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As Chairman of the Region, I extend to you an invitation to give the principal address on this occasion.

I am enclosing a Program Outline to give you an idea of the interesting Conference that has been prepared. The morning session will be devoted to six round table groups on current religious problems, and the afternoon will be devoted to a panel discussion on the subject THE ROLE OF THE SYNAGOGUE IN A TROUBLED WORLD.

A religious service and your address will bring the Conference to a fitting and spiritual climax.

The subject we have selected for your address is THE JEW QUESTIONS - THE SYNAGOGUE ANSWERS, but you are at liberty to change the subject if you desire.

While we are unable to remunerate you for your services, we shall be glad to take care of any expenses involved.

Kindly wire me your reply, collect, to 3 East 65th Street, New York City.

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Lakeshore Drive
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

It was with disappointment that I received your message stating that you could not speak at our Luncheon in New York on February the eighth.

I suppose it is my fault that I did not communicate with you sooner, consulting you as to what date it would have been convenient for you to come. There is so much to be done each year with regard to our Annual Conference that things which should be done with forethought get crowded out from day to day.

If by any chance a change in your plans would permit you to come to New York for the Luncheon on the eighth, please feel that our invitation is a standing one, and we should be most delighted to have you with us. There is much to say, I think, about the motion picture with its relation to society at large, and I know you could make valuable contribution were you to speak.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

In today's issue of the New Palestine, appears an item which announces your presence as guest of honor at a dinner of the Bronx Zionist District.

Since Young Judaea Month will be observed nationally in March, we are planning a Celebration Tea at the Astor Hotel for the women of New York.

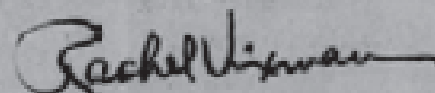
May we not have a claim on one of the first Young Judaeans and the privilege of having you as our principal speaker on an afternoon, at your convenience, during your visit to this city. If you are not staying over or coming in earlier, may we not have you the afternoon of the 4th.

Your presence will be of tremendous value to us and will be an incentive for reaching larger numbers of women in the community.

I have already received the gracious consent of the Bronx District officials, who of course point out that the decision rests with you solely.

Do gladden our hearts by an affirmative response.

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February 5, 1936.

My dear Rabbi:

I am writing to you at the suggestion of Mr. Bernard Semel of the Jewish Education Association - Ivriah's parent organization.

On Monday, May the 25th, we will celebrate our tenth anniversary with a Luncheon at the Hotel Waldorf. This is a Give-or-Get affair with each member contributing eighteen dollars as her quota.

For the past five years our annual functions have taken this shape, and our attendance is usually about one-thousand.

We are most anxious, this year particularly, since it is a milestone in our history, to make this a memorable occasion, and I am writing to ask whether you will not come to New York to be our guest speaker. If you will recall, some five years ago, you addressed Ivriah on a similar occasion.

We do hope you will find it possible, and shall look forward to an early reply since we have an Executive Committee meeting next week at which we would like to acquaint our membership with the news.

Assuring you of our thanks, and anticipating an affirmative response, I am

Yours cordially,

(Mrs. J.) Gabriel Hamburger
President.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland - Ohio

The Jewish Mother of Today for the Jewish Mother of Tomorrow

February 9, 1938

Mrs. J. Hamburger, President,
Ivriah,
70 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Hamburger:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of February 5 and for the invitation which you extend to me to address the tenth anniversary luncheon of the Ivriah on May 25. I should like to be of service to you but that week happens to be the week of Confirmation and all my time will be required here for preparing our large class for the exercises on Shabuoth, which is on Thursday of that week.

I wish you every success in your work.
With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS: BK

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February 26, 1936.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver,

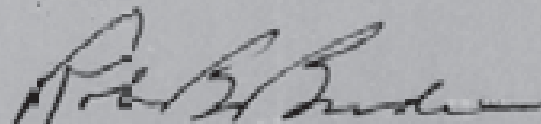
When I received an invitation to meet with you on the occasion of your talk for the United Palestine Appeal, I promptly recalled your visit to the school a number of years ago and your promise to come again.

It would afford us a great deal of pleasure if you and Mrs. Silver would accept this invitation to visit your old-new Alma Mater again (the old building no longer exists - we now occupy a new palace of education). Any day of the week that is convenient to you would suit us.

I might add that with our own broadcasting facilities, you will be heard by a school of four thousand students. We shall all be glad to greet you.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Robert B. Brodie

RBB:OS

February 28, 1936

Dr. Robert B. Brodie, Principal
Seward Park High School,
350 Grand Street,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Brodie:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of February 26. I appreciate your invitation to address the students of Seward Park High School tremendously and I wish I were free to accept it. Unfortunately the two days which I am scheduled to spend in New York are already crowded with six lecture engagements which is already more than I should have undertaken.

Perhaps at another time when I come to New York I shall be free to come and meet your student body. With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

My sister, Miss Eva Leon, had the pleasure of hearing you speak last week at the Hotel Astor. I regret that due to ill health, I was unable to be there. I have heard you speak many times, and each time I felt that God was indeed very good to us, in bestowing such a gift of eloquence and an unusual power of expression to one whose heart and mind is dedicated to helping his sorely tried people. Being aware of that fact, I take the liberty of appealing to you, in the name of young womanhood in Palestine, whose cause I am sponsoring.

The Women's League for Palestine, founded by me in 1927, has erected a Beth Hachalutzoth in Haifa, on land donated by the late Baron Edmund de Rothschild. The Beth Hachalutzoth is a most unique institution.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, upon his recent visit to Palestine, was so impressed with the work being done by our organization, that he sent me a most enthusiastic letter from Palestine, enclosing a personal check towards our Building Fund and among other things said:

"The sight of your home was one of the gladdest and sweetest surprises for in it dwell Women Pilgrims. The difficulties and perils of the Chalutzoth arriving alone in Palestine are many, and the home with its many advantages for physical and cultural well-being for these girls won the hearts of both Mrs. Wise and myself. It is a beautiful work, beautifully done".

Upon Dr. Wise's return he paid me and my organization a great compliment- that we had the vision to build a home for young pioneer girls, which is proving such a Godsend to the hundreds of young refugee girls, innocent victims of oppression, who now flock to Palestine to seek a new home.

In the Beth Hachalutzoth that we erected in Haifa, we not only shelter these girls, but teach them trades which enable them to become self-supporting. Our Beth Hachalutzoth also serves as

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a cultural center where girls have an opportunity to learn Hebrew, to listen to lectures, concerts, etc. All this provides stimulating intercourse, which makes it possible for the young women to enter their new life with an understanding of the problems that confront us in our new, old Homeland, and gives them an appreciation of its renaissance.

In answer to the crying need for sheltering a greater number of girls, we have just added another story to our Haifa Beth Hachalutsoth, thereby making it possible to take care of approximately six or seven hundred girls annually, in that one institution.

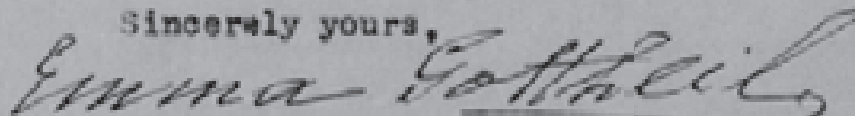
When the Municipality of Tel Aviv realized the many dangers which young girls, who come to Palestine alone, are subjected to, they granted the Women's League a plot of ground in the heart of the city, on which we are now building a Beth Hachalutsoth, similar to the one in Haifa. This building must be completed within the next few months- not later than June or July of this year.

Our Organization is giving a luncheon on April 21st to be held at the Hotel Astor, to which we expect about one thousand women. I implore you, my dear Dr. Silver, to honor us with your presence, so that our members and friends may have the pleasure of listening to you on that occasion. We will, of course, take care of your traveling expenses. Think what inspiration you will bring to these American women, to many of whom, the problem of Palestine is still a comparatively new one.

When I listened to you speak over the radio at the two meetings you addressed here in New York last week, I felt that, we lovers of Palestine, should be thankful and proud to have such a champion for our sacred cause.

Hoping to receive a favorable answer from you very soon, and with warm greetings to Mrs. Silver and yourself, I am

Sincerely yours,



Mrs. Richard Gottheil.

RG/W

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March 13, 1936

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

During your recent visit to New York, Mr. Chodos, one of our students, spoke to you concerning the possibility of your addressing the students of the Seminary. May I take this means of formally repeating the invitation and expressing the hope you will find it possible to accept.

Would you be good enough to let me know when you will be in New York again so that a suitable date can be arranged?

With all best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Mordecai L. Brill
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AWAITING REPLY MY LETTER MAY WE EXPECT YOU WOMEN'S LEAGUE LUNCHEON

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WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR PALESTINE

2390 BROADWAY

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To GEORGE GORDON BATTLE

Street and No. THE COMMODORE

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APPRECIATE DEEPLY YOUR KIND INVITATION STOP I AM HOWEVER SCHEDULED TO

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BEST SUCCESS.

A. H. SILVER

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THE TEMPLE EAST 105 ST AND ANSEL RD CLEVE=

FEW MEN HAVE EARNED A GREATER DEGREE OF AFFECTION AND
RESPECT FROM HIS FELLOW CITIZENS THAN OUR GOOD FRIEND
SAMUEL UNTERMYER STOP REPRESENTATIVE GROUP HIS FRIENDS
ARRANGING TRIBUTE DINNER HOTEL COMMODORE NEWYORK TUESDAY
MAY TWELFTH STOP AS CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU
TO BE GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER THIS OUTSTANDING FUNCTION
PLEASE REPLY WESTERNUNION=

GEORGE GORDON BATTLE THE COMMODORE NEWYORK NY.

April 14, 1936

Mordecai L. Brill, President,
Student Organization,
Jewish Theological Seminary of America,
N.E. Corner Broadway and 132nd St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Brill:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your kind letter of March 13. I have not been well in the last few weeks and my correspondence has lagged.

I am deeply appreciative of your invitation to address the student body of the Seminary. I have no engagements scheduled in New York for the remainder of this season. My out of town lecture engagements through the next two months are largely in the west and the midwest. I shall, however, bear in mind your gracious invitation for next season, or better still, if you hear of my coming to New York in the fall or winter, please communicate with me again.

With best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BX

July 14, 1936

Roxanna Wells,
Roxanna Wells, Inc. Lecture Bureau
393 Seventh Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Wells:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of July 10. Rabbi Silver is spending the summer in Europe and will be gone until the early part of September. I shall be happy to refer your letter to him when he returns to the city.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

• FRANCES GROSSEL •

LECTURERS' REPRESENTATIVE

September 4, 1936

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have been approached by the National Jewish Bureau, a group functioning under the auspices of The Freiheit, Yiddish Communist Daily, with reference to the arrangement of a large debate in New York between an outstanding Jewish leader and a communist, the discussion to be devoted to the Jewish problem and proposed solutions. Your name has been suggested as one who could most brilliantly oppose the communist point of view. Would you be interested in such a debate? Of course I realize that you will have to have more details as to opponent, debate topic, time, place, etc. This is merely a note of inquiry to ascertain whether such a proposal interests you.

I believe the group would be in a position to cover a speaker's honorarium to the extent of \$250.

May I hear from you at the earliest possible moment. I shall appreciate it.

Sincerely yours,

Frances Grossel

September 7, 1936

Miss Frances Grossel,
63 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Grossel:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of
September 4 and for your invitation. I never participate
in debates or symposia.

With all good wishes, permit me to
remain

Very cordially yours,

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THURSDAY DECEMBER TENTH TWENTY COMMUNITIES PARTICIPATING
PROCEEDS FOR ZIONIST WORK IN LONG ISLAND VERY ANXIOUS YOU
SPEAK CAN PAY ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS STOP MY CONGREGATION
ANXIOUS YOU PARTICIPATE IN OUR FORUM JANUARY NINETEENTH
OR APRIL SIXTH CAN PAY ONE HUNDRED FIFTY PLEASE ADVISE
IMMEDIATELY KINDEST REGARDS=

IRVING MILLER.

October 14, 1936

Rabbi Irving Miller,
Far Rockaway,
New York.

My dear Rabbi Miller:

Let me thank you for your kind telegram. I wish I were free to accept your invitation to address the Long Island Zionist Region Chanukah celebration on December 10. Unfortunately I must remain here in Cleveland during Chanukah week as quite a number of affairs have been planned for that week.

With reference to your own Forum on April 6 - I am scheduled to be in Washington, D.C. on that day and it will be quite impossible for me to come to you on January 19. I have to be in New York the previous week, on Wednesday, January 13, addressing the New York University in the afternoon. If you can arrange a meeting for that evening, I shall be pleased to be with you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK

RABBI IRVING MILLER
FAR ROCKAWAY, N. Y.

October 19, 1936

Rabbi A. H. Silver
c/o The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I was indeed happy to hear that you will be in New York on Wednesday, January 13th and can arrange to be with us that evening. I should merely like to point out that our forum meets on Tuesday evenings. If it is therefore possible, with no inconvenience to yourself, to be in Far Rockaway Tuesday, January 12th, it would be all the better. If however that is impossible, please regard this letter as a confirmation of January 13th.

May I hear from you as to your decision in this matter and at the same time will you be good enough to send me a list of subjects.

Let me assure you that my people are looking forward with great anticipation to your participation in our forum this year.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,


RABBI

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

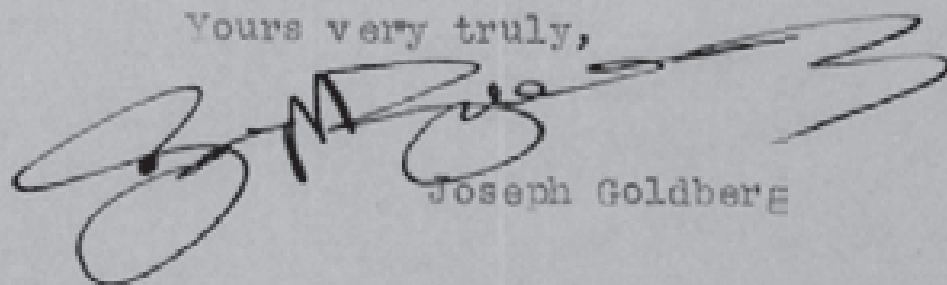
I appreciate receiving your letter
of the seventh.

I cannot help expressing our regret
at your present inability to accept our in-
vitation. However, we want you to know that
we shall look forward to your coming to
Worcester, perhaps in the early part of 1937.

Should you happen to be in our vic-
inity at any time before then, or in 1937, we
trust that you will keep our district in mind,
because we feel sure that you will be very
much impressed by the progress that we have
made here.

With Zionist greetings, I am

Yours very truly,



Joseph Goldberg

JG:N

October 31, 1936

Rabbi Irving Miller,
Far Rockaway,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Irving:

I have definitely scheduled your organization for Wednesday evening, January 13th. I am sorry that I cannot come to you on the 12th. That would mean my being away from Cleveland an extra day.

If you will let me know the subjects on which I spoke before your organization during my last two visits, I will send you fresh ones.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

RABBI IRVING MILLER
FAR ROCKAWAY, N. Y.

October 29, 1936

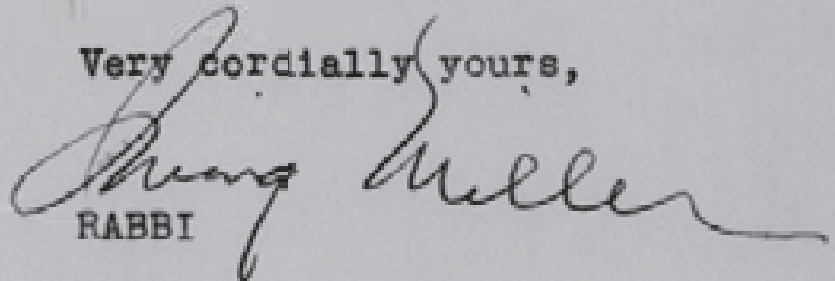
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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My dear Dr. Silver:

I am really happy that you will
be with us on January 13th. As I recall, the
subjects you discussed on your last visit to
this community were, "Liberalism at the Cross-
roads" and "Economic forces and the Jew".

With kindest personal regards to
Mrs. Silver, I am

Very cordially yours,


RABBI

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November 17, 1956

Rabbi Irving Miller,
Far Rockaway,
New York.

My dear Rabbi Miller:

If you wish me to discuss a
specifically Jewish subject, I think the
following would be of interest to your
group: "Radiant Centers in Jewish Life."

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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November 23, 1936

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was delighted to learn from Mr. Roger W. Straus that he has invited you to address the Community Youth Religious Service in Temple Emaru-El on Sunday, January 10th, which is an important part of the program of the annual Convention of the New York State Federation of Young Folks Temple Leagues.

I realize how busy you are and the demands made upon your time and your energy, though I do hope that you will be able to arrange to come to New York and be the speaker on that occasion. We are planning to have between 1,000 to 1500 young people at this Service and you alone will be able to inspire them with enthusiasm and interest in the synagogue. You will indeed be rendering a genuine service to New York Jewry which is sorely in need, especially our young people, for spiritual rejuvenation.

I do hope that you will be able to be with us.

With cordial greetings, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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November 23, 1936.

Dear Dr. Silver:

The North East Region of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations is assisting the New York State Federation of Young Folks Temple Leagues in organizing its annual Convention. By means of this Convention we are hoping to awaken the religious consciousness of our young people in Jewish values and in the synagogue.

The Convention will take place from January 8th to the 10th. The Sabbath during that period will be designated as "Youth Sabbath" with services devoted to Youth in the local synagogues. An Oneg Shabbat celebration will be arranged on Saturday afternoon and an institute on the subject "Youth Speaks to the Congregation" will be given on Sunday afternoon. On Sunday morning we are planning a Youth Religious Rally in Temple Emanu-El and we are hoping to have between one thousand and two thousand young men and women attend this Rally.

The Program Committee of the New York State Federation of Young Folks Temple Leagues has asked me to extend to you the invitation to be the speaker at this Youth Religious Rally on Sunday morning, and we sincerely hope that you will be able to honor us with your acceptance, as your presence will lend dignity and spirit to the occasion.

As you can well understand, the treasury of the State Federation of Young Folks Temple Leagues is small and, while it cannot remunerate you for your services, it is able to meet your expenses to New York.

Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience so that we can complete plans to make this Youth Religious Rally a source of inspiration to our young people.

With cordial greetings, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Roger W. Straus.
Chairman

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio.

November 24, 1938

Mr. Roger W. Straus, Chairman,
The Union of American Hebrew Congregations,
3 East 65th St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Straus:

I received your letter of November 23 requesting me to address a rally of the Young Folks Temple Leagues on Sunday morning, January 10. I have a very crowded schedule for the remainder of the year and I do not feel justified in accepting any new invitations, particularly for a Sunday morning when I should be in my own pulpit.

However, I have a proposition to make to you--a trade. The Cleveland Zionist Society is holding a great community Chanukah celebration on Tuesday evening, December 15 at the Hollenden Hotel. Last year a thousand people attended this banquet which has become an institution in the life of our community. This year we shall announce at this meeting, our first \$500 scholarship to the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. The Society has organized a large committee and is carrying on an active educational campaign to interest the people in our community in the Hebrew University, in the making of bequests to it, etc. I know of your great interest in the University and your coming here would be of great service in focussing the attention of our community upon the growing needs and services of the University.

I have always found it difficult to get lay Jewish leaders from New York to come out this way to help us in building up our program, whereas these laymen are not hesitant in summoning us folks from this part of the country to come East to help them. If you will accept this invitation, which is heartily seconded by the Board of the Cleveland Zionist Society, and be our guest on the evening of December 15, I shall come to your group on January 10. How does this appeal to you?

Very cordially yours,

ROGER W. STRAUS
120 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

November 27, 1936.

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

Who said you were a rabbi? I think you are a trader, and it is a fair trade you propose but I cannot accept it.

I took the month of October off on a leave of absence from my company, and I cannot possibly leave my office for sometime to come. After all I have an obligation to the stockholders who are paying my salary. On top of this I am longing and hoping to get away for four weeks this winter to go to Palestine, so it is just impossible for me to leave my business at this time.

I only have one other suggestion to make,-- first of all, the meeting I have asked you to speak to may very well have fundamental future importance in the life of the Synagogue. I have a distinct feeling that we who wish to interest our young people in the Synagogue have a remarkable opportunity just at this particular time, and if we miss it we may not have another. Of all the men in the pulpit whom I know I believe you can do more to inspire this group than anyone else. Do change your mind and come on January 10th, and in return I will give you an option or call on my services next winter.

Faithfully yours,


ROGER W. STRAUS

November 30, 1936

Mr. Roger W. Straus,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Straus:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of November 27. Since writing to you, I have received an invitation to preside at the Sunday evening meeting of the Convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in New Orleans and to take charge of the symposium which is to be held that evening. When I wrote to you about your invitation for January 10, I forgot that I was planning to attend the Union Convention over the following week-end. It will be quite impossible for me to be out of my pulpit on two successive Sundays.

Hoping that I may be of service to you at some future time and trusting that we may have the pleasure of your presence here in Cleveland some time next season, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

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Rabbi Abba Hiller Silver
Lakeshore Drive
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

The Thirteenth Annual Conference of the National Board of Review takes place during the first week in February concluding with the Twenty-second Annual Luncheon on Saturday, February 6th, at the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York City at 12:30 o'clock. You will recall that for the past two years we have extended an invitation to you to speak at the Luncheon as our honor guest, but because of previous engagements you were unable to accept the invitation. We are still hopeful. Therefore I am writing this early to extend, on behalf of our Executive Committee, a most cordial invitation to be with us this year in New York at the time of the annual gathering of friends, members and delegates of our affiliated citizen groups from different parts of the country.

While the National Board of Review is not in a position to pay an honorarium to its speakers, I think it would be able to meet your expenses should you feel like accepting this invitation.

I feel sure that you have something to say about so important a social force as the motion picture has become. The National Board is, as you know, opposed to censorship and committed to the theory of selection and classification of films as a means of developing public taste for the more worthwhile in motion pictures in the entertainment field. But the Board is also very vitally interested in the development of the motion picture in the fields of culture and education and in getting people to see its great potentialities as a universal form of human expression.

The Executive Committee of the Board joins me in hoping that you can and will accept this invitation to speak at our Luncheon this year.

Very sincerely yours,

Wilton A. Barrett
Executive Secretary

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My dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you for your letter of December 14th.

I regret that you cannot be with us for the meeting in January. I know how busy you are and how difficult it is to fit in extra engagements. If you could give me a date, say the third week in April, we could arrange our program around it, especially with this much time ahead.

With all good wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Henry A. Atkinson

December 21, 1936

Mr. Wilton A. Barrett, Executive Secretary,
The National Board of Review,
70 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Barrett:

I want to tell you that I am deeply appreciative of your invitation to address the Thirteenth Annual Conference of the National Board of Review on Saturday, February 6, especially since this is an invitation which you have extended to me on previous occasions. I wish I were free to come. I am leaving, however, during the middle of January for a Convention in New Orleans which will take me away from my pulpit and from my congregation for some time and I do not feel justified in absenting myself again soon after my return. Please keep me in mind for another year.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Dear Doctor Silver,

It is well known to me that you are constantly receiving requests like mine, but it is also known to me that a busy person always finds or makes room to fill them. Hence this letter.

Our February 2nd, 1937, we are having a luncheon (fund raising) at the Hotel Waldorf Astoria in New York. If you are going to be in the vicinity of New York, could we hear from you?

May I hear from you?

(Mrs. Nathan Goldschlag)

Sincerely

Hella R. Goldschlag
625 Lafayette Avenue
Mt. Vernon, N.Y.

December 30, 1936

Mrs. Della R. Goldshlag,
625 Lafayette Avenue,
Mt. Vernon, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Goldshlag:

I am deeply appreciative of your invitation to address your Hadassah luncheon and I only wish that I were able to come. Unfortunately my lecture schedule for the next few months is so crowded with out-of-town lecture engagements that I cannot in justice to myself take on any more. I have had to decline also an invitation from the Brooklyn Hadassah.

Hoping that I may be of service at some future time, and with all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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January 11, 1937

Mr. S. Yudson, Secretary,
Yehoash Verlag Gesellschaft,
1133 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Yudson:

Your letter was received during the
absence of Rabbi Silver. Upon his return
from New Orleans next week, I shall call his
attention to it.

Very sincerely yours,

RJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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Jan. 13, 1937

Dear Dr. Silver:

Since you have never appeared at meetings of the Academy, the president, Prof. M. R. Cohen, is desirous that you address one of the season's forthcoming assemblies. He urges you, if you are then in New York, to appear at the meeting of Jan. 31; and if you can, would you be good enough to reply immediately, so that the fact be publicized?

Other meetings take place March 21 and May 23.

Please let me hear from you.

Yours most sincerely,

A. Burstein

Secretary

January 15, 1937

Dr. Abraham Burstein,
46 West 83rd St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Burstein:

Your letter of January 13 arrived during Rabbi Silver's absence from the city. When he returns to the city, the end of next week, I shall be happy to refer it to him.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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Jan. 18, 1937

Dear Miss Kline:

I have your letter concerning Rabbi Silver's absence from the city. I should be grateful if you would ascertain, immediately on his return, whether he may be in New York Sunday, Feb. 14, to which date the meeting has been postponed due to the illness of the president.

Yours most sincerely,

A. Bunstein

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January 21, 1937

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have been meaning to acknowledge your letter stating that you could not be with us at our Conference this year and speak at the Twenty-second Annual Luncheon of the Board, ever since receiving your letter.

Naturally your inability to accept our invitation this year was a cause of great disappointment since it has been the wish of a number of our people for some years to have you with us on the occasion of our annual gathering.

I am taking you at your word and extending to you an invitation for next year, the probable date of the Conference about the same time as this year.

With all good wishes to you for the coming year,

Sincerely yours,

Wilton A. Barrett
Executive Secretary

WAB:HAC

January 21, 1937

Rabbi Abraham Burstein, Sec'y,
The Jewish Academy of Arts and Sciences,
46 West 83rd St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Burstein:

Upon my return from New Orleans, I found your communications. I wish I could come to you on February 14. I have been away from Cleveland these last two weeks and I shall have to stay "close to home" from now on. It will not be possible for me to accept any additional out of town engagements for the remainder of the season as I have too many already booked.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

January 22, 1937

Rabbi Irving Miller,
Far Rockaway,
New York.

My dear Miller:

Please pardon the delay in answering your telegram. I have been attending the Union Convention in New Orleans and I have just returned to Cleveland.

I am sorry to have put you to considerable inconvenience in requesting the postponement of my engagement with your organization. Unfortunately yours was not the only one which I have had to re-arrange this season. So many special occasions come up which demand one's attendance that nearly all of my out-of-town lecture engagements are more or less tentative. I wish I could come to you soon. In checking over my calendar, I find that it will not be possible for me to do so. I wonder how far into spring your Forum extends? I am scheduled to be in Washington on April 5. I could come to you on Tuesday, April 6. Would that be too late? If it is, will you let me off this year and I will make an effort to come to you next season?

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

January 22, 1957

Dr. Carl A. Marsden, Forum Director,
New York University,
20 Washington Square North,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

As per your request, I am
enclosing herewith Rabbi Silver's expense
account.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK
Enc.

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

January 22, 1937

Mr. S. Yudson, Secretary,
Yehoash Farlag Gezelshaft,
1155 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Yudson:

I am deeply appreciative of your invitation to attend the tenth Memorial Anniversary of Yehoash on the 17th of April. It would have given me great pleasure to attend this meeting and to participate in the program. Unfortunately I am unable to come. The week-end of April 16th will be devoted by my congregation to the celebration of my twentieth year with The Temple. You can readily understand the reason why I am unable to accept your invitation.

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

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

RABBI IRVING MILLER
FAR ROCKAWAY, N. Y.

January 25, 1937

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
c/o The Temple
East 150th St. & Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you very much for your letter of the 22nd. I can readily understand how hard-pressed you must be to meet the many requests that undoubtedly come to you.

I am happy that you can be with us on Tuesday, April 6th. Will you be good enough to make that date definite for Far Rockaway? I shall communicate with you a few days before the lecture to inform you of any details that may come up.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,


RABBI

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We, indeed, regret your inability to attend the
 tenth Memorial Anniversary of Yehoash. Your appearance would add
 greatly to the spirit of the evening.

I take this opportunity to congratulate you
 on behalf of our committee, and in my own name, upon the occasion of
 the twentieth Jubilee of your association with the Temple, twenty years
 of useful intellectual work. Your interest and participation in all
 Jewish cultural needs are but too well known.

Wishing you a long and prosperous life, I
 remain,

Respectfully yours,

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Dear Colleague:

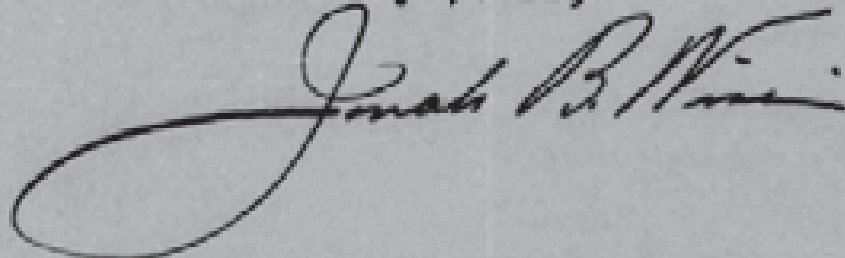
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You have no idea how important this has become and I need the kind of message which you are capable of sending. Please do not refuse as I am sure you will enjoy the experience and make a fine contribution.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,



JBW:ENH

March 23, 1937

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise,
35 West 82nd Street,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Jonah:

I received your letter of March 19th in which you invite me to participate in the "Message of Israel" hour. You may recall that you wrote to me in 1934 asking me then to join in and that I declined the invitation. I didn't then indicate to you why I declined. I assumed that you would understand.

I do not like to accept invitations first to give my services as a speaker and then have to pay for the honor. As you probably know, I am usually well compensated for my lectures. Had the invitation come to me to donate four lectures to the course, I should have been most happy to accept. If, at a later time, an invitation had come to my congregation to make a contribution to the "Message of Israel" hour, I am sure that it would have been glad to respond. But tying up the acceptance of the invitation with the payment of \$200 did not sit well with me then, and does not now.

If you can see your way clear to follow through the arrangement which I suggest, I shall be very happy to reconsider. This is altogether a question of procedure but procedure is also an important matter.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

RABBI JONAH B. WISE
35 EAST 62nd STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

March 24, 1937

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

Dear Abba:

I hope you will be able to take over the radio program for next year. We have found it extremely important from the standpoint of the number of listeners and the increasing number of outlets.

Mr. Vladeck told me that he was much pleased with his visit to Cleveland and is under the impression that with a little urging from the leaders the community will be able to raise the seemingly large quota indicated. As you know, Detroit has increased from 70,000 to 150,000 and St. Louis has increased more than 25 percent for both causes. This type of increase is common with most cities, and of course is necessary if the two funds are to achieve anything like the goals they have set.

I certainly wish you every strength for your coming work and again hope that you can be with us on the radio next year.

Sincerely yours



Jonah B. Wise

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April 9, 1937

Rabbi Abbe Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On Thursday, April 22, a testimonial luncheon will be tendered to Mrs. James Roosevelt, in the Starlight Roof of the Waldorf Astoria.

May we have the privilege and honor of greeting you as a guest on this occasion, and listing you as a speaker?

We know how eager our assembled guests would be to hear from you and we are anxious to have your acceptance, in view of the fact that a radio hook-up has been arranged for, and we are required to have our program announced in advance.

Anticipating with pleasure your favorable response, and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Peter J. Schweitzer
President

PJS:L

April 13, 1937

Mrs. Peter J. Schweitzer, President,
Home of the Daughters of Jacob,
187th Street, Teller and Findlay Avenues,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Schweitzer:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of April 9th and for the invitation which you extend to me to attend the luncheon of the Home of the Daughters of Jacob at the Waldorf Astoria on April 22nd. I wish I were free to come. However, I am scheduled to address another organization on that day and I must therefore forego the pleasure.

I wish you every success in your fine work.

Very cordially yours,

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Each year the Brooklyn Philanthropic League
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I am sure you will be glad to know that this
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June 10.

We invite you to be a speaker on this occasion
and join us in paying tribute to one who has done
so much for the indigent of our great city.

Your acceptance is eagerly awaited by the committee.

Yours very truly,

Maurice P. Davidson

MAURICE P. DAVIDSON
Chairman Dinner Committee

June 1, 1937

Mr. Maurice P. Davidson,
Room 804,
9 Rockefeller Plaza,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Davidson:

I deeply appreciate your kind invitation to attend the meeting under the auspices of the Brooklyn Philanthropic League to honor the Hon. Fiorello H. LaGuardia. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately I am unable to leave Cleveland on that day.

With all good wishes for success, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

ARS:BK

Nathan Stern, M. A., Ph. D., Rabbi

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West End Synagogue
(Congregation Shaaray Tefila)
One Sixty West Eighty Second Street
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June 17, 1937

Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
105th St. & Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Silver:-

You no doubt know that on the first day of last Passover our Synagogue was demolished by fire. We are now in the process of reconstructing it, and the services of rededication have been set for the weekend of November 5th.

Rabbi Schachtell and I were assigned the task of drawing up plans for these dedicatory services and both of us are agreed that the sermon on Friday evening, November 5th should be delivered by you if you will accept.

For Rabbi Schachtell and myself as well as for the officers of the Congregation and for its committees, I am herewith, extending to you an invitation to be a guest of the Congregation and to preach the sermon Friday evening November 5th.

The Committee will gladly pay your travelling expenses and your hotel while in New York City for the occasion.

There will be two or three other brief addresses that evening; one by Mr. Wessel, the President of the Congregation, one by Judge Irving Lehman, and one by myself.

Looking forward to an early reply in the affirmative, I am,

Cordially yours,

Nathan Stern

P.S. Please address your reply to me at the Hotel Lucerne,
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June 17th
1937

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

May I recall to you the Cleveland visit of our Executive Secretary, Mr. Israel Berman, several weeks ago, when he called upon you to discuss Masada problems.

We were all deeply gratified when he reported your sympathetic interest and your kind consent to come to our assistance. He told us that you would be willing to undertake a private effort to raise some money for Masada. This money is now sorely needed. As matters stand now, we have a considerable deficit and have no funds with which to organize our convention, which opens next Thursday night. May I therefore ask if you can find the time now to interest some people in Cleveland to make a contribution to Masada.

So much for that. Now I should like to invite you to address the Masada Luncheon to be held in connection with the Z.O.A. Convention on Tuesday, June 29th at noon. I can think of no one else who will so surely produce the desired affect as you will and I urge you most sincerely to accept this invitation.

May I hear from you before next Thursday?

With Zion's greetings, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Israel Imber
President

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FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
June 24, 25, 26, 27, 1937
Hotel Roosevelt - New York City

June 21, 1937

Dr. Nathan Stern,
201 W. 79th Street,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Stern:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of June 17 and for the invitation which you extend to me to attend the rededication service of your Temple on November 5th. I wish I were free to come. But on checking over my schedule, I find that I shall be exceedingly crowded with out-of-town engagements during the months of October and November. I am to be in New York City on Friday, October 29 to address the New York State Teachers' Association and it will not be possible for me to return to New York again the following Friday.

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

Very cordially yours,

ahs:bk

June 21, 1937

Mr. Isaac Imber, President,
Masada,
111 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Imber:

Let me thank you for your kind letter. I wish I were free to help you at the present time but I am spending the next few days getting cleared up so that I can leave here for my vacation. We are sailing for Europe on the 30th of this month. I therefore haven't the time to solicit funds for the Masada, much as I should like to. Perhaps early next season I may be able to do something for you.

I should like, also, to address your Convention on the 29th at noon. I have, however, already arranged to attend a very important conference in New York City on that day and at that hour.

Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Program Outline

FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

North East Region

Union of American Hebrew Congregations

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 1936

Community House of Congregation Emanu-El
1 East 65th Street
New York City

General Theme: IF THE SYNAGOGUE COULD SPEAK

9:30 A. M.—REGISTRATION

10:15 A. M.—ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS

A. ADULT GROUPS

1. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES — THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES

For Officers and Trustees of Congregations

2. JEWISH EDUCATION IN ACTION

For persons interested in religious schools

3. THE SYNAGOGUE QUESTION

For persons not included in the other two groups

- a. The Rabbi
- b. The Congregational Member
- c. The Sisterhood Member
- d. The Brotherhood Member
- e. The Junior Member

B. YOUTH GROUPS

1. THE JEWISH STUDENT ON THE CAMPUS

Especially for university students

2. THE JEW IN PUBLIC LIFE

3. THE CHALLENGE OF PERSECUTION TO JEWISH YOUTH

12:30 P. M.—LUNCHEON

2:30 P. M.—PANEL DISCUSSIONS

THE ROLE OF THE SYNAGOGUE IN A TROUBLED WORLD

GENERAL DISCUSSION

4:00 P. M.—SERVICES

Inspirational Address

THE JEW QUESTIONS — THE SYNAGOGUE ANSWERS

5:00 P. M.—BENEDICTION

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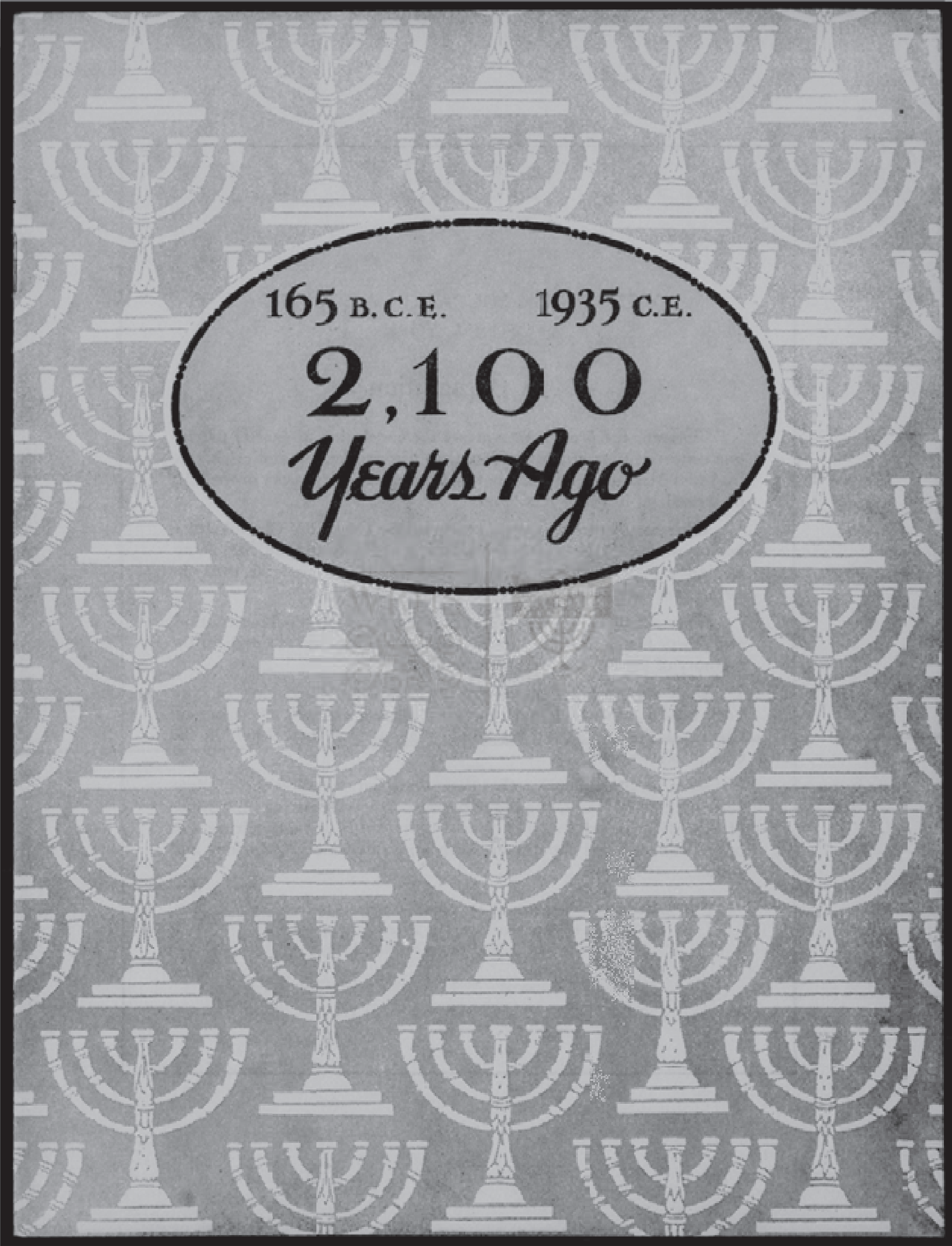
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A Resolution

Whereas, the present year marks the conclusion of exactly twenty-one centuries since the First Chanukah was proclaimed and celebrated by Judas Maccabeus with his heroic brothers and followers in the City of Jerusalem, in 165 B. C. E., and,

Whereas, throughout these centuries the Festival of Chanukah has been observed by Jews with the kindling of lights and with rejoicing, as signaling the victory of right over might, of the weak over the strong, and of civilization over barbarism, and,

Whereas, many Jews are now again the victims of cruel persecution, and Jewry throughout the world finds inspiration and strength in the memory of the Providential victory of old,

Be it resolved, that the Jewish Education Association of New York hold a jubilee celebration of this historic event to take place on Chanukah Sunday, December 22nd, 1935, at the Hotel Astor, in the City of New York; and,

Be it further resolved, that the association call upon their fellow-Jews in America and throughout the world to make fitting observance of this Millennial Anniversary as an inspiration in the struggle against oppression and for the preservation and extension of freedom and justice.

*Adopted unanimously by the Jewish Education Association
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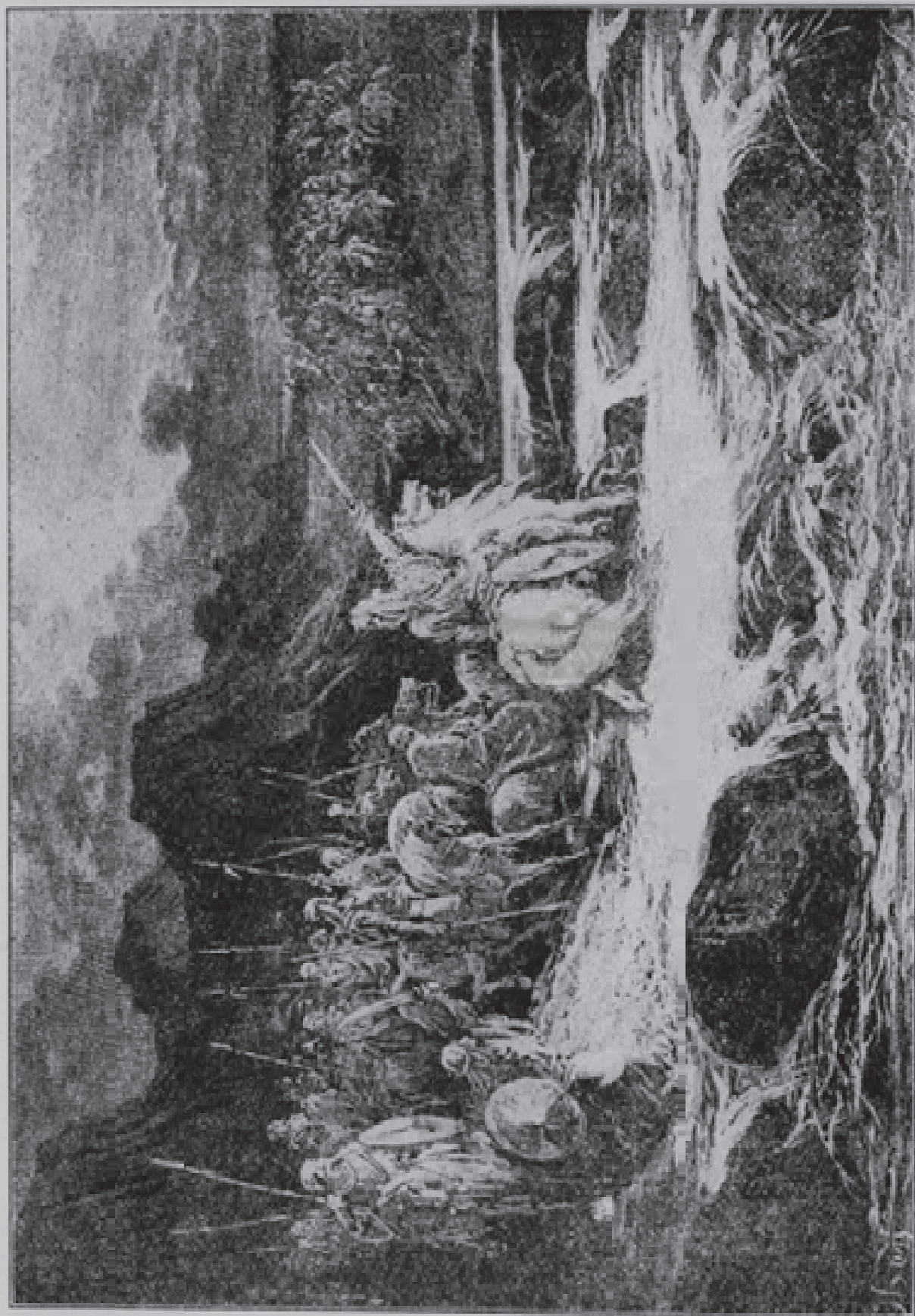
*The Story of the Great and Glorious Victory of the
Maccabees Against the Brutal Tyrant
Antiochus the Madman*

Retold in Commemoration of the 2,100th
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Proclaimed by Judas Maccabeus in the Year
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Judas Maccabaeus in Pursuit of the Enemy
(By the famous Bible Illustrator Gustave Doré)

FOREWORD

Two thousand one hundred years! What a vast span of time! What changes mankind has undergone in the two millenia! Empires have risen and vanished, civilizations have flourished and died. The modern nations strutting upon the world-stage in pride and arrogance, are as but of yesterday.

Two thousand one hundred years ago a powerful empire, ruled by a madman, determined to crush a little people struggling to live in conformity with a law of purity and holiness. The Syrian empire of Antiochus IV set out to destroy the Jews and their Torah.

Then the few and the weak rose up and defied the many and the strong. As the descendants of those martyrs and heroes have been repeating every year since: *"Then didst Thou in Thine abundant mercy rise up for them in the time of their trouble. Thou didst plead their cause, Thou didst judge their suit, Thou didst avenge their wrong. Thou deliveredst the strong into the hands of the weak, the many into the hands of the few, the impure into the hands of the pure, the wicked into the hands of the righteous, and the arrogant into the hands of them that occupy themselves with Thy Torah."*

Exactly twenty-one centuries have elapsed since Judas Maccabeus proclaimed the First Chanukah. Should not the marvelous tale on the occasion of this millennial anniversary be retold?

Through the mists of the ages the heroes and martyrs rise up and move before us.

*CHAPTER I. In a World Enslaved by the
Glamour and Vices of Greek Civilization,
the Jews Cling to Their Own Way of Life.*



THE STORY moves against a world-background of vast proportions. Civilizations meet and clash and melt together. Empires are locked in mortal combat. The fate of humanity lies in the balance.

The time is the Second Century before the Common Era. Over the entire Mediterranean world lies the shadow of the hand of Rome. In the Orient, two other empires stand and measure each other. They are, on the north, the empire of Syria, and on the south the empire of Egypt. Little Judea, paying tribute to Syria, is a mere pawn in the forces that stand arrayed against each other.

Such, in outline, is the political background of our story. The cultural background is more simple. The world in which the events move had become saturated with the civilization of the Greeks known as Hellenism. Alexander the Great had carried it with his conquering hosts from its native Hellas or Greece to the lands of the East. The arts and customs of the Greeks had conquered the nations more thoroughly than the strategy of Alexander's generals. Without giving up their own, men now worshipped the Greek gods and goddesses: Jupiter, Dionysus, Aphrodite, and the rest; they spoke the Greek language; built Greek temples, theatres, and gymnasia; they dressed in Greek fashion, and read the Greek poets and philosophers.

The world had become Hellenized. But Hellenism meant other things besides courtly manners, statues and buildings, games, philosophy and poetry. It meant the worship of many gods, which is the mother of all vices. It meant wickedness and cruelty. It meant greed and oppression. It meant lewdness and debauchery. Hellenism was a civilization of social and individual vices overlaid with a veneer of elegance.


In this universal surrender, one people alone held out and clung to its own way of life. It was the little people called Judeans or Jews. Over many centuries and through many trials and sufferings, they had perfected this life which was based on a law and tradition they called Torah. The tradition was a divine record of glorious achievement. The law was a law of holiness and righteousness. Tradition and law made up the word of God, Who had laid a special charge upon this people

involving the destiny of all mankind. "In thee", the tradition declared, "shall all the families of the earth be blessed."

Higher and higher rose the foreign tide. It beat against Judea with all the force of its lure and glitter. Some within the Jewish nation began to give way. They preferred being little Greeks to being great Jews. They began to ape the prevailing customs, calling themselves Hellenists. But the bulk of the Jewish people stood firm. They called themselves *Chassidim* or "pious ones." Passionately they resolved to defend the Torah against the new menace.

The struggle became more and more bitter. Finally, with the rise of a new ruler, it burst into flame, and the little nation of Jews, its life and destiny imperiled, threw down the gauntlet to a huge and mighty empire.

CHAPTER II. *Foiled in His Dreams of Conquest, Antiochus the Madman Determines in His Rage to Destroy the Jewish Faith.*

 HE EMPIRE was Syria, the new ruler Antiochus IV. It was a custom for rulers in those days to append some striking additional name to their own, and Antiochus IV chose "Epiphanes", a Greek word meaning "divine." But he has come down in history as "Epimanes", which means "the madman." Antiochus set his heart on being a great conqueror. He longed especially to conquer Egypt, the empire to the south. He would thus be able to oppose a united Orient against Rome.

Like other rulers, ancient or modern, whose policy is war and ostentation, Antiochus needed huge sums of money. There came forward certain Jewish Hellenists and offered the emperor a large sum if he would confer the high-priesthood, the most exalted office in the nation, upon one of their number. Antiochus accepted the bid and named as high-priest the Hellenist Jason who began at once to Hellenize the Jewish capital. He went so far as to build a Greek gymnasium near the Temple, and did other things to please his master which shocked and outraged the zealous *Chassidim*.

But after four years Jason was dismissed in favor of a higher bidder. This was the notorious Menelaus, a rabid Hellenist and traitor, who robbed the Temple of its treasures in order to pay the price to

his master. Jerusalem became the scene of bitter strife. The *Chassidim* were determined to preserve their ancient heritage, while the traitorous high-priest did not even scruple to advise the emperor to stamp out the religion of his people.

Finally, in the year 170 B. C. E. Antiochus set out to conquer Egypt. His army swept down the coastal plain and overthrew the opposing forces, but he was unable to capture Alexandria. On the way back Antiochus stopped at Jerusalem. He robbed the Temple and had the audacity to enter the Holy of Holies where, only once a year, on Yom Kippur, the high-priest alone could enter. Two years later Antiochus again struck at Egypt. This time his humiliation was complete. A Roman emissary ordered him to leave at once and Antiochus had to obey.

Jerusalem offered the enraged monarch a convenient scapegoat. The city, he learned, had rejoiced in a rumor that he had met his end in Egypt. Antiochus unleashed his mercenaries. They fell upon the people on a Sabbath day when the *Chassidim* would not use weapons even in self-defense for fear of profaning the holy day. The city was nearly destroyed, many were massacred, women and children were sold into slavery.


Then Antiochus determined to annihilate Judaism completely. Why, he asked, should this people follow its own way of life, worship its own God, when all others had accepted the Greek gods and the Greek way of life?

In the Temple at Jerusalem Antiochus erected a statue of the principal Greek god Jupiter or Zeus. That was in the month of Kislev, 168 B. C. E. He ordered a swine to be sacrificed on the sacred altar. The lewd and drunken feast of the wine-god Dionysus was introduced into Jerusalem. The Temple and Holy City stood defiled and polluted.

Finally the tyrant issued decrees forbidding the practices of Judaism. He prohibited, on pain of death, the rite of circumcision, the observance of the Sabbath, the dietary laws, and the study of Torah. Judaism in the land of the Jews became a capital crime.

The desolation Antiochus wrought upon the land is thus described by the chronicler (1 Maccabees, I, 39): "Her sanctuary was laid waste like a wilderness, her feasts were turned into mourning, her Sabbaths into reproach, her honor into contempt."


CHAPTER III. *Bitter Persecutions Fall
Upon the Faithful, Many of Whom Die
the Death of Martyrs.*

 HE TYRANT and his minions enforced the decrees with brutal thoroughness. Throughout the land heathen altars were set up, and the people were compelled to witness the sacrifice of swine. The land swarmed with secret police and spies, and their victims make up a long roll of martyrs who died "for the Sanctification of God's Name". Some of these martyrs have been lovingly preserved in memory. The heroism of Hannah and her seven sons has nourished the loyalty of generations of Jewish mothers. Said one of the sons to the tyrant: "Thou hast power over men; thou art corrupt; thou dost what thou wilt; yet think not that our nation is forsaken of God".

The roll of the victims continued to mount. Mothers who had their children circumcised were crucified together with their infants. Men caught in possession of a scroll of the Torah suffered death. The policy of extirpation pursued the *Chassidim* who took refuge in the caves and secret places of the mountains. One Sabbath day, when the *Chassidim* refused to defend themselves, a thousand of them fell victim to a surprise attack of the king's soldiers.

Could little Judea hope for deliverance from a tyrant so mighty and merciless?

CHAPTER IV. *An Aged Priest Named Mat-
tathias Raises the Standard of Revolt
Against the Oppressor.*

 IN A village of the Judean foothills called Modin there occurred shortly afterwards an incident of decisive importance for the fate of the Jews and, indeed, of all humanity, for, had Antiochus achieved his purpose, would not the entire course of human history have been altered? To Modin there had come from Jerusalem an old priest named Mattathias together with his five sons. They had fled from the capital when the city and Temple had been laid waste and desecrated by Antiochus.

One day a troop of the king's soldiers appeared in Modin. They set up an altar, assembled the people, and prepared the abhorrent sacrifice. The officer called on Mattathias to officiate, but the old man, surrounded by his five stalwart sons, defied him. "We will not hearken to the King's words to go from our faith either on the right hand or the left," he cried. A Jewish Hellenist then stepped forward to perform the rite. Moved by a mighty impulse the old priest stepped forward and struck the man down. There followed an affray in which the King's soldiers were put to flight by the priest's sons.

Now the deed had been done which transformed the martyrs into heroes. Mattathias raised the standard of revolt. "Whosoever is zealous of the law and maintaineth the covenant, let him follow me!" was the call he sent throughout the land. He fled to the mountains, and from all parts of the country men came and joined him. They had been waiting for the word.

Thus the revolt began which saved the Jewish people from destruction and enabled them to continue their role in the spiritual destiny of mankind. A new courage inspired the harrassed *Chassidim*. One of the first acts of the aged priest was to permit the use of weapons in self-defense even on the holy Sabbath. Issuing from their caves and retreats, the patriots appeared suddenly in towns and villages, pulled down the heathen altars, and punished the Hellenist traitors. The most skillful and intrepid of these raiders, it was noted, was Judas, the third son of Mattathias.

Not long afterwards the aged priest felt that he was about to die. He called his sons to his bedside. They were, from the eldest to the youngest, Johanan, Simon, Judas, Eleazar and Jonathan. He spoke to them and said:

"Wherefore, ye my sons, be valiant, and shew yourselves men in behalf of the law; for by it shall ye obtain glory. And, behold, I know that your brother Simon is a man of counsel, give ear unto him always: he shall be a father unto you. As for Judas Maccabeus, he hath been mighty and strong, even from his youth up: let him be your captain, and fight the battle of the people."

And having bequeathed this legacy to his sons, Mattathias died and was gathered to his people.

CHAPTER V. *Judas Maccabeus, Hero and Saint, Becomes the Leader of the Uprising.*

IT FELL to the lot of Judas to become the victorious leader in one of the most unequal and glorious contests that history records. A tiny non-military nation, which for many centuries had been content to live its own Torah-life, paying tribute to whatever political masters the play of war and intrigue imposed upon them, became suddenly transformed into a nation of fearless warriors, reckless of their lives and eager to meet the foe in mortal encounter. What brought about this transformation? First, the inspiration of their cause: they were fighting for God and His holy Law, for the right to continue their destiny as the Torah-people. Second, the example of their leader. This son of a temple priest and of a people of pacifists proved to be one of the greatest military commanders of all time. The ancient world recognized his merits by including him among the "nine worthies" who are the nine greatest military leaders of antiquity.

Judas the Maccabee, or Judas "the Hammer", was the name by which men called him, so he has come down in history as Judas Maccabeus. This is how our ancient chronicler presents him to us in a word-portrait:

Then his son Judas, called Maccabeus, rose up in his stead. And all his brethren helped him, and so did all they that held with his father, and they fought with cheerfulness the battle of Israel. So he gat his people great honour, and put on a breastplate as a giant, and girt his warlike harness about him, and he made battles, protecting the host with his sword. In his acts he was like a lion, and like a lion's whelp roaring for his prey. For he pursued the wicked, and sought them out, and burnt up those that vexed his people. Wherefore the wicked shrunk for fear of him, and all the workers of iniquity were troubled, because salvation prospered in his hand.

He grieved also many kings, and made Jacob glad with his acts, and his memorial is blessed forever. Moreover he went through the cities of Juda, destroying the ungodly out of them, and turning away wrath from Israel: so that he was renowned unto the utmost part of the earth, and he received unto him such as were ready to perish.

But not his military prowess alone has endeared him so greatly to posterity. Judas, to borrow the language of chivalry, was a knight *sans peur et sans reproche*, fearless and faultless. His career and character are untainted by ambition or vainglory. Judas Maccabeus wears on his pious head the double crown of valor and moral grandeur.

CHAPTER VI. *In a Series of Brilliant Victories Judas Proves Himself a Military Commander of the First Order.*

THE IMMEDIATE military problem that confronted Judas was apparently hopeless. How would his untrained, undisciplined and poorly-armed bands resist the onslaught of the imperial hosts of Antiochus? Soon enough the test came. From Samaria came down a Syrian force led by the Governor Appolonius who expected to make short work of the Jewish rebellion. His forces included contingents from the surrounding nations who were hostile to the Jews. Judas came up to meet them and routed them.



Palestine in the Days of Judas Maccabees
(Courtesy "Outline of Jewish Knowledge")

In quick succession there came the victories of Beth-horon and Emmaus. At Emmaus, especially, Judas displayed all his brilliant strategy against a greatly superior army sent down by Lysias, the governor named by Antiochus to execute his will.

There came the decisive year 165 B. C. E. Lysias had heard of the defeat of his armies with amazement and dismay, but he resolved to try again. What would become of the Syrian Empire if it acknowledged defeat at the hands of little Judea? So, in the spring of that fateful year, he assembled an even greater host which, coming down from the north, swung into southern Judea and made for Jerusalem, with the apparent intention of sweeping the hill country clear of the Maccabean contingents and carrying out his master's command to exterminate the Jewish people or sell them into bondage. But Judas already had an army of 10,000 veterans, and although they were but a small fraction of the strength of the foe, the leader decided to attack. The battle was fought at Beth-zur. The mercenaries of Antiochus were unable to withstand the reckless daring of the Jewish patriots. They broke and fled before them, leaving five thousand slain on the battlefield.

*CHAPTER VII. In 165 B. C. E., Exactly
Twenty-one Centuries Ago, Judas Restores
the Temple and Celebrates the First
Chanukah.*



OW CAME a lull in the fighting and, although Judas was well aware that the final victory was not yet won, he resolved to perform an act which would proclaim to all men that, by the will of Providence and the valor of her sons, the Jewish people and faith had been saved.

Early in the month of Kislev of that year (165 B. C. E.) he took his forces to Jerusalem. He entered the Holy City and went up to the Temple. The sanctuary was deserted and in ruins. Shrubs grew in the courts. The statue of Zeus, the "desolation of abomination", still stood on the altar.

"And when", says the chronicle, "they saw the sanctuary desolate, and the altar profaned, and the gates burned up, and shrubs growing in the courts as in a forest, or in one of the mountains, yea, and the priests' chambers pulled down; they rent their clothes and made great lamentation, and cast ashes upon their heads. And fell down flat to the ground upon their faces, and blew an alarm with the trumpets, and cried toward heaven".

In little more than three weeks, from the third day of Kislev to the twenty-fifth, the Judean warriors restored and purified the Temple. Then, on the twenty-fifth, came the Day of Dedication with sacrifice offered upon a new altar, "with songs and citherns and harps and cymbals . . . decking the Temple walls with crowns of gold and with shields."

For eight days the sacred Festival continued. And Judas ordained that forever after the eight days beginning with the twenty-fifth day of the month of Kislev shall be kept by Jews in all their habitations as the Festival of Dedication or Chanukah.

*CHAPTER VIII. After Many More Battles
and Struggles the Jews, Led by the Mac-
cabean Brothers, Win Their Independence*



THE EIGHT days of rejoicing in the First Chanukah were over, and Judas began preparations for the new battles which he saw would not be long in coming. The struggle went on for many years. Judas fortified the Temple and the City. He fortified Beth-zur and conducted many campaigns against the hostile neighbors of Judea. He defeated all of them swiftly and thoroughly: Idumeans, Philistines, Phoenicians and Ammonites. News now came that King Antiochus was dead in distant Persia.

In 163 B. C. E. Judas again had to meet an overwhelming force sent down by Lysias. This time the Syrians had a large troop of fighting elephants. Judas met them at Beth-zachariah. There, his brother Eleazar, believing the new emperor to be riding on one of the beasts, made his way through the battle, crouched beneath the elephant, and brought him down but was crushed by the huge bulk. Judas was forced to retreat behind his Temple walls.

The struggle continued. The imperial capital of Antioch seethed with bloody political rivalries. More than once these palace conflicts brought the Jews respite. In the Holy City, Judas had to guard against the Hellenist traitors as well as hostile armies.

The struggle continued. In 161 B. C. E. Judas won his most brilliant victory. At Adasa he defeated the bloody and arrogant Nicanor whom a new emperor had sent down to crush the Maccabean brothers. Judas sent ambassadors to Rome who concluded a treaty of alliance with the mighty empire of the west.

Two Thousand One Hundred Years Ago

But the Romans were in no hurry with assistance, so the struggle went on. The odds grew more desperate. Finally, in the year 160 B. C. E., came a tragic turn of fortune. At a place called Eleasa, Judas found himself facing a huge Syrian host before which his own forces melted away. It was the great warrior's last battle. A little band of some eight hundred men was left to the Maccabean brothers. The enemy fell in heaps about them, but the band dwindled. As the sun sank into the Western Sea, Judas fell, and the precious life was extinguished. In the night the three brothers who still remained, Jonathan, Simon and Johanan, carried him away through the hills to the village of Modin and laid him beside their father Mattathias.

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The struggle continued. First under Jonathan, then under Simon, the fortunes of the Jews rose and fell, then rose again. The record reveals a welter of intrigue and treachery in the imperial capital. The Maccabean leaders took advantage of their opportunities, and by sword and diplomacy, under the leadership of Simon, the last of the great brothers, the independence of Judea was achieved. It was in the year 142 B. C. E. that a new emperor, Demetrius II, freed Judea from all taxes and tribute. A decree was issued making Simon "prince and high-priest" of the nation. As further proof of his independence, Simon struck his own coins. He was king of the Jewish nation in everything but name, and some forty years afterwards, (103 B. C. E.) the name also was assumed by his descendants of the Hasmonean dynasty.

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Such, briefly told, is the story of the great struggle. The Jewish faith and people were saved. The menace of Hellenism, with Syria as its instrument, was defeated, and today, Twenty-one centuries later, in a time that is also dark with trial and tribulation, Jews kindle the lights of Chanukah to mark the victory of right over might, of righteousness over wickedness, "of the few and the weak against the many and the strong."

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MASTER!

Migration to Palestine Now at 2,000 Per Month

Georg Landauer Tells of Work There for Jews Fleeing Reich

Dr. Georg Landauer, who heads the central bureau for settling German Jews in Palestine, is sailing to-night to return to Palestine after a two-week stay here, during which he explained the task to American-Jewish organizations.

Some 20,000 German Jews have migrated to Palestine, he said, since Hitler came to power, and the rate of departure continues to increase.

Last year's monthly average was 1,000, he said, but this has grown recently to 2,000. On his way back to Palestine he will stop over in Berlin to arrange facilitation of this exodus.

Hardship for Youth

German-born and long a lawyer in his native country, he left there last year and has taken Palestinian citizenship.

A particular difficulty, he said, lies in the transference of unmarried women and girls to a new life in Palestine.

Under new Nazi decrees favoring employment of persons over twenty-five, the lot of Jewish youth has become harder. While other youth can enlist in labor corps, this course is not open to the Jew.

The Women's International Zionist Organization, a world-wide society, is looking after the settlement of such women on farms. But the Women's League for Palestine of America has had to take on single-handed the job of settling women in the cities in such industry as there is.

Danger for Women

"The dangers that lay before such women and girls arriving alone in Oriental harbor cities, with their mixed population, is obvious.

"The Women's League is to be commended for its accomplishments in providing a refuge in Haifa, where the girls are given homes, taught trades and found jobs before being sent out on their own."



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