Henri Temianka Correspondence; (babin)

**Description**
This collection contains material pertaining to the life, career, and activities of Henri Temianka, violin virtuoso, conductor, music teacher, and author. Materials include correspondence, concert programs and flyers, music scores, photographs, and books.

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My dear Temi,

At last, after years of loose life, wild adventures, unregulated and hazardous intercourse, you have chosen the path of bourgeois dignity and normality. I hope that the shock of becoming a lesser half after having been for so long a better whole will not seriously undermine your ego. You and Mrs. Teni... have my unselfish devotion and heartfelt wishes for a future life that will be blessed with all those wonders of human understanding and fulfillment that make living perpetual happiness. I certainly look forward to meet the bride (I hope she can cook gefilte fish) and to tell her that, no matter how difficult you may be now, your are easier now than before you met me — hence, I expect to be treated especially kindly.

Your offer to do your best to help me with respect to war work I appreciate very much. However, before we do anything critical, I think you should know my status here it is: citizen of Lithuania born 1908 in Moscow, first American papers since 1939, military classification: reclassified into 1-A last month, expect induction soon.

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In a fashion that would be non-committal you might, perhaps, first find out if there is any hope for me to be released by my draft-board under request from the DOT and whether the war I would be given to do there would be considered "essential" etc. In any case, whatever you do, I am grateful for your readiness to help me.

My affectionate greetings to you and Madame.

Yours always, 

[Signature]

My languages: Russian, Spanish, English, French, and Lithuanian. Under pressure also yiddish of the "litvak" brand.
My dear Temi,

At last, after years of loose life, wild adventures, unregulated and hazardous intercourse you have chosen the path of bourgeois dignity and orderliness. I hope that the shock of becoming a lesser half after having been for so long a better whole will not seriously undermine your ego. You and Mrs. Temianka have my unrestricted devotion and heartfelt wishes for a future life that will be blessed with all those wonders of human understanding and fulfillment that make living perpetual happiness. I certainly look forward to meet the bride (I hope she can cook .gefllte fish!) and to tell her that, no matter how difficult you may be now, your are easier now than before you met me – hence, I expect to be treated especially kindly.

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In a fashion that would be non-committed you could, perhaps, first find out if there is any hope for me to be released by my draft-board under request from the OWI and whether the work I would be given to do there would be considered “essential” etc. In any case, whatever you do, I am grateful for your readiness to help me.

My affectionate greetings to you and Madame,
Yours always,
Victor

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