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March 25, 1959

Rabbi Jacob Shankman
Temple Israel of New Rochelle
456 Webster Avenue
New Rochelle, New York

Dear Rabbi Shankman:

My wife and I plan to be in Europe during the month of July. We should like, if possible, to attend some sessions of the World Union for Progressive Judaism Conference and I should be pleased to take any part in the Conference that might be desired.

With warmest personal regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

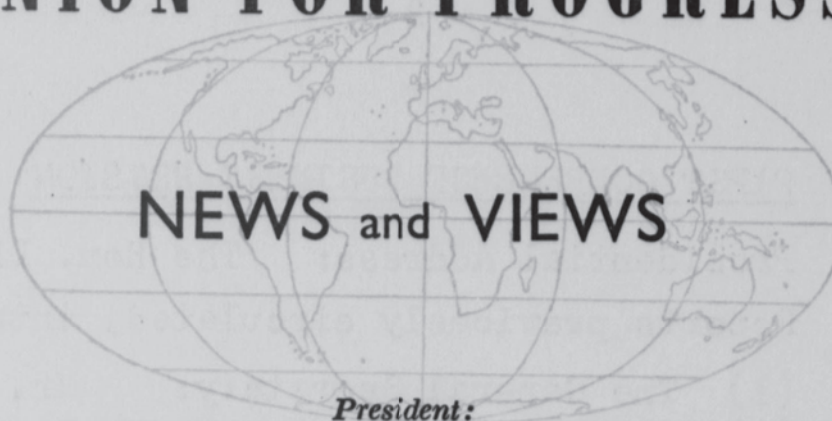
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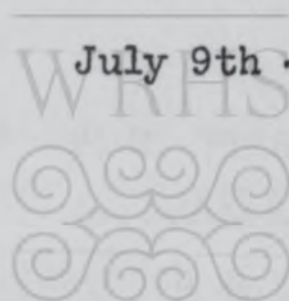
We should be grateful if you would kindly reproduce the following Conference Programme in an early issue of your publication, so that readers who are interested and would like to attend the Conference may have time to get in touch with us and make their arrangements.

THE WORLD UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

51, Palace Court, London, W.2

Preliminary Programme of the 11th International Conference in London

July 9th - 15th, 1959



Thursday, July 9th:

10.00 a.m.

Meeting of the Governing Body.

7.45 p.m. - 10.30 p.m.

RECEPTION at County Hall, S.E.1.

(by kind permission of the London County Council).

Welcome to the Delegates by:

The President of the World Union for Progressive Judaism

(The Hon. Lily H. MONTAGU, C.B.E., J.P.)

and

Response on behalf of the Delegates and Address by:

Rabbi Maurice N. EISENDRATH, D.D., LL.D.,

President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations
and Vice-President of the World Union.

Refreshments will be provided.

Admission by ticket.

Friday, July 10th:

10.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. FIRST CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION

Presidential Address: The Hon. Lily H. Montagu.

Reports previously circulated, introduced by:

- (1) The General Secretary: Mr. Samuel Smith.
- (2) The Hon. Treasurer: Dr. S.C. Lewsen.
- (3) The American Director: Rabbi Dr. Jacob K. Shankman,
B.H., M.A., D.D.
- (4) Report of the International Rabbinical
Seminary in Paris: Rabbi A.C. Zaoui.
- (5) Report of the Youth
Section: Miss Elizabeth Israel.

6.30 p.m.

FRIDAY EVENING CONFERENCE SERVICE

Sermon by: Rabbi Meyer MILLER, M.A., M.H.L. (South Africa).

Saturday, July 11th:

11.00 a.m.

SABBATH MORNING CONFERENCE SERVICE

Sermon by: Rabbi H.M. SANGER, Ph.D., D.D. (Australia).

3.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m. Garden Party for Delegates and Accredited Visitors
by kind invitation of Sir Louis and Lady GLUCKSTEIN
at 39, Elm Tree Road, London, N.W.8.

Sunday, July 12th:

10.00 a.m.

PUBLIC SESSION

"RELIGIOUS AUTHORITY IN PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM".

Rabbi Solomon FREEHOF, D.D. (U.S.A.)

to be followed by a discussion.

1.00 p.m.

Lunch by ticket for Delegates and Accredited Visitors.

2.30 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Discussion continued.

8.00 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION

"JUDAISM APPLIED TO SOCIAL ISSUES"

(a) Judaism and Race Relations

Rabbi Julius MARK, LL.D., D.D. (U.S.A.)

(b) Practical and Ethical Relations with Germany

to be followed by a discussion.

Monday, July 13th:

10.00 a.m.

BUSINESS SESSION

Report on the Inquiry into the Status of Women.

Problems from the Constituents.

1.30 p.m.

Lunch by ticket.

2.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.

London Excursion to places of interest (by ticket).

8.00 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION

PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM FACES ITS TASKS.

Rabbi Bernard BAMBERGER, B.A., D.D., D.H.L. (U.S.A.)

to be followed by a discussion.

Tuesday, July 14th:

10.00 a.m.

BUSINESS SESSION

Reports on the Work of the World Union in connection with:

THE UNITED NATIONS: Mrs. V. Polstein (U.S.A.).

UNESCO: Miss Janine Weill (France)

UNICEF: Mrs. A.V. Goodman (U.S.A.).

Election of Officers.

Business left over from previous sessions.

1.30 p.m. Lunch by ticket.

2.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. PRIVATE MEETING

"RELIGION IN ISRAEL"

Mr. Schalom BEN-CHORIN (Israel)

to be followed by a discussion.

7.00 p.m. CONFERENCE DINNER at The Trocadero Restaurant,
Piccadilly Circus, W.1.

Chairman: Sir Louis GLUCKSTEIN, Q.C.

Speeches by Delegates from various countries.

Admission by ticket.

Wednesday, July 15th:

10.00 a.m.

Meeting of the Governing Body.

2.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. London Excursion to places of interest (by ticket).

Anyone who would like to attend the Conference is cordially invited to apply for particulars to:

The General Secretary,
The World Union for Progressive Judaism,
51, Palace Court, London, W.2.

Telephone: BAYswater 5263.

Overseas

Telegrams: PROJUD, London.

Many more speakers and visitors from all over the world have already accepted our invitation to take part in the Eleventh International Conference of the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

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NOTES FROM THE CENTRE

An all-day session of the Governing Body of the World Union for Progressive Judaism took place on the 11th January, 1959, at 28, St. John's Wood Road, London, N.W.8.

Rabbi Dr. Leslie I. Edgar was in the Chair. The President of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, the Hon. Lily H. Montagu, warmly welcomed our overseas visitors, Rabbi Dr. Jacob K. Shankman, American Director of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, Rabbi J. Soetendorp of Amsterdam, Holland, and M. Maurice N. Greilsammer of Paris, France.

A most encouraging report was given by Rabbi J. Soetendorp, who informed the meeting that membership of his congregation and that of the Dutch Progressive

Youth Group had increased enormously; so much so, that there were more worshippers than seats available at the synagogue. The Board of the Kerkgenootschaap Liberaal Joodse Gemeente, therefore, have decided to build a larger synagogue.

By the combined efforts of Rabbi Soetendorp and his community a new liberal congregation had been established at The Hague.

The Chairman congratulated Rabbi Soetendorp on the production of his book on "Symbols in Judaism". Rabbi Soetendorp had notably added distinction to the Jewish community by his lectures in several Universities in Holland, and his eminent position had been naturally recognised by invitations to attend State functions.

Equally heartening was the report received from M. Maurice N. Greilsammer. As previously reported, the Union Libérale Israelite of Paris put their synagogue in Rue Copernic at the disposal of the English-speaking colony in Paris for the High Holydays and it was filled to capacity with worshippers. The demand for English-language services has resulted in the introduction of regular Sabbath services for the English-speaking colony. The membership of the Union Libérale Israelite has grown to such an extent that the synagogue in the Rue Copernic has proved too small even for regular services, and therefore it has been decided to build a larger Liberal Jewish synagogue in Paris.

An additional Liberal synagogue was opened at the Institut International d'Etudes Hébraïques, where the associate Minister, Rabbi I. Jerusalemi, officiates.

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ISRAEL

Jerusalem

Mr. Schalom Ben-Chorin informed the Centre that on Sabbath (Bo) 17.1.1959 the Jerusalem Group (CHUGIM LE HITHCHADSCHUTH HACHAJIM HADATHIM) celebrated the first anniversary of their establishment. Mr. Ben-Chorin based his sermon on the text of Isaiah 40, 29 - 31:-

"He giveth power to the faint;
And to him that hath no might He increaseth strength.
Even the youths shall faint and be weary,
And the young men shall utterly fall;
But they that wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;
They shall mount up with wings as eagles;
They shall run, and not be weary;
They shall walk, and not faint"

indicating that despite strong opposition from the Orthodox the small group of religious Progressive Jews in Jerusalem had increased their membership. The service was made more impressive by the introduction of the "Hallelujah" by Mozart, sung by Miss Shila Amith, accompanied by Mr. Ahron.

On Sabbath (Shira) 24.1.1959 the New Year of the Trees (Tu-be-Schwat) was given a religious content and celebrated within the synagogue for the first time in Israel.

Haifa.

Leo Baeck Secondary School.

At the Amsterdam Conference of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, held in July, 1957, it was decided to assist the Leo Baeck Secondary School by providing 100 scholarships at £50 each for the year 1958.

Most of the constituents responded vigorously to this appeal. With the

provision of these scholarships Dr. M. Elk, the Director of the Leo Baeck Secondary School, was able to admit more pupils and to employ more teachers. Although restricted by the lack of classrooms, the standard of education was much improved.

The Governing Body of the World Union for Progressive Judaism at their last meeting unanimously decided to continue their efforts to provide further scholarships for this Secondary School, the only one in Israel, or anywhere else, which is based on Progressive Jewish principles.

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CORRESPONDENCE

In reply to our message to Vatican City on the occasion of the election of His Holiness Pope John XXIII, published in our last issue, we have received the following letter:-

"The Secretariat of State of His Holiness has the honour to express the Sovereign Pontiff's sincere thankfulness for the message of felicitations and good wishes addressed to Him on the occasion of His Election and His appreciation of the sentiments which prompted this gesture of deferential homage."



AUSTRALIA

At the biennial Conference of The Australian Union for Progressive Judaism, recently held in Sydney, the following resolution was carried unanimously:-

"This Conference of the Australian Union for Progressive Judaism extends cordial greetings to the Hon. Lily Montagu, President, and to all her colleagues on the Governing Body of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, and is happy to report the continued growth of the Australian Progressive Congregations, the success of their building programmes and the growing influence of Progressive Judaism in Australia and its commencement in New Zealand."

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IMPORTANT BOOK OFFER

The volume entitled "ASPECTS OF PROGRESSIVE JEWISH THOUGHT", a collection of essays edited by the late Rabbi Israel I. Mattuck, A.M., D.H.L., and dedicated to Rabbi Dr. Leo Baeck in honour of his 80th birthday, is now on sale to our members at a SPECIAL PRICE. The existing stock has been taken over from the Publishers by the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

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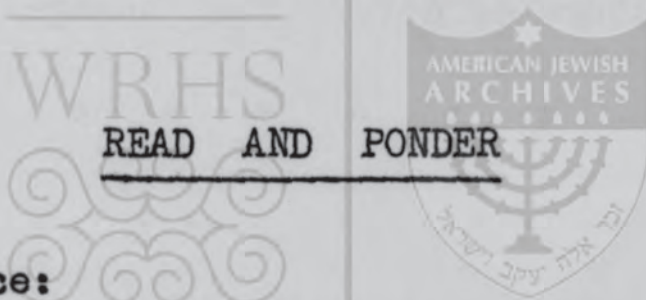
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The World Union for Progressive Judaism is publishing a booklet on the Tenth Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Essays and Reports) with contributions by:-

The Hon. Lily H. Montagu - President of the World Union.
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Thoughts for the Conference:

Assemble the people, the men and the women and the little ones, and thy stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the Lord your God, and observe to do all the words of this law.

(Deuteronomy 31, 12.)

Rabbi Chatafta, the son of Dosa, of the village of Chananya, said, When ten people, a congregation, sit together, and occupy themselves with the Torah, the Shekinah abides among them - they have prepared God's dwelling-place on earth. And even five, or three, or two may do so, or even one, for so it is promised, Wherever I hear my name being remembered, says the Lord, I will come unto thee and I will bless thee.

(Sayings of the Fathers)

There is that speaketh rashly like the piercings of a sword; But the tongue of the wise is health.

(Proverbs 12, 18.)

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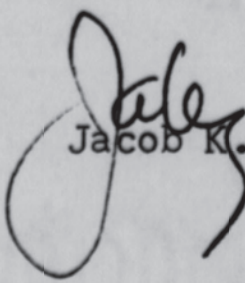
The World Union will hold its Conference in London from July 9th through the 14th, and I hope that you will be able to attend all our sessions. Am I interpreting your letter correctly to mean that you would like to be accredited as a delegate? Please let me know and if it is possible, we shall try to arrange it.

The major parts of the program have already been completed, but there may be some assignments which will be based upon actual attendance.

Incidentally, are you planning to be in Paris? We have American Reform Services there on Friday evenings at 7:30 and we still need to fill the dates of July 10th and July 31st. If it will be possible for you to conduct such a service and preach a sermon, I shall be very happy to include you in our plans. Do let me know.

With kind greetings.

Cordially yours,


Jacob K. Shankman

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March 30, 1959

Rabbi Jacob K. Shankman
456 Webster Avenue
New Rochelle, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi Shankman:

First I want to thank you for your courteous and prompt reply to my letter. I intend to make every effort to attend at least some of the World Union meetings.

I shall be most happy to conduct services in Paris on July 31st. We plan to be in Paris that weekend preparatory to returning home and it would be both a matter of convenience and a privilege to preach at these services.

Thanking you for your kind attention, I remain

Most cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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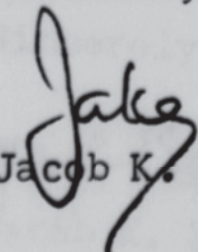
Dear Daniel:

I am delighted to learn that you will conduct services for us in Paris on July 31st, and will send you further instructions as soon all the information is prepared. Of course, I have also notified the Committee on Credentials and Delegates that you will be in London and shall look forward with pleasure to having you attend as many sessions as possible.

I do hope that you will become interested in our work, for our program in many countries deserves the fullest support of our colleagues, and I do hope too that you will find it possible in your Congregation to generate some interest in the World Union and also some adequate and deserved financial support of our efforts. Meanwhile, I believe that an official letter to you might be helpful for whatever use you may choose to make of it, and I am very pleased to enclose it.

Appreciating your cooperation, and with every good wish, I am

Cordially yours,


Jacob K. Shankman

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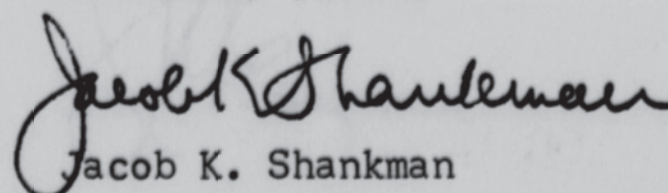
On behalf of the American Board of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, I should like very much to ask you to occupy the pulpit of the Union Libérale Israelite, 24 Rue Copernic in Paris, next summer.

Several years ago, we introduced American Reform services in the Synagogue in Paris for the benefit of the resident American Jewish community and for such transients who would be there. To achieve success in this program, it is necessary for us to ask the cooperation of our colleagues. We regret very much that we cannot remunerate them for any expenses involved in going to Paris, nor can we offer them any honorarium whatsoever.

However, it is a great act of service and one that can be very helpful in the promotion of our Liberal religious movement. It would, therefore, be a source of great satisfaction to me and to our Board if you would find it convenient to occupy the pulpit there on Friday evening, July 31st, 1959, to conduct the service from the Union Prayer Book and to preach a timely sermon to the Congregation. Naturally, the entire service will be in English.

Trusting that you will find it possible to accede to this request and with every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,


Jacob K. Shankman

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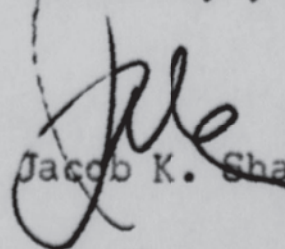
I want to take this opportunity to thank you for cooperating with the American Board and for having conducted one of our American Reform services in Paris this past summer. I trust that this was an enjoyable and rewarding experience and that it gave you some satisfaction.

I would appreciate it very much if you would let me know your reactions to the service, how many attended, and what the general impressions were.

While we offer no honorarium for your efforts and trouble, and since the Rabbis volunteer their services, it would seem that these services cost us very little. Nevertheless, the music each time cost more than \$50 and the announcements in The Herald Tribune were also expensive, and thus these services will have cost the American Board of the World Union approximately \$700. I think that psychologically they were worth far more, but would appreciate your own opinion and estimate.

Appreciating your cooperation, and with kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Jacob K. Shankman

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September 23, 1959

Rabbi Jacob K. Shankman
The World Union for Progressive Judaism
456 Webster Avenue
New Rochelle, New York

Dear Rabbi Shankman:

In reply to your letter of September 18th, it is my feeling that the service performs a definite function and ought to be continued but that it is not receiving the proper support from either the local congregation or congregations in the United States. The Sabbath I was there some thirty-five people were in attendance, over half personal friends and members of this Temple. The attitude of the local congregation seems to be that they have no relation to the service except to welcome the rabbi and to provide the hall and music. Their own services immediately precedes. It is a fine service and was largely attended.

I presume that it is dispiriting for many to speak in this rather empty sanctuary. Certainly the visiting preacher can do little towards developing attendance, but you ought to be able to find individuals in our Embassy in business in Paris who would undertake this as their project. If you could get local support and some publicity in American bulletins, I think the services might become successful. If you cannot, then certainly they ought to be dropped.

With warmest personal regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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February 9, 1961

World Union For Progressive Judaism
838 Fifth Avenue
New York 21, N. Y.

(Rebbitz Hugo J. Gryn)

Gentlemen:

*Two members of The Temple will be in London during the time of next year's World Conference and will be interested in attending. Can we arrange for their admission?



Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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* Mrs. & Mrs. Erich Bruch



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May 12, 1967

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
The Temple
University Circle at Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Daniel:

Many thanks for your brief response of May 10th to our recent letter on Adoption Plan participation.

You suggest we check our records. We have, and we find that in 1966 we received \$100 from the religious school Sunshine Fund in support of our general program, and \$100 from the Sisterhood on the NFTS "Friend of the World Union" project. We have record of no receipt of funds for the Ramat Gan Adoption from the temple itself or from its auxiliaries in that year. Just in 1965.

Your further help will be warmly appreciated.

Cordially,

Rabbi William A. Rosenthall
Executive Director

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May 15, 1967

Rabbi William A. Rosenthal
Executive Director
The World Union for Progressive Judaism, Ltd.
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10021

Dear Bill:

I shall see to it that next year's gift from the
religious school is directed to the Ramat Gan
project.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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January 15, 1970

Mr. Alex M. Elijah
"Dieal"
Central Avenue, Chembur
Bombay 71 AS, India

Dear Mr. Elijah:

I am delighted to advise you of the forthcoming visit to Bombay of Rabbi and Mrs. Daniel Silver of Cleveland, Ohio. The Silvers plan to be in Bombay the last week of January, and I know would like very much to worship with you Sabbath evening, January 30th. I am sure that Rabbi Silver would be pleased to address the congregation.

Dr. Silver is the rabbi of Congregation Tifereth Israel (The Temple) of Cleveland, and is also editor of the Journal of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. For your further information, he is the son of the late revered Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of international fame.

I am informed that the Silvers will be staying at the Taj Mahal Hotel.

With the very kindest of greetings, and of course with warm appreciation for whatever hospitality may be offered the visitors, I am

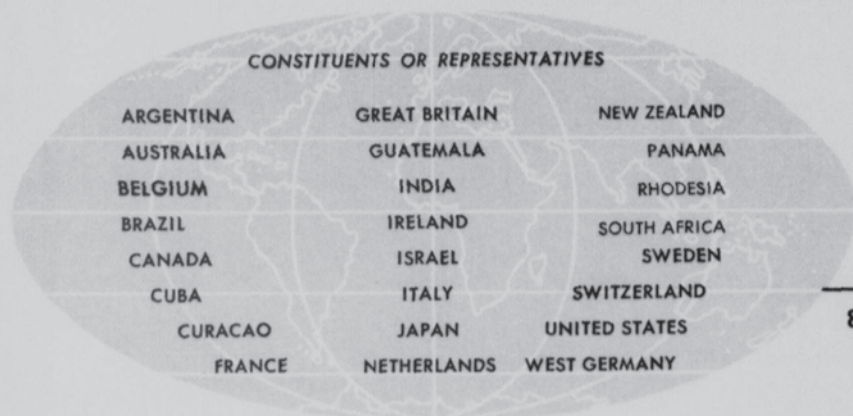
Sincerely yours,

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cc: Rabbi Daniel Silver

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March 5, 1970

Rabbi Dr. Daniel J. Silver
Tifereth Israel (The Temple)
University Circle & Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Daniel:

I am advised by Mr. Alex Elijah of Bombay that there had been some confusion about the date of your being with our local congregation.

You will recall that you told me on the telephone that you would be in Bombay the last Sabbath of January, and you will have noted from copies of my letter sent to you at the Taj Mahal Hotel and Cleveland that I therefore specified the date of January 30th.

Our Indian friends were very much disappointed that more of the congregation could not meet you and your wife; but I hope that nonetheless you had a pleasant visit to that city as well as all together a very happy trip.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially,

William A. Rosenthall

WAR:fs

March 10, 1970

Rabbi William A. Rosenthal
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Dear Bill:

I did spend Shabbos morning with the congregation
in Bombay and found them a pleasant and most
hospitable group. Their future, of course, is
problematic but then whose is not.

With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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