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ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO:

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Tel Aviv, Israel
January 16, 1950.

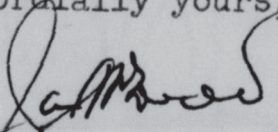
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
E. 105th Street and Ancel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

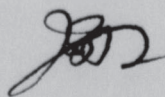
My congratulations to you on your receipt of the Cardoza Memorial Award. This links two distinguished names.

I have been wondering when you were coming out this way again. Much has happened since you were here. You would as you know always be cordially welcomed everywhere.

Cordially yours,


James G. McDonald

P. S. If you wish to supplement this bare and of unecessity un-informing letter, I suggest that the next time you are in New York you telephone my younger daughter, Barbara Ann, at Bronxville 2-3245W or Bronxville 2-0395, and ask her to come to see you. She has just returned to the States after eighteen months with me and is, I think I may say without exaggeration, one of the best informed young ladies on the situation in this part of the world.





THE FOREIGN SERVICE
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ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO:

American Embassy
Tel Aviv, Israel
April 7, 1950

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

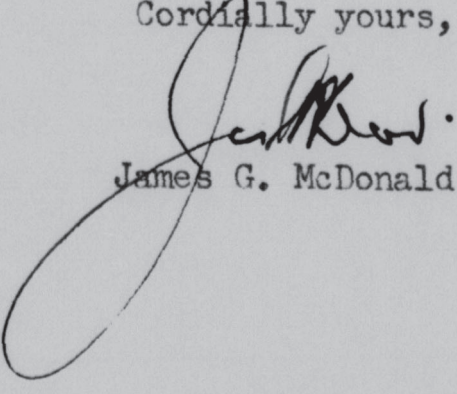
The JTA summary of your March 26 Cincinnati address is too short to be wholly satisfying. If, therefore, you have available an extra copy of the text, I should be grateful for it.

Bobby has written me about your interesting and pleasant luncheon. I appreciate your having had her.

I am looking forward to seeing Dr. Neumann who has, I understand, either already arrived or is about to arrive. I hope to have a very long talk with him.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,


James G. McDonald

May 31, 1950

Ambassador James G. McDonald
American Embassy
Tel Aviv, Israel

My dear Ambassador:

Please pardon the long delay in acknowledging your kind letter of April 7th. I have been waiting for a printing of the full address of mine which I delivered in Cincinnati on March 26th. The Hebrew Union College undertook the publishing of it, and the reprints arrived this morning. I have pleasure in enclosing herewith the address.

I trust that you are well. Mrs. Silder and I had the great pleasure of having lunch with your daughter in New York. We were delighted with her. Dr. Neumann is coming to Cleveland this afternoon for an address, and I shall spend the evening with him and shall undoubtedly receive a full report of the impressions which he gathered in Israel.

I trust that you are well, and in the hope of seeing you before long, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
Enc.



THE FOREIGN SERVICE
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PERSONAL

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO:

American Embassy
Tel Aviv, Israel
June 12, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am grateful to you for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of your March 12 Cincinnati address which reached me only today.

I am looking forward to studying it.*

Bobby has already written me about her very interesting luncheon with you and Mrs. Silver.

Dr. Neumann came to see me early in his recent visit here but I shall complain to him when I see him because he did not come back again as he promised he would do before he returned to the States.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

JG McDonald
James G. McDonald

*The real is confused and must
be clarified
JG

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JAMES G MCDONALD

ROOM 5010 EMPIRE STATE BLDG

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APPRECIATE YOUR GRACIOUS INVITATION. DEEPLY.

REGRET MY INABILITY TO ATTEND DINNER TO MEET

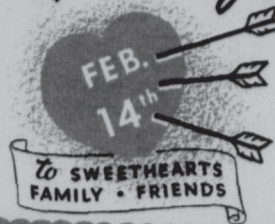
AMBASSADOR DAVIS IN AS MUCH AS I MUST KEEP PRIOR
ENGAGEMENT IN CLEVELAND SUNDAY EVENING.

WARMEST REGARDS

ABBA HILLEL
SILVER

CFN FURNISHED
THE TEMPLE
ANSEL RD AND EAST 105

Heart on fire? Don't write-WIRE!



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ABBA HILLEL SILVER, THE TEMPLE=

ON THE EVE OF MY SUCCESSOR'S DEPARTURE FOR ISRAEL,
I AM INVITING A DOZEN OR SO FRIENDS TO MEET AMBASSADOR
MONNETT B. DAVIS AT AN INFORMAL DINNER (BUSINESS
CLOTHES), WALDORF ASTORIA (REGENCY SUITE, 4TH FLOOR),
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY FOURTH AT 7:30 P.M. I HOPE VERY MUCH
YOU CAN COME. BECAUSE OF THE SHORTNESS OF TIME.
PLEASE TELEPHONE ME BRYANT 9-7565 OR TELEGRAPH ROOM
5910, EMPIRE STATE BUILDING=

JAMES G MCDONALD

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

Mr. James G. McDonald
Room 5910
Empire State Building
New York City

APPRECIATE YOUR GRACIOUS INVITATION. DEEPLY REGRET MY
INABILITY TO ATTEND DINNER TO MEET AMBASSADOR DAVIS INASMUCH
AS I MUST KEEP PRIOR ENGAGEMENT IN CLEVELAND SUNDAY EVENING.
WARMEST REGARDS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



DAY LETTER

JANUARY 31, 1951

HON. JAMES G. MCDONALD
BRONXVILLE, NEW YORK

WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO OCCUPY MY PULPIT ON SUNDAY
MORNING FEBRUARY 25TH. THE COMMUNITY WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO
WELCOME YOU AND TO RECEIVE A MESSAGE FROM YOU. I AM SCHEDULED
TO BE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SYRACUSE THAT MORNING BUT EVERY
ARRANGEMENT WILL BE MADE TO MAKE YOUR FIRST VISIT TO OUR
COMMUNITY SINCE YOUR RETURN FROM ISRAEL A MEMORABLE ONE.
WARMEST REGARDS

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

THE TEMPLE CLEVE=

REARRANGING SCHEDULE. DELIGHTED TO ACCEPT HONOR YOUR PULPIT
FEBRUARY TWENTY-FIFTH. CORDIALLY=

MCDONALD=

SW 1-7755

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BY

RN 1:00 P mail



February 5, 1951

Honorable James G. McDonald
Bronxville, New York

My dear Friend:

I was delighted to receive your telegram confirming to me that it will be possible for you to be with us on Sunday morning, February 25th. We shall look forward most eagerly to your coming, and I am beginning to make all arrangements. I should appreciate if you would let me have the subject of your address as soon as possible for publicity purposes, and if there are any matters that you would like me to include in the announcement to the press, please let me know. Will you also send one or two glossies?

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

February 9, 1951

Dr. James G. McDonald
Bronxville, New York

My dear Dr. McDonald:

In connection with your visit to Cleveland on February 25th, we should like to arrange a small luncheon for you following the service. I hope that you will be able to remain for it.

We have made a hotel reservation for you at the Wade Park Manor, which is a very comfortable hotel in the immediate vicinity of The Temple. Will you be good enough to advise me, as soon as your plans are made, of the time of your arrival.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

JAMES G. McDONALD

5910 EMPIRE STATE BUILDING

NEW YORK 1, N. Y.

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February 13, 1951

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thanks for your letters of the fifth and the ninth.

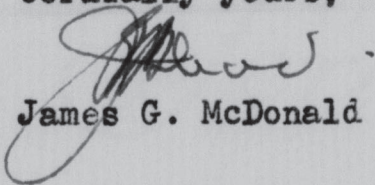
Of course, I shall be happy to join your colleagues
and friends in a small luncheon following the service
on February 25.

Thanks too for the reservation at the Wade Park Manor.
It was kind of you to think of this.

For my subject I suggest "Israel and the World Crisis."

The attached factual "Who's Who" gives probably more data
than you care to indicate in your announcement. I hope
that the glosses can be sent within the next few days.

Cordially yours,


James G. McDonald

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TEMPLE EAST 105 ST AND ANSEL RD

PLAN ARRIVAL CLEVELAND SATURDAY MORNING AND WOULD
BE GRATEFUL IF WE MIGHT TALK BEFORE YOU LEAVE FOR
SYRACUSE PLEASE TELEGRAPH REPLY 5910 EMPIRE STATE
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JAMES G. McDONALD

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February 26, 1951

Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver
c/o The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

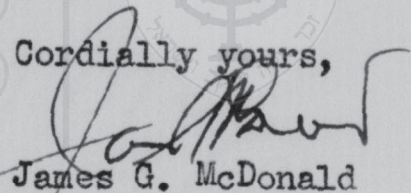
Dear Mrs. Silver:

I am most grateful to you for your hospitality yesterday. The luncheon was not only a friendly and pleasant affair. It was also extremely useful. I welcomed the opportunity which it gave to clear up some of the misunderstandings about the Bond program.

All that we lacked at the luncheon was the Rabbi. His authoritative comments on the problem of the future of religion in Israel would have been enlightening to all of us.

How proud you and he must be of your two sons.

Cordially yours,


James G. McDonald

JGM:L

February 27, 1951

Mr. James G. McDonald
Empire State Building
New York, New York

My dear Mr. McDonald:

Upon my return to Cleveland I learned with deep satisfaction of the warm reception which was extended to you by the people of my congregation and of the great impression which you made upon them. I have heard nothing but enthusiastic comments on your address. Mrs. Silver tells me that the luncheon, too, was very pleasant, and that you had an opportunity informally to present your ideas about the bonds to the people there.

I need not tell you that I am deeply appreciative of your acceptance of my invitation to come to speak in my pulpit. I do hope that I shall have the pleasure before long of seeing you again.

With warmest regards, I am

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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P.S. I am enclosing herewith a check to cover your traveling expenses.

JAMES G. McDONALD

5910 EMPIRE STATE BUILDING

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March 2, 1951

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thanks very much for your note and its enclosure.

I had a wonderful time in Cleveland. My talk with you Shabat morning was and will continue to be extremely useful. The luncheon which your wife so graciously gave enabled me to get the Cleveland reaction to the Bond Drive more fully than I could otherwise have managed. Besides she is a perfect hostess.

I only regret that you were not there to have given an authoritative exposition of the problem of Orthodoxy in Israel. Perhaps you will do this some time in a public address. If you do, I hope you remember to send me a copy of your text.

With best wishes.

Cordially yours,

James G. McDonald
James G. McDonald

JGM:L

P.S. An autograph copy of my Minister in Israel will go by air as soon as the first copies are available - early in May.
JG

MOTHER'S DAY
MAY 13TH



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:RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

CARE THE TEMPLE 105TH ST AND ANSEL RD=

:GAVE THE PRESIDENT YOUR MESSAGE THIS MORNING WHICH
PLEASED HIM VERY MUCH. THE PRESIDENT ASKED ME TO EXTEND
TO YOU HIS DEEP THANKS. HE WAS PROFOUNDLY TOUCHED=

:JOHN W MCCORMACK=

*Transmitted to
Indianapolis 4/16/51
4:45 pm.*

*Entered in Diary
4/17/51*

JAMES G. McDONALD
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July 11, 1951

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

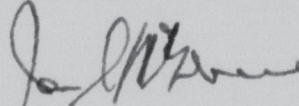
Dear Dr. Silver:

I hope you will welcome an advance autographed copy of MY MISSION IN ISRAEL which I am mailing to you today through the courtesy of the publishers, Simon and Schuster. The book is not to be published until August 24 and reviews of it should not be given out before then.

When you are back from your vacation, I shall be very grateful if you would use your great influence to make it known.

Best wishes.

Cordially yours,


James G. McDonald

JGM:L

July 16, 1951

Hon. James G. McDonald
5910 Empire State Building
New York 1, New York

Dear Mr. McDonald:

Although Dr. Silver is now in South Africa and is not expected back until the early part of September, I am sure that he would want me to thank you for sending him an advance autographed copy of your book. Both the book and your letter shall be brought to his attention as soon as he returns.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth L. Hirsch
Secretary to Rabbi Stone

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April 27, 1953

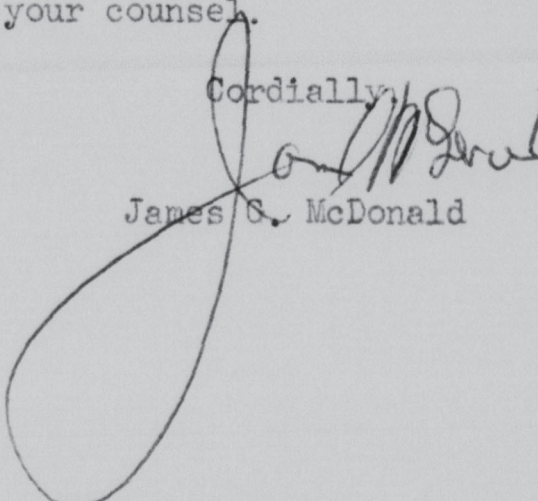
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

If there is an extra copy of the full
text of your address last Sunday before the Union
of American Hebrew Congregations I should be grateful
for an opportunity to study it.

When you are next coming to New York it
would be helpful to me if you would let me know for
there are some aspects of the Washington situation on
which I covet your counsel.

Cordially,


James G. McDonald

April 30, 1953

Dr. James G. McDonald
5910 Empire State Building
New York 1, New York

My dear Friend:

Thank you for your kind note of April 27th. I am enclosing a copy of the address which I delivered at the convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations last week.

I do not know when I shall be in New York next, but when I am, I shall communicate with you ahead of time so that we can get together.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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June 1, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

Thanks very much for letting me study
the text of your April 21st address.

It is challenging on many vital
phases of Jewish life. I wish that all of these
might be raised powerfully in the minds of Jewish
leaders.

Perhaps, however, if they could be
brought to understand that they "have really not
settled on the true nature of the American Jewish
community" they might be stimulated to clear up
what you so correctly term "a confusing and
stultifying inner contradiction".

Many thanks for giving me stimulating
intellectual experience.

Cordially,


James G. McDonald

JAMES G. McDONALD

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January 14th, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am sorry that I was not in when your returned my call, but the matter was not really urgent, so I summarize here.

I understand - not from a source which is authoritative, however - that the names of two non-career men are under consideration: Harold Riegelman and Charles Taft.

Both of these are, in a certain sense, logical. Each man has a kind of claim on the administration. Moreover, in my opinion, each is a man of exceptional ability.

I worked with Harold Riegelman for a period in connection with the Friends of the Hebrew University and Hadassah on their Medical School project. I got the impression of a man of fine mind and driving energy. Moreover, I doubt that he would - in the Lord Samuel fashion - lean over backwards.

As to Charles Taft, I have but one reservation: his very close association with the National Council of Churches. Despite that, however, I think he would strive consciously to be wholly fair. He is a man of superior ability and of marked charm. But, of course, you know him much better than I.

If I hear anything further about either of these, or, anyone else, I shall let you know.

Cordially yours,

