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IMPERIAL THEATRE 45th ST. W of B'way



Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The Park Sheraton Hotel  
202 Fifty Sixth Street West  
New York 19, N. Y.

November 1, 1950

Dear Rabbi Birstein:

On the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Actor's Temple, I am very glad to have this opportunity to send my congratulations and good wishes.

I am sure that the men and women who have found solace and inspiration in the Synagogue are deeply grateful for all you have done. I wish you continued and greater success in your endeavor.

Very sincerely yours,

*Franklin Roosevelt*

**ED SULLIVAN**

**502 PARK AVE.**

**NEW YORK CITY**

December 24, 1957

Dear Rabbi Birstein:

Whenever I am down in the dumps, I wish you'd send me a letter because you always make me feel a lot better than I am.

God love you.

Sincerely,



Ed Sullivan

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CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
NEW YORK 7. N. Y.

October 16, 1947

Ezrath Israel Synagogue  
"The Actors' Temple"  
339 West 47th Street  
New York City

Dear Friends:

I send my sincerest greetings to your distinguished spiritual leader and my good friend, Rabbi Bernard Birnstein, and to all the members of your Congregation. Sending you greetings through your journal has become an annual gesture, and, indeed, a very pleasant annual gesture.

Your temple is a splendid religious influence in our theatrical district, but its influence is not localized. The fine work which the theatrical members of your Congregation perform for charitable causes, without compensation, is widely known and widely appreciated by persons of all faiths. I am sure that the people of the City are grateful to you.

I understand that your program this year is to assist in the freeing of your brethren who are still looking at the world through barbed wire. I am sympathetic with you in your efforts. As you know I have worked for these unfortunate people, and I am anxious to cooperate with you in your efforts for them.

Over six million civilian Jews were killed in the Hitlerian sadism, so horribly expressed in pseudo-scientific experiments on living human beings and in the gas chambers. About three years have passed since that sadism was arrested. But very little has been done in that time to relieve the miseries of those who managed to survive. The time has come for action. You are undertaking a Godly task. The best of luck to you.

Sincerely,

Mayor



STATE OF NEW YORK  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER  
ALBANY

THOMAS E. DEWEY  
GOVERNOR

October 18, 1947



Rabbi Bernard Birstein,  
Actors' Temple,  
339 West 47th Street,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi Birstein:

It is always a pleasure to send warm greetings to you and to the members of your congregation upon the occasion of your annual benefit. The good that you do, the warm, humane sympathy that you spread around you has made the Actors' Temple justly famous as a center of true brotherhood.

It is no wonder that Congregation Ezzrath Israel is known and loved throughout the world of show business. It is known and loved for its spirit of humanity and fellowship, for its good works, for the light of culture and idealism that shines from it and, above all, for the inspiration and spiritual consolation that emanate from the Actors' Temple. May that light never be dimmed.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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HERBERT H. LEHMAN  
41 EAST 57th STREET  
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October 13, 1947

May I again send my congratulations and good wishes to the Ezrath Israel Synagogue. I have been advised of the fine service which the Synagogue has been rendering, without regard to race, color or creed, to the people of the theatrical world and to those who live and work in the Times Square area. I believe that spiritual inspiration and adherence to religion is more necessary today than ever in this confused and troubled world.

I send you my best wishes for continued success. I hope that the Synagogue will go on to bigger and greater things for the service of mankind.

Yours very sincerely,

*Herbert H. Lehman*



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10 WASHINGTON SQUARE, WEST  
NEW YORK 11, N. Y.

October 10, 1947

I am glad to have this opportunity again to send my good wishes to The Actors' Temple.

I know that the theatrical world which makes up this congregation, gives generously to all the many causes that come up in the world today and I hope that the gratitude which must come from their generosity is some compensation.

Very sincerely yours,

*Thaan Rosenblatt*

*pushed into the back ground by political and economic needs.*

*If the stand firm by the ethical and spiritual the rest will follow.*

*Men like you must lead. My best wishes*

*Sincerely  
Bernard M. Baruch*



*110 25th  
1947*

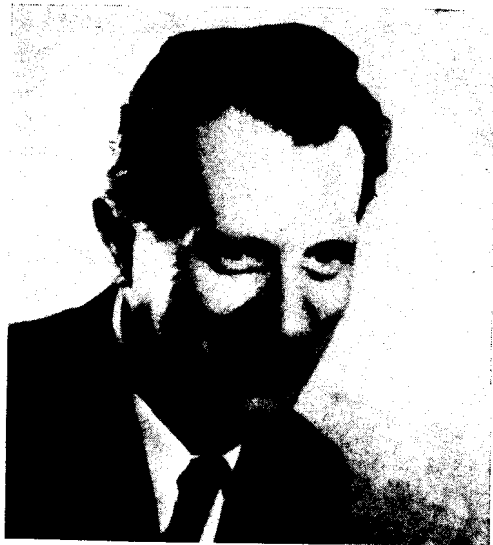
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*My dear Rabbi Rosenblatt -*

*In these days of confusion to all men, religion is a refuge to which all can turn. In no other religion can take us into her arms and soothe our fears and comfort us to meet our trials.*

*The spiritual and ethical values have been*

## Greetings from Our Rabbi



This is our Twenty-Fifth Annual Theatre Benefit. It was just twenty-five years ago that I invited the members of the theatrical profession to become affiliated with our institution. Their response was immediate and warm. Enthusiastically they adopted this Temple as their own. They became "Our people of the Theatre." Our temple became theirs, the "Actors' Temple". Here they sought solace and peace. Here they found religious inspiration and spiritual guidance. Here, in turn, they

offered their talent, their time, their devotion. With the characteristic generosity of show people, they immediately volunteered their efforts to insure the existence and growth of our Temple.

Every year, they have made our "Show" an outstanding success with their brilliant performances. For twenty-five years we have been entertained by their art and honored by their friendship. Long may they continue to serve and to receive the applause and appreciation they so richly deserve. For it is they, with the aid of numerous friends and loyal co-workers, who, by their constant cooperation and unfailing generosity, have maintained and upheld this House of Worship. The Actors' Temple functions as a spiritual haven and educational antidote against the dissident and destructive forces in the world today.

I rejoice tonight, knowing you still treasure the sacred heritage of our forefathers. The spirit that makes this evening a success comes from the same spiritual reservoir that inspired the Maccabees to fight for religious freedom more than two thousand years ago. The Maccabean triumph is symbolized in the Chanukah candles lit by Jews tonight the world over. The tiny lights in this chaotic period offer us the comforting thought that a true ideal will not bow to ignorance and brutality.

In these trying times when unfortunately, nation is pitted against nation, when power politics is the vogue; in this age of armaments and atomic bombs, of challenges and of threats, it is desirable, even urgent to repeat the compelling words of the prophet Zechariah, "Not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

Let us go back to our spiritual heritage, relearn it and reapply it to the problems of state as to our personal problems. Let us pit the conquering forces of the spirit against the prevailing rule of might. For only then will we find true brotherhood, understanding and peace.

BERNARD BIRSTEIN, *Rabbi*