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Democratic Impulse in Jewish History, publication and
distribution, 1928-1930.

July 10th, 1928.

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Dear Friends:-

I received a bound copy of "Eldad Hadani" from you and in looking over the volume I find that pages #65 through #82 are missing. Please send me another volume.

At the last Convention of The Central Conference of American Rabbis I delivered the Conference Lecture. My subject was "The Democratic Impulse in Jewish History." It is in the nature of an essay, tracing the development of the democratic principle in the economic, political and religious life of Israel and of its present implications.

Many of my friends urged that I print this essay. It is about twenty-four typewritten pages. Would you be interested in publishing it? If so, I shall be very happy to send you the essay for your perusal.

With kindest regards, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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In this compact little volume Dr. Silver traces in luminous outline the manifestations of a dominant democratic impulse in Jewish History. He regards this democratic motif as the essential characteristic of many of the great movements in Jewish thought through the ages.

Prophecy, Pharisaism, the Synagogue, Jewish Mysticism, Chassidism and other significant expressions of the genius of Israel are re-stated here in terms of an invincible democratic urge which seems to determine the vital spiritual processes of the race.

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July 17th, 1928.

Mr. Charles E. Bloch,
31 W. 31st St.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Bloch:-

I am afraid that I did not make myself clear in my last letter. I should like to publish my essay not in pamphlet form but in book form, in a small format. It ought to make about forty or fifty printed pages. I should like to get it out as an attractive little booklet. I feel there would be a considerable sale for it both in Cleveland among my people and elsewhere.

I should be willing to bear part of the expense of publication or to make any other financial arrangements with you which would be mutually satisfactory. Please let me know whether you are interested. If not, I shall take the matter up with some other publishing house.

With kindest regards and wishing you a very happy summer, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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% The Temple
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Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Most likely I did not quite understand your first letter about reprinting your essay in book form. If you will kindly send me a copy of it in its complete form, I shall let you know a few days thereafter just what proposition we can make for publishing it for general distribution. Of course, we want to be your publishers, if possible, and are prepared to make best arrangements therefor.

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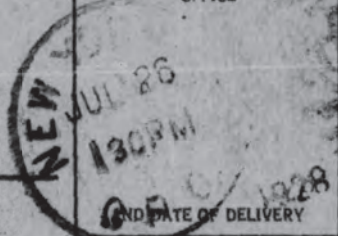
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and an attractive cover.

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Dear Dr. Silver:-

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This is to acknowledge receipt of the MS. of your essay. I am just about to leave the city for a much needed week's vacation, and I would ask your indulgence until my return. Matters of publishing are entirely in my own hands and I shall not be able to get estimates, etc. in the few hours that I am still here. I believe that I can safely say that the booklet will be ~~issued~~ by us and under arrangements satisfactory to yourself. It will probably not make more than 40 pages on which we can put an attractive heavy paper cover. You may depend upon it that the work will be first class throughout.

Hoping all this is satisfactory, I am, with best of greetings

Sincerely yours,

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Dr. A.H. Silver
% The Temple
E. 105th St. & Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:-

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Is the book to be copyrighted in your name? If so, the necessary notice will appear on the second page.

If desired, we can send you page proofs before printing. If there is no undue delay, we can have the work ready within two or three weeks.

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31 W. 31st St.,
New York, N. Y.

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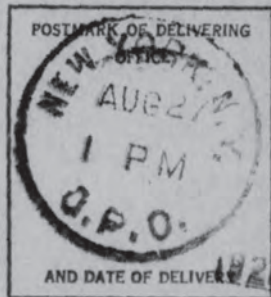
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Dear Dr. Silver:-

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Perhaps you can tell us now just how many copies you want to order or what sum you want to contribute to the expense and we will give you as many books as possible for same at a reduced price. We want to turn out a first class piece of work and the expense is mounting, hence we must depend upon your own order to guide us. I do hope you will be very generous and I know that you will be satisfied with our part.

With best of greetings

Sincerely yours,

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Charles R. Bloch

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August 31st, 1928.

Mr. Charles E. Bloch,
31 West 31st St.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Bloch:-

Permit me to thank you for your
letter of August 28th.

I recall that in our last conversation you thought that the cost of publishing the booklet plus the binding would be about 30¢. On that basis I shall be glad to take up to five hundred copies with the understanding that I am to receive a royalty of 20% on all the copies which you will sell.

Inasmuch as you plan to have your copies unbound the cost to you will be about 15¢. I would personally suggest that you have all the books bound and that you price them at 75¢.

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to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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NEW YORK September 6, 1928.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:-

Under separate cover are being sent the first proofs and a set of the revised, made up into pages. Kindly look over them at your earliest convenience and return both sets, when we will be ready to go to press.

The proposition as submitted by you in your letter of August 31 is acceptable to us. You are to purchase 500 copies at 30¢ each and are to receive 20% royalty on the remaining 500 copies when sold. The retail price of the book is to be 75¢ and it is to be bound in cloth cover, ink stamped. You may be assured that it will be a presentable volume.

Hoping to hear from you in prompt reply, I am, with every good wish for you and yours for the coming year

Sincerely yours,

Charles Bloch
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Sept. 10th, 1928.

Mr. Charles E. Bloch,
31 West 31st St.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Bloch:-

I am returning herewith the page proofs which you sent me. I made a few slight corrections. Please see that these corrections are made in the final set-up.

I would appreciate very much if you would send me a sample of the cover to be used before you finally decide. It has occurred to me that perhaps a red or light blue cover with a white label for the title would be appropriate for a small volume. Black is rather too somber for a little volume.

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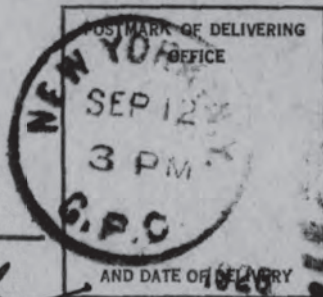
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Rabbi Hillel Silver, D. D.
% The Temple
East 105th Street & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I have received the page proofs and the corrections are being made. I shall look over the revised proofs before we go to press.

I do not intend to use a black cover on the book. You may safely leave the selection to me and I know that you will be entirely pleased with the finished product. I hope to have the book ready in about ten days. The Holy-days interfere somewhat with us and the Jewish printer, which will account for any delay.

I again extend to you and your dear ones my very best wishes for a year of health and happiness and in addition, for yourself, a year of greater achievement.

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NEW YORK October 5, 1928.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:-

Your book is in the bindery and we expect to have copies in about a week, as there has been some delay in making a die. I know that you will be pleased with it.

In the meantime, will you kindly send us a write-up about the book which we can use for a circular and advance press notice. You know best just what ground it covers, etc. and I hope that you will oblige us in this matter at the earliest possible time.

Hoping you are in fine health, I am, with best of greetings and regards

Very truly yours,

BLOCH PUBLISHING CO.

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October 9th, 1928.

Mr. Charles Bloch,
The Bloch Publishing Co.,
31 W. 31st St.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Bloch:-

I am enclosing herewith the short
write-up about my book which you requested. I
trust that it will prove satisfactory.

With kindest regards, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

October 10th, 1928.

Rabbi Samuel Wohl,
Reading Road Temple,
3212 Reading Rd.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Wohl:-

I have followed the suggestion which you made to me in Chicago last June and I am publishing the essay which I read before The C. C. A. R. in revised and augmented form. The Bloch Publishing Company is getting it out in an attractive format. It ought to be ready for distribution within a week or ten days. The price of the little volume will be 75¢.

I should like to see the booklet placed into the hands of many of the laymen of our Congregations. I wonder whether you would be interested in distributing some of them among the members of your Congregation.

I would also appreciate any suggestions from you as to the best method in placing it into the hands of our lay-people.

With kindest regards and best wishes to you and yours in which Virginia joins me, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

SAMUEL WOHL
RABBI

READING ROAD TEMPLE
3212 READING ROAD
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October 16, 1928

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am very glad that your epoch-making essay is now being published and will be available to a large public.

I shall indeed make every effort to distribute as many as I can to the members of my congregation. But I should like to see it have a nation-wide distribution, and may I therefore make a few suggestions that may be of some value:

- (a) Let the Brotherhood Monthly, which has a circulation of some fifteen thousand or more copies, carry a comprehensive review of the book.
- (b) I would ask several rabbis and a few laymen of national reputation, to express their appreciation and views briefly, and publish this either as a symposium in the Brotherhood Monthly and the Israelite, or perhaps the American Jewish Tribune.
- (c) Form a distribution committee that would approach brotherhoods and sisterhoods and various groups within the Union.

Of course, these are just a few rough ideas; I offer them for what they are worth. Should you feel that I can do something in the matter, I am at your service.

Belle, Herzle and myself send our best wishes to you and Mrs. Silver and Daniel Jeremiah.

Very sincerely yours,

Samuel Wohl

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NEW YORK October 24, 1928.

Rabbi A.H. Silver
% The Temple
E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd.
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Dear Rabbi Silver:-

As informed by our telegram, you will know that we are forwarding 500 copies of your book, "Democratic Impulse", which has just come from the bindery. We trust that you will find it satisfactory in all particulars. Our Mr. Bloch, who is being detained at home on account of illness, will no doubt write to you further on his return to the office, in a few days.

Very sincerely yours,

BLOCH PUBLISHING CO.

Edw. H. Bloch

EHB:hw

Nov. 5th, 1928.

Dr. Isidor Singer,
The Amos Society,
51 Chambers St.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Singer:-

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of my essay, "The Democratic Impulse in Jewish History." This is an elaboration of the paper which I read before the C. C. A. R. and which I promised to send to you.

A reading of this essay will indicate to you just why I am out of sympathy with the purposes of The Amos Society.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

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An Abstract From
THE DEMOCRATIC IMPULSE IN JEWISH HISTORY
BY
RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER
AT
THE TEMPLE, CLEVELAND
Nov. 4th, 1928.

The democratic traditions which Israel derived from the primitive freedom of its nomadic life through countless centuries in the desert remained with it throughout its history. It resisted the establishment of a monarchy in ancient Israel. The prophet Samuel interpreted the demand for a king as rebellion against God. Contrast this Judaic point of view with the Greek of Plato and Aristotle. The ideal polity Plato maintained was the monarchy and the ideal ruler of his Republic was the king. Aristotle regarded kingship as "the primary or most divine form of government."

Among the peoples of antiquity, even among the most enlightened, kings were deified, sacrifices were offered to them and the most extravagant titles and attributes were ascribed to them. There was no king-worship in Israel. The kings were constantly under the moral surveillance of the prophets.

The economic thought of ancient Israel was likewise surcharged with a democratic idealism. The elaborate system of Biblical social legislation designed to shield the members of the community against exploitation, monopoly, loss of patrimony and enslavement was the expression of a mighty faith in human equality and solidarity. It was from the lips of the prophets who had drunk deep of the democratic tradition of the race that the first great cry for justice and economic freedom leaped out upon the world.

The same democratic impulse is strongly in evidence in the religious history of Israel. A bitter and determined war was waged

through the ages upon ecclesiastical dictatorship. The prophet maintained that the priest possessed no occult powers, no inviolate office, no exclusive sanctity, no preferred moral status and that the word of God could come to every human being prepared to receive it, the shepherd, the tradesman, the dresser of sycamore trees, to the humblest of the humble.

The genius of the race speaks through Moses when he declared, "Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, that the Lord would put His spirit upon them."

The protracted struggle between the Sadducees and the Pharisees was but another phase of the historic conflict between the autocratic and democratic principles in Jewish life. The Sadducees, clinging to a tradition common to all the priestly classes of antiquity, maintained that they were the sole monitors of the Law. The Pharisees, on the other hand, who were the spiritual heirs of the prophets, declared, "That God hath given unto all as an heritage - the kingdom, the priesthood and the sanctuary."

The idea of God's covenant with Israel is the supreme expression of democracy in religion. For the first time in the history of mankind a whole people conceived of itself as having been consecrated into an everlasting priesthood and as having been commissioned to perform those functions which among other peoples were relegated to a small official group of priests. And strange and difficult as this unparalleled idea of the mass ordination of a whole people may appear, Israel clung to it tenaciously throughout its history.

There is enough of power & beauty
in my. concept -
Our youth will respond to
an inner appeal - Let us
push them to deeper, unexplored
& difficult - x3 ck



④ It will flam enthus. Fidelity
not only for ideals small - but for
people - think in terms of Great -
not merely in terms of abstract -
Rebut / Prophecy -

① Elyah said;

② will proceed to Enrich - process
of language, love, memory, laden
customs, - top of nat. rehabilitation

X. The strength of his good-adherence
to numen - Wardness - auth-had
& ant-nom - The ideal of the Numen
is inextricably intertwined with
the ideal of the people of Israel -
What is - nat. & Abraham
It is clear

XI. In a reversed Pha. his hope

VII. Liberal Jud. placed itself in direct line
of descent

- ① our modern secular illuminati -
- mass sport - least valuable -
ignorance - One would wish that our
intelligentsia - swarming - unwisdom
- destruction + unbecoming work

② We cannot be measured by the
yardstick of alien social theories

VIII. When liberal Jud. passed - millennium
at end - no longer need to stress
the nat. ideal - group discipline.

- ① Flourish of Fr. Rev. - after means
of liberty - equality etc -

② Saw to day - hard war - united
peace etc - tempted with easy
self-abnegation -

IV. But patient other Phantasia will
not be stampeded -

For me/ great charm - lived
with my dear years - let old -
wh. H. 3. P. - Movement swept
upon outer things - for status
& standing in out. crowd &
Caf - swept thru rank & social
layers put in work in Arab,
to influence -

II. 2 outstanding qualities Life & Plot -

① Democracy ② Unity - potent
in life - and in Jewish Method.

1. Let enough emphasis.

2. When on nomadic adventures.

3. From entrance into Canaan -
- centuries elapsed - consolidation
- Samuel - Plato -

4. They worshiped - I King worship - Nammos

4. In no literature - Chap. 8 of I Sam.

5. The prophets - stern monitors -
- in name & law -

6. Babyl - Exile - End - Harmon -

7. Thus the first revelation -
on page 12 of this

III. Economy that - unchanged -
Elaborate system - שולחן ערוך

1. Great social message - incorruptibility
- desert traditions - נחיצות

IV. Also strongly in evidence in Rel. H.

① Priest vs. Prophet - Prophets was
not only - for full lay participation
- priest way faded - but

Korah
② Elders & Levites - שופטים & לויים
שופטים & לויים - שופטים & לויים

③ Pharisees & Sadducees - sole
monitors - "God had made unto
all as an herdsman, the kingdom
the priesthood and the sacerdotal
לויים & לויים"

④ Universal system / Education

V. Had of the time - Karaism, Mysticism
& Chorism -

VI. Even Mission Israel - nothing
more & blended - applied to religious
לויים & לויים - Covenant

VII. Zionism - true to informing -
Hebrew - "desert speech"

Thus the King of Egypt was addressed:

Lord of heaven, Lord of earth, sun, life, the whole world
Lord of time... creator, the harvest master and fashioner
of mortals... giver of life to all the host of gods...

Korah—

כל הלב נלחם בך ונלחם בך

"And they assembled themselves together against Moses and
against Aaron (whose names are here used by the priestly
writers for his own ends) and said unto them: 'ye talk
too much upon yourselves seeing all the congregation
are holy, every one, then, and the Lord is among
them. Wherefore then lift ye up yourselves before
the assembly, the Lord?'



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Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I appreciate very much the gift of your "Democratic Impulse in Jewish History." From reading it I derived much information that was new, and considerable intellectual stimulus. It is furthermore a pleasure to be remembered.

Cordially yours,

Gordon W. Thayer

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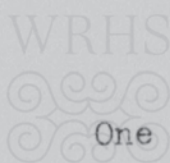
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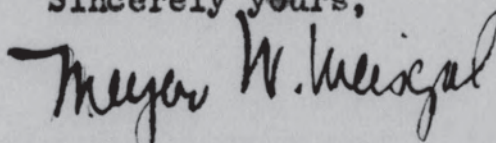
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

I am sending you herewith stenographic copy of your address delivered in New York on the occasion of the Balfour Celebration. A part of the address is quoted in The New Palestine with a report of the meeting. I would like, however, to print it in the form of an article without reference to the fact that it was originally delivered as an address. I think that the greater part of it would lend itself to such treatment beginning particularly with page 3. Of course it would need careful editing and rearrangement. I am sending it to you with the hope that you will find time to do this and return it to me as quickly as you can. Please let me know by return mail whether I may expect to have it returned.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Meyer W. Weisgal
Editor

MWW:BS

*at Balfour NY
Copy of address given
in Dem Impulse File # 36*

Nov. 12th, 1928.

Mr. Meyer W. Weisgal,
The New Palestine,
111 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Weisgal:-

Permit me to thank you for
your kind letter of October 9th.

The central thought of the
address which I delivered at The Balfour Celebra-
tion is developed more fully in a small volume of
mine which has just been published, "The Democratic
Impulse in Jewish History." I mailed you a copy
two or three days ago. You would perhaps find it
more desirable to reprint abstracts of the volume
rather than to print a revised copy of the address.

The second half of the book may be
of particular interest to your readers. It is a full
statement of my philosophy of Judaism, its role in
the modern world, of Zionism, etc.

With kindest regards, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

Nov. 12th, 1928.

Mr. M. Mosessohn,
The Jewish Tribune,
570 Seventh Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Mosessohn:-

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of my recently published volume "The Democratic Impulse in Jewish History." It is in the nature of an expression of my philosophy of Liberal Judaism, its role in the modern world, of Zionism, etc. You may be interested in reading it and perhaps in reprinting parts of it in your esteemed magazine.

With kindest regards, permit
me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/TR

Nov. 12th, 1928.

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise,
35 E. 62d St.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Rabbi Wise:-

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of my recently published volume, "The Democratic Impulse in Jewish History." It is in the nature of an expression of my philosophy of Liberal Judaism, its role in the modern world, of Zionism, etc.

You probably attended the Session of the Rabbinic Conference last July at which I read the essay which serves as the nucleus for this small volume. You may be interested in reading it and perhaps in reprinting parts of it in your esteemed periodical.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

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November 12, 1928.

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

I thank you very much for your
essay, "The Democratic Impulse in Jewish History",
just at hand.

I am very glad indeed to have the
booklet, and I am looking forward to this evening when
I shall read it.

Very sincerely,

A. S. Oko

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The New York Times
Times Square

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November 12, 1928

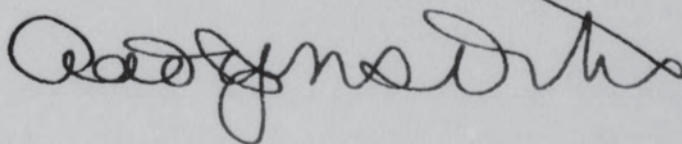
Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

I appreciate
your kind thought in having sent
to me a copy of your book THE
DEMOCRATIC IMPULSE IN JEWISH
HISTORY. I shall hope for an
early opportunity to read it.
Coming from you, I know it is
an able presentation of a timely
subject.

Many thanks and best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Adolph S. Ochs", written in a cursive style.

Rabbi: SAMUEL A. HALPERIN

1040 W. Magnolia

Temple Israel
Congregation Ryhim Ahoovim
424 N. Hunter Street
STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

Nov. 12, 1928

Doctor Abba H. Silver
Rabbi - The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

May I ask you to favor me
with a copy of your "Democratic Impulse in
Jewish History" and also with copies of your
published lectures or sermons.

I hope to publish a review of your
essay.

Hoping to see you at San Francisco
next February, I remain

Cordially yours

Samuel A. Halperin

Send him
book + return

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ONE MADISON AVENUE
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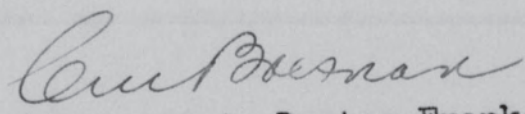
November 13, 1928

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 55th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

In Doctor Frankel's absence,
I am acknowledging receipt of the copy of
"The Democratic Impulse in Jewish History".
I shall be pleased to refer this to Doctor
Frankel immediately on his return, and I
know that he will highly appreciate your
thoughtfulness in sending it to him.

Very truly yours,


Secretary to Doctor Frankel

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November 13, 1928.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I want to thank you
for your kindness in sending me your
"The Democratic Impulse in Jewish
History". I only had a chance to glance
at it, but it seems to be very interest-
ing.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely

Alexander Marx

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

Hebrew Union College

Cincinnati November 14, 1928

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I wish to thank you for your kindness
in sending me a copy of your book, *The Penmen of
Troyes in Jewish History*, which I expect
to read with pleasure and some benefit.

Cordially yours

Isidor Lauterbach



ALFRED M. COHEN
NINE WEST FOURTH STREET
CINCINNATI, O.

November 15, 1928.

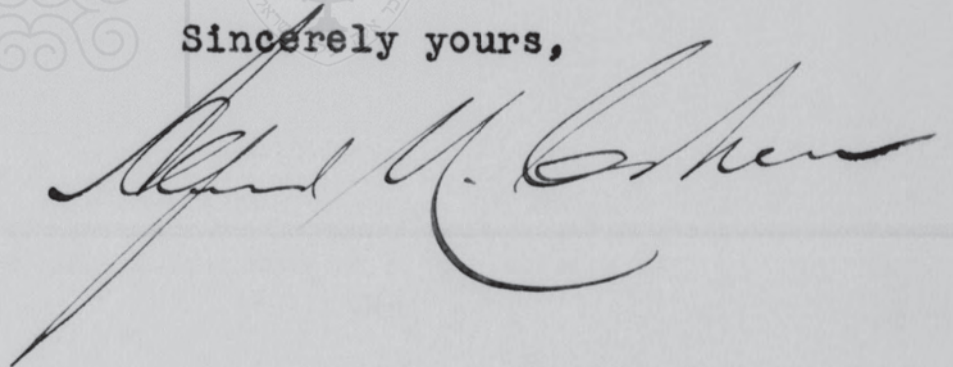
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Friend:

I thank you for your courtesy in sending
me your latest publication "A Democratic Impulse in
Jewish History". I am sure that I shall find pleasure
and profit in reading it.

With very best regards, believe me

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Alfred M. Cohen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

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THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 15, 1928.
(Dict. Nov. 14)

My dear Abba,

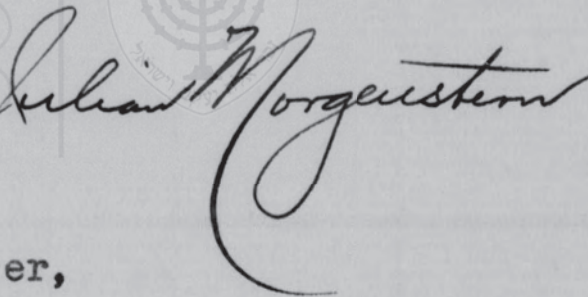
Please accept my sincere thanks for your courtesy in sending me a copy of your Conference sermon of last summer, "The Democratic Impulse in Jewish History", in book form. I was greatly pleased with the sermon itself and am happy indeed to have it in this permanent form.

With cordial greetings for yourself and Virginia, I am

Very sincerely yours,

JM/s

Rev. Dr. Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
105th St. at Ansel Road,
Cleveland,
Ohio.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Julian Morgenstern". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Rev. Dr. Abba H. Silver".

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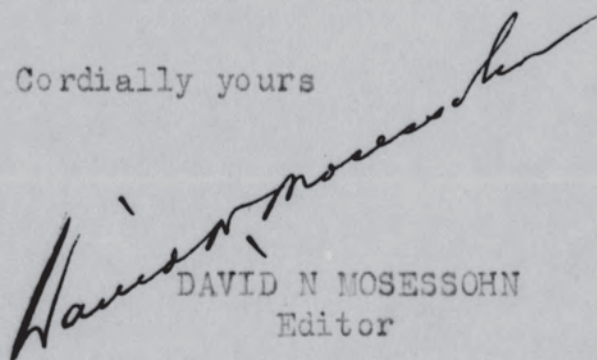
Dr Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St at Ansel Road
Cleveland Ohio

Dear Dr Silver:

Your letter of November 12th addressed to Mr M
Moseessohn care of The Jewish Tribune, has been referred to me.

I should certainly be very happy to read your
volume "The Democratic Impulse in Jewish History" as quickly as
we shall receive it. If the volume is not too large would you
like to have it reprinted in The Jewish Tribune? If you will
permit me I shall be very glad to do it, as I do not think it
is necessary for me to tell you the affectionate regard in which
I hold you. If the book is copyrighted we shall of course mention
the fact.

Cordially yours


DAVID N MOSESSOHN
Editor

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Nov. 16th, 1928.

Mr. David N. Mosessohn,
The Jewish Tribune,
570 Seventh Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Mosessohn:-

I shall be very happy to have you reprint my volume, "The Democratic Impulse In Jewish History" in The Jewish Tribune. I would request that with each installment you mention the fact that the book may be purchased from The Bloch Publishing Co. of New York, price 75¢.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

Nov. 1th, 1928.

Rabbi Samuel Wohl,
Reading Road Temple,
3212 Reading Rd.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Wohl:-

Permit me to thank you for your
kind letter of October 16th.

I have taken up the suggestions
contained in your letter for the wider distribution
of my book with Mr. Bloch, the publisher. You
probably have received by this time an announcement
of the publication of the book. Under separate
cover I am sending you a complimentary copy. My
secretary will be glad to forward you any number
of the volumes which you might care to distribute
among your Congregation. The price is 75¢ per copy.

With kindest regards to Belle, Herzle
and yourself in which Virginia joins me, I am

As ever yours,

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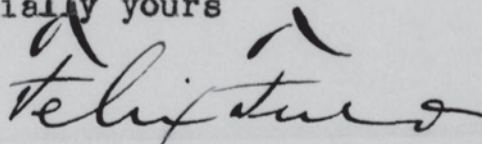
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LOUIS BAMBERGER
FELIX FULD

My dear Rabbi Silver

I have just had an evidence
of your thoughtfulness in the receipt
of a book written by you, "The
Democratic Impulse in Jewish History",
and I want you to know that I appre-
ciate it. I shall read the little
book with pleasure.

Cordially yours


Felix Fuld

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th and Ansel Road
Cleveland, O.

Nov. 19th, 1928.

Rabbi Samuel A. Halperin,
Temple Israel Congregation,
424 N. Hunter St.,
Stockton, Calif.

My dear Rabbi Halperin:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt
of your kind letter of Nov. 12th.

Under separate cover I am today
sending you a copy of Rabbi Silver's "Democratic
Impulse in Jewish History" and also copies of
five addresses.

With kindest regards, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

P.S.

Will you kindly send us two or three copies of
the review of Rabbi Silver's essay, when it is published

Nov. 22d, 1928.

Miss Pansy Schlossman,
The Temple,
5035 Greenwood Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Miss Schlossman:-

Last July you requested of Rabbi Silver a copy of his address which he delivered in Chicago. That address, in amplified form has now been published by The Bloch Publishing Co. of New York City. Should you desire a copy I shall be very happy to send one to you.

me to remain

With kindest regards, permit

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



Library of Congress.

Sir: - Washington, D.C., November 22, 1928
The Library has received from you

a copy of your publication:
"The Democratic Impulse
In Jewish History"

a valued addition to its collections for which I have the
honor to return grateful acknowledgments.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

To
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
D.D., Litt.D.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Isidor Abramson
Librarian

THE BISHOP COADJUTOR OF OHIO
2241 PROSPECT AVENUE
CLEVELAND

November 24, 1928

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
10311 Lake Shore Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

Your little book,
"The Democratic Impulse in Jewish History"
arrived this morning and I anticipate reading it with as much joy as I had in reading your "Messianic Anticipation". Thank you for remembering me. I trust that I may see you sometime in the near future.

Cordially yours,

Warren Z. Rogers.

WLR:A

Comments on "The Democratic Impulse in Jewish History"

"The significance of this essay lies in articulating the new departure in reform Judaism...The essay is lucid, stimulating and historically significant."

International Jewish Press Bureau
Palestine. Feb. 1929

"This utterance derives its significance from the fact that it summarizes in masterly fashion the newer tendencies of reform Judaism and it also presents a *modus vivendi* for all Jews who are interested in the preservation of their faith....In these days of widespread confusion in the minds of many of our leaders about the meaning of the Jewish problem in America it is refreshing to come across a clear thinker whose words are backed by thorough scholarship and by a profound devotion to Jewish values. We cannot urge our readers too strongly to peruse studiously Dr. Silver's essay on "The Democratic Impulse in Jewish History."

The Sentinel
Chicago. March, 1929

"In a small brochure, recently published, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, one of the most eloquent and most thoughtful members of the Reform Jewish pulpit in this country, sets out to give a reinterpretation of the ideal of the Jewish Mission in the light of the modern theory of Jewish nationalism.... This essay of Dr. Silver is a challenge not only to leaders of reform Judaism and to the secularists in our midst, whether adhering to the Zionist ideal or not, but also to the great masses of thinking Jews who are floundering in their thoughts and attitudes toward Jewish life and belief.... It is simple. It is logical. It is revolutionary in reform Jewish ideology. It should help to clarify the thoughts of some of our younger friends who are groping for light in their search for a Jewish "*modus vivendi*" in present-day life. "

Jewish Exponent
Philadelphia. Jan. 1929

"Dr. Silver's challenging and compact essay traces in careful and colorful analysis the continued democratic impulse in Jewish history....Here is an essay which will prove a valuable guide to the thinking modern Jew, who feels the need of a philosophy of Jewish life historically consistent and capable of enriching and motivating his life."

Jewish Journal
San Francisco. Feb. 1929

"In this brilliant study, Rabbi Silver gives an outline in a brief and concise manner, yet clear and vivid, of how dominant has been the democratic impulse in Jewish history in its political, economical and religious life... Rabbi Silver's clear and vivid style makes the reading delightful and his knowledge of the subject renders the perusal profitable."

Jewish Monitor
Fort Worth, Tex. March, 1929

"With astounding brevity and clarity, within the small space of forty pages, the development and effect of the anti-aristocratic motif in the existence of Judaism are traced; and, simultaneously, the adoption of the democratic impulse for the "modus vivendi" of Jewry is preached and advocated... As a guide to the understanding of the motivating influence in all the great movements of Israel- Pharisaism, Sadduceeism, Rabbinism, Mysticism and Chassidism - this book is indispensable. "

Hedenu Yeshivah

New York City. Dec., 1928

"In this booklet the learned author gives a new presentation of the political fabric of ancient Judaism. For the first time perhaps, we get a coherent picture of the political genius of the Jews of antiquity... This booklet will interest not only all Jewish intellectuals, who will want to know more about the Jewish past, but will also be of special interest to Jewish modernists, to Zionists and to the representatives of liberal Judaism alike.... Rabbi Silver is not only a learned Rabbi but to my mind the most learned Reform Rabbi in America and a man of great moral courage, for no other representative of liberal Judaism would have dared to say what Rabbi Silver has to say about its attitude to Jewish learning."

WRHS
The Reflex

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Department of Printed Books,
British Museum,
London, W.C.

27th Nov 1928.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge with thanks
the receipt of

The Democratic Impulse in Jewish History: by
Abba Hillel Silver, D.D.

which you have been so good as to
present to the Trustees of the
British Museum.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

The
Rev. Dr. A. H. Silver, D.D.

The Temple,

E. 105th & Angel Road,

Cleveland,

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November 28, 1928.

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in payment of royalties for the year ending April 30, 1928,
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Assuring you of our interest in your work and
of our continued efforts in its behalf, we remain, with
best wishes,

Very truly yours,

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November 30 1928

Miss Irene Rothenberg,
The Temple,
East 105th St and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio



My dear Miss Rothenberg:

In response to your inquiry of November 22nd
I shall be very happy to receive a copy of
the address Dr. Silver delivered in Chicago
last summer.

With friendly greetings.

Very truly yours,

Pansy Schlossman

Nov. 30th, 1928

Miss Pansy Schlossman,
The Temple,
5035 Greenwood Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

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December 14, 1928

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
1486 East 106th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Within the past few days while returning from Erie, Pennsylvania, where I participated in fund raising activities connected with Max Currick's Temple, I had the pleasure of reading the book which you so kindly sent me: "The Democratic Impulse in Jewish History".

Of course, I was deeply interested in all that you had to say, particularly in the following lines from the first paragraph on page forty:

"Only the religious Jew who will continue steadfast in his faith will conserve and carry on the culture and tradition of Israel. The rest will disappear as they always have, as they inevitably must."

Again thanks for your thoughtfulness, and with kindest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

David Brown

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December 4, 1928.

Rabbi Alla Hillel Silver,
% The Temple,
Ansel Road & East 105th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I deeply appreciated
your remembrance in sending me The Demo-
cratic Impulse in Jewish History. I have
not as yet had time to do more than glance
over the booklet but shall read it with
interest.

May I say that I feel
spiritually akin to you and the splendid
work you are doing.

Faithfully yours,

Dilworth Lupton



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

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

It was very thoughtful of you to send me a copy of your extremely interesting essay "The Democratic Impulse in Jewish History". I have read it with much eagerness and equal profit.

Although my approach to the whole subject is, quite naturally, from another angle, I greatly enjoyed the latter half of the book.

If I have correctly interpreted him, Dr. S.M. Melamed the able editor of The Reflex in his article "Destinies" in the March 1928 issue of that Journal goes far astray. It would be nothing short of a colossal tragedy if the Jews should be suddenly swept by political passion and aspiration. But, if Zionism means the building of a great educational and cultural center through which the enduring ideas and ideals of Judaism may be given to the world outside of Judaism, then the great dream of the prophet will be fulfilled.

Very sincerely yours,

CH. MYERS

LUDWIG VOGELSTEIN
SIXTY-ONE BROADWAY
NEW YORK

December 5, 1928.

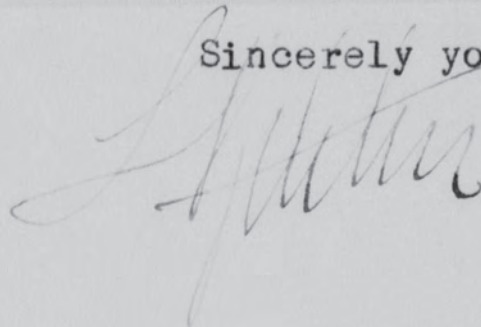
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
c/o The Temple,
E. 105th St. at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:-

I have received "The Democratic
Impulse in Jewish History" and appreciate very
much your sending me this book, which I shall
read with a great deal of interest.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely reading 'L. Vogelstein', written in dark ink.

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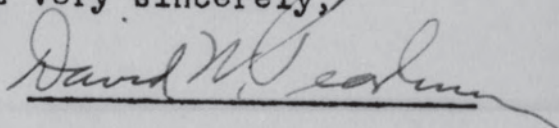
NEW YORK CITY

December
14th
1928

Dear Dr. Silver,

Doubtlessly, you would be interested in
noting the statements on page nineteen
of the current issue of the S.A.J. REVIEW,
copy of which is enclosed herewith.

Yours very sincerely,



David W. Pearlman

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dec. 18th, 1928.

Mr. David W. Pearlman,
The Society for the
Advancement of Judaism,
13-15 West 86th St.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Pearlman:-

Permit me to thank you for your kindness in sending me a copy of the S. A. J. Review which contains a review of my book, "The Democratic Impulse In Jewish History."

In view of what I said in my essay I did of course expect to draw blood, but I did not count on dribble. What amused me was your reviewer's statement that "eloquence and historical truth are not synonymous." This statement seems to be characteristic of all those who believe that only men who stutter and speak broken English or write as atrociously as your reviewer, can be scholarly.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

Simon Lazarus
Columbus, Ohio

December 31st,
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Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

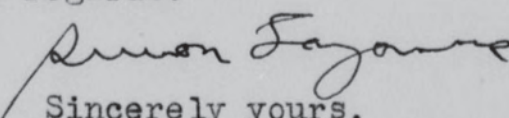
My dear Friend:

Thank you so much for your quick thoughtfulness in sending me both a copy of your address delivered here and also copy of your "Democratic Impulse in Jewish History", which I shall read with a great deal of interest. This is just doing things in your characteristic prompt way.

I do hope you will repeat your visit to Columbus soon again and give all of us another treat. The children have asked me to request a very speedy return on your part.

A Happy New Year to you and Virginia.

Kindest regards.


Sincerely yours,

Mooney, Hahn, Loeser & Keough

Attorneys - at - Law
National City Bank Building
Cleveland

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January 16, 1929.

Rabbi A.H. Silver,

Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

Babbie and I want to thank you for your kindness in sending us autographed copy of your recent publication.

I had much pleasure in reading it yesterday. I must confess, however, that I had to resort to the dictionary a number of times for the meaning of words which were strangers to me: so that in addition to the satisfaction which I derived from reading the book, I find that my vocabulary has been singularly enriched.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Nate

NL-K

Jan. 25th, 1929.

Rabbi Max Heller,
Bienville Hotel,
New Orleans, La.

My dear Rabbi Heller:-

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of my booklet "The Democratic Impulse In Jewish History." I hope that you will like it. I would appreciate receiving from you any criticism which you might care to make.

With kindest regards and wishing you good health and continued distinguished service in our common cause, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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of the religious mission seems to me oblivious to the appalling holocausts of that profession in our own country and generation. The subject is too large to deal with in a letter, but what I miss in your presentation is the needed emphasis on the reign of righteousness (to be justified by a national example) which must precede the universal knowledge of God.

I am very glad that you reopened this subject of the Mission, a discussion of which may be timely. To begin with, the Zionist Reform rabbis have never been given a chance in the C.C.A.R. to present their concept of the Mission. At the Cincinnati Convention, some years ago, when I rose to discuss Dr. Kohl's lengthy paper in the Mission, together with Schulman's explicit comments, I was given 5 minutes which,

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July 29 1929

R. W. A. H. Silver
Cleveland, O.

Dear Mr. Silver:

I have read your booklet with much pleasure and but little dissent. It is written with an "easy air" and much persuasiveness. There are illuminating passages and the argument, on the whole, is consistent and continuous. I find only one sentence which I regard as an exaggeration (p. 10) It was the point (on Sunday of private privilege) and one disfiguring misprint where (p. 15) it should be "secular" instead of "unsecular".

My principal dissents relate to 2 things! What you call the democratic impulse I would call, more broadly and basically, the yearning for righteousness. 2) Your praise of Liberal Judaism for its upholding

of course, I declined to avail
myself of.

MAX. HELLER

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

In Liberman the
new Agency brings us to a
point where we should have both the leisure and the
self-defensive obligation to clarify, within our ranks,
our various points of view.

It would be a good time to rally the younger elements
and to wrest leadership from the ossified Reform
doctrinaires.

I may in the next few weeks in New Palestine or
elsewhere take occasion to set forth my own stand.
point on the "Mission". But the Conference might to
give one of us a chance to lead a discussion on the
matter. It ^{would} not be impossible to force the hands of
the Executive Committee.

I am, with best regards,

Faithfully,
Max. Heller.

Jan. 30th, 1929.

Mr. Thorwald Solberg,
Register of Copyrights,
Library of Congress,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Solberg:-

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With kindest regards, permit
me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/TR

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
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Mr. H. Karp,
The Bloch Publishing Co.,
31 W. 31st St.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Karp:-

I am enclosing herewith abstracts from the reviews of my book "The Democratic Impulse in Jewish History."

You will recall that in our conversation we expressed the thought that it would be desirable to publish an announcement in your forthcoming "Book Bulletin."

In announcing the book it would be desirable to stress the thought that it is a book for Jewish laymen and should be read by every Jewish layman who is interested in thinking through the ideology of modern Judaism.

I shall be glad to go fifty-fifty with you on the cost of a page announcement in the "Bulletin."

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

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Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

We wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst. We will prepare a page advertisement of the "Democratic Impulse" for the next number of our Bulletin, as per your letter. We believe that the material we have is too much for the size page of our Bulletin, but we are confident that you will agree to let us edit same and put in as much material as possible.

With kindest personal regards, we are

Sincerely yours,

BLOCH PUBLISHING CO.

H. Karp

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April 8th, 1929.

Mr. H. Karp,
Bloch Publishing Co.,
31 W. 31st St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Karp:-

I should appreciate seeing the proofs
of the announcement of my "Democratic Impulse In Jewish
History" which you are planning for the next number of
your bulletin.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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April 17, 1929.

Reverend Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am very appreciative of your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of your "The Democratic Impulse in Jewish History." It is short enough to read with a view to learning its contents. This I promise myself to do - just as soon as I am through with jury duty. Thereafter I may give myself the privilege to drop you a further line.

The members of the Metropolis Club are still talking about your genuinely inspiring and thought-provoking address. I could tell you many of the things which have been said which would please you and gladden your heart. To my mind, the most significant is the loss to the sense of duty which overtook our official stenographer who came to take you down. He took notes for about five minutes and then forgot himself completely and become one of the enraptured audience. That, from a hard boiled official stenographer who had been taking down our guests of honor in the past, faithfully and in full, makes further comment unnecessary. Just the same, his lapse deprives us of the opportunity to distribute your speech to our entire membership, as

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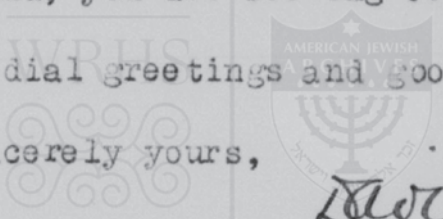
was done in the case of one other speaker.

Of course, you know how deeply appreciative and grateful I am, and when Jonah Wise extended to you the full privileges of the Club at any and all times, he merely voiced the sentiments of every one of our members.

Forgive me for saying aloud ~~for~~ what I have said to myself many times these past ~~few~~ years, namely, ^{that} you are an ornament to your high calling, and while legally located in Cleveland, you are serving Jewry everywhere.

With my cordial greetings and good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,


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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver, - I have just finished reading the second part of your essay on the Democratic Impulse in Jewish History. Reading this second part has dispelled certain criticisms which were in my mind since I heard you read the first part. I deeply appreciate the spiritual emphasis of your interpretation and value it especially in face of the secular liberalism that is destructive of the finer things both in Judaism and in Christianity.

I thank you very much for the copy of the Essay which you had the kindness to send me.

Sincerely yours

Abba Hillel Silver

C O P Y

August 14, 1930

Mrs. Lennie Smith
1082 E. 143rd
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Smith:

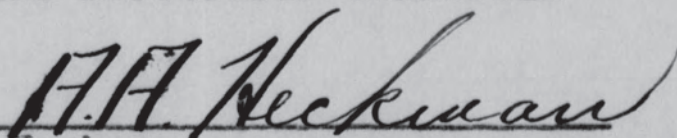
I am writing you in reference to our conversation of several days ago to remind you that we will be very glad to have you bring to our attention any family situations where we can be of service.

If you have any special problems you would like to talk over with me I would be very glad to have you call me at any time. Other cases may be referred to Miss Tritt of our Receiving Department, telephone Main 8560.

I want to thank you for your past cooperation and assure you that we are ready at all times to go into family situations where we can be of service.

Very truly yours,

CLEVELAND ASSOCIATED CHARITIES


A. A. Heckman
Assistant to General Secretary

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