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July 15, 1960

TO: KFAR SILVER

~~Z.O.A. HOUSE~~

~~1 DANIEL FRISH STREET~~

~~TEL AVIV, ISRAEL~~

R7D Ashdod, Israel

I SEND HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS TO FIRST GRADUATES OF
KFAR SILVER. I AM PROUD OF THEM AND WISH THEM CAREERS
OF GREAT USEFULNESS IN GROWTH AND UPBUILDING OF STATE
OF ISRAEL I CONGRATULATE ALSO FACULTY AND BOARD, ~~OF KFAR SILVER~~
SHALOM UBERACHA

ABBA HILLEL SILVER





DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR ISRAEL

STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS

215 Fourth Avenue, New York 3, N. Y. · ORegon 7-9650

August 9, 1960

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th St. & Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have just returned from my vacation, and while in Israel I visited Kfar Silver. I was very much impressed with the tremendous progress which has been made in the development of the school since my last visit there two years ago. I felt a deep sense of pride, as must all your friends, seeing this magnificent project honoring you, grow so quickly and beautifully.

A lovely young girl named Ramona was my guide during my short visit, and when I told her that I would be seeing you very soon she asked me to deliver to you the enclosed note. It is a happy and fitting coincidence that the children of Kfar Silver address you by your first name for you are truly a Father to them in every respect.

I trust this finds you in good health and I look forward to seeing you at the Zionist Organization of America convention in New York.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Silver, I remain

As ever,

Max Helvarg, National Director
Community Leadership Division

MH/fw
enc.

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GIL RAPPAPORT
Director

September 15th, 1960

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Mortimer May discussed with you at the recent National ZOA Convention the possibility of your addressing our Annual AZF Dinner here in Miami Beach this fall. At the time you suggested that we write you regarding this matter.

Our Region has undertaken a Dormitory in Kfar Silver in the amount of \$60,000. in honor of Mr. May. Our AZF Dinner in Miami Beach this year is being earmarked for this Mortimer May Dormitory. There will not be any solicitations at the Dinner. The individual rooms, scholarships, and contributions will be raised in advance.

It is our thought to honor one of our greater Miami Jewish leaders at this affair. We will be prepared to present you with a check for Kfar Silver for a minimum of \$10,000. and possibly \$15,000. Part of this amount might be in Israel bonds, which of course, is acceptable for Kfar Silver pledges.

Nov. 27
The best possible date for this affair, if you are available of course, would be November 27th. The second choice would be November 20th. The other choices would be December 18th or 25th. If none of these dates are agreeable, I would very much appreciate it if you would please let us know the date you would prefer, and we will try to make the necessary arrangements with our community calendar.

I would very much appreciate it if you could please let me hear from you as soon as possible regarding the above.

Fondest personal regards and best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Gil Rappaport
Gil Rappaport, Director
Southeast Region ZOA

GR:AP

September 29, 1960

Mr. H. S. Meshorer
7835 Broadway
Cleveland 5, Ohio

Dear Mr. Meshorer:

I am pleased to advise you that we received the import permit from Israel and the marble bust of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver will be shipped to Kfar Silver on October 5 aboard an Israeli boat.

Since it usually takes well over three weeks for a shipment to reach Israel and after that it takes some time for clearing it through customs, etc.; under the circumstances I doubt very much whether the bust will be in Kfar Silver before your visit there.

Please rest assured that it will be placed in a prominent spot on the campus. In fact, I suggest that you discuss the matter with the director of the school, Mr. Aron Bilau, who would like to consult you.

With warmest regards and best wishes for a very happy New Year, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Leon Ilutovich
Assistant Executive Director

LI/mf

cc: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver ✓

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October 10th, 1960

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I received a note from Mr. Mortimer May to-day informing me that he had spoken to you on the 'phone last week regarding the possibility of your addressing our annual AZF Dinner here in Miami Beach. I also wrote you regarding this matter on September 15th. ✓

I am enclosing a copy of our Community Calendar so that you can note that they have reserved the date of November 27th for our function. If this date is acceptable to you I could probably immediately start working on the Dinner, although the time is rather short. If this date is not agreeable, I would very much appreciate it if you could please give me some alternate Sundays in December and January. ✓

Until I hear from you I will not be able to formulate any plans for this affair. As you probably know from our earlier letter, this will be a \$100. per couple dinner and it will be the launching of the Mortimer May Dormitory in Kfar Silver.

I of course realize how busy you are during the Holiday season. I would very much appreciate it if you would please just drop me a line regarding the most acceptable dates for you, so that I can immediately start planning our affair.

Fondest personal regards and Best Wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

Gil Rappaport
Gil Rappaport, Director
Southeast Region ZOA

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NEW ENGLAND ZIONIST REGION

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Zionist House - 17 Commonwealth Avenue - Boston 16, Massachusetts - COpley 7-3602

October 11, 1960

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street
Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

RE: Kfar Silver Project

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As you must recollect, I spoke to you about the Elihu D. Stone Memorial when I was in New York, and I mentioned that Dr. Dewey Stone accepted the chairmanship for that drive.

I would like to start the drive at this time, and I think it would be appropriate to have you, as well as Dr. Neumann, as Honorary Chairman of the same.

At the Convention, Dr. Neumann mentioned a name for this project -- American-Israel Youth Center. The Stone family would like very much to adopt this name for the project.

I would appreciate it very much if you advise me by return mail concerning the Honorary Chairmanship.

With Zion's greetings, I am,

Affectionately yours,

FRANK EINIS
President

* Deceased

FE/ms

SA
October 17, 1960

Mr. Gil Rappaport, Director
Southeast Region ZOA
1370 Washington Avenue
Miami Beach, Florida

My dear Mr. Rappaport:

Thank you for your letter of September 15th and October 10th. I have gone through my schedule and although I find that it is very crowded, I shall make every effort to be with you on November 27th for the launching of the Mortimer May Dormitory in Kfar Silver.

You write that you are prepared to present me with a check for Kfar Silver for a minimum of \$10,000 and possibly \$15,000. Please make sure that such a check or a similar amount in Israel Bonds is actually available when I come to the meeting. I would appreciate if a day or two before the event you would let me know whether that will be the case. I had a rather unpleasant experience in Atlanta, Georgia some years ago with a similar AZF dinner which I was compelled to cancel because the pledge was not honored.

I wish you every success and with warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

October 17, 1960

Mr. Frank Einis, President
New England Zionist Region
17 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston 16, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Einis:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of October 11th.
I shall be very pleased to serve as Honorary Chairman
of the Elihu D. Stone Memorial for the project of
building the American-Israel Youth Center at Kfar Silver
in memory of Elihu D. Stone.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS :bfm

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

February 17, 1961

Mrs. Isidor S. Hurwitz
18975 Van Aken Blvd.
Shaker Heights 22, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Hurwitz:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 17th. The news item about the formation of a Women's Committee for Kfar Silver of the Cleveland Zionist Society is most gratifying.

1. Enclosed please find two copies of our Kfar Silver booklet. Please let me know how many booklets you need so that we can send them to you in quantity.

We also have a collection of beautiful Kfar Silver glossy photos. These are 8x10 prints. Single photos can be made available to you free. For orders in bulk, we charge \$.40 each.

2. The swimming pool has already been undertaken as a project by the ZOA Bronx Region. It is hoped that construction of the pool will start this summer.

3. May I suggest to your committee one of the following two projects:

- a. Classroom in the new central school building - \$15,000

The photo of the school building in which this classroom is located appears on page 10 in the enclosed booklet. It is a very beautiful building which was recently completed. You may be interested to know that the Michigan Region has also undertaken a similar classroom in the same building as its project in honor of a few of their veteran leaders. There are only two such classrooms in this building.

- b. Furniture and equipment for the Kfar Silver synagogue - \$20,000

The synagogue as such is a project of the ZOA Connecticut Region which already raised the funds for this purpose. It will be built this summer and will be dedicated in memory of the past president of the Connecticut Region, Elias Polis of Stamford, Connecticut.

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February 17, 1961

The Aron Kodesh and eternal light for the synagogue were already contributed by a certain woman in Chicago. However, we need very badly a contribution for furniture and all other synagogue equipment. It would be wonderful if your committee could undertake it.

No matter which of the above two projects you will choose a bronze plaque indicating the name of your committee and its leaders and contributors will be put up in the respective buildings as well as on the main honor roll in Kfar Silver, where names of all contributors are listed.

Should either of the two above projects not be to your liking, kindly advise and please indicate how much money your committee could raise so that I can adjust my future suggestions accordingly.

In conclusion, let me add just one more observation. The Ohio Valley Region as a whole, of which Cleveland is part, is raising funds for the chemistry laboratory in Kfar Silver as a regional project. You realize, of course, that any project your committee will undertake will be over and above the laboratory project of the region.

Looking forward to hearing from you, I am

WRHS



Very sincerely yours,

Leon Ilutovich

Assistant Executive Director

LI/hs
enc.

cc: B. W. Abramson
Dr. A. H. Silver ✓
Ezekiel Leikin

DSZ ✓
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Director

March 27th, 1961

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. and Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have just spoken to Mr. Mortimer May and was indeed glad to learn that you may be able to address our Dinner on April 30th which will launch the Mortimer May Dormitory in Kfar Silver. Mr. May said that you would have to check your calendar to be sure that April 30th is a free date with you.

I would very much appreciate it if you would please check your calendar upon your return to Cleveland. We will call you on Thursday afternoon, March 30th to check with you.

I do hope you will be able to be our guest speaker for this outstanding affair. I am sure you realize how much it would mean to Mr. May to have you here. Our leadership is most anxious also to have you with us.

I trust you will give the above matter your prompt attention.

Fondest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gil Rappaport

Gil Rappaport, Director

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TELEGRAM TO:

MR. GIL RAPPAPORT, DIRECTOR

SOUTHEAST REGION ZOA

1370 WASHINGTON AVENUE

MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

REGRET VERY MUCH THAT I WILL BE UNABLE TO COME TO

YOUR MEETING EITHER IN APRIL OR MAY. MY



(Lm)

COMMITMENTS HERE MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE.

WARMEST REGARDS

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

WRHS



June 16, 1961

Mr. Chaim Danieli
Director Kfar Silver
Z.O.A. House
1 Daniel Frish Street
Tel-Aviv, Israel

My dear Mr. Danieli:

I am enclosing herewith a check in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) made out to Kfar Silver. It is a contribution given by Mr. Samuel H. Givelber in memory of his wife, Myrtle, who passed away recently. Please acknowledge this contribution to Mr. Givelber whose address is:

16220 Aldersyde Drive
Shaker Heights 20, Ohio

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Enclosure

VIA AIR MAIL