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1953 - 1954

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT RABBI HERMAN E. SNYDER 11 ETON STREET SPRINGFIELD 8, MASSACHUSETTS

1 September 1953

Dear brother alumnus:

This year marks the thirtieth anniversary of the ordination of Nelson Glueck, President of our alma mater. It was voted at our Annual Meeting at Estes Park to recognize this occasion in an appropriate fashion.

Each member is invited to make a contribution as a token of our affection, esteem and confidence. It is suggested that each make a voluntary contribution of five dollars up to fifteen dollars. He will be given a list of the contributors. In addition, send a brief note on your stationery, and these letters will be bound together and present to Dr. Glueck.

Send both your contribution and your letter to me. Make your check payable to "Nelson Glueck Fund", and address your letter to Dr. Nelson Glueck. Since we would like to make the presentation at an early date, your prompt attention to this will be necessary. course you will be notified in sufficient time of the time and place for making the presentation so that you may arrange to be present if you find it possible to attend.

According to our Constitution we have a three-fold purpose: to support our alma mater, to promote the cause of Judaism, and to promote our own individual interests. To promote these aims:

(a) During this year we urge our members to form regional groups, wherever this is possible. Dr. Glueck has given his blessing to this undertaking, and volunteered to meet with as many of these groups as may be possible -- and he hopes to meet with all of them. They need not be formally organized. Some groups already exist, as in the New York City and Chicago areas, in Connecticut, Massachusetts, California. It would be helpful to hear from all regional groups-form those in existence and those in formation. Our three-fold purpose will be more fully realized in this way.

1 September 1953

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- (b) In accordance with action previously taken, your congregation will be notified of the 25th anniversary of your ordination, and the quinquennial anniversaries thereafter (such as the 30th, 35th, etc anniversary) suggesting appropriate observance of these events. It would be helpful to have a record of what your congregation did in the way of gifts, citations, resolutions, etc-sending me also copies of such programs as you may have had. We need such records.
- (c) If there are special events that your congregation should recognize, let me know. If there is any personal matter which you wish to communicate, do not hesitate to let me know—and it will be treated confidentially if so indicated.

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This marks the 70th anniversary of the founding of our Association, and I trust we may observe this event with an appropriate Institute sponsored by the Association. Your immediate suggestions would be appreciated so that we may discuss the matter at our Administrative Committee meeting in Cincinnati on October 7th.

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Ours is a fine organization with great potentialities. We have been concerned with many vineyards except our own—we need to give some thought also to our own. I appreciate the high honor of being selected your President, and the approval given to the above suggestions and projects which it was my privilege to submit. With your cooperation I trust we may accomplish something in all areas of our interest.

It is my hope that you may find the New Year a blessing and a source of deep satisfaction; that you and your dear ones may be blessed with the realization of your fondest hopes, dreams and prayers; that we may find Judaism strengthened, and our brethren and humanity blessed by peace and security here and in all their habitations; that we may work together in amity and concord for the advancement of our beloved alma mater and the cause to which we are all dedicated.

Faithfully yours,

Herman E. Snyder, President

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# HEBREW UNION COLLEGE ...... CINCINNATI JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION ... NEW YORK

Office of the Secretary:

CLIFTON AVENUE · CINCINNATI 20, OHIO

September 18, 1953

To the Members of the Board of Governors Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion

Dear Friends:

This is to remind you that the next meeting of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion will convene on

Wednesday, October 7, 1953
in the
Hebrew Union College
Library Building
in
Cincinnati
at
9:45 a.m.

Your attendance is highly desirable. We trust, therefore, that you will make every effort to be present. Kindly advise us on the enclosed postal card whether we may count on your presence at this meeting, so that we may make the necessary arrangements.

With warmest personal regards and all good wishes for the New Year to you and yours, I am

Cordially yours,

Benj. Mielzine

Secretary

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#### TELEGRAM

October 2, 1953

Mr. Nelson Glueck Hebrew Union College Cincinnati, Ohio

REGRET VERY MUCH UNABLE TO ACCEPT YOUR INVITATION WILL NOT ARRIVE UNTIL WEDNESDAY MORNING.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



Mailed with a check of \$15 to Rabbi Herman E. Snyder, 11 Eaton Street, Springfield 8, Mass. November 12, 1953 Dr. Nelson Glueck President, Hebrew Union College Clifton Avenue Cincinnati 20, Ohio My dear Nelson: May I join your host of friends in extending to you my heartiest felicitations on the thirtieth anniversary of your ordination. All your colleagues are proud of your career and your achievements. I pray that wany more years of fruitful activity and of deep contentment of life will be vouchsafed to you in the company of your dear ones. With warmest regards, in which Virginia joins me, I remain As ever yours, AHS:dk ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT RABBI HERMAN E. SNYDER 11 ETON STREET SPRINGFIELD 8, MASSACHUSETTS

27 November 1953

This is sent to you as a member of Our Administrative Committee:

- (1) In accordance with action taken at our last meeting. the Nelson Glueck 30th Ordination Anniversary event has been set for New York City, January 27, 1954.
- (2) January 27 is the day set for the meeting of the Board of Governors, and for our Administrative Committee meeting to be held that afternoon at the JIR. The Glueck affair to be held in the evening.
- (3) Place and character of the Nelson Glueck event to be worked out by the Committee in charge of plans.
- (4) Please let me hear from you that you are in favor of the expenditure of not over \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) to cover expenses for the Glueck event, and that the expenditure is authorized. We have the funds, and with the most modest economical handling it would be justified.

Faithfully.

Rabbi Herman E. Snyder,

President

\$ 16 Sent

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AMERICAN JEWISH A R C H I V E S

MASSI BERMAN ELIOT SNYDER 11 ETON STREET SPRINGFIELD 8, MASS. UNITED STATES

As a member of the Administrative Committee of the HUC-JIR Alumni Association, I vote for allocating a sum not to exceed \$500.00 to defray expenses in conjunction with the Dr. Nelson Glueck 30th Anniversary of Ordination affair.

Signature

RABBI SELWYN D. RUSLANDER December 14, 1953 Dr. Abba Hillel Silver Congregation Tifereth Israel East 105th St. and Ansel Rd. Cleveland 6, Ohio Dear Dr. Silver: By this time you know that I have been assigned the responsibility of rabbinical chairman of Ohio for the Combined Campaign of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. I am already informed by Dor Coons that the excellent response of Cleveland has made my job a lot simpler. Therefore, in behalf of the College and the Union, I want to thank you for the auspicious beginning of the Combined Campaign in Ohio. With kindest regards. Sincerely, SDR:ms 1821 EMERSON AVENUE . DAYTON 6, OHIO . TAYLOR 7409







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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D.D.
The Temple Museum
Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

1819

The Museum

CLIFTON AVENUE · CINCINNATI 20, OHIO

January 8,1954.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

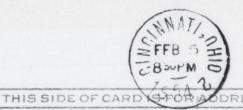
Our Jewish Museum is preparing an exhibit of February and Portrayals of Moses in the months of March and April, and we would very much like to have included in this display the fine Moses painting you have in your Temple Museum. Would you be kind enough to let us have this picture? In case you are granting us this favor I would very much appreciate your sending it to us as soon as possible so that the preparation and the publicity for this exhibit may be made very much in advance. Many thanks for your kind cooperation.

With my best regards to you and Mrs. Silver in which Mrs. Landsberger joins me, I am

Very sincerely yours

Dr. Franz Landsberger Curator, Jewish Museum

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Rabbi Abba Hillel The Temple Museum Ansel Rd. Cleveland, Ohio

Silver

The Jewish Museum at the Hebrew Union College, Clifton Avenue, has opened a new exhibit: THE PORTRAYAL OF MOSES IN ANCIENT AND MODERN ART.

The Museum is open Monday through Friday 9 A.M. - 5 P.M. Many thanks for loaning us the fine painting.

You are cordially invited.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Franz Landsberger Curator, The Jewish Museum

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February 16, 1954 Dr. Franz Landsberger Curator, Jewish Museum The Hebrew Union College Clifton Avenue Cincinnati 20, Ohio My dear Dr. Landsberger: How did your Moses exhibit turn out? Do you think that it would be of interest to Cleveland and could be held in The Temple Museum after your exhibit is concluded? With warmest regards, I remain Very cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:rms

### HEBREW UNION COLLEGE . . . . . . . CINCINNATI JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION . . . NEW YORK

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

CLIFTON AVENUE · CINCINNATI 20, OHIO

February 17,1954

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed kindly find a clipping telling about our exhibition and the display of your fine Moses oil. I suppose you will be interested inreading it.

With many thanks and kind greetings to you and Mrs. Silver,

I am very sincerely yours

Franz Landsberger

Curator, Jewish Museum

### Museum Is Now Devoting Gallery To Works Of America's Artists; Five Examples Are On Exhibition

BY MARY L. ALEXANDER

RECENT CHANGES have been made in the second-floor galleries of the Art Museum.



Gallery 39 is now devoted entirely to Amer-ican art and and contains many such fine exhuge painting of

"Ophelia and Laertes" by Benjamin West, known as the father of American art.

There are also paintings by nine other Americans, of whom six were students of West. This is one of the finest groups of Early American art.

JEWISH Museum the Hebrew Union College has just opened a new exhibit under the title "The Portrayal Of Moses In Ancient And Modern

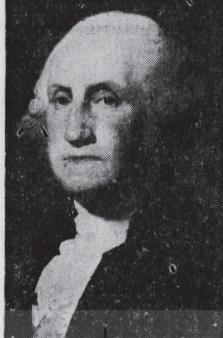
Of particular interest is an oil painting by Philippe de Cham-paigne, French 17th century painter, which was lent to the museum by the Temple Museum in Cleveland, Philippe de Champaigne was a painter of historical subjects and of portraits.

The contemporary style in the display is adequately represented by a canvas painted by Mrs. Lawrence (Charlotte) Gould-Zychick, a native of Cleveland. It was lent by the Cleveland Park Synagogue. The museum will be open from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Monday through Friday.

reproductions of FEW Renoir's painting, together with two by Georges Braque, are the attractions at Closson's Gallery this week. These were reproduced by the lithographic process and are remarkably fine. are signed and numbered by the artist and the lovely "Le Cha-peauepingle" by Renoir is signed on the stone as well as on the margin. This is especially typical of Renoir in his fusion of light with color.

Another gem is Braque's fine "Le Theire Noire," which we admired when it was first exhibited in the famous International Exhibition of Prints at the Art Museum.

Highlighted by such names as Braque and Renoir the name of Paul Rene Gaugin brings another aspect into prominence. Gaugin, the nephew of the illustrious Paul Gaugin, is a protagonist of the more modern school. His "Rooster" is spirited and recalls



This portrait of George Washington by Gilbert Stuart is one of many he painted of President Washington and is called the Allibone portrait. The most famous portrait of President Washington, as painted by Stuart, is called the Atheneum portrait. The one reproduced here, now in the Mary J. Emery collection in the Art Museum, is next in importance. The portrait was formerly in the collection of Wililam Allibone, whose widow sold it to

the late Mrs. Emery.

the work of Chagall in its exuberant color sense. \*

OCCASIONALLY the masterpieces of art acquired since Philip Ruys Adams became director of the Art Museum bring experts to the city to see these gems. Recently the museum had Dr. Ernest Kuhnel, director emeritus of the Near Eastern Museum in Berlin, Germany, as a guest. He flew here from Washington to see some of the acceptance. ington to see some of the acquisitions of the museum. Dr. Kuhnel, an authority on textiles and other kinds of art of the Near and Far East, saw again the great "Mongolian Rug," known in the museum as the "Cincinnati Carpet," and believed to be one of the earliest in existence. "I was very glad to find your museum so full of surprises for me," Dr. Kuhnel stated. "The 'Mongolian Rug' I published myself many, many years ago in the 'Cicerone' when it was still

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in Berlin. It is absolutely unique and reflects a very classical style of Chinese ornamentation. helm von Bode liked it very much and encouraged me to write an article on it. Later it was in the great Chinese exhibition in Berlin. I supposed it belonged to the 14th or 15th century, and I am sure it will always constitute one of the outstanding objects of your

in Berlin took place in 1928. In 1936, "The Cincinnati Carpet" was exhibited in London.

museum." The famous Chinese exhibition

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East lo5th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6,Ohio

The Museum

CLIFTON AVENUE · CINCINNATI 20, OHIO February 19,1954

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Our exhibit "The Portrayal of Moses in Ancient and Modern Art "is a very small one, indeed. Besides your fine Moses painting, it shows a modern oil in expressionistic style, painted by the talented Cleveland artist Mrs. Charlotte Gould-Zychick and quite recently acquired by the Park Synagogue in memory of Rabbi Solomon Goldman.

There are twaxmare furthermore, in photos, the Michelangelo and Rembrandt Moses, and some prints — on the whole not more than 16 pieces which fill our small exhibit room.

For this reason, I wonder whether you would be interested in showing the same display in your Museum. Our exhibit runs through March and could then be shipped to you, which I will gladly do, after having received your definite answer.

In the meantime, I have sent you a clipping which you will have receited, I guess.

With my best greetings, I am

Franz Cand berge

Dr. Franz Landsberger Curator, Jewish Museum

March 12, 1954

Rabbi Leo Baeck Hebrew Union College Clifton Avenue Cincinnati, Ohio

See Abba Hillel Silver Charitable and Educational Fund File



CLIFTON AVENUE · CINCINNATI 20, OHIO

March 18th, 1954

My dear rabbi Liber,

Let me heartily Mank you for your kind letter as well as for your generosidy.

Dith warmed regards and every good with WRHS.

Lam, Herry withally yours,

L. Naedto

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Reply to:

JACOB R. MARCUS, PH. D., Adolph S. Ochs Professor of Jewish History, 401 McAlpin Avenue, Cincinnati 20, Ohio

March 21, 1954

Dear Abba:

I have just gotten off a letter to Dan and have recommended to him that he go to Park Forest, Joe Herzog's congregation.

The people are very intelligent, mostly college people, many professionals, and very nice. The town is about thirty miles from the University of Chicago. It will pay at least as much as the average congregation, \$6500 and pension. Joe is going into the Army about the first of July and will be gone for two years. The position is thus a substitute position, unless Herzog decides not to return.

All things being considered, I think this would be a good start for Dan. There are five or six assistantships open, but I do not think that he would be happy in any of them.

I have called Joe Herzog and he is very friendly to Danny. I have asked Dan to write to Joe if he is interested in the job.

Further inquiry showed that Klutznik does have influence in the congregation. It would do no harm to explore this aspect of it with Klutznik when you see him.

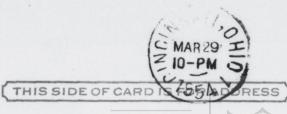
With all good wishes to you and to Virginia, I am

As ever,

Personal and Confidential

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WRHS

Dr. Abba millel Silver
The Temple, East 10rth Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

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HERBERT C. ZAFREN

Administrative Secretary

March 24, 1954

Librarian Hebrew Union College Cincinnati, Obio

My dear Friend:

I would appreciate receiving the third volume of the complete Writings of A. D. Gordon (Hebrew).

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms

The Temple EAST 105TH STREET AT ANSEL ROAD Cleveland 6, Bhio TELEPHONE: SWEETBRIAR 1-7755 EARL S. STONE ABBA HILLEL SILVER LEO S. BAMBERGER ASSOCIATE RABBI RABBI EXECUTIVE SECRETARY May 6, 1954 Mr. S. V. Saginor 2540 Milton Road Cleveland 18, Ohio My dear Mr. Saginor: supported We of The Temple have for many years been interested in the work of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. The Temple has been a member of the Union for more than three-quarters of a century. So highly do we regard the work of the Union that The Temple contributes out of its own budget annually the sum of \$12,000. As you probably know, the Union maintains in Cincinnati the oldest rabbinic seminary in the United States - the Hebrew Union College. Hundreds of its graduates are now serving reform congregations throughout the United States and in other parts of the world. Many of its graduates are today chaplains in the armed forces of our country. The Union also publishes the textbooks which are used in all of our religious schools and supports two important schools for the training of religious school teachers. It has been responsible for the establishment of many new congregations. Through the press, radio, and television it has spread the knowledge of Judaism and the ideals of our faith to the American people. I understand that last year you made a contribution to the annual campaign of the Union. I trust that you will find it possible to renew your contribution this year.) Please make it as generous as you can. As Jews we have a great responsibility to contribute to the strengthening of the spiritual life of America as well as to preserve the glorious heritage of our people. Most cordially yours, abba Helel Silver ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS: rms P. S. The fiscal year ends in June, and I would appreciate if you would make your contribution as soon as possible. A selfaddressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

### The Temple

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From: LEO. S. BAMBERGER

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#### Suggested Last Paragraph

As Jews we have a great responsibility to contribute to the strengthening of the spiritual life of America as well as to preserve the glorious heritage of our people. Will you please join the officers and others of our congregation on the list of contributors to this worthwhile cause by sending your pleage card and check if possible, in the enclosed self addressed envelope. Please be as generous as you possibly can.





Dear	Mr	
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The Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion are, as you undoubtedly know, the national institutions of American Reform Judaism. They are dependent completely for annual maintenance support on their affiliated congregations and the membership of these congregations.

THE Temple makes its congregational payment each year through a present dues program. Many other congregations do likewise, but the total amount received in dues and grants from 540 affiliated congregations produce only approximately half of the basic budgetary requirements of the institutions. The balance is made up almost entirely of supplementary contributions from individuals.

while a few members of Temple have been contributing each year for the support of the Union and the College-Institute, we believe that many of our members will wish to participate more generously than they now do through dues in this vital program for the advancement of American Judaism.

The UAHC represents us on the national scene, publishes all the textbooks used in our Religious School, plans all the programs upon which our other congregational activities are based, organizes new congregations in the areas where none exist and thus brings many thousands of young people into our spiritual fold. The College-Institute trains and develops our rabbis and teachers, and maintains a world-famous center of Jewish learning and culture.

Enclosed for your convenience is a proceed and a return addressed envelope. Your generous cooperation will be appreciated.

Cordially,

P.S. If you are already an arrual contributor, we hope you will find it possible to give increased assistance at this time.

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR JERUSALEM DISTRICT **JERUSALEM** No. 17/56/91 16th May, 1954 Professor Nelson Glueck, Fresident, Hebrew Union College, 162 Glenmary Avenue, Cincinnati 20, Ohio, U. S. A. Dear Nelson, A great deal of water has gone under the bridge since I last wrote to you. The delay was not the result of oversight. I tried hard to get some definite decisions on your project. My purpose was to obtain written authority concerning the allocation of land and the annual rental. I can now officially inform you that a plot of land with an area pf approximately eight dunams, facing Julian's Way and abutting on the French Consulate and the Jesuit School has been officially allocated to you for the project of the proposed Hebrew Union School of Oriental Studies. The area has been designated and sketch maps have been prepared. It is in Block No. 30033 Parcel 8. The area will be leased for a period of 49 years. The problem of the rental has not been settled yet. The Official Valuer has submitted his evaluation but the sum of money involved exceeds what I think should be the charge. I have requested the Ministry of Finance to levy only a "symbolic rate". The Minister of Finance appreciates the importance of the project but disagrees with me on what constitutes a "symbolic payment". As I hear that you are on your way to Israel I think it would be best to tackle this small matter after your arrival. I say small matter advisedly becuase I do not anticipate any real difficulties now that agreement in principle and writing has been obtained. You have the whole-hearted support of all persons concerned with the scheme and I have received repeared assurances of the improtance with which your plan is viewed. We are all anxious to see you. Rumour has it that you are planning great things and we hope to hear about them when you arrive. Ruth joins me in sending you and Helen our love and we are both looking forward to seeing you here soon. Yours sincerely, (s) Avram A. Biran Governor of Jerusalem.

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Office of the President:

CLIFTON AVENUE · CINCINNATI 20, OHIO

May 26, 1954

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

Dear Abba:

The enclosed copy speaks for itself.

I am not making any public announcement until next Fall.

I shall need a minimum of \$250,000 for this building. I am wondering if you can get all or part of this for me.

With warmest regards, I am, as ever,

Sincerely yours,

Nelson Glueck

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am preparing an article on the illuminated Marriage Contracts, and in this article I would like to publish the fragment of the Cairo Ketubbah, dated 1551 ( or is it 1557 ?). Could you kindly tell me from where and at what time you have bought this piece, so important because of its early dates?

I also would like to publish the Persian Marriage Contract, dated 1860; and here is my question; in which city was it written, what are the names of the couple and the name of the city. Is it written on parchment or - as so often with oriental Marriage Contracts - on paper?

Thank you very much for your kind cooperation.

I hope that you and Mrs. Silver are well. XXXXXXXXXX

I remain with cordial greetings

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Very sincerely yours

Dr. Franz Landsberger Curator, Jewish Museum

Harrat, Iran 1890

August 25, 1954

The Library Hebrew Union College Cincinnati, Ohio

Gentlemen:

I would appreciate if you would send me for a few days A. Neubauer's edition of the, "MECILLAT TA' ANIT".

With warmest regards, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

AHS:af

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

August 30, 1954 Dr. Franz Landsberger Curator, Jewish Museum Clifton Avenue Cincinnati 20, Ohio My dear Dr. Landsberger: Please pardon the delay in answering your kind letter. I have but recently returned to my desk, and my correspondence has lagged. With reference to your inquiry about the Cairo Ketubbah which is dated 1551 (not 1557) -- it has been in the possession of The Temple many years and antadates my coming here. The only one who would know how it came into the possession of The Temple is my predecessor Rabbi Gries, who of course is no longer among the living. With reference to the Persian Ketubbah, it is dated 1890 (not 1860). It was written in the city of Harrat on paper. The name of the groom is Aaron ben Moses; the name of the bride is Malka bat David. With all good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours. ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:rlh