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407 WEST SEVENTH STREET
Charlotte, North Carolina

February 26, 1935

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver;

It is my earnest desire to arrange a series of two or three addresses by outstanding men in Jewish life for the next few months here in Charlotte. I feel that such a series of lectures would do a great deal towards developing a really vital Jewish life not only in Charlotte but also in this entire territory which has been so terribly neglected from a Jewish point of view.

I would appreciate very much your writing me at your earliest convenience and informing me as to the possibility of your coming here for such an address at your convenience. Any date which you may set will be acceptable to us. I trust that you will find yourself able to arrange for a visit here. I would appreciate your telling me also what financial arrangements it would be necessary to make.

Looking forward to an early and a favorable reply, I am,

Sincerely yours,

William Greenburg
Rabbi William Greenburg

P.S. Please address your reply to my home - 1516 East Fourth St.

March 22, 1935.

Rabbi William Greenburg,
Hebrew United Brotherhood,
1516 East Fourth St.,
Charlotte, North Carolina.

My dear Rabbi Greenburg:

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

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in inviting me to address your community some time within the next few months. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately my work here in Cleveland is so heavy and my out of town lecture engagements so numerous that I cannot in justice to myself take on any additional obligations this season. Perhaps at some future I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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February 18, 1952

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
c/o The Temple
East 150th Street & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In behalf of the Committee, I am writing to invite you to be one of the principal lecturers at the B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism to be held at Wildacres, North Carolina from Wednesday evening, August 6, 1952 to Noon on Sunday, August 5, 1952.

Wildacres is the birthplace of the B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism which are devoted to adult Jewish studies. It is our opinion that this is the most outstanding and inspiring Jewish education project in the country today. The many scholars and lecturers who have appeared at Wildacres during the past five (5) years have acclaimed this Institute and it is being duplicated in various parts of the country and abroad.

The theme of the forthcoming Institute will be "A Modern Guide To The Perplexed." It is our desire that you deliver four (4) lectures, one on each day of the Institute. The topics to be of your own selection. In addition to yourself, we are inviting Dr. Solomon Goldman of Chicago.

I am enclosing copies of other Institute programs for your interest along with additional literature.

This Institute is being sponsored by District Grand Lodge No. 5 of B'nai B'rith and the Committee is in a position to award you an honorarium of \$500.00, which includes travel expenses. All of your expenses

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at the Institute will be paid by the Committee. I might add that there is a non-stop constallation flight to Charlotte that takes approximately two (2) hours, and Wild-
acres is a one hundred mile drive from Charlotte. Wild-
acres is located on the pinnacle of a high mountain where the weather is very cool and the scenery is beautiful.

The Institute is attended by approximately sixty-five men and women coming from the entire south, and last year the students came from eleven different states.

A book shop will be operated at the Institute where your writings will be available to all of the students.

It is our urgent hope that you will accept this invitation.

Very truly yours,

Maurice A. Weinstein

Maurice A. Weinstein
Secretary to the Committee

MAW:w



February 20, 1952

Mr. Maurice A. Weinstein
1502 Liberty Life Building
Charlotte, North Carolina

My dear Mr. Weinstein:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter and your gracious invitation to speak at the B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism in August. I wish I were free to come. In all likelihood, however, I shall be abroad during the summer.

With all good wishes and hoping that I may be of service to you at some future time, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

SIX BB INSTITUTES OF JUDAISM TO BE HELD THIS SUMMER

WASHINGTON, D. C.: — There will be at least six B'nai B'rith Institutes of Judaism this summer, it has been learned from the national BB Institute Committee.

A BB Institute of Judaism is a three- or four-day summer meeting of adults in the seclusion of some camp or mountain resort, where they study Jewish history and phi-



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losophy under the guidance of outstanding scholars.

Last year three such Institutes were held, and only three years ago the first such Institute was founded at Wildacres, N. C., by the North Carolina State Association. Maurice Weinstein, of Charlotte, N. C., 3rd v.p. of District No. 5, and a Marine Corps veteran of World War II, is the father and promoter of the idea. He has been hailed as another "Ben Frankel" or "Sam Beber" who, as young men, founded Hillel and AZA respectively.

Mr. Weinstein's idea, however, has to do not with youth but with adults. He feels that Jewish education is a crying need among adults, and that American Jews can survive and make a significant contribution only if a goodly number of them have a Jewish background. He also feels that one of the best ways for busy adults to get such a background is to come together for three or four days during vacation time, at a quiet place where there are no outside distractions, and study and discuss Judaism intensively with qualified teachers. At such a ses-

sion, appropriate books on the subjects studied are available, and the students can buy them and study them at leisure during the year.

The idea was tried out for the first time at Wildacres, the North Carolina mountain-top home of Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Blumenthal, three years ago. It was so successful that it was repeated two years ago. Last summer, after the third annual North Carolina Institute, District No. 5 held its own Institute at the same place. By that time, the idea was beginning to get around the country, and the Upper Wisconsin BB Council held its first Institute at Camp Flambeau, Wis.

This coming summer the three Institutes held last year will be repeated. In addition, their first Institutes will be held by District No. 1, District No. 7, and B'nai B'rith of Indiana.

Some idea of the high calibre of these Institutes may be seen from the fact that the faculties have included such famous scholars as Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan, Dr. Solomon Grayzel, Dr. Robert Gordis, Dr. Jacob R. Marcus, Dr. S. M. Blumenthal, Dr. Ralph Marcus, Ludwig Lewisohn, Marvin Lowenthal, and Max Janowski. Subjects studied include "The Past, Present, and Future of the Jewish People," "Our Heritage in Jewish Life Today," "A Panorama of Jewish Life," etc. At each Institute a B'nai B'rith technician, as part of the faculty,

relates the work of the Order to the main theme. Such B'nai B'rith speakers have included Richard E. Gutstadt of the ADL, Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld of the Hillel Foundations, and Edward E. Grusd of *The National Jewish Monthly*.

Last March, at its triennial convention, the Supreme Lodge took cognizance of the Institute idea, and



Dr. Jacob R. Marcus: "... a revolution in American Jewish life."

set up a special permanent committee to organize additional Institutes and generally supervise them so that their standards will always remain high. This committee, with I. W. Garek, of Columbus, a Vice President of the Order, as Chairman, and Mr. Weinstein as secretary, met last August, and most of

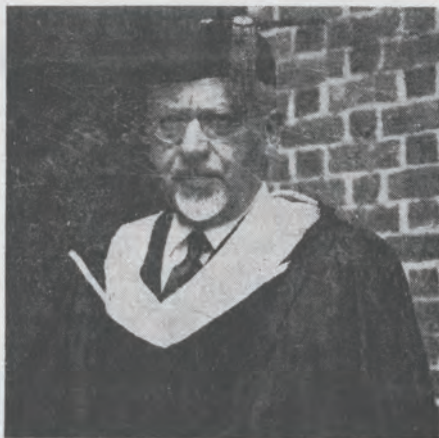


A typical outdoor lecture session at Wildacres, where the BB Institutes of Judaism were founded. At extreme right is Maurice Weinstein, the founder.

its recommendations were approved later by the National Executive Committee.

The Institute committee has set up permanent offices at the Supreme Lodge Headquarters, 1003 K St., N. W., Washington 1, D. C. All lodges, chapters, councils, and Districts interested in forming Institutes of Judaism have been asked to write to the BB Institute Committee at that address.

The committee, consisting largely of rabbis, is proceeding realistically. There will be no sudden rash of Institutes; expansion will be slow but steady. It takes a lot of work and planning to organize a successful Institute. The meeting place must be quiet and inspiring, suitable for conscientious study. The faculty must consist of highly qualified scholars. The subject must be carefully considered. The books must be wisely chosen. And the students cannot be recruited overnight. All in all, it takes about six months of work before an Institute can be held. Mr. Weinstein therefore has urged that any group that wants to have a BB Institute of Judaism this coming summer should write to the Institute Committee immediately.



Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan: "... a great reviving influence."

No BB Institute will be accredited as such unless it first submits its plans to the national committee and works with that committee. All Institutes are expected to be self-supporting, and if a profit should result, it must be ploughed back into the program for the following year.

The BB Institute movement is growing, slowly but solidly, and has been hailed by outstanding Jewish personalities as potentially a major contribution to Jewish survival in America.

Here is what a few of them have said:

Dr. Jacob R. Marcus, Professor of

History at Hebrew Union College: "If we can have 10 such Institutes throughout the U. S. every year, we shall in the course of 15 or 20 years create a revolution in American Jewish life."

Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan, Founder of the Reconstructionist movement: "At the present time there is no agency, no institution, no organization in Jewish life that is so capable and has to such a degree the potentialities of becoming a great leavening and reviving influence in American Jewish life as the B'nai B'rith. And the only way it will become that is through the Institutes."

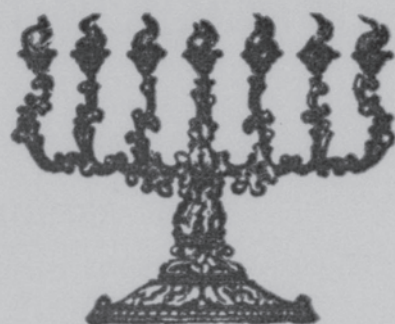
Richard E. Gutstadt, Executive Vice Chairman of the ADL: "... my greatest B'nai B'rith thrill since the Supreme Lodge Convention of 1925" (which adopted AZA and Hillel as B'nai B'rith programs). "This is the job upon which B'nai B'rith must focus its attention in the years to come."

Maurice Samuel, famous Jewish author: "B'nai B'rith has launched an enterprise which may well start off a valuable movement in Jewish adult education in America."

Dr. Solomon Grayzel, editor of the Jewish Publication Society: "Our future as Jews depends upon just such gatherings of intelligent adults."

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AT WILDACRES, NORTH CAROLINA

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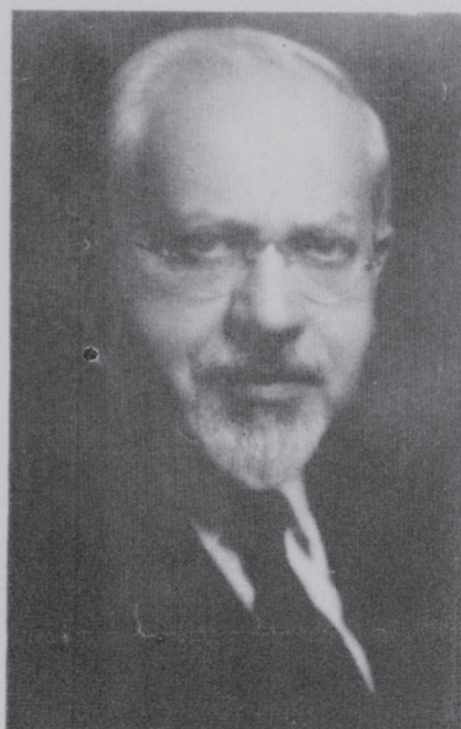
THEME: "THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE."

"The future that awaits us American Jews is unpredictable. It depends largely upon how we shall meet the challenge of the present and avail ourselves of its opportunities."
(From the book: "The Future of the American Jew," by Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan)

"The heroes of the Jewish past—thinkers, teachers, and leaders—lived their lives and made their sacrifices in order that their descendants might have a fund of wisdom for inspiration and practical living."

(From the book: "A History of the Jews," by Dr. Solomon Grayzel)

The FACULTY



DR. MORDECAI M. KAPLAN

Dr. Kaplan is a professor at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. He is the founder of the Society for the Advancement of Judaism, and is pre-eminent as a Jewish scholar and philosopher. Among his works are "A New Approach to the Problem of Judaism," "Judaism as a Civilization," and "Judaism in Transition." His recent book, "The Future of the American Jew," will be the basis of the course of lectures he will deliver at the Institute. Copies of the book will be available to all the students.

**DR. SOLOMON
GRAYZEL**

Dr. Grayzel is Editor of the Jewish Publication Society of America, formerly Professor of History at Gratz College. He is a distinguished author and lecturer. Among his works are, "The Church and the Jews in the Thirteenth Century," and "A History of the Jews (1947). He will deliver a course of lectures on the history of the Jewish people. His "History of the Jews" will be available to all students as a textbook.



RICHARD E. GUTSTADT

Mr. Gutstadt is Executive Vice-Chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, and has achieved national renown as a lecturer and administrator in the field of Jewish public relations. He has been an official of B'nai B'rith since 1917, and from 1933 to 1947 served as National Director of the Anti-Defamation League. Mr. Gutstadt will lecture on the present and future importance of B'nai B'rith to a creative Jewish survival.

History of the Institute

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Program

THEME: *"The Past, Present, and Future of the Jewish People."*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 1950

1. 2:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M.—Registration, room assignments, books.
2. 7:30 P. M.—The Evening Service—Orthodox.
3. 8:00 P. M.—Introduction of faculty and students.
4. Lecture: The Future of the American Jew I—"Judaism as a Dynamic Civilization."
Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan
5. Reception

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 1950

1. 9:00 A. M.—Lecture: History of the Jews I—"Historical Relations Between Judaism and Christianity,"
Dr. Solomon Grayzel
2. 11:00 A. M.—Lecture: "Impact of B'nai B'rith on Current Jewish Life," Mr. Richard E. Gutstadt.
3. 2:00 to 6:00 P. M.—Picnic and Swimming
4. 7:30 P. M.—The Evening Service—Conservative.
5. 8:00 P. M.—Lecture: The Future of the American Jew II. "What Makes Jewish Religion Jewish."
Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 1950

1. 9:00 A. M.—Panel Discussion: "Will there be a Creative Jewish Survival In America?"
Students of Institute.
2. 11:00 A. M.—Lecture: Future of the American Jew III. "A Pattern for Modern Jewish Living."
Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan.
3. 2:00 P. M. to 6:00 P. M.—Recreation.
4. 7:30 P. M.—The Evening Service—Reform.
5. 8:00 P. M.—Lecture: History of the Jews II—"The Economic Factor in Jewish History,"
Dr. Solomon Grayzel.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 1950

1. 9:00 A. M.—Sabbath Services.
2. 11:00 A. M.—Lecture: History of the Jews III. "How the Jews Governed Themselves."
Dr. Solomon Grayzel.
3. 2:00 P. M. to 6:00 P. M.—Rest.
4. 8:00 P. M.—Lecture: The Future of the American Jew IV. "The Problem of Jewish Education."
Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 1950

1. 9:00 A. M.—Lecture: History of the Jews IV. "History of Jewish Languages and Literature,"
Dr. Solomon Grayzel
2. 11:00 A. M.—Lecture: "B'nai B'rith and the Future of Jewry," Mr. Richard Gutstadt.
3. 12:00 Noon—Graduation Exercises—
 - a—Summary—"The Past, Present, and Future of the Jewish People,"
Dr. Kaplan, Dr. Grayzel, and Mr. Gutstadt.
 - b—Presentation of Graduation Certificates.

INFORMATION

Institute Committee

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LOCATION

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ATTENDANCE

The facilities at Wildacres proper are limited to 50 men. There are accommodations for 25 additional at a near-by hotel. The cost at Wildacres will be \$20.00 for registration and \$20.00 for food, making a total of \$40.00. At the near-by hotel the cost will be \$20.00 for registration, and \$4-\$5 a day for room with food a la carte. All registration will be handled at Wildacres. The facilities at Wildacres provide private rooms with private baths. Applications should be made at once with accompanying check for \$40.00 to Mr. Abe Shefferman, Colorado Building, Washington, D. C. Reservations will be accepted in order of presentation. If, on July 1, 1950, space is still available, reservations for wives may be made.

BOOKS

A book shop will be operated for the sale of Jewish literature. "The Future of the American Jew" by Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan, and "A History of the Jews" By Dr. Solomon Grayzel will be available. Electronic tape recordings will be made of all lectures for use by B'nai B'rith study groups. All lectures are followed by group discussion.

Grateful acknowledgement is made to the Jewish Center Lecture Bureau of the Jewish Welfare Board for assistance in arranging for lecturers.

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DR. ROBERT GORDIS

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Dr. Gordis, eminent scholar, author and lecturer, is Associate Professor of Bible at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and Rabbi of Temple Beth-El of Rockaway Park in New York. He is Past-President of the Synagogue Council of America, and likewise is a past President of the Rabbinical Assembly. He is the author of a number of scholarly and general works, the most recent of which are "Conservative Judaism—An American Philosophy" and "The Wisdom of Ecclesiastes." He has also been heard over all the major radio net-works as guest speaker and preacher on such programs as "The Message of Israel," the Mutual Radio Chapel, the Columbia Church of the Air, N.B.C.

DR. JACOB R. MARCUS

Dr. Marcus occupies the Adolph S. Ochs chair of Jewish History at the Hebrew Union College, and is Director of American Jewish Archives, in Cincinnati. He is likewise president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. He received his A.B. degree at the University of Cincinnati, and his degree of Rabbi at the Hebrew Union College. He served with distinction overseas in World War I. He is the author of "Israel Jacobson"; "A Brief Introduction to the Bibliography of Modern Jewish History"; "Jewish Festschriften"; and other books important to Jewish life and letters. His latest work is "Communal Care in the German Ghetto."



DR. JACOB R. MARCUS



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Mr. Grusd, for twenty-two years editor of The National Jewish Monthly, published by B'nai B'rith, is a native of Cincinnati. He graduated from Ohio State University College of Journalism in 1926. He did post-graduate work at the Hebrew Union College in 1930 and 1931. He has been a reporter on the Cincinnati Post, the Omaha World Herald, a foreign correspondent for the Ohio State Journal, and American correspondent for the Paris Jewish "L'Univers Israelite." He assumed editorship of the National Jewish Monthly in 1928.

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Program

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 26th, 1950

2:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M.—Registration, room assignments, books.

7:30 P. M.—Evening Service.

8:00 P. M.—Introduction of Faculty and Students.

LECTURE: The Modern Approach to the Bible.....*Dr. Robert Gordis*

THURSDAY, JULY 27th, 1950

9:00 A. M.—LECTURE: The Coming of the Jews to America.....*Dr. Jacob R. Marcus*

1:00 to 6:00 P. M.—Picnic and Swimming

7:30 P. M.—Evening Service

8:00 P. M.—LECTURE: The Prophets—The World's Greatest Teachers
Dr. Robert Gordis

FRIDAY, JULY 28th, 1950

9:00 A. M.—PANEL DISCUSSION: The Relation of Our Heritage to Jewish Survival

11:00 A. M.—LECTURE: Wisdom—The Philosophy of the Ancient Hebrews
Dr. Robert Gordis

2:00 P. M. to 6:00 P. M.—Recreation

7:30 P. M.—Evening Service

8:00 P. M.—LECTURE: The Rise of Central European Jewry in America
Dr. Jacob R. Marcus

SATURDAY, JULY 29th, 1950

9:00 A. M.—Sabbath Services

11:00 A. M.—LECTURE: Subject to be Announced.....*Dr. Robert Gordis*

2:00 P. M.—LECTURE: B'nai B'rith and Our Jewish Heritage.....*Edward E. Grusd*

4:00 P. M.—LECTURE: The Flowering of the World's Largest Jewish Community
Dr. Jacob R. Marcus

SUNDAY, JULY 30th, 1950

9:00 A. M.—LECTURE: American Jewry in the Year 2,000.....*Dr. Jacob R. Marcus*

12:00 Noon—Graduation Exercises

a) SUMMARY: Our Heritage and Jewish Life Today

Dr. Robert Gordis, Dr. Jacob R. Marcus, Edward E. Grusd

b) Presentation of Graduation Certificates

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RABBI OSCAR Z. FASMAN

Rabbi Fasman is President of the Hebrew Theological College of Chicago. He is a graduate of the University of Chicago and was ordained at the Hebrew Theological College. He has served as a chaplain with the Canadian Army. He has written several articles in the "Jewish Library Series" and "Great Jewish Books," and he is author of "The Sabbath—Cornerstone of Jewish Life." He is an outstanding scholar and lecturer.

Rabbi Freehof is Rabbi of Rodef Shalom Temple in Pittsburgh. He is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati and of the Hebrew Union College, where he later served as a professor. During World War I, he was a chaplain with the American Expeditionary Force. He has been president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. Among his works are "Commentary on the Book of Psalms," "The Small Sanctuary," "Modern Jewish Preaching," "Reform Jewish Practice." His fame as a scholar and lecturer is nation-wide.



RABBI SOLOMON B. FREEHOF



DR. SHALOM SPIEGEL

Dr. Spiegel is professor of Medieval Literature at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. He studied at the University of Vienna (Ph.D. 1922). From 1922 to 1928, Dr. Spiegel lived and studied in Palestine, after which he served as Professor of Biblical Literature at the Jewish Institute of Religion. Among his works are "Hebrew Reborn," "Ezekiel or Pseudo-Ezekiel," "Prophetic Attestation of the Decalogue," and "Noah, Daniel, and Job." He is a profound scholar and a stimulating lecturer.

THE CURRICULUM

THEME: "Judaism Through the Ages"

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1951

1. 2:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M. Registration, Room Assignments, Books
2. 7:30 P. M. The Evening Service—Conservative
3. 8:00 P. M. Introduction of Faculty and Students
4. 8:30 P. M. Lecture I: "*The Method of the Talmud*"—RABBI OSCAR Z. FASMAN
5. Reception Faculty and Students

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 1951

1. 9:00 A. M. Lecture II: "*What Is Conservative Judaism?*"—DR. SHALOM SPIEGEL
2. 11:00 A. M. Lecture III: "*What Is Orthodox Judaism?*"—RABBI FASMAN
3. 2:00 P. M. Picnic and Swimming
4. 7:30 P. M. The Evening Service—Reform
5. 8:00 P. M. Lecture IV: "*What Is Reform Judaism?*"—RABBI SOLOMON B. FREEHOF

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 1951

1. 9:00 A. M. ... Panel Discussion V: "*Should the Sanhedrin be Reconstituted?*"—STUDENTS OF THE INSTITUTE
2. 11:00 A. M. ... Lecture VI: "*The Influence of the Talmud On the Personality of the Jew*"—RABBI FASMAN
3. 2:00 P. M. Recreation
4. 7:30 P. M. The Evening Service—Orthodox
5. 8:00 P. M. Lecture VII: "*The Bible Through the Ages*"—DR. SPIEGEL

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 1951

1. 9:00 A. M. Sabbath Services
2. 11:00 A. M. Lecture VIII: "*The Romance of Polish Jewry*"—RABBI FREEHOF
3. 2:00 P. M. Rest
4. 8:00 P. M. Lecture IX: "*The Bible Today*"—DR. SPIEGEL

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 1951

1. 9:00 A. M. Lecture X: "*The Saga of German Jewry*"—RABBI FREEHOF
- 11:00 A. M. Graduation Exercises
 - (a) Summary—"Judaism Through the Ages" — RABBI FREEHOF, RABBI FASMAN and DR. SPIEGEL
 - (b) Presentation of Certificates

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HISTORY OF THE INSTITUTE

Wildacres is the birthplace of the summer institute plan of adult education of B'nai B'rith. The plan was inaugurated by the North Carolina Association of B'nai B'rith Lodges in 1948. These institutes are dedicated to Jewish learning. The idea is not new, but comes from the treasure house of the Jewish past, wherein the gathering together of Jews for the purpose of study was the cornerstone of Jewish life. Among lecturers who have appeared at B'nai B'rith Institutes of Judaism at Wildacres are: Ludwig Lewisohn, Marvin Lowenthal, Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan, Dr. Solomon Grayzel, Dr. Robert Gordis, Dr. Jacob R. Marcus, Mr. Edward Grusd, and Mr. Richard Gutstadt.

LOCATION

Wildacres is located on the pinnacle of a mountain in the Blue Ridge of western North Carolina. It is 18 miles from Marion, N. C. on the road to Little Switzerland, N. C. Leaving Marion, proceed west on U. S. Route 70 for 2 miles, then proceed on N. C. 221 for about 8 miles, turn left on N. C. Route 26-A and continue until you see sign "Wildacres—B'nai B'rith Institute." Marion is on the Southern Railroad, and arrangements can be made to meet those arriving by train. Those arriving by air can proceed to Charlotte, N. C. via Eastern or Capitol Air Lines. Applicants should advise the co-chairman of reservations, of means of travel and time of arrival.

ATTENDANCE

The facilities at Wildacres proper are limited to 55 men and women. There are accommodations for 20 additional at a near-by hotel. The cost at Wildacres will be \$20.00 for registration plus \$20.00 for food, making a total fee of \$40.00. At the near-by hotel the cost will be \$20.00 for registration, and \$4-\$5 a day for room with food a la carte. All registrations will be handled at Wildacres. The facilities at Wildacres provide private rooms with private baths. Applications should be made at once with accompanying deposit of \$20.00. Reservations will be accepted in order of presentation. The evenings are cool, so warm clothing should be brought. Sport clothing is customary at the Institute.

A book shop will be operated for the sale of Jewish literature including writings of the lecturers. All lectures are followed by group discussion.

The use of the facilities at Wildacres has been generously made available at less than cost of operation by its owners, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Blumenthal of Charlotte, North Carolina.

INSTITUTE COMMITTEE

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APPLICATION FOR RESERVATION

To: Dr. Philip Naumoff—Reservation Chairman, Doctors Building, Kings Drive, Charlotte, N. C.

I hereby apply for _____ reservations at the B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism of District Grand Lodge No. 5, to be held at Wildacres, North Carolina from August 1st to 5th, 1951, for myself and _____

Means of Travel _____

Tuition—I enclose deposit of \$20.00 per person _____
(Balance to be forwarded before July 20th)

I enclose full payment at \$40.00 per person _____



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March 18, 1957

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

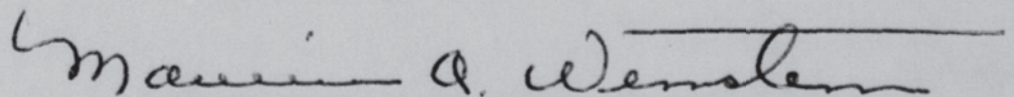
We are pleased to extend an invitation to you to be one of the principal lecturers at the Tenth Anniversary B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism to be presented at Wildacres, North Carolina, beginning on the evening of Sunday, August 11th, and continuing through Thursday noon, August 15th, 1957. It is our desire that you deliver a course of four lectures on the subject, "Where Judaism Differed," based upon your recent book by the same name. All of the students attending the Institute will be furnished copies of your book. You will have two colleagues on the faculty that are now being selected.

This is the tenth anniversary of the original B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism held at Wildacres. From it has grown this Department of Adult Jewish Education, and at the present time, we are presenting approximately twenty-five similar Institutes in various parts of the United States and abroad. We do hope that you will honor us by being one of the lecturers at the Tenth Anniversary of our beginning.

The Institute Committee is prepared to award you an honorarium of \$500.00, plus traveling expenses. I would be pleased to hear from you at your very earliest convenience, and if you have any questions, please feel free to call me on the telephone at Charlotte, North Carolina, telephone FRanklin 6-2785.

With my highest regards,

Sincerely,



Maurice A. Weinstein, Chairman
B'nai B'rith Department of
Adult Jewish Education

MAW:g

cc: Dr. Simon Noveck
Dr. Elmer N. Lear
Dr. David Citron

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March 19, 1957

Maurice A. Weinstein, Chairman
B'nai B'rith Department of
Adult Jewish Education
1502 Liberty Life Building
Charlotte 2, North Carolina

My dear Mr. Weinstein:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of March 18 and your gracious invitation to lecture at the Tenth Anniversary B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism at Wildacres, North Carolina, beginning Sunday, August 11th and continuing through August 15th.

I wish I were free to accept your invitation. In all likelihood, Mrs. Silver and I will be abroad this summer and we will not return before the first of September.

Since you desire a course of lectures on the subject of my book WHERE JUDAISM DIFFERED, may I suggest the name of my son Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver who is associated with me here at the Temple and who, of course, is thoroughly familiar with the book and with my ideas generally, in relation to Judaism.

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver has conducted quite a number of Institutes on Judaism, both in this country and as Naval Chaplain overseas. For reasons which you can readily understand I refrain from passing upon his qualifications.

If you are interested in having him come to your Institute, I would suggest your contacting him here at the Temple.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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