

THE
LINCOLN LOG
ON THIS DAY,

DECEMBER 14, 1861

President Lincoln writes to Arnold Fischel, with whom he had met a few days earlier. A newspaper reported, "Rev. Dr. Fischel, of New York...urge[d] the appointment of Jewish chaplains for every military department, they being excluded by an act of Congress from the volunteer regiments." Lincoln writes, "There are several particulars in which the present law...is supposed to be deficient, all of which I now design presenting to the appropriate Committee of Congress. I shall try to have a new law broad enough to cover what is desired by...the Israelites."



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