a tremendous impression upon all those who heard it and that you would be doing him a great service if you could fulfill his request. Mr. Russell's address is Guggenheimer and Untermyer, 30 Pine Street, New York City.

Sincerely yours,


Beatrice Cohen
Secretary to Mr. Montor

BC:BJ

March 25, 1940

Dr. S. H. Markowitz
The Temple
500 West Wayne Street
Fort Wayne, Indiana

My dear Markowitz:

Thank you for your letter of March 20.
I shall write to the Mobile congregation as you
requested. I appreciate fully your keen sense
of disappointment with the outcome on the Pacific
Coast. But you oughtn't let it discourage you too
much. There will be other opportunities.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:PK
Enc.

March 25, 1940

Dr. J. E. Harry
Bard College
Annandale-on-Hudson
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Harry:

I know what is, thanks
to you, and I am glad to send along the enclosed
check. I am sorry I can't make any larger. I
trust that Mrs. Harry is fully recovered.

With all good wishes, and hoping to
have the pleasure of seeing you in the not too
distant far future, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX
Enc.

March 25, 1940

Mrs. Jack Silver
Broadmoor Hotel
102nd Street and Broadway
New York, N.Y.

My dear Aunt Sadie:

Through Uncle Nathan, I learned of the passing of Uncle Jack, and I hasten to extend to you my profoundest sympathies in which Mrs. Silver joins me. I understand that Uncle Jack's passing was a blessing inasmuch as his illness was incurable. I had hoped to call on him at the hospital on one of my visits to New York, but my visit was delayed. I did not see as much of him in recent years as I should have wished to, but I remember him as a fine gentleman. I trust that you and your dear ones will be greatly comforted.

With all good wishes, I remain

Yours,

March 28, 1940

Mr. Nathan Silver
1675 Townsend Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Uncle Nathan:

I am enclosing herewith a check
towards the Passover Fund which you are
raising for our relatives abroad.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

AHS:BX

March 26, 1940

Mrs. A. Strauss
2961 No. Park Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Strauss:

Rabbi Silver has requested me to send you the enclosed letter which he received from Mrs. Flesheim; also the correspondence from Hadassah headquarters in New York.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK
Enc.

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

IRWIN UNTERMYER
27 & 29 MADISON AVENUE
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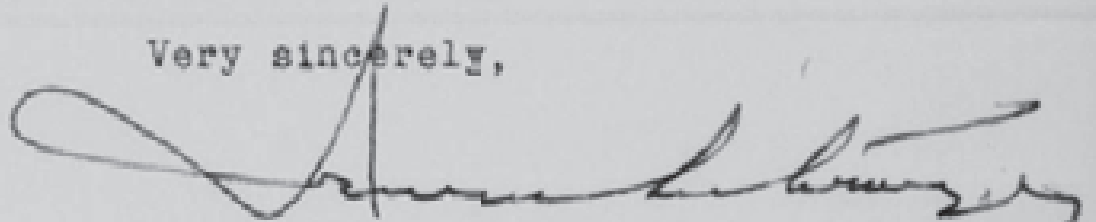
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
105th Street and Ansel Road,
Cleveland,
Ohio.

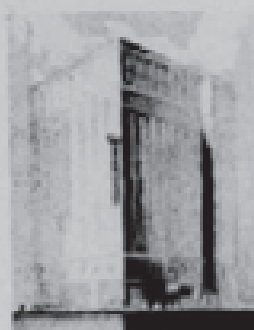
My dear Dr. Silver:-

I wish it were possible to express the solace which you brought to the hearts of all of us in your service at "Greystone". What you said I am confident was exactly what my father would have wished to have been said at his funeral. It also depicted my father's life and character as it was known to his family and most intimate friends. It will always be remembered with profound gratitude.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Irwin Untermyer', with a large, sweeping initial 'I'.

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March 26, 1940

Dear Dr. Silber,

Visiting the United States, I have been sojourning in New York for the last four weeks, hoping that on one of your frequent visits to this city (I have been told they are frequent) I might have the opportunity of greeting you and, perhaps, discuss a few matters regarding Palestine.

As I have not been thus fortunate, I now take the liberty--first, to convey respects and secondly, to ask whether I may be permitted to anticipate a hand shake with you, either in New York or Cleveland, at your pleasure and convenience.

Mrs. Kaplan who is not with me here, but is in Tel-Aviv has enjoined me to convey her profound respects to you.

Faithfully,

Your Friend,

Max H. Kaplan

Dr. Abbe Hillel Silber
The Temple East 105th St.
Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

March 26, 1940

Judge Nelson J. Brower
Probate Court
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Judge Brower:

In reply to your note of March 19,
permit me to state that Rabbi Silver did not
solemnize the marriage contract between
Valfrid E. Klein and Elmore L. Drefort.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

BJK

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March 27, 1940

Dear Rabbi *Billikopf* Silver:

In the strictest confidence I am enclosing copy of a self-explanatory letter to Eddie Kaufmann of Washington and I will ask you to be good enough to return the letter. *Please!*

Since writing the letter I have read speeches delivered by James Rosenberg and others in Town Hall about the Dominican Project. I am still unconvinced, although I sincerely hope that, for the sake of our people, my analysis of the situation is incorrect.

Morris Lazaron sent me a copy of his article regarding Zionism, etc., How I wish that Morris had kept silent.

What are your plans for the Summer.

Affectionate regards to you, Virginia and the children.

Cordially yours,

Billikopf
Jacob Billikopf

LESTER D. ALEXANDER
215 SPITZER BLDG.
TOLEDO, OHIO



MARCH 27, 1940

DR. A. H. SILVER,
105TH STREET TEMPLE,
CLEVELAND, OHIO.

DEAR DR. SILVER:

YOU WILL RECALL THAT WHEN YOU WERE
HERE IN JANUARY, I ASKED YOU WHETHER OR NOT YOUR
ADDRESS HAD BEEN REDUCED TO WRITING. YOU INDICATED
THAT YOU HAD NOT DONE SO AT THAT TIME, BUT WOULD IN
THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

MR. GEORGE KRIEGER, WHOM YOU DOUBT-
LESS REMEMBER, ASKED ME ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS FOR A
COPY AND I HAVE PROMISED HIM THAT I COULD WRITE YOU
ASKING WHETHER OR NOT HE COULD SECURE ONE.

I SHALL LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM
YOU AT YOUR CONVENIENCE.

WITH KINDEST PERSONAL REGARDS TO
YOURSELF AND TO MRS. SILVER, I AM,

CORDIALLY YOURS,

Lester D. Alexander

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Dear Rabbi Silver

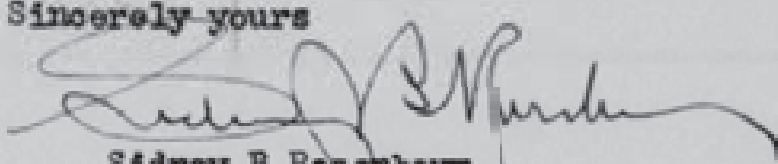
I had intended ere this to offer my personal thanks for your substantial share in making possible my brother Blum's trip to Mexico.

In listening to you at the Men's Club party last night it occurred to me that such benefactions are among the many that are not mentioned by you even "in confidence". I know that it is among the satisfactions that you give yourself, yet as another member of the corporation I also know that you will share our joy with us in any success that may result as to the enterprise.

I feel that I can best express my thanks in some extra effort in the coming Welfare Drive under your leadership.

I am

Sincerely yours


Sidney B Rosenbaum

Rabbi A H Silver
The Temple

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ROBERT H. BLOOMBERG

March 28th, 1940

Miss B. Klein
The Temple
East 105th & Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Klein:

I am returning herewith a bulletin which was sent me by Rabbi Silver some weeks ago, calling my attention to the marked article, and which you may want for your files.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Wolf
Eugene E. Wolf

EEW:n
Encl.

3-28-'40.

Dear Robt Silver,

Thank you so much for your
kind favor.

Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. H. A. Fitch.
1870 E. 101 St.
City.

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March 28, 1940

Mr. Lester D. Alexander
215 Spitzer Bldg.
Toledo, Ohio

My dear Mr. Alexander:

Thank you for your kind note of March 27. I am sorry that I have not yet had an opportunity to reduce the address which I delivered in Toledo to writing. If, and when I do, I shall be happy to send you a copy.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

March 28, 1940

Mr. Edward W. Russell
Guggenheimer and Untermeyer
30 Pine Street
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Russell:

Miss Beatrice Cohen, secretary to the director of the United Jewish Appeal, informed me that you would like to have a copy of the text of the eulogy which I spoke at the funeral of Mr. Samuel Untermyer for record in your office. I am very happy to enclose it herewith.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:DK
Enc.

ALLEN J. KLEIN

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1405 PACIFIC AVE.

PHONE 2-8684

DALLAS, TEXAS

3/29/40

Rabbi A. H. ^{*}Silver

Dear Friend

We rec'd a card today saying you will be in Dallas April 3rd + Allen, Earle + your humble servant sure want to see you. Kindly let us hear from you by return mail, shall we meet you at Plane Station, or Rail Road, which will be a pleasure to me.

We assure you we will not take up any of your valuable time, + will await with pleasure your arrival. I have been here now over 3 weeks + really like it.

The weather here has been warm + every thing in bloom.

Awaiting an early reply

Remains Your Friend

Kind regards to Mrs Silver

Judah D Klein
Dallas

1405 Pacific Ave. Texas

**ST. MORITZ**

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FIFTY CENTRAL PARK SOUTH

N E W - Y O R K

March 29, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am leaving tomorrow for Europe. I am very sorry not to have had a chance this time for a private talk with you, but I may be back in the fall and I hope then to have the occasion to do so.

Before leaving I should like to remind you of your kind promise to help Dr. Jacob Klatzkin by purchasing some of his books, to distribute them to libraries and so on. He is in very difficult condition and he certainly deserves to be helped.

If you could make available a few hundred dollars for his purpose it would do him a great service. His address is : Dr. Jacob Klatzkin, Vevey, Switzerland, Case postale 63.

I hope that you will do something about it and thank you heartily in advance.

With best greetings,

Very sincerely yours,

Nathan Goldmann

March 29, 1940

Mr. Richard H. Kohn
The Richman Brothers Co.
1603 E. 55th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dick:

Mr. Nathan G. Richman has just sent me your contribution of \$500 towards reducing the mortgage on The Temple, along with his own and that of the Richman Foundation in memory of Charles L. and Henry C. Richman. I want you to know how very grateful I am for your generous gift. The Temple will celebrate, in May, its Ninetieth Anniversary, and I felt that the time is particularly appropriate and propitious to do something about reducing The Temple mortgage which is draining our operating funds of some \$10,000 annually for amortization and interest charges. Your gift is thus doubly welcome and will, I am sure, encourage others to do likewise.

Hoping that I may have the pleasure of seeing you in the near future, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

Lertzman Industrial Promotion Service

CARL LERTZMAN
P. O. Box 114 -- Phone 7163
LORAIN, OHIO

March 30, 1940

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

Dear Rabbi:

Enclosed please find a stamped self-addressed envelope for your convenience in returning all my correspondence. I am sorry I did not enclose such in my letter of March 15th.

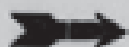
I would appreciate it if you would return all my correspondence and enclosures as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

Carl Lertzman

Carl Lertzman

CL:CP



The Honorable Herbert Hoover,
President of the United States,
White House,
Washington, D. C.

CARL LERTZMAN,
Post Office box
Lorain, Ohio.

May 3, 1932.

Your Excellency:

In my letter of March 16, I stated that another letter would follow. I could not write sooner due to illness. I am going to explain to you in detail some of my seven plans, mentioned on page two, article five of a letter in your possession, known as the complete banking system:

--1--

The system shall be known as the Federal Guarantee Savings Bank Insurance Company for the sole purpose to secure all the savings depositors' money. And every bank may join as a member of the institution above mentioned.

--2--

That any depositor brings in money for savings, whatever interest may be, whether 4, 5, or 6. One half per cent of each and every dollar shall go for the Federal Insurance plan. The banks shall issue a policy as per above mentioned. That will make the money 100% secure.

--3--

If any member banks fail then the Federal Insurance Company will take complete control and pay out in full to each depositor, if so desired, by presentation of the savings book. I expect, under the new system, banks will never fail. But there is one possible chance that if a city supported by one or two large factories, if they close, then the workers as a rule, leave town and demand their money and that only happens once among a thousand banks.

--4--

Any officer of the bank, anytime they defraud the bank or perjure themselves or violate the rules shall be tried by Federal Court. If found guilty the minimum penalty should be not less than 5 years in the Federal Penitentiary to hard labor without pardon. Or if they take money, from the bank, by fraud, not exceeding \$1,000, the minimum should be 5 years and any additional thousand, a year extra. If the violator refunds in full the money to the bank, he should only serve 5 years and the rest of the term shall be pardoned.

--5--

All loans that the bank may make should require Federal Insurance Policy to guarantee the loan. The loans should be made for single homes or duplex, only. They should pay for the term of the loan \$10. out of each and every \$1,000 to get the policy. Any loans made for commercial purposes, such as factory buildings or finance factories or office buildings or any other commercial purpose, the insurance rate should be, for the term of the loan, \$50. on each and every \$1,000. If there are applications for hundred loans on homes, they shall approve 90 loans on single and 10 on duplex. Loans on homes, not exceeding 20 years. Loans on business property not exceeding 20 years or less. No loans should be made on new apartments. See pages 3, 4 & 5.

↑ Above paragraph -5- refers to The Federal Housing Mortgage Insurance. ↑

The Cleveland Orchestra

ARTUR RODZINSKI, Conductor

Severance Hall

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C. J. VOSSBURGH
MANAGER

March 30, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
246 East 105th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

With the approach of the final concerts of a thrilling season, Cleveland is indeed blessed in the assurance that Dr. Artur Rodzinski and The Cleveland Orchestra will again make their magnificent contribution to the life and reputation of the city that has created and supported a major orchestra.

Your contribution as a season ticket holder is important to the continuing existence of this great organization. We would deeply appreciate having your renewal at this time. Until May 15, the seats you have had during this season will be held for you. Any change desired in location, price, or evening, should be noted on your order.

We would be glad to receive suggestions of the names of friends or acquaintances who may have been inspired by your enthusiasm to become regular patrons of our symphony concerts.

Cordially yours,

C. J. Vossburgh
Manager

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Jerusalem 31.3.940
Ben Shapir & H. Y.

Dear colleague, dear R. Silver!

Allow me to send you firstly my reverence, my very very great admiration for your powerful and excellent 2 lectures, especially for the marvelous lecture in the Yearbook of the Golden Jubilee of the Centr. Conf. of American Rabbis: "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival." I have not the honour to know you personally, but who is a rabbi in Europe who doesn't know R. Silver of Cleveland? And I, I honour you peculiarly as the loved son of the old Mr Silver and his wife in Jerusalem. Your father have celebrated his 79th birthday (I am in the same age) on our Purim festival in the best health and vigour! He honoured me with his fine book:

גורן יעקב!

On this occasion I have a great request to you. I was constrained to leave my congregation in Karlsbad after 50 years of rabbi in this town. Since 18/3 I live here in Jerusalem. What I see here in the midst of the rabbis of Czechoslovakia, that is a very great misery and poverty, and on account of this misery a sharp descent of the spiritual life of Judaism to me. No wonder! Remember the words of our צדק that the first necessity in the work

of every one is the advance of the nose, but when
the body is in wrong condition, then suffer the soul
more and more. And this is the fate of all refugees
rabbi in the holy land. I am very sorry to say
that help and support are here very rare things, because
every family have her own refugees! On this
account we have in the last weeks established
an organisation of Jewish rabbis, till now 19
rabbi to help these poor families every one of whom
is without any employment. This little organisation
empowered me to write to the president Lipziger
in New Orleans requesting him to give help for
our little organisation in his very dangerous
situation. In this moment I write to him, knowing
your great influence as a Jew, in the circle
of American rabbis I beg you to help us that the
officers of the Central Conference may resolve
to send to our organisation an important
help, but in 1940. I thank you very much
for your great goodness and remain your
very sincerely

I M. Chetani's question to you is
why you have not answered
his last letter

Y. Z. Zepher
Vice president

Excuse my not very convenient English!

April 1, 1940

Mr. Nathan D. Kaplan
Hotel Monterey
Broadway at 34th Street
New York, N.Y.

My dear Friend:

I was very pleased to receive your note indicating that you are in this country now. I trust that you are well. I shall be most happy to see you. I do not know, at the moment, when I shall be in New York next. Please call the office of the United Palestine Appeal next Monday. They will know my schedule. I always stop at the Commodore Hotel, and I shall be very happy to see you there.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

April 1, 1940

Mr. Judah D. Klein
1405 Pacific Avenue
Dallas, Texas

My dear Friend:

Thank you so much for your kind note.
I plan to arrive in Dallas by plane on Wednesday
afternoon from New Orleans. I shall be most
happy to see you.

With all good wishes to you,
Allen and Marie, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ARS:BK

April 1, 1940

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

My dear Billie:

I am returning herewith, at your request, the letter which you sent to Eddie Kaufmann although I should like to have kept it; there is so much good sound sense in it. I have right along shared similar views although for matters of policy, which you can well understand, I have refrained from expressing them. I would immediately have been charged with Palestinian monopolistic tendencies and a willingness to sacrifice other worthy colonization projects because of my intolerant Zionism.

I also agree with you about Mr. Rosenberg. He has been one of those unfortunate "experts" in whom the practical businessmen among our Jewish leaders have put such implicit confidence - almost messianic hopes. And he has been wrong time and again.

We shall probably go to Maine this summer although our plans are not definite. I will know more about it as soon as Virginia makes up her mind.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc. - 2

April 1, 1940

Mr. Irwin Untermyer
27 & 29 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Untermyer:

Thank you so much for your kind note of March 26. I appreciate greatly your kind expressions. I felt honored to have had an opportunity to officiate at the funeral services of your distinguished father, and to speak a few words of memorial tribute to him. If I have been of any service to the members of his family, I am very happy indeed.

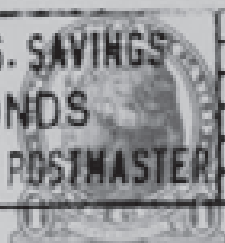
With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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WRHS



Rabbi Abraham Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

As expressed in Monday Press
your thesis on 3d term for
Pres R. is the soundest reason-
ing yet voiced on the subject.
The Repul ~~icans~~ will have to
follow "in steps" on many
features but may also improve
their administration now quite
faulty. R. would make a great
error in trying to perpetuate himself.

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April 2, 1940

Mr. Abba H. Silver
The Temple
East 103th & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Silver:

Please accept my sincere thanks for your recent contribution. Every gift makes me realize, more and more, just how gracious and valuable Tuskegee's friends are. Year after year they have looked beyond themselves and their own interests, and have given of their time and means in order that the work of the school might continue to go forward.

I wish that I could thank you personally and I hope some day that I may have that opportunity.

Wishing you every success, I am

Sincerely yours

F. D. Patterson

President

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April 3, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

As you know, I visited Cleveland last Friday in a special effort to see you. To my regret you were occupied at the time. Rabbi Eckstein informed me of the message which you gave him to transmit to me, assuring me that in two or three weeks you will obtain the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) in accordance with the promise you made to me last year. This sum will pay for the publication of one volume of the Encyclopedia Torah Shelema. I shall dedicate this volume to you and your community according to your wishes in this matter.

I wish to express to you my heart-felt thanks and appreciation for your kindness, generosity, and encouragement. I hope to hear from you soon.

With warmest personal regards,

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

M. M. Kasher

Rabbi M. M. Kasher

MMK:RS

TAX COUNSELOR

WILLIAM E. KAYNES
CLEVELAND, OHIO

727 Schofield Bldg.

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April 3, 1940

no copy
Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road at E. 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Silver:

I take this opportunity to let you know how much I enjoyed your lecture Sunday morning.

Your development of several entirely new thoughts, at least to me, impressed me so, that if it is possible to obtain, I would like a copy so that I may enjoy it again and also pass it on to one or two people who would appreciate it and missed the opportunity of hearing you.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Very truly yours,

W E Kaynes

WEK:RE

Taxco
Apr 4, 1940

Dear Rabbi Silver,

So many new experiences have come my way that I can hardly take up the thread where my last letter left off. The outstanding fact that I have gleaned as a traveler in a strange land is the genuine friendliness of the Mexican people. "Sympatico" is a word I came across quite a time ago. It certainly applies here. The common pottery is beautiful in form. I am recalling a trip on a bus, some distance beyond and even higher than Mexico City where I came after leaving Monterrey. It is a glorified picnic grounds called the Desierto de Los Leones and there are the ruins of a convent of the same name, about which there remains much of the fragrance of the past, as in a walk between closely growing and extremely tall pine trees, themselves enclosed between walls of the convent and high outer walls. The bus was crowded, women, children and bundles, when a little

old Italian woman got on. All the
noon she found was enough for her-
self and a rigid handkerchief to
stand on and on the handle of the
basket while the two swans first one
was and then another around curves,
she poured a ray of frostiness
milk. These precarious circumstances
for which there was no alleviation
made the beauty of the iris the more
apparent. Incidentally when she got
to her destination, which was a
roadside stand, not a drop of the
milk was spilt but it was further
than when she came aboard the bus,
I made three more journeys in
Mexico City and have sent three to the Press.
One I made at Xochimilco, the float-
ing gardens; not unlike, I am still working
on: there in Taxco I am settling down
and establish myself as I could not
do before. That is something that the
concerns at this matter. I all know some-
to have no thought of doing it. One of the
hands of the Deskmills is here, as was
Shadrach Adams for other stories. And
this place in which another story
should live? You tell me, or perhaps I,
there a spruce size for a picture that
would be most suitable? I am pro-
posing, ~~now~~ what is I have in mind one

of sixteen by twenty inches, but if the
space you have - or a space you
~~would~~ have would accommodate
best a picture of another size (I
am assuming here an increase
of the above dimensions, not a
decrease) will you please let me
know. And another point is,
would the long dimension be the
vertical or the horizontal one?

Hoping that this finds you
and your family in the best of
health

I am

Sincerely Yours
Bluma H. Rosenbaum

c/o Dr. Bernardo Engel
Calle de Tacubaya 92
Mexico City, D.F.

1916 E. 115th

Apr. 4th 1940

Dear Rabbi Silver-

Thank you so
much for your kindnesses
to Dad during his long
illness and your comforting
words at his death.

I have been very busy
making many adjustments
and getting ready to move.
But I want you to know
I am going to accept your
invitation to come and
see both Mrs. Silver and
you soon.

Sincerely
Ella Spiegel

April 5, 1940

Mr. William E. Keynes
727 Schofield Bldg.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Keynes:

Thank you for your kind letter of
April 3.

I regret that I have no printed
copy of my lecture of last Sunday to send
you. Should it be printed, I shall be
happy to send you a copy.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK

April 5, 1940

Mr. C. J. Vosburgh, Manager
The Cleveland Orchestra
11001 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Vosburgh:

Please reserve for me, for next season,
the same seats which I now hold. Upon receipt of
statement from you, I will send you a check.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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DEAR DR. SILVER:

CONTEMPLATING WHAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR OUR COMMUNITY MAKES IT VERY DIFFICULT FOR ME TO ADEQUATELY EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION. I SUM IT UP, THOUGH, WITH THE STATEMENT THAT IF OUR CAMPAIGN IS SUCCESSFUL -- AS IT MUST BE -- YOU MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE, BY THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF YOUR PRESENCE AND THE INSPIRATION OF YOUR MESSAGE, WILL DESERVE CREDIT FOR THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF OUR GOAL.

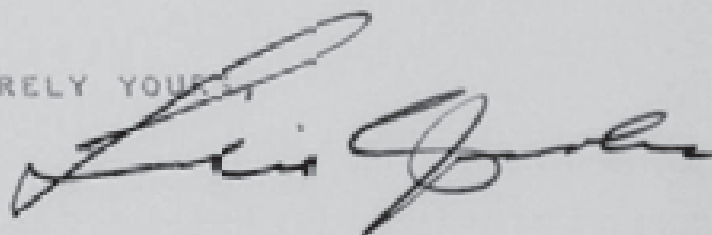
I SMILE A BIT AT YOUR STATEMENT THAT HAD YOU KNOWN YOU HAD BEEN IN DALLAS ONLY A YEAR AGO, FOR FEAR OF WEARING OUT YOUR WELCOME YOU WOULD NOT HAVE COME AGAIN THIS SEASON. TO THE CONTRARY, I ASSURE YOU AS A RESULT OF YOUR VISITS IN SUCCESSIVE YEARS DALLAS HAS QUITE COME TO LOOK UPON YOU AS HER OWN, AND I AM CERTAIN YOUR EFFECTIVENESS WAS MULTIPLIED THEREBY.

YOU MIGHT LIKE TO KNOW THAT DURING A DISCUSSION OF YOUR VISIT LAST EVENING I HEARD MRS. JACOBS SAY TO A GROUP OF OUR FRIENDS: "AS I VISUALIZE THE PROPHETS OF OLD, DR. SILVER WITH HIS CONSTRUCTIVE, ADVANCED THINKING AND INSPIRATIONAL LEADERSHIP IS TRULY A PROPHET."

IT WAS VERY PLEASANT HAVING YOU IN OUR HOME, IF ONLY FOR A FEW MOMENTS. I TRUST ON YOUR NEXT VISIT TO DALLAS YOU WILL BE OUR GUEST.

AGAIN WITH THE HEARTFELT THANKS OF OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY, I AM

SINCERELY YOURS,



DR. ABBA H. SILVER,
THE TEMPLE,
CLEVELAND, OHIO.

April 7th 1948

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I wish to tender my apologies for presuming to make a request of you.

I am not a member of your congregation nor have I ever in any way contributed to it.

Could it be possible that at some near future date you would discourse on the theme of immortality?

Your past few sermons to which I have listened, have so filled, the need that has newly arisen within me, that on this need, I presume to make this request.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Bloch

Cleveland, O.,
April 7, 1940.

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

Dear Rabbi;

Please accept this contribution to the Welfare Fund. If people have strange reasons for giving then this cannot be so unusual.

For some years I've had a strong suspicion that two people have been guilty of telling untruths. The only consolation is in knowing that many a person in high position has encountered this same thing.

May the giving of this little gift help to alleviate the pain that has at times been more than acute.

Very sincerely yours,
A Friend

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בזה האופן - כי לא ידעו שיש לך חכם
אשר לא ידעו - אתה חכם גדול, אולם

כי גזלתי את הכתוב למען את חלומי האמת.
 בקרית בני שמונה עשרה, כי תהא אלך בגלגל העין
 היחיד והמשנה האמיתית ואל עם זה פסוק בחלומי
 דש ואלו הכתובים קני פזאכס כי ואלו לה אחיה).

כמו הבית און אלה אלג דמה קריסל. דנה אלה דצ חכמה
 דלום האכזרה ולצע, ואלו כן יאח אלה מהעיר אפסל
 ד בני משפחה. כן דמנה כן גישבאל!
 הוה מלכיה דשח צין דש.האל, אלא פלא דמא באברה
 אלה אל מצי אלהים.

בדציה יחיד, כי תאמר נא, כבי הנכב, משלך אהבך
 דם און דציה אלג מכיכך אלא קינע את הכתוב
 קריסלם יחיד, אלא דציה דקאלון, כי אלה
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 אצקת און דה, כי ואלו את דציה משפחה
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 אצקת אצקת קכאל, הכי אלה כן. ואלו עם הכסל
 דמחל אמשלך דקאלת אלג אצקת פלא דה דציה
 פבי שש דה אלג סאלה.

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מ/א 307 מוקד לשיעור שלי, 120, למבחן / בקשה סלחתי,
הי הינה הנגיש את המידע.

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April 8, 1940

Mr. Leslie L. Jacobs
Pollock Paper & Box Company
Dallas, Texas

My dear Mr. Jacobs:

Thank you so much for your kind note and for all the lovely things which you and Mrs. Jacobs say about my visit to your community. I am very happy to have had the opportunity to be of service to you. I am confident that under your dynamic and inspiring leadership, the Dallas campaign will be greatly successful.

It was indeed a pleasure to spend a few quiet moments in your beautiful home prior to leaving your city. With all good wishes and hoping that I may have the pleasure of seeing you again before very long, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

NEWELL C. BOLTON

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April 8, 1940

Dear Dr. Silver:

Western Reserve is Cleveland's university. It was brought here from Hudson and for many years was supported financially by a comparatively few people who believed in education.

Through its graduates and faculty, Reserve has added immeasurably to the social, cultural and professional life of Cleveland. Financially it has drawn millions of dollars to the city in gifts, grants and tuition.

With large gifts from a few people becoming rare because of business conditions and increased taxes, and with the shrinking income from endowment, Western Reserve, as many another privately endowed university, organized a Continuous Program of raising funds in 1934. Through this Continuous Program and its thousands of modest annual gifts, the University has been able to maintain its standards.

If privately endowed institutions are to continue to exist they must have support from many people -- this is particularly true of Western Reserve University. Your gift, even a very modest one, will be of genuine assistance in maintaining one of Cleveland's important institutions.

Sincerely yours,

Newell C. Bolton

Newell C. Bolton, Chairman
Facilities & Endowments Committee

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April 8, 1940

EUGENE BLACHSCHLEGER
RABBI

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
105th and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Colleague:

I know from your recent bulletin that you spoke on the question of a third term for Roosevelt. If you have any copies of this sermon I would be glad to receive one.

Thanking you and with cordial greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

Eugene Blachschleger

EB:SM

Will you let me know confidentially whether the Montgomery Lecture Course ever communicated with you regarding a lecture to be given here during this past season. I suggested your name. The Chairman promised to communicate with you and that was the last I heard about it.

April 8, 1940

Miss Elsa Spiegle
1716 E. 115th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Elsa:

Thank you so much for your kind note.
You need not have sent me any check. I shall,
however, be pleased to put in a small charity
fund which I use from time to time.

When you have moved and are
completely re-adjusted, please come to see
us. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BX



April 9th 1940.

Dear Rabbi Silver -

Enclosed please find a
check which my sister, Miriam Zinkel,
and I would like to have you accept
as our appreciation for the beautiful
service you conducted at our Father's
funeral.

Sincerely,

Richard H. Klein

ALVIN UNTERMYER
30 PINE STREET
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April 9, 1940.

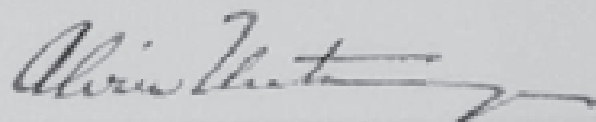
Dear Dr. Silver:-

This is to express the deep appreciation of my sister and brother, as well as myself, for your magnificent assistance at and in connection with the funeral services of my father.

None of us has heard anything but enthusiastic praise for the services themselves as well as your magnificent eulogy.

I hope you will not consider it out of place if we ask you to accept the enclosed as a small token of our appreciation.

Sincerely yours,



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

DILWORTH LUPTON
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April 9, 1940

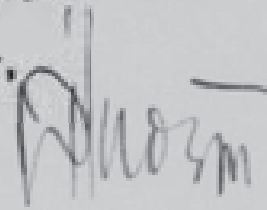
Dear Abba:

I week from Sunday I am going to
preach on "Are You Afraid of the Future?"

This letter, therefore, is a con-
fession of sin, for I have stolen the
subject directly from your calendar.

Best wishes to you and your wife.

Faithfully,



Rabbi Abba H. Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

April 10, 1940

Mr. Carl Lertzman
P. O. 114
Lorain, Ohio

My dear Mr. Lertzman:

Please pardon the delay in returning
your correspondence to you. It was somehow
misplaced, and did not turn up until today.

Very sincerely yours,

EJK
Enc.

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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April 10, 1940

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
E. 105th & Ansel Road
City

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Please accept our belated thanks for your letter of
March 28th.

May I take this means to express our thanks to you
for your most sincere efforts in behalf of our Yeshiva.
And I sincerely hope that you will continue to do all you
possibly can in this regard for us.

And now, I am happy to tell you that my son^{Dr. W. Herman.} has be-
come engaged to the daughter of Adolph Weinberger. The
wedding date has been set for June 16th. We are all anxious
to have you perform the wedding ceremony. Therefore, may I
see you at your convenience in order that we may make the
necessary arrangements.

Sincerely yours,

Max Herman
president

YESHIVATH ADATH BNAI ISRAEL

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Ruth J. Abramowitz

Bill
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3106 Holmes St.

Dallas, Texas

Sent Apr. 11, 1940

April 11, 1940

Dr. Olga Schatz
10934 Pasadena Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Schatz:

I am enclosing herewith the letter
which you requested. I trust that you will receive
permission to remain here.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BM
Enc.

April 12, 1940

Mr. Richard Klein
3587 Latimore Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dick:

Thank you so much for your
kind note and for the check you enclosed.
You really should not have sent it. I am,
however, very grateful and I shall put it
in a small charity fund which I use from
time to time.

With all good wishes to you
and to your sister, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support of our Golden Jubilee Concert as indicated by the above invoice. Your tickets are enclosed and your check in the self addressed envelope which we are enclosing for your convenience, will be much appreciated and will help us defray our preliminary expenses.

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Will you please indicate at the time you send your remittance, how you want your name listed in the program under our heading "Sponsoring Patrons".

Sincerely yours,

J. A. Kiefer
Joseph A. Kiefer, S. J.

P. S. Should you be unable to attend and have no one who can use the tickets, I'll see that they are placed in worthy hands if you will return them to me.

J. A. K.

3264 Lee Rd
Shaker Hts, O.
April 14, 1940

Dear Rabbi Silver,

During the early part of March you delivered a lecture on the attitude and action the Jew should take toward anti-semitism. My reaction to the sentiments you expressed were: "if only my friends and all Jews could hear these words." When I asked you if it were possible to procure a copy of the sermon, you

mentioned that it
might be printed. I
wonder if it has, and
whether I might secure
a copy. Were you
willing, I should be
glad to copy it myself
if it hasn't been printed.

I shall be most
grateful if I may
hear from you. Thank
you very much.

Respectfully,
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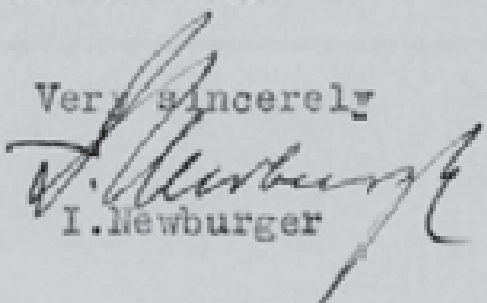
Dear Sir:

Last Sunday I had the pleasure of attending the services at The Temple and hearing your lecture on the Fortune article entitled "The Light That Has Failed".

You may remember that after the services I came to you and asked whether I might obtain a copy of your discourse. You stated that it had not then been printed but that you would send me a copy if and when you had them.

I am therefore writing to remind you and to state that I will be greatly obliged to you if you will send me a copy. I am pleased to enclose postage for it and thanking you in anticipation I am

Very sincerely


I. Newburger

IN:HH
Encl.

2195 St. James Parkway Cleveland Heights, Ohio

April 15, 1940.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

After speaking to
you last Monday I wrote to
Paul Picman (the Hungarian
Refugee whom I told you)
suggesting that he write to Mr.
Becker mentioning the fact that
you had suggested Mr. Becker's
name to friends of Mr. Picman in
Cleveland. Well and I feel that
a letter in which your name was
mentioned coming directly from
a refugee would bear more
weight than a letter from anyone
associated with a rival school

Dinner. It is for that reason
that we give Mr. Linnam permission
to use your name. Hope you do
not mind.

Thank you very much for
your helpful advice. Best
wishes to you and Mr. Selam.

Sincerely yours,

Chas. R. Linnam

434 West 120th Str. New York C.
April 19, 1940

Dear Dr. Silver,
three weeks ago I wrote to you a letter of which I enclose the copy. So far I had no answer. However, conditions are developing in a rather serious way. In so far that more and more people in Germany are compelled to leave within a short time. Furthermore, in so far that the money wanted per capita is not as my correspondents were writing 100dollars, but two hundred dollars. I received this morning a cable from the Palästina-Amt, Berlin that I shall deposit this sum at the Swiss Bank here and that they shall send it to Geneva. The case concerns a young lady who got the order to leave immediately. Besides, all of us know that the danger of Italy's entry in the war is imminent and that we are not allowed to wait even for a few days. I am in full despair because you can imagine that I have not the money wanted from me and I will not bear the responsibility that these human lives shall become victims of the Gestapo.

I would be very grateful to you if you would at least let me know whether there is help to be expected from the JDC or another relief institution.

With best *and p. 100* wishes

yours very sincerely

J. Elbogen

*x I have to expect many
more of these cables*

18 Berkeley Street
Machua, New Hampshire
April 20, 1940

My dear Rabbi Silver,

Several years ago I received a copy of your "What Is Culture?" I don't remember whether I heard it over the radio, or read it, but I remember I sent for a copy and you very kindly sent me one.

I told my Senior English pupils about it and read it to them. They were very greatly impressed by it.

In 1930 my home and all my possessions were burned in the \$2,000,000 fire that swept our city. Among my greatest losses was the copy of "What Is Culture?"

I have thought of it very often, and wondered if you have any copies left, or if you could tell me how I could obtain a copy. It was so beautiful that I would like to pass your fine thoughts expressed in that, on to others.

I shall be very grateful for an answer, or a copy if you have one. I know it is much to ask after sixteen or seventeen years.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Gillian H. Howard

April 22, 1940

Mr. Alvin Untermeyer
30 Pine Street
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Untermeyer:

Please pardon the long delay in acknowledging your kind letter. I was at Harvard University most of last week and I returned to my desk only this morning where I found your gracious note and your overwhelming gift. You really should not have sent it. The service which I rendered at the funeral services of your distinguished father was one of affection and appreciation for the many great and important things which he did in behalf of our people, and of causes in which both of us were vitally interested.

I shall place the check which you sent me into a charity fund which I use from time to time, as the demands of recent years have become exceptionally heavy.

I do hope that I may have the pleasure of seeing you again in the not too far distant future. With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

April 22, 1940

C. A. Stonehill Jr.
262 York Street
New Haven, Conn.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith a check for \$8.00
for which please send me two copies of your volume
"Jewish Contributions to Civilization", edited by
C. A. Stonehill, Jr.

With kindest regards, permit me to
remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

April 22, 1940

Mr. Max Herman, President
Yeshivath Adath Bnai Israel
10417 Westchester Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Herman:

Please pardon the delay in answering your kind letter. I have been East all week and have just returned to my desk.

Let me first extend to you a hearty Mazeltov on the occasion of the engagement of your son, Dr. William Herman, to the daughter of my dear friend, Adolph Weinberger. I was delighted to hear of the engagement. I shall, of course, be very happy to see you at any time to talk over with you the details of the wedding ceremony. Come in to see me some morning. Just telephone before you come to make sure that I am in.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ANS:BX

Dear Abba:

I've been wanting to write you since last Wednesday - a week ago to-day - when I heard Elkan address the Hadassah group here. I don't have to tell you how honest a person Elkan is and in all the years that I've known him I've never known him to make a compromise on his sincere beliefs and just convictions. So, imagine my surprise (and delight and I knew you'd be delighted too - my first thought was "I wish Abba could hear this") when I heard him give an impassioned talk on Palestine and Zionism. He came to talk ~~to them~~ on The Welfare Fund and its relation to the various groups in the community. Were the "Hadassies" (Elk's name for them) thrilled!

Incidentally, Elkan is a good and forceful speaker. I didn't know that side of him at all. I've heard him give a funny talk, a pep talk, a sales talk and I knew he was good on his feet but I dreaded going to hear him when he was the guest speaker. When I got here and listened to the women rave about his oratory, I determined that he'd never know, if in the most private recess of my mind I'd find him lacking. An organization invited me to accompany Elk and to sit at the speakers table. I had nervous indigestion for days previous to it, but how I relaxed after the first ten minutes! - and later on, after we left the admiring throngs, Elk appreciated my "Pop you were o.k." He laughed at my fears but I think he was a bit nervous too, he wanted my approval.

We've passed our sixth month in Milwaukee and I can't begin to tell you how happy we all are, Elkan, the children and I. The community

welcomed us most cordially and it is really remarkable to see how much affection, admiration, cooperation and respect Elkan has won in so short a time. He's doing a swell job and we both wantt you to know that to you and to you alone thanks must go. You backed the right horse Abba and your satisfaction out of that would be a human reaction, BUT from the personal side, I know all of this will make you and Virginia happy. The only fly in the ointment is that the compensation is small, a thousand out of six for the college girl makes good management a necessity and I'm tryingto excel. That too will adjust itself in time. The important thing is that we're happy, we're busy, we like the community and the community likes us.

We were thrilled when Esther phoned us on Sunday and told us she was going to you for second Seder. She's completely on her own and really uses good judgment. We hope you and Virginia find she is as nice a girl as we think she is.

Elkan and the girls join me in affectionate regards to you, Virginia and the boys.

Yours as ever,



April twenty-fourth

April 24, 1940

Miss Peggy Rhodes
Vassar College
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

My dear Miss Rhodes:

Will you pardon the long delay in acknowledging your note of March 9? I have been away from Cleveland most of the time and my correspondence has lagged. I want to tell you how greatly I appreciated your thoughtfulness in writing to me and telling me how much you enjoyed our broadcast in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal. I was greatly strengthened by your lovely note.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK

April 24, 1940

Rabbi Eugene Blachschleger
Temple Beth-Or
P.O. Box 1150
Montgomery, Alabama

My dear Friend:

Please pardon the delay in answering your kind letter. I have been away from the city most of the time, and my correspondence has lagged. I am sorry that I have not a copy of my sermon on President Roosevelt which I can send to you. I have only the unreadable manuscript, but I can tell you the gist of the address.

I praised President Roosevelt highly for his achievements in many fields. I expressed the thought that the one hundred fifty year old tradition respecting a third term for the President should not be changed. It is particularly important at this time of world crisis not to suggest that the salvation of the greatest democracy on earth depends on one man. That is fundamentally the philosophy of dictatorship.

With reference to the question about the Montgomery Lecture Course - I do not recall ever having received any invitation.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

April 24, 1940

Mr. Aaron Solts
1735 Prospect
Portland, Oregon

My dear Friend:

I received, this morning, your note and your check for \$100 as a contribution to the Cleveland Jewish Welfare Fund in memory of your dear wife. I need not tell you that I am deeply appreciative of your thoughtfulness in remembering the Cleveland Jewish Welfare Fund. It will help us materially in our campaign.

It is a long time since I have seen you. I trust that you have been well, and I do hope that I may have the pleasure of seeing you in the near future again.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BX

April 25, 1940

Rabbi Armond Cohen
The Jewish Center
1117 E. 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

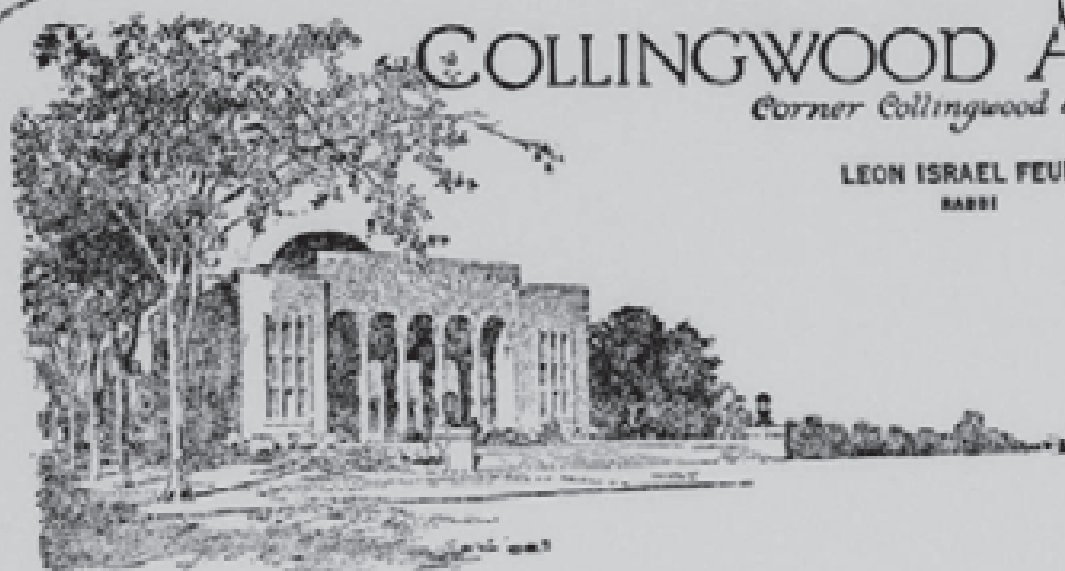
My dear Rabbi Cohen:

Rabbi Silver requested me to send you
the enclosed letter which he received.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK
Enc.

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



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April 25th, 1940

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

My dear Rabbi:

I have just learned from my friend, Dr. Atriel L. Eisenberg, that he has accepted the position as Director of the Bureau of Jewish Education in Cleveland.

I was very happy to hear of this choice. I know Eisenberg very well, in fact, he has been preparing the teacher's guide material for my literature anthology. He is a fine, sincere, intelligent and extremely able person. I have been told by persons close to the situation that he has done a perfectly swell job in Cincinnati. He is very eager to make a success of the Cleveland undertaking and to have your guidance and cooperation in doing it. From my knowledge of him, his attitude and the work which he has done in Cincinnati, I feel certain that you will be able to have complete confidence in him.

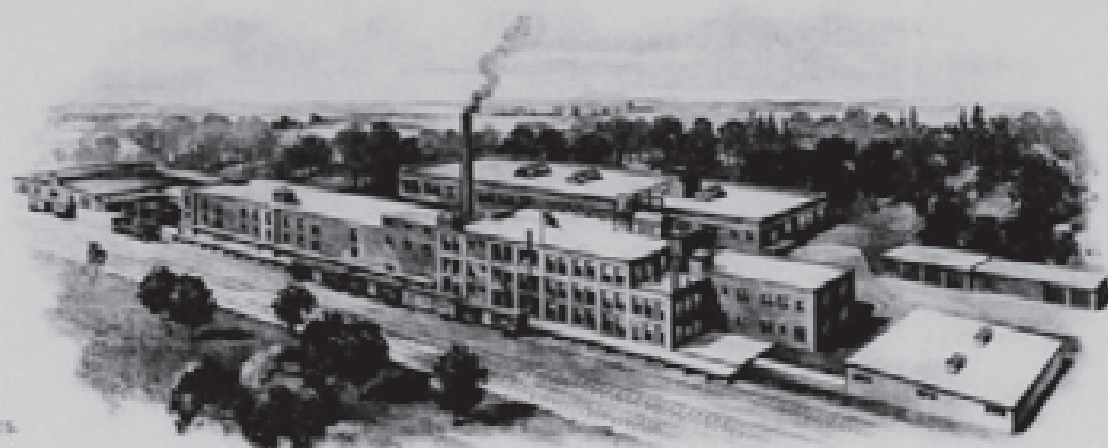
With love to Virginia, the children and yourself from all of us, I am,

As ever,

LIF-s

P.S. Got a folder the other day from Mooselookmaguntic and it certainly looked attractive.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
105th Street Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:-

A friend of mine in Tennessee, not of our faith, runs a Sunday School and I have sent him a copy of the poem on "America" which you sent to Selma several years ago.

He would like a printed copy of this poem on which the American flag is displayed and I am wondering if you have another printed copy so I could have it framed and send it to him. I have already explained to him that you wrote it and he thinks it is the finest thing that he has ever read and he would like his School to learn it and also to display it. If you have another printed copy, I will appreciate it. If not, possibly you can tell me where I can secure one.

We miss your occasional visits to Albany and hope it won't be long before you will be honoring us with a visit.

My best regards to you and all your dear ones.

Sincerely yours,

HBB:RU

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Temple Beth-Or

102 CLAYTON STREET
P. O. Box 1150
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

April 26, 1940

EUGENE BLACHSCHLEGER
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

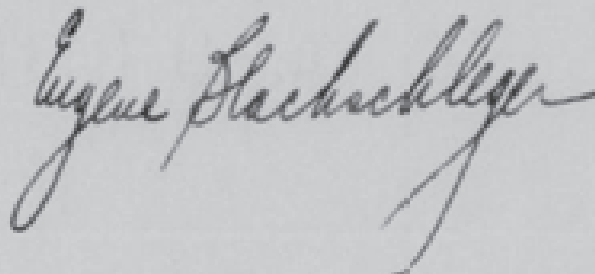
Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you for your letter of recent date replying to my questions. I agree with ~~you in~~ what you had to say about a third term for President Roosevelt.

I shall suggest your name again this year to the Montgomery Lecture Course Committee. I hope it will be possible for us to arrange a date that is mutually satisfactory.

With cordial greetings and all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



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LEWIS GOLDMEER WHOLESALE

THE PROGRESSIVE JOBBER PHONE 2340

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Amsterdam, N. Y., April 27, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

Cleveland, Ohio

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Soda Fountains
Mother's Best and Occident Flours
Red Bag Coffee
Dixie House Coffee
W. H. Clark Canned Goods
White Cross Toilet Tissue
Hires Root Beer and Pepsi Cola

My Dear Rabbi:

I received your letter of April 17th outlining the new drive and the importance of same for 1940. At this writing I wish to advise that it is needless to say that I feel the importance of it the same as you do. If there is any way for me to help, I am not away from it. In fact, I am a contributor myself and also hold the Treasure-ship for this drive. I am glad to help along to the best of my ability.

By the way, I am enclosing a letter from my nephew who is at present in Wilna, Latvia. He writes me a terrible letter; the second that I received from him in a short while. In his first letter he asked for clothes and money. I complied with his request and received the enclosed letter in answer to mine. He has not received the money as yet. I assume that he will get this a little later as it was sent to the United Post Office and they certainly will guarantee safe delivery of the money or the money will come back.

In his second letter he writes that we should not send him any money but he would like us to help him get a position with the JDC. He will be perfectly willing to do everything that is in him so they will be satisfied with him. He is a man capable to do literary work and any other work in that capacity. For eight years, he was co-worker of the Polish Daily at Warsaw and was all his life an active worker for the Zionist Organization.

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Dixie House Coffee
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Hires Root Beer and Pepsi Cola

If he could get this job with JDC, he feels that he could help out all his relations who are wandering, in the different part of Poland and who have been robbed of all their belongings and their homes which were handed over to them from generation to generation for over 200 years.

All I ask of you ^{Rabbi} is to send me a letter of recommendation for him so that I can send it to JDC at Wilna, which might have a lot of weight.

He was an officer in the Polish Army. Captured by the Germans, he was thrown into a concentration camp and made his way out of that hell into Wilna. You can see that he is a person willing to help if there is any possible way to do so.

I am appealing to you to send me this letter so that all of us can do some good for that poor kid.

Thanking you very much in advance, I remain surely

Very truly yours,

Lewis Goldmeer

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April 29, 1940

The Temple
East 105th Street & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Gentlemen;

Up to the present time we have not received two copies of Silver, A. H. - "World crisis & Jewish survival" to fill our letter order of January 23, 1940.

If these books are now available, please send them as soon as possible, accompanied by bill in duplicate, less your best library discount. However, if you cannot supply this title, we would appreciate your report on it.

Very truly yours,

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*Sent
May 2, 1940*

April 30, 1940

Mr. Henry B. Barnet
William Barnet & Son, Inc.
Albany, N.Y.

My dear Friend:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of April 26. I am enclosing herewith a printed copy of my "America". I am happy to learn that your friend has enjoyed it so much.

With all good wishes, and hoping that I may have the pleasure of seeing you in the not too far distant future, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ARS:BX

[April 1940?]

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Dear Sir:

Folks who give generously are the salt of the earth. They help us keep our faith in mankind - and help us get a thrill out of our work.

We take this opportunity to express our appreciation for your contribution which will go a long way to relieve distress and suffering among Czechoslovak refugees.

We thank you for the promptness with which you answered our plea for help.

Yours truly,

THE CZECH-AMERICAN NATIONAL ALLIANCE

..Joseph Frcka.....

President of Bazaar Committee,

13208 Rexwood Ave., Cleveland, O.

Our Bazaar will be held from April 21 to April 28, 1940 at the Bohemian National Hall at 4936 Broadway. We extend to you a cordial invitation to attend.

