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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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My dear Dr. Silver:

In tribute to Judge Louis E. Levinthal, our esteemed Zionist colleague and former President of the Zionist Organization of America, who has rendered distinguished service to the Movement, the Philadelphia Community is tendering a Dinner on November 20th in his honor. A Nachlah which is to be associated with the name of Judge Levinthal is to be established from the proceeds of the Dinner.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I have the honor to extend to you an invitation to serve as one of the Sponsors of the Dinner. I am sure that one who has been associated with Judge Levinthal in his manifold activities for Eretz Israel will be delighted to serve.

Would you please so indicate it in the enclosed postal card which I would ask you to return immediately so that we can make an announcement of the Sponsors.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Road at East 106th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that we are forwarding to you, under separate cover, the Testimonial Book dedicated to you, which was formally presented on the occasion of the Dinner given in your honor by the Bnai Zion.

I am sure you will cherish this Book, which has just been completed, as an expression of our high esteem of the magnificent services you have rendered our Movement.

I might add that it is one of the most beautiful books ever gotten up by the Jewish National Fund.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Mendel N. Fisher,
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November 11, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Rd. & E. 106th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

I extended to you an invitation last Summer to deliver the principal address at a dinner which is being given in honor of Judge Louis Levinthal in Philadelphia on November 20th. You were kind enough to subsequently serve as one of the sponsors in connection with that effort.

The Philadelphia Committee would very much like to have you send a warm message of felicitation. You can address it to Judge Levinthal or you can address it to William H. Sylk, Chairman of the Committee, and if you will send it on to me, I will transmit your message without delay. I would strongly urge you to do this.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

MENDEL N. FISHER
Executive Director

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CC: DR. SILVER

November 15, 1946

Clayborne George, Esq.
406 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland 14, Ohio

My dear Mr. George:

Our beloved leader, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, was kind enough to send us your letter of November 5th. We are all deeply touched not only by the gift of \$37.00 that you have been kind enough to send to Dr. Silver, but by the spirit in which it was offered by the Titus Bible Class of Antioch Baptist Church, marking their 40th Anniversary.

Thank God for America and for the spirit of brotherhood. The gift that you have made available for the purchase of land in Palestine will associate the name of your church with the immortal soil of Palestine that you are helping to redeem.

Israel, like your own People, is striving for freedom. What we want to achieve in Palestine is not only to create a home for a homeless people, but we would like to see that those spiritual values which are so important for the survival of man should dominate our civilization.

We should like to ask you to convey our warm and cordial greetings to your Church. We extend to you our warmest felicitations on the occasion of your 40th Anniversary.

Our colleagues in Palestine will be delighted in the knowledge that you have commemorated your Anniversary by a contribution for the purchase of land in Palestine.

With deepest appreciation,

Very sincerely yours,

Mendel N. Fisher,
Executive Director.

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November 18, 1946

Mr. Mendel N. Fisher, Exec. Dir.
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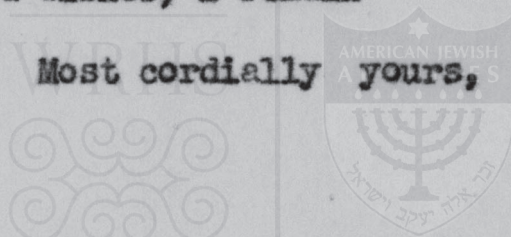
My dear Mendel:

I am enclosing herewith a message to the Levinthal
Dinner on November 20th.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours, S

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November 18, 1946

Mr. William H. Sylk
Chairman of the Committee
Jewish National Fund
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Sylk:

I learned with pleasure that Philadelphia plans to honor Judge Louis Levinthal with the establishment of a Nachlath Levinthal. It is indeed a well deserved tribute. Your community honors itself by honoring one of its most distinguished citizens, and one who has devoted so many years and such fine gifts of heart and mind to the cause of the rebirth of the Jewish nation and the rebuilding of the Land of Israel.

In his capacity as former president of the Zionist Organization of America and as a key figure in many other important Zionist activities, Judge Levinthal has served with rare distinction and complete devotion. I am sure that Judge Levinthal will find abiding satisfaction in the thought that a tract of land in Eretz Yisroel will bear his name and will symbolize the gratitude of a community which he has served so faithfully.

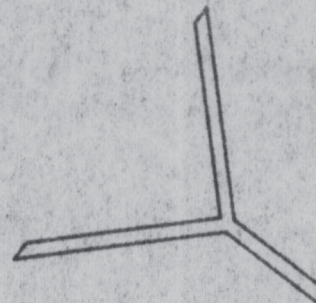
Most cordially yours,

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SPECIAL DELIVERY

February 11, 1947

Mr. Robert Merrill
7622 - 169th St.
Flushing, L.I., N.Y.



My dear Mr. Merrill:

I tried to reach you on the telephone two or three times in the last couple of days but without success. I have an unusual request to make of you which I hope you will be in a position to honor. The circumstances are exceptional.

Dr. Silver, who you know is the President of the Zionist Organization of America and the Chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council and who is giving most of his time to the service of his people in meeting the present crisis, has asked me to prevail upon you to participate in a Temple program which Mrs. Silver is arranging on May 21st at Cleveland, Ohio.

He suggested an honorarium of \$500.00. I know, of course, that your fee is much higher when you leave New York but I would beg of you to make an exception in this instance and make the trip to Cleveland. You will receive a royal reception.

May I ask you to please telephone me at Vanderbilt 6-3780. I trust that your answer will be a favorable one. You really must do this for us.

With affectionate greetings and warmest personal regards,

Yours cordially,

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COPY: DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

February 18,
19 47.

Miss Shirley Burke,
Gale, Inc.,
48 West 48th St.,
New York 19, N. Y.

Dear Miss Burke:

Thanks very much for your letter of February 13th,
which I assure you is very much appreciated.

I have already conveyed the substance of your letter
to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, who has been away. We
expect to hear from him in the next couple of days.
All the details will be included in his communication
in connection with Mr. Merrill's visit, which I shall
pass on to you as soon as possible.

You have been most helpful. It is good working with
you.

Sincerely yours,

Mendel W. Fisher,
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Rd. & E. 106th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

I purposely refrained from asking you, as I did last year, to visit at least three or four communities for the JNF. I am fully aware of the fact that you have been carrying heavy burdens. I wish to add a word of my own in deep appreciation of that truly historic utterance that you made before the United Nations. As I told you over the telephone, what you said and how you said it and the whole manner of the presentation has evoked tremendous interest not only among those who heard you at the United Nations but also throughout the country. We hope this is the beginning of a new day. Without being over-optimistic, we have won a victory at the United Nations.

Since you owe me three or four engagements and I do not intend to collect them, I have one immediate request that I wish to make of you because I consider it a very, very important one.

Brith Sholom is to have its Convention on June 21st. They are really a wonderful organization, deeply imbued with our cause. They have recently undertaken a new Nachlah project. They were the first fraternal body in America, long before the Bnai Brith and other organizations made commitments for Palestine, that not only went on record for all-out support for Zionism but that have given tangible expression in terms of fund-raising by creating the first Nachlah in Palestine.

Under the leadership of Frank A. Simons, the newly-elected Grandmaster and Louis I. Gilgor, very capable and faithful Grand Secretary, the Brith Sholom is making excellent progress. They are most anxious to have you participate in their program in connection with the National Convention. They are 100% with us in support of our program. I am, therefore, sending you this note to urge upon you to accept the invitation that they have already extended to you. It will be a great service to them and also to us to have you address them. You could still be back in Cleveland on the morning of the 22nd as they will be very glad to make arrangements for you to speak in the early part of the evening.

I am terribly sorry that you could not reach me earlier with reference to securing Justice Jackson. I will do the best I can to be of help but the matter is not in my hands now.

Please give my cordial greetings to Mrs. Silver. With affectionate greetings,

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Yours, etc.

Mendel N. Fisher
Executive Director