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February 7, 1956

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I hope that you have been able to act on the suggestion made in my telegram.

Although the Dean Pike program is carried on many ABC TV stations every Sunday, it is a sustaining program and therefore is not carried on all.

The Dean's program of Sunday, February 19 will be a report on his current visit to Israel to Governor Theodore R. McKeldin of Maryland, the President of our Society. Governor and Mrs. McKeldin will be guests on the Dean's program.

If you have been successful in persuading your local ABC station to carry this program which originates in New York, it not only will bring to many viewers in your area what should be an intensely interesting report on Israel but also provide an opportunity to strengthen the Society.

In other words, friends are inviting groups to view the program with them and will make an effort to enlist additional members of the Society in that way.

If you wish me to send you a number of membership applications, I will do so. Would you let me know what you have been able to accomplish.

With thanks for your interest and cooperation.

Sincerely yours, utive Director



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THEODORE R. MCKELDIN GOVERNOR

February 29, 1956

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

Dear Doctor Silver:

I am particularly anxious that all the Founders of the America-Israel Society attend its Third National Dinner this year in order to make this event truly outstanding.

The Dinner will be held Tuesday evening, April 17 in the Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C. Speakers will be Governor Christian A. Herter of Massachusetts, the Honorable Thomas K. Finletter, former Secretary of the Air Force and Ambassador of Israel, Abba Eban. We also will have a special event, although we intend to keep the program reasonably brief.

You will receive a formal invitation soon but will you in the meanwhile set aside this date?

Cordially yours,

Sheon . night

Governor

P. S. The Dinner will be \$15.00 per cover as in past years.

(you leave for Rochester at 2:10 PM. Lever 17th april)



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ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

THEODORE R. MCKELDIN GOVERNOR

April 5, 1956

Rabbi and Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver 19810 Shaker Boulevard Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi and Mrs. Silver:

In honor of His Excellency The Ambassador of Israel and Mrs. Eban, an Ambassador's Ball has been announced for the evening of Saturday, May 26th, at the Sheraton-Park Hotel in Washington, D. C.

I have agreed to serve on the Honorary Committee for this event because I believe that the Ambassador and Mrs. Eban richly deserve the honor which the Washington community is bestowing upon them, and because embattled Israel, our staunchest friend in the Middle East, will benefit materially from the Israel Bond subscriptions which the Ambassador's Ball is designed to promote.

The Honorable James MacDonald, the first Ambassador to the State of Israel, and I are inviting a small group of distinguished citizens to join us on the Honorary Committee and would be very pleased to have permission to list your name. We feel that the inclusion of your name on the Committee would contribute greatly to the success of this affair.

The Ambassador's Ball will be attended by over one thousand people and will serve as a clear expression of the esteem in which the State of Israel is held in our nation's capital. Many government officials, as well as other notables, will be present--including the diplomatic corps.

I would deeply appreciate your advising me as soon as it is convenient, as to your readiness to be listed on the Committee. You understand, of course, that no obligation of any kind is entailed by your joining the Committee.

On behalf of the Israel Bond Organization, allow me to thank you most warmly for your earnest consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Sheon . In fer

Theodore R. McKeldin

April 10, 1956

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The Honorable Theodore R. McKeldin The Governor of Maryland Annapolis, Maryland

My dear Governor:

I shall be delighted to be included on the Honorary Committee which is being organized in connection with a testimonial dinner for His Excellency The Ambassador of Israel and Mrs. Eban.

I trust that you are well and with all good wishes to you and Mrs. McKeldin permit me to remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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THEODORE R. MCKELDIN GOVERNOR

January 18, 1957

Personal

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Will you join me in signing the enclosed letter which I intend to send, if enough Founders of the America-Israel Society approve, to the New York Times and a number of other leading newspapers?

Its purpose, as you will see, is to call attention once more, to the kinship of our country and Israel at a time when some need to be reminded of it.

If you have any suggestion or comment, I will be grateful

for it.

If you find the text satisfactory without change, will you sign it and return it to me in the accompanying stamped Air Mail envelope?

With best personal regards,

Sincerely, Acon. mgau

Governor

P. S. I am writing only to Founders of our Society as individuals. The letter does not purport to speak for the Society as such.

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Bernard Katzen, in recognition of his work as Special Consultant to the Secretary of State, the Honorable John Foster Dulles, has been selected to receive the Theodore R. McKeldin Prize of the America-Israel Society for outstanding promotion of cultural relations between America and Israel.

Mr. Katzen is being cited by the Society "for his distinguished accomplishment in preparing a plan, enacted into law by the Congress and President of the United States for the distribution of some seven-millions of Israeli pounds accrued to the account of the United States under the Informational Media Guaranty Program to the benefit of many projects in Israel for education, science, culture and the humanities."

The Theodore R. McKeldin Frize will be tendered at a Dinner to be held at the Hotel Statler, New York City, on Thursday evening, January 23, 1958.

Will you please join with me to serve on the Honorary Presentation Committee for this testimonial to Mr. Katzen?

For your convenience in responding a return card and envelope is provided.

Cordially yours,

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James A. Pike

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Dear Dr. Silver:

The Very Reverend James A. Pike, individually and as president of the New York Chapter of the America-Israel Society, has made most effective contributions toward the advancement of mutual understanding between Americans and Israelis through the exchange of cultural information.

In doing so, he has given of himself joyfully and generously. He visited Israel and reported on his experience on his television program. He has written important articles in major publications. He has devoted a great deal of time and effective leadership to building our New York Chapter and to serving on our national Board of Governors.

Recently, he was elected Bishop Coadjutor of California and therefore soon must leave the East to take up his new responsibilities there.

Therefore, our Society wishes to pay him a deserved tribute before his departure. This will take the form of a testimonial dinner on the evening of Tuesday, May 20, 1958 in the Savoy Plaza Hotel, New York.

Will you do us the honor of serving as a member of the Sponsoring Committee?

I look forward to your favorable response.

Cordially.

Hem. W. Jal

Theodore R. McKeldin President

THEODORE R. MCKELDIN

ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW 1035 MATHIESON BUILDING BALTIMORE 2, MARYLAND

May 17, 1960

TELEPHONE PLAZA 2-6682

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple East 105th Street & Silver Park Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you kindly for your letter of May 11th and for the enclosed check toward the Marine Archaeological Expedition to Israel. The contribution is a most generous one and we are very grateful to you. As soon as George Cassidy returns I am sure he will be in touch with you to thank you and also to give you a report on the results of the expedition.

I have been traveling a great deal speaking, especially in behalf of the Development Corporation for Israel, as well as the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and I hope one of my trips will bring me to Cleveland. I shall certainly drop in to see you. I will be in Cincinnati on the 24th of this month, but at the present time that is the only Ohio engagement that I have. If you have occasion to be in Baltimore or in this area, I trust that time will permit you to get in touch with me so that we might have lunch or dinner together.

Reciprocating your warm regards and good wishes

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Sincerely, Herningd

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