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July 14, 1942

Rabbi Leon I. Feuer
Collingwood Avenue Temple
Collingwood and Acklin Avenues
Toledo, Ohio

My dear Leon:

Under separate cover I am returning to you the manuscript, "Why a Jewish State", which you sent me. I delayed reading it, waiting for a quiet day, which I had yesterday.

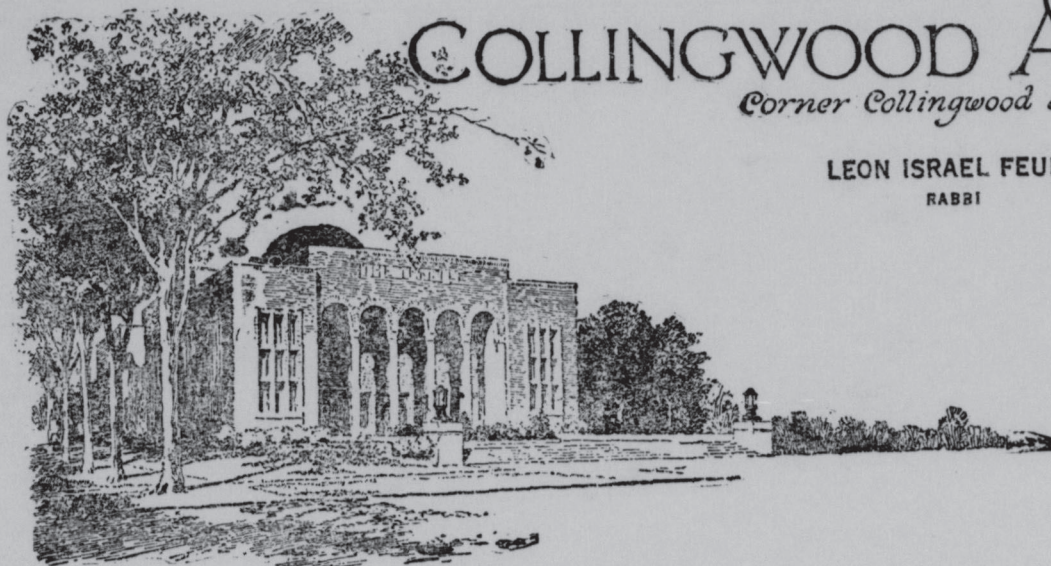
I read your book with keenest interest and great delight. It is an excellent authoritative and concise presentation of classic Zionism. I liked the direct, forthright manner in which you present the case for a Jewish State. The historical background as well as the claim of Zionism today upon the Jewish people and the world at large are equally convincing. I should like to see your little volume in the hands of every Jew and every non-Jew in public life who may be persuaded to help in solving the millennial tragedy of Jewish national homelessness, at the conclusion of this war.

I hope that you will get this volume published soon. It is greatly needed.

With all good wishes to you, Hortense and Junior, and hoping that you will have a pleasant summer, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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September 2, 1942

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

Dear Rabbi:

I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your willingness at a busy time like this, to write a few words of introduction to my little book. If you can possibly do it in the next few days and send it on to Richard Smith, I shall be very grateful.

Richard Smith agreed to publish the book -- incidentally, liked it very much -- on a guaranteed basis. His proposition was very fair and a group of my friends here very generously and willingly agreed to meet the guarantee. I had written to three or four of the big name publishers like Simon and Schuster, Knopf and one or two others. They were all interested (Simon and Schuster debated about it for three weeks) but timid about taking a chance. I felt that it was pointless to wait any longer and so contacted Smith. In the meanwhile I had an offer of publication from Scopus, the Jewish publisher in New York, but felt that it would be far more advantageous to have a non-Jewish publisher like Smith.

I am hoping that there may be a possibility of getting the book out before the Zionist Convention which could serve as an excellent introduction to the book to the Jewish public. Therefore the rush.

Thanks very much again. All of us send our love and very best wishes for a Happy New Year to the family and yourself.

LIF-s

As ever,

From

September 14, 1942

Rabbi Leon I. Feuer
Collingwood Avenue Temple
Collingwood and Acklin Avenues
Toledo, Ohio

My dear Leon:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Foreword which you requested and which I have, this day, forwarded to Mr. Richard R. Smith. I trust that this is what you wanted.

I have just had luncheon with Hortense and her mother and the Friedmans following the services which I conducted for Lawrence Friedman.

I wish you and your dear ones all the blessings of the season.

Most cordially yours,

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TOLEDO, OHIO

September 15, 1942

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
c/o The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

I have just received and read your introduction to my book and to put it mildly, I think it is absolutely perfect.

I cannot begin to tell you how deeply I appreciate your taking time out during the busy holiday season to do this for me. I can only hope that the response which the book receives will justify it.

Richard Smith has promised me that he would do everything possible to get the book out before the Zionist Convention but because of labor conditions, etc., he does not want me to count on it.

Thanks again and my very best wishes for a Happy New Year to the family and yourself, I am,

As ever,

LIF-s



RICHARD R. SMITH

Publisher

120 East 39th Street

New York, N. Y.

September 25, 1942

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

This is just to tell you that your Fore-
word for Rabbi Leon I. Feuer's book is
at hand and that I think it is excellent.

Sincerely yours,

RRS:MT



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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Dr. Zeitlin tells me that the suggestion has come to him from you that some one now should purchase his book in quantities for distribution among liberal minded Christians.

Judging from the very friendly reviews that have appeared in Christian Century, Christian Advocate, the Religious Book Club Bulletin and elsewhere, Dr. Zeitlin's book is destined to create good will and understanding.

Do you know of any person or groups that might be interested in helping with such distribution?

Sincerely yours,

Eugene Exman

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Dictated, but signed in
Mr. Exman's absence from
office.