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November 19, 1959

My dear Emanuel:

Dan has brought to my attention an article which appeared in the Autumn, 1959, issue of "Midstream", written by Maurice Friedman on "Liberal Judaism and Contemporary Jewish Thought". Friedman is an Existentialist and his article is, of course, written from that point of view. That is his privilege. In it he has an unfavorable comment on my book "Where Judaism Differed" and, I might say, a distorted comment betraying, I am afraid, the fact that he has not read my book carefully and that he is very resentful because of the sharp criticism which I made of Existentialists generally and Jewish Existentialists particularly.

I have not in many years replied to my literary critics nor do I do so now, except to inquire why "Midstream", having found it important to include an article which criticizes my book, did not find it sufficiently important to have my book reviewed in its columns - a thing which was done by nearly every Jewish periodical and, I might say, in the main very enthusiastically.

You may be interested to know that "Where Judaism Differed" is about to go into its fifth printing. This letter is not for publication.

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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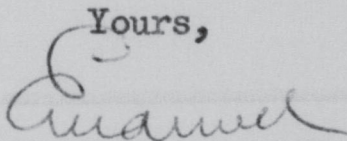
My dear Abba:

I appreciate your letter of the 19th and will look into these matters at once. I will be writing you again within a few days.

I hope you are feeling perfectly well, as I believe you are, judging by the speaking engagements in various cities which you have been taking on.

With warmest regards to you and the family,
as ever,

Yours,



Emanuel Neumann

EMANUEL NEUMANN

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July 15, 1960

Dear Abba,

On my return from abroad, I was pleased to learn that you will attend the ZOA Convention and be the guest of honor at the banquet. Max Bressler has also told me about his meeting with you and he is very pleased.

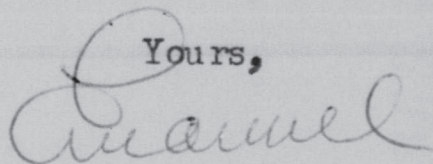
I would like to share with you the impressions I gained during my last visit to Israel and the European Conference of General Zionists in Antwerp.

However, I am leaving for a much needed rest, *and* will be away for two weeks in the country. I am due back on August 1st and will be in touch with you. It is even possible that I may descend upon you in Cleveland.

Meanwhile my warmest regards to you and the family, including the most recent and youngest arrival.

As ever

Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Emanuel".

EN:BW

EMANUEL NEUMANN

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January 23, 1961

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Abba:

I won't attempt, in this note, either to describe the Congress or to evaluate it. I would rather leave that for the next time we meet. But I will say that, on balance, I was rather glad you were not there and were spared that experience.

My purpose here is to report on two matters: 1) I got in touch with the Massada Publishing Company and spoke with Mrs. Pelley, *Peli* who is the boss. She told me that they had already received first proofs of the Hebrew translation (by Baruch Karu). At my suggestion, she agreed to send a set of the proof-sheets to you for your inspection. They expect to have the book out in the Spring.

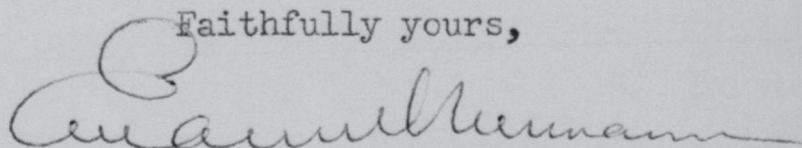
Regarding an apartment in Jerusalem for the month of March, Dr. Oskar Rabinowicz, who was visiting there, discovered an apartment in Rehavia belonging to Dr. Margalith, who had to spend some time in the United States. The arrangements, he said, would have to be made here with Dr. Margalith in person. I am now trying to get on his trail and will advise you.

I hope you and your dear ones are all well. As for myself, I think I am none the worse for the wear and tear of the past month.

With warm regards,

As ever

Faithfully yours,



EN:BW

Emanuel Neumann

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March 30, 1961

Dear Abba,

On the eve of the holiday, Fan and I want to send our warmest greetings to you and Virginia and all your dear ones.

This Seder promises to be an important and auspicious occasion for us because it will be attended by our two grandchildren, for the first time in our lives; and I suppose that you will be surrounded by your children and grand-children and close friends.

Whenever I read the Haggadah, with its tale of redemption and national freedom, I never fail to think of the miracles of 1947 and '48, in which you played a glorious and unforgettable role.

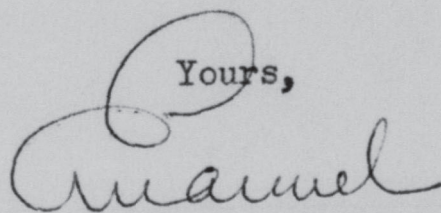
I am sorry that I have not seen you during the past few months, but I hope that it may still happen, before I go to Israel again in a fortnight or so.

Meanwhile, our best wishes to you and Virginia and the family for a happy Passover, continued health and much "naches."

With affectionate regards,

As ever

Yours,



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Cleveland, Ohio

April 3, 1961

My dear Emanuel:

Thank you so much for your lovely note of March 30th. I need not tell you that Virginia and I reciprocate all the warmest greetings for Passover. You must have had a very happy time at Seder surrounded by your increasing family.

Virginia and I have returned from a brief vacation in Miami Beach in time for the Passover holiday. We enjoyed the vacation tremendously. I was particularly grateful for it and the Florida sunshine for I had a slight virus attack just prior to our going to Florida. I hope that you will enjoy your forthcoming visit to Israel although the meeting of the Zionist executives on the Eichmann trial will not be conducive to much enjoyment.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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P.S. I have not heard from Harold. I am still waiting for his book.

A.H.S.

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May 26, 1961

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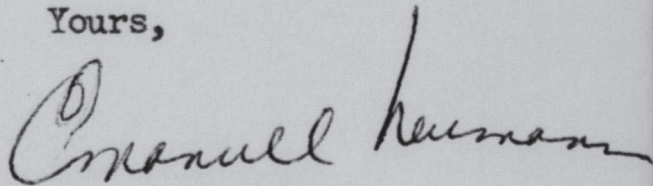
Dear Abba:

I am dropping you this line to remind you of our telephone conversation, in which you kindly promised to let me know when you will be arriving in New York on June 7th and at what time on Wednesday, or Thursday morning you could see me. Also, whether we could arrange for a presentation of the Herzl Diaries to you, at the Herzl Institute on Wednesday afternoon.

I am dictating this note before leaving the City and my secretary is signing it for me, so as not to lose time.

As ever,

Yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Emanuel Neumann". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and a long, sweeping underline.

Emanuel Neumann

EN/cc

May 29, 1961

My dear Emanuel:

I plan to arrive in New York on June 7th around noon. I shall be stopping at the Hilton-Statler Hotel where the evening meeting which I am to address is to take place. I shall be pleased to receive the Herzl Diaries any time in the afternoon, not too close to the evening meeting.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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December 13, 1961

Dear Abba,

I have now sufficiently recovered from the testimonial dinner of November 28th to write and thank you for the beautiful letter which you sent, and which was read at the dinner.

It is a message which I am going to preserve and treasure and bequeath to my children.

I need not tell you how fortunate I feel to have served our Cause under your leadership, and to have earned your commendation and friendship.

As ever



Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Emanuel Neumann".

Emanuel Neumann

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December 22, 1961

Dear Dr. Silver:

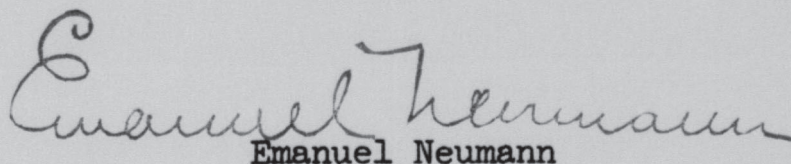
It is with great pleasure that I invite you as my guest to a highly significant event.

On Thursday, January 4th, a luncheon will take place at the Hotel Delmonico to mark the establishment of an American Foundation for Hebrew Culture. We shall explain its aims and objectives and make important announcements relating to its program.

His Excellency, Avraham Harman, the Ambassador of Israel, will grace the occasion and address the gathering. You are being invited as one who is vitally concerned with the problems of Jewish education and Hebrew culture.

Since the number of invitees is very limited, I would appreciate your prompt and positive response.

Cordially yours,


Emanuel Neumann

Please Note:

The Place - Crystal Room, Hotel Delmonico, Park Ave. at 59th.
The time - 12:30 sharp (ending 2:30 P.M.) Jan. 4th.
No solicitation for funds.

Dear Abba,
This is the project I discussed with you some time ago. I hope it has your blessing. Will write you more about it.
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