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3 September 1958

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

As you know, the Veterans Administration has planned for many years to build a large general hospital in Wade Park in the area adjacent to East Boulevard and Ford Drive. Recently, some opponents to this plan have advocated using the 23-acre plot for other purposes, including the construction of a low-cost housing project. They have suggested that the Veterans Hospital could be built in Warrensville Heights adjacent to Highland View Hospital.

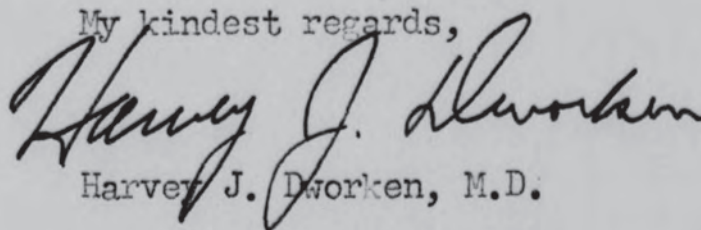
The medical and administrative staffs at the present VA Hospital in Parma Heights are opposed to this alternate suggestion. They feel that a move to the Warrensville site completely defeats the purpose of the relocation, which is to provide closer integration with the medical center of Cleveland. They also feel that a Veterans Hospital in Wade Park would further the plans for making the Wade Park area the cultural center of Cleveland.

As the spiritual leader of one of the most prominent member organizations of the University Circle area, your opinion regarding the construction of a Veterans Hospital in Wade Park is most important. Your answer to the following questions would be greatly appreciated;

- 1.) Do you have any objections to the proposed construction of a Veterans Administration Hospital in Wade Park? If so, would you explain them?
- 2.) Do you feel that a Veterans Administration Hospital in Wade Park will interfere with the present plans for University Circle development?

We would appreciate it if you would address your answers to: The Site Board, Veterans Administration Hospital, Cleveland 30, Ohio. Please accept my thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

My kindest regards,


Harvey J. Dworken, M.D.

HJD/dl

RABBI SOLOMON B. FREEHOF, D. D.
RODEF SHALOM TEMPLE
FIFTH AND MOREWOOD AVENUES
PITTSBURGH 13, PENNSYLVANIA

October 10, 1958

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
1855 Ansel Road
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Dear Abba:

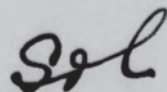
I have the honor of inviting you to be a contributor to the volume planned by the CCAR as a tribute to Israel Bettan.

The plan of the book has been worked out by a committee of the Conference in such a way that it will serve a dual purpose. Its first purpose is, of course, to honor Israel Bettan, but its second purpose is to provide a volume which will be used by rabbinical students and young graduates as a guide in the development of their own preaching. You will notice from the enclosed outline that the first part of the book is exclusively in tribute to Israel Bettan and the second part of the book is the guide to preaching.

The Conference would be grateful to you if you would accept the task of writing the chapter on "The Pulpit Lecture." You have been the outstanding practitioner of this type of preaching from your Sunday morning pulpit, and you can do a great service if you will write thirty or more pages on the aims and the methods and the themes of the Sunday morning sermon.

With best wishes for a happy New Year,

As ever,



SBF:t

Solomon B. Freehof

P.S. While there is no reason for hurrying you at the task if you are kind enough to accept it, still none of us would like to have this memorial tribute too long delayed.

S.B.F.

BETTAN COMMEMORATIVE VOLUME

I met with Mihaly and Feinstein and we agreed on the following tentative outline for the book:

I.

1. Preface (one page) by the Editor
2. Biographical Essay
 - a. Bettan as a Personality (His Life Story) -- Cohon
 - b. Bettan as an Influence -- Freehof
 - c. Bettan as a Teacher -- Goldstein of Boston
3. Bibliography -- Wiener
4. Six Sermons by Bettan

II.

1. The Textual Sermon -- Pilchik
2. The Pulpit Lecture -- Silver
3. High Holiday Sermons -- Narot
4. Literary Lecture -- Freehof
5. Occasional Addresses -- Kahn

(These to be interspersed if possible with gems from Bettan)



**נציגות ישראל
באומות המאוחדות**
DELEGATION OF ISRAEL
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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November 5, 1958

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Dr. I. Rine~~lt~~
Delegation of Israel
To the United Nations
11 East 70th Street
New York 21, New York

My dear friend:

Thank you so much for your kind note. I am happy that you are in the States and I do hope that I will have the pleasure of seeing you.

Thank you for the greetings which you brought to me from Israel and especially of Mr. Krinizi and members of the Council of Ramat-Gran. When I get to New York I shall most certainly get in touch with you.

With warmest regards I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

November 7, 1958

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof
Rodef Shalom Temple
Fifth and Morewood Avenues
Pittsburgh 13, Pennsylvania

My dear Sol:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your letter of October 10th in connection with the volume which is planned by the Central Conference as a tribute to Bettan.

I should very much like to say "yes" - first, out of my regard for Bettan and secondly, out of a feeling that such a volume on preaching would be a very helpful book, especially for young Rabbis. My hesitancy has to do with lack of time. Virginia and I are planning to go abroad for a couple of months around the beginning of the year. When I get back there will be enough work accumulated to keep me busy until the summer. I may be able to do a paper on the subject which you suggest - "The Pulpit Lecture" - some time in the summer, certainly not before. If this will not be too late, please let me know.

With warmest regards to you and Lillian, I remain

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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RABBI SOLOMON B. FREEHOF, D. D.
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November 11, 1958

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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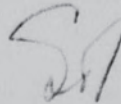
Dear Abba:

I am very anxious to have you in this book in honor of Israel Bettan. Besides, I am anxious for the sake of the coming generation of our colleagues to have available for them the guidance that you can give them on this subject. I know that much of your special talent and skill is not transmissible, but I also know that when you get to thinking about it you will be able to record a great deal that will be of help.

If you think that you cannot do it before the summer, of course I will gladly wait; it will be worth it. Besides, how do I know how prompt the other contributors will be? So thank you very much.

With best wishes,

As ever,



Solomon B. Freehof

SBF:t

THE MIAMI NEWS

WILLIAM C. BAGGS
EDITOR

December 13, 1958

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On January 4, The Miami News is going to publish a commentary on the new year of 1959. We think this commentary would be incomplete without your remarks.

The theme of the project is simply this: What is in store for the American people and for the people of the world in this new year?

This, of course, enters into the waters of speculation. It is our opinion, however, that the measured speculation of several thoughtful Americans will tend to stoke the perspective on the part of our readers as they begin this new year.

We are particularly interested in anything you would care to say about the prospects of peace for the world in 1959. Also, any remarks on the adventures of man into space, the troubling social problem of integration, the economy of our country and the foreign policy of our country will be welcome.

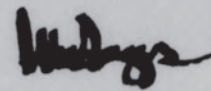
I realize that these are intricate subjects which could be the themes for volumes of books, rather than relatively brief comments for the daily press. Of course, you may wish to confine yourself to commenting on one or two of these several subjects. The subjects are suggested here merely as an indication of what we are trying to cover in this special project on January 4th.

It is with some hesitancy that we have asked you to add this task to what we know is the quite busy schedule you now have. But, we think it is important as we begin this new year that the people of the country have some perspective of what is ahead for them, and that we in the daily press try to encourage our readers to approach the new year as more thoughtful citizens.

Information you supply us will, of course, be made available to our other papers such as The Atlanta Constitution and The Dayton Daily News. And, for that matter, to the Associated Press in order that your remarks be given the widest possible circulation.

For your information, at the bottom of this letter you will find some of the other Americans who have been invited to contribute to this project.

Sincerely,



CC:

James R. Killian
Nelson A. Rockefeller
Henry Ford II
Adlai Stevenson
Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Herbert Hoover
Harry Truman
Sen. Lyndon Johnson
Walter Reuther
Eddie Rickenbacker
Bernard Baruch
George Meany
Billy Graham
Bishop Fulton J. Sheen
John Foster Dulles
Sen. Hubert Humphrey
Sen. Richard B. Russell
Gov. Luis Munoz Marin
James Conant
George Humphrey
Clarence Randall



December 15, 1958

Mr. William C. Baggs, Editor
The Miami News
1001 N. W. 7th Street
P. O. Box 52-615
Miami 52, Florida

Dear Mr. Baggs:

Dr. Silver is out of the country, and your letter
will be placed before him upon his return in mid-February.

Cordially,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

The Standard-Times

MEMBER AUDIT BUREAU
OF CIRCULATION (A. B. C.)

NEW BEDFORD, MASS.

January 9, 1959

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

An America which a well-known physicist said has "lost sight of the beauty of an idea" is bursting with population growth that will bring new benefits, new problems.

March 4 will mark the 170th anniversary of the adoption of the U.S. Constitution which officially allowed Americans the privilege of their ideas.

Against this background, it seems essential to let the public know what those in the "frontlines" of its society are thinking. That is why this letter is addressed to you and to the other 63 distinguished persons on the accompanying list.

From the standpoint of the particular category in which your name is listed, would you be willing to evaluate the position of the United States today, possibly considering how past events and present position affect our ability to face what is coming?

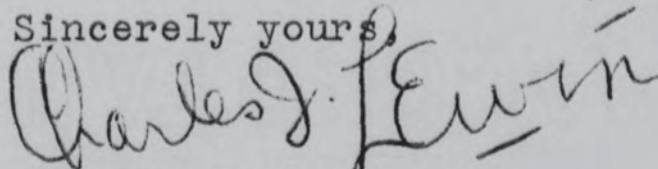
The aim of this series is to present, on a nationwide basis, an appraisal of where we stand at this hour in history: Problems, courses to steer, hopes, assets and liabilities.

Since it is desired to make this series of articles as generally usable as possible by newspapers throughout the United States, we would appreciate it if your statement did not exceed 750 words. No editing changes will be made without approval from you prior to publication.

May we have your statement by February 9, 1959, permitting the initial release of this series early in March?

Please address your reply to Everett S. Allen, Assistant to the Editor, The Standard-Times, New Bedford, Mass.

Sincerely yours,



Charles J. Lewin
Editor and General Manager

Religion

Reinhold Niebuhr
Fulton J. Sheen

Norman Vincent Peale
Abba Hillel Silver

Government

Senator Richard B. Russell
Senator Paul H. Douglas
Senator Barry M. Goldwater

Senator Harry Byrd
Senator Margaret Chase Smith

Science

Dr. Norbert Wiener
Dr. Edward Teller
David Sarnoff

Prof. Linus C. Pauling
Dr. Paul Dudley White

Military

General Albert C. Wedemeyer
General Douglas MacArthur
Admiral Hyman G. Rickover

General George C. Marshall
General Telford Taylor

Education

A. Whitney Griswold
Frank Leo Howley
George Cleveland Kyte

Nathan M. Pusey
James B. Conant
Robert M. Hutchins

Sociology

Harry Elmer Barnes
C. Wright Mills

Dora S. Lewis
Paul Felix Lazarsfeld

Economics

Bernard M. Baruch
Beardsley Ruml
Ivy Baker Priest

William McChesney Martin Jr.
Seymour E. Harris

History

Samuel Flagg Bemis
Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr.

Henry Seidel Canby
William Henry Chamberlain

Culture

Ashley Montagu
Rockwell Kent
Archibald MacLeish
Mary Howe
Tennessee Williams

Leonard Bernstein
Norman Rockwell
Robert Frost
Marc Connelly

Philosophy

Prof. Paul Tillich
Harold Atkins Larrabee

Max Lerner

Law

Learned Hand
Thurgood Marshall

Joseph L. Rauh Jr.
Joseph N. Welch

Management

James David Zellerbach
Henry Ford 2d

Ralph J. Cordiner

Labor

Walter P. Reuther

John L. Lewis

Summing-Up (U. S. with relation to world)

Herbert Hoover
Clare Booth Luce
Adlai E. Stevenson

Harry Truman
Eleanor Roosevelt

January 9, 1959

Mr. Charles J. Lewin
The Standard-Times
New Bedford, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Lewin:

Dr. Silver is out of the country. He will not return until February 20th. I will call your message to his attention at that time.

WRHS
AMERICAN JEWISH
ARCHIVES
Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Lee Goldstein
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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RABBI SOLOMON B. FREEHOF, D. D.

RODEF SHALOM TEMPLE
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May 4, 1959

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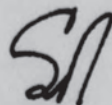
Dear Abba:

I was in Cleveland a few weeks ago to speak at the dedication of the Assembly Hall for Barney Brickner. I was happy to see Daniel. He is clearly a colleague and an adult. There is a fine, confident demeanor in him. You must be very proud.

I am writing to tell you that any time during the summer, when you can write your article for the Bettan volume on the pulpit lecture, I shall be glad to have it. I am going to write my article on the literary lecture this month because I am going away to Europe at the end of June and so I had better get it done now. But you take your time because I have yet to get three or four other articles. Your guidance to our young colleagues in the field in which you have been outstanding will be a vital part of the book.

Lillian joins me in best wishes to Virginia and yourself.

As ever,



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Solomon B. Freehof



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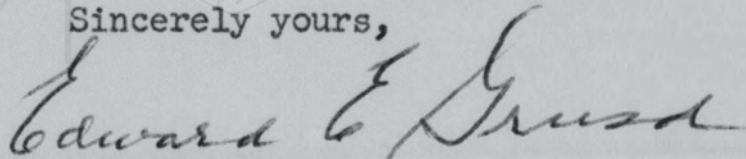
Dear Dr. Silver:

We are starting to prepare, for fall publication, a special feature consisting of brief expressions from some of our outstandingly prominent members, telling why they joined B'nai B'rith, why they remain part of it, or what its work means to them.

We cordially invite you to participate in this symposium by sending us your own thoughts on these subjects, in perhaps two paragraphs. It is unnecessary to tell you how much such a message from you would mean to the 500,000 readers of our publication.

May we have the privilege of hearing from you at your earliest convenience, but no later than August 1? Thanks in advance.

Sincerely yours,


Edward E. Grusd

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Esquire
THE MAGAZINE FOR MEN
488 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK 22, N. Y.
PLAZA 9-3232

August 6, 1959

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Looking ahead to the 1960 presidential election, this magazine feels that it would be an interesting and useful undertaking to present the opinions of outstanding men of ideas regarding the candidates proposed and the issues involved. For the political parties and the electorate, there is the decision of which candidate, among the several already prominent, is to be given presidential authority and responsibility. Yet, during the campaign there may be such concentration on the personalities of the candidates that issues to be debated and decided become neglected. We believe that the publication of the opinions of leaders in fields other than politics will be a contribution to intelligent public discussion.

Accordingly, we should be grateful if you will consider, and answer, these two questions:

1. Among those mentioned as possible presidential candidates, whom do you prefer for president in 1960?
2. What, to your mind, should be the most important issues in the election?

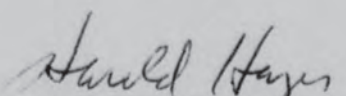
Attached is a list of those who, like yourself, are being asked to participate. There has been a fair attempt to select persons whose individual opinions are valued within their fields, and whose collective opinions will present a wide spectrum of response.

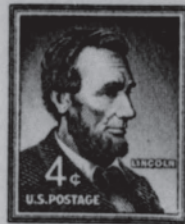
Most emphatically, each person's response will be treated with respect. Your answer to Question 1 will be specifically listed beside your name. Answers to Question 2 will be collated, with a discussion of the issues cited by the author of the article, Walter Friedenberg, a scholar-journalist and Fellow of the Institute of Current World Affairs. His approach will be that of a reporter rather than a political commentator or "pollster." Esquire holds no political position and will advance none.

There is the question of time: Although most of the possible candidates have not yet formally announced their intentions, and new issues may certainly arise before the end of the campaign, we are interested in the position you hold right now. It will be made clear in the article that your answers were given in August or early September. Indeed, we request that you reply before September 1st.

We are aware that there may be reasons why you do not wish to take part in this survey. We believe, however, in its validity and usefulness, and we hope that you will be willing to participate.

Sincerely,


Harold Hayes
Articles Editor



MR. HAROLD HAYES
ESQUIRE
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NEW YORK 22, N. Y.

QUESTION I

Among those mentioned as possible presidential candidates whom do you prefer for president in 1960?

QUESTION II

What, to your mind, should be the most important issues in the election?



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תל אביב 10.8.59.

ד"ר סילבר היקר,

אנו מתקרבים לראש השנה, וגליוננו לשנה החדשה

היא גאה אילו בעתרת לפגיתנו ומזכה אותנו במאמר משלך.

אין כל כוונה מצדי להציע לך נושא, או להגביל אותך בנושא.

חזקה עליך כי תמצא מפרי רוחך אשר לא רק יחנה את תושבי

המדינה אלא גם עלול לתרום למחשת השנה החדשה.

למיותר להוסיף עד כמה היינו מעריכים השתתפותך בגליון החג.

עלי רק להוסיף כי זה שנים מורגשת ציפיה בארץ לדיברה

חדשה, ודוקא מפי אישיות אשר כמורך אשר אין אדם בארץ אשר

דברו איננו מכובד עליו.

אני מקווה כי תענה לבקשתנו, ויעלה בידנו לפאר את גליון

א' של השנה בשמך.

בתודה שלך

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פ. ברנשטיין

Esquire
THE MAGAZINE FOR MEN
488 MADISON AVENUE
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August 25, 1959.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I wonder if you've had a chance to consider our request of August 6 for your choice of presidential candidates for 1960 and for your opinion of the most important issues.

I do hate to bother you about this again, but our deadline is drawing near. We've received, incidentally, 75 answers to date and feel that some word from you, however brief, would add much to the article as a whole. If you are away at this time, I hope my letter has been forwarded to you. We would be most grateful if you could find time to let us hear from you at your earliest convenience.



Respectfully,

Harold Hayes

Harold Hayes
Articles Editor

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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Cleveland, Ohio

QUESTION I

Among those mentioned as possible presidential candidates
whom do you prefer for president in 1960?

QUESTION II

What, to your mind, should be the most important issues in
the election?



August 26, 1959

Dr. P. Bernstein
Haboker Daily
Haboker Building
Harakevet St. 32
Tel-Aviv, Israel

My dear Dr. Bernstein:

I received your letter and I am grateful to you for your gracious invitation to contribute an article for the New Year's edition of "Haboker". It would have given me great pleasure, indeed, if I could sit down and write an article. I am, however, in the midst of writing a book which I am obliged to complete before long and I am putting into it all the spare time which I can find. There have also been many demands upon me communally and nationally. I am sure that you will understand, not my unwillingness but my inability to write an article at this time. Some day in the future when things will ease up, I shall be highly honored to write an article for Haboker.

Please accept all my good wishes for the New Year and extend them to all of our friends. With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Am Tiltad

דער טאג-מארגען וואך

The Day - Jewish Journal

THE NATIONAL JEWISH DAILY

183 EAST BROADWAY

NEW YORK 2, N. Y.

ARTHUR L. JACOBS
GENERAL MANAGER

September 17, 1959

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir;

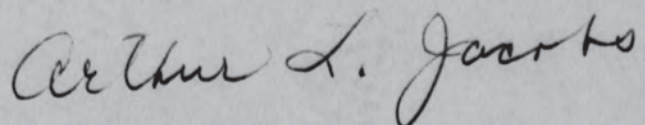
I am enclosing a translation of an editorial which appeared in our paper Sunday, August 30th. The editorial deals with articles written by Ambassador Abba Eban and Dr. Judd Teller. Ambassador Eban implies that Israel and English speaking Jewry should be the spokesmen for World Jewry. Dr. Teller disagrees.

Since the issue is vital, I would appreciate, for publication, your views on the subject. We would like to keep the material below 2500 words. Your article will appear in both English and Yiddish, regardless of the language you write in.

The subject is so vital that we have invited a number of leaders of American Jewry to participate in the discussion. Your views would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

The Day-Jewish Journal



Arthur L. Jacobs

ALJ:mk

TRANSLATION OF EDITORIAL OF THE DAY-JEWISH JOURNAL

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 1959

WORLD JEWRY OR ISRAEL JEWRY

During the past few days The Day-Jewish Journal published two articles which deserve more than passing attention since they touch on matters of fundamental concern to Israel and affect Jewish policy in other countries.

One article, written by Abba Eban, the former Israeli ambassador in the United States, appeared in The Day-Jewish Journal on Monday, August 17, under the head "THE SIGNIFICANCE OF JEWISH WORLD CONFERENCES SUBSEQUENT TO THE RECREATION OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL."

Abba Eban deals in his article with the conference of the World Jewish Congress recently held in Stockholm, and he writes:

"Gradually, gradually the glory of Jewish international gatherings is fading. In Stockholm, where the Conference of the World Jewish Congress was held, there was no scarcity of fervent moments. But the people of Israel and in other countries did not feel that the gathering at Stockholm will affect their mode of life and determine their future.

"This does not mean that the force of world Jewry has disintegrated. But the effectiveness of the people in the Diaspora is mainly centered in the isolated activities of each Jewish community separately and not in its international organizations.

For instance: American Jewry is a powerful active force in the United States...However, as soon as American Jews left their own nourishing sources and betook themselves to Stockholm something detracted from their greatness, just as a large tree when it is torn from the earth in which it is rooted is cut off from its source.

"The majority of the Jewish people in free countries now find themselves in two separate cultural and linguistic worlds. About two million Jews now live in 'Medinath Israel' utilizing the Hebrew language and culture and close to seven million Jews are citizens of democratic countries where English is used. There has never been a period in the history of the Jewish people when seven million Jews spoke one language.

"The spiritual face of the Jewish people will be shaped in the future in line with the conceptions, philosophies and values which will grow out of the Hebrew culture in Israel and out of the spiritual atmosphere of the English speaking Jewish world. This is why the relations between Israel and the English speaking world will determine the direction and destiny of our people.

"And since the center of activities of the Jewish people are now being conducted within the borders of a sovereign Israel State and not within the limits of an international (Jewish) organization it is difficult for Jewish personalities in the Diaspora to assume the role of general Jewish leadership."

This is what Abba Eban wrote.

We desire to correct only one error in Mr. Eban's article where he declares that there has never been a period in the history of the Jewish people "when 7 million Jews spoke one language."

Prior to World War 1 there were 9 million Jews whose language was Yiddish and in the course of less than a century they created a rich literature and press in Yiddish.

We quoted from Mr. Eban's article at length in order to make clear the thought expressed in his article, the thought that world leadership of the Jewish people must go over to Israel and that the destiny of the people will depend on the spiritual values which will be developed in Israel and in the English speaking countries.

To this Dr. J.L. Teller replied in the Day-Jewish Journal on August 26th..

Although Dr. Teller wrote his article in a private capacity it is well to remember that Dr. Teller is the political secretary of the World Zionist Organization and a close co-worker of Dr. Nahum Goldmann for many years.

In his article "WORLD JEWRY AND ISRAEL" Dr. Teller writes:

"The former ambassador of Israel says that since the central activities of the Jewish people are now being conducted within the realm of the sovereign State of Israel and not within the limits of an international (Jewish) organization it is difficult for Jewish personalities in the Diaspora to assume the role of general Jewish leadership.

"But not all Jews are now under the protection of the

sovereign Jewish State: About 3 million Jews in the Soviet countries are completely torn from the Jewish people; Jews in a number of Moslem Arab countries in North Africa are today in the same insecure position that the Jews of Eastern Europe found themselves in after World War 1. The State of Israel cannot intercede in their behalf. Their condition would become more difficult if such an initiative were undertaken. Likewise, the Jews of America, as a separate community, are not best qualified for such a step. The false accusations made against the Jewish intellectuals in Soviet Russia under Stalin regime were based upon the charge that they had connections with American Jewish organizations. When Morocco is at odds with the United States over military bases American Jewry itself is not the best spokesman to plead for the Jews of Morocco, and certainly there is nothing for them to intervene in Arab countries in behalf of Jews there.

"There is in addition a Latin American Jewry and there is the possibility that there will be once more a Russian Jewry.

"I am surprised that Abba Eban, who for many years sat in the United Nations where the smallest country has the same representation as the large ones, should suggest that Jewish policy should be determined by two Jewish major powers-the State of Israel and the English-speaking Anglo-Saxon Jews.

There is need for an international platform which can speak beyond the nationally rooted 2 large communities-The State of Israel and American Jewry. There is need for an international Jewish parliament.

"Whether the World Jewish Congress constitutes such a parliament is a matter that can be debated among those who support it and those who oppose it. But such a parliament is necessary."

This is what Dr. J.L. Teller wrote.

Abba Eban expresses the viewpoint of an Israeli who is loyal to the Jewish people but sees the future in the development of Jewry in the 2 Jewish centers Israel and America, although he includes the Jews of other English-speaking countries in the center outside of Israel.

Dr. Teller speaks as a Jew who loves Israel but he recognizes the needs and the potential possibilities of other Jewish communities, the problems of which the Jewish State cannot solve.

Which one of them is right?

We would like to hear what Jewish leaders of the United States and in other countries think of the matter.

October 14, 1959

Mr. Arthur L. Jacobs
The Day-Jewish Journal
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My dear Mr. Jacobs:

Please pardon the delay in answering your kind letter of September 17th. I should have been most happy to comply with your request but I have been ill for the last few weeks and I am just recuperating. You will, therefore, understand that I have not been able to write any article such as you request and because I have reduced my schedule, I am not in a position to undertake such an article now. Perhaps in some future time I may be of service to you.

With warmest personal regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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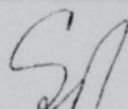
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Abba:

The Bettan book is moving towards completion and I hope you will soon be able to send me the chapter on "The Pulpit Lecture." I am sure that there would be a consensus of feeling that the book would be incomplete without your article, since you are the foremost practitioner.

I know what a nuisance it is to be urged, but I am urging you and I ask you to forgive me. Besides, this is my opportunity to wish Virginia and you and the boys and your grandchildren a happy and a healthy New Year.

As ever,



Solomon B. Freehof

SBF:t

October 21, 1959

My dear Sol:

I received your note of August 14th. I wish I were in a position to provide you with the article which you requested for the Bettan Memorial Book. Unfortunately, I have been ill the last four or five weeks - part of the time in the hospital and part of the time at home. I am happy that I was able to get through the holiday services and I am steadily regaining my strength but all of my customary activities have suffered. As a result, I am afraid that I will be unable to send you the article which I hoped to be able to write. I am sure that you will understand.

With warmest regards and all good wishes to you and Lillian for the New Year in which Virginia joins me, I remain

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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JOHN J. O'CONNELL
Editor

October 30, 1959

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

If a magazine such as The American Weekly is to discharge its responsibilities to its millions of readers, it must keep them informed about the vital issues of our time.

That is why I am writing to you.

Periodically we plan to submit important questions to distinguished people who, like yourself, are molders of public opinion or experts in a particular field of endeavour. Your answers to our questions will be published in The American Weekly. I am confident they will contribute greatly to the public's understanding of significant topics.

I know your schedule is an extremely busy one, but I am hopeful you will feel that the opportunity to address nearly twenty million Americans justifies the time required to answer the question I am including here.

Question: Do you believe the increase in church membership in recent years denotes that we are becoming a more religious nation, or does it merely indicate that we are frightened and confused?

Your reply to this question need not be more than one or two hundred words in length. If we are obliged to edit or cut it appreciably, we will contact you prior to publication so that there will be no danger of your being quoted out of context.

In addition to yourself, I am asking the following people to respond to the question:

His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman
The Reverend Norman Vincent Peale
Dr. Francis Ashley Montagu
Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower

Dr. Smiley Blanton
Mr. Lewis Mumford
Mr. Aldous L. Huxley
Dr. George H. Gallup

Hoping to hear from you in the near future and with many thanks for your cooperation, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

November 5, 1959

My dear Mr. O'Connell:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of October 30th. I am pleased to comply with your request. I am enclosing herewith an answer to the question which you propose. I trust that you will find it satisfactory. You may edit it any way you may desire, just so the central thought is not lost.

With all good wishes, I remain



ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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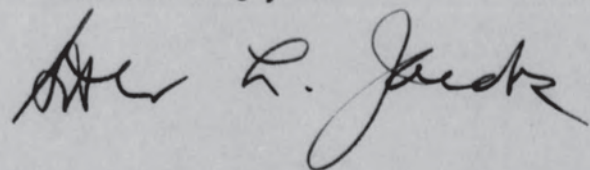
Dear Rabbi Silver,

It is 45 years since MORRIS WEINBERG, our publisher, with the help of other communal leaders, founded THE DAY.

We plan to have a 45th Anniversary Issue, for the first week in February, which will be a tribute to Mr. Weinberg. We feel that your leadership in the history of the American Jewish scene has coincided with that of THE DAY -- therefore you would want to say something for the Anniversary Issue.

We would appreciate a short message of greeting to Mr. Weinberg and THE DAY on this occasion. We would appreciate your greeting by January 29th.

Sincerely,



January 26, 1960

Mr. Arthur L. Jacobs
The Day - Jewish Journal
183 East Broadway
New York 2, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Jacobs:

I am enclosing herewith a brief testimonial to
Mr. Morris Weinberg such as you request.

With all good wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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I regard it as a privilege to join with the host of friends of Mr. Morris Weinberg in congratulating him on the occasion of the forty-fifth anniversary of the founding of "The Day".

Through all these years I have known Mr. Morris Weinberg and have worked with him in many important national causes. I have found him and "The Day" consistently eager to help in every constructive movement which might redound to the best interests of our people and of America. Particularly I found Mr. Weinberg and his newspaper stalwart champions of Zionism and of the rebuilding of the State of Israel. During the battle days which preceded the establishment of the State, he was a tower of strength, and I had occasion frequently to turn to him for counsel and help. Every lover of Zion is grateful for the long and useful journalistic career of Mr. Weinberg, and we all wish him many more years of well-being and happiness.



ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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April 20, 1960

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are currently making preparations for our annual Special Issue, celebrating Israel's Independence.

As usual, we will have an English supplement, and we are counting on a contribution from your good self.

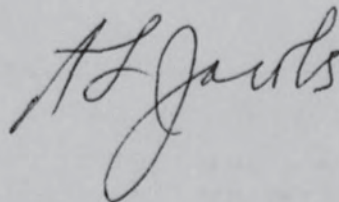
The "SALUTE TO ISRAEL" edition, is the outstanding effort of our publication. It will reflect life in Israel throughout the past year, and it will be effectively circulated throughout Jewish communities spread all over the world.

I know how very much pressed for time you must be, but this opportunity to reach all elements of Jewry, we feel should not be missed.

In view of the time element, I would appreciate receiving the article as early as possible.

With many thanks, I am

Sincerely,



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WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE COPY IN OUR OFFICE BY APRIL 28th.

April 27, 1960

Mr. Arthur L. Jacobs
General Manager
The Day-Jewish Journal
183 East Broadway
New York 2, New York

My dear Mr. Jacobs:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of April 20th. I wish I had the time to write an article for your special issue celebrating Israel's independence. Unfortunately I have not the time.

However, as you probably know, I delivered an address before the Long Island Region Zionists on the occasion of their twenty-fifth anniversary last Sunday evening at the Essex House. The address was carefully prepared and contained some thoughts of mine as to the future of the Zionist movement which might interest your readers. A complete copy of the address is in the hands of the officers of the Long Island Zionist Region and at the office of the Zionist Organization of America. You may wish to use that for your issue.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

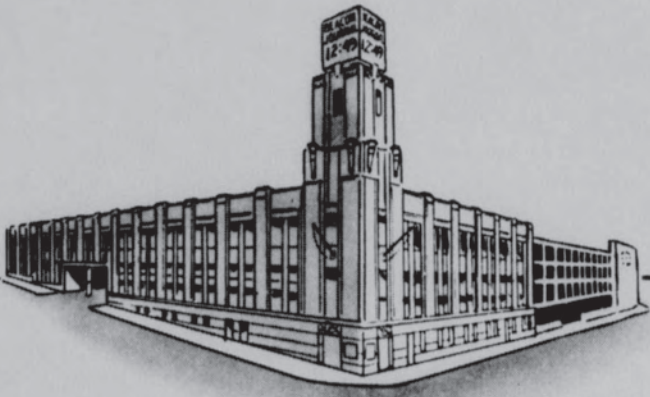
Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

A young reader writes:

"In Sunday School I have always been told that Heaven and God and the Angels are high up in the sky.

"Every day I read that new missiles are being made and that some of them may have unlimited ability to climb.

"Will we one day be able to reach God and Heaven and the Angels and what will happen, then?"

We would like to answer in the form of a news story containing your own and comments of other distinguished churchmen and scientists to whom we are also writing.

May we hear from you, please?

Very truly yours,

Thomas S. Haney
City Desk

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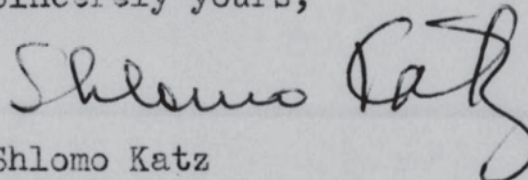
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

We would very much like to have you review for a forthcoming issue of Midstream, the two volumes, The Shaping of American Religion and Religious Perspectives in American Culture, in the series, "Religion in American Life" just published by Princeton University Press.

We look forward to your early favorable reply.

Sincerely yours,



Shlomo Katz
Editor

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May 5, 1961

Mr. Shlomo Katz
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My dear Mr. Katz:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 3rd and for your invitation to review the two volumes mentioned in your letter for a forthcoming issue of Midstream. I wish I were free to do it. Unfortunately, I have not the time. I am in the process of re-doing a volume of my own for publication in the fall.

With warmest regards I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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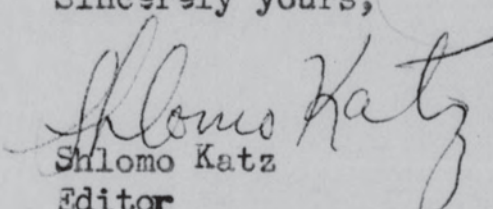
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

Several weeks ago we wrote to you, inviting you to participate in our scheduled symposium on "The Meaning of Galut in America Today."

I am anxious to have you contribute to this discussion, and would very much appreciate a word from you regarding your plans in this matter.

Sincerely yours,


Shlomo Katz
Editor

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December 26, 1962

My dear Mr. Katz:

I should very much like to contribute an article to your symposium. Unfortunately, I am being kept busy with a number of out-of-town meetings, and also with the preparations which are going on in connection with my Seventieth Anniversary on January twentieth. I regret, therefore, that I can not comply with your request.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

When you last called here we talked very briefly about the possibility of a book by you in which you would deal with one or two sequences of events in your life which are of special public interest. This is something which we would very much like to have on our list, and I would like if I may to use this letter to give a fuller indication of what we have in mind.

We are not thinking of a complete autobiography, interesting though that would be, but a book which deals selectively with those sequences of events in your life where a relatively full, authoritative, account written as from inside by a major participant would really add to public understanding, - and might indeed be described as an obligation owed posterity!

The first sequence we have in mind is less important than the second but it is of considerable interest. We are thinking of the events which led to the passage of the pioneering unemployment insurance act through the Ohio legislature. You will not misunderstand me when I say that this has some of the character of a period piece, in that it is difficult for many people nowadays (and trade analyses show that it is young people who buy books), to imagine the climate of those times, and the virulent character of the opposition, though echoes of this are certainly still around. Here I find particularly interesting the fact that the bill had its genesis in a Temple study group who worked on this question methodically for some years and prepared some of the main protagonists. It would be interesting to know something of the motivation for this study, and how the circle was gradually widened to build up the political weight necessary to put the bill through. Presumably in the process some people who at the beginning were unthinkingly opposed to the bill came

round to see it as something necessary and right, and the achievement of this sort of change of mind is always an instructive story. Presumably some political neophytes learned their skills on this job, and some personalities were involved who subsequently became of national importance. All this makes a good story, and adds to one's understanding of American history.

The second sequence of events we have in mind is that leading to the establishment of the state of Israel. This is not something that I know a great deal about, but I may be typical in that there are two questions in particular that intrigue me. One is how you came by the insights that led you to differ on more than one occasion from the Establishment of the Zionist Movement (to put it all too casually), and on issues on which events eventually proved you right and the early majority wrong. The other issue is that of the techniques (not just techniques?) which marshalled public opinion behind you in such a way that could be brought to bear effectively on forces in power in this country and in others. Some years have now elapsed since these events of course and the impression must be widespread that we now need the candid, objective, charitable, and authoritative account that only you can give. This is a story of such importance, and involving a cast of such stature that the record need to be defined for the sake of history.

A reader of a book dealing with these sequences of events might be helped by a brief indication of earlier sequences that give the reader a better understanding of the man involved, - perhaps something of your involvement as a youth in Zionist clubs ~~as a youth~~ in New York, and perhaps something on your two years in Wheeling, West Virginia, especially if the special character of that town and region were an important factor in your life.

The stimulus which had set me thinking along these lines was, of course, Mr. Manson's excellent paper in the festschrift and shortly after we had touched on this possibility in conversation, Mr. Manson called me at your suggestion. He tells me that he has in mind an expansion of parts of his paper to present an account of the events in which you and he were involved and which led up to the establishment of the state of Israel. His concept of the book has a good controlling theme, namely the way in which a minority aroused American public opinion to a sense of the justice of their cause, and hence prevailed against strong opposition in the highest quarters. I think this is a good theme. To place it in its setting as a piece of American history in a way that did it justice in a really good book would be a substantial tour de force.

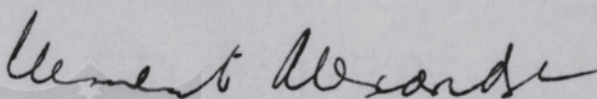
However a book by Mr. Manson would be a first book, and as publishers we are necessarily more interested in a book by an established author with a successful record, especially when the

book we have in mind is a selective memoir from a national and world figure in whose inside account of the events in which he took part there will be a great public interest. Such figures often have to have their writing done for them. The combination of a good writer and an important story is an attractive one. If the book is your account over your name then this means a much wider circle of readers than if the story is told by anyone else.

I want to emphasize that this is a book in which the house as a whole is very much interested. If this interests you, we would certainly want to respond with every help we could offer including, should this seem desirable to you, the sort of substantial advance against royalties which provides real help in the assembling of the material for the book.

Would you care to let me know whether this is something you would like to discuss?

Very truly yours,


Clement Alexandre

CA/eh



April 22, 1963

My dear Mr. Alexandre:

I have just returned from Israel. Your letter of March 15th was forwarded to me there and I read it with great interest. I have not yet resolved in my own mind whether I want to write an autobiography or a book which would deal with some of the events in my life which are of special interest to the public. I have been giving the matter considerable thought and I should be making my decision before very long. I would then communicate with you.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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