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Looking forward to hearing from you on our "Bar-Mitzvah," I am, with best wishes and cordial greetings,

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing for your kind perusal advance proofs of an article by Isaac Gruenbaum, which will appear in a few days in Bitzaron. We are publishing the article on the basis of freedom of opinion and expression.

As you can see from the article, Isaac Gruenbaum is questioning the position of American Zionism.

We would like very much to have your reply to his point of view, which we could publish in the following issue of Bitzaron. You can write the article either in Hebrew or English. If you do so in the former case, our staff will translate it to the satisfaction of yourself. Such an article would be very valuable not only for the Bitzaron readers but for the world at large to have the guidance of your thought regarding the current issues of the Zionist movement.

I therefore hope that we will hear from you as early as possible.

With best wishes and cordial greetings, I remain,

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## הַקוֹנְגְרֶס הַצִּיּוֹנִי הָרִאשׁוֹן בְּצִיּוֹן

מאת יצחק גרינבוים

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**ב**ין הקונגרס הכ"ב והקונגרס הכ"ג, הראשון בירושלים בירתה של מדינת ישראל, שהוקמה באותה תקופה, עברו רק ארבע שנים. אולם במשך השנים הללו הגיע המשבר, שעליו התווכחו הקונגרס הכ"ב, לקיצו. המאבק עם בריטניה רבתי נהפך למלחמת שיחרור בשבע מדינות ערב, שמאחוריהן עמדה אותה בריטניה, בטוחה בנצחונן. היא טעתה: התנועה הציונית והישוב היהודי בא"י, שנוצר על ידיה, הם שניצחו ובתוצאת נצחונם קמה מדינת ישראל, ורק 20% משטח א"י המערבית נשארו מעבר לגבולותיה.

למחרת היום לאחר הנצחון, כשהמדינה שנולדה באש ובדם זקוקה היתה לעזרת העם על כל תפוצותיו, כדי לקלוט את מאות אלפי העולים, שנפתחו לפניהם שערי הארץ לרוחה, ירדו ונצטמצמו מאמציה של הגולה. בימי המלחמה חשה גולה זו לעזרת הישוב בגבורים ובאמצעים ואיפשרה ע"י כך במדה רבה את הנצחון, והנה כשהגיעה שעת נצולו וביצורה של המדינה וריכוז יהודים להמוניהם בה בקצב מהיר, פחתו והלכו האמצעים הזורמים למדינה, הנאבקת עם חבלי השתרשרותה וביצורה.

התחילו ימי שפל. כמו לאחר החלטת סן-רימו, שאישרה בשם העמים המנצחים את הצהרת בלפור, ויהודי נתמנה למגשימה הראשון בשם בריטניה. ושוב כאילו נתעייף העם לאחר מאמציו הכבירים והגיע לידי מסקנה, שהושגה

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המטרה והכל יפתח מאליו. והפעם הרי הוקמה מדינה ונתכוננה ממשלה וחזקה עליה, שתתגבר על הקשיים והמיכשולים של השנים הראשונות.

בעקבות השפל גברה המבוכה בתוך התנועה הציונית והגיע לידי משבר בתנועה. התחילו שואלים: כלום יש להסתדרות הציונית תפקיד כל שהוא בשעה שקיימת המדינה, שלא רק ציונים רוצים בהתפתחותה? לשם מה להמשיך בהתבדלות הסתדרותית, כשאפשר לרתום את כל העם, על כל שכבותיו ממש, בעבודת גיוס אמצעים למען מדינת ישראל בתורת תנועה של ידידיה שאינם כבולים בכבלי אידיאולוגיה ציונית? עם הקמת מדינת ישראל, הרי הושגה המטרה הציונית, אמנם לא בשלמותה, אולם זהו דבר רגיל וטבעי, שאין האידיאל מתגשם בשלמותו, מה תהיה איפא תעודתה של ההסתדרות הציונית, מה יהיה תוכן פעולותיה ומה טעם לקיומה הניבדל? ואם אין בכחה של ההסתדרות הציונית לגייס את האמצעים ואת הכוחות, הדרושים לביצורה של מדינת ישראל, להחשת קצב הגיוס הזה, כדי שידביק את קצב העליה ההמונית, האם אין עובדה זו מוכיחה, שההסתדרות הציונית אינה ממלאה את חובתה ההיסטורית?

על השאלות האלה צריך היה הקונגרס הכ"ג לתת את תשובתו. בירושלים ובניו-יורק התכוננו לתת את התשובה, אולם מיד נתגלה שרב המרחק בין דעותיהם של שני המרכזים האלה.

הויכוח בקונגרס הירושלמי על הדעות המחולקות בעיקרי ההלכה הציונית דחה את כל יתר השאלות שעמדו על הפרק ונצטברו והחריפו במשך שלוש שנות פעולתה של ההנהלה הציונית, שנבחרה לאחר ההפרדה בין ממשלת מדינת ישראל לבין הנהלת הסוכנות.

הוגש כרגיל דו"ח מפורט בכרך עבה הכרס בעברית ובאנגלית, הורצו הרצאות על שטחי הפעולות של ההנהלה, אולם הויכוח התעלם ע"פ רוב מהשאלות השוטפות שהעמדו בהן. ובשאלה המכרעת בפעולות ההנהלה, בשאלת התקציב, אף לא הגיע לידי הצבעה על התקציב שעובד בוועדה. הקונגרס לא מילא את חובתו בנידון זה ולא קבע בפעם הראשונה בתולדות הקונגרסים שלאחר מלחמת העולם הראשונה תקציב, שלפיו תתנהל עבודת ההנהלה במשך שלוש שנים הבאות. הוא הסתפק בקביעת הסכום הכולל לפי הצרכים. (לפי החלטת הקונגרס הכ"ג יתכנס הקונגרס פעם בשלוש שנים ולא פעם בשנתיים, כפי שהיה נהוג לפניו.)

הסיבה לכך בתלות הפיננסית בממשלה, שגדלה והלכה במשך זמן כהונתה של ההנהלה, שלא רצתה להתאים את פעולתה לגודל הכנסותיה, כלומר לצמצמה בעיקר בשטח הקליטה וההתיישבות. המגביות בכל העולם כולו ויתר מקורות ההכנסה המציאו לכל היותר עד חמישים ששים אחוז של הסכומים הדרושים לפעולה ניכרת, והחיפוש אחר מקורות חדשים של הכנסה הביא לידי תביעות מהממשלה, שתקל על הסוכנות בשני כיוונים: א) בקבלת שטחי פעולה שלה על חשבונה, ב)



במתן הלוואות ובהשתתפות בהוצאות בשטחים, שהיא מעונינת בהם ביותר. נוסף לכך גרם חיפוש זה לדרישה, שקק"ל תותר על חלקה השווה לחלקה של הסוכנות בהכנסות המגבית המאוחדת בארצות הברית, כיוון שתעודתה לגאול אם הארץ אינה לוחצת כל כך לאחר הקמת המדינה וריכוז קרקעות נטושות בידי הממשלה, כשם שלחצה בימי שלטון המנדט וההכרח לקנות כל דונם בכסף מלא מידי בעלו הערבי. השאלה השניה נפתרה ע"י הקונגרס הכ"ג וקק"ל הוכרחה לותר לטובתה של ההנהלה ופעולתה ההתיישבותית. אולם השאלה הראשונה לא מצאה את פתרונה הפיננסי שהיה תלוי, כמובן, בהסכמתה של הממשלה, שעמדה להתחדש לאחר הבחירות לכנסת השניה, שנתקיימו ערב התכנס הקונגרס. לפי הצעת הוועדה התקציבית צריכה היתה הממשלה להמציא לסוכנות כמעט את החצי של תקציבה, בתור השתתפות בהוצאות הקליטה וההתיישבות בעיקר. מובן מאליו, שחוסר הביטחון, שכסף זה ימצא, מנע את קביעת התקציב ואישורו.

הובלט ע"י כך הקושי המכריע, שהסוכנות נאבקה בו והוא: חוסר האמצעים, הדרושים לקליטתם של מאות אלפים עולים חדשים בכל שנה ואזלת ידה לגייס את האמצעים הללו בכוח השפעתה על פעילי התנועה והשפעתם של אלה על המוני העם. לא הועיל כאן אי רצונה להתחשב בעובדה זו ולמתוח את האשראי שלה עד קצה היכולת מתוך תקווה, שהפעולות בשטח ההתיישבות והעליה תעלינה כשהן לעצמן את ההכנסות. התקווה הזאת לא נתקיימה והגרעון גדל והלך עד שהתחיל משתיק את הפעולה. הדבר בא לידי ביטוי בשטח ההתיישבות, בצימצום הקמת ישובים חדשים בשנה האחרונה לפני הקונגרס ובקליטה — בהגדלת האוכלוסיה של המעברות. התקציבים הגדולים שעל גבי הניר לא הוצאו אל הפועל אלא לפי גודל ההכנסה האמיתית והאשראי במוסדות הכספיים. הקטנת חלקה של קק"ל במגבית האמריקאית לא תתקן את המצב אלא במעט.

במקום להיות הספק העיקרי של מדינת ישראל במטבעות חו"ל וביחוד בדולרים ירדה ההסתדרות הציונית למדרגה של תובע קבוע של עזרת הממשלה. אמנם אפשר לטעון, שהממשלה צריכה לנהוג בה בהסתדרות הציונית בקביעת שער המטבע הזר כמנהגה, שהיא נוהגת במשקיעי הון מחו"ל במפעלי תעשייה. אילו היתה עושה כך, היה מצבה של ההנהלה הציונית משתפר בהרבה, אולם הממשלה אינה מקבלת דרישה זו ולכן טענו בהנהלה שחובתה להשתתף במימון פעולותיה בשטח קיבוץ הגלויות, שהיא רואה בהן חשיבות מכרעת בהתפתחותה וביצורה של המדינה.

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ההפרדה בין ההנהלה הציונית והממשלה הביאה בראשיתה לידי התרחקותם של שני הגופים, שאחד מהם — הממשלה — היה בעל שלטון בארץ, שהנהלה הציונית ירדה בה ופעלה את פעולותיה הקונסטרוקטיביות. הגיע לידי טענות הדדיות וסיכסוכים ביחוד כספיים. הגזירות של ההנהלה הציונית, שנתמכה ע"י המבקר, דרשה החזרת סכומים עצומים, שהוציאה ההנהלה הציונית בתקופת ההכנות למלחמת



השיחרור ואירגון הממשלה הזמנית. מיליוני הלירות, שהיא היתה כאילו חייבת לה להנהלה הציונית היו יכולים לפתור שאלות רבות וחשובות.

חיסול הסיכסוך הפיננסי הזה איפשר את ההתקרבות של שני הגופים ופתח את התקופה של הלואות הממשלה להנהלה, כדי שתוכל להמשיך בפעולותיה, ביחוד בשטח העליה והקליטה, שהכבידו והלכו על ההנהלה גם משום השיטות, שהונהגו בהחזקת העולים במחנות, דוגמת אלה שנוסדו בגרמניה בימי התרכזות הפליטים בה. ההלואות על יסוד העברת רכוש ואח"כ בלעדיו לא פתרו את שאלת תקציבה של ההנהלה והעמידו לפניה את השאלה של צימצום פעולותיה בהתאם ליכולתה הפיננסית. מובן, שהצימצום הזה היה פוגע קודם כל בקליטה וגם במידת מה בעליה. לא רק ההנהלה ברובה הגדול לא רצתה להשלים עם ההכרח הזה אלא גם הממשלה. אז צף הרעיון על שיתוף פעולה בשטח העליה והקליטה ועל העברת השיכון לממשלה. הרעיון הזה נתקבל ואושר ע"י הוועד הפועל במושב הראשון לאחר ההפרדה. הוקם גוף משותף — ועדת תיאום — של ההנהלה הציונית ושל הממשלה, והניהול העליון של הפעולות בשטח העליה והקליטה נתרכז בידו.

אותה שעה נתחזקו בחוגי הממשלה הטענות נגד ההסתדרות הציונית, שאינה יודעת לגייס את האמצעים הדרושים לבנין הארץ וביצור המדינה, — שאין הסמכות שלה מספיקה לכך, ונולד הרעיון על סידור מלוה לאומי לממשלת ישראל בתוך היהדות של ארצות הברית. הרעיון הזה לא היה חדש. על מלוה כזה חלמו עוד בימים, שעדיין לא נראה שום סימן, שיגיע בקרוב להקמת מדינת ישראל, אשר תוכל להיות נושא המלוה. אולם כשנגשה המדינה להגשים את הרעיון הזה ע"י הוצאת אגרות חוב בארצות הברית, נתברר, שאין הפצתן אלא מגבית חדשה, כי לא היה בכוחה של הממשלה לקיים תנאים, שיבטיחו לאגרות חוב אלה אותו הערך שיש לניירות ערך של מדינות, הנהנות מאימונם של משקיעי הון. לא הועיל מסע התפארת של ראש הממשלה, והאימון הזה לא נתעורר, והתקוות שתלו במאמץ המרץ הראשון בדרך החדשה לא נתקיימו. בצדה של המגבית המאוחדת לטובת א"י הוקמה מגבית שניה להפצת אגרות חוב של ממשלה ישראל, שיצרה לעצמה מנגנון מיוחד והתחילה פונה לאותם החוגים, שמהם שאבה המגבית הציונית את הכנסותיה. נתגלתה סכנת התחרות בין שתי המגביות ויחד אתה הסכנה של פגיעה בזכותה של התנועה הציונית ליצג את הגולה המשתתפת בבנין הארץ, ריכוזם של היהודים בה וביצור מדינת ישראל. הובלט ההכרח לקבוע את מעמדה של ההסתדרות הציונית בתוך מדינת ישראל ואת היחס בינה לבין ממשלתה של זו.

הקונגרס הירושלמי צריך היה איפא לנסח את דרישותיה של ההסתדרות בנדון זה ולפנות אל הממשלה, שתסכים להן בשם המדינה. מצבה הפיננסי של ההסתדרות הציונית לא הרשה לה לעמוד בפני המדינה ככוח בונה ומבצר אותה בשם העם היהודי, שרובו נמצא עדיין בגולה. אדרבה, היא נאלצה להכיר, שמדינת ישראל תפסה את המקום הראשון והמכריע בתוך תנועת הגאולה של העם היהודי ודחתה את ההסתדרות הציונית מעמדתה הראשית הקודמת. לפיכך ראתה הכרח



לעצמה לדרוש לפחות, שהממשלה תקנה לה ע"י חקיקת חוק מתאים מעמד מוכר בתורת נציגות העם היהודי "בכל הענינים הקשורים להשתתפות המאורגנת של יהודי התפוצות בפיתוח הארץ ובנינה ובקליטתם המהירה של העולים". במסגרת המעמד הזה תהיה ההסתדרות הציונית "מוסמכת לפעול בתחומים שיוגדרו מתקופה לתקופה ע"פ הסכם מיוחד".

במשך הויכוחים בנידון, שקדמו לקונגרס, נזכרה המלה צ'רטר, שנקבעה בשעתה ע"י הרצל כמטרה מדינית, שאליה תשאף ההסתדרות הציונית במו"מ שלה עם השולטן הטורקי. אמנם, לא השתמשו במלה זו בהצעת הועדה לבעיות היסוד שהזכרנו, אולם כל תוכנה של ההצעה מעיד, שהקונגרס צריך להכיר את סמכותה של המדינה, הפרלמנט והממשלה שלה לקבוע, מהי זכותה של ההסתדרות הציונית בתוך המדינה והגולה גם יחד. אז בימי הרצל אי אפשר היה להתחיל בפעולת בנין ופיתוח גלויה בא"י בלי רשיונה של הממשלה הזרה ששלטה בה, ואילו מדינת ישראל הריהי מדינה שהוקמה ע"י ההסתדרות הציונית, שהביאה בפעולתה המתמידה לידי ריכוז ישוב יהודי, שהשתמש בשעה כשרה לכך והתמרד ועמד בשער נגד פולשים, נצח במלחמה וחקים את מדינתו. מן הדין ומן היושר היה איפא שההסתדרות הציונית והממשלה ישאו ויתנו זו עם זו כשני גופים שוים בערכם ובזכותם. אולם הרגשת התלות הפיננסית של הנהלה הציונית בממשלה, שהעניקה הלוואות במשך השנה האחרונה שלפני הקונגרס וצריכה היתה לכסות לפי התקציב כחצי הסכום שנקבע בו להוצאותיה לשנה שלאחריו, גרמה, שהצעת הועדה נוסחה מתוך הכרת ריבונותה של המדינה והשפעתה המכרעת של ממשלתה ולא רק בתחום שלטונה, אלא גם בגולה. ע"י הכרת ההסתדרות הציונית בתורת נציגות יחידה של העם היהודי מקווה הקונגרס למנוע הענקת רשיונות לחברות והסתדרויות יהודיות לפעול במדינה בלי הסכמתה שלה, מה שיוכל, כמובן, לסכן את המגביות שלה ואת עמדתה בתוך הגולה. אולם לא שמה הועדה לב, שלפי החוק הקים אין הממשלה רשאית לאסור על אזרחי המדינה להתארגן לשם כל פעולה שהיא בעזרתה של איזו חברה יהודית מחו"ל. "החוק המתאים" שתחוקק הכנסת בנוגע להסתדרות הציונית לא יוכל לבטל אפשרות כזאת. ובענינים כאלה ההכרה החוקית בלבד אינה מועילה, ואילו מן הצד השני אין הכרת מעמד מוכר מונעת מהממשלה פניה ישירה לתפוצות הגולה בדבר הלוואות, הפצת נירות ערך וכדומה, שלא באמצעותה של ההסתדרות הציונית והנהלתה. הצעת הועדה גומרת בקביעת הצורך "בהתייעצות ותיאום בין ממשלת ישראל והנהלה הציונית".

תחום פעולתה של ההנהלה הציונית, אם תוכר באופן חוקי ע"י ממשלת ישראל, יוגבל בששה סעיפים, שניסוח אחדים מהם מעיד, שאין ההסתדרות הציונית רואה יכולת לפעול בסעיפים כמו קליטה או פיתוח אלא כמשתפת פעולה עם הממשלה בלבד. והסעיף על פעולה התישבותית נוסח באופן מוזר "פיתוח ישובים חקלאיים". האם פירוש הדבר הוא, שההנהלה הציונית לא תמשיך בפעולתה התישבותית והיא תמסר לממשלת ישראל?



הרגשת החולשה הפיננסית של ההסתדרות הציונית ותלותה בממשלת ישראל מצאה בתעודה זו את ביטויה השלם. ועכשיו תלוי הדבר בהסכמתה של ממשלת ישראל ובהחלטתה של הכנסת השניה.

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עם הקמת מדינת ישראל נתברר, שתוכנית בול אינה מתאימה לתקופה החדשה, שנכנסה אליה התנועה הציונית. סניף ההנהלה הציונית באמריקה בחר עוד בשנת 1949 בשתי ועדות והטיל עליהן לנסח את התוכנית החדשה. הצעותיהן של שתי הועדות גם יחד הצטיינו בתפיסת התנועה הציונית כתנועה עוזרת למדינת ישראל ו"מטפחת את הרגש וההכרה היהודיים בתור עם ואת כח יצירתו התרבותית". אפשר היה להסיק מההצעות הללו, שמטרתה של הציונות הושגה ע"י הקמת מדינת ישראל ויש רק לדאוג לביצורה וחיוזקה ע"י עליתם המהירה של היהודים, הרוצים להשתקע בה. הניסוח הזהיר הזה, שציוני אמריקה אינם גורסים, שחובת העליה למדינת ישראל מוטלת על הציונים, באשר הם ציונים, אלא שיהודי הרוצה להשתקע במדינת ישראל הוא יעלה והחובה המוטלת על ציוני אמריקה היא רק לעזור בעלייתו וקליטתו.

מובן מאליו שהצעות אלה לא נתקבלו בירושלים אפילו בתור בסיס לויכוח. לעומת זה יצאה הועדה, שהוקמה ע"י ההנהלה הירושלמית, מתוך הנחות ציוניות ולאומיות אחרות ומתוך הרצון לעורר מחדש את ההתלהבות בתוך התנועה הציונית ע"י ההדגשה, שלא די בביצורה של המדינה שהוקמה, שיש לציונות עוד מטרות, שעדיין לא הושגו ובגללן ובשבילן יש לקיים את ההסתדרות הציונית, להגדילה ולחזקה, להאדיר את מתח פעולותיה, ולגייס כוחות גדולים נוספים מאחר שהכוחות הקיימים ותוצאות השפעתם על העם אינם מספיקים. בישיבות ההנהלה שלפני הקונגרס הכ"ג נמצא נוסח, שנתקבל על דעתו של רוב חבריה והוצע לוועדת הקונגרס לבעיות היסוד וזה היה לשונו: "הציונות שואפת לגאולת עם ישראל ע"י קיבוץ גלויותיו בא"י וביצור מדינת ישראל".

ברור היה להנהלה הציונית, ששני המושגים המשיחיים, שהשתרשו בהכרתו של העם במשך כל שנות גלותו, גאולה וקיבוץ גלויות, מסמנים גם את השלב החדש בהתפתחות התנועה הציונית וגם את המטרה, שהיא שואפת אליה, לאחר הקמת המדינה בחלקה של א"י. והנה דוקא שני המושגים האלה ניתקלו בהתנגדות ציוני אמריקה על כל סיעותיהם כמעט, התנגדות עקשית, שלא הניחה מקום לשום ויתורים ופשרות.

כמו תמיד נומקה ההתנגדות בסכנה לקיומה של ההסתדרות הציונית באמריקה, כוחה ושלמותה הכרוכה בהכרזה על תוכנית, שביסודה מונחת השאיפה לגאולת העם היהודי ולקיבוץ גלויותיו. נתגלה, שציוני אמריקה אינם מרגישים בכלל, שהם שרויים בגלות וזקוקים לגאולה. אין הם גולים, כלומר מגורשים, הם אזרחים בארצות



הברית, משורשים כבמולדת. הם חפשיים מכל עול ושונים בכל לכל יתר האזרחים, ואין הם צריכים להגאל. תרגום המלים גאולה, גלות וגלויות לאנגלית מטיל עליהם אימה ופחד ובטוחים הם, שאם ישמיעום ברבים בתור עיקרי תוכנית ירושלים, המחיבת גם אותם, יובן, שהם, הציונים, מסתלקים כביכול מאזרחותם האמריקנית ר"ל, שאינם אמריקנים יותר ומוכנים לעזוב את ארצם ומולדתם למען מולדת אחרת. וזהו לדעתם הרס לציונות ולמגביות.

אותם ראשי ציוני אמריקה, שדרשו בנאומיהם בכל תוקף את חיזוקה והגברתה של ההסתדרות הציונית, שתיצג את העם היהודי בפני מדינת ישראל וממשלתה; אותם מנהיגי ציוני אמריקה, שהבינו שיש להכריז, שהמטרה הציונית לא הושגה, חששו לנסח תוכנית חדשה, העשויה להלהיב שוב את ההמונים ולהאזיר את מאמצייהם. ד"ר סילבר היה מוכן לתת ביטוי לרעיונות על גאולת ישראל, על קיבוץ גלויות וחלוציות — בכרוז, במניפסט של הקונגרס אל העם היהודי, אבל לא בתוכנית ירושלים, שתבא במקום תוכנית בזל. מכל הנאומים בשם ציוני אמריקה רק פרופ. פיינמאן דרש לקבוע, מהי מטרת הציונות לאחר הקמת מדינת ישראל, והדגיש שציונים רבים באמריקה מצפים להכרזת הקונגרס הירושלמי.

עמדתם של ציוני אמריקה היתה עמדת מיעוט. אולם הציונים הכלליים שבתוכם וחברות "הדסה" הגנו על עמדה זו בעקשנות רבה והזהירו מפני ההשפעה הקטסטרופלית ממש, שתהיה להחלטת הקונגרס על תוכנית חדשה, שיאמר בה, שהציונות היא תנועת הגאולה של העם היהודי, המתגשמת מתוך קיבוץ גלויות. ההזהרות האלה הפילו אימה גדולה על רוב המפלגות שבקונגרס, שנסוגו מיד מעמדתן הראשונה, ויתרו על ניסוח תוכנית ירושלים והסתפקו בציון התפקידים החדשים, המוטלים על ההסתדרות הציונית וביניהם קיבוץ גלויות. והגיע הדבר לידי כך, שהסכמתן של חברות הדסה להכנסת תפקיד זה לתוך תפקידיה של ההסתדרות הציונית בתקופה, שאנו עומדים בה, נחשבה להישג גדול.

ד"ר גולדמן, נשיא הקונגרס, ניחם את הקונגרס בנאומו ואמר — שויתור על ניסוח תוכנית ירושלים, שהתנועה חיכתה לה — הוא מחיר ששולם בעד אחדות ההסתדרות, שנישמרה מפילוג, והוא לא גדול כלל וכלל והביע את תקותו, שהקונגרס הכ"ד יחליט על תוכנית ירושלים, לאחר שפחדם של ציוני אמריקה וביחוד חברות הדסה יעלם כליל. אשרי המאמין.

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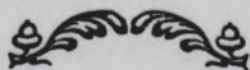
הקונגרס הכ"ג יוכנס להיסטוריה של הקונגרסים הציוניים בתור קונגרס, שפתח את התקופה האמריקאית בתנועה הציונית העולמית. הויכוח הכללי, שהתחיל לאחר נאומיהם של יושבי ראש ההנהלה הציונית, לוקר וגולדמן, וראש הממשלה, וניגמר רק עם גמר הישיבות של הקונגרס שלפני ישיבות ההצבעה היה רובו ככולו מוקדש למצבה של התנועה הציונית באמריקה ובעיותיה. נציגי הציונות האמריקאית התאוננו על דחיקת רגליהם של ציוני אמריקה, על מגמות היסול



ההסתדרות הציונית באמריקה, המבצבצות ועולות מנאומי ראש הממשלה, על העדפת ידידי-מדינת ישראל, שאינם ציונים, ודרשו, את הכרת זכותה ליצג את העם היהודי בפני מדינת ישראל וממשלתה. לעומת הטענות והדרישות האלה וגם בלי קשר להן נימתחה כמעט ע"י כל הנאמים מישראל בקורת חריפה על המגמות לרוקן את הציונות מתוכנה הלאומי — המהפכני והחלוצי, המשתלטות והולכות בתוך המחנה הציוני באמריקה, על התכחשותם של ציוני אמריקה לחובת העליה לישראל, המוטלת על כל ציוני, הרואה עצמו בגלות אפילו כשהוא נהנה מכל הזכויות של אזרח בארץ מגורו ומעורה בחייה וקשור אליה קשרי הסתגלות ואף אהבה. הנאמים התאמצו להסביר להם לציוני אמריקה, שגם צימצום החיים הלאומיים, שהוא טבעי במצב של מיעוט בין רוב שולט ומטביע חותמו על כל החיים בארץ, ואי-שלמותם, הגורמת לקרע שבנפש היהודי, לחיים בשני עולמות, — מקורם בחיי גלות וגורמים סבל רב. חוסר הרגשת הכאב והסבל האלה מעידים ברורות על אטרופיה של חושים וצרכים וזוהי טמיעה, שסכנתה מרובה לפעמים מהתבוללות מתוך דעת ושאפה. הציונות שתשלים עם מגמות אלה אינה לאמיתו של דבר אלא ידידות לגבי מדינת ישראל, שאינה רחוקה כלל מידידותם של הבלתי ציונים. רובו של הקונגרס דרש בכל תוקף שינוי בנידון זה וראה בהכרזה על תוכנית ירושלים אמצעי מובהק להעמקת ההכרה הציונית והלאומית בתוך המחנה הציוני באמריקה והגברת כושר הקרבתו וחיזוק קשריו הנפשיים עם מדינת ישראל.

תשובתם של נציגי הציונות האמריקאית להוציא מן הכלל רק מועטים — היתה: אי אפשר, אי אפשר להסכים שהציונות היא תנועת הגאולה, שהרי יהודי אמריקה אינם נירדפים ואינם סובלים ואינם זקוקים להיות ניגאלים. הכאב שהם כואבים ושהביאם ומביאם לציונות הוא כאבם של האחים היהודים הסובלים והנירדפים והמדוכאים ולא שלהם. הקשר המקשר אותם לארץ מגוריהם ולמדינתם הוא קשר אורגני, שלא יינתק.

עד סופו של הקונגרס לא זזו ציוני אמריקה מעמדתם זו, והקונגרס הוא שזז וויתר על כל דרישותיו שדרש מהם. המצב הפיננסי הדחוק הוא שהכריע, כך התחילה תקופה אמריקאית בתנועה הציונית.



December 24, 1951

Dr. M. E. Chernowits  
Bitsaron  
1141 Broadway  
New York 1, New York

My dear Dr. Chernowits;

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of December 18th.  
I regret that it will not be possible for me to write  
the article which you request.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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# OPINION

*A Journal of Jewish Life and Letters*

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

December 21, 1951

Dear Rabbi Silver:

OPINION feels that the questions raised by Prime Minister David Ben Gurion regarding American Zionist participation in the consolidation of the Jewish State of Israel are of genuine concern to the Jewish public.

We are very much interested in presenting to our readers a cross section of the views held on this subject by Zionist leadership of the United States and I sincerely hope that you will find it possible to express yourself on this important matter.

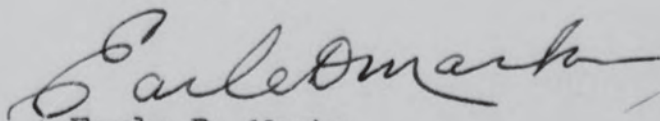
We are especially eager to get the opinions of such influential leaders as you, on the following aspects of Mr. Ben Gurion's recent statement to the Knesseth:

1. Why or why not a Jewish mass migration from the United States to Israel?
2. Has American Zionist leadership really failed to meet the challenge of the establishment of the Jewish State?
3. What should be the relationship between American Jewish citizens and the State of Israel?
4. What new forms and new principles should the Zionist movement adopt, now that its primary aim the establishment of a Jewish State has been accomplished?

You may answer all or any one of these points of this all important question. We would, however, appreciate if you would limit your statement to 350 - 500 words and mail it to us before January 15, 1952.

I am fully aware of your many responsibilities, but I trust that, in view of the need for clarification on these far reaching issues, implied in Mr. Ben Gurion's statement, you will take time out to send us your opinion.

Sincerely yours,

  
Earle D. Marks  
Publisher

EDM:f



December 26, 1951

Mr. Earle D. Marks  
Opinion  
17 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, New York

My dear Mr. Marks;

Thank you for your kind letter of December 21st. Unfortunately, pressure of work makes it impossible for me to comply with your request to participate in the symposium. I hope that I may be of service to you at some other time.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



February 14, 1952

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
% The Temple  
Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir,

I am the editor of a newspaper that is issued every month for my Zionist District of the Z O A. It has just recently begun to function and shows great promise with relation to strengthening this district. I have recently joined this district and I know the value of a good newspaper built along zionist lines. I also know the value of a newspaper article that would be written by you. My district as it exists today is very weak and must be brought together if it is to succeed. This newspaper of ours may be the answer; or it may not. However, nothing ventured, nothing gained.

An article written by you for our district and directed to our district and consisting of encouragement to a faltering district could not be passed over lightly by anyone. It could only have a wonderful effect and bring the district closer in their efforts.

If you could find the time to write this article for our paper, it would be greatly appreciated. At the same time I also understand that you are a busy man and if it can't be done I will also understand. It is intended that your newspaper item will fill one half of a nine by twelve sheet of paper. Any variation of this size will be just as acceptable.

As for myself, I would like to add a personal note. It is good to know that men like you are part of the Zionist movement and that I have the privilege of contributing my humble share to the overall scene.

Respectfully,

Max Skolnick

(over)



A. RemBA  
855 West End Ave.  
New-York.

ניו-יורק, 2.15.52

אדוני הד"ר הנערץ והיקר,

מד הפסמן, עורך "הבקר", תלגדף  
אלי אתמול כי אפנה לכבודו בבקשה חמה לכתוב מאמר  
או דברי-ברכה, כאות נפשו, בשביל הגליון ה- 5.0 0 0  
החגיגי של "הבקר" אשר יופיע בעוד עשרים יום.

חמשת אלפים גליונות של "הבקר" - למעלה  
מחמש עשרה שנות קיום של העתון, - הם מאורע רב-ערך בגליל  
העתון ובשביל התנועה, תנועת הציונות הכללית, המקיימת  
אותו, והמערכת תהיה מאושרת למצוא את שמו של אחד ב,  
שם האיש הנערץ ביותר על ציבור קוראי העתון בישראל,  
בתוך הגליון החגיגי הזה.

אני מצרף גם את בקשת מכת להכין בהקדם  
האפשרי ביותר את כתב-ידו - באנגלית או בעברית, כאות-  
נפשו - ולשלח אותו אלי, או אם כבודו רוצה, ישר  
ל"הבקר" בתל-אביב.

מיטב הברכות ותודה נאמנה מראש,  
בציפיה למילוי מקשתנו ככל האפשר ללא דיחוי.

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שליח "הבקר" בארצות הברית



February 26, 1952

Mr. A. Remba  
855 West End Avenue  
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Remba:

I forwarded to Mr. Heftman of the HABOKER a statement for the five-thousandth issue. I trust that it will arrive in time.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



February 26, 1952

Mr. I. Heftman, Editor  
HABOKER  
Ra'anan Street  
Tel-Aviv, Israel

My dear Mr. Heftman:

May I join your host of friends in Israel and throughout the Jewish world in extending to you and through you to the family of writers, publishers and workers of the HABOKER my heartiest felicitations on the occasion of the appearance of the five-thousandth issue. The occasion is indeed one which should be celebrated. For more than fifteen years you have served as a valuable channel for information, guidance and cultural progress among our people. The role of a newspaper is a significant one anywhere in the world, but particularly in a country and during a period of great revolutionary events.

HABOKER has been fully aware of its responsibilities in such a critical time and place, and has served our people with rare devotion and distinction. You have defended through the years basic Zionism, the reestablishment of the State, the methods for its sound economic development, the unity of our people, and the imperative need of strengthening those institutions which tend to unify rather than to fragmentize it.

The role of the HABOKER in the days to come will, in my judgment, be as important and significant as heretofore. The evil consequences of false economic notions which you foretold, and against which you warned, are even now making themselves tragically manifest. The measures which are being resorted to rectify the situation are in the direction which you and the General Zionists have consistently advocated. I know that you will have the courage, as you have the vision, to continue your indispensable service to the new State and to the people of Israel. I wish you well.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILIEL SILVER

AHS:er



February 26, 1952

Mr. Max Skolnick  
49 East Euclid Street  
Valley Stream, Long Island  
New York

My dear Mr. Skolnick:

Thank you for your kind letter of February 14th and for your gracious invitation to write an article for the newspaper of the Lynbrook-Valley Stream Zionist District of Long Island. I wish I were able to do so. Unfortunately, my schedule of work will not permit it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



# THE JEWISH FORUM

THE LEADING JEWISH MONTHLY IN ENGLISH

305 BROADWAY

NEW YORK 7, N. Y.

ISAAC ROSENGARTEN,  
EDITOR

April 7, 1952

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

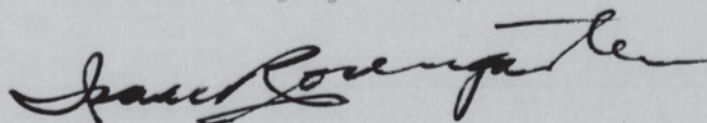
Dear Dr. Silver:

In all the thirty-five years of our publishing The Jewish Forum, the oldest literary Jewish monthly in English, we have adhered to the policy not only of having every contribution accompanied by a by-line, but also of not publishing anything appearing elsewhere.

We are dedicating the May issue of The Jewish Forum to the Fourth Anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel.

Would it be possible for you to contribute a short article on "The Relation of Israel to the Diaspora" or on any other topic of your choice--even of a controversial nature? It may be <sup>of</sup> any length up to 1000 words, or more if you find it desirable. Can you have such article in our hands by the 23rd of April?

Faithfully yours,



Isaac Rosengarten  
Editor

IR:ml



# The American Jewish World

*The Northwest Jewish Weekly News-Magazine in English*

Palace Building, Minneapolis 1 : Pioneer Building, St. Paul 1

L. H. FRISCH  
Editor

August 8, 1952

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland  
Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This year The American Jewish World is celebrating its fortieth year of publishing service to the Jewish community of the Twin Cities and Upper Midwest.

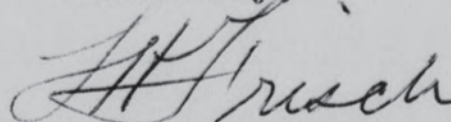
Because forty years of publishing is in itself an achievement in the field of American Jewish journalism, we feel this is a fitting occasion for felicitation, especially since our weekly news-magazine has been under the management of the writer throughout this entire period.

In connection with our fortieth "birthday" we are publishing an anniversary edition recording the outstanding events and accomplishments of the 1912-1952 period. As part of this edition we should like to publish a message from you taking cognizance of our anniversary.

We hope you will be able to find time to write us before our copy dead-line--August 20.

With kindest wishes, I am

Sincerely,



L. H. Frisch  
Editor and Publisher

LHF:BB



August 11, 1952

Mr. L. H. Frisch, Editor  
The American Jewish World  
Palace Building  
Minneapolis 1, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Frisch:

Rabbi Silver is now vacationing in Europe and should be back about the first week of September. Since he is travelling, it would be some time before your letter would reach him if forwarded.

As you can readily see, he could not comply with your copy dead-line of August 20th. I shall, however, show him your letter upon his return.

Sincerely,

Ruth L. Hirsch

(RLH)



# *International Relations*

BOX 75 - BROOKLYN 38, N.Y.

UL 3-7328

August 13, 1953

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

Sir:

We would be most grateful for a contribution to our publication on the subject: Should the Germans be Rearmed?

We are very interested in your views concerning American and/or Russian policy on Germany, particularly with regard to militarization of that nation, as proposed by many government leaders; we are interested, too, in any other aspects of our German policy, past or present, which you care to discuss.

The suggested length would be 1,500-2,000 words, longer or shorter as desired; the article would be due by September 22. We are planning to invite an individual of different view also to contribute his ideas on the subject. For the Fall issue we are also seeking articles of varying opinions on the subjects of admission of Peiping China to the U.N.; the question of Russian aggression; and Korea and the methods of the United Nations.

International Relations is a new, independent and unaffiliated periodical, specializing in problems of war and peace. The attached paper helps to explain the purposes of our quarterly. A complimentary copy of the current issue is enclosed.

An article on the above topic would be greatly appreciated by us and our readers. We would be happy to furnish any additional information concerning our publication that you may deem necessary. Also, we would welcome any criticisms or suggestions you might have concerning International Relations.

Yours respectfully,

*Paul Warren*

Paul Warren



# *International Relations*

BOX 75 - BROOKLYN 38, N.Y.

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## Goals of "International Relations"

International Relations is a new, independent journal devoted to the science of peace.

These are the chief aims of the non-partisan quarterly:

\* To promote the study of peace and methods for achieving lasting world peace; to help carry on the endless search for alternatives to war.

\* To serve as a forum for significant thought and research of America and elsewhere; to allow various opinions and ideas on peace and international relations a chance to be heard.

\* To attempt to strengthen American peace movements in their common struggle to prevent a global war --a war which must never take place; to heighten the popular interest in peace and in concerted action for peace.

In striving to realize these aims we will:  
Fear no ideas, encouraging discussion and controversy;  
Take no partisan political stand, having no editorials in the usual sense; Remain wholly non-profit and educational, receiving no salaries or remunerations.

We welcome pertinent material on international questions, and correspondence, regardless of opinion. Also, donations will be gratefully accepted, as a means for continuation of International Relations.



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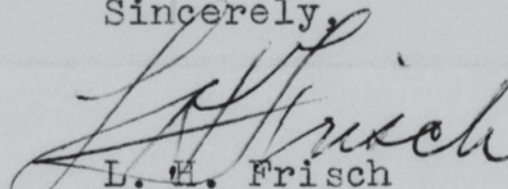
Miss Ruth L. Hirsch  
The Temple  
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Miss Hirsch:

Thank you for your letter of August 11 informing us that Rabbi Silver will be back the first week of September.

As our last form is going to press September 11, there would still be time for him to send us a message. We would very much appreciate your calling this to his attention upon his return.

Sincerely,

  
L. H. Frisch  
Editor

LHF:BB



# Independent Woman

1819 BROADWAY, NEW YORK 23, NEW YORK

FRANCES MAULE  
EDITOR

April 29, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th St. and Ansell Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Under the theme, "The Ramparts We Build," the 165,000 members of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, organized into 2800 clubs in all the states and the territories of Alaska and Hawaii, are seeking to make a contribution to the national effort to render our country invincible.

Believing that spiritual strength is one of the most important of the bulwarks of our American way of life, INDEPENDENT WOMAN is presenting as the frontispiece of each issue an inspirational message of not more than 300 words. We are venturing to ask if you can and will do us the very great favor of contributing to this symposium.

Herewith we are sending you tear sheets of some of these messages, together with a copy of our current issue in order that you may see the type of magazine INDEPENDENT WOMAN is and get an idea of the way your message would be presented.

Perhaps I should add that since ours is a non-profit publication supported exclusively by the dues of our members, we are soliciting these messages as free will donations to what we hope will be regarded as a contribution to the current campaign to give added strength to the bulwarks of freedom.

Very sincerely,

*Frances Maule*

Frances Maule  
Editor-in-Chief

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# THE ZIONIST RECORD.

THE ORGAN OF SOUTH AFRICAN JEWRY.

P.O. Box 150  
JOHANNESBURG  
SOUTH AFRICA.

8th May 1953.

Rabbi Dr. A.H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th Street,  
At Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, 6,  
OHIO, U.S.A.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I enclose herewith proofs of an article on the future of American Jewry by Dr. Trude Weiss-Rosmarin of New York. Dr. Rosmarin has sent me this article for publication, and I understand that it also appeared in a recent issue of the Jewish Spectator, which she edits. I was struck by the revolutionary ideas contained in this article by a writer who, as you know, is no stranger to American Jewish life, and has had considerable experience of various communities in the U.S.A. as a travelling lecturer. Apart from the fact that it deals with the biggest and most important Jewish community in the Diaspora, the arguments contained therein apply equally well to other English-speaking communities, including South Africa.

We are publishing Dr. Rosmarin's article, without necessarily sharing her views. In this connection we should very much like to have your views on this article for publication in the Zionist Record. I assume that you do not share her opinions, but whatever the case may be, I need hardly tell you that our readers throughout the country will be most interested to read your opinions on the subject.

I am, of course, not placing any limit on the size of the article which you may be kind enough to write for us, but if by any chance you are pressed for time and cannot go to any length, I would be satisfied even if you were to give us a brief comment.

We all have very pleasant recollections of your visit to this country, and we hope it will not be long before you are again in our midst.

Hoping to hear from you soon, and with best regards to Mrs. Silver and to your goodself,

Yours faithfully, *Chaim*  
EDITOR.  
C. GERSHATER.



של ארצות הברית



ההסתדרות הציונית

# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42nd STREET • NEW YORK 17, N. Y. • Murray Hill 2-3205

May 15, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
19810 Shaker Blvd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

The forthcoming issue of the American Zionist (to appear June 5th) will contain an article on Emanuel Neumann by Elias M. Epstein. As you no doubt know, Emanuel's 60th birthday falls due this June. We naturally wish to publish an editorial tribute to him - one that will be accompanied by his picture.

While I am more than willing to write this editorial myself, I feel Emanuel is entitled to have it written by someone who has been closer to him over the years than I have been. No one obviously is better qualified to write this tribute than yourself. We would appreciate it deeply if you could send us about 250 words - which must reach us by Friday, May 22, at the very latest. The editorial would of course be unsigned.

I wish you would telegraph me Monday, May 18 as to whether you find it possible to do this.

With warm regards.

Sincerely yours,

*Marvin*

Marvin Lowenthal

ML: GA



May 18, 1953

Miss Frances Maule  
Independent Woman  
1819 Broadway  
New York 23, New York

My dear Miss Maule:

In reply to your request of April 29th to send you a message for publication in the Independent Woman, I am pleased to enclose such a message. I trust that you will find it satisfactory.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



May 19, 1953

Mr. Marvin Lowenthal  
Zionist Organisation of America  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, New York

My dear Marvin;

I am enclosing herewith the editorial on Dr. Neumann for publication in the American Zionist. I trust that you will find it satisfactory.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



# Quick

THE PICTURE NEWS MAGAZINE  
30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 20, N. Y. • Circle 5-5900

September 4, 1953

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th St. & Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Reverend Sir:

The new QUICK magazine, which is to appear this month with a new editorial concept and a new format, has a feature which we call "My Creed."

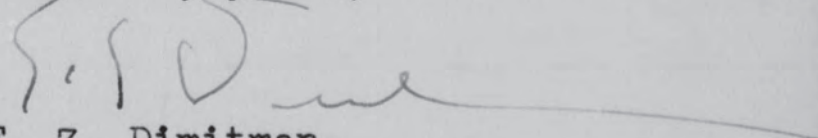
We are asking the leading citizens of our country to express in 50 to 75 words, their creed -- the code which guides their life and which has made them useful members of our great nation.

The feature will appear as a full page in our magazine (which will be Readers Digest size) and will consist of a photograph of the subject, his creed, and a very brief thumbnail sketch of the author.

We are attempting to stress some inspirational matter in our publication and we would greatly appreciate it if you would be kind enough to join with others who have agreed to prepare their creeds for our readers.

Thanking you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

  
E. Z. Dimitman,  
Executive Editor

EZD:cp



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September 9, 1953

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
19810 Shaker Blvd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Silver:

Though I realize that you are extremely busy, I have been working on a project which I have felt would interest you very much. Though I have thought about it a number of years, this summer is the first opportunity I have had to devote my full time to it.

For a long while I have wondered how one might reach and help the untold thousands of people who have desperate personal problems and don't know where to turn for wise guidance. Many have no recourse to church, a competent psychiatrist, or intelligent friendship. Help may be had through books, but book readers in America are relatively a small group. It is the magazines and newspapers that reach the widest audience.

I do not wish to burden you with editorial details, but after talking with other people and surveying a great many religious publications, I have decided to publish a religious-type magazine (inter-denominational, non-sectarian) which would be distributed on the newstands. There is only one other religious publication that distributed is this way, and that is the Catholic Digest.

Though our magazine is religious in essence, our range of topics is extremely wide within its framework. We want it to be so worthwhile, so exciting and so well packed with vital material that the reader will feel as if he'd grasped a live wire and can't let go.

Each one of us at one time or another has had bitter disappointments, personal tragedies, and all of the endless little difficulties. But the person who has been able to establish his values correctly, to see things as they are, to have real faith, is the one who will come through in some way. Without faith, the average person can no more withstand the onslaughts of life than can a skyscraper without its steel structure stand before a hurricane. And that's the strength I want to give to the aimless, the cynical, the discouraged, the despairing, and all the others that need this type of help. And I am looking for this help from the best minds in America.

Now then, I am writing this letter to you with really three purposes in mind. I want this magazine to be truly representative of all faiths without stressing any one faith.



Being an Episcopalian, I feel fairly competent when it comes to selecting Protestant material. Though I have read rather widely, when it comes to Jewish and Catholic selections, I feel much less sure of myself. I am hoping that you might be able to suggest several writers who would be interested in doing pieces, and suggest also several books or so from which material could be reprinted. I have read Peace of Mind, and though I think it a good and sincere book, I do feel it has been read by so many people and has been reprinted so often that I am afraid too many readers might have read already whatever portion I reprinted.

Joshua Liebman's writing was excellent and he was able to present difficult subjects in an informal, instructive and interesting way. This is -in general- the clarity and style I want in the magazine.

My second point in writing to you is to ask and to hope fervently that you might be willing to do an article. And I have had a subject in mind which I thought you might be interested in thinking about. So often one hears expressions of doubt as to whether a man can be truly religious, follow the golden rule, so to speak, and still be successful in business. You are in a great industrial area and you know many important, successful people. I really think you could do an interesting and important article (about 2500 words or so) which would have vital meaning to those who doubt the practicality of religion and business. It is always good if a few true stories are thrown in -names disguised of course- since people always enjoy reading about the successes and failures of other people.

My third point in writing you is to tell you that any time you might have a suggestion as to what you would like to see in or left out of the magazine will be enormously appreciated. I want this magazine to be helpful to the individual and to the family. And if it is to be helpful, the material must be timely, well done and practical.

I feel that since you do not know me, you may wish to know a bit about my background. My family has long been associated with publishing. My grandfather founded Funk & Wagnalls and the Literary Digest, while my father in addition to being a writer has been president of that firm and also of Wilfred Funk, Inc. I have been in the field quite a while myself. To round out the picture with unimportant details so far as the project goes, I am surrounded by a happy, noisy family of five children, and dogs and cats ad infinitum.

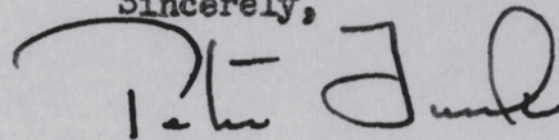
You might like to know that we have begun to get a number of excellent writers in the first issue which will be out in late fall. And also such people as Bernard M. Baruch, Judge Harold R. Medina, Mary Martin, Herbert Hoover, Laurence Rockefeller and others will appear in the magazine at one time or another. Each of them feels that this magazine will fill an important need.

I must be frank and say that at this moment I cannot pay you what you might expect to receive from a well-established, large circulation magazine. What I would like to do is to pay you \$75 for this article. If this magazine is as successful as my wife and I believe it will be, I would be more than glad to pay more on subsequent contributions.



I am sorry and I do apologize for the length of this letter, but I did want to give you as complete a picture as is possible of what we are doing. You are so well known and I have heard about you for so many years that I really thought you might be interested. I do hope so very much that you will warm up to the idea of the article. If you don't feel that you want to tackle that one, you may have another one in mind. This is perfectly all right with me.

Sincerely,



Peter V.K. Funk





September 23, 1953

Mr. E. Z. Dimitman  
Executive Editor  
Quick  
30 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. Dimitman:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of September 4th.  
I should be very pleased to send you in the not too far  
distant future a "Creed" which you requested.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very truly yours,

AHS:dk

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



# Quick

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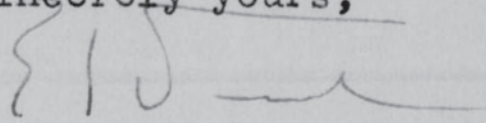
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street & Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you very much for your kindness in  
agreeing to send us a copy of your creed.

I am sure you will be pleased at the treatment we give it.

Sincerely yours,

  
E. Z. Dimitman,  
Executive Editor

EZD:cp



October 11, 1953

Mr. E. Z. Dimitman  
Executive Editor  
Quick Magazine  
30 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. Dimitman:

In accordance with our recent correspondence, I am enclosing herewith a copy of "My Creed."

With good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER





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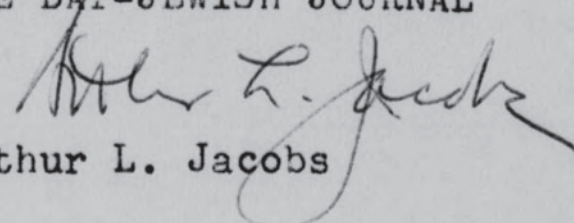
Dear Dr. Silver:

Your sermon yesterday had so strong a message that the thought came to me that I would like to use material over your name in that sermon as well as next week's for an article in our paper in Yiddish for next Sunday's issue. If this is agreeable to you, I would appreciate it greatly if you could send me a copy of yesterday's and next Sunday's sermon.

With best wishes from Mr. Weinberg and myself,

Very truly yours,

THE DAY-JEWISH JOURNAL

  
Arthur L. Jacobs

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# American Judaism

**Editor: RABBI SAMUEL M. SILVER**

**838 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK 21, N. Y. TELEPHONE REGENT 7-8200**

December 9, 1953

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Cong. Tifereth Israel  
E. 105th Street and Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Doc:

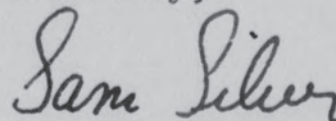
Whither can I flee from thy mail? Even here in New York it doth follow me. Fortunately, I don't read a well Hebrew so the contents of the note are "secure."

My mother-in-law (whoever thought that I would have such a thing!) tells me that you have acquired a Bridgeporter as your amanuensis to succeed Lizzy Rice (the deserter!) Tell the lady that my mother-in-law says hello to her and wishes both of you a mazeltov on your shidduch.

A long time ago I was the editor of the HUC magazine and I extracted an article from you. Now I am again an editor and you are a potential extractee. How about writing me something, say about 1,000 words, on "Reflections on the Tercentenary." Or, perhaps, you might give me something on the lighter side, as you did for the H UC mag: something like, "What Do They Want from Us Rabbis?" touching on some of the odd requests that we get.

In any event, belated Chanukah greetings and regards to your families, personal and professional.

Cordially,



RABBI SAMUEL M. SILVER

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January 19, 1954

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Abba:

Several weeks ago I wrote to you, two letters, one in connection with a matter on the consideration by the Committee on Appeals dealing with the chaplaincy, and another on behalf of the Publications Committee of the Commission on Jewish Chaplains. To date, I have not received your reply.

I would be grateful if, in your extremely busy life, you might find time to give me your judgment.

I know you will be grieved to learn that my brother Philip died suddenly ten days ago.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

~~Dr. Abraham J. Feldman~~

AJF/sz



February 9, 1954

Dr. Abraham J. Feldman  
The Congregation Beth Israel  
701 Farmington Avenue  
Hartford 7, Connecticut

My dear Abe:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your letters. I have just returned from a brief holiday in Florida.

First of all, I want to extend to you my profoundest sympathies on the death of your dear brother Philip. I was shocked to read of it in your letter. I recall him with a great deal of warm feeling and friendship. He was a fine man, and I am filled with sorrow to learn that he has passed away.

With reference to your request to write an article on Judaism and Communism, I wish I were in a position to do so. Unfortunately, I am so crowded with engagements to which I have already committed myself that many of the things which I have wished to do have lagged behind so much that I cannot in justice to myself take on any additional responsibilities.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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# American Judaism

*Editor:* RABBI SAMUEL M. SILVER

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February 10, 1954

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road and 105th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

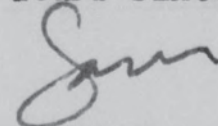
I want something unhackneyed about the tercentenary for the magazine. I don't have room for long articles, but I would like a group of leading Jewish thinkers like yourself to express what you think is the "Major Achievement of American Judaism." I would also like you to hint at what will be needed to sustain the achievement.

Could you summarize your feeling on this subject in 200-300 words? I realize that it will have to be done almost telegraphically, but I'm sure your feelings on this matter are sufficiently pronounced for you to be able to reduce it to the bare outline I want.

I would like your reply by February 25. Please let me know whether I can have it.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely,



Rabbi Samuel M. Silver  
Editor

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# American Judaism

*Editor:* RABBI SAMUEL M. SILVER

838 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK 21, N. Y.      TELEPHONE REGENT 7-8200

2 March 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Ansel Road and E. 105th st.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,

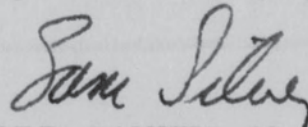
On February 10 I wrote asking you to take part in a symposium on, "The Major Achievement of American Judaism."

The deadline for this feature has been changed to April 1, to allow more individuals to participate.

I hope we will be honored by your statement.

With many thanks, I am

Very sincerely yours,



RABBI SAMUEL M. SILVER



March 11, 1954

Rabbi Samuel M. Silver, Editor  
American Judaism  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York 21, New York

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you so much for your invitation to participate in the symposium on "The Major Achievement of American Judaism." I wish I had the time to participate in it. Unfortunately, I am committed to so many things in the next few months that I simply must deny myself the privilege of sharing in this symposium.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms



## THE AMERICAN ZIONIST

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March 26, 1954

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

My dear Abba:

I would like to persuade you that the time has come for a considered and lengthy statement - an article, in fact - on the positive philosophy of Diaspora Zionism and on the relation of Diaspora Zionism to Israel. I believe that the subject has become urgent in view of the repeated, detailed statements of Ben-Gurion. These, as you know, have appeared not only in the world press but also in the form of a series of articles in The Day (New York) and in the Jewish Observer and Middle East Review (London). As you know, Mr. Berl Locker will likewise run a series of articles in The Day controverting Ben-Gurion. I anticipate that it will not be long before unfriendly publications such as Commentary will produce some unpleasant articles on the subject.

I am not alluding to Ben-Gurion at all with the idea that he should be refuted. Quite the contrary. It seems to me however, that the ideas and purposes of Diaspora Zionism should be placed before the country on their own merits - quite independent from the current controversy, and indeed, probably ignoring it.

As I wrote you when I first became editor of THE AMERICAN ZIONIST in November 1952 - I know of no one but yourself who has the authority and the wisdom to become the spokesman for Zionism, especially in the Diaspora. No so-called intellectual, publicist or article writer is the man to voice the position of the World Zionist Organization or even of the Zionist Organization of America. It is only yourself who can do this.

Your article or essay should appear in the May 15 issue of THE AMERICAN ZIONIST, which is the last issue before the next ZOA Convention, if it is to appear at all. Naturally, you can have as much space as you desire and I am sure that the Public Relations Department of the ZOA will see to it that your words are broadcast throughout the general and the Anglo-Jewish press.

It is my conviction, if we remain silent, that no matter how right we are, our opponents will have won a moral victory.

Please give the above matter your most earnest and speedy consideration.

Ever warm regards,

*Marvin*

Marvin Lowenthal



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April 19, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street and Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This syndicate distributes to newspapers a weekly column by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen. In Cleveland it appears in the News each Monday, I believe.

Also syndicated by other organizations are newspaper features by Protestant ministers. Included are Billy Graham, Norman Vincent Peale, Dr. Sockman and several others. Father James Keller also writes a newspaper feature. We have reason to believe that there is a place in newspapers for a Jewish rabbi of national stature. We know that you enjoy this position.

We are interested in having you consider writing a weekly newspaper column for us.

I will take the liberty of calling you on the telephone either tomorrow or the next day. In the event you are interested in discussing this project, I will be very happy to come to Cleveland to outline definitively the requirements and the limitations of such a column.

I will look forward to talking to you on the telephone during the next couple of days.

Sincerely yours,

Harry E. Elmlark

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April 28, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street and Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Relative to our telephone conversation of last week and to my letter to you of April 19th, I am supplying as much additional information as I consider pertinent and germane. It will be of necessity somewhat nebulous. I say this because generally syndicate contributors would like, understandably enough, specific details which it is some times impossible for the syndicate to give. All information must be given on a conjecture and generalized basis.

So far as the financial arrangements are concerned, we work on a basis of a 50 per cent division of the gross income from newspapers. The syndicate pays all sales, promotion and service costs, and the entire gross is divided between the contributor and the syndicate. I hasten to add that generally it is on a net basis — that is, the costs are first deducted from the gross income and the balance is then divided. However, the arrangement we suggest with you would be the former one and is precisely the arrangement under which we started the Bishop Sheen column.

It is impossible for us to venture an estimate of what the gross income from this feature would eventually be for the same reason that we cannot absolutely predict extreme success, moderate success, mediocre success or failure. It is my opinion, on the meager survey I have made, that this venture should be successful enough and have sufficient circulation and income to satisfy you.

Newspapers would pay for this service anything from a minimum of \$3 per week to \$30 or \$35 per week depending upon the size, circulation and affluence of the given newspaper. I would say that in Cleveland, the Plain Dealer if it wanted the feature would pay \$25 a week. The News would pay considerably less, probably \$10 or \$12. The Youngstown Vindicator if it wanted the feature would pay about \$5 a week. Obviously, the financial success of the feature would be dependent upon how many papers wish to use it.

In so far as the mechanics are concerned, we would want a feature of about 600 to 700 words in length. Copy must be delivered to our office approximately four weeks in advance of the date of its publication. The nature of the column, from the editorial point of view, would be a matter difficult to handle in a letter. I can say this, it should be inspirational and philosophical in tone. It should be non-sectarian and non-controversial. It should not concern itself with politics or national affairs in their limited sense. Newspapers are surfeited with features by experts dealing with those subjects out of Washington and from abroad. This element, of course, is subject to further discussion and delineation.



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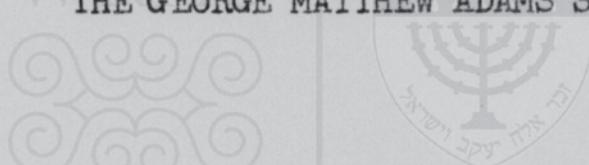
At the moment we would like to know if doing a newspaper column for syndication interests you in principal. If it does, I shall be happy to see you in Cleveland. As a matter of fact, I expect to be there during the latter part of the week of May 17th. If you are free during that period and are interested in discussing this further, I would appreciate word from you to that effect and I will let you know precisely what day I will be in Cleveland.

Sincerely yours,

Harry E. Elmlark

THE GEORGE MATTHEW ADAMS SERVICE

HE:AP





May 4, 1954

Mr. Harry E. Elmlark  
The George Matthew Adams Service  
444 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

My dear Mr. Elmlark:

Thank you for your kind letter of April 28th. I have given some thought to your suggestion. The idea appeals to me, but unfortunately, for the next six months or a year I am in no position to undertake any additional writing responsibilities. I am at the moment engaged in completing a book, to which I must devote whatever spare time I have from my duties at The Temple and elsewhere. I hope to have the book out of the way by the end of the year.

If you are still interested then in pursuing with me the subject of writing a column, I shall be very happy to hear from you.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

ABPA HILLEL SILVER

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

- Probably due to the pressure of work you have overlooked our letters of March 31 and April 22, concerning the forthcoming 18th Convention of the FARBAND LABOR ZIONIST ORDER at the Mount Royal Hotel, Montreal.

We would very much like to be honored with an official greeting of friendship from you, as we know that the inclusion of such message in our Convention Journal will be a source of great inspiration to the more than 40,000 members and friends of FARBAND.

Since the Convention is scheduled for May 22 through May 26, there is little time left for completing the preparation of the Convention Journal.

May we remind you again of the great importance of your message, which will be the greatest source of encouragement to our members and friends.

With every good wish, we are

Sincerely yours,

LOUIS SEGAL  
General Secretary

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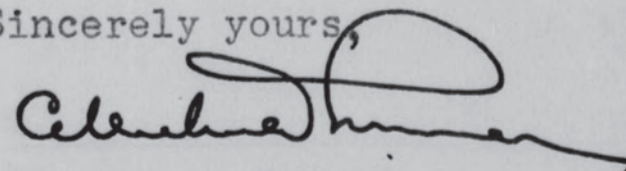
Dear Rabbi Silver:

You may be interested to know that The Jewish Quarterly Review issue in April 1955 will be a special issue devoted to American Jewish History, as a contribution to the American Jewish Tercentenary Celebration. In this connection, Doctor Zeitlin and I take pleasure in extending to you a cordial invitation to contribute an article pertaining to Reform Judaism in America from an historical viewpoint. We hope to have articles also on Conservative and Orthodox Judaism in America. I trust that we may be favored by your acceptance of our invitation.

Articles for the April 1955 issue should be forwarded to us by October 1, 1954.

With kind greetings,

Sincerely yours,



ABRAHAM A. NEUMAN

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio



June 15, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
19810 Shaker Boulevard  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Albert Schweitzer will be eighty on January 14th!

Some of his American friends feel that it would be appropriate to present him with a festschrift commemorating this birthday.

This letter is to invite you to contribute to this volume.

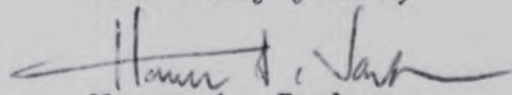
We would welcome an essay from you in appreciation of Albert Schweitzer from your particular perspective. The enclosed outline of the whole festschrift shows the first group of persons invited to write contributions and it also shows a tentative estimate of where your contribution might best fit. Please feel free to write what comes closest to your heart. . . and in few pages or many. The maximum contribution should be no more than 3,000 words--ten typewritten pages, double-spaced.

It is proposed that the individual contributions be bound and presented to Dr. Schweitzer in Gunsbach (where he has just arrived) or Lambarene in January. It is also hoped that an edition of this festschrift might be published for his many friends and admirers around the world. If arrangements can be made at this late date for publication, all royalties will be donated to Dr. Schweitzer for the work of his hospital at Lambarene. Some of the articles may also appear in periodicals during January. If your contribution is selected by a magazine, you will be advised beforehand and payment will be made either to you directly or to Dr. Schweitzer's hospital.

We are setting the early deadline of August 15, 1954, in the event that the volume may be published. If this deadline is inconvenient, some additional weeks can be added if we know that your contribution will be forthcoming no later than October first.


We hope you will cooperate in this project, even though the time is short. Please write me if you have questions or would like further clarifying information.

Sincerely yours,

  
Homer A. Jack,  
Editor

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סיון תשי"ד  
יוני 1954

עמ"י

חכם והוגה-דעות מאד נעלה:

השנתון הישראלי-אמריקאי "טורא" המופיע ע"י מכון סורא בירושלים וישיבה אוניברסיטה בנו-יורק בעריכת החותם משה, עורך סימפוזיון בהשתתפות הוגי דורנו שבכל הארצות על השאלות דלקמן, שמתחבטים בהם אנשי מדינת ישראל ועסקני התרבות העברית מחוצה לה:

- (א) מה טיבו ומהי הגדרתו של ציוני בימים שאחר תקומת מדינת ישראל?
- (ב) היש לעורר את רצון העליה וההתיישבות במדינת ישראל בלב היושבים לדעתם לבטח במדינות אחרות, ואם כן, מה הם האמצעים לכך?
- (ג) מה טיבה של אחדות האומה הישראלית אחרי הגבולים שחלקה מדינת ישראל בין אלה היושבים בתוכה לאלה שיושבים מחוצה לה?
- (ד) מה הם האמצעים העלולים לקשר את יהודי כל הארצות למדינת ישראל, והיש צורך במרכז דתי, ואם כן, היכן וכיצד יווצר?

אני פונה בזה לכב' בבקשה להיזקק לשאלות אלו ולחוות את דעתו עליהן, בין בקוצר האומר ובין בהרחבת הדיבור כפי רצונו. בסופו של דבר שיכיר בצורך להורות דרך לגבויים העומדים על פרשת דרכים בהיסטוריה הישראלית, ולא ימנע את הטוב מבעליו.

בתקווה שכב' יזדרז ככל האפשר בתשובתו החשובה, הריני חותם,

בברכה ובהוקרה,

פרופ' שמואל ק. מירסקי  
מיוס"י

שקם:רל



June 17, 1954

Professor Samuel K. Mirsky, Editor  
Talpioth  
Yeshiva University  
186th Street and Amsterdam Avenue  
New York 33, New York

My dear Professor Mirsky:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter. I appreciate your gracious invitation to participate in the symposium, but I regret that it will not be possible for me to do so. At the moment I am too heavily committed to other things.

With all good wishes and hoping that I may be of service to you at some future time, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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June 18, 1954

Dr. Abraham A. Neuman  
The Jewish Quarterly Review  
Broad and York Streets  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

My dear Dr. Neuman:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of June 15th and for your invitation to contribute an article to The Jewish Quarterly Review special Tercentenary number. I wish I were free to accept the assignment. It would have given me great pleasure indeed, but unfortunately my commitments are such that I cannot take the responsibility of preparing such an article. I will simply not have the time for it.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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**JACOB J. WEINSTEIN** Rabbi K. A.M. Temple

June 18, 1954

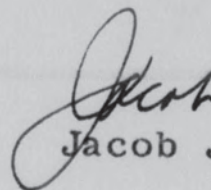
Dear Abba Hillel:

My good friend, Dr. Homer Jack, tells me that he has invited you to contribute a paper to the Dr. Albert Schweitzer "festschrift." Of course, I do not know what time you will have for such literary labors, but if you can possibly work it into your schedule, I want to send along this word of recommendation not only for the project itself, but for the editorial ability and integrity of Dr. Jack.

He has been truly devoted to Dr. Schweitzer and I feel certain that any volume which he would edit would be a distinguished one.

With warmest greetings from house to house, I am

As ever,



Jacob J. Weinstein

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Congregation Tifereth Israel  
E. 105th Street and Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio



July 13, 1954

Dr. Homer A. Jack  
The Unitarian Church of Evanston  
1405 Chicago Avenue  
Evanston, Illinois

My dear Dr. Jack:

I deeply appreciate your gracious invitation to contribute an article to the Albert Schweitzer "festschrift." I would be most eager to do so. Unfortunately, the pressure of commitments which I have already undertaken for the remainder of the year will not give me the time to write the kind of an article which the "festschrift" would warrant.

I shall be traveling most of the time. Furthermore, I am preparing a volume of my own for publication in the next few months. I am sure that you will understand.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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September 21, 1954

Mr. William Dinwoodie, Church Editor  
Cleveland News  
1801 Superior Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Dinwoodie:

At your request, Rabbi Silver is sending you the enclosed article on the Jewish New Year and Tercentenary.

Very cordially yours,

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

enclosure



In ushering in their religious New Year, the Jews of the United States are also ushering in a new century - the fourth - of their settlement in what is now the United States of America. In 1654 a group of twenty-three Jews from Brazil, where the Portuguese had defeated the Dutch, were forced to flee from threatened persecution and sought sanctuary in Nieuw Amsterdam, now New York.

In the synagogues and temples throughout America, Jews will, on this New Year's Day, add to their prayers for the coming year their prayers and their expressions of gratitude to a kind Providence for three centuries of living on these gracious shores and for the privilege of sharing with their fellow citizens in the opportunities of developing and defending the free and noble institutions of our country.

These Jewish Pilgrims brought with them their Bible, as did the Pilgrim fathers to Plymouth a generation before them, and upon that book and its immortal teachings of freedom, justice, and human equality, the Jewish community of America, through the years which have elapsed, has sought to build its life. Coming from many parts of the world and from many backgrounds, the Jews shared eagerly in the growing and evolving life of America. They became one in outlook and in hopefulness, true children of the New World, and in service and devotion, loyal and proud citizens of the United States. They served America in peace and in war. They made valuable contributions to its material prosperity and to its political and social progress. They remained loyal to their religious heritage.

On this New Year's day, our people will pray to the Father of all nations to continue to favor them and all their fellow citizens with His abundant grace and to enable them to serve in the future, as in the past, their beloved country.



C O P Y

September 22, 1954

In observance of the Tercentenary I am editing a volume of essays entitled "My Faith as an American Jew."

As a distinguished leader in the American Jewish community, I hope that you will look with favor upon the following request: I am asking you, along with one hundred other American Jewish leaders, to submit your credo as an American Jew in 500 to 700 words. Your statement of faith will be of great significance to the many readers of this volume who look for guidance in this confused and uncertain age of ours. Your article may well prove to be a source of strength to the reader who is searching for direction and moral guideposts to help direct his way.

Some of the contributors who have signified their intention to participate in this volume are Senator H. H. Lehman, Dr. Louis Finkelstein, Dr. Emanuel Neumann and Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan, among others.

The Jonathan David Company of New York has already accepted this volume for publication in the early winter. Would you, therefore, be good enough to drop me a note telling me that I may expect to include your statement. I would be grateful if you would inform me as to the approximate date that it will be forthcoming. We are hoping to have all the contributions collected by October 1, 1954.

Thanking you most sincerely, I remain,

Faithfully yours,

Dr. Seymour J. Cohen  
Rabbi

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# האנציקלופדיה העברית ENCYCLOPAEDIA HEBRAICA

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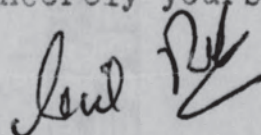
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
19810 Shaker Blvd.,  
Shaker Heights,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Hebrew Encyclopedia is preparing a one volume Jewish encyclopedia in English, which is to be published in Israel and the United States. We would like to invite you to contribute the entries MESSIAH; MESSIANIC ERA and MESSIANIC MOVEMENTS. We are turning to leading experts in every sphere and feel that you are the ideal person to write these articles. You will appreciate that in a single volume a great deal of compression will be necessary, but we are confident that you will be able to do justice to the subjects in the allotted space. These are important articles and in spite of the extreme brevity of our undertaking we are prepared to allot 1,400 words to the three together. I would suggest 750 to the article Messiah; 150 to Messianic Era, and 500 for Messianic Movements. But the final division we would leave to you. I do hope that you will see your way to accepting our suggestion. We would like to receive the articles by the end of the year. Our honorarium is 1 cent a word.

With kind regards and best wishes for the New Year,

Sincerely yours,



Cecil Roth,  
Editor-in-Chief.



SHINGTON, D.C.  
OCT 15 1954

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
19810 Shaker Blvd.,  
Shaker Heights,  
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THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF CHICAGO  
JACOB M. BRAUDE, JUDGE  
IN CHAMBERS

October 18, 1954

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have had the feeling for a long time that someone should record for posterity, in a single volume, the thoughts of the outstanding personalities and the best minds of our own day. I should like to be that someone.

With that in mind, I am communicating with a relatively small number of persons throughout the world and am seeking to enlist their cooperation in my undertaking.

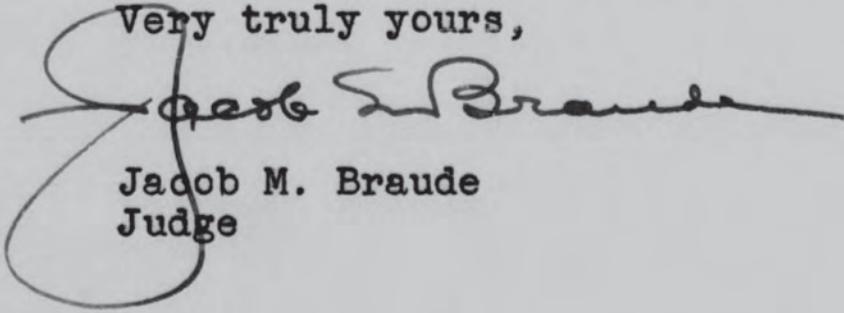
Would you, in approximately 150-200 words, prepare a statement which will reflect your own philosophy of life or in the alternative express some sentiment which you would like to see handed down and preserved for succeeding generations?

Naturally, I would prefer something which has not heretofore appeared in print but if that is asking too much, then will you please refer me to a source from which I can obtain something which you have previously published and which I may include in my volume.

Since my publishers have given me a December 31, 1954 deadline I must appeal to you for an early response.

It goes without saying that I shall be profoundly appreciative of your cooperation and when the book is published I shall see to it that you receive a copy.

Very truly yours,

  
Jacob M. Braude  
Judge



# THE DAY

"THE NATIONAL JEWISH DAILY"

## Jewish Journal

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October 21, 1954.

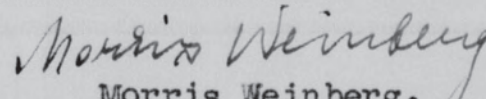
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105 St. & Amsell Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to the Fortieth Anniversary celebration of the Day-Jewish Journal, which will take place on November 4th, at the Hotel Woodstock.

This is a personal invitation in addition to the formal one, which we enclose herewith, and I will consider a privilege to have you as my guest.

Very sincerely yours,

  
Morris Weinberg,  
Publisher.

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**FROM THE EDITOR**

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 2. 个体工商户应当在营业执照规定的经营范围和经营方式内从事经营活动，不得擅自变更。  
 3. 个体工商户应当依法纳税，并接受有关管理部门的监督检查。  
 4. 个体工商户应当遵守社会公德，维护市场秩序，不得从事违法经营活动。  
 5. 个体工商户应当依法履行劳动合同，保障劳动者的合法权益。  
 6. 个体工商户应当依法保护环境，不得污染环境。  
 7. 个体工商户应当依法保障消费者的合法权益，不得销售假冒伪劣商品。  
 8. 个体工商户应当依法保障劳动者的合法权益，不得拖欠工资。  
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There is a large and sophisticated market for used cars in Mexico. The average Mexican car buyer has a budget of \$10,000 to \$15,000. The average car in Mexico is a 1980-1985 model, with a 1.6 liter engine. The average car in Mexico is a 1980-1985 model, with a 1.6 liter engine. The average car in Mexico is a 1980-1985 model, with a 1.6 liter engine.

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**ענין ושיעור**

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**התאחדות העובדים**

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Mr. Morris Weinberg  
publisher of The Day Jewish-Journal  
takes pleasure in inviting

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to the celebration of the 40th anniversary of

The Day  
and the 53rd year's publication of the  
Jewish Morning Journal

on Thursday, November 4th, 1954

at the Hotel Woodstock

127 West 43rd Street

New York City

Dinner will be served at 6 P. M.

Kindly respond



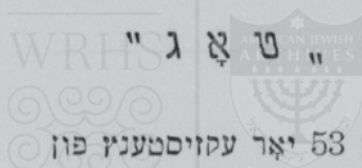
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October 26, 1954

Mr. Morris Weinberg, Publisher  
The Day Jewish-Journal  
183 East Broadway  
New York 2, New York

My dear Friend:

I wish to thank you for your gracious note inviting me to the Fortieth Anniversary Celebration of the Day-Jewish Journal on Thursday, November 4th. It would have given me great pleasure indeed if I were free to come, as I should like to express in person my appreciation for the important services which the Day, under your leadership, has rendered to our people in every field of progress, especially in the long and difficult struggle to establish the State of Israel and to defend its interests.

Unfortunately, I am committed elsewhere on that day, and it will not be possible for me to come to New York. Please accept my heartiest felicitations and expressions of my high regard for you and for your loyal co-workers.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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RABBI ALBERT G. MINDA, D.D.

TEMPLE ISRAEL  
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Nov. 3, 1954

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


Dear Abba:

I am compiling an anthology of readings and statements to be used by rabbis and clergy for funeral and memorial services. I should like to have your permission to use the following paragraph which appeared in your essay on Weitzman:

" The individual is absorbed in the process of his cause. 'The deeds of the righteous are their biography' is an old rabbinic dictum. Jewish scholars are often referred to not by their own names but by the name of some great book which they wrote. Very similar is the gracious Arab custom called 'Kunya' according to which a person is called not by his own name but by the father of so and so. The rich fancy of our people goes a step further. A man is known not so much by what he actually attains - for man is finite and limited in his powers - but by the things for which he sacrifices and for which he gives his heart's blood. 'Everything for which a man offers his life should be called by his name.'"

With thanks for the kind consideration you may give this and with warm regards, I am

As ever,

  
Albert G. Minda

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*Permission  
given 11/5/54*



November 9, 1954

Dr. Cecil Roth  
~~Editor-in-Chief~~  
Encyclopaedia Hebraica  
P. O. B. 1232  
Jerusalem, Israel

My dear Dr. Roth:

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter of September 24th. I have been traveling about a great deal and my correspondence has unfortunately lagged.

I should very much like to cooperate with you in writing the Messianic articles for the Jewish encyclopedia which you will edit. Unfortunately, I am going to be very much occupied in the next few months traveling about a great deal. I recall, too, that I did write brief articles on these very subjects for Vergilius Ferm's "An Encyclopedia of Religion" which appeared a few years ago. I wonder whether Mr. Ferm's permission could not be obtained for the publishing of these articles.

With warmest regards and best wishes for your success, I remain

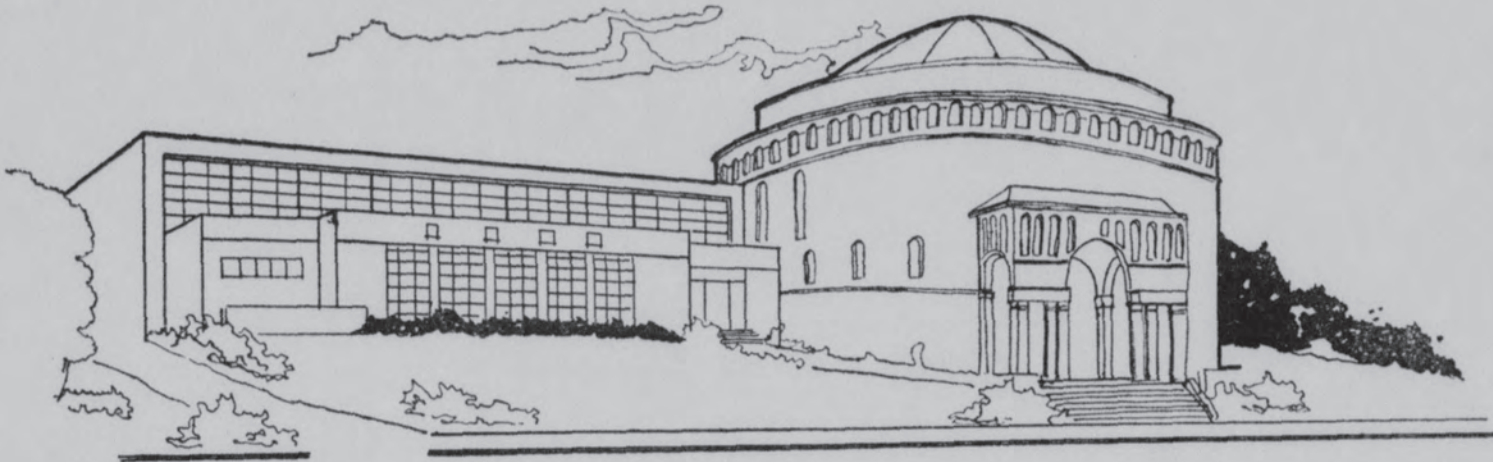
Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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November 15, 1954

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Cong. Tifereth Israel  
105th St. and Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter sent to you before the High Holy Days. I am certain that the pressure of your work has prevented you from answering earlier.

I recently spoke with my older brother, Rabbi Eugene J. Cohen, who thought that perhaps at this time you might find it possible to answer. I am particularly anxious for your contribution, since I have already received those of Dr. Nelson Glueck, Dr. Emanuel Neumann and Dr. Louis Finkelstein.

I trust that you will be able to contribute your article within the next month or so.

Faithfully yours,

Dr. Seymour J. Cohen  
Rabbi

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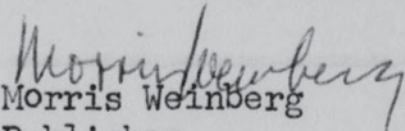
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your much appreciated letter of congratulation.  
It added lustre, may I say, to our fortieth anniversary issue,  
(a copy of which we are sending you herewith).

Again, with gratitude for your thoughtfulness and courtesy,  
I remain

Sincerely yours,

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Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Last May we had an exchange of correspondence relative to your doing a weekly feature for this syndicate. You suggested at that time that we bring the matter to your attention again.

Some months ago I spoke to Nat Howard who indicated that he would be very happy to use this column and that he would mention the venture to you should the occasion ever arise.

At any rate, I hope you will once again give your consideration to the column and I shall be glad to go into detail concerning it either by letter, telephone or in person on my next visit to Cleveland.

Sincerely yours,

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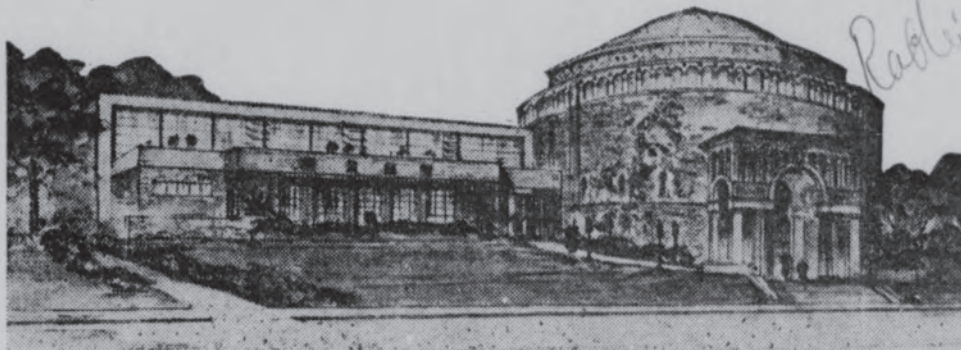
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January 13, 1955

Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Cong. Tifereth Israel  
105th St. and Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In observance of the Tercentenary I am editing a volume of essays entitled "My Faith As An American Jew."

As a distinguished leader in the American Jewish community, I hope that you will look with favor upon the following request: I am asking you, along with one hundred other American Jewish leaders, to submit your credo as an American Jew in 500 to 700 words. Your statement of faith will be of great significance to the many readers of this volume who look for guidance in this confused and uncertain age of ours. Your article may well prove to be a source of strength to the reader who is searching for direction and moral guideposts to help direct his way.

Some of the contributors who have signified their intention to participate in this volume are Senator H. H. Lehman, the Hon. Lewis Strauss, Dr. Louis Finkelstein, Dr. Nelson Glueck and Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan, among others.

The Jonathan David Company of New York has already accepted this volume for publication in the early winter. Would you, therefore, be good enough to drop me a note telling me that I may expect to include your statement. I would be grateful if you would inform me as to the approximate date that it will be forthcoming. We are hoping to have all the contributions collected by February 20, 1955.

Thanking you most sincerely, I remain,

Faithfully yours,

*Seymour J. Cohen*  
Dr. Seymour J. Cohen  
Rabbi



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Jan. 21st, 1955.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th St. & Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

We are anxious to receive a copy of the New Year's address that you delivered at the Temple, excerpts of which were quoted in the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

We would appreciate it if you could air mail this copy.  
We will be glad to pay all postage charges.

Yours very sincerely,

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23 Feb. 1955, N.Y.

לכב' הרב רביי א.ה.סילבר, קליוולאנד  
רביי סילבר הנכבד,

הנני רואה לנכון להעביר אל כב' לעיון (ותיקון) את תוכן שיחתנו מאתמול, לפני  
שהנני שולחה לעתוננו, למען מנוע איזה אי-הבנות או אי-דיוקים בשגגה. אהיה אסיר  
תודה לכב' באם יואיל לעיין בדבר עם קבלתו ולהחזירני בדאר הראשון.

בכבוד ובהוקרה  
יצחק שמואלי,  
סופר "חרות"

פ.ס. הערות כב' או התיקונים יכולים להיות ~~אחרים~~  
אם באנגלית

(המשך לדו"ח על עצרת "300 שנות יהדות ארה"ב וחלקה של הציונות בתקופה זו")

--- למחרת הופעתו של הרביי סילבר "בהונטר קולג'", לכשנודע לי מקום-איטונו, שמתי  
צעדי, בשעת הבקר המוקדמת, למלון "פלצה" המהודר שבשדרה החמישית, "הצצתי" לתוך  
אולם המסעדה הענקי, עש שהשגחתי בשלחן על ידו סעד הרביי בחברתו של בן-לויה לא  
מוכר לי, אחו היה נתון בשיחה. אם כי ביקור הפתע שלי לא היה בתכנת ~~זמן~~ זמן  
שהותו המוגבל של האורח, נענה הרביי סילבר מיד לכשהתפנה לגולל אתי שחחה על השאלות  
וענינים דיומא, העומדים על הפרק בחיי המדינה והחנועה הציונית.  
לראשונה העליתי את חוסר התגובה מצד התנועה הציונית דכאן על הרצח "המשפטי" של  
שפוטי הציונות בקהיר. מסרתי לרביי כי ישנן טענות חמורות נגד השרירות בושנינגטון  
על כי מנעה כל גיוס דעת הקהל ופעולה צבורית נרחבת ע'י התנועה הציונית.  
השיב לי וסיפר לי הרביי סילבר: ~~מאז~~ עם התקבל הידיעה על פסה"ד ~~המשפטי~~ של ביה"מ  
בקהיר, התקשר אתי השגרירי א.א. ~~אז~~ן, ובקשני כי אפעל מצדי להפנות תשומת לב הממשלה  
האמריקאית על חומרת המצב. אני צלצלתי מיד ל"בית הלבן" בושנינגטון, ומסרתי ~~אז~~  
על דחיפות ~~השאלה~~ הבעיה לד"ר אדמס, עוזרו הקרוב ביותר של הנשיא. מר אדמס ~~השיב~~  
אלי למחרת תוך 24 שעות בהודיעני שכבר ניתנו הוראות מתאימות לשגריר  
בקהיר לפעול ללא דחיה כל שהיא לביטול גזר הדין. ברם כפי שנודע לי לאח"ז  
הרי בפגישה שהיתה לשגריר ~~האמריקאי~~ עם נאצר, אמר לו השליט המצרי, כי "לפני  
זמן מה תלינו גם מוסלמים"---

לישראל

שאלתי את הרביי סילבר, בהמשך שיחתנו, מה צפוי ~~לדו~~ במעתיד הקרוב ממדיניותו  
של ה"סטייט דפרטמנט"?

"התוית המדיניות איננה מענינו של הסטייט-דפרטמנט לבד, השיבוני הרביי, הפנטגון  
קובע לא במעט בקביעת הקו. מסרתו ותפקידו כיום הוא ביצור והגנת האיזור כלו  
מפני פלישה סוביטית. ועד כמה שיהא נראה הדבר למוזר, הרי הודות למדיניות זו  
יש לציין מפנה לטובה למען ישראל דוקא. כי הנה הצליחה מדיניות של דאלס  
להכניס פירוד בין הגוש המלוכד של המדינות הערביות, המאוחדות עד כה בשנאתן  
לישראל. כך או אחרת הפירוד הופך עובדא"---



-אך מה בדבר אספקת הנשק לעירק וליתר הארצות הערביות "שתואלנה" לבקשו, והסירוב לאספקתו חינום באיכות ובכמות דומה ושוה לישראל? -הקשיתי

-אין להגזים בכמות הנשק שסופק עד כה לעירק, ובאשר לישראל יודע אני כי אין מניעה שגם היא תקבלו וג"כ ללא תמורה--השיב לי הרביי סילבר.

לא הרחבנו יותר דיבור על נושא זה .

בהמשך שיחתנו חזר הרביי סילבר והדגיש בפני כי ~~הוא~~ אין לפקפק בדבר כי אצל ראשי האדמיניסטרציה הנוכחית קיים "רצון טוב" ביחס לישראל, למרות ההרגשה המוטעית בנידון זה בישראל. <sup>לפי</sup> היה לי החשש הקטן ביותר שלנשיא או למזכיר המדינה חסר הרצון הטוב ביחס לישראל הייתי מזעיק מזמן את ~~האמריקאים~~ <sup>הציונים</sup> ~~האמריקאים~~ <sup>האמריקאים</sup> על כך

מה פשר ~~השינוי~~ <sup>השינוי</sup> ~~כנוסח~~ <sup>כנוסח</sup> ~~הדיבור~~ <sup>הדיבור</sup> ~~והאווירה~~ <sup>והאווירה</sup> בכינוס האחרון של ה"פריינדס אוף די מידל איסט", בה לא דובר <sup>לפי</sup> ~~זו~~ <sup>השנה</sup> באותה ארסיות כאשתקד? שאלתי ~~המשך~~ שיחתנו את הרביי סילבר

- גם ~~זאת~~ <sup>תוצאה</sup> מהמדיניות של ה"סטטס-דפרטמנט", המכוונת לראות את ישראל כאחד הגורמים הקבועים במפת המזרח-התיכון, לא כאחד "מול" - אלא כאחד בתוך גוש איסטרטגי נרחב-- ~~השיב לי~~ <sup>המנהיג</sup> ~~המנהיג~~ <sup>המנהיג</sup> הציוני

-ומה בדבר "תיקון" או "יישור" הגבולות בשטח הישראלי-ירדני בעיקר? הקשיתי, באם תבוא מצד ישראל כמובן?

- לכל פעולה כזו (או פעולת-שלומים וכד') שתבוא ~~היא~~ בתקופה שוטפת זו יש לצפות להתנגדות מוחלטת מצד ה"סטייט דפרטמנט". מה שלא בוצע בתוך מהלך הקרבות, <sup>אולי</sup> ~~על~~ <sup>פזיזות</sup> בהוצאה לפועל של ה"פוגות" ובחתימת שביתות-הנשק אין לשנות "פאר די טיים בייאינג" --השיב לי בהחלטיות הרביי סילבר







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February 25, 1955

Mr. I. Samuels  
111 Washington Place  
New York 3, New York

My dear Mr. Samuels:

When you came to see me Tuesday at my hotel in New York, I did not understand that you were coming to get an interview for a paper in Israel. I do not give interviews in this country to any one journalist without calling in the representatives of other papers.

Our conversation was not meant for publication. When the time comes that I shall want to make a statement for the general press in Israel, I shall be very happy to call you in among others.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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February 25, 1955

Rabbi Abba Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver;

News Workshop, a publication of New York University's department of journalism, is devoting a special issue to the problems of a free trial versus a free press. We are doing an article on the particular aspects of the Sheppard trial and their relationship to this problem.

We have noted the interest taken by the faithful of Cleveland in this trial. Hence we hope you would like to comment on the following problem. The Toledo Blade ran an editorial in which it decried the coverage the press gave the Sheppard trial, saying, that although freedom of the press is a guarded right of the Constitution, aren't there times when it must give way to protect other freedoms? It believed the unusual amount of publicity given the trial could have given the jury a pre-conceived opinion. Do you agree? If so why? What are your views on the matter of free press versus a fair trial.

A copy of News Workshop is enclosed. I hope we are not imposing on your kindness by requesting an early answer.

lc/mw

Sincerely yours

*Larry Christiansen, Jr.*  
Larry Christiansen, Jr.  
Associate Editor



**Creighton Peet**

232 East 15th Street  
New York 3, New York

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
East 105th & Ansel Road  
Cleveland  
Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am writing an article for Coronet magazine which is a discussion of the responsibility of a person in the face of certain situations. In some cases, a civic or legal duty to act is involved-- in all a moral one.

I am asking some forty religious leaders from a wide variety of faiths, and police officials, from all over the United States, to write brief comments for Coronet on the attached questions, and mail them to me.

Perhaps you have some additional questions of a similar nature which you would care to comment on?

Here is an opportunity to influence the spiritual thinking of some three million people (Coronet's circulation) all over America. Every comment used would, of course, be credited to its author---unless he preferred to remain anonymous.

The editors are very much interested in this article and would like to publish it as soon as possible.

Your name was suggested by Rabbi Julius Mark of Temple Emanu-El in New York.

Sincerely yours,

February 28th, 1955

*Creighton Peet*



Creighton Peet  
232 East 15th Street  
New York City 3

MEMO for an article for Coronet  
magazine, to be called:

### SHOULD I CALL A COP?

Where do officiousness, nosiness and meddling stop and civic and moral responsibility begin? Nobody likes to be a nuisance, a sneak or a tattletale—

Yet, as conscientious members of the community, every one of us occasionally faces situations similar to those described below. In some cases a legal responsibility to act is involved; in others a moral or humanitarian responsibility.

Often it is very hard to know the right thing to do, especially in the tension of an emergency. And often doing one's "duty" can have serious results for the citizen who does it. How literally should we take being "our brother's keeper"?

Realizing that there are perhaps no hard and fast answers to many of the questions which follow, Coronet is asking a number of representative police officials from all parts of the country— and clergymen of many faiths— to discuss these situations from their respective points of view.

1. —You see two men fighting on the street and it looks as if one might be seriously injured. Should you attempt to separate them, presuming no police officer is available? Peacemakers in just such situations frequently have been set upon by both contestants.
2. —You come upon an automobile accident in which people are seriously injured. Should you try to give first-aid— or should you follow the instructions not to disturb injury cases until a physician arrives? If you do the wrong thing, you might be blamed for having increased a victim's injuries— or even caused his death. On the other hand, a tourniquet in time might save a life.
3. —If you see an accident, should you offer to be a witness, even though it may mean getting involved in a controversy and spending time testifying in court?
4. —If you see a man lying unconscious on the street, should you simply assume he is drunk— or make an effort to find out if he is ill or dead?
5. —If you hear neighbors in a nearby house having a violent quarrel, and you gather a gun is involved, should you take it upon yourself to call the police? If this just turns out to be a family quarrel, your neighbors certainly won't love you for interfering. Still, if somebody were shot, wouldn't you be responsible for having failed to call for help?
6. —If you see somebody crawling into the window of a darkened house at night, should you call the police? It could be your neighbor who has locked himself out. Not long ago, a policeman, called to investigate a "burglar", shot and killed a boy, climbing a fire escape to fix the TV aerial. Still, you'd feel foolish standing by while your neighbor was robbed— if the intruder were a thief.
7. —You are awakened at night by cries of help from the street. Should you risk going out to face what is likely to be a bad situation, or stay safely at home and phone the police? By the time they arrive, the damage may have been done.
8. —You are on a bus and a couple of big, brawny mugs, much heavier than yourself, who may have been drinking, are cursing and using obscene language— oblivious of the fact that many women and children are among



the passengers. In the interest of common decency, should you try to hush them up?

9. ---You see a man bothering a very young girl and you suspect that she is too young to know how to handle him. Should you interfere or call the police?

10. ---Suppose you are in a park and see an odd-looking man strike up a conversation with a young boy, give him candy and finally lead him away. Should you try to interfere or call for help? This man might be, despite his "odd" appearance, the boy's relative or a neighbor. And you might well get either a punch in the nose or a lawsuit as a result of doing your "duty"

11. ---If you see someone whose behavior suggests suicide, is it your duty to try to stop him, or call the police? You might be misinterpreting his action.

12. ---If you find that a recluse is in serious ill health, but refuses to admit neighbors or a physician, should you call the police? He is within his rights not to want to see people.

13. ---If you see a shoplifter or pickpocket at work, should you notify the store or the police?

14. ---You hear someone boast he has cheated substantially on his income tax. Is it your moral and civic responsibility to report him?

15. ---Suppose you are given a ticket for speeding and the cop offers to fix it. If you report him, he may go out of his way to make trouble for you. As a good citizen, are you courageous--or careful?

16. ---You discover that the firm for which you work is indulging in dishonest practices, with the result that customers are being roundly cheated. Should you risk certain loss of your job and support for your family in order to protect a lot of strangers?

17. ---You are sure the fellow hanging around your local cigar store is a bookie. Should you report him?

18. ---You see that a nearby family is neglecting the children, who look ill and under-fed. You know there is money enough, but the parents are not doing their duty, as you see it. Have you any right to stick your nose into their business?

19. ---Suppose a child is really quite ill and in need of attention, but the parents, because of ignorance or a religious conviction do not believe in doctors or hospitals, and so refuse to get help. Is it your duty to call the attention of the authorities to this child?

20. ---You are accosted by the driver of a truck drawn up to the curb, who whispers that he will sell you a fur coat or TV set or other article way below cost. Should you accept his glib story and get a bargain--or call a cop?

In all of the foregoing, the Good Samaritan runs a risk of one sort or another. He may merely get a dirty look, or he may incur the enmity of his neighbors.

But if the community is to function properly, its members have certain civic and moral responsibilities. Just how far do they extend?





# THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

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March 22, 1955

Dear Doctor Silver:

An important anniversary will be marked this year in the distinguished career of Dr. Joshua Bloch, Chief of the Jewish Division of the New York Public Library. The Jewish Librarians Association and a group of friends, appreciative of his contributions to librarianship and Semitics, have arranged to publish on this occasion a Festschrift in his honor. I have been asked to assist in assembling the scholarly studies for it and in preparing the proposed volume for the press.

While many of the participants will dwell upon subjects to which Dr. Bloch devoted his primary attention, we would like the volume to reflect also his other interests. Should it not prove too great an imposition upon you, an article from your pen in your chosen field, in English or Hebrew, would enhance the Festschrift's usefulness and scope. We trust that the initial enthusiastic response will continue and enable us to go to press within the next six months. We would be greatly assisted by your responding to this invitation in the affirmative.

Sincerely yours,

*Lawrence Marwick*

Lawrence Marwick  
Chief, Hebraic Section

Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street & Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio



Joshua Bloch

March 31, 1955

Mr. Lawrence Marwick  
Chief, Hebraic Section  
The Library of Congress  
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Marwick:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of March 22nd. I am interested to learn that you are planning to publish a "Festschrift" in honor of Dr. Joshua Bloch. The honor is greatly deserved, and I wish I were free to comply with your request to contribute an article to this volume.

Unfortunately, I am very crowded for time, and I am engaged at the moment in putting the finishing touches to a volume which I myself am planning to publish, so that I must forego the pleasure of contributing an article to the volume which you are planning.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms



St. Petersburg Times  
Florida

April 19, 1955

Rabbi Abba H. Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th Street and Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am hoping to work up a story for The Times Sunday magazine section on the major challenges facing America's churches today.

There appear to be many opinions on this matter. Some say it is to break down racial prejudice, some say to strive toward prevention of war, some say to destroy the liquor traffic, some say to build up moral values and the appreciation of them, some say to build international friendship.

I doubt not that religious leaders have many interesting and important views on just what is their Number One challenge. Let me put it this way: If you were assured that you, as a rabbi, could accomplish within the next year any one thing you desired for the good of mankind throughout the world, what would you choose?

I am asking about 20 of America's outstanding religious leaders to send me their views for use in this article. I would like you to comment at length, giving me your hopes, aspirations and ambitions for the coming year.

Thank you for an early reply.

Sincerely,

*Stan Witwer*

Stan Witwer  
Associate Editor



# האנציקלופדיה העברית ENCYCLOPAEDIA HEBRAICA

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April 19th, 1955.  
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
19810 Shaker Boulevard  
Shaker Heights  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Following the receipt of your letter on the subject of the entry MESSIAH for our one-volume Jewish encyclopedia in English, we prepared a precis as you suggested from your entry in the "Encyclopedia of Religions." This was then forwarded to Dr. Cecil Roth for his editorial notes. He has now returned it to us and we are submitting the suggested entry to you and would be grateful if you would let us have your approval and any comments.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your cooperation. I appreciate how busy you are but I hope you will have time to look over the enclosed article.

Sincerely yours,

Alexander Heli,  
Managing Director.



April 28, 1955

Mr. Alexander Peli  
Managing Director  
Encyclopaedia Hebraica  
1, King David Street  
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Mr. Peli:

This is to advise you that the precis  
of my article on The Messiah which you sent  
me is quite satisfactory.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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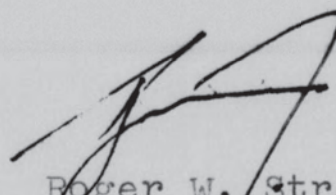
Dear Dr. Silver:

My father has written me from Switzerland to tell me that you have just about completed a book on Judaism. We shall be extremely interested in considering its possible publication by our firm if you have not made any other commitments.

I am sending you under separate cover, copies of our most recent catalogue\* and I feel confident that you will know a number of people on our list.

It would be a great privilege to have the opportunity to consider your manuscript.

Sincerely,

  
Roger W. Straus, Jr.  
President

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Sincerely,

/s/

ROGER W. STRAUS, JR.  
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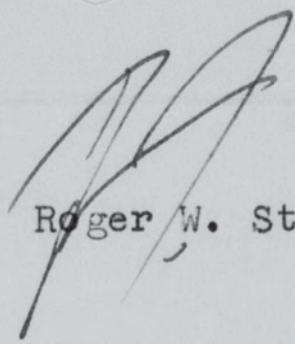
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you so much for your note of the 21st and I am pleased to hear that we are going to have the opportunity to consider your book on your return at the end of the summer.

This note should greet you on your return and I do hope that you have a pleasant trip home.

I have passed on your kind words to my father.

Sincerely,



Roger W. Straus, Jr.

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August 1, 1955

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It is customary for Anglo-Jewish publications to issue special editions on The High Holy Days. All too often such special editions have been crammed full of advertising at the expense of the editorial content.

The Examiner, under a new policy, is striving to become a significant and responsible national Anglo-Jewish publication. To this end we are seeking to make a departure from common practice by devoting this year's special Rosh Hashanah issue to a single theme:

"WHAT ARE THE PROSPECTS FOR AMERICAN JEWRY?"

We are asking a number of leading American Jews to answer this question in a 250-500 word statement. May we invite you to join them in giving some serious thought to this problem? Those who have been invited to contribute to this symposium are listed on sheet attached hereto.

If you agree that this topic is worthy of consideration, and that Rosh Hashanah is the time to devote thoughtful attention to it, we would greatly appreciate your letting us know immediately, in just a few words, that you will accept our invitation. We are, of course, bound to deadlines and we would therefore like to urge you to let us have your contribution not later than August 20th.

We are certain that what we have set out to do will not only be worthy of American Jewry but will also give our non-Jewish fellow-citizens an opportunity to see and read what the responsible elements in American Jewry think and feel at this time.

We can think of no more appropriate occasion to do so than on Rosh Hashanah.

Faithfully yours,

*Louis D. Gross*  
Rabbi Louis D. Gross  
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August 4, 1955

Rabbi Louis D. Gross, Editor  
The Examiner  
427 Flatbush Avenue Extension  
Brooklyn 1, New York

Dear Rabbi Gross:

Thank you for your letter of August first.

I regret that Rabbi Silver is out of the country for the remainder of the summer. It will not be possible, therefore, for him to accept your kind invitation to contribute to your publication.

Very truly yours,

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





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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
c/o The Macmillan Co.  
60 Fifth Ave.  
New York City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

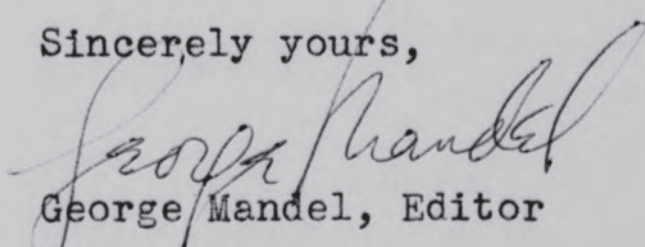
The mandate given President Eisenhower by the American people, so sweeping in this last instance as to suggest a call to something more than his political leadership alone, may well reflect the unifying spiritual force he represents in this confused and perilous time. The acute spiritual needs of our era are clear, and surely unity is imperative in the face of the dangers abroad.

In this regard we have conceived a book of spiritual guidance for people of all faiths, and are inviting you to join a small distinguished panel of men in religious affairs who will author the eclectic volume. The design is to inspire faith in God's humanity, to teach brotherhood anew, and to reaffirm the rewards of true virtue as exemplified in Galatians 5:22 of the New Testament. This passage, incidentally, yields the title of the proposed publication: FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT. We believe that such a book can go far in revealing to each reader the heart of men of other denominations.

If you find an interest in this venture, and circumstances will allow you to express it, space for as much as ten thousand words will be devoted to your essay, and more if the nature of your message requires it. We would be honored by your participation in what we think will prove to be an instructive and profoundly gratifying book for all people everywhere.

My heartiest thanks for your attention. May I know your views on the idea?

Sincerely yours,

  
George Mandel, Editor

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December 26, 1956

Mr. George Mandel, Editor  
Robert M. McBride Co.  
235 Fourth Avenue  
New York 3, New York

My dear Mr. Mandel:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of December 19th and for your invitation to contribute an article to the volume which you are planning, "Fruit of the Spirit".

I wish I were free to comply with your request. Unfortunately the pressure of work upon me is such that I cannot undertake any additional responsibilities of this character at this time. I have made commitments for the approximate future which will fully occupy my time.

I appreciate very much that you thought of me in connection with this project.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:sl



State University of Iowa

DEPARTMENT OF SPEECH AND DRAMATIC ART

Iowa City, Iowa

December 30, 1956

Rabbi Hillel Silver

The Temple

E. 105 Street

Hansel(?) Road

Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I would much appreciate a copy of ~~one~~ of your recent sermons (since 1955) and your permission for my possible reprinting it in my forthcoming Representative American Speeches: 1956-57 (Wilson Company), the twentieth in this annual collection.

Thanks for any cooperation you can give me in the matter of this request.

Sincerely yours,

A. Craig Baird

A. Craig Baird  
Union, 1910

Professor of Speech



# Temple Israel

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CAPE TOWN JEWISH REFORM CONGREGATION

Rabbi  
DAVID SHERMAN

Upper Portswood Road, Green Point  
CAPE TOWN

Secretary  
R. R. HAYDEN

8th February, 1957.

Rabbi A.H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th Street,  
CLEVELAND, OHIO., U.S.A.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

My Congregation is celebrating its 13th - Barmitzvah - anniversary on March 22nd. Since you were last here in Cape Town we have completed the building of our Temple, and our membership has doubled, to a total of over 2500 souls. We have had to open a branch Service in the Southern Suburbs, and additional classes in various parts of the Peninsula. I feel sure that the stimulus of your visit was an important factor in our growth; it also served to bring about a better appreciation of our programme and more co-operative spirit towards us on the part of the communal leadership.

We wish that you could be with us to share in our Simcha. But, as it is perhaps too presumptuous to expect that, I feel sure that a letter of greeting to be read out at the reception following the Service, would be very much appreciated.

With all good wishes to you and Mrs. Silver, in which my wife joins me.

Sincerely,

*David*

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# TEMPLE MENORAH

## PRETORIA PROGRESSIVE JEWISH CONGREGATION

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4th June, 1957.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
Tifereth Israel Congregation,  
E. 105th & Ansel Rd.,  
CLEVELAND, Ohio, U.S.A.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

The Progressive movement in South Africa is being further strengthened and expanded by the consecration of our Temple Menorah on Sunday, August 11th, by Rabbi Dr. M.C. Weiler, B.A., B.H., D.D.

Much as we would like you to be present with us on this auspicious occasion, we realise that this would be impossible.

We are publishing a Brochure to commemorate this historic event in our congregational history, and would be grateful if you would send us a message and a photograph for inclusion in the Brochure.

We go to press at the end of June and are rushing this letter to you hoping that you will be able to accede to our request prior to your departure for the World Conference.

With kind regards,  
Sincerely yours,

PRETORIA PROGRESSIVE JEWISH CONGREGATION.

  
PRESIDENT.



**Columbia University**  
**in the City of New York**

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June 26, 1957

215 West 90 Street  
New York 24

Dear Rabbi Silver,

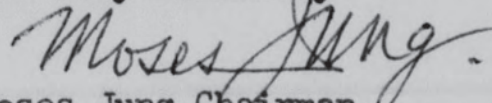
I have been instructed by the members of CUSIR (Columbia University Seminar in Interreligious Relations) to invite you to prepare a statement on "The Relations of Judaism to Other Religions" for inclusion in the forthcoming Handbook of Religions. I am enclosing a Prospectus which contains relevant information about the scope of our project and should, of course, be very glad to reply to any questions you may wish to send to me in re.

I am particularly happy to accede to my associates' request because of their genuine appreciation of your recent book "Where Judaism Differs" and also because it gives me an opportunity to resume a very pleasant relationship. You may perhaps not realize it, but the last time I saw you was in the middle Thirties, on the occasion of your address on the Iowa campus.

I trust I may have the pleasure of hearing from you before long.

With best wishes for a relaxing summer vacation and kind personal regards,

Yours very sincerely



Moses Jung, Chairman,  
Columbia University Seminar  
In Interreligious Relations

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
19810 Shaker Boulevard  
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PART III. INTER-RELIGIOUS DIRECTORY

A registry of inter-religious organizations, conferences, programs, movements, celebrations, etc. This will include brief accounts of the



history, organization, headquarters, aims, and literatures of such organizations and movements.

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Communications should be addressed to the Secretary of the following Editorial Board:

Moses Jung, Chairman

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Columbia University  
New York 27, New York





July 1, 1957

Dr. Moses Jung, Chairman  
Columbia University Seminar  
In Interreligious Relations  
Columbia University in the  
City of New York  
215 West 90th Street  
New York 24, New York

My dear Dr. Jung:

Thank you for your letter of June 25th and for your invitation to prepare a statement on "The Relations of Judaism to Other Religions" for inclusion in a Handbook of Religions. 46 73

I should like to comply with your request, however I am leaving, tomorrow, for Europe and I shall not return until the end of August. When do you require this Statement and how long is it to be?

I recall with pleasure our last meeting and I hope that we shall have an opportunity to see each other before long again.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:sl

ABBA HILLEL SILVER





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July 3, 1957

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
1855 Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am in the process of compiling a volume of outstanding sermons by outstanding clergymen of all faiths, to be entitled, VOICES FROM THE PULPIT. I have promise of this being published in a fine quality edition.

I consider you one of our very outstanding clergymen and would be honored to include a sermon of yours in this work, as delivered from your temple pulpit. Each address will be prefaced by a title page bearing a photograph of the speaker. For that purpose, your added kindness in sending me a glossy print (preferred) will be equally appreciated.

I shall be very grateful for your indulgence and assistance.

Sincerely yours,

James H. Stroman  
Box 3024  
State Capitol Station  
Oklahoma City 5, Oklahoma



July 5, 1957

Mr. James H. Stroman  
Box 3024  
State Capitol Station  
Oklahoma City 5, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Stroman:

Thank you for your letter of July 3rd which I am taking the liberty of acknowledging in Rabbi Silver's absence from the country.

When Rabbi Silver returns (the beginning of September) I will be pleased to see that your letter receives his immediate attention.

Sincerely,

Miss Sophia Levine  
Secretary to Dr. Silver



Columbia University  
in the City of New York

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215 West 90th Street,  
New York 24, New York.

July 30, 1957.

Rabbi Abba Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street & Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi,

I was delighted to hear that you are ready to send us a statement for inclusion in the Handbook of Religions.

The end of the summer will do, and a statement of about 500 to 600 words would be greatly appreciated.

All good wishes.

Yours very sincerely,

*Moses Jung*

Moses Jung, Chairman  
Columbia University Seminar on  
Inter-religious Relations.

MJ/rb



August 5, 1947

Dr. Moses Jung, Chairman  
Columbia University Seminar  
In Interreligious Relations  
Columbia University in the  
City of New York  
215 West 90th Street  
New York 24, New York

Dear Dr. Jung:

Thank you for your letter of July 30th which I am taking the liberty of acknowledging in Dr. Silver's absence from the country.

When Dr. Silver returns (the beginning of September) I shall be pleased to see that your letter receives his immediate attention.

Yours very truly,

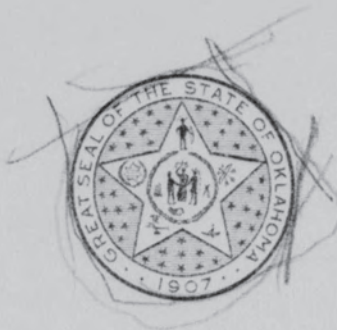
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Miss Sophia Levine  
Secretary to Dr. Silver

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September 19, 1957

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

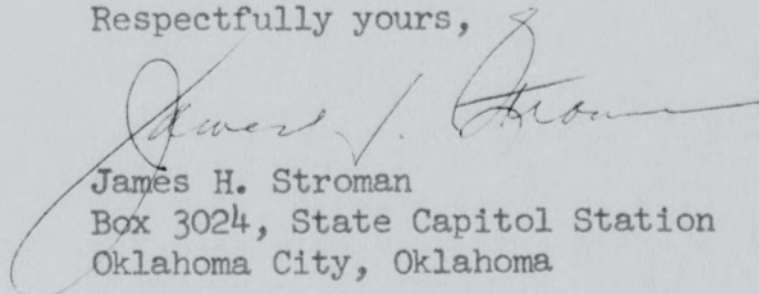
I hope you will soon find the time to reply to my letter of several weeks ago in which I respectfully requested a sermon of yours, and glossy photograph, for inclusion in the anthology I am preparing, to be entitled, Voices from the Pulpits.

Should my letter to you have gone astray, I will repeat that this is to be a very fine quality edition, containing 50 sermons by the 50 leading religious leaders of our day, including all religious faiths in this country. I consider you in that category and would be highly pleased to include something of yours in this collection.

My deadline for publication has been extended to September 30. If you are willing to grant my request, I hope you can have the sermon material, and photograph, in my possession by that time.

With best wishes,

Respectfully yours,

  
James H. Stroman  
Box 3024, State Capitol Station  
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# JEWISH NEWSLETTER

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October 3, 1957.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The current issue of the Jewish Newsletter carries an article dealing with the last ZOA convention which may be of some interest to you.

If you care to comment for publication or off the record, we shall be very glad to hear from you.

With kind regards and best wishes for a happy New Year,

Yours sincerely,

*William Zuckerman*



October 23, 1957

Dr. Moses Jung, Chairman  
Columbia University Seminar  
In Interreligious Relations  
Columbia University in the  
City of New York  
215 West 90th Street  
New York 24, New York

Dear Dr. Jung:

I am enclosing herewith a statement for inclusion in your Handbook of Religions.

It follows, in the main, the thought which I developed more fully in my book WHERE JUDAISM DIFFERED. I trust that you will find it satisfactory for your needs.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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encl.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



**Columbia University  
in the City of New York**

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215 West 90 Street  
New York 24

October 30, 1957 --

Dear Dr. Silver,

Thank you very much for your statement on "The Relation of Judaism to Other Religions" for inclusion in our Handbook of Religions.

Both Professor Herbert W. Schneider and I are greatly appreciative of your cooperation. We trust the book will be ready for the printer in the spring of 1958.

With kind regards and all good wishes,

Yours very sincerely

*Moses Jung*

Moses Jung, Chairman CUSIR

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



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12th December, 1957.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
19810 Shaker Boulevard,  
Shaker Heights,  
Cleveland, Ohio,  
U. S. A.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

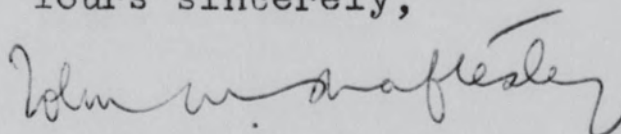
The Jewish Chronicle will publish a special supplement in honour of the tenth anniversary of the State of Israel next April. It is hoped to make this supplement fully representative of the various facets of Israel's progress during those ten years, and I therefore have much pleasure in asking you if you would be kind enough to write an article for us on the following subject:

Memories of the United Nations' Debate  
on Palestine in 1947.

The article should be 1000 words in length, and should be sent to me to reach me not later than the beginning of March, 1958.

Your kind agreement to this invitation would be very much appreciated, and I should like to hear from you as soon as possible to this effect, as naturally such a supplement must be planned well beforehand.

Yours sincerely,



J. M. Shaftesley  
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January 3, 1958

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Permit me to call to your attention, an extraordinary statement in the New York Times, December 8, 1957, in the column by Dr. Howard A. Rusk, under the heading "Flight of Ill and Aged; An Analysis of the Immigration Policies of Totalitarian and Democratic Nations." Right in the middle of the article ~~is~~ is this paragraph:

"Consideration for the aged and disabled is a characteristic of a free society, but not particularly of modern civilization. The ancient Hebrew concept of disability and infirmity as a punishment for sin--it was based on the Old Testament--changed with the New Testament to a concept of salvation through suffering by both Jews and Christians."

This seems to me both an erroneous and harmful statement. In view of your recent work on the distinctive ideals of Judaism, it occurred to me that you might wish to comment upon this paragraph.

As the new editor of this periodical, I should like to print Dr. Rusk's paragraph together with any comment on it (about 300-400 words, if possible) that you would wish to make.

I should be grateful for an early reply to this request.

I am enclosing the first issue of JEWISH CURRENTS under my editorship.

Sincerely yours,

*Morris U. Schappes*  
Morris U. Schappes  
Editor



January 15, 1958

Mr. J. M. Shaftesley, Editor  
The Jewish Chronicle  
32 Furnival Street  
London, E. C. 4, England

My dear Mr. Shaftesley:

I appreciate your letter of December 12th and your invitation for me to write an article for your special anniversary issue on the State of Israel.

I regret that due to pressure of work it will not be possible for me to comply with your gracious request.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER





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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

1958 will undoubtedly be a most significant year in our nation's history. If we cherish our traditional sources of strength we can face it with confidence. 1958 is particularly meaningful to Greater Boston because it marks the 50th Anniversary of the Ford Hall Forum, one of the nation's oldest and most outstanding open forums. In these fifty years, some of the world's leading personalities have come to the Ford Hall Forum to express their opinions on matters of public concern. Whether these opinions were popular or not, the Ford Hall Forum speakers said what they had to say and then defended their particular points of view in the famous question period.

In many parts of the country, the open forum movement has all but disappeared. In Boston, however, the Ford Hall Forum now enters its second-half century with renewed vigor and with a determined confidence that the traditional American rights of free speech and free discussion must be preserved.

We hope that you may be moved to join with other leading public figures who have sent us statements of their opinions of the contribution of the Ford Hall Forum to the American way of life. It is our intention to publish these comments in our 50th Anniversary Souvenir Book.

Very sincerely yours,

*Reuben L. Lurie*

Reuben L. Lurie, President



Post Office Box 3024  
Oklahoma City 5, Oklahoma  
February 12, 1958

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
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Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

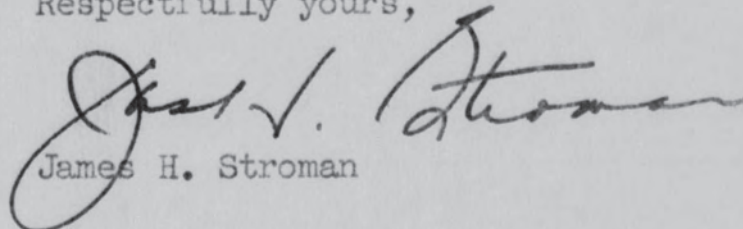
I am compiling material for a book to be entitled, I BELIEVE IN GOD. This volume will contain short statements by American leaders in all fields of endeavor, as well as clergymen and theologians of all religious faiths.

I would like to include a statement from you of approximately 500 words, or less, in which you give your reasons for believing in God. In return for your graciousness in granting this request, I can give you the satisfaction of knowing that many will read your statement and, in so-doing, will be strengthened and made to share the great belief that I know is yours.

This book will contain 500 statements by leading Americans. I should be happy to furnish you with a list of the 500 selected before the book goes to press, if you desire.

A photographic insert of approximately one inch square will be used with each statement printed. If you could supply me with a glossy photograph (any size) for this purpose, I would again be appreciative to you. The photograph will be returned to you after it has served its purpose.

Respectfully yours,

  
James H. Stroman





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Rabbi

Phones: BRadshaw 2-7463 . . . GRanite 7-9246

February 24, 1958

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
THE TEMPLE  
Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

The other day, as I began to put the finishing touches on my new book THE SILENT CENTURIES, I decided to write you a note about this new literary effort which has engaged my attention for some years.

SILENT CENTURIES bridges the period between the Old and the New Testament. It includes the story of the Dead Sea Scrolls, relating that story to the fascinating events of Biblical history which precede as well as to the period that follows. What happened between the Testaments is something that is of high interest to both Jews and Christians.

I remember many years ago (approximately 1930) my publishers at that time, Charles Scribner Sons, brought out a book by Rev. H. K. Booth entitled "The Bridge Between the Testaments". I know this book was quite a success. It was chosen at that time by the Religious Book-of-the-Month Club. Now, my new book covers the same field -- but with what a difference! So much new material has come to light since 1930 that the whole inter-Testament field is new territory.

Rev. Booth did not have the advantages of the tremendous scholarship of the past twenty-five years which have revolutionized this whole inter-Testament period. Furthermore, Rev. Booth did not know how to use Talmudical knowledge to illumine this age. And above all, the Dead Sea Scrolls were unknown to the world when his book was published. Thus, what was almost a terra incognita is today a wide-open field; and the "silent centuries" are no longer silent what with the discovery of the caves near the Dead Sea and the emergence of these scrolls which throw a new light on this inter-Testament age.

At the suggestion of a friend, who has been in Zionist activities all his life, I should like to have this new book published in Tel Aviv, Israel. But I would also like to have a "Foreward" by you -- if you thought my work merited it.





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Does this idea appeal to you? If so, I'd enjoy hearing from you.

Most cordially,

ERNEST R. TRATTNER, RABBI

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P.S. My manuscript runs approximately to 250 typewritten pages, double spaced.

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I am sure you know my brother Dr. Henry Trattner  
of your city. He has often sent me your regards.



February 26, 1958

Rabbi Ernest Trattner  
Westwood Temple  
10505 Santa Monica Blvd.  
Los Angeles 25, California

My dear Rabbi Trattner:

Thank you for your letter of February 24th.

I was interested in what you write me about the new book which you intend to publish. I regret that it will not be possible for me to write a forward for your book.

Wishing you every success, I remain

Cordially yours,

AHS:sl

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



March 11, 1958

Mr. M. Rivlin  
The Day-Jewish Journal  
183 East Broadway  
New York 2, New York

My dear Mr. Rivlin:

I am enclosing herewith the article which you requested.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:sl  
encl.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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"Breakthrough"



**NEW YORK MIRROR**  
**DAILY AND SUNDAY**

March 17, 1958

**235 EAST 45TH STREET**  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

The New York Mirror is proud to announce that it will publish a "Salute to Israel" Supplement on Sunday, April 20th, on the occasion of Israel's 10th Anniversary Celebration.

Since 1948, the Mirror has pioneered in coverage of Israel's history and progress. An outline of this coverage which brought five citations to the Mirror is enclosed for your convenience. In keeping with this tradition, the Special Supplement will be one of the most comprehensive ever published on Israel.

It will include articles by American and Israeli leaders; exclusive photographs; articles by top notch columnists and experts; stories and features (illustrated with pictures and maps) of every phase of Israel's life and history. In short, it will be the most extensive and romantic ever published concerning Israel and will be read by millions.

Knowing of your interest in Israel and your desire to tell the world of its history and progress as well as to see its ties with democracy strengthened, may we invite you to write a special article for the Israel Supplement? We already have received such special articles and messages from numerous sources.

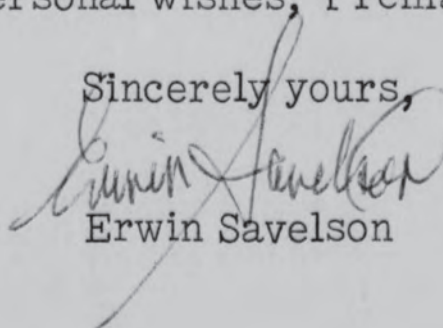
May we suggest your editorial contribution -- and you are free to discuss any phase of the Israel story you desire -- be limited to 250 to 500 words. Shorter, if you desire.

Because of the April 20th publishing date, it is necessary to receive the articles by no later than April 4th, and, if possible, by April 1st.

I do hope you will join with us in the worth-while and most deserved "Salute to Israel."

With all my good personal wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

  
Erwin Savelson

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
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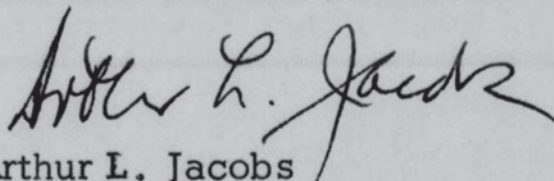
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St. & Amsell Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you very much for the article which you were so kind to send us for our Israel 10th Anniversary Tabloid Supplement. No celebration of the establishment of the State could be complete without your thoughts because of your historical position in its establishment.

Sincerely yours,

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ד"ר אבא הלל סילבר,  
קליבלנד, אוהיו.

ד"ר סילבר הנכבד,

לחג העשור של מדינת ישראל אנו מתכוננים להוציא  
גליון - או ספר - מיוחד מוקדש למאורע. אני מתכבד בזה  
לבקש את השתתפותך בגליון זה, שכל תוכנו יהא מכוון ומוקדש  
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וכן גם ליהסים ולסיכויי יהסים בין המדינה הקיימת ובין  
התפוצה הקיימת, כפי שהם מתחייבים מתוך חזון הציונות. "הדואר"  
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נושא זה או דומה לו, כראות עיניו.

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ההכרח להקדים במסירת החומר הספרותי לדפוס. אסיר תודה אהא  
לו על כן אם יענני בהקדם, ועל אחת כמה וכמה - אם יענני  
בחיוב.

ברגשי כבוד

ובמיטב הברכות,

*מ. מ. מייזלש*  
מ. מ. מייזלש.



March 27, 1958

Mr. M. Meiseles  
Hadoar Hebrew Weekly  
120 West 16th Street  
New York 11, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Meiseles:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your letter inviting me to contribute an article to the 10th Anniversary Celebration of Israel Issue of the Hadoar.

I have written an address which I am to deliver at the ZOA House in Tel Aviv on April 29th on THE ROLE OF AMERICAN ZIONISM IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ISRAEL.

I am enclosing herewith this address. I trust that you will find it to your satisfaction.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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## Air Mail

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As part of the new stress by B'nai B'rith on adult Jewish education under the leadership of Philip M. Klutznick, this Department is launching a large publications program, the goal of which is to bring into being popular but authoritative material on various aspects of Jewish life and thought. We have been privileged to be able to involve the active co-operation and collaboration of many distinguished personalities in this program in America and abroad. Felix Frankfurter, Louis Finkelstein, Cecil Roth, and many others have agreed to write individual chapters in our various publications.

As one of our projects, we have under way a volume entitled Basic Beliefs of Judaism, the scope and content of which are indicated on the enclosed sheets. I am writing to invite you to prepare the chapter on the "Messianic Idea in Israel". It is hardly necessary to tell you what additional stature and dignity a contribution by you on this particular subject would lend to our endeavor.

What is involved is a twenty-five page essay (or longer if you wish), for which we would be prepared to offer you a token honorarium of \$350. We are hoping to have most of the manuscripts in hand early this fall. However, since I am very anxious to have you included in our publications program I would be willing to postpone the deadline until the middle of November.

If your schedule will not allow you to do any original writing during the next six months, I will be happy to arrange for one of the editors on our staff to excerpt paragraphs and sentences from your previous publications on the "Messianic Idea" and present it to you for your approval. We are following this procedure with several prominent personalities to the satisfaction of all concerned.

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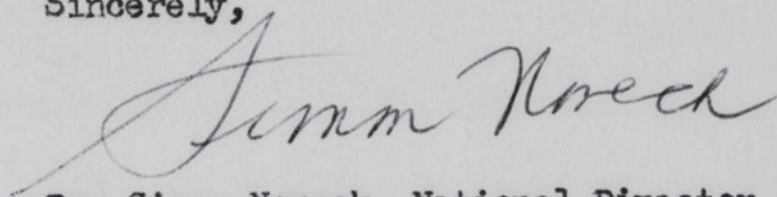
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March 28, 1958

Since I am leaving for London on April 21st, to interview a number of scholars there, I will be most grateful to you if you will let me know before I leave whether you will be able to participate in this project.

With best wishes for a Happy Passover,

Sincerely,



Dr. Simon Noveck, National Director  
Department of Adult Jewish Education

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Encls.





## BASIC BELIEFS OF JUDAISM

### INTRODUCTION: CHARACTER OF JEWISH BELIEFS

- CHAPTER I Jewish Vision of God
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## BASIC BELIEFS OF JUDAISM

### Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this book is to present in simple non-technical language for the benefit of the average American Jew the great religious ideas of Judaism as they have been expressed through the ages. Since Judaism does not overstress theology and since Jews have lived in many lands and under diverse historical circumstances, these great ideas have been interpreted differently by different thinkers. Each essay in this volume should try as impartially and objectively as possible to sum up the various expressions of the idea in the classical and medieval world as well as the different views that exist in the modern age.

As far as possible, each essay ought to include the following:

1. An opening statement on the character of the idea, its importance in the Jewish view of life and the role it has played in the history of Jewish thought.
2. A summary of the various conceptions or interpretations of the idea during classical or medieval times with examples for each from the writings of outstanding rabbis, philosophers, or thinkers.
3. A summary or indication of the various expressions of the idea in the modern age. Where the attitudes of Orthodoxy, Conservatism, Reform, and Reconstructionism differ, these variations should be indicated.
4. A closing statement on the meaning of the idea for the Jew in the mid-twentieth century. This can include the writer's personal evaluation and point of view or merely a brief reiteration of the role and importance of the idea in the overall Jewish view of life.

In preparing the essay, each author should keep the following in mind:

1. The approach and style should be similar to that of an adult education lecture at a synagogue or B'nai B'rith group -- popular and non-technical in language, and without taking any background for granted. Also, every effort should be made not to become too abstract.
2. The content should be appropriate for an hour's presentation before an adult group, keeping in mind that the presentation is part of a series of 15 talks on Jewish theology for laymen.
3. The preparation of books on the adult education level is still in its pioneering stage both in the general world of adult education as well as the Jewish. Close co-operation is therefore necessary between editors and writers in order to insure the proper approach.



4. The first draft of your manuscript which I hope will be ready before the fall will be tested in study groups for its clarity, relevance, and usefulness for adult education purposes.

The full resources of the Department, including editorial help, are available to you. Your cooperation in this project will have our sincere gratitude as well as that of the Chairman of the Department and the President of B'nai B'rith, who is vitally interested in this effort.





March 31, 1958

Mr. Erwin Savelson  
New York Mirror  
235 East 45th Street  
New York 17, New York

My dear Mr. Savelson:

Replying to your request contained in your letter of March 17th I am pleased to enclose a Statement for the special Supplement, "Salute to Israel" which the New York Mirror plans to publish on Sunday, April 20th on the occasion of Israel's 10th Anniversary Celebration.

I trust you will find the enclosed Statement satisfactory.

With warmest regards, I remain

Cordially yours,

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER



April 4, 1958

Dr. Simon Noveck, National Director  
Department of Adult Jewish Education  
B'nai B'rith  
1640 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W.  
Washington 6, D.C.

My dear Dr. Noveck:

Permit me to acknowledge your kind letter of March 28th.

Your new project interests me greatly. A volume on the basic beliefs of Judaism, written by competent people, would be of great service to the cause of disseminating information about our faith among our people.

I should very much like to write a new essay on the 'Messianic Idea in Israel'. Unfortunately I will not have the time in the next months to do so. I am committed to so many other projects. Nor do I believe that a new essay is called for.

Your suggestion that one of your editors excerpt from my previous writings on the 'Messiah Idea' is an excellent one and I should be very happy to cooperate with you in editing the final draft.

With warmest regards and all good wishes for a happy Passover, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER



# Newport Jewish Tercentenary

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April 7, 1958

Rabbi Abba H. Silver  
19810 Shaker Blvd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

On May 4th, 1958, the Jewish Community of Newport, Rhode Island, will inaugurate ceremonies commemorating the 300th anniversary of the arrival of our people to the cradle of democracy. It is a festive event and one in which the entire community, Jew and Christian, will take a part.

We, in Newport, are proud to have as part of our heritage, the Touro Synagogue, the oldest standing Jewish House of worship in the country, and the only one designated as a National Historic Site by the United States Government.

It is our plan to publish a book in commemoration of the Tercentenary Celebration before the year ends. A message from you, to be included in that publication, would be a most valuable and inspirational addition.

May we, therefore, prevail upon your good graces, and request that you send some brief message in commemoration of our 300th anniversary, so that we may include it among the messages of other national and international leaders.

With deep appreciation for your kind and generous cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

*Theodore Lewis*

Rabbi Theodore Lewis

P.S.

For your information I am forwarding to you an illustrated brochure of the Touro Synagogue. Please address title of letter to, Newport Jewish Tercentenary.



Post Office Box 3024  
Oklahoma City 5, Oklahoma  
April 30, 1958

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

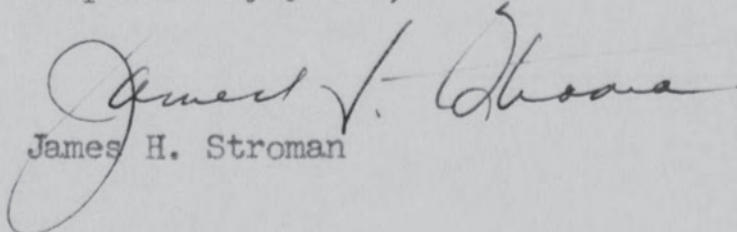
I am compiling material for a book to be entitled, I BELIEVE IN GOD. This volume will contain short statements by American leaders in all fields of endeavor, as well as clergymen and theologians of all religious faiths.

I would like to include a statement from you of approximately 500 words, or less, in which you give your reasons for believing in God. In return for your graciousness in granting this request, I can give you the satisfaction of knowing that many will read your statement and, in so-doing, will be strengthened and made to share the great belief that I know is yours.

This book will contain 500 statements by leading Americans. I should be happy to furnish you with a list of the 500 selected before the book goes to press, if you desire.

A photographic insert of approximately one inch square will be used with each statement printed. If you could supply me with a glossy photograph (any size) for this purpose, I would again be appreciative to you. The photograph will be returned to you after it has served its purpose.

Respectfully yours,

  
James H. Stroman

(no name or add in encl)



Follow up

May 13, 1958

Rabbi Theodore Lewis  
Newport Jewish Tercentenary  
1 School Street  
Newport, Rhode Island

My dear Rabbi Lewis:

I deeply regret the long delay in answering your kind letter of April 7th but I have been out of the country on a visit to Israel and have but recently returned.

I am sorry that I could not send you the message which you requested in connection with the ceremonies commemorating the 300th anniversary of the settlement of the Jewish community of Newport, Rhode Island, but I understand that the book which you plan to publish in connection with the celebration is not to be published before the end of the year.

If my understanding is correct I will be glad to send you a brief message later on.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER



*(Message for the Missile Age)*

May 23, 1958

Mr. Richard S. Bloch  
328 Fort Drive  
Alexandria, Va.

My dear Richard:

I am sending you the following replies to the list of questions which you submitted to me. I have not the time to go into any greater details in answering your questions.

1. The most important thing for man is not to seek peace of mind but to do good in the world. He should concentrate on performing some useful service in society and not worry about what is unknown or unpredictable or about "the end of civilization".

2. If we dedicate ourselves to the work which we can do, and perform to the best of our ability with an eye not merely to serve our own needs but those about us in our community, we will derive great satisfactions from our work.

3. "What's the use of having children in these times?" It is recorded in the Talmud that:

The prophet Isaiah was sent to King Hezekiah with a message: "Thus says the Lord: Set your house in order; for you shall die, you shall not live" (Is. 38:1). What is the meaning of "You shall die, you shall not live?" ask the Rabbis; and they reply: You shall die in this world and not live in the world to come. Hezekiah said to him: Why a decree so harsh? Isaiah replied: Because you did not try to have children. The King said: It was because I saw by the Holy Spirit that the children issuing from me would not be virtuous. Isaiah said to him: "What have you to do with the secrets of the All-Merciful? You should have done what you were commanded, and let the Holy One, blessed be He, do that which pleases Him."

4. The best way to give vent to our discontents with conditions about us is to set about working and improving them. An intelligent citizen joins up with men of good will about him to work for the setting straight of what is crooked; applying himself to specific



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May 23, 1958

Mr. Richard S. Bloch  
Alexandria, Va.

tasks regardless of whether it is of global significance or not. A citizen in a free democracy should utilize the channels available to him to express his discontents.

5. The best way to approach the uncertainties of the new age and its bafflements is with a strong religious faith and to follow the great mandates of religions, "to do justice, to love mercy and to walk humbly with God".

In reply to question number 7, I would say that intelligent citizens should make every effort to guard themselves against the kind of propaganda which incites to war, to train himself to be fair-minded in judging the policies of his own government as well as of other governments in matters of international relationships and to join with others in support of those international agencies such as the United Nations whose aim is to preserve the peace.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER





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250 West 57th Street, New York 19, JUdson 2-2371

July 18, 1958

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am writing to ask your participation in what I believe is a most important project.

Briefly, I plan to bring out on records, a lecture series by eminent American Jewish leaders, such as yourself. This series would find its market among the hundreds of Jewish membership groups, synagogues, temples and centers and I am hopeful that you will consider being one of the participants in this series.

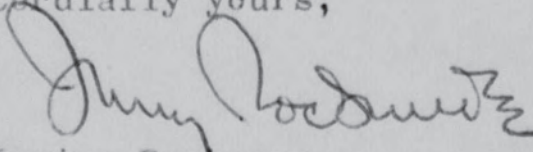
The lecture topic could be one of your own choosing and the talk should be approximately one half hour. I could arrange to have your talk taped in Cleveland, or at a studio here in New York - wherever it would be most convenient to you.

The royalty would be  $2\frac{1}{2}\%$  per record, which is the normal arrangement in such instances. While I do not visualize this as a great money maker, I believe it would be filling a need in the Jewish communities of America and would be of real historic value as time goes on.

I do hope I may hear from you favorably, with a suggestion as to a time to record your talk.

I trust you are enjoying a pleasant summer and with kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

  
Irving Rockmore

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July 23, 1958

Mr. Irving Rockmore,  
Irving Rockmore Associates, Inc.,  
250 West 57th Street,  
New York 19, New York.

My dear Mr. Rockmore:

Thank you for your kind letter of July 18th.

Your project for a series of lectures by American Jewish leaders is an interesting one and I appreciate your thoughtfulness in inviting me to participate in it. I should like to know a little more about it. Whom have you invited to participate in this project and who has accepted?

I have a recorded lecture on WHAT IS JUDAISM? You may be interested in hearing it. If so let me know and I will send you a copy. It was made by the women's organization of The Temple.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER





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250 West 57th Street, New York 19, JUDson 2-2371

July 25, 1958

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I appreciate your letter of July 23rd. I have invited the following people to participate in my record project:

Dr. Abraham Sachar  
Maurice Samuel  
Max Lerner and, of course, yourself.

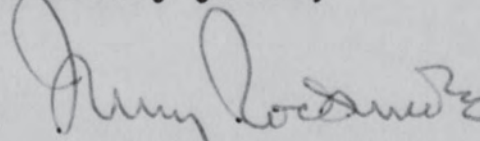
Dr. Sachar is in Europe; Mr. Samuel has accepted and I have not yet heard from Max Lerner. I would be most grateful for any suggestions you might have as to who should be added to this first album. Obviously, I am most anxious to have your participation. I am eager to have your record "WHAT IS JUDAISM?" and would appreciate it if you could send it to me.

It has long been my desire to put on a record your talk before the United Nations when Israel was voted in as a State and I request that you also consider this possibility.

In the meantime, I look forward to hearing further from you.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

  
Irving Rockmore

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July 31, 1958

Mr. Irving Rockmore,  
Irving Rockmore Associates, Inc.,  
250 West 57th Street,  
New York 19, New York.

Dear Mr. Rockmore:

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of my recorded  
address WHAT IS JUDAISM.

With all good wishes I remain

Very cordially yours,

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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