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The Ingathering of the Spirit Abba Hillel Silver New Palestine March 27, 1925 Hebrew University Issue

The doors of the Third Temple are opening wide. The Schechinah returns to her home.

In a hundred alien lands she wandered, an exiled Spirit, wistful, bated and abashed. She now returns in queenly grace to her own courts, an and mounts her alabaster throne.....

"Return, O my Soul, unto thy rest!"

A hundred waste fields we tended. The thorn and the thistle were ours. Flowers and fruits others claimed. We shall now tend our own field. Let all who are hungry come and eat...

We have been an echo of the world, since the gift-bearing seer became a gift-begging serf. We shall now recover our prophetic voice and from one end of the earth to the other, its mighty accents will be heard as of yore.

Great and deep are the waters of our spirit. We have not yet spent our spiritual reservoirs. The Voice is still within us like a consuming fire. We have not yet vouchsafed our last revelation to mankind, nor uttered our last immemorial phrase.

Phoenix-like, we are renewing our youth. Out of the flames, we rise triumphant, winging our way to the dwelling places of light. The foundations of our empire are now laid, an empire not of force and violence. Our sovereignty will be of the heart and mind, our victories of the spirit, our tributaries of truth, and our dominion of sacrificial service.

The doors of the Third Temple are opening wide.

"Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors!"

SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS OF SURVEY COMMITTEE OF OCTOBER 8TH AND 9TH, 1960

The Survey Committee carefully perused the document <u>Report of</u> the Committee on the Master Plan for the Development of the Hebrew University during the Coming Five Years 1961-1965.

After having noted -- as indicated in the Report itself -- (a) that this document still has to be submitted to other University bodies, (b) that many of the proposals and mainly the financial estimates still need further discussion and research, and (c) that the term "Five Years" has to be taken with all due reservations, the Survey Committee took the following stand on the proposals:

A. General Proposals

1. The Committee views with favor the proposal that the University should review the academic establishment in the various subjects (to replace that formulated more than ten years ago, which is entirely unsuitable for the present situation).

2. The proper preparation of such an establishment requires a clarification of the duties of teachers of the University. The Committee has taken note with satisfaction that proper regulations have been established in regard to outside employment of teachers and that a committee has been established for the preparation of proposals in regard to teaching load and other duties. The Committee considers that such regulations may help both for the preparation of the establishment and for giving an adequate base for estimating costs required in further expansion of the University. The Committee recommends, therefore, the consideration of the preparation of such regulations as a matter of urgency.

3. Consideration should be given to the need of carefully estimating the financial means required for the eventual execution of the various proposals put forward for more posts, buildings, establishment of laboratories, acquisition of equipment, increase of research budgets, etc.

B. Quantitative Development

1. The Committee views with favor and recommends to continue the efforts made by the University for clarifying the questions of future student population, as it results from changes in the population at large, from possible changes in propensity of high school graduates to come to the University and from policies of the University in regard to admissions and drop-outs.

2. The Committee endorses the recommendations of the Master Plan in regard to the gradual enlargement during 1961-1965 of the number of admissions of students in the faculties where those numbers are limited, as follows: Mathematics - Physics 200 (instead of the present 160) with the understanding that this

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Chemistry

100 (instead of the present 50)

Biology

3.

Geology and Geography 30 (instead of the present 20) Agriculture 150 (instead of the present 100) Medicine Add about 10-15 for M.Sc. degree in Medicinal Science, and bring to 25 instead of present 20 the number of first year students admitted to each of the following subjects: Dentistry, Pharmacology and Bacteriology.

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100-120 (instead of the present 80-

Taking into consideration the needs of the country in the fields of the sciences and agriculture, the Survey Committee considers those enlargements as top priority and recommends to the Board of Governors that it find the adequate financial means for the building and equipment budgets and for the current budgets required.

(a) In regard to the Faculties of Humanities, Social Sciences and Law, the Committee is ready to endorse provisionally the continuation of the present policy of "open door" with increasing limitations for non-matriculated students. However, in view of the large increase in the number of students forecast for the period after 1965 and taking also into consideration the grave academic and financial consequences eventually involved, the Committee considers as a matter of great importance and urgency that the whole policy of admissions should be reconsidered by the proper University bodies. (b) These bodies are asked to study the academic, political, social and financial implications of any policy changes that would limit numerically the admissions in these three Faculties in such ways as admitting only the students having certain performance in high school matriculation, limiting admissions only to those students who pass qualifying examinations for University admission and in similar ways. The University authorities should consider in due course the possibility of additional means of determining admissibility of students such as psychological tests and proper orientation of new students.

(c) The University should also consider admission under exceptional conditions of outstanding persons at the examinations of the end of the first year, even if they have not participated in the first year.

4. The Committee fully endorses the proposals of the Master Plan Committee in regard to reducing the drop-out, notes with satisfaction that the matter is under proper consideration by the academic authorities of the Faculties concerned and asks to consider further study and implementation as urgent.

5. The Committee endorses the idea that the development in the admission of students at the Bachelor stage in Jerusalem cannot indefinitely be enlarged, and that a solution may lie in the development of local colleges outside Jerusalem.

C. Qualitative Development

The Committee considered the proposals put forward by the Master Plan Committee for the enlargement of University building and activities in various fields, and reached the following conclusions:

 The following building activities must be seen as first priorities and adequate funds for them must be secured as speedily as possible.

> (a) Completion of the Library building, the Medical School building and the buildings for the branches of the Faculties of Law and Social Sciences in Tel Aviv.

(b) The addition of two floors in the Sprinzak building.

(c) Continuation of buildings required for the Faculty of Sciences in Jerusalem.

2. In regard to the other proposals for enlargement of the activities of the University, the Committee took the following stand:

> (a) In the Faculty of Humanities, the Committee recommends the approval of the projects of Asian Studies, African Studies, Russian Studies and Comparative Literature.

(b) In the Faculties of Social Sciences and Law, the Committee stresses the need of making every effort for implementing the proper development of the Tel Aviv Branch.

3. The Survey Committee examined with great interest the other recommendations of the Master Plan for further development in Law, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, Agriculture and Medicine and requests the University authorities to prepare for the next meeting of the Committee in March, 1961, detailed plans with regard to additional staff required, space facilities, equipment and operating budget.

4. The Committee considers that the changing structure of the country will require revision in the present plan for teaching and research at the University. It requests the University authorities to survey and submit periodically any proposal for such changes to the Board of Governors. It also requests the University authorities to take the initiative in coordinating research and teaching activities in the sciences with other governmental and educational bodies in the country.

SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS OF THE SURVEY COMMITTEE REGARDING CHANGES OF THE PRESENT CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES

After considerable discussion of the administrative structure of the University, it was agreed that the present Constitution and Statutes, if carried into effect literally with a separate Rector and President, would be likely to create chaos. The Sub-Committee was conscious of the very great advantage that has accrued to the University by reason of the fact that Prof. Mazar, in his own person, has successfully combined these two functions, and felt that the Constitution and Statutes should be amended to ensure that a similar situation will exist at all future times.

It was also the opinion of the Committee that during the years immediately ahead the Hebrew University will develop considerably, so that it is of vital importance that we should at this time provide an administrative organization that will, so far as can now be foreseen, provide for efficient and harmonious operation in the future. It was, therefore, unanimously agreed to recommend to the Survey Committee, to the Senate and to the Board of Governors that the Constitution and Statutes should be amended to provide for the following pattern and organization.

1. The Board of Governors

(i) That Article 5 of the Statutes be amended to

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provide that the Board of Governors shall hold <u>annually</u> a plenary meeting in Jerusalem during the month of March. (ii) That without diminishing the general provisions of Article 9 of the Statutes it shall be made clear that the Board of Governors at such annual meeting shall have sole and plenary authority in regard to each of the following matters, which it shall consider and determine on the specific recommendations of the Rector and President:

> (a) The consideration and approval of the University budget for the ensuing session;
> (b) The appointment, on the recommendation of the Rector and President, of all other senior administrative officers of the University;
> (c) The approval of the creation of any new departments, institutes or activities of a continuing nature which will involve expenditures in subsequent years.

2. The Executive Council

(i) That the Chairman of the Board of Governors shall
 be Chairman of the Executive Council described in Articles
 12 to 18 of the Statutes.

(ii) That a Vice Chairman of the Executive Council shall be appointed from among the members of the Board of Governors normally resident in Israel.

(iii) That the Executive Council shall hold in Jerusalem not less than three statutory meetings during each calendar year, one of which shall immediately precede the meeting of the full Board in March; the second, in May or June, shall consider and approve the recommendations of the Rector and President regarding academic appointments and promotions for the ensuing session; the third shall be held in November or December to consider problems arising at the opening of the academic session.

(iv) That the Executive Council may also hold emergency meetings at other dates whenever these are requested by the Chairman or the Rector and President to consider specific problems and shall have full authority to decide upon all matters affecting the University, except those specifically listed in Section 1(ii).

(v) The Executive Council shall consist of President and Rector, Vice President and Vice Rector, the Pro Rector and five academic members elected by the Senate; six representatives of the Government of Israel, two representatives of the Jewish Agency, the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Executive Council and of seven members of the Board of Governors from Israel and seven members of the Board from abroad with seven alternates for each group, all elected from the membership of the Board of Governors.

(vi) That Article 14 of the Statutes should be amended
to provide that a quorum of the Executive Council shall be
17 members of the Council.

3. Standing Committee

That the Standing Committee, described in Article 10 of the Statutes be abolished.

4. Interim Committee

That the Interim Committee of the Executive Council, described in Article 11 of the Statutes, shall in future consist of the Chairman of the Board, the Vice Chairman of the Executive Council, the Rector and President, the Vice Rector and Vice President and the Pro Rector.

Rector and President

(i) That the office of President (described in Article 30 of the Statutes) shall be combined with that of Rector (described in Articles 34 and 35) into a single office, under the title of Rector and President, and that the holder of this office shall have full executive authority, under the Board of Governors and the Senate, for both the academic and the business administration of the University.

(ii) No person shall be eligible to hold the office of Rector and President unless he is either a Professor of the Hebrew University or has the qualification for the post. (iii) The Rector and President shall be appointed by the Board of Governors on the recommendation of a Special Nominating Committee composed of five individuals elected by the Senate from among its members who are full Professors, five individuals elected by the Board of Governors from among its members, with the Chairman of the Board of Governors, ex-officio, as Chairman. Such recommendation must be supported by a majority of at least three-quarters of the Committee members. In the event that this Special Nominating Committee is unable to agree upon a candidate by the required majority, it shall be discharged and a new Committee comprising ten representatives of the Senate and ten representatives of the Board of Governors set up under the same Chairmanship. This Committee shall require a two-thirds majority in order to present a nomination and members of the preceding Special Nominating Committee shall not be precluded from serving as members of the larger Committee.

In the unlikely event that both the smaller and larger Committees are unable to agree upon a candidate by an appropriate majority, the Senate shall be asked to present the names of three candidates whom it deems worthy of the appointment and the Board of Governors shall appoint whichever of these candidates it deems most suited for the post. (iv) That the Rector and President shall be appointed

initially for a period of not more than four years and may be thereafter reappointed for additional terms of four years in accordance with the procedures outlined in 5(iii).

6. Vice Rector and Vice President

(i) That the office of Vice President as described in
 Articles 31 to 33 of the Statutes shall have associated with
 it that of Vice Rector (newly created) in order that the

individual holding this office may be constitutionally competent to act for the Rector and President in both his capa-cities during the absence or incapacity of the latter and to undertake all such other activities as delegated by the President and Rector.

(ii) The Vice Rector and Vice President shall be appointed from <u>among the academic staff</u> by the Board of Governors on the nomination of the Rector and President who shall first have consulted a Special Nominating Committee identical in its membership to that mentioned in Section 5(iii) above.
(iii) That the initial appointment of the Vice Rector and Vice President shall be for a period of not more than four years and shall be renewable at the option of the Board of Governors, if the Rector and President so recommends, in accordance with provision 5(iii).

(iv) In the case of the illness or death of the Rector and President, the Vice Rector and Vice President shall have full power to discharge all the functions of the Rector and President until the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Governors, or until a successor has been appointed in accordance with 5(iii).

7. Pro Rector

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(i) The Pro Rector shall be elected by the Senate from among the full Professors of the University. He shall hold office for two years and may be reelected by the Senate for further periods of two years each. (ii) That the Pro Rector shall perform such academic duties as may from time to time be delegated to him by the Rector and President and shall, in all cases, have full responsibility for the academic administration of the Uni-versity when both the Rector and Vice Rector are absent.
(iii) That the Pro Rector, ex-officio- shall be a member of the Permanent Committee and of the Interim Committee.

8. Deans

The Sub-Committee discussed the relative advantages and disadvantages of appointed Deans (as is normally the case in France, Canada and the United States) as against the present University practice whereby Deans are elected by the several Faculties. Although no final decision was reached, it was the feeling of the Committee that it would be undesirable to change at this time the procedure set forth in Article 26 of the Statutes for the election of Deans by each Faculty. It was, however, felt that there might be some advantage in amending the Statutes to provide that after a Dean has been elected by his Faculty for the two-year period prescribed in Article 26, the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Rector and President, should have the authority to extend the two-year term without limitation. It was also considered desirable that, if such a plan were adopted, the Board of Governors should have the authority, on the recommendation of the Rector

and President, to provide for the payment of additional salary or emoluments to an individual whose term was extended, in view of the fact that he would have to forego research and other activities for a comparatively long period.

9. The Timing of Statutory Changes

Although the precise method and timing of the implementation of these proposals (or of such of them as are agreed upon by the Survey Committee) is not within the terms of reference of the Sub-Committee, discussion with various members of the University has suggested that it might be most convenient to implement them in three stages as follows:

Proposals 1-4, regarding the Board of Governors
 and its Committees, might be implemented in the Spring of
 1961 since these matters seem of the greatest urgency.

(ii) Section 5 regarding the office of Rector and
 President as well as Section 7 regarding the Pro Rector
 might then be implemented in the Spring of 1962.

(iii) Sections 6 and 8, it has been suggested, might be postponed still another year and implemented in the Spring of 1963.

It should be made perfectly clear, however, that these suggestions as to timing are matters of strategy and have no relationship to the precise content of this report. If it should be deemed practical to do so, there would be real advantage in adopting all of the recommendations at the same time in order that the business of amending the Statutes should not be spread over too long a period and a general atmosphere of uncertainty be created in the process.

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משרד הנשיא בנין שרמן

December 18, 1960

Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple East 105th Street and Ansel Road Cleveland, Ohio U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Silver,

The purpose of this letter is to convey to you a most cordial invitation, on behalf of the Hebrew University, to come and deliver some lectures at the University during your next visit to Israel. This formal invitation follows on the verbal invitation that I conveyed to you on your last visit to Israel, as well as that brought to you by Mr. Cherrick when he was in Cleveland earlier this year.

I must apologise for the delay in writing to you, but I was away on a mission on behalf of the University, which took me to both Latin America, as well as to the United States. I had hoped that during the latter part of my trip I would have had an opportunity of seeing you.

We feel that the most suitable department within which your lectures should be arranged is our new Institute of Contemporary Jewry which, moving into its second year, is proving most successful. We would suggest that you deliver two lectures, and would offer for your consideration either of the two following topics: 1) The Zionist Movement in America, 1897 to 1948, or 2) Elements of Continuity and Change in Contemporary American Jewry - A Personal View. On the other hand, if you would prefer to suggest some other title, we would be very happy to accept your proposal. I look forward to hearing from you as to what date you plan to be in Israel. May I say at the same time that the Oral History Section of our Institute of Contemporary Jewry, under the direction of Dr. Moshe Davis, is very much looking forward to having you make a number of recordings of your personal experiences for them. They and we feel that the experiences which you can recount will be a most vital part of the records of contemporary Jewish life which they are compiling.

Looking forward to hearing from you, and shortly to having the pleasure of welcoming you here at the University, I am,

Sincerely yours,

B. Mazar President

January 25, 1961

Dr. B. Mazar, President The Hebrew University Sherman Building Jerusalem, Israel

My dear Dr. Mazar:

Please pardon the long delay in acknowledging your kind letter of December 18th. Mrs. Silver and I have been away on a Caribbean cruise and we have but recently returned to Cleveland.

I need not tell you that I am profoundly appreciative of the invitation renewing the one which was extended to me by Mr. Cherrick to deliver some lectures at the University during my next visit to Israel. I regard this as a high honor and I shall be pleased to do so but I am dubious at the moment as to when I will be able to deliver these lectures.

I am just now completing a book to be published this year by the Macmillan people and they want the manuscript some time in the next month of two. They want to publish it in the fall. I am, therefore, devoting whatever spare time I have to the manuscript. I doubt whether I will have the time to prepare addresses for delivering at the Hebrew University this spring. However, I shall have them ready, I hope, by the fall. If I visit Israel in the fall of this year I shall deliver them then; if not, then in the spring of 1962.

Please remember me to all of our good friends at the University and convey my warm greetings to Dr. Moshe Davis. I shall be pleased to comply with his request to make a number of recordings.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

The cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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RESOLUTIONS OF THE 23rd MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY held in Jerusalem (March 20-23, 1961)

The Board approved the resolutions of the Nominations Committee which read as follows:

1. Election of Honorary President

The President of the State of Israel, Mr. Itzhak Ben-Zvi, was elected Honorary President of the Hebrew University.

2. Resignation of the President - Prof. B. Mazar

It was resolved to accept with profound regret the resignation of Professor B. Mazar from the office of President. The resignation will become effective on April 9, 1961.

3. It was resolved that the Rector-elect, Prof. G. Racah; be vested with the powers of the President without the title. Whenever any instrument will require the signature of the President it shall be executed by Prof. Racah as Acting President. The arrangement shall continue until the next meeting of the Board.

4. Mr. G. Liebes was elected Acting Vice President until the next meeting of the Board of Governors.

5. Board of Governors

In accordance with the Statutes of the Constitution one third of the members of the Board retired. New elections were held and the following have been re-elected for a period of 2 years:

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Argentine

Dr. M. Schteingart

Australia

Mr. A.M. Cohen

Belgium

Prof. Ch. Perelman

Brazil

Prof. F. Feigl

Canada

Mr. Allan Bronfman Mr. Justice S. Freedman Mr. M. Greenblatt Mrs. D.P. Gotlieb Prof. J.H. Quastel 2

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Chile

Dr. Luis Lamas

England

Prof. N. Bentwich Sir Isaiah Berlin The Very Rev. I. Brodie Sir Henry d'Avigdor Goldsmid Mr. J. Goodenday Prof. Sir Hans Krebs Dr. A. Lerner Prof. A. Neuberger Lord Victor Rothschild The Rt. Hon. Viscount Samuel Sir Leon Simon Mr. E. Wolff

France

Baron Guy de Rothschild . Mr. Alec Weisweiller

Israel

Mr. D. Auster Prof. H. Bergmann General Y. Dori Mr. Levi Eshkol Dr. J. Foerder Mr. E. Gelber Mr. J. Geri Mr. S. Ginossar Dr. A. Granott Dr. H. Kagan Mr. E. Kenan Mr. A. Klier Dr. J. Kohlberg Mr. E. Leszczynski Mr. B. Locker Mr. Y. Mirelman Mr. S. Miron

Israel(cont'd)

Mr. M. Namir Mr. E. Peri Mr. J. Shapiro Mr. Z. Shazar

South Africa

Mr. R. Frankel The Hon. L. Greenberg Dr. A. Landau Mr. L. Marks

Switzerland

Mr. P. Dreyfus-de Gunsberg Prof. T. Gerdonoff

U.S.A.

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Mr. J. Blaustein Mr. Victor Carter Mr. S. Doniger Dr. J. Garlock Dr. N. Goldmann Mr. L. Guzik Prof. M. Handler Mrs. Ch. Hymes Prof. O. Janowsky Prof. J. Kaplan Mr. S. Katzin Mr. C. Krown Mr. S. Landy Mr. M.A. Leavitt Mr. J. Marshall Mr. J. Mazer Mrs. N.D. Perlman Mr. Daniel G. Ross Mr. N. Schwartz Dr. H.M. Seldin Mrs. R. Shulman Mr. E.M.M. Warburg Dr. I. Wechsler

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Chairman of the Board of Governors

The Board unanimously elected Dr. George S. Wise as Chairman of the Board of Governors for a period of 4 years.

Deputy Chairmen of the Board of Governors

The following were re-elected Deputy Chairmen of the Board for a period of 4 years:

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Mr. D. Auster - Israel

Prof. N. Bentwich - England

Mr. Allan Bronfman - Canada

Dr. A. Lerner - England

Mr. J. Mazer - U.S.A.

Mr. S. Miron - Israel

Mr. D.G. Ross - U.S.A.

Dr. I. Wechsler - U.S.A.
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New members of the Board of Governors

The following were elected as new members of the Board of Governors:

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Canada

Mrs. Harry Cohen

Israel

Prof. G. Racah - ex officio as Rector Prof. B. Mazar - ex officio as Pro-Rector Mr. G. Liebes - ex officio as Acting Vice President Mr. O. Ben Ami Mr. E. Elath Prof. A.H. Fraenkel Mr. J. Glikman Dr. I. Goldstein Mr. D. Horowitz Mr. J. Klebanov Dr. A. Levi Mr. K. Luz Mr. D. Toviahu

Italy

Dr. Astorre Mayer

Mexico

Dr. Adolfo Fastlicht

U.S.A.

Mrs. A. Cahane Mrs. E. Gimbel Mrs. L. Kramarsky Judge L. Levinthal Mr. J. Meyerhof Mr. L. Ratner Mr. B. Swig

Honorary Governors

The following were elected Honorary Governors:

Israel

Prof. M. Buber Sonator M. Koorner

U.S.A.

Mr. J.R. Oppenheimer Mr. C. Rosenbloom Dr. A. Sachar Dr. A.H. Silver

The other Honorary Governors of the University are:

South Africa

The Hon. Mr. Justice M. Bloch The Hon. Mr. Justice E.S. Henochsberg The Hon. Mr. Justice J. Herbstein The Hon. Mr. Justice S.M. Kuper

U.S.A.

Dr. J. Jarcho Dr. D. Kaliski Dr. J. Regeff Mrs. E. Rosensohn

6. Standing Committee of the Board of Gevernors

The following is a list of the members of the Standing Committee until the noxt mosting of the Board of Governors:

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Argentine

Dr. M. Schteingart

Belgium

Prof. C. Perelman

Canada

Mr. Allan Bronfman Mr. Justice S. Freedman Mr. Michael Greenblatt

England

Prof. Norman Bentwich Dr. Alec Lerner Prof. A. Neuberger

Israel

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South Africa

Mr. Rudy Frankel

Switzerland

Prof. T. Gordonoff

U.S.A.

Mr. J. Marshall Mr. J. Mazer Mr. D.G. Ross Dr. I.S. Wechsler

7. Executive Council

Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Executive Council

It was resolved to elect Mr. E. Gelber as Chairman of the Executive Council and Dr. H. Kagan as Vice Chairman of the Executive Council until the next meeting of the Board.

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Members of the Executive Council

The following is a list of the lay members of the Executive Council until the next meeting of the Board of Governors: Mr. G. Liebes - ex officio as Acting Vice President Mr. D. Auster Mr. L. Cohen Dr. J. Foerder Mr. S. Ginossar Mr. J. Klebanov Mr. A. Klier Dr. J. Kohlberg Dr. A. Levi Mr. S. Miron Mr. M. Namir Mr. J. Shapiro Mr. Z. Shazar Dr. Raanan Weitz

8. Permanent Committee

It was resolved that the numerical and physical composition of the Permanent Committee be left to the Executive Council.

9. The Board resolved that the Nominations Committee appointed by it and ocnsisting of Mr. D.G. Ross as Chairman and Mr. Justice S. Freedman, Mr. S. Ginossar, Dr. H. Kagan, Dr. Alec Lerner, Mr. S. Miron and Mr. J. Shapiro as members continue in office. Its duties to include steps towards finding candidates for the Presidency. The Board authorised the Committee to coopt one additional member from the U.S.A.

10. Report of the Committee on Finances

The Board approved the Report of the Committee on Finances as set out in appendix 1.

11. Report of the Academic Committee

The Board approved the Report of the Academic Committee as set out in appendix 2.

12. Report of the Survey Committee

The Bcard approved the Report of the Survey Committee as set out in appendix 3.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Survey Committee the Board appointed the following 4 members as its representatives on the Committee of 8 to study the academic and general structure of the University: Mr. Daniel Auster, Prof. Norman Bentwich, Mr. Edward Gelber, and General Y. Dori. Mr. J. Shapiro will act as alternate.

13. Report of the Constitution Committee

The Board approved a number of changes in the Constitution of the University as set out in appendix 4.

14. Committee on Student Welfare

The Board resolved that a Committee on Student Welfare be established during the sessions of the Board.

15. Steering Committee

It was resolved that the Chairman and Deputy Chairmen of the Board of Governors should meet in Jerusalem a few days before the meeting of the Board in the capacity of a Steering Committee to prepare the agenda.

16. Bublick Prize

The Board decided to award the Bublick Prize for 1961 to Dr. Yehezkel Kaufman, Emeritus Professor of Bible, for his literary-scientific work.

17. Honorary Doctorates

The Board approved unanimously the recommendation of the Senate to confer the degree Ph.D. honoris causa on Dr. Nahum Geldmann. The Board approved unanimously the recommendation of the Senate to confer the degree Doctor Juris Honoris Causa on Judge Leopeld Greenberg and on Mr. Daniel G. Ross.

18. Mount Scopus

The Board repeats its appeal to the Government to continue its endeavours for the recovery and use of the campus of the University on Mount Scopus.

19. Thanks to the Government of Israel and the Jewish Agency

The Board expresses its deep gratitude to the Government of Israel and to the Jewish Agency for their continued and increased support made available to the University.

The Board of Governors places on record its profound gratitude to the Minister of Education, Mr. A. Even, for his address at the meeting of the Board. It greatly appreciates the understanding which the Minister has shown for the problems of higher education in Israel in general and those of the Hebrew University in particular. The Board looks forward to his close cooperation. and assistance in the future work of the University.

20. Thanks to the Societies of Friends

The Board records its deep gratitude to the Societies of Friends throughout the world for their efforts both for the current and development needs of the University and urges them to continue their support in increasing measure to meet the growing needs of the University.

21. Hillel House

The Board of Governors expresses its sincere thanks to the Director of Hillel House for the valuable help in many directions to the student body.

22. Henrietta Szold Centenary

Whereas this year marks the centenary of the birth of Henrietta Szold, foremost among Jewish women of our times, educator, motherf r thousands of Israel's children and above all Israel's great pioneer of health, who envisioned and planned from the beginning the fruitful association between Hadassah and the Hebrew University.

Be it resolved that the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University, recognizing the historic contributions and the noble place of this great woman in the annals of her people, hail the tributes paid to ker memory and gratufully acknowledge its indebtedness to her memory. The speedy completion and full functioning of the Hebrew University- Hadassah Medical School would help embody and give enduring reality to her vision for new generations.

23. Votes of thanks

The Board records its warm gratitude to its Chairman, Dr. George S. Wise, for his constant and continuing unflagging efforts on behalf of the University and for his dedicated leadership.

The Board places on record its profound and sincere appreciation to Prof. B. Mazar on his retirement from the posts of President and Rector which he has held for a period of 9 years. It expresses its deep regret that Prof. Mazar's resignation is caused by ill health and wishes him a full and speedy recovery. The Board conveys to Prof. Mazar its gratitude for the years of unstinted labour and devotion which he has given to the guidance and direction of the University during a most critical period. The magnificent campus at Givat Ram will be a permanent and eloquent testimony to his vision, courage and outstanding leadership. His brilliant archeological and biblical work, despite his preoccupation with the development of the University in all its phases, has inspired universal admiration.

The Board expresses its warm appreciation to Prof. Dvoretzky for his attention and devotion to all phases of the activities of the University during the period of his vice presidency and records its recognition of his outstanding contribution to the growth and development of the University. The Board wishes him a fruitful period of activity during the period of his leave of absence.

The Board records its warm appreciation to Dr. F. Cyril James, Principal and Vice Chancellor of McGill University, Montreal, Canada, for his invaluable assistance and his notable contribution to the Survey Committee during the period of its deliberations over the past two years.

The Board records its deep appreciation of the devoted work of the members of the faculty and administrative and technical staffs, whose services are vital factors in the continued effective progress and development of the University.

APPENDIX 1

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dr. Alec Lerner - Chairman

Members - Mr. A. Bronfman, Frof. A. Dvoretzky, Mr. E. Gelber, Mr. E. Peri. (Mr. J. Forder - absent).

Participated - Mr. Y. Aran, Mr. B. Cherrick, Mr. M. Nisselson, Dr. W. Zander.

1. The Finance Committee notes with satisfaction the current budget for the year 1961/62 as proposed by the Executive Council and recommends that it be adopted by the Board.

2. The Finance Committee is glad to note that the annual deficits tend to decrease from year to year and urges the University authorities to make every effort to continue this trend so that the difference between income and expenditure be eventually eliminated.

3. The Committee expresses its thanks and appreciation to the Government for its contributions and urger it to take note of the expanding needs of the University and to increase its allocations accordingly.

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4. The Committee thanks the Agency for their participation in the budget of the University and urges them to take note of the growing needs of the University and to increase their allocation accordingly.

5. The Committee urges the Board to give priority to the completion of the Medical School, the Jewish National and University Library and the Tel-Aviv building for Law and Economics and to the construction of the buildings for the Schools of Dentistry and Pharmacy.

It urges the Friends of the University all over the world to bend their fundraising efforts for these purposes.

6. The Finance Committee adopts the recommendations of the Survey Committee on building expenditure for the year 1961/62 and takes note of the forecast of building needs for the next 5 years based in the Master-Plan as given in the attached table.

7. The Committee urges the Government of Israel to take account of the serious and urgent financial situation of the University and to do all in their power to assist and cooperate in the consolidation of the University's debts.

8. The Committee notes with satisfaction that the American Friends are pursuing their efforts to secure a loan of $3 \frac{1}{2} - 4$ million dollars on the security of building pledges.

9. The Committee urges the Friends to intensify their efforts for the current needs of the University.

'10. The Chairman and members of the Finance Committee express their thanks to the financial administration of the University for the excellent presentation of the budget and other material and for their invaluable advice and help.

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Buildings	Estimated 5 years 1961/65 (at stable prices)	of this in 1961/62	
	IL.1,000	IL.1,000	
Sprinzak Building	1,000	400	
Tel-Aviv Building for Law and Economics	900	800	
Faculty of Science	10,800	1,000	
Faculty of Agriculture	850	650	
Faculty of Medicine	8,000 MCAN HAVES	4,000	-
School of Dentistry	2,100	250	
School of Pharmacy	1,500	100	
Jewish National and University Library	2,700	l,400	
Development of Grounds	2,000	600	
	29,850	9,200	

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE ON BUILDINGS 1961-1965 (in IL.1,000)

Note: The current budget for 1961/62 comes to about IL.18 million

It is estimated that, at stable prices, the budget in 1965/66 will rise to about IL.22 million.

REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

Prof. N. Bentwich - Chairman

Members - Prof. H. Bergmann, Prof. M. Handler, Mr. G. Liebes, Prof. G. Racah, Dr. H.M. Seldin, Mr. Z. Shazar.

Participated - Prof. U. Heyd, Frof. E. Urbach.

A. Asian and African Studies

The Board welcomes the initiation of Asian and African Studies at the University in accordance with the program drawn up by two committees of the University; stresses the need for training abroad of graduates of the University to be teachers in these subjects and the use of existing fellowships for this purpose; recommends to the University to obtain special funds from Foundations and persons interested in these studies and from the Government of Israel and recommends that power should be given to the Executive Council to decide when the different proposals in the program should be implemented.

The Committee recommended that a graduate of the University now studying African history at Harvard should be appointed to a teaching post when he has completed his studies, and funds should be provided for this purpose.

As soon as a program is adopted information should be given to the major Foundations which are concerned in fostering Asian and African studies.

B. Institute for Research in Jewish Law.

The Committee approved the proposals in principle and recommended that if special funds are provided for the permanent maintenance of the Institute action should be taken to establish the Institute by the Executive Council. The University should cooperate with other institutions of Jewish learning abroad.

C. Institute of Criminology.

The authorities of the University should submit to the next meeting of the Board of Governors a report on the work done by the Institute in the last 3 years, what it proposes to do in the future, and what has been the experience of such institutes in other countries.

D. The reform of the composition of the Senate

It was recommended that a report should be presented to the Board of Governors after two years about the working of the new provisions for the composition of the Senate.

APPENDIX 3

REPORT OF THE SURVEY COM LITEE

The Survey Committee carefully perused the document R oport of the Committee on the Master Plan for the Development of the Hebrew University during the coming five years 1961-1965.

After having noted (a) that many of the proposals and mainly the financial estimates still need further discussion and research, and (b) that the torm "five years" has to be taken with all due reservations, the Survey Committee took the following stand on the proposals:

A. General Proposals

1. The Committee views with favour the proposal that the University should review the academic establishment in the various subjects (to replace that formulated more than ten years ago, which is entirely unsuitable for the present situation).

2. The proper preparation of such an establishment requires a clarification of the duties of teachers of the University. The Committee has taken note with satisfaction that proper regulations have been established in regard to outside employment of teachers and that a committee has been established for the preparation of proposals in regard to teaching load and other duties. The Committee considers that such regulations may help both for the preparation of the establishment and for giving an adequate base for estimating costs required in further expansion of the University. The Committee recommends, therefore, the consideration of the preparation of such regulations as a matter of urgency.

3. Consideration should be given to the need of carefully estimating the financial means required for the eventual execution of the various proposals put forward for more posts, buildings, establishment of laboratories, acquisition of equipment, increase of research budgets, etc.

B. Quantitative Development

1. The Committee views with favour and recommends to continue the efforts made by the University for clarifying the questions of future student population, as it results from changes in the population at large, from possible changes in propensity of high school graduates to come to the University and from policies of the University in regard to admissions and drop-outs.

2. The Committee endorses the recommendation of the Master Plan in regard to the gradual enlargement during . 1961-1965 of the number of admissions of students in the faculties where those numbers are limited, as folows: Mathematics-Physics

Chemistry

Biology

Geology and Geography

Agriculture

Medical Science

200 (instead of the present 160) with the understanding that this will mainly increase the number of students of Physics.

100 (instead of the present 50)

. 100-120 (instead of the present 80-90)

30 (instead of the present 20)

150 (instead of the present 100)

Add about 10-15 for M.Sc. degree in Medicinal Science, and bring to 25 instead of present 20 the number of first-year students admitted to each of the following: Dentistry, Pharmacy and Bacteriology.

Taking into consideration the needs of the country in the fields of the sciences and agriculture, the Survey Committee considers those enlargements as top priority and recommends to the Board of Governors that it find the adequate financial means for the building and equipment budgets and for the current budgets required.

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3. a) In regard to the Faculties of Humanities, Social Sciences and Law, the Committee is ready to endorse provisionally the continuation of the present policy of "open door" with increasing limitations for non-matriculated students. However, in view of the large increase in the number of students forecast for the period after 1965 and taking also into consideration the grave academic and financial consequences eventually involved, the Committee considers as a matter of great importance and urgency that the whole policy of admissions should be reconsidered by the proper University bodies.

b) These bodies are asked to study the academic, political, social and financial implications of any policy changes that would limit numerically the admissions in these three Faculties in such ways as admitting only the students having certain performance in high school matriculation, limiting admissions only to those students who pass qualifying examinations for University admission and in similar ways. The University authorities should consider in due course the possibility of additional means of determining admissibility of students such as psychological tests and proper **rei**entation of new students.

c) The University should also consider admission under exceptional conditions of outstanding persons at the examinations of the end of the first year, even if they have not participated in the first year.

4. The Committee fully endorses the proposals of the Master Plan Committee in regard to reducing the drop-out, notes with satisfaction that the matter is under proper consideration by the academic authorities of the Faculties concerned and asks to consider further study and implementation as urgent.

5. The Committee endorses the idea that the development in the admission of students at the Bachelor stage in Jerusalem cannot indefinitely be enlarged, and that a solution may lie in the development of local colleges outside Jerusalem.

C. Qualitative Development

1. The following building activities must be seen as first priorities and adequate funds for them must be secured as speedily as possible.

a) Completion of the Library building, the Medical School building and the building for the branches of the Faculties of Law and Social Sciences in Tel Aviv.

b) The addition of two floors in the Sprinzak building.

c) Continuation of buildings required for the Faculty of Sciences in Jerusalem.

2. a) In the Faculty of Humanities, the Committee recommends the approval of the projects of Asian Studies, African Studies, Russian Studies and Comparative Literature.

b) In the Faculties of Social Sciences and Law, the Committee stresses the need of making every effort for implementing the proper development of the Tel Aviv Branch.

- 3. The Committee considers that the changing structure of the country will require revision in the present plan for teaching and research at the University. It requests the University authorities to survey and submit periodically any proposal for such changes to the Board of Governors. It also requests the University authorities to take the initiative in coordinating research and teaching activities in the sciences with other governmental and educational bodies in the country.
- 4. The Survey Committee recommends to the Board that the Committee be continued for one more year and that it submit a final report at the meeting of the Board in 1962.
- 5. The Survey Committee recommends that a special committee be formed consisting of four members appointed by the Senate and four members appointed by the Board of Governors to study academic and general University structure.

APPENDIX 4

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AMENDMENTS IN THE CONSTITUTION ADOPTED AT THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, March 20-23, 1961.

Constitution Committee

Mr. Justice S. Freedman - Chairman

Members - Prof. N. Bentwich, Mr. D.G. Ross, Mr. J. Shapiro, Mr. E. Wolff, Mr. D. Auster (absent), The Hon. Mr. Justice L. Greenberg (absent).

Preamble

WHEREAS the Hebrew University of Jerusalem was opened in the year 1925 in pursuance of the Zionist aspirations of the Jewish people, and

WHEREAS the University has hitherto been legally an Association established under the Ottoman Law of Societies, and

WHEREAS under the Israel Law concerning the Council for Higher Education 5718-1959 is recognised as a Corporation, and

WHEREAS it is desired to give the University a Constitution for the conduct of its academic and administrative affairs, and

WHEREAS such constitution should give expression to the joint responsibilities of the people of Israel and of the Jews outside Israel for the University.

Article 2

The University, established in 1925 and hitherto functioning under the rules of the Hebrew University Association which was established under the Ottoman Law of Societies, is constituted under the Israel Law for the Council for Eigher Education a corporation by the name of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

The General Statutes

Article 2(b) shall read: the ex officio Governors shall be : the President and Vice President or Vice Presidents, the Rector and Pro-Rector.

Article 5

The first sentence shall read: The Board shall meet at least once each year.

Article 9 (d)

The paragraph shall be deleted.

Article 10 (a)

The pare shall read: The Board shall appoint at each Ordinary Meeting a Standing Committee to be composed of not more than 30 members. One half of the members shall be from Israel, including the President, the Vice President or Vice Presidents and the Rector, if the Rector is separate from the President and the Pro-Rector. The other half shall be from outside Israel and shall be distributed as follows: 5 from the U.S.A., 3 each from the United Kingdom and from Canada, 1 from Belgium, 1 from the Argentine and the rest from any other countries as may be decided at such Ordinary Meetings.

Article 10 (c)

The Stanling Committee shall meet whenever the Chairman of the Boarl may find it necessary to convene the meeting or on the request of not less than 1/4 (one quarter) of the members of the Committee. The meeting of the Standing Committee shall be held at a place and on **a** date to be fixed by the Chairman or in his absence by any of the Deputy Chairmen.

Article 10 (d)

The Committee shall have all the powers of the Board other than those of making changes in the Constitution and of electing the officers of the University and the members of the Board.

Article 11 dealing with the Interim Committee shall be deleted.

Article 12 (b) shall read: The non-academic members shall consist of 6 representatives of the Government of Israel, the President, ex officio, if he be not the Rector, the Vice President or person acting as such, and not more than 14 other persons appointed from time to time by the Board of Governors from amongst the appointed Governors habitually resident in Israel and from other persons habitually resident in Israel. Provided that at least one half of the members so appointed shall consist of members of the Board and provided that the Chairman or any Deputy Chairman of the Board present in Israel shall be entitled to attend the meeting and have all the rights of a member and provided further that no person holding a salaried post in the University, whether academic or non-academic, shall be eligible for such appointment, and provided further that in the event of the Government of Israel failing to exercise the above rights of appointment within three months after being called upon by the Board of Governors to do so, the Standing Committee of the Board shall have the right to fill the wacancy or vacancies, the person or persons so appointed to hold the office until the Government of Israel make the appointment and in any case for not less than one year.

Article 13 (a)

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The Chairman of the Board of Governors, if habitually resident in Israel, shall be the Chairman of the Executive Council. Subject to that the Board of Governors shall elect a Chairman and a Vice Chairman of the Executive Council from amongst the lay members of the Council, etc.

Article 19 (The Senate) shall read:

The Senate shall be composed of:

- (i) all full Professors of the University;
- (ii) the Deans of the Faculties;
- (iii) the Director of the Jewish National and University Library;
- (iv) a number of Associate Professors and Lecturers elected by and representing the general body of such Professors and Lecturers elected by and representing the general body of such Professors and Lecturers in the ratio of one to four of the total number of Full Professors. If the number of Full Professors divided by 4 loaves the balance of 3, they will be given an additional representative. The representatives of the Associate Professors and Lecturers will be chosen by the Boards of Faculties. The Standing Committee of the Senate will fix the representation each year according to the number of Full Professors;
- (v) a number of Instructors elected by each Faculty on the basis of one representative for every 10 Instructors. In case the number of Instructors in a Faculty is less than 10, these Instructors will be added to those of another Faculty in accordance with a decision of the Standing Committee of the Senate. There will be chosen an alternate to each representative of the Faculty who will assume his office in case the representative is unable to continue his membership for valid reasons or because of his promotion to a higher grade.
- (vi) the representatives of the Tel Aviv branches of the Faculties of Law and Social Sciences in accordance with the agreement made concerning the merging of the Tel Aviv School of Law and Economics with the University.
- (vii) such other members of the academic staff as the Senate may from time to time appoint as members of the Senate, with a view to securing representation for subjects not otherwise represented for the time being in the Senate.

The members elected or appointed under sub-paras (ii),(iii), (iv) and (v) of this clause shall be elected or appointed for a period of two years and shall thereafter be eligible for reelection or re-appointment.

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS

חבר הנאמנים

30th March, 1961.

Dr. A.H. Silver The Temple East 105th Street and Ansel Road Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver,

I have great pleasure in informing you that, in recognition of your great services to the University, the Board of Governors at its meeting held in Jerusalem on March 20-23, 1961, decided to elect you an Honorary Governor on the completion of your term of office as member of the Board.

I wish to take this opportunity of expressing our personal thanks for your work for the University over so many years and telling you how much I look forward to further cooperation with you in the future.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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George S. Wise Chairman of the Board of Governors

April 28, 1961

My dear Mr. Wise:

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Please permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of March 30th in which you inform me that the Board of Governors of the University has elected me an Honorary Governor. I deeply appreciate the honor. I hope to be in Israel again this fall and will give myself the pleasure of visiting the great institution of learning again.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Mr. George S. Wise Chairman of the Board of Governors The Hebrew University of Jerusalem Jerusalem, Israel

VIA AIR MAIL

האוניברסיטה העברית בירושלים The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY JEWRY

המכון ליהדות זמננו

18th August 1961

Dr Abba Hillel Silver The Temple East-105th Street and Ansel Road Cleveland/OHIO

U.S.A.

Dear Dr Silver,

In his letter of the 18th December Professor Mazar mentioned the wish of the Oral History Centre of the Hebrew University's Institute of Contemporary Jewry to make recordings with you about some of your views and experiences. We appreciate that these recordings never materialised as you were unable to come to Israel, but now that one of our interviewers is about to spend a few months in the United States I am taking the opportunity to raise the matter with you again.

The concept of oral history is probably familiar to you from the work of the Oral History Centre at Columbia University which was founded by Professor Allan Nevins: its objectives are to tape-record interviews with leading figures so as to obtain a permanent record of their experiences, views and mature wisdom.

In the framework of the Hebrew University's Institute of Contemporary Jewry we have established such a Centre in conjunction with our research into modern Jewish history, and we would regard an interview with you as an extremely important contribution to Jewish historiography.

Our method of work is as follows. The interviewer is a trained research worker who specialises in the particular sphere into which the interview falls. After a preliminary conversation, the interviewer prepares a questionnaire which serves both him and the interviewee as a guide, although it is at all times regarded as flexible. The interviews are generally carried out in sessions of from one to two hours, and there can be as many as the subject warrants. A transcript is prepared of the recording and forwarded to the interviewee for his editing and correcting, and it is this final version which is deposited in our archives. Our objective is to prepare documentation for future historians; and in order to ensure the most truthful and candid results we are prepared to promise the interviewees that the subject matter will not be consulted without their permission, or even to impose an over-all embargo on its use for a required number of years (although needless to say we do prefer the minimum of such restrictions). Hitherto our work has been confined to interviews recorded inside Israel, but next month one of our interviewers will be going on our behalf to the United States for a period of three months; and this gives us our first opportunity to make recordings outside Israel. You will, I am sure, understand when we turn to you for one of our very first interviews.

There are many subjects about which we should like to talk to you. As a first suggestion I would propose an account of the behind-the-scenes struggle for the Jewish State - in other words, the political activities of the Jewish Agency in America, 1945-48. The actual details could be discussed between yourself and our interviewer at a preliminary meeting, but we should like to know whether you agree in principle to our suggestion of an interview with you on this topic (or another subject that you might feel is insufficiently documented and upon which you could throw light based on your long and valuable experience).

I should be grateful if you would let us have your reply as soon as possible, and we very much hope that it will be positive in view of the value we attach to interviewing you.

Sincerely yours,

Guffrey Wigoder

Geoffrey Wigoder, Director ORAL HISTORY CENTRE

THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM



Dr Abba Hillel Silver The Temple East-105th Street and Ansel Road Cleveland/OHIO

U.S.A.

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

August 30, 1961

Mr. Geoffrey Wigoder, Director Oral History Centre The Hebrew University of Jerusalem Jerusalem Israel

My dear Mr. Wigoder:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of August 18th. When your interviewer arrives in the United States, please have him get in touch with me.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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December 13, 1961

My dear Father Hesburgh:

It was a delight to meet you the other day and I hope that we shall have the pleasure of meeting soon again.

You were interested in the impressions which I gained during my recent visit to the Soviet Union. I am sending you herewith the two lectures which I delivered at the Temple on this subject.

With warmest repards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Father T. Hesburgh President Notre Dame University South Bend, Indiana

Enclosures

MOSES SCHONFELD GREACEN POINT MAMARONECK, N. Y.

March 10, 1962

Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Next Tuesday evening I am flying to Israel to join my colleagues who will make up the American delegation to the annual meeting of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University.

The National Board of the American Friends of the Hebrew University has unanimously endorsed the candidacy of Dr. George Wise for President of the University. Dr. Wise is prepared to settle in Israel permanently and give the University his administrative know-how, of which he has acquired an abundance in his successful academic and business careers.

You are familiar with Dr. Wise's dynamic stewardship as Chairman of the Board of Governors. We still recall your inspiring address at the Scopus Award Dinner for the University, at which Dr. Wise also participated. We are all satisfied that Dr. Wise can make an enormous contribution to the future well-being of the University.

A message of good will from you, supporting the nomination of Dr. Wise, will add enormously to his election prospects. As you probably know he is, at present, the only candidate. Please send your message by air mail and/or cable to either Daniel Ross or myself c/o the American delegation, King David Hotel, Jerusalem.

Incidentally, representatives of leading American organizations connected with the University, including Hadassah and the Women's League for Israel, are supporting Dr. Wise because his high qualifications assure an independent administration in which we can continue to play a constructive role.

With kind personal regards to you and Mrs. Silver, in which my wife joins, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

PRIVATE

April 9, 1962

American Friends of The Hebrew University 11 East 69th Street New York 21, New York

Gentlemen:

Will you kindly let me have Mr. Eliyahu Ellat's present address? Thank you.

Kindest regards.

Cordially yours,

Beatrice F. May (Mrs.) Secretary to Dr. Silver

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT SHERMAN BUILDING משרד הנשיא בנין שרמן

29 April 1962

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, The Temple, University Circle at Silver Park, Cleveland 6, Ohio.

My dear Friend,

Thank you so much for your kind letter and your good wishes on my election to the Presidency of the Hebrew University.

I appreciate what you say as coming from such an old and good friend like yourself.

Both my wife and I will be delighted to see you when you come to Jerusalem, and I hope that there will be an opportunity for us to meet if I visit the United States before then.

With affectionate regards to you and Mrs. Silver in which my wife joins,

Yours very sincerely,

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MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL CLEVELAND OF 1800 EAST ONE HUNDRED FIFTH STREET

office of the DIRECTOR

May 18, 1962

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Dear Rabbi:

Enclosed for your use is a key to the hospital's new chaplain's office. This is located next to the Prayer Room on the first floor of Building B, just across from the information desk.

We hope that you will feel free to make use of the office when you come to the hospital to visit members of your congregation.

The chaplain's office or the Prayer Room itself may on occasion also provide the proper place for meeting with members of a patient's family. We are pleased that we are finally able to provide suitable facilities for these purposes, and we hope that you will find them of real assistance to you.

Dr. Silver's Desk drawer

Since ely yours, Sidney Lewine Director

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AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

July 3, 1962

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple E. 105th Street & Silver Park Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It gives me great pleasure to send you this official notification of your reelection as a member of the Board of Directors of the American Friends of the Hebrew University at the Annual Membership Meeting held at University House on June 12, 1962.

As the new administration gets under way, it is my profound hope that our organization will enjoy the full benefits of your abilities and of your dedication to the Hebrew University.

The forthcoming period will be a crucial one in the history of the University, requiring greatly intensified efforts on our part to provide urgently needed funds and to strengthen support for the unique institution of higher learning which we are privileged to serve.

I am confident that, working together, we will meet the challenge before us.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours hilling

Philip G. Whitman President II EAST SIXTY-NINTH STREET, NEW YORK 21, N. Y., YUkon 8-8400

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver THE TEMPLE Ansel Road and E. 105 Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

This morning I called your office and found that you would be out of town until November 6.

I certainly hope that you had a pleasant and restful cruise -- and that the "ship to shore" telephone wasn't a problem for you.

Rabbi William Z. Novick, the new Executive Vice President of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, and I would like to meet with you and Leonard Ratner, and perhaps one or two others on either Monday, November 11, or Wednesday, November 13 -- at lunch, or at dinner, whichever is suitable.

If these dates are not suitable, we would, of course, find another time convenient for you.

The purpose of our visit is to seek guidance from you and Mr. Ratner on developing further support for the University from Cleveland.

We would also like to bring you up to date on several very major gifts for which we are negotiating in nearby communities, and on which we would like your advice.

I sincerely hope that we can get together very soon.

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Sincerely.

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Rabbi William Z. Novick cc:

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EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT, American Friends of the Hebrew University, Inc. MEMBER of National Panel of Arbitrators, American Arbitration Association since 1943 MEMBER of Board of Directors of Group Health Insurance, Inc., since 1947 PRESIDENT of Walden School. Former Vice-President and Member of the Board since 1939 ASSISTANT TREASURER amd Member of the Board of Directors of Sydenham Hospital since 1947 MEMBER of Lay Advisory Board of Morrisania Hospital MEMBER of Board of Directors of Urban League of Greater New York, Inc.

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MEMBER of the Board of the Westchester Family Welfare Society

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PRESIDENT of Amalgamated Bank of New York (1945-1951) DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT of Yeshiva University including Albert Einstein College

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MEMBER of Steering Committee of Advisory Council on Participation of National Organizations in Midcentury White House Conference on Children and Youth, and Conference Delegate in 1949 and 1959

MEMBER of Board of Directors of National Jewish Welfare Board and of its National Executive Committee (1942-1949)

MEMBER of Steering Committee and Executive Committee of American Jewish Congress; Member of AJC Commission on Law and Social Action (1945-1951)

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT of Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropies of New York (1937-1945)

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TREASURER of the Committee for Public Understanding of Epilepsy (1953-1956)

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TREASURER of National Conference of Jewish Social Welfare (1941-1945)

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