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The present crisis in Jewish life, 1939.

1/ Crisis - both Physical & Spiritual - (1)  
And bec. much will be said of Physical -  
We are facing a sp. Crisis of a paltry dim  
1917 - 3 M. - 1175 J. N. 211 - quarantined -  
- incommunicado - Austria -

1933 - Another J. con - shattered - Jüdisches  
600 Synagogues  $\frac{1}{2}$  M.

1938 - Austria  $\frac{1}{4}$  M. - Italy -

1939 - Czechoslov.  $\frac{1}{4}$  M.

" - 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  M. Poland - last great sp.

" - structural reservoir -  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  Nazi -  $\frac{1}{2}$  Bolshevik

Total . ~~less~~ close to 8 M -  $\frac{1}{2}$  g held  
Jewry - sp. + intell. 1250 -

Never in our history since dispersion

2/ I assume - we are concerned - tragedies  
individ - Fate of our People -

Survival - Preservation sp. Values

which also give meaning - suffering


There is here - in sp. debate - problem



In grave concern

(2)

① While setting out to care bodies  
Keep light of J. that - learning - path  
Synagogues - Academies - scholars  
Rabbis - students - Ahavim -  
עושה דא

② Few remaining centers - Palestine  
America - must become DRI  
largest - purveyor - at peace  
work to it -  nationally as always  
Centers of DRI -

① Must not center on that  
exclusively one-seas

② We owe a debt to  
Posterity - Golden Chain

③ World needs our DRI -  
Purity - Sanctity - Peace - Brotherhood



3/ Physical Crisis - beyond us! (3)

(1) Too vast - 3 M. added!

(2) 21st cl - Food - shelter - clothing -  
medicines - Prepare for large numbers

(3) (1) ~~Trount~~ ~~anxious~~ ~~future~~ - ~~care~~ 4 M/

But how can we take care of 4 M/  
refugees - resettle them?

(4) Hitler, himself, European Problem  
How?

- Reservation -

(5) Not deprecating Plans - Domestic

Philippines

10 Kev"

Vast outlay - Exploration

(6) Exploration should go on -

Infiltration - scratch surface

4/ There is only one country prepared

Jan - Sept. 1939 - 30.000

In 20 yrs. from 55.000 to 500.000

Political pressure



5/ Beyond that - nothing but defeat (4)  
7 3rd Reich -

① Minority Rights - cause, was -

② Holocaust solution - archaic

③ Real Solution - UN Scramble

④ With that solution - also Jewish

⑤ Jews will remain in Europe -

Israel not in Europe as Home for  
all Jews - not for Jew. People

- a center of pol, indep. & cultural  
autonomy -

6/ All Help to Allies - short, was

Not True - Doubtful

With collapse of H. <sup>pre. Stevenson</sup> Racism

- Present, Minutes - Pol Antisemi.



7/ A new intercont. order - <sup>free from</sup> mistakes - (5)

8/ In wantrems - demanded 3 as

{ Coal Heads  
Stout Heads  
Working hands

9/ Future -

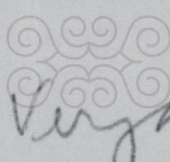
Capacity for survival

Technique for

Mid 1913

Solomon in Virgin

WRHS





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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

**East Central States  
Regional Conference**  
of the  
**Council of Jewish Federations  
and Welfare Funds**



**MAYFLOWER HOTEL**

**AKRON, OHIO**

*Saturday and Sunday, October 21, 22, 1939*

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# **The East Central States Regional Conference of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds**

**T**HE East Central States Region is one of six organized regions of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. The region embraces organized Jewish communities in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, West Virginia, and Western Pennsylvania. The Council is an association of Jewish communal agencies in the United States and Canada with a membership of 172 federations, welfare funds and community councils.

Since its organization the Council has devoted itself to the problems involved in organizing Jewish communal resources to meet local, regional, national, and overseas needs. It has established itself as an essential national service which provides facts and experiences to communities organizing communal programs. Through its organized regions and the regional conferences held annually, the Council provides a medium for cooperative thinking, planning and shaping of local and national policies. It provides aid in budgeting by research and statistical studies in the functional fields and by furnishing authorized reports on agencies applying to local communities for subsidy. The Council issues many publications, among which are a year book which provides an inventory of current agency resources and a volume annually on welfare fund budgeting and campaign experience.

A staff member of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds is assigned to the East Central States Region. On the basis of the Council's experience with its 172 member agencies, the East Central States regional representative is able to suggest organizational techniques to new agencies and bring useful information on continually changing problems to all communities in the region.

## **REGIONAL OFFICERS**

**C. W. EFROYMSON**, Indianapolis  
*Chairman, Executive Committee*

**DR. E. J. GORDON**, Columbus

**MAX HIRSCH**, Cincinnati  
*Vice Chairmen*

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*Secretary-Treasurer*

**JUDGE MAURICE BERNON**, Cleveland  
*Chairman, Program Committee*

**MISS MALVYN WACHNER**, Akron, Ohio  
*Secretary, Program Committee*



## PROGRAM

**Saturday Evening, October 21, 1939**

8:00 O'clock

### **Chairman:**

C. W. EFROYMSON, Indianapolis, Indiana  
*Chairman, East Central States Regional Conference*

### **Opening Prayer:**

RABBI DAVID ALEXANDER, Akron, Ohio  
*Temple Israel*

### **Address of Welcome:**

HERMAN B. HARRIS, Akron, Ohio  
*President, Jewish Social Service Federation*

### **Speaker:**

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER, Cleveland, Ohio  
*Rabbi, The Temple;  
Chairman, United Jewish Appeal for 1939*

### **Topic:**

"European Jewry in the World Crisis"



**Sunday Morning, October 22, 1939**

## **General Session**

10:00 O'clock

### **Topic:**

"Our Needs at Home and Abroad—The Problem of Apportioning Local Community Resources"

### **Chairman:**

MAX HIRSCH, Cincinnati, Ohio  
*Budget Chairman, Jewish Welfare Fund*

### **Speakers:**

RABBI LEON FEUER, Toledo, Ohio  
*President, Jewish Community Council*  
(Other participants to be announced)

### **Area of Discussion:**

What effect is Jewish Federation inclusion in Community Chest having on local program? What effect is emphasis on overseas and defense work having on local needs? What is the impact of the present world situation on our organized Jewish communities?

## Sunday Noon Luncheon

12:30 O'clock

### Chairman:

E. J. SCHANFARBER, Columbus, Ohio  
*President, Jewish Welfare Federation*  
*President, United Jewish Fund*

### Invocation:

RABBI ELIJAH J. STAMPFER, Akron, Ohio  
*United Modern Orthodox Congregation*

### Speaker:

FRANK L. WEIL, New York City  
*Executive Committee, Jewish Welfare Board*  
*Board Member, National Refugee Service*

### Topic:

"Adjustment of the Refugee through the  
Jewish Center"

### Speaker:

DR. WILLIAM HABER, New York City  
*Executive Director, National Refugee Service*

### Topic:

"Program and Plans of the National Refugee  
Service for 1940"

## Sunday Afternoon

2:30 O'clock

### Three-Panel Symposia

*(To be held simultaneously in separate rooms)*

#### PANEL I

### Theme:

"Employment for the Refugee"

### Chairman:

ISIDORE FEIBLEMAN, Indianapolis, Indiana  
*Chairman, Indiana Resettlement Committee*  
*President, Jewish Federation*

### Participants:

JOSEPH SILBER, Cleveland, Ohio  
I. A. DAVIS, Aliquippa, Pa.  
WALTON STRAUSS, Erie, Pa.  
*(Other participants to be announced)*

### Area of Discussion:

Finding employment in the large, intermediate, and small community. What employment opportunities are there for the refugee over 40? Small business opportunities for refugees in large and small communities.



## PANEL II

### Theme:

"Public Relations Aspects of Work  
with Refugees"

### Chairman:

*(To be announced)*

### Participants:

CHARLES W. MORRIS, Louisville, Ky.

EUGENE FREEDHEIM, Cleveland, Ohio.

*(Other participants to be announced)*

### Area of Discussion:

Should work with refugees be interpreted to the non-Jewish community? How can it be done? How can the rumors that refugees take employment from citizens be met by the Jewish community? Should non-sectarian effort on behalf of refugees be enlisted by the Jewish community?

## PANEL III

### Topic:

"The Place of the Congregational Sunday and  
Hebrew School in a Coordinated System of  
Jewish Education"

### Chairman:

EZRA SHAPIRO, Cleveland, Ohio

*President, Cleveland Hebrew Schools*

### Participants:

ELIOT KAPLAN, Toledo, Ohio

JUDGE CHARLES RUBINER, Detroit, Michigan

MAX PLESSER, Indianapolis, Indiana

RABBI ELIJAH J. STAMPFER, Akron, Ohio

*(Other participants to be announced)*

### Area of Discussion:

Should the congregational school be a part of a centralized system of Jewish education? Are coordinated curricula possible? Can centralized teachers' training be developed? How can the Jewish education system reach the children of the community?

## Sunday Afternoon

### General Session

### Business Meeting

4:45 P.M.

### Chairman:

C. W. EFROYMSON, Indianapolis, Indiana

*Chairman, East Central States Regional Conference*

Reports of Chairmen of Panel Symposia

Reports of Committees:

Nominations

Resolutions

Time and Place

Elections

## Sunday Evening Dinner

7:00 O'clock

### Chairman:

The newly elected chairman of the region

### Speaker:

*(To be announced)*

### Topic:

"The Changing Emphasis in Civic Protective Work"

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The Central Midwest Region of the Jewish Welfare Board is holding a conference concurrently with the East Central States Regional Conference. There will be several joint sessions. This arrangement has been developed in the interests of economy of time for those who are interested in diversified communal activity.

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## PROGRAM

### Central Midwest Region of the Jewish Welfare Board

Saturday, October 21, 1939

5:30 P. M.

### Executive Committee Meeting

Sunday Morning, October 22, 1939

9:00 O'clock

### Breakfast Meeting

#### Chairman:

H. S. SUBRIN, Akron, Ohio  
*President, Jewish Community Center*

#### Topic:

"Impact of the World Situation on Center Policy; Its Responsibility to the Community"

*(Participants to be announced)*

11:00 O'clock

### Organization Session

#### Chairman:

HENRY MEYERS, Detroit, Michigan  
*President, Detroit Jewish Community Center*

### Sunday Afternoon

2:30 O'clock

### Business Session

#### Chairman

HENRY MEYERS, Detroit, Michigan

Reports of Committees:

Nominations

Elections

Program for Immediate Consideration of the Region



## Sunday Afternoon

4:00 O'clock

### Topic:

"Vocational Guidance Programs in the Center"

(Chairman and Discussants to be announced)

## Sunday Evening

### Dinner

6:30 O'clock

### Chairman:

Newly elected chairman of the Region  
Reports of Chairmen of Sessions

### Speaker:

(To be announced)

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For the convenience and to serve the representatives of communities at the conference, the following people will be available for consultation:

### Communal Organization:

GEORGE W. RABINOFF, *Associate Director, Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds*

ARTHUR S. ROSICHAN, *Field Representative, East Central States Region, Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds*

### Refugee Resettlement:

JOSEPH GALKIND, *Field Representative, Resettlement Service, National Refugee Service*

EDWARD WOLF, *Director, Tri-State Coordinating Bureau*

### Jewish Education:

DR. AZRIEL EISENBERG, *Director, Bureau of Jewish Education, Cincinnati, Ohio*

### Jewish Centers:

SAMUEL GERSHOWITZ, *Field Representative, Jewish Welfare Board, Central Midwest Region*

## Akron Committee on Arrangements

Herman B. Harris,  
*Chairman, Host City*

Mrs. S. J. Havre,  
*General Chairman*

Mrs. Sidney Ferbstein  
Ben Holub

Mrs. N. M. Greenberger  
Meyer Lifshitz

Mrs. George Nobil

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Richard Polsky

Charles Sacks

Morris Sacks

Alex. Schulman

I. Sokol

H. S. Subrin

Mrs. Meyer Wise

## Executive Committee

Oscar Berman, *Cincinnati, Ohio*  
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Victor Burger, *Louisville, Ky.*  
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Jay Halle, *Cleveland, Ohio*  
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Roy Hartzell, *Youngstown, Ohio*  
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Ernest Horkheimer, *Wheeling, W. Va.*  
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Harry Levison, *Toledo, Ohio*  
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A. M. Luntz, *Canton, Ohio*  
Rabbi S. H. Markowitz, *Fort Wayne, Ind.*  
George Mayer, *Cleveland, Ohio*  
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Samuel Mueller, *Indianapolis, Ind.*  
Morris Neaman, *Pittsburgh, Pa.*  
Mrs. Herbert Ottenheimer, *Louisville, Ky.*  
Robert Pollak, *Fort Wayne, Ind.*  
Richard Polsky, *Akron, Ohio*  
J. Edgar Robbins, *Youngstown, Ohio*  
Charles J. Rosenbloom, *Pittsburgh, Pa.*  
Milton J. Schaffner, *Erie, Pa.*  
E. J. Schanfarber, *Columbus, Ohio*  
Rabbi Albert Schulman, *South Bend, Ind.*  
Simon Shetzer, *Detroit, Mich.*  
Isaac Slutzker, *Altoona, Pa.*  
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