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America-Israel Society, 1953-1955.



THEODORE R. MCKELDIN
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

September 15, 1953

Mr. Leo S. Bamberger
Executive Secretary
The Temple
E. 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Mr. Bamberger:

Replying to your letter of September 4th, the Governor ordinarily receives a fee of \$500.00 and expenses when he is called upon to go out of the state, but he has asked me to advise you that because of his great admiration for Rabbi Silver, he will be very happy to come to Cleveland and address the Men's Club simply for his expenses, which will amount to approximately \$50.00.

The Governor is looking forward with much pleasure to being with you.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred K. Mombberger
Secretary

MKM:ah

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September 23, 1953

Honorable Theodore R. McKeldin
Governor of Maryland
Annapolis, Maryland

My dear Governor McKeldin:

Through my office I learned of your graciousness in foregoing an honorarium in connection with the address which you will deliver before the Men's Club of The Temple, and that you are doing it for me. I need not tell you that I am profoundly grateful for this demonstration of friendship.

I shall look forward with keen pleasure to meeting you here again, where a great crowd of people who admire you will be waiting for you.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:dk

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

THEODORE R. MCKELDIN
GOVERNOR

December 2, 1953

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
East 105 Street & Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Word has come to me of your willingness to serve as one of the founders of the America-Israel Society. Since I have agreed to cooperating in setting up this organization, I am delighted to welcome you to our group.

The organizational meeting of the Society will be held at a dinner in the Executive Mansion at Annapolis on a date that has not yet been selected. You will, of course, receive an invitation and we hope you can arrange to attend.

I assume that you have been informed to some extent as to the purposes and proposed program of the Society. We are certain that it will serve a most useful function in promoting inter-cultural relations. You will be kept in touch with developments.

Many thanks for your interest and cooperation.

Most cordially,

Theodore R. McKeldin



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

THEODORE R. MCKELDIN
GOVERNOR

December 15, 1953

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Ansel Road & East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

You will wish to be brought up to date on the Founders of the America-Israel Society. There is now a total of fourteen acceptances--Governors Knight of California and Herter of Massachusetts; Senators Ferguson, Douglas, Ives and Lehman; writers and editors: John Cowles, Dr. Daniel A. Poling and Robert Sherwood; from the field or religion: Bishop Bernard J. Sheil of Chicago, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, Dr. Louis Finkelstein and yourself. We have been assured of other acceptances but these are the official ones that have come in. I will keep you informed in regard to others.

The Society will be officially launched at a dinner in the Executive Mansion on the evening of Thursday, January 21 at 7:30 P. M. This will be a meeting of great significance, for at that time the purpose, constitution and by-laws and the project program of the Society will be approved before public announcement. We need your advice and counsel. This will be the only administrative meeting in which the Founders as such will participate. A car will meet you either in Baltimore or Washington. Details will be arranged later.

Please put the date on your calendar and let me know at your earliest convenience if you can come.

Any help which you can give me in convincing Mr. Hoover that he should become a Founder will be greatly appreciated. A carbon copy of my letter to him is enclosed.

Very cordially yours,

John M. Peale

AMERICA-ISRAEL SOCIETY

Its Purpose*

The America-Israel Society is a non-profit, non-political, non-sectarian association of Americans interested in promoting inter-cultural relations between the United States and Israel. It will help Americans to a new appreciation of the culture of Israel, and encourage the people of that nation to a better understanding of America and its way of life. The Society will seek to interpret the spiritual tradition and democratic heritage that binds the two nations together and to give added meaning to the unity of purpose that characterizes freedom-loving peoples.

Its Projected Program

The Society's activities will be centered in the following general spheres of service:

Cooperation in a cultural interchange as represented by persons--students, professors, lecturers and artists--providing platforms and occasions for Israel's leaders and making appropriate introductions of Americans going to Israel.

Assistance in a cultural interchange as represented by creative expressions--books, journals, exhibitions, motion pictures and the arts with the development of a comprehensive library of such materials as a continuing means of understanding.

Sharing in extending hospitality to visitors from Israel--sponsoring special occasions, such as luncheons and dinners, in honor of distinguished persons; assisting others in their contacts and plans; arranging informal teas, not only in Washington, but throughout the country to facilitate personal acquaintance.

Encouragement of scholarly research in such fields as history and archeology.

Preparation of multigraphed and printed materials designed to serve the purposes and interests of the Society.

Encouragement of travel in Israel by Americans as the best means of knowing the country, its people and its culture, with assistance in making plans and arranging contacts.

Within these general areas the Society will seek to supplement, not duplicate, the work of other organizations.

Membership

Membership in the America-Israel Society is open to residents of the United States and to American organizations and corporations in sympathy with the Society's objectives.

*Tentative statement, subject to final approval by Founders.

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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

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AM HOPING U CAN ACCEPT MY INVITATION TO DINNER ON THURSDAY JANUARY TWENTY FIRST SEVEN THIRTY PM AT THE EXECUTIVE MANSION ON THE OCCASION OF THE LAUNCHING OF THE AMERICA ISRAEL SOCIETY. A CAR WILL PICK YOU UP AT STATION OR AIRFIELD ON YOUR ARRIVAL IN BALTIMORE=

THEODORE R MCKELDIN GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND=

Wire to Governor Theodore McKeldin
Annapolis, Maryland

January 7, 1954

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GRACIOUS INVITATION FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 21.
I SHALL LOOK FORWARD WITH GREAT PLEASURE TO BEING WITH YOU.
WARMEST REGARDS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



Telegram to Governor Theodore McKeldin
Annapolis, Maryland

January 19, 1954

RABBI SILVER WILL ARRIVE WASHINGTON 1:12 P. M. JANUARY
21 VIA CAPITAL FLIGHT 412. ASSUME CAR WILL MEET HIM.
KINDLY ARRANGE OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS.

Mrs. E. Sparrow
Secretary to Rabbi Silver





THE GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND

AND MRS. MCKELDIN

REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY

*at a dinner of the founders of the
American Israel Society*

*January, the twenty-first
at seven-thirty o'clock*

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

THEODORE R. MCKELDIN
GOVERNOR

February 5, 1954.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Ansel Road at 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The America-Israel Society, of which you and I have the distinction of being Founders, is now in being. I believe that we who were present at the Founders' Dinner on January 21st are entitled to feel that the circumstances of its birth were auspicious, and that the Society is destined to serve a significantly useful purpose. However, we realize that the real work is just beginning.

Mr. F. Joseph Donohue, whom we elected as Chairman of the Board of Governors, has undertaken the responsibility of establishing a national headquarters for the Society in Washington and selecting a small staff. Preparations are under way for a number of events this Spring, culminating in the Israel Independence Day Dinner which will be held in Washington on May 8th.

We are all counting heavily on your continued counsel and guidance, and I hope that you will make a special point of passing along to me or Mr. Donohue any ideas for constructive activity in line with the purposes and program of the Society. We, in turn, will see that you are kept fully informed.

It was a great pleasure for Mrs. McKeldin and me to have you as our guest at the dinner which saw the formal organization of the America-Israel Society. I think that we shall look back at the occasion with a feeling of intense pride.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

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THEODORE R. MCKELDIN
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

February 12, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I enclose a copy of the photograph taken at Government House on the occasion of the America-Israel Society Founders' Dinner.

It was a sincere pleasure for Mrs. McKeldin and me to have you as our guest, and I am certain that in the days to come, those present will look back on the organizational meeting of the Society with a feeling of pride.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

TRMcK/mo'c

February 16, 1954

Governor Theodore R. McKeldin
Annapolis, Maryland

My dear Friend:

I have just returned from a short holiday which Mrs. Silver and I took in Florida, and this is my first opportunity to thank you and Mrs. McKeldin for the gracious hospitality which I was privileged to enjoy at your hands. It gave me special pleasure to have had the privilege of meeting Mrs. McKeldin, as well as your young daughter.

The dinner and meeting which were held and which culminated in the founding of the American Israel Society were impressive and delightful in every way. This morning I received a photograph which was taken at Government House, and it brought back most pleasant memories to me.

With warmest regards, and hoping that I may have the pleasure of seeing you again in the near future, again I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

THEODORE R. MCKELDIN
GOVERNOR

February 22, 1954.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you very much for your gracious letter of February 16th, and I hasten to assure you that it was a great pleasure and a privilege for Mrs. McKeldin and me to have you as our guest at Government House.

I know that you will be delighted to learn that I have received many, many congratulatory messages relative to the founding of the America-Israel Society and, in many instances, the writers have expressed a desire to actively participate in furthering the aims of the Society. The reception it has received is most encouraging.

I hope that your brief holiday in Florida proved an enjoyable one for you and Mrs. Silver, and that we shall have the pleasure of welcoming you in Maryland in the not too distant future.

With warm personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

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ANSEL RD AND 105 ST CLEVE=

GOVERNOR MCKELDIN AND MR. DONOHUE HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND SOCIETY'S FIRST NATIONAL DINNER HOTEL STATLER, WASHINGTON DC EVENING MAY 11. WILL YOU LET ME KNOW YOUR PLANS? YOUR COOPERATION WILL HELP IN SEATING AND PUBLICITY ARRANGEMENTS=

GEORGE L CASSIDY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AMERICA-ISRAEL SOCIETY WILLARD HOTEL WASHINGTON DC=

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AMERICA-ISRAEL SOCIETY

WILLARD HOTEL, WASHINGTON 4, D. C.

PHONE NATIONAL 8-3955

April 14, 1954

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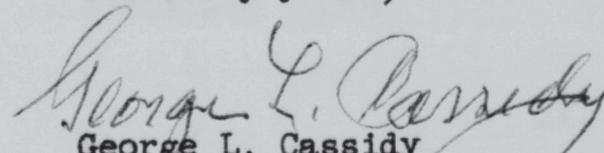
Dear Dr. Silver:

We are about to send out invitations to attend the first annual dinner of the Society which, as you know, will be held the evening of May 11, in the Statler Hotel here. Because of physical requirements, we are limiting attendance at the dinner to one thousand persons. The subscription will be \$15.00 each.

Perhaps you would like to provide us with a list of persons in your area who ought to receive ticket applications, either because their attendance would increase the representative character of the dinner, or because they might feel hurt if they were not included.

Speakers will include Mr. Herbert Brownell, Attorney General of the United States, and Mr. Abba Eban, Ambassador of Israel. Leading American and Israeli musicians will take part in the program.

Sincerely yours,


George L. Cassidy
Executive Director

TELEGRAM

April 21, 1954

MR. GEORGE L. CASSIDY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
AMERICA-ISRAEL SOCIETY
WILLARD HOTEL
WASHINGTON 4, D. C.

WILL BE PLEASED TO ATTEND THE DINNER ON MAY ELEVENTH.

REGARDS.

ABRA HILLEL SILVER



April 22, 1954

Mr. George L. Cassidy, Executive Director
America-Israel Society
Willard Hotel
Washington 4, D. C.

My dear Mr. Cassidy:

In reply to your kind letter of April 14th, you may wish to send invitations to the following people to attend the dinner on the 11th:

Mr. Max Freedman
16700 So. Woodland Rd.
Cleveland 20

Mr. Leonard Ratner
15700 Van Aken Blvd.
Cleveland 20

Mr. M. E. Glass
32750 Cedar
Cleveland 24

Mr. Abe M. Luntz
2821 Drummond Rd.
Cleveland 20

Mr. S. M. Friedman
2964 Courtland Blvd.
Cleveland 22

Rabbi Barnett Brickner
Euclid Avenue Temple
Cleveland

Mr. William Shipley
17210 Aldersyde Drive
Cleveland 20

Mr. Maurice Saltzman
17910 Scottsdale Blvd.
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Mr. Eugene H. Goodman
2915 Paxton Road
Cleveland 20

Mr. Julius E. Goodman
2655 Euclid Heights Blvd.
Cleveland 6

Mr. Bertram W. Amster
3256 Ardmore
Cleveland

Rabbi Rudolph Rosenthal
Temple on the Heights
3130 Mayfield Rd.
Cleveland

Mr. Sidney N. Weitz
19201 Van Aken Boulevard
Cleveland 22

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms

April 23, 1954

Mr. George L. Cassidy
Executive Director
America-Israel Society
Willard Hotel
Washington 4, D. C.

Dear Mr. Cassidy:

Rabbi Silver would be most grateful if you could assist him in a minor matter, but one that is nonetheless of importance.

We have tried, unsuccessfully, at the Statler and Mayflower Hotels, to locate a room for him for the night of the America-Israel Society dinner - May 11th. Of course the Rabbi is most anxious to attend, and it does seem that the hotel problem will be a serious one in Washington at that time.

Anything you may be able to do to locate a room for him in Washington for that one night would be most appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth M. Sparrow
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

Enclosed is Rabbi Silver's subscription for the dinner.

AMERICA-ISRAEL SOCIETY

WILLARD HOTEL, WASHINGTON 4, D. C.

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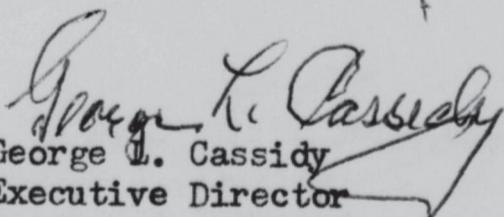
Attention of Mrs. Ruth M. Sparrow

Dear Dr. Silver:

We have reserved a room for you at the Statler for arrival on May 11th. The room is, of course, reserved in your name.

We are delighted to know that you are coming and look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely yours,


George L. Cassidy
Executive Director

The America-Israel Society
cordially invites you to attend its
First National Dinner
in observance of
Israel Independence Day
Tuesday, the eleventh of May
nineteen hundred and fifty-four
at seven-thirty o'clock

The Statler Hotel
Washington, D. C.

Speakers:

The Honorable Herbert Brownell
Attorney General of the United States

His Excellency, Abba Eban
The Ambassador of Israel

R. S. V. P.
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Willard Hotel
Washington, D. C.

Black tie
\$15.00 per person

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FIRST NATIONAL DINNER

MAY 11, 1954

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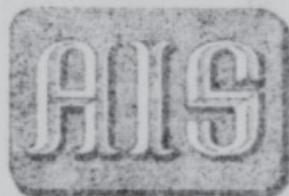
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"To advance fuller understanding through cultural interchange..."

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EST. 1955

David Hillel Silver

by virtue of special interest in the purposes of the Society,
has been designated a

Supporting Member. Dues paid until March 31, 1955.

Herb Myer *Joseph M. Cohen*

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HOTEL WILLARD • WASHINGTON 4, D. C.

PHONE: NATIONAL 8-3955

Sept. 14, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
 The Abba Hillel Silver Charitable and
 Educational Fund
 The Temple
 Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It was heartwarming to enroll you as a Supporting Member of the Society, for your prompt response again shows your continuing interest in the effort that you did so much to initiate.

We are now seeking to expand membership more rapidly, for we hope soon to begin to establish local Chapters. So far we have attained representation in 26 States and the District of Columbia. Among those who have joined us are many persons who have achieved distinction in their activities - Bill Paley, of C.B.S., Thronton Wilder, John Hersey, Mayor Glade of Salt Lake City, Dean Cavers of Harvard Law School, come to mind - and others of real substance in their communities. From the point of view of quality, we have a right be be proud of our membership. If, however, you could suggest some persons in Cleveland, both Jews and Gentiles, who should be asked to become members, it would be most helpful.

Busy as you are, I hope that you will bear in mind the importance of program to the Society and pass on to me any thoughts you may have for projects which we might undertake. In addition, should you plan to come to Washington, I would like the privilege of having a few minutes with you.

Sincerely,

George L. Cassidy
 George L. Cassidy
 Executive Director

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Be it known that Abba Hillel Silver

by virtue of special interest in the purposes
of the Society, has been designated a

Supporting Member

and is entitled to all the rights and privileges of Membership for the year 1954.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HAND AND SEAL

THIS 24th DAY OF Sept. 19 54

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Abba Hillel Silver", written over a horizontal line.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joseph Broder", written over a horizontal line.

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Nov. 3, 1954

GOVERNOR THEODORE MCKELDIN
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR MAGNIFICENT VICTORY AND ALL GOOD WISHES.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER





Thank you for your very kind thought of me and for your good wishes and congratulations. As I face the responsibilities of the next four years, it is a great comfort to know that I shall have your continued confidence and support.

Theo. M. Galden

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Jan. 3, 1955

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
 The Temple
 Ansel Road & 105th Street
 Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Society's second National Dinner, in honor of the creative spirit of the people of Israel, will be held in the new ballroom of the Willard Hotel, Washington, D.C., April 27, 1955, which is the Seventh Anniversary of the establishment of the State.

One of the features of the dinner under consideration is a Reading by outstanding actors of passages from the Bible that have served to inspire American and Israeli pioneers. This part of the program will last about 30 to 35 minutes.

It has been proposed that the Reading be prepared by a leading writer who will seek to connect the appropriate Biblical passages into a dramatic whole.

Will you give thought to this project and suggest Biblical passages that, in your judgment, would be most telling?

If we can begin work on this project promptly, we believe we can produce a Reading of great dignity and spiritual force.

Sincerely yours,

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Jan. 4, 1955

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
 The Temple
 Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Dear Doctor Silver:

Your Society has been moving slowly and carefully in the development of its organization and program.

So far, the few events we have sponsored have been successful and our membership has been strengthened materially.

The Society soon will be in a position to launch a more ambitious program in pursuit of its objectives. In this program, it is hoped that each member, sooner or later, can play an active and constructive part.

Because of the fact that the Society's members live in widely separated areas, it is impossible for the officers and staff to meet each personally, at least for some time to come. Yet a closer relationship would be most valuable.

Would you be willing, therefore, to send me a brief biographical note?

If you can take a few minutes from your busy schedule to reply to this letter, it would be most helpful. I am enclosing a brief form for you to fill out if this will be convenient, and a return envelope.

Should you come to Washington, I hope you will let me know.

Sincerely yours,

George Cassidy
 George L. Cassidy
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This is a letter you would be interested in seeing it although your biography everybody knows!
G.L.C.

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Dear Doctor Silver:

Please mark the date of April 26, 1955 on your calendar as a special appointment.

On that date, the Society will hold its annual membership meeting and its Second National Dinner. Both events will take place in the Willard Hotel, Washington, D.C. The membership meeting will be held at 3 P.M. in the Crystal Room. The Dinner will be held at 6:30 P.M. in the new Grand Ballroom.

Those who attended last year's Dinner considered it one of the most rewarding events in their experience. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Attorney General Brownell and Ambassador of Israel Eban delivered major addresses. David Bar-Illan, the brilliant young Israeli pianist, whose debut later in Carnegie Hall was such a success, gave a preview of his artistry, and Walter Cassel of the New York City Opera, sang.

It is expected that our 1955 Dinner, to be held on the eve of the seventh anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel, will be even more notable. Arrangements are being made now for an unique program. Governor McKeldin again will preside. We hope you will be able to attend both events.

You will receive details later. I am writing this informal letter so that you can make your plans in advance.

Your Society, during the past year, has builded carefully and, we think, soundly. General Yigael Yadin's lecture on the Dead Sea Scrolls and its publication by the Society brought about a much wider appreciation of Israeli archeology, even to the extent of bringing the subject to radio and TV. Thus many persons were reminded again that Israel is truly the Land of the Bible.

Lectures on the evolving law of Israel sponsored by the Society here in the Library of Congress and in New York with the cooperation of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York were hailed by lawyers and others as real contributions to comparative law. You soon will receive a reprint of Judge Cheshin's article, based on the lectures, that has been published in The Record of this eminent Bar Association.

Arrangements are well underway for a series of public lectures by five outstanding experts at Columbia University on the general theme of Culture in Israel, beginning Monday evening, March 14. I will report further on this project to you in my next letter and also upon others now in negotiation.

Sincerely yours,

George L. Cassidy
 George L. Cassidy
 Executive Director

February 3, 1955

Mr. George L. Cassidy
Executive Director
America-Israel Society
Hotel Willard
Washington 4, D. C.

My dear Mr. Cassidy:

Please pardon the long delay in replying to your letter. I have been away in Florida for a few weeks and my correspondence has unfortunately lagged.

I am glad to enclose herewith a list of passages from the Bible which might serve as good material for the Reading which you are planning for your meeting in April. The passages which I have selected all refer to Israel and the State of Israel and may well be built into a fine dramatic reading.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABEA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms

Deuteronomy 8.1-10

Isaiah 40.1.5; 9-11

Isaiah 43.1-10

Isaiah 49.8-21

Isaiah 52.7-10

Isaiah 60.1-9; 19-22

Isaiah 61.1-4; 8-11

Isaiah 62.1-12

Jeremiah 31.2-17

Ezekiel 37.1-14

Psalms 137.1-6

Psalms 122

Psalms 126

Psalms 129



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

March 29, 1955

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road & 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Doctor Silver:

The time draws near for the Second National Dinner of the America-Israel Society on April 26 in Washington -- and crowded as I know your schedule must be, I still hope devoutly that you are planning to attend. Moreover, I know that I speak for everyone on the Dinner Committee in asking that you again give the Benediction.

Would you kindly let me know of your acceptance at your earliest convenience?

Looking forward to another visit with you,
I am

Sincerely yours,

Theodore R. McKeldin

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GEORGE L CASSIDY WILLARD HOTEL WASHINGTON CD=

April 14, 1955

GEORGE L. CASSIDY, AMERICA-ISRAEL SOCIETY
WILLARD HOTEL
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEEPLY REGRET THAT I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND AMERICA-ISRAEL
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IN CLEVELAND. PLEASE CONVEY MY BEST WISHES TO GOVERNOR McKELDIN.
I HOPE THAT THE MEETING WILL BE GREATLY SUCCESSFUL.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



April 17, 1955

Governor Theodore R. McKeldin
Annapolis, Maryland

My dear Governor McKeldin:

I wish I could come to the dinner meeting of the America-Israel Society on April 26th. Unfortunately, I have to remain here in Cleveland for an important meeting which I scheduled some time ago.

I know that the meeting under your chairmanship will be greatly successful.

With all good wishes to you and Mrs. McKeldin, permit me to remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms



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July 29, 1955

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Ansel Road & 105 Street
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Will you accept appointment as one of the seven members of the Awards Committee of the America-Israel Society?

The Committee's duties, as recommended by the Society's Board, will be to explore whether there is a person who, by virtue of his activities, is deserving of an award for outstanding accomplishment in strengthening mutual understanding between Americans and Israelis.

It is hoped that the Committee, after its investigation, will be able to submit to the Board of Governors a list of several names for final selection. Possibly the Committee may use as one approach a request for suggestions from the Society's members.

I think that the Committee will be required to expend more judgment than time on this assignment and it will be unnecessary to have more than one meeting.

May I have what I hope will be your favorable response as soon as possible?

Sincerely,

Governor

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