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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 25, 1952

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

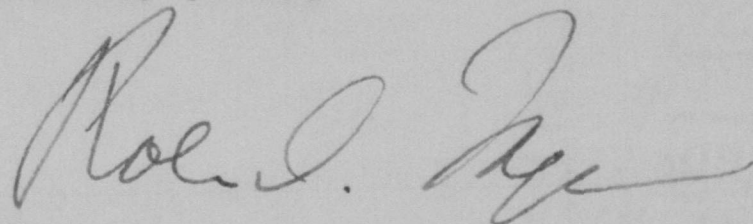
I was delighted that you were able to stay over in this country and deliver a prayer at the Republican National Convention.

I would like to talk with you about the plank on Israel some time. I expect to be in Chicago from June 30 to July 3, and then again from July 6 on.

There are two Jewish gentlemen of standing who might be interested to know of my action on Israel. One is Mr. Simon Sobeloff, Baltimore Life Building, Baltimore, Maryland, who has great influence with Governor McKeldin. The other is Mr. Jesse H. Steinhart, 2212 Vallejo Street, San Francisco, who has great influence with Governor Warren. If you have any means of communicating with these gentlemen, it might be very helpful.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,



RT:o



June 27, 1952

Senator Robert A. Taft  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

Thank you for your note of June 25th. Upon receipt of it, I got in touch with Mr. Simon Sobeloff of Baltimore who said that he would speak with Governor McKelkin. I am now waiting to speak to Mr. Jesse H. Steinhart of San Francisco. I have also contacted a few other friends there. I shall be in touch with you again.

I shall be glad to speak to you in Chicago concerning the plank on Israel.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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contacted Steinhart*

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**United States Senate**  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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February 24, 1953

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

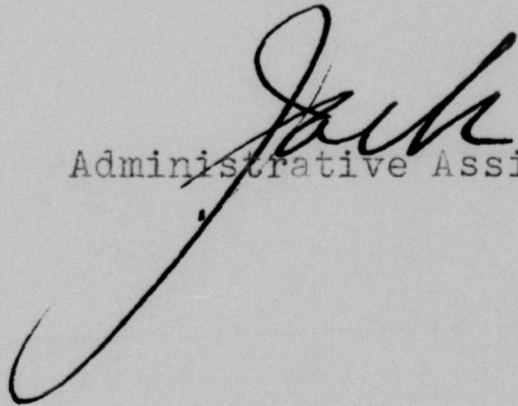
Dear Dr. Silver:

I saw Peter Berger the other day and think gave him some reasonable advice which will help him in reaching his goal. The Senator is so busy now that he has more or less left it up to me to interview anyone who is interested in a position, and you can well imagine there are quite a few.

I hope to see you soon and have a chat about a matter of no particular urgency, but I think important. Do you expect to visit Washington in the near future?

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

  
Administrative Assistant



February 26, 1953

Mr. I. Jack Martin  
Senator Taft's Office  
U.S. Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Martin:

Dr. Silver is spending a few weeks on the Pacific coast, and I am therefore acknowledging your letter of February 24th. I know that Dr. Silver will be deeply appreciative of your talking with Peter Berger.

Dr. Silver has a speaking engagement in Newport News on March 18th. He plans to return to Cleveland the following day and will be changing planes in Washington. He might be able to meet with you on that day. When he returns to Cleveland next week, I am sure that he will get in touch with you.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice  
Secretary to Dr. Silver

March 6, 1953

Mr. I. Jack Martin  
Administrative Assistant to  
Senator Robert A. Taft  
U. S. Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Friend;

Upon my return to Cleveland, I found your kind letter of February 24th. I very much appreciate your talking with Peter Berger and I am sure that you were of great assistance to him.

I plan to be in Washington all day on Tuesday, March 17th, and until the early afternoon of the 18th, when I leave for Newport News. Upon my arrival, I shall get in touch with you so that we can arrange a convenient time for you to discuss the matter to which you refer in your letter.

With warmest regards to you and the Senator, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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July 30, 1953

Mrs. Robert A. Taft  
Washington, D. C.

PERMIT ME TO CONVEY TO YOU AND TO THE MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY MY  
PROFOUND SORROW ON THE PASSING OF YOUR BELOVED HUSBAND, <sup>a</sup>~~THAT~~ GREAT  
AND GOOD MAN WHOM I WAS PRIVILEGED TO KNOW AS A FRIEND. IN HIS  
PERSONAL LIFE AND NATIONAL SERVICE HE REPRESENTED THE FINEST  
TRADITIONS OF AMERICA. HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED IN THESE CRITICAL  
TIMES. I PRAY THAT YOU WILL FIND COMFORT AND STRENGTH IN THE  
PRECIOUS MEMORIES WHICH HE HAS LEFT YOU.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



## AMERICAN ZIONISTS JOIN IN MOURNING DEATH OF SENATOR TAFT

NEW YORK, Aug. 2. (JTA) -- The American Zionist Council, representing all the Zionist groups in the United States, today joined the American nation in mourning the death of Senator Robert A. Taft who was considered a great friend of the Zionist movement. A statement issued by Louis Lipsky, chairman of the Council, says:

"Senator Taft was one of the early advocates of the restoration of Palestine as the Jewish National Home. He believed that he was loyal to American ideals in favoring the creation of an era of freedom for the long-depressed Jewish people in the Promised Land. He never wavered from his faith in the justice of that cause.

"He believed that international covenants should be kept and therefore voiced his protest against the Palestine White Paper of 1939, which he regarded as a breach of the Mandate and of the Balfour Declaration.

"He was one of the most faithful leaders in American political life in support of the Jewish cause after World War II, and greatly aided in the creation of the State of Israel and in support thereafter of all American efforts to aid Israel to absorb the tens of thousands of refugees coming from all parts of the world and in consolidating the economy of the new State.

"The bi-partisan support of American policy on Israel was due in large measure to his consistent and courageous advocacy of fair dealing toward the State of Israel and its difficult problems. The Jewish people will long remember him as a faithful friend and as a statesman of high integrity."

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver said in a statement: "I shall forever be grateful for the privilege of having known him as a friend and for having received from him the wisest of counsel and the greatest of help in the work of establishing the State of Israel, a cause which appealed so greatly to his fine sense of historic justice. The Jewish People will forever treasure his memory. It is with profound sorrow that I see the passing of a great and good man who will be sorely missed in these critical times."

## JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY TO MARK ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, Aug. 2. (JTA) -- The 50th anniversary of the incorporation of the Jewish Theological Seminary will be marked by a Conference on Moral Standards which will open on September 13 in the Seminary and will be attended by more than 100 scholars, it was announced here today.

Dr. Louis Finkelstein, chancellor of the Seminary, who made the announcement, said that the scholars and experts at the conference will study moral standards in eight major fields--government, business and labor, education, science, creative expression, mass media, family and private behavior and religious institutions. Conferees will be widely representative, he asserted.

Conference seminars, primarily designed to gather and evaluate information on urgent moral problems, will be under the general direction of Lyman Bryson, Professor Emeritus of Education at Columbia University's Teachers College. Seminars will emphasize discussion of papers, prepared and circulated among the conferees for study in advance of the sessions. The experts are expected to review their findings, first in individual working sessions of the seminars, and then in three plenary sessions.



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