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Hebrew Union College Annual

CLIFTON AVENUE · CINCINNATI 20, OHIO

August 1954

Dear Friend:

We are happy to call to your attention the fact that our next issue, Volume 25 of the Hebrew Union College Annual, will appear in October. The Table of Contents is enclosed.

This volume, we feel, will become an important addition to your library. It will contain approximately 450 pages covering such topics as Bible, Assyriology, Talmud and Jewish History, Philosophy, Music and Art.

* The price of the volume remains unchanged, namely \$3.00 a copy. For your convenience we are enclosing an order blank. We urge, because of the limited number of this edition, that you let us have your order as soon as possible.

* \$2 to alumni:

Enclosed \$4 check - requested vol. 23
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Yours truly,

The Editors,
Hebrew Union College Annual,
Hebrew Union College-
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Cincinnati 20, Ohio

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September 14, 1954

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Dr. Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Road and E. 105 St.,
Cleveland 6, O.

Dear Dr. Silver:-

Volume 23 of the Hebrew Union College Annual was our Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Publication. It appeared in two parts, both parts available to our alumni for four dollars.

I shall record your check for four dollars as payment for the two parts of volume 23 which will be sent to you as promptly as possible.

For the forthcoming volume 25, we shall send you a separate bill.

With warm personal greetings, I am,

Cordially Yours,

Abraham Cronbach

Abraham Cronbach,
Secretary HUC Annual.

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Office of the President:

CLIFTON AVENUE · CINCINNATI 20, OHIO

November 11, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I want to tell you again what a thrillingly magnificent talk you gave the other night at the Cincinnati Tercentenary dinner. You made it the finest occasion of its kind that I have ever attended.

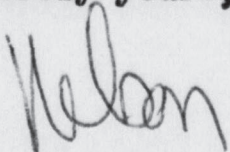
Herb Bloch spoke to you about the establishment of our Jerusalem School and told me that you were enthusiastic about this project. I am enclosing a copy of a statement which we shall incorporate into a little brochure.

It would be wonderful if you could get a group in Cleveland to give the College for this purpose Bonds of Israel. I should be happy to stay over on December 2nd and meet with a group you might get together, say at noontime, if you thought it advisable. We do not want to make a big public campaign. Thus far every single person I have asked has sent me or has promised to send me one or more \$1000 Bonds of Israel or the actual cash.

Another thing that I am very interested in discussing with you is the name of one or more prospects that we might consider for appointment eventually to our Board of Governors.

Looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you on December 1st and with warmest regards, I remain, as ever,

Sincerely yours,



Nelson Glueck

THE JERUSALEM SCHOOL

of

THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE-JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION

PURPOSE

The Jerusalem School will represent a graduate department of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. It is intended primarily for our own students, alumni, faculty and friends but will be open to all qualified applicants who may desire to study there for a year or more or less. It will be devoted to the study of the history, religions, languages and archaeology of the land of Israel and of the Near East.

In the statement of purpose submitted to the Government of Israel it was specified that it is our intention to teach and interpret Judaism there in accordance with our understanding of it.

We propose to hold religious services in our chapel modeled after those in our HUC-JIR chapel. They will be conducted by and for our own students and faculty. However, all who care to attend and participate in those services held in accordance with the philosophy of Liberal Judaism will be welcome. We believe that there is a hunger in Israel for Liberal Judaism, and feel that the example set in our Jerusalem School chapel will inspire others elsewhere in the land.

LOCATION

A magnificent, eight dunam or two acre plot of ground on a high location, adjacent to the King David Hotel, commanding a wonderful view over the Valley of Hinnom to the walls of the Old City of Jerusalem.

ARCHITECTURAL PLANS

The architectural plans now being drawn include

- 1) a Chapel to seat between 350-400 people
- 2) a Library, to hold about 50,000 volumes
- 3) five classrooms
- 4) a few dormitory rooms
- 5) a suite for an Annual Professor
- 6) A suite for a Resident Director
- 7) workroom, photographic laboratory, garage

TERMS OF AGREEMENT

The Chairman of the Board of Governors of the HUC-JIR, Mr. Herbert R. Bloch, and its President, Dr. Nelson Glueck, completed negotiations with the Israeli Government, whereby this choicest property, carried on the tax-duplicate at 170,000 Israeli Pounds, has been leased to the HUC-JIR on a forty-nine (49) year basis, automatically renewable forever, unless the College-Institute authorities declare in writing their desire to abrogate the agreement.

AMOUNT OF RENTAL

A symbolic payment was agreed on. It is to be one (1) Israeli Pound per year. The agreement was signed August 15, 1954, and five years' rental have been paid in advance.

COST

The agreement calls for beginning construction of the Jerusalem School of the HUC-JIR within two years after the signing of the agreement and finishing within five years thereafter. It is estimated that the building will cost about \$250,000 and that another sum of \$250,000 is necessary for maintenance purposes for a reasonable period, the total being \$500,000.

BONDS FOR ISRAEL

The Israeli Government has agreed to permit the College-Institute to use Bonds for Israel in payment for construction of the building of the Jerusalem School and for other expenses connected with its maintenance and development.

This means that those who previously purchased Israeli Bonds or who may intend to purchase them can contribute them to the College-Institute for the purpose of building and maintaining the Jerusalem School and can enjoy the benefits of full tax deduction here.

Dollar gifts are of course very acceptable too, particularly insofar as they do not in any wise whatsoever interfere with the annual Joint Campaign for maintenance funds in behalf of the HUC-JIR and the UAHC.



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November 17, 1954

Dear Alumnus:

The 80th anniversary of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion will be celebrated on March 26th and 27th, 1955. It coincides with our Founders' Day Exercises.

We would like to assemble in Cincinnati for these two days representative people from all over the country who fit primarily into the following categories:

Young adults preferably not over 45 years of age; men and women who display on your local scene the promise of future leadership, -- those to whom you look as successors to your leadership; men and women who have children in your religious schools in pre-confirmation classes.

I should like to receive from you the names of several such individuals with their addresses. I will then address a personal invitation to each of them to come to Cincinnati, -- at their own expense, -- but it will greatly help if you will exert your personal influence so that they will accept this invitation.

Our program is being geared to the lay public. Those of you who will be with us at the Alumni Convocation in December will hear more about our effort to interest our laymen in the broad religious and educational policies of the College-Institute and its relationship to them and their children's lives. The program will be attractive and have substance.

I hope to hear from you very soon.

Sincerely yours,

Nelson Glueck
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Department of Jewish Religious Education

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December 7, 1954

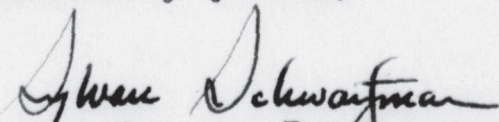
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
105th St. and Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Our mutual good friend Dr. Jacob Marcus recently returned to Cincinnati and told me that you were having some difficulty in securing adequate teachers for your religious school. I am wondering whether there is any way in which I can personally be of help to you? If it is a matter of securing the services of a few teachers, it might be possible for the religious school to utilize several HUC students. I don't know how practical this would be. However, if I am informed of the details I shall try to be of whatever assistance I can to you.

With kindest regards, I remain

Cordially yours,


Rabbi Sylvan D. Schwartzman
Professor, Jewish Religious Education

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December 7, 1954

Mr. Herman Meshorer
Amalgamated Steel Corporation
7835 Broadway
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Herman:

You may be interested in the enclosed letter which I received from the Combined Campaign in reference to the cost of conducting the Campaign.

After you are through with the enclosed, I would appreciate if you would return it to me.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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DIRECTOR OF ARCHIVES: JACOB R. MARCUS, PH. D.

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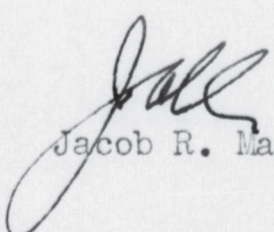
Dear Abba:

Many thanks for the beautiful exterior glossy of
The Temple and the glossy of the stained glass windows
in the war service alcove. Both are extremely attractive
prints. We are very happy to have them in the American
Jewish Archives.

The brochure of Temple Tifereth Israel is also
very much appreciated.

With all good wishes, I am

As ever,


Jacob R. Marcus

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CLIFTON AVENUE · CINCINNATI 20, OHIO

December 10, 1954

Rabbi Abner

Dear Alumnus:

I have been gratified by the response to my recent letter asking for the names of several individuals or couples to whom invitations could be sent for our Founders' Day celebration to be held March 26th and 27th, 1955.

I notice, however, that your congregation is not listed as one from which we have received such names. I am sure that you will want your congregation to be represented at this significant and important event. Would you, therefore, be good enough, at your earliest convenience, to send us these names so that invitations may go out promptly.

With many thanks for your co-operation and with cordial greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

Nelson Glueck

Nelson Glueck

P.S: I am enclosing a copy of my earlier letter in the event it missed your attention.

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83 MARLBOROUGH ROAD

BROOKLYN 26, NEW YORK

February 1, 1955

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
E. 105th St. & Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Colleague:

The year 1955 marks the 40th anniversary of your ordination as a Rabbi in Israel. May I join with world Jewry to extend my warmest congratulations.

I am writing to you not alone as a Colleague, but as the 2nd Vice-President of the Alumni Association of the "College-Institute". As part of my duties, I am Chairman of the Quinquennial Fund Committee.

You are of course aware that the Quinquennial Fund appeals to those members of the CCAR who are observing a quinquennial anniversary; 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, etc. These Colleagues are asked to contribute to the fund the amount in dollars equivalent to the number of years of the anniversary they are celebrating.

May I therefore invite your gift to the Quinquennial Fund?

I need not remind you that our Quinquennial Fund makes possible the publication of important books. Several years ago we published Lauterbach's "Rabbinic Essays" which was truly a monument to the memory of a great teacher. The Rabbinic Essays as well as other publications have been sent without charge to the members of the Alumni Association. I know that you will deem it a privilege to participate in this worthy undertaking.

Please make your check payable to the HUC-JIR Alumni Association Quinquennial Fund and mail it to me in the self addressed envelope.

I know that I speak for all the members of the Central Conference in extending warm wishes and heartiest congratulations on this milestone in your eventful career. I add my fervent prayer to the prayer of all those who admire you and whose lives you touched, that you and your beloved wife and sons will observe many more anniversaries in health and in strength.

Sincerely,

Sam D.
Samuel D. Soskin

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Dear Colleague:

On behalf of the Alumni Association, may I
thank you for your contribution to the Quinquennial
Fund.

When the Drive is over, we shall relay to
our membership the amount received.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Sam D.
Samuel D. Soskin

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על נכונות הריפורמה

המגמה הריפורמטורית קבלה עידוד ניכר --- לצערנו הרב --- בדבריו של ראש הממשלה מר משה שרת השבוע בכנסת. בדבריו אלה אושר, כי ממשלת ישראל חומכת ברכושה בהקמת "בית תפלה" ריפורמי בירושלים. אמנם רואה מר שרת בהקמת "בית תפלה" כזה "מכשיר לחירחור ריב בארץ", אך בכל זאת אין הוא גמנע מלחבוע זכות להקמתו ואף שמח לשמוע, כי משרד האוצר מצא אפשרות להבטיח מגרש למטרה זו. הוא חובע זכות עבור הריפורמים להתפלל בנוסחתם --- והוא חובע זאת בזכות חופש הדת שהובטחה במגילת העצמאות של מדינת ישראל. בדבריו הזכיר ראש הממשלה אף את סטיפן ווייז, והזכרת שם זה בקשר לעניין הנידון מוכיחה רבות.

סטיפן ווייז זה היה ראש הריפורמה הפרועה ביותר שבארה"ב. בקהלתו התקיימו "התפללות" אך ורק ביום ראשון בשבוע. מעל במת כנסיתו הטיפו כמרים נוצרים. הוא לחם בעד "איחוד" הדתות ושימש למרות ציוניותו מכשיר לטמיעה ולהתבוללות דתית בקרב יהדות הגולה. ולאלה ולכאלה נחבעת זכות של "חופש דת" במדינתנו. כל המכיר במקצת את יהדות אמריקה יודע, כי אין קהלות ריפורמיות אלה, ולא מועדונים חברותיים, אשר דבר אין להם ולדת. "דת" שלהם איננה מחייבת ללא כלום --- לא למצוה ולא להשקפה. מכיוון שהאוכלוסיה הכללית בארה"ב הנה דתית, לא יכלו פורקי עול שבין היהודים לקרוא לעצמם אתאיסטים ולא-דתים ומתוך כך יצרו להם תחליף ל"דת" בכדי לא לחרוג מהמסגרת הכללית. וכעת באים להעניק גם לנו מה "טוב" הזה...

אמנם הובטח חופש הדת במדינה. מתוך מסיבות מסוימות לא יכולנו אחרת מאשר להבטיח "חופש דת" לבעלי דתות אחרות. וגם בזה הרחקנו למעשה לכת..... כבר מבחינה לאומית גרידא היה מקום כאן להסתהיגות --- ולהסתהיגות נמרצת. צפויה כאן סכנה עצומה לא של חרחור ריב גרידא, אלא של פילוג העם לשני עמים. בארצות חוץ נזהרנו לפעמים מלאמר בריש גלי, שהבדל יותר גדול קיים בין "יהדות ריפורמית" ובין היהדות האמיתית מאשר בין הקתולים והפרוטסטנטים. נזהרנו מכך מכיוון שרצינו עד כמה שאפשר עוד להחזיק גם אברכים מדולדלים אלה במסגרת העם היהודי. אך כיום בארץ, במדינת ישראל, "אמרו הדברים האלה בשפה ברורה, שאינה משתמעת לשתי פנים. בחוץ לארץ עלול לקבל הזרם הריפורמי הזה עוד חזק ועידוד ע"י הפעולות האלה בארץ. וכל מי שקורא רק על היהדות בארצות הגולה יודע ועד, כי היאחותם בעם היהודי, מניעתם מהתבוללות גמורה, סלידתם מנשואי הערובת אינם ניתנים אלא ע"י חיזוק היסוד הדתי היהודי המקורי. כל עידוד לריפורמה אינו אלא עידוד לטמיעה גמורה של ענפים שלמים של העם היהודי, חלילה.....

דיון זה העלה על הפרק בעיה אחרת שאין להתייחס אליה בקלות דעת ויש לשפוט עליה לא רק לפי שיקולים פוליטיים אלא לפי הנחות היסטוריות המצדיקות את עמדתנו. המדובר בתכנית לחקים מכון ריפורמי שאליו יצורף גם בית כנסת ריפורמי נוסח אמריקה בירושלים, הממשלה הקציבה למטרה זו מגרש במקום מרכזי.

טעות היא בידי מר שרת כשהוא מצמצם את הבעיה במסגרת של "נוסח תפלה מסוים" שאי אפשר למנוע מיהודים הרוצים בכך להתפלל לפי נוסחה זו או אחרת, אין זו הבעיה, אנו מבורכים בנוסחאות תפלה רבים שונים אחד מחבירו מחולקים ביניהם לא רק לפי ארצות מוצא אלא גם בחוכם וביניהם מחולקים הנוסחאות, הבעיה היא חמורה יותר כיון שהריפורם מבקש לעקור יסודות היהדות ואלה שמחזיקים מתפללים את התפלות שנחקקו על ידי אנשי כנסת הגדולה מסוכנים לדת ישראל פי כמה מאשר האפיקורסים הגלויים ויהדות אמריקה תוכיח עד כמה מסוכנת הריפורם, מר שרת עצמו הביע פקפוקים ביחס לבית כנסת ריפורמי בירושלים אולם הצדיק את התכנית כשלעצמה, עובדא זו חושפת בפנינו למלוא חומרתה את הסכנה הריפורמית המרחפת זה זמן רב באוירה של ישראל, זוהי החוצאה של השפעתם של חוגים ריפורמים בציונות, ומי יודע אם לא רחוק היום שבו נראה בישראל "ראבאנים" מסוגו של אבא הלל סילבר וחבריו, וכנגדה יש לגייס מעתה את דעת הקהל בישראל ולהעמיד את הממשלה על המציאות כמו שהיא, ידוע לנו שזה מזמן מופעל לחץ על הרכנות הראשית להכיר במספר רבנים ריפורמים ולתת להם זכות לערוך נשואין וגירושין ואין צריך להרבות דבריה על המצב העלול להוציאם הלחץ ישיג את מטרתו. זוהי אח כן איפוא חובתם של הרכנים להתייב בשער ולמנוע את הדבר ככל האפשר.

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April 11, 1955

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

Dear Abba:

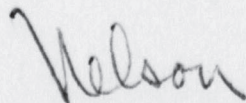
I write to enlist your help for the Jerusalem school of the College-Institute. Specifically I ask you if you can get for me contributions either in Bonds of Israel or in cash. There is to be no formal campaign for funds. Some weeks ago sixty-five of my Cincinnati friends met me at the College and contributed for that school over \$100,000 in Bonds of Israel or in dollars. Both Prime Minister Sharett and Finance Minister Eshkol of Israel have assured us that we may use Bonds of Israel to pay for building and equipping this school. We need about a half million dollars. You probably know that contributions made to the College-Institute on behalf of the Jerusalem School can be used in Income Tax deductions.

If there is anything specific that you would like to inquire of me about the school, I will be glad to answer your questions.

May I invite you now to the dedication of our Jerusalem school about two years hence.

With best regards, I am, as ever,

Sincerely yours,



Nelson Glueck

P.S. The enclosures are self-explanatory. The underlining is mine.

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April 29, 1955

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The Temple
E. 105th Street and Ansel Road
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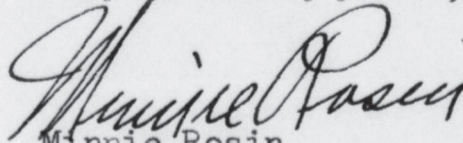
Dear Dr. Silver:

We have just learned that through error, Bloch Publishing Company of New York, sent to you direct a book that we had ordered. This is Klausner, The Messianic Idea in Israel, which they say was sent to you on March 16, 1955, their invoice No. 5030, charged to Hebrew Union College Library, and sent to you in Cleveland.

The error occurred because we had marked our order slip with the notation "send to Dr. Silver as soon as cataloged", so that we would not forget to send it to you, as requested by Dr. Marcus to whom you had made the request when you were in Cincinnati.

We would appreciate your checking the matter and if you have the book, please advise us. You may, of course, keep the book as long as you need in on loan.

Very sincerely yours,


Minnie Rosin
Library Secretary

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Memorandum

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July 15, 1955

From: Dr. A.N. Franzblau
To: Rabbi A. H. Silver

Tentative script subject to your
modification and rewrite.



RCA SCRIPT - ROSH HASHONAH

Humming (B'rosh Hashonah)

Narrator: Rosh Hashonah ...

"In the seventh month, ~~the~~ ^{on this day} first day of the month, shall be a solemn rest unto you, a memorial proclaimed with the blast of horns, a holy convocation."

Thus does the Bible ordain Rosh Hashonah, the Jewish New Year. The shofar, the ram's horn, sounds ^{the call to prayer, and meditation;} ~~to~~ ^{to remembrance and renewal.}

Shofar blessings

Narrator: Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who hast sanctified us by Thy Commandments and enjoined us to give ear to the ^{voice} ~~sound~~ of the shofar.

SHOFAR CALLS

For the mountains shall depart

Narrator: The central theme and mood of Rosh Hashonah - The Day of Remembrance -

^{conveyed} is ~~caught~~ in the solemn prayer which ^{describes} ~~pictures~~ God sitting in judgment on the deeds of every ~~living creature~~ ^{human being}.

B'rosh Hashonah yiko say vun ... On New Year's Day the judgment is ^{decided} ~~made~~ ^{and} ~~by~~ ^{repentance, prayer and charity can avert} ~~an evil decree.~~

B'rosh Hashonah

Narrator: In humble and joyous acceptance of ^{this} ~~our~~ ^{God} ~~him~~ ^{an} ~~all~~ ^{God} ~~the~~ sovereignty, the worshipper turns to ~~him~~ ^{God} in prayer and song, entreating the Father of ^{all} ~~men~~ ^{Men} to grant ^{us} ~~all~~ ^{all} a year of peace and happiness.

Our Father Our King

RCA SCRIPT - YOM KIPPUR

Humming (Kol Nidre)

Narrator: The eve of Yom Kippur - the Day of Atonement - the most solemn of the Jewish Holy Days.....As dusk darkens into night, the thronged synagogue is hushed as rabbi and cantor ascend the altar to stand before the Holy Ark. The words of comfort ring out: Or Zorua Latzadik, ul'yishray lev simcha...."Light is sown for the righteous and gladness for the upright in heart".

Or Zorua

Narrator: As the Scrolls of the Law are taken out of the Holy Ark, the Kol Nidre chant begins - Kol Nidre - the supreme penitential prayer, evoking memories of martyrdoms....and of contrite hearts praying forgiveness for broken vows.

Kol Nidre

O'Merciful God

Narrator: The ^{long} ~~historic~~ memory of the Jew carries him back through the centuries to the Temple in Jerusalem where, on the Day of Atonement, the High Priest entered the Holy of Holies to plead God's pardon for his own sins and the sins of his people.....V'hakohanim - and the priests responded.....

V'haKohanim

Narrator: ~~On~~ ^{through} the day of Yom Kippur - prayers have ascended from early morn to the Throne of Mercy, and the holy day ^{now} draws to a close. The worshippers, ^{have} ~~having~~ fasted since the

The day has ~~been~~ made them deeply
eve before, ~~are more~~ aware that no man
is blameless in the sight of God. *They have invited*
~~in their prayers~~ *God's* ~~own deeds do they rely, but on~~ *the divine*
~~attribute of mercy.~~

Midas horachamim

Narrator: Refreshed in spirit and confident now of God's
grace and compassion, the congregation joins in
the triumphal climax - the declaration of God's
unity and supremacy. Sh'ma Yisroel Adonoy
Elohaynu Adonoy Echod: Hear O Israel the Lord
our God the Lord is One. Adonoy hu hoelohim -

The Lord alone is God!

Sh'ma and Adonoy



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September 16, 1955

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have just had the pleasure of hearing a rough pressing of the Rosh Hashonoh and Yom Kippur platters which our School made in cooperation with RCA and on which you were kind enough to serve as the narrator.

I cannot delay telling you how magnificently you came through and how greatly we all appreciate your participation. As a matter of fact, the excellence of the transcription led us to introduce a change in the recording. We made the music more of a background for your narration than was originally intended, coming up to full strength only when your narrations were completed, or for a specially important solo.

Again, "thank you" from all of us.

I wish you and Virginia and all your dear ones a very, very happy New Year.

With warmest regards, I am

Most cordially yours,

Ahe

P.S. We shall send you a platter as soon as they are available.