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# The Temple

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MELBOURNE HARRIS  
ASSISTANT RABBI

ABBA HILLEL SILVER, D. D.  
RABBI

HARRY A. LEVY  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

December 31, 1956

To Whom This May Concern:

The bearer of this letter, Rabbi Joshua Weinstock, is the authorized representative of the United Home for the Aged in Jerusalem, Palestine.

I know this institution very well and I have visited it several times. It is the largest home for the aged in Palestine, caring for over three hundred aged men and women. It is a well equipped institution, modern in every way and well administered by competent and responsible directors. I can recommend it to your generosity without hesitation.

Very sincerely yours,

*Abba Hillel Silver*

AHS:EK

September 6, 1938

Mr. Max Levy  
183 Richmond Ave.  
Staten Island, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Levy:

I understand that there is a vacancy in the office of Executive Director of the Staten Island Jewish Community Center and that Mr. Jason Rich, of Cleveland, is interested in the position. I am very happy to write to you and tell you what I know of Mr. Rich.

Mr. Rich has been teaching in the High School of my Temple for the last eight years. He has a splendid Jewish background and is closely in touch with movements and trends of thought in Jewish life today. He has also, for the past nine years, been associated with the Council Educational Alliance of Cleveland in an executive and education directorial capacity.

Mr. Rich is a man who would grace any institution. He is a man of high ideals, integrity, and conscientious devotion to duty. He would bring to your Community Center splendid ability, high ideals and great devotion to the causes which are important in a Jewish Community Center.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:DK

September 25, 1939

Immigration Authorities  
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I understand that Mr. Bezalel Schatz and his sister, Zahara, have applied for a prolongation of their visa to enable them to remain in the United States for an additional period in order to present their art exhibit to communities in the United States. Mr. Schatz and his sister are exhibiting the work of their famous father and some of their own art work. These are of high artistic merit and are particularly valuable in presenting to the American public the artistic creations of modern Palestine. There are communities in the United States which are eager to see the exhibit, and a prolongation of their stay will make that possible.

Any courtesies extended to them will be greatly appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BX

January 24, 1940

Dr. M. L. Bamberger  
1 East Avenue, West-Worthing  
Surrex  
England

My dear Dr. Bamberger:

Mr. Herbert Coulter, of Cleveland, is well-known to me. He is a highly respected and responsible citizen of our community. He is President of an important industrial organization in our city, The Federal Knitting Mills Company.

Mr. Coulter has been prominently identified with Jewish community activities and other philanthropic organizations of the city. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees of my Temple for many years, and also chairman of the Finance Committee of The Temple. You may have implicit trust in any commitment which Mr. Coulter undertakes or in any trust which you might wish him to perform.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:DK

February 19, 1940

Mr. Jay Iglauer  
The Halle Brothers Co.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Jay:

This letter will introduce Miss Charlotte Weiner, one of my confirmants, daughter of Mr. Fred Weiner, whom you probably knew. He was very active at The Temple and at Bellefaire. Charlotte would like to model. She is at present a senior in High School and has taken art work for some years. I believe that she would fit in admirably in your organization. Any courtesies which you may show her would be greatly appreciated by me.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ARS:BK

April 11, 1940

U. S. Department of Labor  
Immigration and Naturalization Service  
Ellis Island  
New York Harbor, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Dr. Olga Schatz is at present visiting relatives here in Cleveland. Dr. Schatz is the widow of the famous artist, Boris Schatz, who founded the Bezalel Art School in Jerusalem. I know Dr. Schatz very well, and knew also her distinguished husband. Dr. Schatz requests an extension of her visa to enable her to remain in this country for another six months. Any courtesies which you may extend to her would be greatly appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

AM2:BX

June 28, 1940

Mr. Joseph Reichblum  
Temple Beth El  
Steubenville, Ohio

My dear Joseph:

I understand that you are considering for the pulpit of Steubenville, Rabbi Irving Hausman. I want to tell you that Steubenville would be very fortunate in having him as its Rabbi. I have known Irving Hausman for a great number of years. He is one of the most gifted men who have been graduated in recent years from the Hebrew Union College, a fine Hebrew scholar and a very able and forceful preacher. He has also had valuable experience as a teacher in my Religious School and in other Hebrew Schools in Cleveland. This experience would stand him in good stead in the direction of your Religious School.

I don't usually recommend Rabbis to congregations, but I am delighted to make this recommendation.

We are all well and we send you our warmest greetings.

Most cordially,

AHS:EK

July 3, 1940

Lake Shore Jewish Center  
Care of Mrs. A. E. Fingerhut  
14014 Lake Shore Blvd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friends:

I was happy to learn that the Lake Shore Jewish Center is planning to establish itself as a full-time year-round synagogue, center, and religious school, and that you are planning to invite Dr. Hans Zucker, formerly Rabbi of Heidelberg, Germany, and during the last year associated with me here as Assistant Rabbi of The Temple. Under the new arrangement, I foresee a splendid era of growth and expansion for your congregation. With courage and initiative on the part of your officers and members, and under the splendid leadership of a spiritual leader of the type of Dr. Zucker, who combines scholarship, pulpit talent, and pedagogic experience, you are bound to make great headway in a neighborhood of our city where large numbers of Jewish people live, and where there is need for an active Jewish congregation, religious school, and community center.

I shall be very happy to give you whatever aid I can in helping your fine organization.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:RB

.. Mr. Louis Stein  
President of Agudas Achaim  
Congregation

Hibbing, Minnesota

I was born on May 14th, 1909, in Lossen near Brieg, Silesia, Germany.

After having passed the *gymnasium* (junior high and high school) at Brieg, I studied History, Theology, and Philosophy at Breslau University and at the Breslau Jewish Theological Seminary for one and one half years. Afterwards, I continued my studies in Berlin at the University and at the School for Jewish Learning. I received my doctor degree in the subjects of Ancient History, Modern History, Semitic Languages, and Philosophy. My doctor dissertation was published afterwards by the leading Jewish publisher in Germany, S. Schocken-Verlag, Berlin, in 1936, under the title: *Studien zur Juedischen Selbstverwaltung in Altertum* (Studies on Jewish Self-government in the Antiquity). I received my rabbinical diploma after my final examinations, and having written a thesis on the "Possibility of Reestablishment of the Sanhedrin--regarded from the Halachic point of view". (Not published as yet.)

Always interested in youth work, I gave many courses in Jewish History and Hebrew to Jewish youth groups during the time of my studies.

On September 1st, 1935, I was called as teacher in Hebrew, Jewish History, and General History to the Juedische *Volkschule*, Berlin-Grunewald (public school). Besides my regular schedule, it was my duty to perform services for the assembly of the school (about 330 children) on Saturday morning.

Besides, I officiated regularly as a Rabbi in the synagogues of Berlin (conservative) on Friday night.

On November 1st, 1936, I was called to the *Philanthropin*, Frankfurt-on-Main, largest Jewish public school in Germany, with then about 1300 pupils, as a teacher of German, History, and Jewish subjects, and supervisor of all extra-curricular activities. In this capacity, I took personal charge of the dramatic group, of the oneg shabbat meetings, and of the boy scouts of the school. I wrote and directed an evening-filling drama "Samson", in which ninety students participated. With the boy scouts, I made regular excursions into the mountains around Frankfurt. These activities, besides the regular school work were performed to strengthen the general and Jewish education of our youth. Thus, I had the opportunity to enlarge my educational experiences with boys and girls from ten to nineteen years of age.

On September 15th, 1938, I received a call as a Rabbi of the Jewish community in Heidelberg. My goal there had been, too, to build up similar activities among the Jewish youth. After November 10th, 1938, however, all these activities had to be cancelled. My main work as a Rabbi had to be concentrated upon emigration of children and adults and building up the completely destroyed welfare and religious institutions of the community.

By a guarantee of the British Chief Rabbi, I received the permit for a temporary stay in England in April, 1939.

Having been called to The Temple, E. 105th and Ansel Road, Cleveland, Ohio, as a second assistant Rabbi, I arrived in this country on August 30th, 1939. At The Temple, I found the opportunity to get acquainted with the ways of American Jewish congregations, as well as with the problems of the Religious School system in this country.

July 3, 1940

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter will introduce Miss Laura Cross, for whom I am happy to write the following recommendation.

Miss Cross assisted with the Temple Men's Club Membership Drive a few years ago, and was Secretary of the League for Human Rights from 1935 to 1937. She has also served as secretary and office manager at the Council Educational Alliance and as secretary, office manager, and statistician at the Jewish Vocational Service. Miss Cross's work is of a very high standard and she is recognized as being a good worker in communal agencies. She has a fine personality, a great deal of initiative, and an excellent character.

Trusting you will give Miss Cross favorable consideration, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:RB

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Mr. Jason D. Rich  
Mooselookmeguntic House  
Mooselookmeguntic, Maine

Dear Mr. Rich:

Mr. Kraft has shown me your recent letter. I hope we will be able to assist you in your desire to make a change. I will write to you as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

*Benjamin Rabinowitz*  
BENJAMIN RABINOWITZ

7/18/40

Dear Mr. R. <sup>but</sup> Thank you for your letter. I will ~~immediately~~ <sup>immediately</sup> get back to you and will appreciate anything you may do for me regarding employment.

September 8, 1940

Mr. Benjamin Rabinowitz, Director Personnel Department  
Jewish Welfare Board  
220 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rabinowitz:

I should like to say a word for Mr. Jason Rich who has been in touch with you, and to request that you think of him when there is an opening in some Jewish Center or other organization where his fine talents and experience may be useful.

I have had close contact with Mr. Rich for a good number of years ever since I confirmed him at The Temple. He has for the past nine years been associated with the Council Educational Alliance of Cleveland in an executive and educational capacity. He has had especial success in working with young people. He has a fine Jewish background and is closely in touch with movements and trends in Jewish life today. He has been teaching in The Temple High School for the last eight years.

Especially appealing to me are the high social ideals of Mr. Rich, his integrity and conscientious devotion to duty.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would think of Mr. Rich when an opportunity presents itself.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

September 6, 1940

To Whom This May Concern:

This will introduce Mr. Jason Rich, with whom I have had close contact for a good number of years, and whom I confirmed at The Temple.

Mr. Rich has for the past nine years been associated with the Council Educational Alliance of Cleveland in an executive and educational capacity. He has had especial success in working with young people. He has a fine Jewish background and is closely in touch with movements and trends in Jewish life today. He has been teaching in the High School of my Temple for the last eight years.

Especially appealing to me are the high social ideals of Mr. Rich, his integrity and conscientious devotion to duty.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would think of Mr. Rich when an opportunity presents itself.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

**ART EXHIBITION**  
of the  
**LATE PROFESSOR BORIS SCHATZ**  
and  
**ZAHARA and BEZALEL SCHATZ**

September 21, 1940  
E. Gloucester, Mass.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Last year you helped greatly my mother in giving her a letter of recommendation to the Immigration authorities for the prolongation of her visa. I realize fully how ger ribly busy you are but I do hope that you will be able to find a few free minutes to dictate a similar letter of recommendation to the Immigration Department for my sister, Zahara, and myself. Our visas expire on the 29th of this month and I have been told a letter will be of the utmost importance in helping us to receive another extension. It is impossible at present for us to return to Plaestine and for this reason we are asking for another prolongation.

I have a number of invitations to exhibit the work of my father in cities in which it has not before been seen. I believe that this through its cultural value will make it easier for us to receive t eextension. May I also ask you if possible to send me a similar letter for the extension of my mother's visa which will expire in a month and a half. Perhaps it will be easier for you to send the two at the same time.

I want to thank you very, very much for your kindness and I do hope that I am not troubling you too much. Kindly forward the letters to me, % HIAS, 425 Lafayette St., N.Y.

With many regards to Mrs. Silver and yourself, I remain,  
with Zion's greetings,

Most respectfully and sincerely yours,

*Bezalel Schatz*

September 24, 1940

Mr. F. C. Lewman, President  
The Richman Brothers Co.  
1600 East 55th St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Lewman:

This letter will introduce to you Mr. G. J. Segal who is director of the Bureau on Employment Problems of the Jewish community of Cleveland. He is eager to talk over with you a problem of importance, and I would greatly appreciate any courtesies which you might extend to him. You will find Mr. Segal a very thoughtful and understanding individual.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

September 24, 1940

U. S. Department of Labor  
Immigration and Naturalization Service  
Ellis Island  
New York Harbor, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

The visas of Bezalel Schatz and his sister, Zahara, expire on the 23th of this month, and they are anxious for an extension of their visas in view of the fact that it is quite impossible for them to return to Palestine which is now in the war zone and has been frequently bombed in recent weeks. Mr. Bezalel Schatz and his sister are in this country exhibiting the art works of their father, Professor Boris Schatz, who founded the famous Bezalel Art School in Jerusalem.

I know the Schatz' very well. They are people of splendid character and great admirers of the democratic institutions of America. Any courtesies which you might extend to them will be greatly appreciated.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

September 24, 1940

Mr. Bezalel Schatz  
HIAS  
425 Lafayette St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Schatz:

I am enclosing herewith the two letters  
which you requested. I trust that you will be  
successful in obtaining the extension.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

September 24, 1940

U. S. Department of Labor  
Immigration and Naturalization Service  
Ellis Island  
New York Harbor, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

On April 11, 1940, I wrote to you requesting an extension of the visa of Dr. Olga Schatz, widow of the famous artist, Boris Schatz, who founded the Bezalel Art School in Jerusalem. You kindly granted this request. I am now writing to you to ask for a further extension of Dr. Schatz' visa in view of the fact that Palestine is now in the active war zone, and it is quite impossible for her and hazardous at the present time to return to Palestine.

With all good wishes, and thanking you for your kind considerations of the past, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

Haas

October 28, 1940

My dear Friend:

This will introduce to you Rabbi Louis J. Haas who is visiting Cleveland as the Extension Director of the Jewish Publication Society of America.

As you probably know, this Society has been in the field for nearly fifty years publishing important works of Jewish literature and making available for American Jews the important works of Jewish writers and scholars. The head of this Organization until his recent demise, was Dr. Cyrus Adler of Philadelphia.

The support which the Jewish Publication Society asks of individual American Jews is very small indeed, and I am sure that you will want to join the large number of its friends throughout the land.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 1, 1940

Mr. Julius Bloomberg  
Union Trust Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friend:

I understand that Mr. Leon Wald has made application for the position of Superintendent of the Montefiore Home which will be open due to the retirement of my friends, the Bergers.

I have known the Walds for a good number of years, in fact ever since I came to Cleveland, and I have always been impressed by the fine cultural quality of both Mr. and Mrs. Wald, their gracious, dignified manner and the earnest and self-effacing way in which they participate in many worthwhile community activities. They are people of ideals and of integrity. Mr. Wald was for many years, as you probably know, head of the B'nai Jeshurun Temple of our city. It is out of friendship to them, and out of interest in the continued well-being and successful administration of the Montefiore Home, that I write you these few words of recommendation.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BX

November 18, 1940

To Whom It May Concern:

It affords me great pleasure to write this note of recommendation for Dr. Ralph Hollander.

I have known Dr. Hollander for quite a number of years. He attended my Religious School where I confirmed him. He also attended The Temple High School. Dr. Hollander was prominently identified with the religious and cultural activities of our Institution. I found him at all times a man of complete dependability, high standards, and possessed of fine social interests and ideals.

Very sincerely yours,

ANS:BX

## Temple Israel

BRYDEN ROAD AND 19TH ST.  
COLUMBUS, OHIO

TELEPHONE FAIRFAX 7818  
November 26th  
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Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
E. 105th Street and Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Abba:-

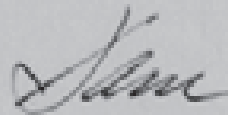
I write to ask you to address a letter to Senator Harold Burton in behalf of our son, Ted, who seeks to enter Annapolis in preparation for a professional naval career.

Teddy will be seventeen next March, and in June he will graduate from the Columbus Academy. In his studies he is above the average; physically, he makes a fine appearance and is something of an athlete. During the present year, he has been a member of the Senior Football Team.

I understand that you and Senator Burton are very close friends and hence I would presume upon this friendship for the use of your kind offices in behalf of Ted. I am sure that were you to meet him, you would be most pleased.

With heartfelt greetings to your dear ones and yourself, from all of us, I am,

Cordially yours,



SMG:dr

December 11, 1940

Rabbi Samuel M. Gup  
Temple Israel  
Bryden Road and 19th St.  
Columbus, Ohio

My dear Sam:

Please pardon the delay in answering your kind letter. I have written to Senator Burton, and I hope that your son, Ted, will have no trouble in getting into Annapolis.

With all good wishes, and trusting that you are well, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

December 11, 1940

Senator Harold H. Burton  
City Hall  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Senator Burton:

My dear friend, Rabbi Samuel M. Cup, has written to me and requested that I say a word to you in behalf of his son, Ted, who seeks to enter Annapolis in preparation for a professional naval career.

Ted will be seventeen next March, and in June he will graduate from the Columbus Academy. In his studies he is above the average; physically he makes a fine appearance and is something of an athlete. During the present year he has been a member of the Senior Football Team.

Any interest which you may show in behalf of the son of Mr. Cup will be greatly appreciated.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

December 18, 1940

Dr. David Lefkowitz  
Temple Emanu-El  
1900 South Boulevard  
Dallas, Texas

My dear Dr. Lefkowitz:

A Temple family, Mr. Harry B. Lockwood, his wife and son, Richard, are moving to Dallas. I have suggested to them that they introduce themselves to you. They will probably do so if they have not already. Mr. Lockwood is, by birth, a non-Jew but has been a member of The Temple for many years. His son, Richard was confirmed by me last year. He was one of the brightest and most lovable young men in the class. The family has fine culture and high standards. Any courtesies which you can extend to them will be greatly appreciated by me.

With all good wishes to you and to the members of your dear family, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

CINCINNATI, OHIO

January 9, 1941.  
(Dict. Jan. 8)

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Abba:

I was pleased to receive yours of the 6th inst. By this time, no doubt Dr. Zucker will have informed you that I have just recommended him to the congregation at Reno, Nevada. I feel reasonably certain that he will be elected there. I was happy indeed to have been able to serve him and also your congregation in this way.

With warmest regards for yourself, Virginia and the boys, and all good wishes, in which my dear wife joins most heartily, I am ever

Faithfully,

  
PRESIDENT.

JM/s

C o p y

The Hebrew Union College  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Cincinnati, Ohio

January 6, 1942

Rabbi Alexander J. Burnstein  
Executive Secretary  
National Committee on Refugee Jewish Ministers  
139 Centre St.  
New York City

Dear Rabbi Burnstein,

Acknowledging yours of the 26th ult. I am happy to be able to inform you that I have just recommended Dr. Hans J. Zucker to the pulpit of Reno, Nevada. I feel reasonably confident that he will be elected by that congregation.

Very sincerely yours,

(sign.) JULIAN MORGENSTERN

President.

May 18, 1941

Rabbi Joshua Weinstock  
United Aged Home  
145 Nassau Street  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Weinstock:

I am enclosing herewith the letter  
which you requested of Rabbi Silver.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK  
Enc.

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

June 21, 1941

Mr. Louis Stein, President  
Agudas Achim Congregation  
Hibbing, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Steins:

I understand that there is a vacancy in the pulpit of Agudas Achim Congregation and I take the liberty of introducing to you the Rev. Dr. Hans J. Zucker who has for the past three years been my assistant here at The Temple. Dr. Zucker was formerly Rabbi of Heidelberg, Germany.

He is 32 years old, possessed of a pleasing personality, a forceful speaker in the pulpit and a man of excellent scholarly equipment. He has established a fine place for himself in the life of our institution where he preached, performed congregational duties and also taught in our Religious School. I would most heartily recommend him for the spiritual leadership of your congregation. Any questions which you would like to ask concerning him and his qualifications I should be happy to answer.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

July 2, 1941

Rabbi Leon I. Feuer  
Collingwood Avenue Temple  
Toledo, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Feuer:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of  
the letter which Rabbi Silver wrote to Mr.  
Henry Wineman today.

I hope it brings you good luck.

Cordially,

BWK  
Enc.

July 2, 1941

Mr. Henry Wineman  
150 Michigan Street  
Detroit, Michigan

My dear Mr. Wineman:

I am taking the liberty of writing to you knowing of your connections with Temple Beth El whose pulpit I have now learned is vacant and that the congregation is desirous of filling it with a man who will carry on its distinguished traditions. I know that it will be difficult to replace Dr. Franklin who brought such luster to Beth El.

I should like to recommend to you and through you to your friends at Beth El a man who though young has already achieved a splendid reputation as a gifted preacher, a fine tribune and spokesman for our people, a leader in community life, and a most able administrator of congregational life. I refer to Rabbi Leon I. Feuer whom you undoubtedly know, inasmuch as he is the Rabbi of the Collingwood Avenue Temple of your neighboring city of Toledo.

Rabbi Feuer has been in Toledo for the past six years. During his Rabbinate there, he developed the congregation to a remarkable degree, increased its membership, re-organized its Religious School, and revitalized it in every way. He has represented the Jewish cause before the non-Jewish citizens of Toledo with dignity, courage and eloquence.

During the last few years he was head of the Toledo Jewish Welfare Fund campaigns and the inspiration which he brought to those campaigns was responsible for lifting the contributions of Toledo from the lowest register in the nation to one very close to the top. The community, Reform, Conservative and Orthodox alike, definitely felt the impact of his spirit and his leadership and responded to them.

Prior to his going to Toledo, Rabbi Feuer was associated with me here at The Temple for over seven years. I turned over to him the complete administration of my Religious School, and under his competent supervision, the School thrived and prospered. He was responsible for

Mr. Henry Wineman

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July 2, 1941

the introduction of many new activities in the School and among the Alumni of The Temple. He has written two books, "The Jew and His Religion" and "Jewish Literature Since the Bible" which are now used extensively in the Reform Schools of America. It was with deep regret that we saw him go from us to Toledo.

Rabbi Feuer is a forceful and eloquent preacher, thoughtful, scholarly, responsible in his utterances, able to move and impress a congregation. You have probably heard him address audiences in Detroit and you know the quality of his spoken word. He has a gracious personality and both he and Mrs. Feuer are charming people who make friends readily and hold their friendship.

I am confident that under his spiritual leadership Temple Beth El would maintain the high position which it occupies in American Jewish life, and its interests would be still further advanced by the youthful vigor and enthusiasm of this gifted man.

With all good wishes for a very pleasant summer, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ARS:BX

July 24, 1941

United States Department of State  
Visa Division  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am pleased to state that I have known Mrs. Herbert Goulder for nearly a quarter of a century. She and her husband have been members of my Temple and prominently identified with all of its activities. Mrs. Goulder is a woman of fine character, high ideals and complete dependability. The Goulders have been associated with many social, charitable and civic movements in our community, and Mrs. Goulder has been an officer in The Temple Women's Association, which is the organization of the women in my Temple, as well as of other civic organizations. The Goulders are highly regarded in the community.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BX

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TELEPHONE MAIN 2320

July 30, 1941

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

Re: LAM DIN, Ezra  
Graduate: Glenville High School  
June, 1941  
College: Harvard - First Year  
Course: General Arts - Possibly teaching

Dear Rabbi Silver

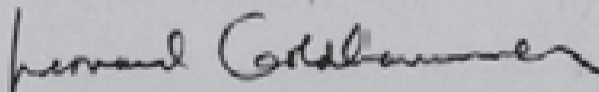
The person whose name appears above is applying for a scholarship loan in order to be able to continue in school, and has given your name as a reference.

In considering the scholarship loan request, we find it helpful to know as much as possible about the applicant, his family, his school, his work, and social life. What information and impressions do you have regarding the applicant's ability? Scholastic achievements? Personality? Aptitudes for chosen field of work? How does the applicant get along with people? With fellow students? With teachers?

Any further information you may add, particularly your pointing out limitations as well as assets which you see in the applicant, will be appreciated. All information, of course, will be considered confidential.

Inasmuch as the Scholarship Committee will meet soon, we should appreciate an early reply. Thank you for your co-operation.

Sincerely yours



Leonard Goldhammer, Secretary  
Joint Scholarship Loan Fund Committee

LG:EM

P.S. Meeting will be held on August fifteenth.

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F STREET AT FOURTEENTH  
WASHINGTON

EXECUTIVE OFFICES

August 13, 1941

Rabbi Silver  
Community Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

We have made several requests of you for information on Miss Idella L. Joseph, daughter of Mrs. Maymie L. Joseph, of Cleveland, Ohio, who has applied to us for a position and given your name as a personal character reference.

We shall greatly appreciate and hold in the strictest confidence any information you can give us regarding this young woman's honesty, ability and character in general.

Thanking you for an immediate reply and assuring you that we shall be glad to return the favor at any time, we remain

Very truly yours,

*Julius Garfunkel & Co.*

MJC

August 13, 1941

Mr. Leonard Goldhammer, Secretary  
Joint Scholarship Loan Fund Committee  
The Jewish Social Service Bureau  
Baron-Sixth Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Goldhammer:

In reply to your letter of inquiry with reference to Ezra Landin permit me to say that I have known young Landin well for a goodly number of years. I confirmed him at The Temple and he also graduated from The Temple High School. His parents are both teachers in the Hebrew Department of The Temple. I recommended him for admission to Harvard University.

He is a fine young man, has a very attractive personality, is possessed of an excellent mind and good character. He has a pleasant way with people and had many friends among the students at The Temple. He was interested in quite a number of supplementary curricular activities while a student here. I would most heartily recommend him for any assistance which you can give him to enable him to carry on his studies.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

August 15, 1941

Julius Garfinckel & Co.  
F Street at Fourteenth  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

The party referred to in your letter, Miss Idella L. Joseph, is not known here at The Temple. May I also call your attention to the fact that the name of our Temple is not The Community Temple, but The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJX

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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Cleveland, Ohio

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JULIUS GARFINCKEL & CO.

Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

We have to say in reply to your annexed inquiry—

Position \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. \_\_\_\_\_

Employed here from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for leaving \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for discharge \_\_\_\_\_

Ability \_\_\_\_\_

Character and habits \_\_\_\_\_

Honesty \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

August 25, 1941.

United States Department of State,  
Visa Division,  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am pleased to state that I have known Mrs. Herbert Coulter for nearly a quarter of a century. She and her husband have been members of my Temple and prominently identified with all of its activities. Mrs. Coulter is a woman of fine character, high ideals and complete dependability. The Coulters have been associated with many social, charitable and civic movements in our community, and Mrs. Coulter has been an officer in The Temple Women's Association, which is the organization of the women in my Temple, as well as of other civic organizations. The Coulters are highly regarded in the community. They are loyal citizens and patriotic in their devotion to American democratic ideals.

The undersigned has been Rabbi of The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio for nearly a quarter of a century. He is a citizen of the United States, naturalized through his father who obtained a citizenship in the District Court of New York in 1904, when the undersigned was a minor. Born in 1893 he has lived in the United States since 1902. He is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati and has the degree of Doctor of Literature from Western Reserve University. A full biography appears in Who's Who for 1940.

Very sincerely yours,

ARS:me

August 25<sup>th</sup> 1941.

Mrs. Herbert Goulder,  
2915 Fairfax Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Edna:

I am enclosing herewith the letter  
which you requested notarized. I was delayed because  
I had to trace down where my father obtained his  
citizenship.

Trusting that this will prove satisfactory,  
I remain,

Very cordially yours,

Ans:me  
Encl.

Reference letters must contain the following information written by the American Citizen who writes and signs the letter:

Full Details About:

1. His own citizenship  
How (by birth or naturalization)  
When  
Where
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4. What he knows about the sponsor (character, integrity, abilities, democratic ideals, etc.)

Note: Notarization of letters is required.

August 27, 1941.

Julius Garfinckel & Co.,  
F Street at Fourteenth,  
Washington, D. C.


Gentlemen:

You have sent us several letters of inquiry about Miss Idella L. Joseph. Because you did not state in your letter the name of her father, it was impossible for us to trace down this family, since they have not been connected with The Temple for 10 years now. Through Miss Idella's sister we learned that their father's name is Joseph Joseph. Mr. Joseph was a member of The Temple for 3 years. Idella attended The Temple religious school for one year, in 1927, and her sister, Leah Marion Joseph attended our school for 3 years and was confirmed by me.

The Joseph family was well regarded and respected in the community, and I am sure that Idella has kept up her fine family traditions.

Most cordially yours,

Ansime



August 26, 1941.

Mr. M. E. Gimp, Vice President  
Temple Israel,  
2249 South Proost Street,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

My dear Mr. Gimp:

From your sister, who is a beloved member of our teaching staff here at The Temple, I learned that there is a vacancy in the pulpit of Temple Israel and I take the liberty of recommending to you and through you to the Congregation the name of Rabbi Hans Zucker who has for the past two years been my assistant here at The Temple. Dr. Zucker was formerly Rabbi of Heidelberg, Germany.

He is 32 years old, possessed of a pleasing personality, a forceful speaker in the pulpit and a man of excellent scholarly equipment. He has established a fine place for himself in the life of our institution where he preached, performed congregational duties and also taught in our Religious School. I would most heartily recommend him for the spiritual leadership of your congregation. Any questions which you would like to ask concerning him and his qualifications I should be happy to answer.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

AHS:me

Mr. M. E. Gimp

Vice president

Temple Israel

2249 South Proost

Tulsa, Oklahoma

# NATIONAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION

*Founded 1906 AS THE PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA*

315 FOURTH AVENUE

NEW YORK CITY

September 11, 1941

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

My dear Rabbi Silver

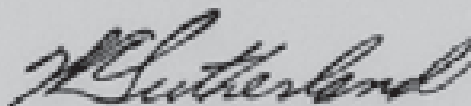
Jason D. Rich

has registered with the National Recreation Association for employment service. Your name has been given as one possessing knowledge of the applicant's qualifications, character and ability.

Types of positions coming to our attention include superintendents of recreation systems, directors of community centers, directors of girls' and women's programs, director of athletics and boys' and men's activities, supervisors of playgrounds, playground directors and play leaders, supervisors of music, drama, arts and crafts, social recreation and nature, directors of adult education.

Such positions require persons with promotion, organization and community leadership ability. Initiative, desire to be of service to others, creativeness and ability to work cooperatively with all kinds of people are important. Your frank and confidential opinion of the applicant relative to these qualities and capacity for work will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours



Willard C. Sutherland  
Local Employment Service

WCS/PS

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September 18, 1941

Mr. Willard C. Sutherland  
National Recreation Association  
315 Fourth Ave.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Sutherland:

In reply to your letter of inquiry concerning Mr. Jason D. Rich, I am happy to state that I have known Mr. Rich intimately for a goodly number of years. He has been directing young people's activities at the Council Educational Alliance with marked success and he has had a rich experience in that field. He has been teaching young people in my Religious School over a period of years and we regard him as among the most valuable members of our staff. For a few summers Mr. Jason Rich was with my family at our summer home in Maine where he was companion to our two boys. I then had daily opportunity to observe his skillful handling of children, his intelligent planning for recreational programs and his high ethical standards. I am persuaded that Mr. Rich has all the qualifications necessary for the services which he would wish to render.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

September 26, 1941

Mr. Albert Mendel, President  
Congregation House of Israel  
517 Prospect Ave.  
Hot Springs, Arkansas

My dear Mr. Mendel:

I understand that there is a vacancy in the pulpit of Congregation House of Israel, and I take the liberty of introducing to you the Rev. Hans J. Zucker who has for the past three years been my assistant here at The Temple. Dr. Zucker was formerly Rabbi of Heidelberg, Germany.

He is 32 years old, possessed of a pleasing personality, a forceful speaker in the pulpit and a man of excellent scholarly equipment. He has established a fine place for himself in the life of our institution where he preached, performed congregational duties and also taught in our Religious School. I would most heartily recommend him for the spiritual leadership of your congregation. Any questions which you would like to ask concerning him and his qualifications I should be happy to answer.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

October 7, 1941

Mr. Max Freedman  
Cook Coffee Co.  
3615 Chester Ave.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friend:

I take the liberty of introducing to you Dr. R. Samuel, who is in the States on a mission in behalf of the Hebrew Institute of Technology in Haifa. Dr. Samuel is an eminent scientist. The Institute which he represents is the only important Technological Institute in the Middle East. Any courtesies which you might show him would be greatly appreciated by me.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ARS:BK

October 7, 1941

Mr. Hayden B. Kline  
Industrial Rayon Corporation  
W. 98th and Walford  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friend:

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With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

October 7, 1941

Mr. Edgar Weil  
National Smelting Co.  
6700 Grant Ave.  
Cleveland, Ohio

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With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ANS:BX

October 7, 1941

Mr. Julius Tuteur  
Electric Vacuum Cleaner Co.  
1734 Ivanhoe Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friend:

I take the liberty of introducing to you Dr. R. Samuel, who is in the States on a mission in behalf of the Hebrew Institute of Technology in Haifa. Dr. Samuel is an eminent scientist. The Institute which he represents is the only important Technological Institute in the Middle East. Any courtesies which you might show him would be greatly appreciated by me.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 10, 1941

Mr. Eugene E. Wolf  
Union Commerce Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friend:

I take the liberty of introducing to you Dr. R. Samuel, who is in the States on a mission in behalf of the Hebrew Institute of Technology in Haifa. Dr. Samuel is an eminent scientist. The Institute which he represents is the only important Technological Institute in the Middle East. Any courtesies which you might show him would be greatly appreciated by me.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ARS:BK

November 12, 1941

Mr. James Strauss, President  
Congregation Adath Israel  
225 Sycamore Rd.  
Lexington, Ky.

My dear Mr. Strauss:

I understand that there is a vacancy in the pulpit of Congregation Adath Israel and I take the liberty of introducing to you the Rev. Dr. Hans J. Zucker who has for the past three years been my assistant here at The Temple. Dr. Zucker was formerly Rabbi of Heidelberg, Germany.

He is 32 years old, possessed of a pleasing personality, a forceful speaker in the pulpit and a man of excellent scholarly equipment. He has established a fine place for himself in the life of our institution where he preached, performed congregational duties and also taught in our Religious School. I would most heartily recommend him for the spiritual leadership of your congregation. Any questions which you would like to ask concerning him and his qualifications I should be happy to answer.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

November 24, 1941

Examining Board  
Army Air Corps  
Cleveland, Ohio

Gentlemen:

I am happy to give this character reference for Richard N. Sloss whom I have known for many years.

He attended my Religious School at The Temple and I confirmed him. He is a young man of excellent character, utmost reliability, and of a good mind. He won many friends for himself while at our School. His family is well known in the community. Both his father and mother have been active in important civic and philanthropic institutions. Their home <sup>is</sup> one of culture and refinement.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

November 27, 1941

Rabbi Benjamin A. Lichter  
327 N. Negley Ave.  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Rabbi Lichter:

I understand that the Hungarian congregation of McKeesport is without a Rabbi and has been for some time. I would like to suggest the name of Rabbi Hans J. Zucker, whom The Temple brought over from Germany three years ago and who has been my assistant since that time

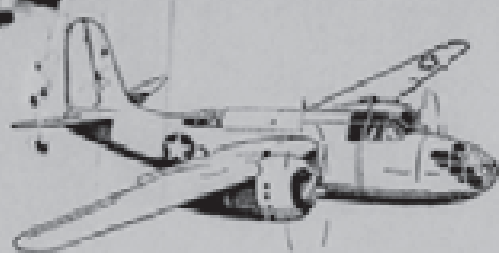
Rabbi Zucker is 32 years old, possessed of a pleasing personality, a forceful speaker in the pulpit and a man of excellent scholarly equipment. He has established a fine place for himself in the life of our institution where he preached, performed congregational duties and also taught in our Religious School. I would most heartily recommend him for the spiritual leadership of that congregation.

Any help which you may be in bringing Rabbi Zucker together with the representatives of the congregation of McKeesport will be deeply appreciated by me. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

[1941]



A-20A LIGHT BOMBER

LOWRY FIELD  
U. S. Army Air Forces  
DENVER, COLORADO

12/25

Dear Rabbi Silver -

In a short time I am making my application for Officer's Candidate School and I will be required to submit with the application several letters of recommendation. I wondered if I might obtain one from you. It should be addressed to: "To whom it may concern" and mailed to me at the following address:

Pvt. Louis E. Weitz  
33<sup>rd</sup> T. S. S. (Sp.)  
LOWRY Field, Colo.

Although it is not even two months since I left home, it seems as if many months have passed. I have done quite a bit of travelling - being first stationed at Marine Base, then here. Unfortunately I was ill on arriving here so that I knew very little about

this field. However, my Army experiences <sup>has</sup>  
for have made me an ardent enthusiast of  
this branch, and I'm certain that order will  
not cool.

The Temple Bulletin, which I have been  
receiving, is grand & I anxiously look forward  
to its arrival. I hope that it will be soon  
that all of us can once again be enjoying  
the activities of the Temple instead of  
reading about them.

Please give my very best regards  
to Mrs. Silver & the boys, and I hope that  
you are now settled in and enjoying  
your new home. Let me thank you  
now for the letter.

Very sincerely yours,

Louis S. Wright

# NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEE JEWISH MINISTERS

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RABBI ALEXANDER J. BURNSTEIN,  
*Executive Secretary*

Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St. and Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver,

## IN COOPERATION WITH:

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UNITED SYNAGOGUE OF AMERICA

I had an interview on Friday last with Rabbi Hans Zucker, who was on a brief visit in New York City. He appeared to be worried, distracted and is, as is natural, very much concerned about his future. He came to ask me to secure a rabbinical post for him. I promised to comply with his request, and have already recommended him to the notice of a modern orthodox congregation in the Middle West, where a vacancy exists. But, since the congregation is of an Eastern European background, I do not consider him the person to gain the whole-hearted co-operation of the group, and I doubt whether, even if elected, he would feel happy there. Consequently, I suggested Rabbi Zucker for another opening which was brought to my attention by Miss Bertha Sachs, Dr. Morgenstern's secretary.

I do not know where the congregation is, as Miss Sachs did not divulge in her letter to me the name or the address of the congregation; but, since the group has had the initiative to communicate with the Hebrew Union College, I presume it is Reform, and I am led to believe that, if elected, he would fill it quite well.

In any case, I shall greatly appreciate it if you will be good enough to drop a line to Miss Sachs, who must be known to you, urging her to secure, if at all possible, that post for Rabbi Zucker, and inform me of the results of your efforts. I asked her to communicate directly with Rabbi Zucker, but a word from you to her will, I am sure, help to stimulate her interest and co-operation.

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I know you are a very busy man, and I hate to impose upon your time and attention, but we must not even in these trying days, when we are beset with world problems and catastrophes, forget the importance of the individual sufferer, who is, in Jewish tradition, an Olem Katan.

With cordial greetings,

I am,

Very sincerely yours,

*Alexander J. Burnstein*  
ALEXANDER J. BURNSTEIN, Rabbi  
Executive Secretary



AB/egb

December 30, 1941

To Whom It May Concern:

I am happy to give this character reference for Arthur Aptel whom I have known for many years.

He attended the Religious School of The Temple as well as The Temple High School and I confirmed him.

His family is well known and highly regarded in the community. His home is one of culture and refinement. I can recommend him most heartily and without reservation.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BX

January 6, 1942

Dr. Julian Morgenstern, President  
Hebrew Union College  
Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Dr. Morgenstern:

Rabbi Zucker told me of the pleasant visit he had with you in New York, and that there are hopeful prospects of his obtaining some position in the near future. I trust that you will do all that you can for him. He is a really fine man, of scholarly interests, and of executive ability, who will do well in a congregation.

As you know, I persuaded The Temple to bring Rabbi Zucker over on that two-year basis which was proposed by the National Committee of Refugee Jewish Ministers. We did not of course need another Assistant Rabbi at The Temple. The two years were up last June and I have been persuading the Board to carry Rabbi Zucker until he obtains some other position. But the Board, like all Boards, is all too "businesslike" to yield to my persuasion much longer.

With all good wishes to you and Mrs. Morgenstern in which Virginia joins me, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

January 7, 1942

Dr. George W. Srail, Registrar  
Adelbert College  
Western Reserve University  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Srail:

I am pleased to recommend the name of Sheldon Guren, who is interested in obtaining a scholarship to Adelbert College. Sheldon has been an honor student of our Temple Religious School for the past twelve years. He has an excellent mind and capacity for scholarship. He is conscientious, alert, and respectful. He is a fine looking boy with a winning personality. Sheldon has taken part in many of the extra-curricular activities of our Temple High School, and has been one of our outstanding students.

I am happy to recommend him to you and I know that he will be a credit to your institution. With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

AHS:DB

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RABBI ALEXANDER J. BURNSTEIN,  
*Executive Secretary*

January 8, 1942

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St. and Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver,

You will be pleased to know, if you have not already been informed, that Rabbi Zucker has been recommended to the pulpit of Reno, Nevada. Obviously, our suggestion to Dr. Morgenstern bore fruit, and for your information I am enclosing a copy of the reply which I have just received from Dr. Morgenstern.

You are fully acquainted with the facts governing Rabbi Zucker's situation, and I know that you will do what you can to stimulate the interest of the congregation in Rabbi Zucker.

May I also ask you as a personal favor to keep your eyes open for available vacancies in both orthodox and reform congregations and write to me as soon as you discover any, as we have many, many worthy refugee rabbis who are in search of positions, no matter how modest or humble they may be.

With cordial greetings and best wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

*Alexander J. Burnstein*  
ALEXANDER J. BURNSTEIN, Rabbi  
Executive Secretary

AB/egb

February 4, 1942

Commandant  
U. S. Coast Guard  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am happy to give this character reference for Louis Weitz, whom I have known for many years.

Mr. Weitz attended my Religious School at The Temple and I confirmed him. He is a young man of excellent character, utmost reliability, and of a good mind. He won many friends for himself while at our School. Mr. Weitz was graduated from the Western Reserve University Law School of Cleveland and has been practising Law since his graduation with distinction.

Both his father and mother have been active in important civic and philanthropic institutions. Their home is one of culture and refinement.

I can recommend Louis Weitz most heartily and without reservation.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BX

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February 7, 1942

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
2 E. 105th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Harry S. Tucker, 3171 Washington Blvd., former owner of the Oystend Drug Store is interested in opening a drug store at Lakeview Terrace and gave us your name as character reference.

We shall appreciate any information with reference to the above applicant and shall consider it strictly confidential.

Very truly yours,

*Mary C. Maher*  
Mary C. Maher, Manager

HCM:hp

February 13, 1942

Miss Mary C. Maher, Manager  
Lakeview Terrace  
1340 East 28th St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Miss Maher:

In reply to your letter of February 7 permit me to say that I know Mr. Harry S. Tucker very well. He attended my Religious School and I confirmed him. He was very active in the Alumni Association of The Temple and is a valued member of our Religious institution. He is a man of fine character, culture and complete dependability. I have no hesitancy at all in recommending him.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ANSE BK

February 13, 1942

Aviation Cadet Board  
Cleveland, Ohio

Gentlemen:

I am happy to give this character reference for Howard Greenberg whom I have known for many years.

Mr. Greenberg is a young man of excellent character, utmost reliability and of a good mind. He has been active in the Alumni Association of The Temple and has won many friends for himself.

His family is well known in the community. Both his father and mother are active in community affairs. Their home is one of culture and refinement.

I can recommend Mr. Greenberg most highly.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

YALE ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP  
OF CLEVELAND

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CLEVELAND, OHIO

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WILLIAM A. MCAFEE  
JAMES R. STEWART

March 27, 1942

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
2 E. 105th St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You have been named as a reference by  
Herbert Ascherman, on his application for a  
Scholarship to Yale University.

We would appreciate a few lines regard-  
ing your appraisal of this boy's general character  
and ability, at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

*H. C. Jackson*

Secretary-Treasurer

April 7, 1942

To Whom It May Concern:

David Butler has been employed  
by us for nine years as houseman and chauffeur.  
He is completely reliable, honest and competent.  
I have no hesitancy in recommending him.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:HK



INTELLIGENCE UNIT

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT

## INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

444 Hanna Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

April 8, 1942

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver-Rabbi,  
Jewish Temple,  
Ansel Road & E. 105th Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

In re: Jeanette F. Newman

Dear Sir:

Jeanette F. Newman, in applying for a Government position, has given your name as reference.

Will you kindly immediately advise me as to the length of time you have known the applicant and furnish any information you may possess bearing upon her character and reputation, and her loyalty to the United States.

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your reply.

An early reply will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

Arthur E. Mellott,  
Acting Special Agent.

April 9, 1942

Mr. H. C. Jackson, Secretary-Treasurer  
Yale Alumni Scholarship of Cleveland  
2000 Union Commerce Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Jackson:

Please pardon the delay in replying to your letter of March 27. I have but recently returned from England.

I am very happy to give you the information which you request about Herbert Ascherman who has applied for a scholarship to Yale. I know Herbert well. He attended my Religious School and I confirmed him. He is a splendid young man of fine character, utmost dependability and high ideals. He is greatly interested in cultural pursuits. He comes from a fine family which has for many years been identified with The Temple and with worthwhile civic activities. Herbert has many friends here, and I am sure that it is his pleasant personality which has won for him his many friends. I recommend him most highly.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

April 9, 1942

Mr. Arthur W. Mellott  
444 Hanna Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Mellott:

In reply to your letter of inquiry of April 8, permit me to say that I have known Jeanette F. Newman for quite a number of years. She attended The Temple Religious School and I confirmed her. She is a young woman of excellent character and utmost dependability. She is a loyal and patriotic American and will serve her country faithfully in any capacity.

Her family has for many years been identified with our Temple.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BX

April 9th, 1942

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have known Alan R. Klein for many years. I confirmed him at The Temple. His family has been closely identified with our institution and with worthy civilian causes for many years. Alan Klein is a young man of excellent character, integrity and complete dependability. He is a loyal and patriotic American citizen and I am sure that he will render excellent service to his country.

hesitation.

I recommend him without any

Very sincerely yours,

ABBA HILLES SILVER

AHS:w

LOUIS S. BING, JR. 2920 GLENGARY ROAD CLEVELAND, OHIO

April 12, 1942.

My dear Rabbi Silver,

Many thanks for your encouragement  
and offer to help me in trying to get an army  
commission. At your suggestion, I am enclosing  
a list of my record, for better or worse.

Again thanks for your helpfulness,

Sincerely,

*Louis*

PS. Date of birth March 17, 1899  
Graduated from Harvard College 1918  
Cum Laude in Economics  
Military Service Camp Lee Va, SATC,  
October- November 1918

Will you please ask for commission in service  
of supply, quartermaster corps or public  
relation dept , in administrative or public  
relations assignment.

April 13, 1942

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Edward H. Chessler for many years. I confirmed him and he was also graduated from our High School and College Departments. Edward is a young man of excellent character, integrity and complete dependability. I have no hesitancy at all in recommending him.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

April 13, 1942

Mr. Louis S. Bing, Jr.  
2920 Glengary Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

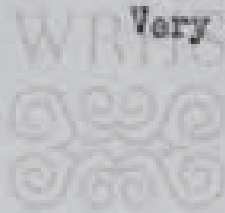
My dear Louis:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the letter  
which I sent to Senator Barkley this day.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX  
Enc.



April 13, 1942

The Honorable Alben W. Barkley  
United States Senator  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Senator Barkley:

I do not like to intrude upon your very busy life, but I have been requested by a dear friend of mine, Mr. Louis S. Bing, Jr. of this city, to write to you and to solicit your help in getting him an army commission. I do so readily because this man is one of the leading citizens of our community, prominent both in the financial and civic life, and has always demonstrated a high sense of public duty and the responsibilities of citizenship. I am enclosing herewith an outline of his business connections and experience as well as his community service. You will note that he has occupied positions of leadership in numerous business organizations of a local and national character, not to speak of his own important business organization of which he is president and executive manager. Mr. Bing is a graduate of Harvard University 1918 -- Cum Laude in Economics -- and saw military service in the last World War. He is forty-three years of age and I am inclined to believe that he would render excellent service to his country if he were granted a commission either in the service of supply, quartermaster corps or public relations department, in an administrative or public relations assignment.

Mr. Bing comes to Washington from time to time and would regard it a privilege to call on you. You will find him a very attractive person.

With all good wishes, and trusting that you are well, I remain

Most cordially,

AHS:BK

April 17, 1942

The Honorable Harold H. Burton  
United States Senator  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Senator Burton:

Thank you for the time which you gave my young friend, Sanford Levkoff. I know how busy a man you are and your considerateness in this connection is doubly appreciated. Young Levkoff is very anxious to join up and I understand the matter is to be decided in the next few days. I thank you in advance for any help which you will give to him.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially,

AHS:BK

April 20, 1942

Mr. Maxwell Lyons, Registrar  
Hebrew Union College  
Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Mr. Lyons:

A young friend of mine, Arthur Cohen of Richmond Hill, N.Y., has applied for admission to the Hebrew Union College. I know him well. He is a splendid young man who has a good Hebrew background and comes from a family where Judaism has been a living faith in thought and practice. I hope that it will be possible for Arthur to enter the College. I understand that he has been somewhat tardy in making his application. I trust that this slight delay will not interfere with his admission.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BX

May 1, 1942

The Aviation Cadet Examining Board  
Cambridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I am happy to give this character reference for James R. Mellman whom I have known for many years.

James attended my Religious School at The Temple and I confirmed him. He is a young man of excellent character, utmost reliability, and of a good mind. He won many friends for himself while at our School. His family is well known in the community. Both his father and mother have been active in important civic and philanthropic institutions. Their home is one of culture and refinement.

I can recommend James Mellman most heartily and without reservation.

Very sincerely yours,

AMS:BX

THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

CINCINNATI, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

May 4, 1942

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Arthur Cohen, of Richmond Hill, New York, is an applicant for admission to the Hebrew Union College. He has mentioned you as one who might recommend him for admission to our institution.

As you no doubt realize, applicants for the ministry must possess fine qualities of spiritual leadership in addition to their own native endowments.

We will, therefore, greatly appreciate it if you will give us your full, free, and confidential answers to the questions appearing on the attached blank.

Since the Committee on Admission of Students will meet very shortly, we shall be grateful for your early reply.

Enclosed is a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Sincerely yours,

*Maxwell Lyons*  
MAXWELL LYONS  
REGISTRAR

Sent  
5-7-42

May 5, 1942

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very happy to recommend Mr. Sam Horovits to you. I understand that he has applied for a commission in the Quartermaster or Commissary.

I have known Mr. Horovitz for about twenty years. He has been a leading member of my congregation and I have confirmed his children. He is a man of absolute integrity, dependability, and of unquestioned loyalty to his country. He is very highly regarded in the community. I am confident that he will render most satisfactory service and I have no hesitancy whatsoever in recommending him.

Very cordially,

AHS:BK

May 6, 1942

To Whom It May Concern:

I am happy to recommend Sanford Lloyd Gottlieb. I have known him for quite a number of years. He attended my Religious School and I confirmed him. He is a young man of excellent character, utmost dependability and of unquestioned loyalty and patriotism. I am confident that he will discharge whatever duties he may be called upon to assume with complete fidelity and devotion. Mr. Gottlieb comes from a very fine family in our community. His people have been active in civic life.

Very sincerely,

AHS:BX

May 8, 1942

To Whom It May Concern:

I am happy to give this character reference for Martin Evans whom I have known for many years.

Martin attended my Religious School at The Temple and I confirmed him. He is a young man of excellent character, utmost reliability and of a good mind. He won many friends for himself while at our School. His family is well known in the community. Both his father and mother have been active in civic and philanthropic institutions. Their home is one of culture and refinement.

I can recommend Martin Evans most heartily.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

No Chapter



**ZETA BETA TAU**

174 E. Woodruff Ave.

Columbus, Ohio

May 12, 1942

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
% The Temple  
105th and Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi,

I am taking the liberty of writing you in the hopes that you will remember me from amongst your many confirmants. I was confirmed in 1936 and graduated from the Temple high school in 1939. I am sure that Rabbi Harris could help refresh your memory along that line as I know that he remembers me. My brother, Tom, is a member of the present Confirmation class.

I am applying for enlistment in the United States Army Air Corps, under a deferred basis. I am a senior in the Ohio State University School of Optometry and plan to graduate next March. If I am accepted into the Air Corps, I will be able to continue my studies until graduation; then take a highly specialized course following which I will receive a commission in the Ground Crew of the Air Corps.

I am in need of three letters of recommendation and would feel quite honored to have one from you. I go before the examining board on Wednesday, May 20, and would appreciate the letter from you a few days before. Please make the letter out "To Whom it may Concern".

Thankyou very much, Rabbi, for this favor.

Yours,

*John*

A. John Rose  
174 E. Woodruff Ave.  
Columbus, Ohio

May 14, 1942

To Whom This May Concern:

I am happy to give this character reference for A. John Rose, whom I have known for many years.

He attended my Religious School and I confirmed him. Mr. Rose is a young man of excellent character, utmost dependability and of a good mind. His home is one of culture and refinement.

I recommend him without any hesitation.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK

May 20, 1943

To Whom It May Concern:

I am happy to give this character reference for Howard Vactor, whom I have known for many years.

Mr. Vactor attended my Religious School and I confirmed him. He is a young man of excellent character, utmost dependability and of unquestioned loyalty and patriotism. I am confident that he will discharge whatever duties he may be called upon to assume with complete fidelity and devotion. Mr. Vactor comes from a home of culture and refinement.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

May 25, 1942

To Whom It May Concern:

I am happy to recommend Robert L. Glueck whom I have known for quite a number of years. He attended my Religious School and I confirmed him. He is a young man of excellent character, utmost dependability and of unquestioned loyalty and patriotism. I am confident that he will discharge whatever duties he may be called upon to assume with complete fidelity and devotion. Mr. Glueck comes from a fine family in our community.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK

May 26, 1942

To Whom It May Concern:

I take pleasure in writing this character reference for Mary Ann Loesser whom I have known for quite a number of years.

She attended my Religious School and I confirmed her. She was an outstanding student and excelled in her studies. But more than that we were impressed with her character and her high standards and ideals. She has fine social vision and interests. Her father, Mr. Nathan Loesser, is a prominent attorney in our city and is one of the foremost leaders in the civic and philanthropic life of our community.

I recommend Mary Ann for any service calling for faithfulness, integrity and loyalty without hesitation.

Very sincerely,

May 28, 1942

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very happy to give this character reference for Wesley Robert Fishel. Wesley was a student in my Religious School and I confirmed him. I found him at all times to be a young man of exemplary character, integrity and utmost dependability. He comes from a home of culture and refinement. I am confident that he would discharge any duties entrusted to him in a spirit of complete loyalty and patriotism. I recommend him without any hesitancy.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BX

June 4, 1942

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Mr. Milton T. Daus for many years and I am very happy to recommend him for any position of responsibility. Mr. Daus has been a member of The Temple for many years and is at present a member of our Board of Trustees. He has been active in many important civic movements and has been especially interested in the work of the American Red Cross. He is a man of integrity and utmost dependability. His home is one of culture and refinement. I am confident that he will perform his duties in a spirit of complete loyalty and patriotism.

Very respectfully,

AHS:EK

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June 12, 1942

To Whom It May Concern:

I am happy to give this character reference for Nelson Nathanson whom I have known for many years.

He attended my Religious School and I confirmed him. Mr. Nathanson is a young man of excellent character, utmost dependability, and of unquestioned loyalty and patriotism. I am confident that he will discharge whatever duties he may be called upon to assume with complete fidelity and devotion. His home is one of culture and refinement.

Very sincerely yours,

AUS:EB

June 15, 1942

To Whom This May Concern:

I am happy to give this character reference for Lawrence J. Cohen, whom I have known for many years.

He attended my Religious School and I confirmed him. Mr. Cohen is a young man of excellent character, utmost dependability, and of unquestioned loyalty and patriotism. I have no hesitancy at all in recommending him.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

June 17, 1942

To Whom It May Concern:

I am happy to give this character reference for James Sherman Levy whom I have known for many years.

He attended my Religious School and I confirmed him. Mr. Levy is a young man of excellent character, utmost dependability, and of unquestioned loyalty and patriotism. His home is one of culture and refinement. I have no hesitancy at all in recommending him.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:LK

June 18, 1942

To Whom It May Concern:

I can whole-heartedly endorse the United Aged Home of Jerusalem and recommend it to your generosity. I have personally visited this fine institution and I am acquainted with the very excellent work which it is doing in the care of hundreds of aged men and women in the Holy City. The United Aged Home is one of the largest philanthropic institutions of its kind in Palestine. The aged are taken care of exceptionally well and the institution is properly supervised and capably managed.

Respectfully yours,

AHS:BX

June 19, 1942

To Whom It May Concern:

I am happy to recommend Morton Mandel whom I have known for quite a number of years. He attended my Religious School and I confirmed him. He is a young man of excellent character, utmost dependability and of unquestioned loyalty and patriotism. I am confident that he will discharge whatever duties he may be called upon to assume with complete fidelity and devotion. Mr. Mandel comes from a fine family in our community.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BX

June 19, 1942

To Whom It May Concern:

I am happy to recommend Jay D. Feder whom I have known for quite a number of years. He attended my Religious School and I confirmed him. Mr. Feder is a young man of excellent character, utmost dependability and of unquestioned loyalty and patriotism. I am confident that he will discharge whatever duties he may be called upon to assume with complete fidelity and devotion. Mr. Feder comes from a home of culture and refinement.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK

June 19, 1942

To Whom It May Concern:

I am happy to recommend Robert T. Feder whom I have known for quite a number of years. He attended my Religious School and I confirmed him. He is a young man of excellent character, utmost dependability and of unquestioned loyalty and patriotism. I am confident that he will discharge whatever duties he may be called upon to assume with complete fidelity and devotion. His home is one of culture and refinement.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:PK

June 29, 1942

United States Marine Corps  
Cleveland, Ohio

Gentlemen:

I am happy to give this character reference for Louis Weitz, whom I have known for many years.

Mr. Weitz attended my Religious School at The Temple and I confirmed him. He is a young man of excellent character, utmost reliability, and of a good mind. He won many friends for himself while at our School. Mr. Weitz was graduated from Western Reserve University Law School of Cleveland and has been practising Law since his graduation with distinction.

Both his father and mother have been active in important civic and philanthropic institutions. Their home is one of culture and refinement.

I recommend Louis Weitz most heartily and without reservation.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BX

# THE CITIZENS LEAGUE OF CLEVELAND

1307 SWETLAND BUILDING - CLEVELAND, OHIO

TELEPHONE: CHERRY 5340

July 1, 1942

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland

Dear Sir:

You have been given as a reference by Lester Okum,  
who is a candidate for the General Assembly.

The Committee on Candidates would appreciate a full and frank  
statement from you regarding this candidate, and your opinion of  
his character, training, experience, and general fitness for the  
office.

YOUR STATEMENT WILL BE TREATED AS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

We prefer the information in writing, but if you do not wish  
to put it in writing, we shall appreciate it if you will call at  
the League's Office, or call the Director by telephone (CHerry 5340).

An IMMEDIATE REPLY will greatly assist the Candidates Committee  
in its work on the list of candidates.

Very truly yours,

*Mayo Fessler*  
Director.

P.S. You can type or write reply below if it is more convenient.  
F.

*OK  
good moral reputation  
average Lawyer  
revered Public figure  
to our knowledge.*

July 2, 1942

Office of Naval Officer Procurement  
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

I have known Dr. Myron A. Weitz for many years. He is an eminent physician in our city and highly regarded. He is a man of integrity and utmost dependability. His home is one of culture and refinement.

Dr. Weitz has been identified with many important civic activities, and more especially with those connected with his profession. He has been a member of The Temple and I have been proud to be both his minister and his friend. I am confident that he will discharge whatever duties that may be assigned to him in a spirit of complete loyalty and patriotism.

Very respectfully,

AHS:BX

July 6, 1942

Mr. Mayo Fesler, Director  
The Citizens League of Cleveland  
1307 Swetland Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Fesler:

In reply to your communication of July 1 permit me to say that Mr. Lester Okum has been a member of The Temple for some five years and I have known him during that period. He enjoys an excellent reputation as a man of character and integrity. His home is one of refinement and he has been interested in worthy civic movements. I do not know him well enough to give you any more specific information about him.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BN

# THE CITIZENS LEAGUE OF CLEVELAND

1307 SWETLAND BUILDING - CLEVELAND, OHIO

TELEPHONE: CHERRY 5340

July 7, 1942

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
2 East 105th Street  
Cleveland

Dear Sir:

You have been given as a reference by David I. Sindell, who is a candidate for the General Assembly.

The Committee on Candidates would appreciate a full and frank statement from you regarding this candidate, and your opinion of his character, training, experience, and general fitness for the office.

YOUR STATEMENT WILL BE TREATED AS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

We prefer the information in writing, but if you do not wish to put it in writing, we shall appreciate it if you will call at the League's Office, or call the Director by telephone (CHerry 5340).

An IMMEDIATE REPLY will greatly assist the Candidates Committee in its work on the list of candidates.

Very truly yours,

*Mary Fealer*  
Director.

P.S. You can type or write reply below if it is more convenient.  
F.

July 7, 1942

To Whom It May Concern:

I am happy to give this character reference for Edgar Simon whom I have known for many years.

Mr. Simon attended my Religious School and I confirmed him. He is a young man of excellent character, utmost dependability, and of unquestioned loyalty and patriotism. I am confident that he will discharge whatever duties he may be called upon to assume with complete fidelity and devotion. Mr. Simon comes from a home of culture and refinement.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

July 10, 1942

Mr. Mayo Fesler, Director  
The Citizens League of Cleveland  
1307 Swetland Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Fesler:

In reply to your letter of July 7 with reference to Mr. David I. Sindell, permit me to state that Mr. Sindell has been on the staff of our Temple High School for the past eight years, and I know him very well. He is a man of excellent character, high ideals and integrity. I am happy to know that he is a candidate for the General Assembly.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK

July 16, 1942

To Whom It May Concern:

I am happy to give this character reference for Mr. Leonard Broida.

Mr. Broida is a member of The Temple and is at present President of The Temple Men's Club. I have known him for many years. He is a man of integrity, fine ideals and utmost dependability. His home is one of culture and refinement. I am confident that he will perform whatever duties are assigned to him in a spirit of complete loyalty and patriotism.

Very respectfully,

AHS:BK

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH CORPS AREA  
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL  
Fort Hayes - Columbus, Ohio

Date July 21, 1942  
OPMG \_\_\_\_\_  
CA \_\_\_\_\_

To: Rabbi A. H. Silver  
East 105th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

The Office of the Provost Marshal has been informed that you are acquainted with, or are in possession of certain records concerning Samuel Louis Aub, residing at 2199 Edgerton Road, University Heights, Ohio Jan. 1, 1942, 19  .

The following information is suggested to you to assist in establishing his identity:

Subject is a member of your church

The United States is now at war and subject is being considered for employment in National Defense. Consequently, it must be definitely established that only loyal and capable persons be employed by the United States Government.

Will you be kind enough to furnish the required information on the enclosed form at your earliest convenience? A prompt return in the self-addressed enclosed envelope which requires no postage will be greatly appreciated.

This information is requested from you as a patriotic citizen. It is understood that the strictest confidence will be maintained relative to your reply. We would appreciate your maintaining secrecy regarding this inquiry to serve the best interests of your government and also to safeguard against any injury to subject's reputation which might result if such knowledge became publicized.

2 Incls.  
Incl 1 - Form #1 (rev)  
Incl 2 - Self-addressed envelope  
Form No. 6 (rev.)

PM #14

*H. E. Gibbs*  
H. E. GIBBS  
Lt. Col., F. A.,  
C. A. Provost Marshal

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH CORPS AREA  
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL  
Fort Hayes - Columbus, Ohio

Date July 24, 1942  
OFMG \_\_\_\_\_  
CA \_\_\_\_\_

To: Rabbi Silver  
East 105th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

The Office of the Provost Marshal has been informed that you are acquainted with, or are in possession of certain records concerning Sanford Raymond Fein, residing at Cleveland, Ohio, on Jan. 1, 1942, 19  .

The following information is suggested to you to assist in establishing his identity:

Subject is a member of your congregation

The United States is now at war and subject is being considered for employment in National Defense. Consequently, it must be definitely established that only loyal and capable persons be employed by the United States Government.

Will you be kind enough to furnish the required information on the enclosed form at your earliest convenience? A prompt return in the self-addressed enclosed envelope which requires no postage will be greatly appreciated.

This information is requested from you as a patriotic citizen. It is understood that the strictest confidence will be maintained relative to your reply. We would appreciate your maintaining secrecy regarding this inquiry to serve the best interests of your government and also to safeguard against any injury to subject's reputation which might result if such knowledge became publicized.

2 Incls.  
Incl 1 - Form 6A (rev)  
Incl 2 - Self-addressed envelope  
Form No. 6 (rev.)

*H. E. Gibbs*  
H. E. GIBBS  
Lt. Col., F. A.,  
C. A. Provost Marshal

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH CORPS AREA  
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL  
Investigations Division  
Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio

Date Aug. 11, 1942

PMGO

CA

To: Rabbi Silver  
East 105th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

The Office of the Provost Marshal has been informed that you are acquainted with, or are in possession of certain records concerning

Blossom "Ebbie" Keller, residing at Cleveland, Ohio, on Jan. 1, 1942, 19

The following information is suggested to you to assist in establishing his identity:

Subject is a member of your congregation

The United States is now at war and subject is being considered for employment in National Defense. Consequently it must be definitely established that only loyal and capable persons be employed by the United States Government.

Will you be kind enough to furnish the required information on the inclosed form at your earliest convenience? A prompt return in the self-addressed inclosed envelope which requires no postage will be greatly appreciated.

This information is requested from you as a patriotic citizen. It is understood that the strictest confidence will be maintained relative to your reply. We would appreciate your maintaining secrecy regarding this inquiry to serve the best interests of your government and also to safeguard against any injury to subject's reputation which might result if such knowledge became publicized.

2 Incls.  
Incl. 1 - Form 6a (rev)  
Incl. 2 - Self-addressed envelope  
Form No. 6 (rev.)

PM #14

H. E. Gibbs  
H. E. GIBBS  
Lt. Col., F. A.,  
C. A. Provost Marshal

August 26, 1942

Mr. Cecil Saul Maurice  
3418 Washington Blvd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Maurice:

I am enclosing herewith the letter  
which you requested. I hope that you will be  
successful in your enlistment.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX  
Enc.

August 26, 1942

To Whom It May Concern:

I am happy to give this character reference for Cecil Saul Maurice whom I have known for many years.

Mr. Maurice attended my Religious School and I confirmed him. He is a young man of excellent character, utmost dependability and of unquestioned loyalty and patriotism. I am confident that he will discharge whatever duties he may be called upon to assume with complete fidelity and devotion. Mr. Maurice comes from a home of culture and refinement.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BX

September 3, 1942

To Whom It May Concern:

I am happy to give this character reference for Howard E. Koosed whom I have known for many years.

Howard attended my Religious School and I confirmed him. He is a young man of excellent character, utmost dependability and of unquestioned loyalty and patriotism. I am confident that he will discharge whatever duties he may be called upon to assume with complete fidelity and devotion.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BX

September 11, 1942

Pvt. Howard S. Nickman  
18th Signal Service Co.  
Camp Campbell, Kentucky

My dear Howard:

Enclosed herewith is the letter of recommendation which you requested. I trust that it will be of service to you in getting into Officers Training School.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BX

September 11, 1942

To Whom It May Concern:

I am happy to give this character reference for Howard S. Nickman whom I have known for many years.

Mr. Nickman attended my Religious School and I confirmed him. He is a young man of excellent character, utmost dependability and of unquestioned loyalty and patriotism. I am confident that he will discharge whatever duties he may be called upon to assume with complete fidelity and devotion.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BN

September 18, 1942

To Whom It May Concern:

I am happy to give this character reference for Harold W. Scher whom I have known for many years.

Mr. Scher attended The Temple Religious School and was confirmed from here. He is a man of excellent character, utmost dependability and of unquestioned loyalty and patriotism. I am confident that he will discharge whatever duties he may be called upon to assume with complete fidelity and devotion.

Mr. Scher's family has for many years been identified with our Temple. Their home is one of culture and refinement.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK

October 7, 1942

To Whom It May Concern:

I am happy to give this character reference for Miss Donna Berger.

Miss Berger is a young woman of excellent character and of utmost dependability. I am confident that she will discharge whatever duties are assigned to her with complete fidelity and loyalty.

Very sincerely yours,

AMS:BN

October 7, 1942

To Whom It May Concern:

I am happy to write this letter for Miss Bessie Kline.

Miss Kline has been my private secretary for nine and a half years. She is a young woman of utmost reliability in all matters, competent and faithful. She will discharge whatever duties you may assign to her with complete fidelity and loyalty.

Very sincerely yours,

ARS:BX

October 20, 1942

To Whom It May Concern:

I am happy to give this character reference for Robert Roth whom I have known for many years.

Mr. Roth attended my Religious School and I confirmed him. He is a young man of excellent character, utmost dependability, and of unquestioned loyalty and patriotism. I am confident that he will discharge whatever duties he may be called upon to assume with complete fidelity and devotion. Mr. Roth comes from a home of culture and refinement.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BX

October 28, 1942

Pvt. Eugene A. Kane  
Co. L  
15th Signal Service Reg't  
Camp Monmouth, N.J.

My dear Eugene:

Your mother telephoned this morning and requested me to send you a letter of character reference and I am most happy to comply with her request. I trust that it will aid you in getting into the Officers Training School.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:HK  
Enc.



305 Riverside Drive  
c/o Dr. Edward Levy  
New York City

SIMON WAMPOLD, Jr.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

~~SMITH TROT  
ATTORNEY GENERAL~~

~~TEMPLE OF JUSTICE  
OLYMPIA, WASH.~~

October 28, 1942

To Whom It May Concern:

I am happy to give this character reference for Eugene A. Kane whom I have known for many years.

Mr. Kane attended my Religious School and I confirmed him. He is a young man of excellent character, utmost dependability, and of unquestioned loyalty and patriotism. I am confident that he will discharge whatever duties he may be called upon to assume with complete fidelity and devotion. Mr. Kane comes from a home of culture and refinement.

Very sincerely yours,

ARS:BK

October 23, 1942

Major Don Gardner  
740 Society for Savings Bldg.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Major Gardner:

It is with pleasure that I write this note about my friend, Mr. Allen Klivans, whom I have known for more than seventeen years.

Mr. Klivans is a leading member of my Temple. He has been prominently identified with many important civic and philanthropic movements in our community and has been a generous contributor to many worthy causes. He has for years been one of the leading merchants of Cleveland. His home is one of culture and refinement. His two sons are now in the Armed services of our country.

I am confident that Mr. Klivans will discharge any and all duties assigned to him not only competently and well, but in complete loyalty and patriotism.

Respectfully yours,

AHS:BK

November 6, 1942

To Whom It May Concern:

I am happy to give this character reference for Enid Susan Silverman.

Miss Silverman attended my Religious School and I confirmed her. She is a young woman of excellent character, utmost dependability and of unquestioned loyalty and patriotism. Miss Silverman comes from a home of culture and refinement. Any courtesies which you may extend to her will be deeply appreciated by me.

Very cordially yours,

ARS:BK

November 10, 1942

To Whom It May Concern:

I am happy to give this character reference for Mr. Arnold Nathanson.

Mr. Nathanson attended my Religious School and I confirmed him. He is a young man of excellent character, utmost dependability and of unquestioned loyalty and patriotism. I am confident that he will discharge whatever duties he may be called upon to assume with complete fidelity and devotion. Mr. Nathanson comes from a home of culture and refinement.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BX

November 16, 1942

To Whom It May Concern:

I am happy to give this character reference for Mr. Walter Kloppe.

Mr. Kloppe attended my Religious School and I confirmed him. He is a young man of excellent character, utmost dependability and of unquestioned loyalty and patriotism. I am confident that he will discharge whatever duties he may be called upon to assume with complete fidelity and devotion. Mr. Kloppe comes from a home of culture and refinement.

Very sincerely yours,

AMS:BX

November 20, 1942

To Whom It May Concern:

I am happy to give this character reference for Mr. Jack Gottenplan.

Mr. Gottenplan attended my Religious School and I confirmed him. He is a young man of excellent character, utmost dependability and of unquestioned loyalty and patriotism. I am confident that he will discharge whatever duties he may be called upon to assume with complete fidelity and devotion.

Mr. Gottenplan comes from a home of culture and refinement.

Very sincerely yours,

ARS:EK



FISHER BODY CLEVELAND DIVISION  
GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION

CLEVELAND, OHIO

November 21, 1942

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are considering for employment, Harry S. Tucker  
who has given your name as reference.

We will appreciate any information which you might feel  
free to give us concerning this person's character and  
background.

Enclosed is a self-addressed envelope for your conven-  
ience.

Very truly yours,

FISHER BODY CLEVELAND DIVISION

*R. H. Schafer* EMP. MGR.

R. H. Schafer  
Employment Manager

November 23, 1942

To Whom It May Concern:

I am happy to give this character reference for Mr. Ralph Katz.

Mr. Katz attended my Religious School and I confirmed him. He is a young man of excellent character, utmost dependability and of unquestioned loyalty and patriotism. I am confident that he will discharge whatever duties he may be called upon to assume with complete fidelity and devotion.

Mr. Katz comes from a home of culture and refinement.

Very sincerely yours,

ARS:EK

November 23, 1942

To Whom It May Concern:

I am happy to give this character reference for Mr. Howard Senor.

Mr. Senor attended my Religious School and I confirmed him. He is a young man of excellent character, utmost dependability and of unquestioned loyalty and patriotism. I am confident that he will discharge whatever duties he may be called upon to assume with complete fidelity and devotion. Mr. Senor comes from a home of culture and refinement.

Very sincerely yours,

ALS:EK

November 24, 1942

Dear Mr. Schafer:

I am very happy to recommend Mr. Harry S. Tucker as a candidate for employment in your concern. Mr. Tucker is a member of our congregation. He is a man of high moral character and integrity. He is honest and trustworthy. He possesses an excellent educational and scientific background, and should be an asset to your company.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. R. E. Schafer,  
Employment Manager  
Fisher Body Cleveland Division  
E. 140th St. and Coit Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

AHS:DB

November 27, 1942

To Whom It May Concern:

I am happy to give this character reference for Mr. Norman Alperin.

Mr. Alperin attended my Religious School and I confirmed him. He is a young man of excellent character, utmost dependability and of unquestioned loyalty and patriotism. I am confident that he will discharge whatever duties he may be called upon to assume with complete fidelity and devotion. Mr. Alperin comes from a home of culture and refinement.

Very sincerely yours,

AMS:RK

December 3, 1942

The University Meteorological Committee  
University of Chicago  
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

I am happy to give this character reference  
for Mr. Paul Klein.

Mr. Klein attended my Religious School and  
I confirmed him. He is a young man of utmost  
dependability, of excellent character and of unquestioned  
loyalty and patriotism. I am confident that he will  
discharge whatever duties he may be called upon to  
assume with complete fidelity and devotion.

Mr. Klein comes from a home of culture  
and refinement.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

December 6, 1942

Executive Vice-President  
Presbyterian Hospital  
622 W. 168th St.  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

It is with pleasure that I send  
this letter of reference for Mr. James A.  
Schoenberger.

Mr. Schoenberger attended my religious  
school and I confirmed him. He is a young man of  
excellent character and of fine mental equipment.  
He has a pleasant manner and has made many friends  
here. He is a loyal and patriotic American young  
man. I am confident that he will discharge  
whatever duties are assigned to him with complete  
fidelity and devotion.

Mr. Schoenberger comes from a home of  
culture and refinement and his people have been  
prominent in civic activities in our community.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BC

December 30, 1942

Pvt. Louis E. Weitz  
33rd T.S. S. (Sp)  
Lowry Field, Colo.

My dear Louis:

I enjoyed receiving your letter and I am enclosing herewith the letter of recommendation which you asked for.

I am glad that you are so enthusiastic about the branch of the service that you are in and I hope that you will succeed in having your application accepted for Officer's Candidate School.

The Alumni had their Collegiate Reunion last Sunday and it was a beautiful affair. But we missed you greatly and many others who are in the service. Quite a few of the boys home on leave or furlough attended the luncheon and a number of them addressed the group.

I see your folks quite frequently -- in fact, I saw both of them last evening at the wedding of Sally Pollock and Ensign Nell, and they are fine.

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

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.

December 30, 1942

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with pleasure that I send this letter of reference for Mr. Louis E. Weitz.

Mr. Weitz attended my Religious School at The Temple and I confirmed him. He is a young man of excellent character, utmost reliability, and of a good mind. He is a loyal and patriotic American young man. I am confident that he will discharge whatever duties he may be called upon to assume with complete fidelity and devotion.

Mr. Weitz comes from a home of culture and refinement. His parents have been active in important civic and philanthropic institutions. His father is the President of The Temple.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BX

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