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December 17, 1948

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple
Ansel Rd. and East 105th
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

We cordially invite you to extend a welcome greeting to Isaac Ben Zvi, former President of the Vaad Leumi in Israel and member of Israel Government Council, who is scheduled to appear in Cleveland on December 23rd, Thursday evening at 8:30 P.M. at Spira Hall, Temple on the Heights, 3130 Mayfield Rd. The distinguished Dr. Ben Zvi, as President of the Vaad Leumi, is respected by all groups and parties in Israel.

We shall greatly appreciate your presence and hope to hear of your acceptance.

Sincerely yours,

Israel Histadrut Committee
of Cleveland.

Nahum Moxson
Nahum Moxson, Executive Director.

NM/s

December 20, 1948

Mr. Nahum Moxson, Executive Director
Histadrut Campaign
1643 Lee Road
Cleveland 18, Ohio

My dear Friend:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of December 17th and for your invitation to extend a welcome to Isaac Ben Zvi when he comes to Cleveland on December 23rd. I should have been most happy to do so. Unfortunately I shall be in New York on that day attending a meeting of the Executive of the Jewish Agency and also officiating at the wedding service of the daughter of my dear friend, Dr. Emanuel Neumann.

Please convey my warmest greetings to Mr. Ben Zvi. He is one of the pioneers and builders of Israel. Not only as President of the Vaad Leumi but in many other significant roles he has served the cause of the rebuilding of Israel's national life in its ancestral home. I have known Mr. Ben Zvi for many years. I have worked with him on many occasions. I know how universally respected and loved he is. It is a great honor to our community to welcome such a distinguished guest, and I trust that his mission here will be successful.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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יום ה', כ"ט בשבט, תש"י, 16 בפברואר, 1950.

לכבוד ד"ר אבא הלל סילוור - שלום וברכה!

כידוע לך בא לכאן, על פי הזמנת ההסתדרות העברית, המשורר
העברי הדגול של ימינו של יצחק של אגודת הסופרים העבריים
בישראל. ובעוד ימים אחדים יצא למיור על פני ערי אמריקה.

האורח יבקר בקלינולאנד ביום 13 באפריל, מקום שם יערך
לכבודו נשף גדול.

ובשם כל חברי בוועד אני מבקש מאתך בקשה רבה להיות הנואם
הראשי בנשף זה. זו היא לא רק משאלתנו אנו כי אם גם
משאלתם של חברינו הקלינולאנדיים. הם יודעים שבהשתתפותך
אתה תובטח הצלחתה הגמורה של אספה זו הבאה לתת כבוד לאחד
הבנים המפוארים של השירה העברית החדשה.

מובן מאליו שאין צורך לדבר אך ורק על האורח, כי אם בכלל
על שותפות-ההרות של מדינת ישראל ויהדות אמריקה.

מקווה אני שתיענה להזמנתנו ולתשובתך הטובה אצפה.

שלך בברכה כל טוב,

מ. ריבולוב.

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February 20, 1950

Mr. Menachem Ribalow
Histadruth Ivrit
165 West 46th Street
New York 19, New York

My dear Mr. Ribalow:

Thank you for your letter of February 16th. I am very pleased to learn that Mr. Shalom will visit Cleveland on April 13th and I shall make every effort to attend the meeting and to participate in the program.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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UNDER THE AUSPICES OF

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Thursday, April 13th, 1950 - 8:30 P.M.

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אוגוסט 7, 1950

לכבוד דר. אבא הלל סילבר
קליבלנד, אוהיו

אדון נכבד:

במעטפה מיוחדת אני ממציא לך טופס של גליון "הדואר"
החדש לישראל שבו נדפס נאומך שנאמת בנוסף קבלת הפנים
לש. שלום בקליבלנד. קראנו את שם המאמר "מהרצל לאחד
העם". -- בטוחני כי חמצא את חובנו של הגליון השני של
הדואר החדש מענין עד מאוד.

בהיותי בשיקאגו קויחתי לבלות אתך רגעים אחדים בשיחה
על מקומן של הפעולות העבריות בהכניית הסתדרות הציונית
באמריקה, אולם אתה עזבת את שיקאגו קודם ששערהי.

אקוה להפגש אתך אחרי שובי מן הקונגרס העברי העולמי
בירושלים לשם וויכוח קצר.

בברכה קיץ נעים מאוד, שלך,

למח/2/1/2
שמואל י. בורובסקי,
נשיא

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כבוד
הרב דר' אבא הלל סילבר,
קליבלנד, אוהיו

הרב דר' סילבר הנכבד מאוד:

תרשה נא לי לפנות אליך בבקשתי הבאה:
באספה הכללית של אגודתנו נתקבלה לפני זמן-מה הצעתי
על "חמשה רגעים עברית", שכוונתה, כי בכל אספה, חגיגה, כנוס
והצגה, רדיו ובית כנסת וכו' - יוקדו חמשה רגעים לדבור
העברי, לשם הפצת והכרת שפתנו הלאומית, בכל מקום בו נשמעות
השפות אנגלית, אידיש וכו'.

הנסיונות במיאמי רבתי הוכתרו בהצלחה גדולה
ובטוחני כי הדבר יכול להיות לתועלת לשפתנו בכל מקום
שהוא, בארצות התפוצה.

רוצני להביא את ההצעה הנ"ל לקונגרס העברי העולמי
העומד להתכנס בירושלים ורוצני לצרף להצתי את חות-דעתם של
אנשי שם בארץ זאת.

לכן, אודה מאוד לכבודך, אם תכבדני בתשובתך וחות-דעתך
בנוגע להצעתי הנ"ל, בדואר-חוזר, היות ואני מתכוונן להוציא בקשר
להנ"ל חוברת קטנה, והזמן דוחק.

ברגשי תודה וכבוד,

פנחס פושקוף

פנחס פושקוף

ההסתדרות העברית באמריקה - סניף קליבלנד

Histadruth Ivrit of America -- Cleveland Section

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הרב ישראל פורת, נשיא הכבוד

כ"א אדר, תש"ו
(ס' אדר, 1950)

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THE HEBREW ARTS FOUNDATION

HISTADRUTH IVRITH OF AMERICA

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September 30, 1953

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am writing this letter regarding the Hebrew Arts film project on the basis of a conversation between Dr. Gamoran and yourself. We both feel deeply about the project described and we hope you will share this feeling.

First, a word about the Hebrew Arts Foundation. In the course of the years of its existence, the Hebrew Arts Foundation has earned a unique place in the Hebraic educational constellation because of its pioneer efforts in the utilization of Hebraic content via the arts. Two years ago, for example, it added to its roster of activities a new venture -- a music and dance school which prepared Hebraic materials for the use of schools throughout the country. It is because we feel that this organization is constantly striving towards new forms in the field of Hebrew education that we are so actively associated with it and devote so much time to its continued development.

Now to the specific project we have in mind, and for which we seek your help -- the Hebrew Arts Song Film.

For some time now, the HAF has been producing Hebrew song films. Through the medium of sound-on-film, a Hebrew song is taught with choral rendition and visualization. The song appears on the screen with the words in Hebrew and English transliteration, and it is repeated several times in different forms. In three minutes the audience is singing a new Hebrew song through this exciting method of presentation. Already on film are Hashiveinu, Tzena-Tzena, Shabbat Shalom, and Dunam Po (prepared for the Jewish National Fund).

Thus far each film has been based on a Hebrew song out of the repertoire of traditional Zionist or contemporary Israeli musical literature. But now we have come to a new step in our program in which we are anxious to enlist your interest and support. We plan the production of a Hebrew song film that has its roots and origin in American tradition. As a Hebrew cultural contribution to the Tercentenary celebration, the theme we are proposing for the next film song, is the Biblical verse on the Liberty Bell *וְהָיָה כְּהַדְבָּר הַזֶּה*. The music should be written by an American composer. This is the direction which we know you would like Hebraic activity in this country to take: The creation of Hebraic content material in America which could be used in Israel just as we have been free to explore the Hebraic cultural achievements of Israel.

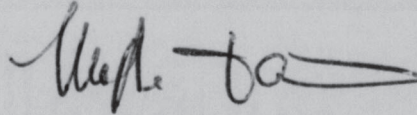
We propose the establishment of a \$500 award in a competition for the best musical composition written to this Biblical verse. The award is to be known as the Abba Hillel Silver award, and we will obviously give full acknowledgement that the film was made possible through the Abba Hillel Silver Foundation. The film to be produced from the song will cost an estimated \$2,000. We are, therefore, writing to ask whether your foundation will underwrite this film to the extent of \$2,500.

Although this has been a long letter, I feel that I have barely explored the possibilities. If you are interested, we will be willing to show you, when you next come to New York, some of the song films which have been produced. (Incidentally, the communication center of Columbia University is so intrigued by our work that they have undertaken to become the distributing agents of our films. They feel that we have pioneered in the whole field of language instruction and they want to bring our work to the attention of colleges and universities.)

Do let me know at your earliest opportunity whether you are interested in this suggestion, for it is our plan to have this film ready in the spring of the year, so that we will have ample time to distribute it widely as part of the forthcoming Tercentenary celebration.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Gamoran, for he may wish to add his own interpretation and explanation of the project in a separate communication.

Yours, as ever,


Moshe Davis

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

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The Traditional Annual Dinner of the Histadruth Ivrit of America will be held on Sunday evening, February 20, 1955 at the Commodore Hotel. This year's Dinner will mark the Tercentenary Celebration of American Jewry, with stress on the contribution of Hebrew culture in this country. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, head of the Jewish Agency, will be the Guest of Honor.

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I deem it a privilege to serve as Chairman of this significant event. Like yourself, I am firmly convinced that the best way to insure the dignified and creative continuity of our people is through the knowledge and dissemination of the Hebrew language and culture among the Jews of America.

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The task of keeping Hebrew alive in this country, not only as a means of enriching the cultural life of our people here, but also as a medium for strengthening the link between American Jewry and the people of Israel, is being carried on by the Histadruth Ivrit of America. It is hardly necessary for me to outline the important program of activities of the Histadruth Ivrit.

Secretary

JUDAH WATTENBERG

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I am inviting heads of national Jewish organizations and institutions of Jewish higher learning to serve as Honorary Chairmen at the forthcoming Jubilee Dinner and I would appreciate it if you will accept our cordial invitation and lend your name to this important function.

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Will you be good enough to indicate your acceptance on the enclosed card?

Sincerely yours,

JR Elyachar
J. R. Elyachar, Chairman
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A Symposium

Conducted by Dr. Jakob Rosenthal

March 24, 1955

Subject: YOUR OPINION ON

THE HEBREW LANGUAGE

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Dear Dr. Silver:

Permit me, please, to approach you on the following matter:

The Histadruth Ivrit of America, the national Agency for the promotion of the Hebrew Language and Culture in this country, is now engaged in the compilation of a work devoted to the role of the Hebrew Language in civilization.

The contemplated work, entitled THE BOOK OF THE HEBREW TONGUE (Its Place in History and Civilization), will be the first of its kind to be published on American soil. It will appear in English and Hebrew editions.

Edited by Dr. Simon Federbush, the book will endeavour to cover all aspects of the lore and literature bearing on the Hebrew tongue from its very beginnings in the Biblical era, to the present day. It is now, as you know, the living tongue of modern Israel.

The distinguished editor, a well-known figure on the American Jewish scene as well as a prominent World Jewish leader, is a noted scholar in his own right, author of "The State Law in Israel", and other important works.

A feature in the book will consist of a collection of opinions of eminent men in various fields of human endeavour on these two questions:

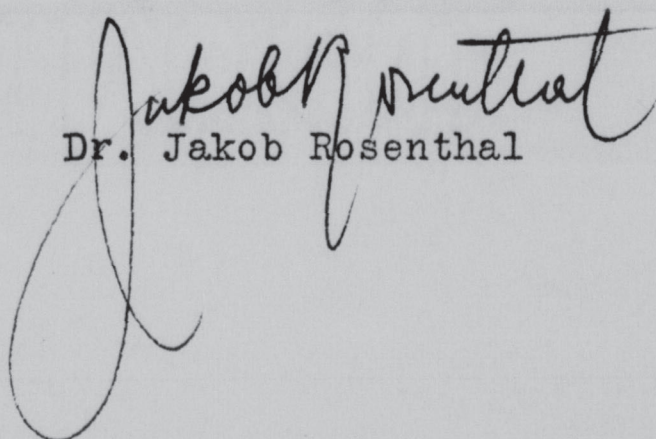
1. The Impact of the Hebrew Language on Civilization
2. Hebrew's Role in America's History

Your kind participation in this important symposium on a truly great subject will therefore be highly appreciated. It will certainly contribute to the enhancement of the book and tend to enrich the knowledge it will transmit.

May I add that a statement coming from you whom the Jews throughout the world hold in special affection and esteem, will in no small measure lend dignity and strength to our cause.

Looking forward to the honor of receiving your kind cooperation in this matter,

Respectfully yours,


Dr. Jakob Rosenthal

April 1, 1955

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My dear Dr. Rosenthal:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of March 24th.

In reference to your request that I contribute a statement for a contemplated work in which you are now engaged, "The Book of the Hebrew Tongue," I should like to say that I have frequently expressed myself on the Hebrew language and its importance to the Jewish people. I am enclosing herewith an address which I delivered in 1950 before the Central Conference of American Rabbis, and on pages 12 to 14 you will find a statement on my conception of the role of the Hebrew language in Jewish history, which you are privileged to use in your forthcoming volume, if you desire.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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