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Jerusalem.

3rd August, 1952.

Dear Dr. Silver,

This time I am writing to you after the victory at the Z.O.A. Convention. All of us know quite well that this victory could not have been achieved without your moral support, and had it not been known that you had given your blessing to Rabbi Miller.

The last few years we nearly got used to bad things and events have not always taken the anticipated results. Disappointments prevailed more often than pleasant surprises. It is, therefore, in my belief, no exaggeration to say that at long last events have taken a decisive turn to the better, and this was a victory well deserved.

It is now up to us, all of us, to see that this victory should be rightly capitalized and should not be just a temporary change to the better.

Sooner or later some kind of a counter-attack should be expected and, therefore, the time now should be wisely used so that our positions should be unassailable.

I have heard about your support of opening an office of ours in the States, in your letter to Dr. Bernstein, and I can only say how right you are. It is for years that I am clamouring for such a nerve-centre of ours over there. I do hope that this time it will be done and done urgently.

In the last two years I have had the honour and privilege of meeting you three times for prolonged talks. The first time at the 'Stevens' in Chicago. After a while we again had a long talk at your hotel in Paris, and then again

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in Haifa during your visit to Israel. I need not say that these are memorable talks to me and I have always been quite overwhelmed by your approach. On these various occasions I maintained that it is only a question of time until things will take a turn to the better and we were, therefore, called upon not to give in but to keep going in spite of all temporary set-backs.

I quite realize that the job is not yet done and work only begins now, but still after fighting an up-hill battle all the time we might say that we have at long last stormed a very important height.

There is no special purpose in my writing this letter, but just an inner urge to write to you, who are to all of us, the guiding spirit towards a revitalization of the World Zionist Movement.

Please accept my best wishes and do remember me to Mrs. Silver.

Yours sincerely

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September 23, 1952

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver East 105th Street at Ansel Road Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Ambassador has shown me the exchange of correspondence between you and him regarding Mr. James Michener. We shall certainly follow up the effective start you made. Before taking any steps to this end, however, it occurs to me that you might, on the basis of your own talk with him, care to make some specific suggestion in this direction. CHIVES

With very good wishes for the New Year,

Sincerely yours,

M. Harry Levin Counselor

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September 26, 1952

Mr. Y. Harry Levin Embassy of Israel 1621 22nd Street Washington 8, D.C.

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My dear Mr. Levin:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 23rd. Perhaps someone in the literary field who knows Mr. Michener should have a preliminary talk with him, to be followed up by contact by yourself and the Ambassador. I understand that some of his works have been published by Random House. Perhaps someone in that organization friendly to Israel would make the preliminary contact.

Under some proper auspices, Mr. Michener might be invited to visit Israel.

With all good wishes for the coming year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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October 1, 1952

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver East 105th Street at Ansel Road Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your letter of September 26th in connection with James Michener.

I had several general channels in the publishing and film world in mind and had already got someone moving in the latter sphere. I thought, however, that possibly your conversation with Michener might have thrown up something more specific. than I had thought of.

As Ambassador Eban mentioned, we shall, after meeting him, certainly see that he is invited to visit Israel.

Sincerely yours,

Y. Harry Levin

Counselor

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לכבוד ד"ר אבא הלל סילבר, ניו-יורק.

ד"ר סילבר היקר,

בחבילה מיוחדת הרינו שולחים לך את שלושת הספרים שהוצאנו לאחרונה והם:

- (א) המשנה, סדר מועד, מפורש בידי חנוך אלבק ובניקוד של חנוך ילון;
 - (ב) ראובן ואלנרוד בין חומות ניו-יורק;
 - (ג) מרדכי אנטוקולטקי הכרונות וצרור מכתבים.

אני מקווה שהספרים יגיעו אליך כעבור חודש ימים, לערך, ומאוד אשמח לשמוע את חוות-דעתך עליהם.

כעת גמצא בדפוס הסדר השני של המשנה, סדר נזיקין, ואנו תקווה שהכרך יצא לאור לקראת חג הפסח. הסדר השלישי יהיה או סדר זרעים או סדר נשים, והוא יופיע, כנראה, לקראת ראש השנה תשי"ד.

אל-נכון יעניין אותך לדעת, שאנו עומדים להוציא עד סוף האביב ש.ז. עוד שני ספרים של סופרים עברים מארה"ב והם: "באבלי כוש" (שירים) מאת א. א. ליסיצקי ו"נר מול כוכבים" (שירים) מאת גבריאל פרייל.

הוצאתם של ספרים אלה אינה מקרה,כמובן, שכן מוסד ביאליק כמוסד ספרותי-לאומי של התנועה הציונית העולמית רואה חובה לעצמו לטפח את היצירה העברית, בפרט המקורית, לא רק בארץ אלא גם בתפוצות, כל ששכינת היצירה שרוייה בה.

במיטב הברכות, שלך

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בהצבתות שיק התוסטתן האווולסה כיטיי זנגובותין אזראות שיבן הכולךה שש בכבותים שקבותין בשינת שיני בנית ניתוזות נשזואו כז סען סידו שורתזעתני. אתרי ובאו תשעת אשגוע שאצרתי זאותני להצב בריאותי בסצר. אב איזנשוני הענר שוזי את תצטירן בצוך

ריבטד שנונטרטע ב גברי אני וטוז זוינות אות דידרק שתסני גצון שתרומי היצר היברוע הירב גויקרוע כוא נצוי שנישו אענם נסידנות היצה גם גויקרוע ואיג גיטרוג השנה היגעו האענם נסידנות היצה גם ארשיו והיצה היטרוג השנה היגעו האענ שלים זהגשואה בית היון קרוב זי נוסטת שנים, בקרנ אות היגנוע וטטע הכזת קרי גע נצרי הברעו אות הי נוסטו תבואות קרי גע נצרי הבואות תורך.

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April 8, 1953

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

The hostility of the Soviet Union to the State of Israel and its savage campaign of anti-Jewish incitement must be regarded as events of historic significance to Jews everywhere. Both the Government of Israel and the Jewish community in the United States share a common responsibility in regard to the fate of two and a half million Jews in East Europe and the protection of the Jewish interests involved. Thus they have a common interest in ensuring that the response shall serve Jewish welfare, security and dignity in the fullest possible measure.

In our several ways we shall all be affected by what we do and how we bear ourselves in this grave hour. There can be no doubt that it is in the capacity of the Jewish people to withstand the assault.

I have, therefore, been directed by Mr. Abba Eban, Ambassador of Israel to Washington, to invite the presidents of some of the leading organizations in their personal capacity and a few other distinguished friends to consult with him informally and confidentially on the international and American aspects of this situation, and especially on the means of enabling Israel to meet those serious developments. Mr. Eban will come to Chicago on Thursday, April 16, and we will deeply appreciate it if you could be here for the purpose of meeting him on that day at the offices of the Consulate of Israel, 936 N. Michigan Avenue, from 3:30 till about 6:00 p.m. and take counsel together.

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Please inform me at your earliest convenience whether we may count on your attendance.

Yours, very sincerely,

(Y. R. Yaron) Consul of Israel

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio



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לכבוד רבי אבא הלל סילבר קליבלנד ארצות – הברית

רבי יקר,

אני שמת להמציא לכב' את תעודת ההרשמה של כב' כאזרח כבוד אל עיריתנו ולחזור ולברך את כב' באריכוח ימים והמשך פעולותיו למען המדינה והרמת קרן ישראל בין הגוים.

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May 12, 1953

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am sure you will recall that some months ago, a number of us had the opportunity of meeting in Washington with Ambassador Abba Eban. The general view of those present was that it would be desirable to arrange for similar informal exchanges of information and views from time to time.

With this in mind, I have the pleasure to invite you to a gathering which will take place on Tuesday, May 26, at 8.30 p.m. at the Delmonico Hotel, Park Avenue and 59th Street, New York (Colonnade Room). I am extending invitations to all who were present on the previous occasion.

I am sure that you will be interested to learn that Ambassador Eban has agreed to come, and will again address us on an informal basis and in a frank way. There will, of course, be full opportunity for discussion.

I hope you will be able to attend.

Yours sincerely, Dr. Nahum Goldmann

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May 14, 1953

Dr. Nahum Goldmann Jewish Agency for Palestine 16 East 66th Street New York 21, New York

My dear Dr. Goldmann:

Thank you for your letter of May 12th and for your invitation to attend a gathering on May 26th to confer with Ambassador Abba Eban. I regret that I shall not be able to attend the meeting as I am scheduled to be in Dallas, Texas, on that day.

Very sincerely yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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May 22, 1953

Mr. O. Ben-Ami, Mayor Nathanya, Israel

My dear Friend:

I received today the certificate of honorary citizenship which Nathanya graciously bestowed upon me. I need not tell you that I shall be a proud possessor of it and that it will occupy a place of honor in my study. I was greatly moved by your thoughtfulness in bestowing upon me this makk of distinction. I am looking forward with keen anticipation to my next visit to Israel, and I shall, of course, wish to spend some time in Nathanya.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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