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Suburban Temple, 1948-1949.



August 6, 1948

Liberal Judaism  
920 Riverside Drive, Suite 31  
New York 32, New York

Gentlemen:

At the outset I want to make it clear that I do not want any publicity of this letter, nor am I interested in entering into any debate. My purpose is to criticise inaccuracies as a result of which you have done a poor job of reporting.

In your June-July issue you state on page 20 that the organization of the Suburban Temple in this city is a good example of a development "due to the world situation and the difficulties of Jews in Europe and Palestine."

I do not know the source of your information or what efforts were made by you to secure confirmation thereof. The real fact is that neither the world situation nor the difficulties mentioned had anything whatsoever to do with the formation of this congregation. All you need do is consult Rabbi Eisendrath to verify this. The truth is that the organizers are a dissident group who are opposed to the required study of Hebrew and the inclusion, in the teaching of the history of our people, of any reference to Zionism and Palestine.

I can readily understand why you would not want to publicize the fact that a congregation came into being as a result of a controversy, but if you intend to make any reference to the organization of a congregation the truth should be stated and not fiction.

Very truly yours,

SNW M

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# The Suburban Temple

Cleveland, Ohio

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## RABBI

NORMAN M. GOLDBURG

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

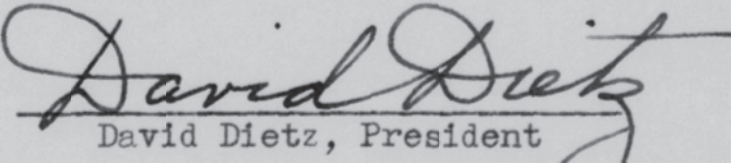
Dear Rabbi Silver:

We invite you to attend the services installing Rabbi Norman M. Goldberg as Rabbi of the newly formed Suburban Temple. The services will be held Friday evening, September 24th at Amasa Stone Memorial Chapel of Western Reserve University, at 8:00 P.M.

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise of Central Synagogue, New York City, and Rabbi Ariel Goldberg of Temple Beth Ahabah, Richmond, Virginia, are participating in the installation service.

Seats in a special area are being reserved for our guests. We hope that you will find it possible to attend the service and make the acquaintance of our Rabbi upon this occasion.

Cordially yours,

  
David Dietz, President

DD:sr  
September 10,  
1948



September 14, 1948

Mr. Irving Kane  
1991 East 66th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Irving:

I am enclosing herewith some thoughts which you might wish to incorporate in talking to the young people.

Among those who might be invited to the meeting I would suggest the names of:

Marshall Fine  
Mike Feder  
Hart Stotter  
Jimmy Horowitz  
Harry Horowitz  
George Nachman, Jr.  
Richard Steuer  
Chuck Barnett  
Sidney Stern

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er  
Enc.

P.S. The complete list with addresses and phone numbers is attached.



September 14, 1948

M E M O R A N D U M

You might wish to emphasize the following:

1. The original motive for the organization of the new congregation was the anti-Zionism and the anti-Hebrew instruction of the original sponsors and instigators of the new congregation. Their point of view is that of the discredited American Council for Judaism. They represent the same approach to Judaism and the Jewish people that the spokesmen of the notorious Houston Temple represented, which point of view was decisively rejected, almost unanimously, at the Union of American Hebrew Congregations Convention in Cincinnati two years ago. They do not represent reformed Judaism in the United States. The Judaism which is preached in the reformed temples of Cleveland is in harmony with the classic position of all the reformed congregations in the United States today. The curriculum of their religious schools and the text books used in the school are those approved by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Central Conference of American Rabbis. The Temple has been a leader of American Reformed Judaism for nearly 100 years. Its Rabbi was President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. The new temple, insofar as it has a point of view at all, represents a blind detour into something which is certainly not American Reformed Judaism.
2. The position of The Temple on Zionism is defined in the brochure which you have and which defines it clearly and accurately.
3. The methods which we use in the teaching of Hebrew in our Religious School are those employed by nearly all the religious schools in the United States. There may be other methods, but they have not been tried out anywhere to the point where they can be adopted by our Religious School. ~~When~~ better methods are found to be practicable, we shall adopt them. Everyone agrees, including the Rabbi of the new group, that the teaching of Hebrew is important. If it is, then it should be taught. Making it optional is underwriting its general neglect in the school.
4. The Temple has encouraged the organization of new congregations; together with the Euclid Avenue Temple they have brought into existence and helped to finance the new Temple Emanu-El which is now self-supporting and completely independent. This was a contribution which the two existing temples made to the spread of reformed Judaism in our community, but the congregation which was thus established reached out for new and unaffiliated Jews, not those who are already members of existing congregations. The fourth congregation has carried on a propaganda among members of the existing two reformed temples to make them dissatisfied with their membership in the existing temples or with their religious schools in an effort to win them over to affiliation to the new temple. This "raiding" of existing members is a thing unknown in our community - or for that matter, in any community - and has been climaxed by the effort of last Friday evening to win away the young men and women of the existing temples and to organize them as a junior congregation of the new temple. The young people of the existing temples can find full opportunity for their religious needs in the temples to which their families belong.



5. You may wish to expose the slogan of "integration" which has been bandied about. The two temples in Cleveland have participated actively in the total life of the community since their very inception. Their rabbis and their lay leaders have been active in every civic enterprise. They have not "ghetto-ized" their congregants. Integration is a two-sided affair.....where the non-Jew is unwilling, the cry of integration on the part of the Jew becomes rather pathetic. Integration in the mouths of some of these people is another word for escapism, assimilation, which has not worked anywhere and will not work here.

The booklet on our Religious School elaborates on this point and on the teaching of Americanism, etc. The Temple's war record and the story of its 800 men and women who served our country during the war, some of them with distinction, is one indication among many of the "integration" of our young people in American life.

6. You might wish to indicate in the course of your remarks the pride which our young people might properly take in The Temple, its century of service to the community and to the nation, its leadership, etc. If our young people want to know more about Judaism, their religions, their history, the Temple can afford them the fullest opportunities for it,-- its services, its lectures, the programs of its Alumni Association, study groups, etc.





<u>Name</u>	<u>Father</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone No.</u>
Bill Selden	Robert	2921 Corydon	Fa. 9452
Bob Kaynes	William	16901 Aldersyde	Dr. 2044
Alan Miller	Alex	2958 Fontenay	Dr. 1842
Jack Bialosky	Leon	2897 Ludlow	Lo. 3264
*Billy Rosenfeld	William	2795 Coleridge	Fa. 0080
Paul Kyman	Sam	13600 Shaker	Lo. 3870
Bub Hexter	Roy	2685 Endicott	Fa. 2003
**Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Vactor	S.H. Vactor	3035 Washington	Fa. 6827
**Mr. & Mrs. Alan Englander	A.L. Englander	2936 Glengary	We. 0697
Merle Held	J.R.	2608 Fenwick	Fa. 4253
Marshall Fine	Meyer	2839 Winthrop	Da. 2839
Mike Feder	Marcus	2500 Arlington	Fa. 2027
Hart Stotter	J.B.	17616 Parkland	We. 2446
Jimmy Horowitz	I.	18200 Shaker	Da. 4994
Harry Horowitz	Samuel	16700 Parkland	We. 4928
George Nachman, Jr.	George	2887 Falmouth	Da. 5948
Richard Steuer	Alfred L.	2900 Glengary	We. 0826
Chuck Barnett	Charles	13720 Shaker	Wa. 6565
Sidney Stern	Sidney	13302 Cormere	Sk. 2282
<i>Henry Einstein</i>		<i>2601 Hampshire</i>	<i>7a. 3247</i>

\* Euclid Ave. Temple

\*\* Parent's address & phone number listed.

Ken Strauss and Sally Myers have been omitted from the list as they are no longer in the city.



IRVING KANE  
SHAKER HEIGHTS, OHIO

September 15, 1948

Rabbi Abba H. Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105 Street & Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

My Dear Rabbi:

I made really strenuous efforts last night and early this morning to arrange the meeting at my home for this Friday evening, but found that, after reaching every name on the list except two (Jack Bialosky and Paul Kyman), even if I received affirmative responses from these two, I would have a total attendance of only five. I thought you would agree that it would be unwise to hold a meeting with so small a number and I have therefore concluded to arrange it for October 1, which is the first open date I have. I leave the city on September 19 and except for an interval of one day will be out of the city until the night of September 29 and already have a meeting scheduled for September 30.

The three who consented to come were: Alan Englander (and wife), Merle Held and Mike Feder. Three had already either left for college or were leaving today: Bill Selden, Alan Miller and George Nachman, Jr. Nachman, whom I reached before his departure for school, expressed great regret upon being unable to participate in such a meeting.

All others, (with the exception of Henry Einstein, who is out of the city until Thursday evening, and who, even if I were able to reach him then, would have but one day's notice) had previous engagements for Friday evening, which they were unable to change. It was interesting to find that with possibly one or ~~two~~ exceptions, all of these expressed a genuine interest in coming.

Conversations with them or their parents indicated also that "you don't have to worry about me, I'm on your side". Some indicated that they actually resented the other meeting which they attended and took issue at the time, although there was evidence that some were attracted to certain ideas and plans for conducting the religious school, although not with the theological ideas that were expressed.

While I intended to follow your suggestion, of inviting additional names that would occur to me, in the same age group, I had concluded not to invite Chuck Barnett and Sidney Stern. While I doubt that Sidney, at least, would leave our congregation, I know something of how both these boys think of the subject and felt that certainly in the case of Barnett, it might prove to be a disruptive influence in



IRVING KANE  
SHAKER HEIGHTS, OHIO

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Rabbi Abba H. Silver

September 15, 1948

such a meeting. I would prefer to continue efforts I have already made in the past to think through the larger problem with these boys. And I am afraid that at my home they would simply divert the meeting into a running debate on Zionism.

Adeline just called and told me that in speaking with you this morning you indicated the possibility of your writing to this group. She was not clear whether you meant that as a substitute for a meeting at a subsequent date, if I could not arrange one for Friday evening. I shall, therefore, call you tomorrow after you have had an opportunity to see this note, or perhaps your secretary will call me when you are free.

Please be assured, Rabbi, of my desire to aid in every way that I can. With sincere regard,

IK:is





File under Suburban Temple

9/16/48

RESULTS OF TELEPHONE CALLS TO ABSENTEES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Parent</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Bonnie Adelstein	Jerome	3rd	Temple Emanuel
Richard Bailys	Leo	7th	Oheb Zedek (to be Bar Mitzvah - will return here after)
Michael Blane	Morris	5th	Park Synagogue
Marcie Nusbaum			Moved to Calif.
Roger Roe			Moved out of town
Marlene Nemeher	Max		Moved to Calif.
Jean Colbert	Ralph	4th	Suburban
Richard Colbert	Ralph	7th	Suburban
John Glick	Julius	6th	Suburban
Michael Hays	Robert	3rd	Suburban
Jeffrey Holden	Bernard	1st	Suburban
Richard Schulist	Bernard	5th	Suburban
<del>Marc Lionel Stern</del>	<del>Emanuel</del>	<del>1st</del>	<del>Suburban</del>
David Wiesenberger	Harry	7th	Suburban

61 Calls Made  
~~13~~ Withdrawn  
~~18~~ Will Return

SUMMARY OF CALLS TO DATE

Total Calls Made	9/15/48	42
	9/16/48	61
		<u>103</u> 114
Total Withdrawn		<u>26</u> 29
Will return		<u>77</u> 87

Withdrawn

June - 19  
 Sept. - 39  
 Total - 48

3 - moved out, town  
 1 - Temple Emanuel  
 1 - Park School  
 4.8 = Oheb Zedek (Bar Mitzvah)  
 Suburban - 33 people



# RESULTS OF TELEPHONE CALLS TO ABSENTEES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Parent</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Edith Felinger	Harold	5th	Suburban =
Ellen Stern	Tony	5th	Suburban
Donald Lowe	Donald	7th	Suburban
Robert Lowe	Donald	4th	Suburban
Jonathan Shaw	Dr. E.	2nd	Suburban
Carol Friedman	Dr. Joseph	2nd	Suburban
Edward Berne	Loren	3rd	Suburban
Judy Klein	Herbert	4th	Suburban
Marcia Reitman	Dr. Hyatt	1st	Suburban
Emily Mendelson	Gilbert	2nd	Suburban
Linda Jo Newman	Stanley	2nd	Suburban
Leslie Royce	Richard	2nd	Suburban
Howard Harris	Ben	2nd	Suburban

42 Calls Made  
 13 Joined Suburban Congregation  
 29 Will Return

No. 76  
 1-1  
 6-2  
 1-3  
 2-4  
 2-5  
 1-7



Dick Steuer

Arlene Schwartzberg

Sheldon Auren (not sure if member)

Henry Einstein (Mrs. Jack)

Marshall Fine

Bill Luntz

Sheldon Baum

John Efroymsen (in Jan. 1)

Mrs. Mellman Frankel

Lois Neuger Horowitz

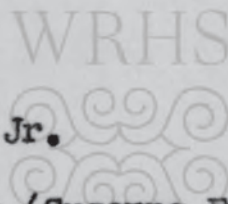
Ted Miller

Ralph Bing

Charles Barnett, Jr.

Mrs. Sidney Stern (Susanne Friedlander)

Tom Felber





**Suburban Temple of Cleveland.** Another condition productive of new Reform congregations may be termed "spontaneous generation." This means that several new congregations have come into being automatically, with-

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out professional guidance or the aid of the Union. The reason for this development is due to the world situation and the difficulties of Jews in Europe and in Palestine, which have stirred their American brethren to band themselves together for religious purposes.

A good example is the case of the Suburban Temple, the fourth new Reform congregation in Cleveland. Organized through the voluntary efforts of a group of laymen, the Suburban Temple today has 250 families affiliated, with Rabbi Norman M. Goldberg as spiritual leader. It also has an application pending for Union affiliation.

*(To be continued)*





September 17, 1948

Dr. Julian Morgenstern  
c/o Hebrew Union College  
34 West Sixth Street  
Cincinnati 2, Ohio

My dear Doctor Morgenstern:

I was somewhat surprised to read this morning that you are to be the principal speaker at the installation banquet of the Suburban Temple. Surely you must be aware of the fact that this organization was inspired by a dissident group opposed to the required study of Hebrew and reference to Zionism and Palestine in the teaching of the history of our people.

Had this group confined itself to the establishment of a congregation because of its unwillingness to accept the tenets of existing congregations no one would have any quarrel. However, when in violation of established ethical principles it solicits members from the existing congregations, it is difficult to understand how anyone can countenance such conduct.

Participation by you in these installation services cannot help but be interpreted as approval of the program and practice of the Suburban Temple and I shall be further surprised to learn that such a program and such conduct have your endorsement.

Last month I took occasion to write to Liberal Judaism concerning the inaccuracy of a statement in its June-July issue with regard to the organization of the Suburban Temple, and I enclose a copy of this letter.

I shall be interested in hearing from you.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

SNW M

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To Ralph Bury 9/30

Barbara Abrams	2911 So. Moreland	Wa. 0164
Sue Bialosky Lerner (Mrs. Jack)	2641 Coventry	Er. 2316
Barbara Goodman Horvitz (Mrs. L.)	2515 Kemper	Sw. 9015
Morton Epstein	3270 Warrensville Center	Sk. 7245
Lita Stecker Sands (Mrs. Fred)	12701 Shaker	Wa. 6082
Lenore Steinberg	16826 Aldersyde	We. 2166
Dick Steuer	2900 Glengary	We. 0826
Arlene Schwartzberg	18715 Kinsman	Wa. 0460
Sheldon Guren	12701 Shaker	Wa. 8043
Marshall Fine	2839 Winthrop	Da. 2839
Bill Luntz	2821 Drummond	We. 7309
Sheldon Baum	1791 East 87 St.	Ce. 2090
Lois Unger Horvitz (Mrs. Harry)	2970 East 130 St.	Wa. 2377
Charles Banett, Jr.	13720 Shaker	Wa. 6565
Sue Friedlander Stern (Mrs. Sidney)	Fenway Hall	Ga. 5760
Tom Felber	4446 Baintree	Fa. 1376
Catherine Aub Stone	Sovereign Hotel	Ga. 2520
Ted Miller	2230 Middlefield	Fa. 4162



# Congregation Beth Ahavah

- ORGANIZED 1841 -

Richmond, Virginia

RABBI  
ARIEL L. GOLDBURG, D. D.

March 31, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
c/o The Temple  
East 105th Street and Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

## PERSONAL

Dear Dr. Silver:

Norman has spoken to me several times about your kindness to him and your sympathetic understanding of his position. I want you to know that I am deeply grateful to you for giving him support and encouragement.

No one can deny that his going to Cleveland was a mistake, but it would have been a greater mistake for him to have remained there. The only saving remnant of his contact with this negative group is that his own Jewish sympathies have become intensified and quickened.

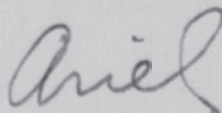
I spoke to Norman of an opening that exists at Fort Worth, Texas. Samuel Soskin, who was there, is going to Beth Emeth in Brooklyn. Norman would love to go to Fort Worth, and I am positive that he will be a wonderful asset to that community. There is a Sol Brachman there, a prominent Zionist, who is a key figure in the situation. Do you know him? Would you be good enough to write him a strong letter for Norman?

I do not know if the powers at the Hebrew Union College see the picture in Cleveland as I do, but I would measure the success of the Rabbi at the Suburban Congregation by his desire to leave the group rather than by his willingness to accede to their un-Jewish demands. In my humble opinion, Norman has demonstrated his worth by staunchly adhering to his convictions without measuring the cost.

Anything you can do to bring him out of this unbearable situation will win my profound appreciation.

With kindest personal regards -

Sincerely yours,



ARIEL L. GOLDBURG,  
Rabbi



April 4, 1949

Mr. Sidney N. Weitz  
Leader Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Sidney:

I thought you would be interested in seeing the enclosed letter from the brother of Rabbi Goldberg, erstwhile of the Suburban Congregation.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er  
Enc.



April 4, 1949

Rabbi Ariel L. Goldberg  
Congregation Beth Ahabah  
Richmond, Virginia

My dear Friend:

Thank you for your letter of March 31st. I shall write to  
Mr. Sol Brachman of Fort Worth.

I trust that you are well and with all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



April 15, 1949

Mr. Sol Brachman  
Congregation Beth El  
1718 South Adams Street  
Fort Worth, Texas

My dear Mr. Brachman:

I understand that Congregation Beth El of Fort Worth is seeking a rabbi to succeed Rabbi Soskin, who has accepted a pulpit in Brooklyn. I should like to bring to your notice a worthy occupant for the pulpit of Beth El the name of Rabbi Norman Goldberg who has recently resigned his post with the Suburban Temple here in Cleveland.

Prior to his coming to Cleveland, Rabbi Goldberg occupied the pulpit in Brockton, Massachusetts, and for a longer period, in Sacramento, California. He is a graduate of the Hebrew Union College and of the University of Chicago. During the war he was a Chaplain in the United States Army.

Rabbi Goldberg is an effective spokesman of American Judaism, an able preacher and a good pastor who devotes himself with affection to the ministry of the members of his congregation. He eagerly identifies himself with civic life and participates in those inter-faith activities which make for better understanding and goodwill. His experiences here with his congregation in Cleveland have led me to believe that he is a man of conviction who will not sacrifice basic Jewish values to meet the whims of escapist Jews.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



GOLDBURG, Norman Michael, rabbi; born St. Louis, Mo., 2/22/02; s. Burt and Julia (Posnanski); student Washington U., U. of Ill. and U. of Chicago; A.B., U. of Cincinnati, 1927; B.H. and rabbi, H.U.C., Cincinnati, 1929; m. Rose Colker, Aug. 18, 1929. Rabbi, Temple B'nai Israel, Sacramento, Calif., 1929-45; lecturer Biblical Lit., U. of Calif, 1939; teacher, public speaking, Heald's College, Sacramento, 1940-41; chaplain Calif. Legislature, 1931; lecturer radion station KFBK and Calif. Broadcasting System since 1930; lecturer Jewish Chautauqua Soc. Anti-Defamation League in Pacific Coast Area and Adult Education Forum Series and Teachers Institutes of Calif. and Nevada. Founder Sacramento Religious Fellowship, Mem. exec. bd. Sacramento Community Chest, YMCA, Volunteers of America, Sacramento Council Social Welfare, Goodwill Industries; mem. CCAR, Pres. Sacramento Religious Fellowship, 1941; mem. Sacramento Ministerial Assn., former pres. Bd. of Rabbis of Northern Calif., Sacramento B'nai B'rith. Sacramento Safety Council, Pres. Greek War Relief Campaign, Sacramento and Northern Calif., 1941. Chaplain; capt., US Army; chaplain 7th Div., Ft. Ord and San Luis Obispo, 1941-42, Camp Stoneman, Calif., 1942-43; instr. Officers Training School, Pacific Coast Transportation Corps, Camp Stoneman; chaplain, Camp Abbott, Ore. and Ft. Lewis, Wash., 1943-44; returned to Sacramento. Clubs: Lions (ex-pres.), Pacific Society, Commonwealth, Ari-Man League, Mason. Author: Assembly Prayers, 1932; Tell It to the Chaplain. Contbr. of short stories fo nat. publs. ~~Home~~ Address: Temple Israel, Brockton, Mass.



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NORMAN M. GOLDBURG

Dear Dr. Silver:

I know that Rabbi Stone conveyed to you my thanks and appreciation for your good offices in connection with the Ft. Worth pulpit. May I add this personal word of gratitude not only for that gracious act but for your kind and generous attitude toward me.

I gave Earl rather a detailed list of the difficulties encountered in this Suburban set-up. I have communicated with Dr. Glueck and with Dr. Eisendrath, too. I am sure that both men know, by this time, the issues which have brought an early impasse between Rabbi and congregation. I made it clear to them, just as I made it clear to the Board that I could not and would not go along with the so-called program or pattern envisioned by the leaders of this group.

I described this manifestation, in a letter to Dr. Morgenstern, as the last gasp of the Houston racket of several years ago. As I told Earl, several hundred members are not involved or interested in the "philosophy" of the dominant minority. They are in the congregation for a variety of reasons.

They like the idea of a small school and one located in the Heights area. That is one reason. A second, and I think this carries a lot of weight, is that Suburban is supposed to be "exclusive". It has what I would call "snob" appeal. Some of the little people are thrilled and delighted to "work" on the same committees with and to be invited to the homes of certain leaders.....

Well, that is pretty ghastly stuff, isn't it, Dr. Silver. Yet, I am afraid that this country club appeal, this invitation to join an exclusive and limited congregation have tremendous attraction for some people. The fact that leaders of Suburban Temple are not numbered among the philanthropic laymen of the community (generally speaking) nor among the workers in Jewish causes does not seem to detract.

I said in my report at the annual meeting of the congregation that within very definite limitations we had a good school. That may seem paradoxical but it is true, in certain respects. There was a warm and friendly relationship between Rabbi and children.

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## RABBI

NORMAN M. GOLDBURG

The monthly Friday evening childrens services which I introduced were outstandingly successful.

We had a few good teachers in the school. The arts and crafts department was well organized and I venture to say that this committee consisting of a half dozen intelligent and skillful women, some with experience in kindergarten, general teaching, handicraft etc. produced projects on a par with anything thus far devised in the country. This phase of our work I considered superlative.

However, the restrictions and limitations were, from the first onerous and not to be borne by one of my temperament, beliefs and training. The anti-Zionist, anti-Israel bias was carried to the stupid extreme of barring Jewish current events in the school. They were sure the teachers would not know how to handle the Israel current events!

Some day, when it is feasible, I hope to have the opportunity for a long chat with you. Later on, I shall be able write a series of articles on this rare experience. At the moment, I am sitting precariously on a lid of a pot which sputters and boils over.

By, the way, Dr. Siler, I forgot to mention that the Fort Worth people seem to be disregarding all recommendations. They have asked the college for a young man, four or five years out of college. Alas, I have been a Rabbi for almost twenty years and am accounted "an old timer". I think we should begin taling about this thing and doing something about placement at the next Conference.

Thank you once again, Dr. Silver. I know I do not have to tell you that this letter is private and confidential.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Norman M Goldberg

*Norman*



April 28, 1949

Rabbi Norman Goldberg  
Suburban Temple  
881 The Arcade Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Goldberg:

At the suggestion of your brother, I wrote to Mr. Brachman of Fort Worth and I received the enclosed reply this morning.

Thank you so much for your letter.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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## RABBI

NORMAN M. GOLDBURG

Dear Mrs. Silver: I am addressing this letter and check to you because I know your husband would return a check addressed to him.

I want you to buy something personal for the Rabbi. Perhaps, he can use extra shirt studs or a pair of cuff-links or whatever else you may decide upon. Just so it is something that he will find some use for. Perhaps, a dozen really nice handkerchiefs- I mean a half dozen.

I hope you will be able to convey to the Rabbi the deep appreciation which we feel for him. His friendly interest in this "baal teshuvah" and his kindness to my son will never be forgotten. As you must know this has been a gruelling experience for us. I am proud to have come through it as an admirer and well-wisher of Dr. Silver. More and more I sense the madness, the irresponsibility and the self-hatred which have prompted the leaders of Suburban to break away from the Temple and from Dr. Brickner's congregation.

I think Dr. Silver will be pleased to know that I would no more think of compromising with these ignorant and wicked folk than he would. Now that I have spent time in Cleveland I know that his adamant stand was right and justified from the start.

I shall leave Cleveland a better Jew and a better Rabbi for having known Dr. Silver. I pray that God may grant this modern prophet and builder of our people length of days and years of service for Israel and mankind.

Mrs. Goldberg joins me in all good wishes to you and the Rabbi. We wanted to invite you to come over for a few minutes Friday evening but we understand that Dr. Silver cannot make the many confirmation calls.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Norman M. Goldberg

*Norman M. Goldberg*



1739 Holly Hill Rd.  
Augusta, Ga.

Dear Earl:

As the summer months sped by and nothing important opened up for me I decided to come down to this Southern pulpit which made me a very nice offer. In addition, I find myself doing quite a lot of Chaplaincy work at three large local installations. I reapplied for my Reserve Commission and that is that. I mean to say that local chaplaincy duties count on the Reserve schedule. Very nice, indeed.

Were you surprised to learn that Myron Silverman had accepted the Suburban nod. I was. He had called me on his first visit to Cleveland and I gave him as much of the picture as I could in a telephone conversation. I talked to two men at the Conference in Bretton Woods who told me (I have no reason to doubt them) that they turned it down. Why a nice, easy going fellow like Silverman should align himself with that particular group is beyond me.

As I told Dr. Silver many months ago I began to feel clean and self-respecting again when I broke with the Suburbanites. I began to despise the "machers" very early in the game. I shall be interested to see whether Silverman can go along, whether he can absorb their "philosophy", whether he can stand by complacently when these arrogant characters begin to damn the Cleveland Rabbis. Oh boy, you have to have a strong stomach\* to take that kind of medicine.

Have any more of these people broken away from Suburban? I suspect that with many of them it is essentially a matter of what they believe to be "prestige". Suburban has been made to represent an "exclusive" pattern. It represents a "snobbish" approach to the problem of synagogue affiliation. They have the guarantee that it will ever remain small and exclusive. Oh boy, how are you going to fight that, I want to know. It gagged me and forced my first serious break with the "managers" of the show.

May I make a suggestion. This is confidential, Earl, for you and for Rabbi Silver. The only treatment for these chutzbadik aggressors is "quarantine". I believe that their negative approach to Judaism is dangerous and harmful in the extreme..... I wrote a long letter to Nelson Glueck, after I was located in Augusta in which I pointed out the terrible errors which he, the college and the Union had made in dealing with the S. situation. I suggested to him that he has made it easy for rebellious groups to set up shop. I charged that he had given his "hechsher" to the Sub.group. He sent his assistant a fellow named Katz to Cleveland to confirm the first class. He sent a flowery congratulatory wire to Silverman. He exchanged messages with that unspeakable Dietz which messages were used, cleverly and effectively, to prove to Cleveland Jewry that Suburban was O.K. in every way.



I discovered in Bretton Woods that Katz returned to the College with high praises for the S. group and with words of disparagement for Goldberg. Yes, these fellows took care of me, while they were building up these malcontents. At the same time, I made it clear to Glueck that he had lost face and that the college had lost face with the people who really count. He put a light estimate on the loyalty and good-will of the Cleveland Rabbis. He was willing to take at face value and without investigation the pretty declarations of men like Dietz, Stone, Fallon, Burroughs the book man etc. etc.

The last thing he should have done was the very first thing he did.....

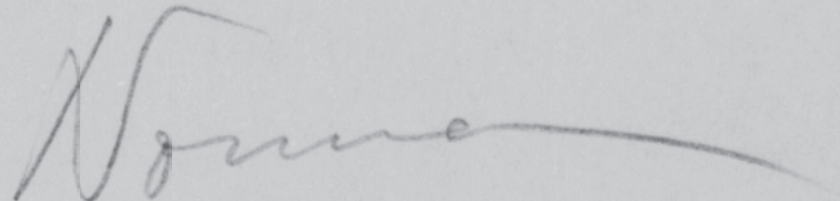
I go back to the idea of quarantine for groups that get started as S. did. Frankly, I do not see how a Rabbi could live happily in a community like Cleveland unless he had, if not the friendship, at least the good-will and respect of the Cleveland Rabbis. I should think he'd feel like an outcast. In fact I think he should be made to feel like an outcast. I maintained while I was in Cleveland and I shall always maintain it that Dr. Silver was the only Rabbi with guts enuf to handle these little Jew-haters. He had their number from the start and would not compromise with them. If the college and the Union had gone along with him I'd have been saved from a mortifying situation. The group would never have gotten started.

Really, Earl, it is almost as hard to forgive the college and Union as it is to forgive myself. Well, this more normal set-up has done me a world of good. I feel like a new man, certainly like a new Rabbi. These people have been wonderful to us and would like to have us remain here indefinitely. However, that is something else again. I mean to say I am not a Southerner and sometimes I think I shall never adjust to this so different routine.

Best to Jules. Please give our warmest greetings to the Silvers. Listen Earl, Dr. Silver has fixed up for me. I mean to say, Jay wants to be a Rabbi. Please Chaplain, what shall I do?

Sincerely,

Norman



P.S. Now that I have a "respectable" address I'd love to preach in the Temple some Sunday morning for Dr. Silver.

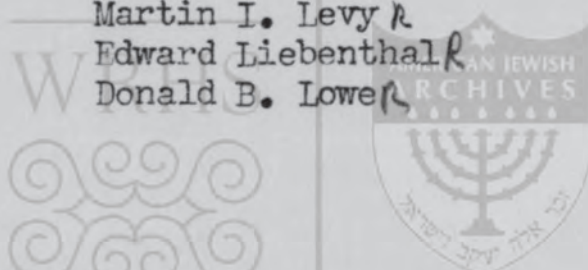


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