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בית הנכות לעתיקות היהודים: האוניברסיטה העברית MUSEUM OF JEWISH ANTIQUITIES, HEBREW UNIVERSITY JERUSALEM 23rd March 1950

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

Dear Dr. Silver,

Yesterday I dispatched to you by air mail a copy of my Second Preliminary Report on the Dead Sea Scrolls. It has just appeared and I wanted you to have it for Pessah. The book was due to appear earlier, but because of my journey to England its appearance was delayed. I suppose that you will be pleased to hear that the Universities of Britain and Ireland were greatly interested in my lectures, the halls of the Universities were overcrowded, and the press gave them a wide publicity.

My next step now is to prepare a Preliminary Volume on the Scrolls in English. The work for the preparation of the final report is progressing, and I have made contacts in Europe with some printing presses for the preparation of the collotype plates for it.

As I wrote you once, the final publication will be in two editions, one in Hebrew and one in English. The English edition will also contain a complete translation of all the texts. I now intend to include in the final publication the Damascus Covenant" which was edited some forty years ago by Schechter. It will contain a revised text and a complete photographic facsimile (as you may remember, Schechter's publication contains photographs of two pages only). During my recent stay in Great Britain I had the entire manuscript photographed in Cambridge.

With my best wishes for the coming Pessah to you and your family as well as to your colleagues in The Temple, I am

Very sincerely yours

E. L. Sukenik

P. S. I have sent you a copy of our first Bulletin of the Louis M. Rabinowitz Fund for the Exploration of Ancient Synagogues, which appeared now.

בית הנכות לעתיקות היהורים: האוניברסיטה העברית Museum of Jewish antiquities, Hebrew University Jerusalem 22.8.50.

Dear Dr. Silver,

I have to inform you that we have now finished the photographing by infra-red process of the scrolls in our possession, for the final publication. As I wrote to you once, this will be issued in two languages, English and Hebrew. Each edition will consist of two volumes, one of plates and one of text, and the English publication will contain in addition a full translation of the texts.

I intended at first to issue 1500 copies, (about 750 of each), but at both Oxford and Cambridge I was told that we should need an English edition of at least three thousand to four thousand copies, After consideration I decided to prepare plates for 5000 copies, about 4000 in English and 1000 in Hebrew.

I intend now to order the plates, which will serve for both editions. For this purpose I shall have to go to London, and I have received permission for the necessary foreign currency from the Government of Israel. Although they are extremely short of foreign currency, they consider this edition of sufficient importance to merit a special allocation.

In connection with the expenses of publication, as the transfer of money from America to Israel takes time, I should be grateful if you would let me have by return a signed statement that you have given the second instalment of \$6000; I shall then be able to get an advance in the interim from the University here.

With all good wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

6. L. Sukenik

E.L. Sukenik.

P.S. I hope that the twelve copies of my Megilloth Genuzoth, Vol. II reached you in time. I sent them at the end of May. Although I have never received any acknowledgement, I suppose that the parcels reached you?

August 30, 1950 Professor E. L. Sukenik Hebrew University Jerusalem, Israel My dear Professor Sukenik: Thank you for your kind letter of August 22nd. I am pleased to learn that you have made such fine progress in the preparation of the scrolls for publication. I have this day sent to the American Friends of the Hebrew University in New York the final installment of \$6,000 to make the publication of the work possible. The delay in sending it was due to my absence in Europe where I was spending a brief vacation. I did receive the 12 copies of the Megilloth Genozoth, Volume II, which you sent me. With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:er

August 30, 1950 Mr. High Salpeter American Friends of the Hebrew University 9 East 89th Street New York 29, New York My dear Mr. Salpeter: I am enclosing herewith a check for \$5,800 which is the second and last installment on the \$12,000 fund which I undertook to raise to make it possible for Dr. Sukenik to prepare the recently discovered scrolls for editing, translating and publication. I understand that the Central Conference of American Rabbis sent \$200 as its second contribution directly to the Hebrew University. I have informed Dr. Sukenik that I am forwarding the money to you. Please notify him that you have received this check. With all good wishes for a happy New Year, I remain Most cordially yours. ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS;er Enc.



CONGREGATION SHAAREY ZEDEK Detroit, Michigan

RABBI'S STUDY

RABBI MORRIS ADLER

September 1, 1950

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple E. 105th Street at Ansel Road Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr Silver:

Director of our Federation, and both of us are working on the project of raising a sum of money to help in the publication of the volumes concerning which you wrote to us. In as short a time as possible, we shall forward to you the maximum amount that we could raise without any formal campaign. Mr. Sobeloff is exploring the possibilities within the Federation, while I am in touch with a number of individuals from whom I hope to get contributions. We shall send this money on as soon as possible and we are both glad to participate with you, even in a small measure, in this very important scholarly enterprise.

With kindest regards and best wishes for a year of health and strength and inspiration, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Morris Adler

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B'NAI B'RITH

Office of the President
FRANK GOLDMAN
402 SUN BUILDING
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS

September 1, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Doctor:

I am in receipt of your letter of August 28th relating to Professor Sukenik's project. It was certainly nice of you to think of me in connection with raising funds for it among my friends.

You have my assurance that I shall do all I can to raise the \$2500 in accordance with your request. In fact, I can report progress to you as two telephone calls have resulted in contributions of \$100 each. In addition, as President of B'nai B'rith, I have a small President's Contingent Fund from which I shall make an allocation.

In any event, I shall do all I can, not only because I regard the project of publishing the scrolls recently discovered in the desert of Judea as a worthy one, but also because of my high affection for you personally, and my own feeling of gratitude to you for your magnificent achievements.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Frank Goldman

September 14,1950. Mr. Fred J. Schwartz 132 West 43 Street New York 18, N. Y. Dear Fred: Thank you very much for your check for \$100 to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Your generous contribution will, I am sure, be deeply appreciated and I am sending your check to Rabbi. Abba Hillel Silver who will formally acknowledge your gift. Kindest personal regards. Sincerely, BARNEY BALABAN Check enclosed to: cc: Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple East 105th Street at Ansel Road Cleveland, Ohio

THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY - INCORPORATED 9 EAST 89th STREET Telephone New York 28, N. Y. ATwater 9-5200 DR. ISRAEL S. WECHSLER JUSTICE FELIX FRANKFURTER Officers of the Hebrew University President DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN Honorary President Hon. President SAMUEL HAUSMAN PHILIP G. WHITMAN DR. A. S. W. ROSENBACH Hon. President PROF. SELIG BRODETSKY President Secretary JOSEPH M. MAZER EDWARD A. NORMAN MRS. FELIX M. WARBURG MARK SUGARMAN SIR LEON SIMON
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September 25, 1950 Mr. Fred J. Schwarts 132 West 43rd Street New York 18, New York My dear Mr. Schwarts: Mr. Balaban has informed me of your contribution of \$100 to the funds which I am attempting to raise for the work of Professor Sukenik at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. I am deeply grateful for your cooperation and generosity. with all good wishes for the New Year, I remain Most cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS: er

THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY, Inc. 9 East 89th Street New York 28, N. Y.

We gratefully acknowledge your gift to The Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Your support of the great citadel of the Jewish spirit will help to insure the continuity of Jewish scientific and cultural activity at one of the world's foremost centers of scholarship and research, of which American Jewry can well be proud.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street At Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

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For Prof, Sukenik Department



B'NAI B'RITH Office of the President FRANK GOLDMAN 402 SUN BUILDING LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS September 30, 1950 Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple East 105th Street at Ansel Road Cleveland 6, Ohio Re: Fund for Professor Sukenik Dear Rabbi: of the Hebrew University In accordance with our telephone conversation yesterday, I herewith enclose and send you the following checks: \$100-R. E. Goodman, 79 Florence Ave., Lowell, Mass. \$100-Harry Lampert, 10 Gibson Road, Lowell, Mass. \$100-Harry Newman, 50 Sanders Ave., Lowell, Mass. \$100-Jacob Alson, c/o Alson & Brown Foundation 285 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y. \$100-Fred Monosson, 712 Beacon St., Boston, Mass. \$100-Lee M. Friedman, 30 State St., Boston, Mass. \$300-B'nai B'rith Having in mind that you may want to send an acknowledgment to the individuals who gave these checks (as distinguished from B'nai B'rith) I have included above their addresses. I trust that there will be more checks to come. With kindest regards, Sincerely, gms encs

October 2, 1950 Mr. Lee M. Friedman 30 State Street Boston, Mass. My dear Mr. Friedman: Mr. Frank Goldman has just forwarded to me your contribution for the work of Professor Sukerik at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. I am deeply grateful to you for your cooperation and your generosity. With all good wishes for the New Year, I remain Most cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:er

October 2, 1950 Mr. Frank Goldman 402 Sun Building Lowell, Massachusetts My dear Frank: I received your letter of September 30th enclosing checks to the amount of \$900 for the Professor Sukenik project. I am very grateful to you for your cooperation and assistance. I have written to the individuals who contributed to this fund, thanking them for their help. I do hope, too, that there will be more checks forthcoming in order to enable Professor Sukenik to proceed without delay with his important work. I have personally advanced him the full amount of \$6,000 over and above the \$6,000 which I raised last year. Whatever you can do by way of keeping me solvent and out of bankruptcy counts would be appreciated. With warmest regards, I remain Most cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:er

B'NAI B'RITH Office of the President FRANK GOLDMAN 402 SUN BUILDING LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS October 3, 1950 Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple East 105th Street at Ansel Road Cleveland 6, Ohio Re: Fund for Professor Sukenik of the Hebrew University Dear Rabbi: I herewith enclose and send you check for \$100 of Philip M. Klutznick of Park Forest, Illinois, for the above mentioned Fund. The check was made payable to me and I have endorsed it to you. I should appreciate your acknowledging the contribution to Mr. Klutznick at the abovementioned address. This check means that I will already have collected and send you \$1,000. I shall continue to send you additional checks as I receive them. With kindest regards, Sincerely, Frank Goldman gms enc

October 5, 1950 Mr. Frank Goldman 402 Sun Building Lowell, Mass. Dear Mr. Goldman: Rabbi Silver is out of the city for a few days, and I am therefore taking the liberty of acknowledging your letter of October 3rd and the enclosure of \$100 from Mr. Klutznick. A letter will go forward to him at once. Sincerely yours, Secretary to Rabbi Silver

October 5, 1950 Mr. Philip M. Klutznick Park Forest, Illinois My dear Mr. Klutznick: Mr. Frank Goldman has forwarded to me your check for \$100 for the work of Professor Sukenik of the Hebrew University. I am deeply grateful to you for your generosity and cooperation. With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:er

B'NAI B'RITH Office of the President FRANK GOLDMAN 402 SUN BUILDING LOWELL MASSACHUSETTS October 11, 1950 Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple East 105th Street at Ansel Road Cleveland 6, Ohio Dear Rabbi: Re: Fund for Professor Sukenik of the Hebrew University I herewith enclose and send you check for \$100.00 of Leon Lowenstein of 43 Leonard Street, New York; and check for \$50.00 of Julius Livingston, c/o Mazda Oil Corporation, P. O. Box 1797, Tulsa 1, Oklahoma. With all good wishes, Sincerely, Saul Frank Goldman gms enc 2

October 13, 1950 Mr. Frank Goldman 402 Sun Building Lowell, Massachusetts My dear Friend: Thank you for your letter of October 11th enclosing the checks of Leon Lowenstein and Julius Livingston to whom I have just written, acknowledging their contributions. I need not tell you how grateful I am for your continuing effort. With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:er

October 13, 1950 Mr. Julius Livingston c/o Masda Oil Corporation P.O. Box 1790 Tulsa 1, Oklahoma My dear Mr. Livingston: Mr. Frank Goldman has forwarded to me your check of \$50 for the work of Professor Sukenik of the Hebrew University. I am deeply grateful for your cooperation and generosity. With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:er

October 13, 1950 Mr. Leon Lowenstein 43 Leonard Street New York, New York My dear Mr. Lowenstein: Mr. Frank Goldman has forwarded to me four check of \$100 for the important work of Professor Sukenik of the Hebrew University. I am deeply grateful for your generosity and cooperation. With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:er

B'NAI B'RITH Office of the President FRANK GOLDMAN 402 SUN BUILDING LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS October 19, 1950 Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple East 105th Street at Ansel Road Cleveland 6, Ohio Re: Fund for Professor Sukenik Dear Rabbi: of the Hebrew University I herewith enclose and send you check for \$100, which I have received from Mr. Benjamin H. Swig, whose address is Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco. All good wishes. gms enc

October 20, 1950 Mr. Frank Goldman 402 Sun Building Lowell, Massachusetts Dear Mr. Coldman: Dr. Silver is out of the city, and I am therefore taking the liberty of acknowledging your letter of October 19th and the check for \$100 which you enclosed from Mr. Benjamin H. Swig of San Francisco. I am writing to him today. I know that Dr. Silver would want to express to you his deep appreciation for your continuing cooperation. Sincerely yours, Secretary to Dr. Silver er

October 20, 1950 Mr. Benjamin H. Swig Fairmont Hotel San Francisco, California My dear Mr. Swig: Mr. Frank Goldman has forwarded to me your check for \$100 for the work of Professor Sukenik of the Hebrew University. I am deeply grateful for your generosity and your cooperation. With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:er



CONGREGATION SHAAREY ZEDEK Detroit, Michigan

RABBI'S STUDY

RABBI MORRIS ADLER

October 27, 1950.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 10th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am very sorry about the delay in assembling a sum of money to help in the publication of the volumes by Professor Sukenik. However, your own knowledge of practical community affairs will fill in the intermediate steps that have to be taken and the procedures that have to be followed, by a request for funds and its fulfillment.

I am enclosing checks to the amount of \$600.00 contributed as follows:

United Jewish Charities - \$400.00 Judge Theodore Levin, President 250 West Lafayette Detroit 26, Michigan

Keren Ami, Congregation Shaarey Zedek - \$50.00

Congregation Shaarey Zedek - \$50.00

Rabbi Morris Adler - \$50.00

Temple Beth El, Detroit - \$25.00

Keren Ami, Northwest Hebrew Congregation, Detroit - \$25.00

While it is not as much as I would have wanted to get, I do hope that we are making a slight contribution. And, I am glad of the opportunity to participate. With kindest regards and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Marces adler Rabbi Morris Adler

October 29, 1950 Rabbi Morris Adler Congregation Shaarey Zedek Detroit, Michigan My dear Friend: Permit me to acknowledge your kind letter of October 27th and the checks in the amount of \$600 which were enclosed. I am deeply grateful to you for your efforts in this important undertaking, and I want to thank you not only for your personal contribution but for the contribution from your congregation and from the Keren Ami, as well. I am today writing to thank the other organizations from whom you secured contributions. With all good wishes and again, with many thanks for your cooperation and generosity, I remain Most cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:er

October 29, 1950 Judge Theodore Levin, President United Jewish Charities 250 West Lafayette Detroit 26, Michigan My dear Judge Levin: Rabbi Adler has forwarded to me a check for \$100 from the United Jewish Charities for the important work of Professor Sukenik of the Hebrew University. I am deeply grateful to your organization for its generosity and cooperation. With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:er

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October 30, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi: Re: Fund for Professor Sukenik of the Hebrew University

I herewith enclose and send you check for \$100, payable to you, which I have just received from Mr. Max J. Schneider, President of The National Safety Bank and Trust Company, whose address is Broadway at 38th Street, New York, N. Y.

Kindest regards.

Frank Holman

Sincerely,

Frank Goldman

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October 31, 1950 Mr. Frank Goldman 402 Sun Building Lowell, Mass. My dear Friend: Permit me to acknowledge your note of October 30th enclosing a check of \$100 from Mr. Max J. Schneider for the work of Professor Sukenik. I am writing to Mr. Schneider today. I am deeply grateful to you for your efforts and for all of your assistance. With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:er

October 31, 1950 Mr. Max J. Schneider National Safety Bank and Trust Co. Broadway at 38th Street New York, New York My dear Mr. Schneider: Mr. Frank Goldman has forwarded to me your check of \$100 for the work of Professor Sukenik of the Hebrew University. I am deeply grateful for your generosity and your cooperation. With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:er

November 16, 1950 Mr. Jack Skirball 601 North Alta Drive Beverly Hills, California My dear Jack: I was very happy to see you if only for a moment the other day at the Union Convention. I am sorry that we did not have a chance to spend a little more time together. The purpose in my writing you at this time is to learn whether you wish to make a contribution to the Sukenik Fund, about which I wrote you a few times, and whether you have succeeded in getting some contributions from among your friends for this very worthy and very important undertaking. With all good wishes to you and to Mrs. Skirball and to the new member of your family, I remain As ever yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:er

בית הנכות לעתיקות היהורים: האוניברסיטה העברית MUSEUM OF JEWISH ANTIQUITIES, HEBREW UNIVERSITY ירושלים **IERUSALEM** 20.11.50.

Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple, Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver,

A few days ago I returned from Europe, and I should now like to inform of our progress in the work of printing the collotype plates for the final publication.

After making inquiries of several printing firms. I decided to entrust the printing of our plates to the Cotswold Publishing Company, Ltd. We shall have about 80 plates, printed on one side of very good, thick paper. Unfortunately, the cost of printing is very high, and for 5000 copies we shall have to pay about three thousand punds sterling. This is for the plates alone: I shall apparently have to look for some additional sums later, in order to print the text.

Meanwhile, I am preparing a general volume on the scrolls in English. I have had several offers from publishing houses in England. but I have not vet decided who shall do it.

With all good wishes,

Most cordially yours, E. L. Sukenik



CONGREGATION SHAAREY ZEDEK Detroit, Michigan

RABBI'S STUDY

RABBI MORRIS ADLER

November 27, 1950.

Dr Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Ansel Road at E. 105th Street Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr Silver:

I am enclosing a check for \$50.00 to be added to the fund for the publication of Professor Sukenik's discovery. This check is the gift of Congregation Bnai Moshe through its Rabbi, Moses Lehrman, Dexter at Lawrence, Detroit 6, Michigan. I had spoken to Rabbi Lehrman sometime ago and did not include his contribution in the sum I have previously sent. It is to me a source of pleasure to be able to cooperate in this important scholarly project.

With sincere expressions of my admiration and regard, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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Rabbi Morris Adler

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November 29, 1950 Rabbi Morris Adler Congregation Shaarey Zedek Detroit, Michigan My dear Friend: Thank you so much for forwarding to me the check of \$50 from Congregation Bnai Moshe to the Sukenik Fund. I am writing to Rabbi Lehrman today expressing my appreciation. With all good wishes and with many thanks for your continued cooperation, I remain Mest cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:er

November 29, 1950 Rabbi Moses Lehrman Congregation Bnai Moshe Dexter at Lawrence Detroit 6, Michigan My dear Rabbi Lehrman: I am deeply grateful to you and to your congregation for your contribution of \$50 to the Sukenik Fund which Rabbi Adler has just sent to me. Please extend my sincere appreciation to your fellowship. With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:er

December 13, 1950 Dr. E. L. Sukenik Hebrew University Jerusalem, Israel Dear Dr. Sukenik: Since writing to you on August 30, 1950, advising you that the balance of \$6,000 had been sent to the American Friends of the Hebrew University in New York, Dr. Silver has not heard from you. While he did receive formal acknowledgment from Mr. Salpeter's office of the receipt of the check, we are wondering whether you have received this sum to continue your work. With best wishes, I am Sincerely yours, Secretary to Dr. Silver

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, The Temple, Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver,

I am sorry that in my last letter, dated 20.11.50 I did not mention the receipt of your second instalment. The sum of \$6000 was duly received in Jerusalem and put at my disposal by the University Treasury.

I need hardly say, dear Dr. Silver, how grateful I am for your great help in this important work. As I wrote in my last letter to you, the sum in question will not be enough to complete the work, but your help has been most valuable. The estimated cost of \$25,000 which I mentioned to you when I was in Cleveland has proved to be by no means an over-estimate. I hope, however, that I shall be able in due course to find the necessary money.

With best wishes,

Most cordially yours,

E.I.Sukenik.