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March 27, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Rd. at E. 105 St.
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

It affords me a great deal of pleasure to formally advise you of your election as one of the National Honorary Chairmen of the JNF. Our beloved leader, Dr. Granott, was present at our Annual Meeting.

It is my hope that you will extend to the newly elected administration every measure of support that we need to help strengthen the JNF in this country.

I extend to you a cordial invitation to attend meetings of our Board. It is our hope that you will find it possible to attend some of the meetings. Any help and advice will be very much appreciated.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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April 20, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Rd. & E. 105th St.
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

A list of National Honorary Chairmen is being constituted in connection with a Tribute Dinner in honor of Mrs. Archibald Silverman on the occasion of her 70th Birthday on June 7th, 1953 in Providence, Rhode Island. Mrs. Silverman has been particularly helpful in the work for the JNF and has also played a very important part in the work for the UJA.

The Providence people and we would appreciate it very much if you would be kind enough to consent to serve as one of the Honorary Chairmen. I do not wish to burden you but a message from you that will be read at the dinner when a Nachlah in honor of Mrs. Silverman is to be established will be very much appreciated. Would you be good enough to let me hear from you.

You probably know that my son, Marshall, was stricken with polio. I am sure you will be glad to hear that after eight months, he is beginning to swallow and Minette and I are very, very happy that the prospect for his full recovery is almost assured now.

My very warmest regards to Mrs. Silver.

Faithfully yours,

MENDEL N. FISHER
Executive Director

MNF:ss

April 28, 1953

Mr. Mendel N. Fisher
Jewish National Fund
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

My dear Mendel:

I shall be pleased to serve as one of the Honorary Chairmen for the Tribute Dinner which is to be given in honor of Mrs. Archibald Silverman on the occasion of her 70th birthday. I shall at a later time send you a message to be read at the dinner.

I was very sorry to hear that Marshall was stricken with polio, but I am happy to learn that he is steadily returning to health and that a full recovery is assured. Please convey to him all my good wishes and those of Mrs. Silver.

With warmest regards to you and Minette, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

June 3, 1953

Mr. Mendel N. Fisher
Jewish National Fund
41 East 42 Street
New York 17, New York

My dear Mr. Fisher:

Will you please add my felicitations to those of many others which I am sure will come in from all parts on the occasion of the 70th birthday of Mrs. Archibald Silverman. I am sorry that earlier commitments make it impossible for me to attend the testimonial dinner, but I should like to have all my good wishes conveyed to Mrs. Silverman, who has served our cause with such rare devotion and consecration, and so successfully over a period of many years.

I am happy to learn that the Jewish National Fund is establishing a Nachlah in Israel in her honor. She has richly deserved that honor. She pioneered for Zionism in the early days of its struggles and unpopularity, and she traveled far and wide indefatigably to arouse the spirits of our people for national renaissance and the reestablishment of the State of Israel.

Mrs. Silverman has every right to share in credit and deep satisfactions which come from cooperating in an historic enterprise which was so magnificently consummated.

With all good wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND COUNCIL OF CLEVELAND

December 4, 1953.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Jewish National Fund Council is holding it's Annual Dinner on Sunday Evening, Dec. 13th, 1953 at Park Synagogue.

We take pleasure in inviting you to attend as our guest.

In the event you are not able to attend, we would appreciate your informing our office at your very earliest convenience.



Cordially yours,

Louis B. Golden

Louis B. Golden,
President.

LB:tz

December 8, 1953

Mr. Louis B. Golden, President
Jewish National Fund Council of Cleveland
1846 Coventry Road
Cleveland Heights, Ohio

Dear Mr. Golden:

Thank you very much for your gracious invitation to attend the annual dinner of the Jewish National Fund Council of Cleveland on December thirteenth. I regret that I will not be able to attend the function inasmuch as I am to dedicate the new Akron Temple that evening.

Hoping that your affair will be very successful,
I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms



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January 31, 1955

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

It is again my happy privilege to officially advise you that at the annual meeting of the Jewish National Fund, you were unanimously re-elected as one of our Honorary Chairmen. In facing the tasks for the coming year, I am confident that the JNF and I will have every measure of your help.

With all good wishes and warmest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

DR. HARRIS J. LEVINE
President

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December 5, 1955

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. & Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

It would of course be a tremendous help to the JNF if you would agree to be the guest of honor at the Annual Jewish National Fund Dinner which is scheduled in Cleveland on Sunday, February 12th, 1956.

It would give a great deal of encouragement to Dr. Falkman, as it would to all of us connected with the JNF nationally.

Your schedule did not permit you to come to our conference this year much as I wanted you to be the guest speaker. I know that you are busy, and although I receive requests frequently asking you to be the guest speaker here and there, I realize the difficulties. In the case of Cleveland I do hope you will make an exception for the sake of the JNF and for all those who are interested in furthering its work. I know it would give all those working for the Jewish National Fund in Cleveland a deep sense of satisfaction in receiving your favorable response.

With all good wishes to you and Virginia, believe me, I am

Faithfully yours,

Harris J. Levine
DR. HARRIS J. LEVINE
President

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JEWISH NATIONAL FUND COUNCIL OF CLEVELAND

1846 COVENTRY ROAD

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS 18, OHIO

Jan. 31, 1956

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
The Temple,
Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We will be honored to have you attend our dinner
on Sunday, February 12th, 1956 at the Park Synagogue.
Enclosed please find two dinner tickets.

We are looking forward with pleasure to having you
and Mrs. Silver as our guests.

Sincerely,

Dr. Fred M. Falkman

Dr. Fred M. Falkman, President

FMF:fr

February 2, 1956

Dr. Fred M. Falkman, President
Jewish National Fund Council of Cleveland
1846 Coventry Road
Cleveland Heights 18, Ohio

My dear Dr. Falkman:

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending me two tickets for the dinner of the Cleveland Jewish National Fund Council on February 12th.

I wish that I were free to come. Unfortunately I have two other engagements for that evening - one is a wedding at 7:30 in the Chapel and the other is the banquet for Mayor Celebrezze at the Carter Hotel. I am on the program.

I am sorry I will not be with you. I am taking the liberty of returning the two tickets which you sent me.

I send you my best wishes for a successful evening.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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February 13, 1956

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

We have just had our Annual Meeting. It is my special pleasure to officially inform you that you were again unanimously re-elected as one of our National Honorary Chairmen. I am sure that you will permit me to call upon you from time to time to take counsel and advice in the furtherance of our work.

Despite all difficulties you will be glad to know that the JNF is making steady progress in the furtherance of its program.

You have my warmest and affectionate regards.

Sincerely yours,

Harris J. Levine
DR. HARRIS J. LEVINE
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February 11, 1957

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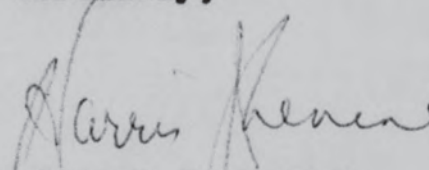
My dear Dr. Silver:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I write to you again to inform you of your unanimous election as one of our distinguished Honorary Chairman of the JNF. The JNF never forgets those who have served as faithfully as you have.

I wish it were possible in the future for you to participate in one of our meetings. It is good to know that one in whom we all have the utmost confidence is serving as an Honorary Chairman of the JNF.

With warmest personal regards,

Cordially,


DR. HARRIS J. LEVINE
President

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I thought you might be interested in the enclosed brochure which is the most recent to be released by the Foundation for the Jewish National Fund. I hope that you will be stimulated by its contents.

I know that you will be pleased with the information that in our efforts to build up a potential of future income for the J.N.F. we have passed the ten million dollar mark in terms of wills, insurance and projects.

We are now trying to set up an overall project for the Z.O.A. and are conducting negotiations with Z.O.A. leaders toward that end. The idea was initiated by Max Bressler in conferences with Harris Levine and myself and will involve the ultimate dedication of a large area in Israel in the name of the Z.O.A. and such of its individuals, districts and regions as may participate in the project.

One interesting facet of the plan is a desire shared by those of us who are promoting it to include Kfar Silver as an equal beneficiary of insurance and bequests which may result from the campaign to promote the project. We feel that very substantial sums can be provided both for Kfar Silver and the JNF through this plan. I am sure that I need not tell you how readily both Harris Levine and I will dedicate ourselves to these ends.

Love to Virginia and accept my warmest best wishes.

Sincerely,

Abe Tuvim
Abe Tuvim

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Dec. 6, 1957

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Road,
Cleveland, 6, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Jewish National Fund in Jerusalem has set aside a tract of land in Northwestern Galilee on the Israeli-Syrian border for the establishment of a security settlement to be known as "Cleveland-Israel Security Village".

The launching of this project coincides with the celebration of the Fortieth Anniversary of the Jewish National Fund Council of Cleveland. Both events will be celebrated at our Annual Dinner to be held at the Cleveland Hotel, January 12th, 1958.

The Cleveland Jewish National Fund Council will appreciate a short statement from you to be used in connection with our publicity in launching this project. Your expression regarding the establishment of the Cleveland-Israel Security Village will be a great inspiration in this undertaking.

With Jewish National Fund Greetings, I am,

Cordially,

Julius B. Amber
Julius B. Amber, President
Jewish National Fund Council

JBA;fr

Cleveland-Israel Security Village "Founders" Dinner,
Sunday, January 12th, 1958, Hotel Cleveland at 6:30 P.M.

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W. P. MARSHALL, PRESIDENT

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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND AND THE FOUNDATION FOR JNF REQUESTED TO PAY FINAL RESPECTS TO OUR VALIANT ABE TUVIM DIRECTOR FOUNDATION WHO PASSED AWAY LAST NIGHT. FUNERAL WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, TEN MORNING JANUARY SIXTEEN AT RIVERSIDE MEMORIAL CHAPEL 76TH STREET AND AMSTERDAM AVENUE=

UNSIGNED=

TELEGRAM

JAN. 16, 1958

phoned 10:³⁵~~15~~ A.M. SL to L7.

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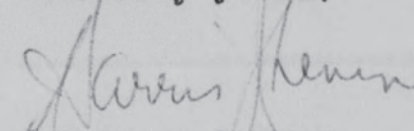
March 3, 1958

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

It is a privilege to officially advise you that at the Annual Meeting that took place a few days ago you were unanimously elected to serve as an Honorary Chairman. We are ever mindful of your long and deep interest in the work of the JNF. Please accept accept my warmest greetings and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,


HARRIS J. LEVINE
President

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February 12, 1959

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road at East 106th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We are pleased to inform you that your name again will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the JNF to serve as Honorary Chairman of the JNF. There is a technical requirement under the New York State Laws, in that those who are designated must indicate their acceptance in writing. Would you be kind enough to return the enclosed card.

One day, we hope, you will be in New York and will be able to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors. Our Annual Meeting will be Thursday evening, February 26th, 8 P.M., at the JNF House. I hope you and Mrs. Silver and the children are in the best of health. Please accept my warmest and affectionate greetings.

Faithfully yours,

MENDEL N. FISHER
Secretary

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December 11, 1959

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

I was sorry to hear that you were not well. It is good to know that you are back in the Pulpit. Without offering advice, having been a victim of equilibrium difficulties, you can have the reassurance that it will pass before you know it. Please accept my very, very good wishes.

Very cordially yours,

MENDEL N. FISHER
Executive Director

MNF:aa

December 11, 1959

My dear Mendel:

I was sorry that I could not be with your many friends on Sunday evening, December 6th, to join in their testimonial to you in recognition of your twenty-five years of service to the Jewish National Fund.

Unfortunately, too, because of my traveling about so much in recent weeks, the date escaped me and I was unable to send a telegram to the meeting extending my felicitations to you. I hope that it is not too late for good wishes and hearty congratulations. You have served our people and our historic cause with rare distinction. You have earned the approval and admiration of all who followed your career. I hope that many more years of service and well-being are in store for you.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS :bfm

Mr. Mendel N. Fisher
c/o Jewish National Fund
42 East 69th Street
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*The Board of Directors
of the
Jewish National Fund
cordially invite you to attend a Dinner in honor of
Mr. Mendel N. Fisher
in recognition of
Twenty-five Years of Dedicated Service
as Executive Director of the Jewish National Fund
Sunday, December 6th, 1959, at 6 p.m.
at the
Hotel Commodore
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My dear Dr. Silver:

Of all the messages that have come to me, yours of December 11th moved me beyond expression. I had the great privilege of working at your side during very, very difficult times.

Your place in Jewish history is assured. In the course of these twenty-five years, we tried to the best of our ability to carry forth the task assigned and it is heartening that one of the great leaders of our time took the trouble to send such a deep-moving message, such as you have. You have my deepest, deepest gratitude and my good wishes for a long and very happy life.

My very best regards to Mrs. Silver and the family.

Very cordially yours,

MENDEL N. FISHER
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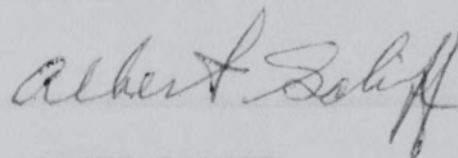
My dear Dr. Silver:

We had the Annual Meeting of the JNF last night. I am very proud to inform you of your election as one of our distinguished Honorary Chairmen.

I am only sorry that you could not be here. Of the eighty-two members on our Board, seventy-nine took part in the election of officers. It was an interesting meeting and also an interesting manifestation of Zionist independence.

I am assuming heavy responsibilities, but I am confident that I shall be able - from time to time - to look to you for guidance and for help in the knowledge that we have had a long and very happy relationship. Please accept my very good wishes.

Faithfully yours,



ALBERT SCHIFF
President

AS:aa

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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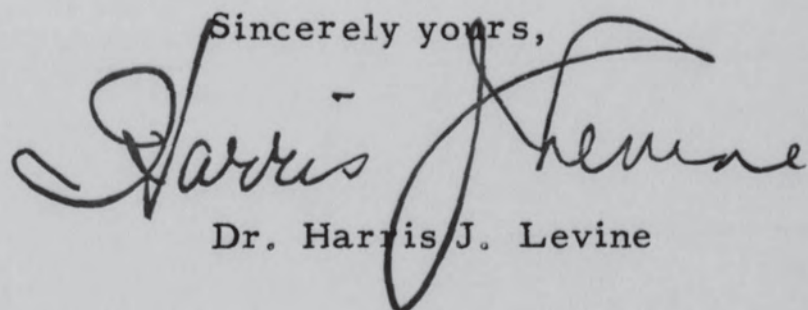
Dear Dr. Silver:

On February 18, 1962, Bnai Zion is tendering a testimonial dinner to Mendel N. Fisher, to mark the occasion of his retirement as Executive Director of the Jewish National Fund of America after 27 years of truly outstanding service.

In conjunction with the dinner, a Souvenir Journal will be issued, in which we would like to publish messages of greeting to Mr. Fisher, to mark this important event in his life.

We would deem it an honor if you would be good enough to mail to us, as quickly as possible, your expression of regard to Mr. Fisher for the great contribution he has made not only to the Jewish National Fund, but to the establishment and development of the State of Israel.

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Harris J. Levine

hjl:elg

R.T.

January 10, 1962

My dear Dr. Levine:

As requested in your letter of January 5th, I am enclosing herewith a statement for the Souvenir Journal which will be issued in conjunction with the testimonial dinner to Mendel N. Fisher.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Dr. Harris J. Levine
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I should like to join the host of friends of Mendel N. Fisher in telling him, on the occasion of his retirement as Executive Director of the Jewish National Fund of America, how much his loyal, selfless and distinguished services over a period of almost three decades have meant to Zionism and the re-birth of Israel. During the decisive years when our movement was seeking adherence and trying hard to be understood among our people, Mendel Fisher carried on a quiet, persistent and successful campaign of education through the medium of the Jewish National Fund in every town and city of America. He won a host of friends for it. He was a bulwark of strength to our movement.

It was always a joy to work with Mendel Fisher in our common cause. His judgment and dedication could always be relied upon, as well as his unfailing friendship.

In retiring, Mendel Fisher takes with him a rich harvest of notable achievement, and the admiration of unnumbered friends everywhere.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

November 5, 1962

I should like to congratulate the friends of the Jewish National Fund of Cleveland on the occasion of the twenty-fifth Annual Dinner and to wish them great success for the future in behalf of this most beloved and popular agency of the Zionist movement. The Jewish National Fund was among the first institutions which our movement established for the redemption of the soil of Israel. Its appeal has always been directed to the masses of our people and they responded faithfully through the years. The Fund has still a great service to render to the State of Israel. More power to you!

ABBA HILLEL SILVER