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December 17, 1952

Mr. A. M. Luntz  
Hanna Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Abe:

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I received this morning from Mrs. Babb, who, as you know, has been a member of our Choir for 18 years. She has suffered a slight stroke and will not be able to sing in our Choir any more.

I am sure that we will want to take some recognition of her years of service at The Temple. When you are next here, please take up this matter with me.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er  
Enc.



January 3, 1953

The Reverend Heber O'Hara  
First Congregational Church of Strongsville  
Westwood Drive  
Strongsville, Ohio

My dear Reverend O'Hara:

May I express to you my profound appreciation and that of The Temple Fellowship for your great kindness to us in permitting Mr. Carleton Bullis to absent himself from his post with your congregation to play for us on Sunday, December twentieth. We were confronted with an emergency in the sudden indisposition of our organist, Mr. Willard, who was taken to the hospital. I hope that we did not inconvenience you too greatly. Mr. Bullis rendered us a distinct service in coming to us.

The Temple has requested me to enclose a check towards your church activities which is only a slight token of its appreciation.

With warmest regards and all good wishes for the New Year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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FEBRUARY 25, 1953

LEO S. BAMBERGER  
123 FREMONT STREET  
HARRISON, NEW YORK

THE RABBIS, OFFICERS AND BOARD OF THE TEMPLE JOIN ME IN EXTENDING  
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A. M. LUNTZ





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July 8, 1953

Rev. Rabbi Dr. Silver  
Jewish Museum  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Among the old works of art and paintings which our gallery has here for sale, is one picture, which I believe might be of interest for your museum. Permit me, therefore to send you enclosed herewith photograph of it. It is a "Still Life" by Jan van der Heyden and what might make it interesting for you is that it shows some items connected with the Jewish rites and a globe where the American Continent is indicated.

The painting is in a perfect state of preservation, the colours are warm and luminous and it is very fine in all details. The sizes of the painting are noted on the back of the photograph. Unfortunately a reproduction can never give the same good conception as the original does. However, it can give you a general idea of the painting, and if you should like to see the original, this can, later on, always be arranged, either when your way brings you to New York or by having it sent to you on approval. May I mention in this respect that our gallery will be closed from middle of July until beginning of September. Mail, however, will always be forwarded through the office.

Looking forward to hearing from you, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

*Henny Fleischmann*

Secretary to Mrs. Elisabeth Drey



July 24, 1953

Mr. A. M. Luntz  
Luntz Iron and Steel Company  
Hanna Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Abe:

I am enclosing herewith a list which you requested of the people whom you may consider inviting to the evening party, which you are planning. It is by no means a complete list. I assume that you have a list of your own.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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enc.



Dr. Howard M. Gans

H. D. Koblitz

Louis Balantzow

Ed Meisel

Louis Feldman

Eugene Goodman

Irving Hexter

Ed M. Katz

Maurice Maschke, Jr.

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Emanuel Margulis

William Shipley

Max Feldman

Harry Resnick

Jerome Friedlander

Ed Silverberg

Sam S. Rosenthal

Robert H. Gross

Herman V. Haas

Daniel Sherby

Irving K. Heller

Albert J. Goodman

Sylvester Flesheim





8/20/53 Senator Wayne Morse  
Eugene, Oregon

August 18, 1953

Governor Theodore R. McKeldin  
Executive Mansion  
Annapolis, Maryland

My dear Governor:

In accordance with your request, I am writing to ask that you clear your busy schedule to see whether it will be possible for you to come to The Temple during the month of October, the suggested dates being Thursday, October 15th, Wednesday, October 21st, or Thursday, October 22nd. The meeting will be under the auspices of The Temple Men's Club which carries on an active program which attracts the entire community.

Rabbi Silver has asked that I include him in a most cordial invitation to come to Cleveland to address The Temple. The meeting would be held in the evening and we would have a small dinner preceding the meeting of some of the representative people of our community. As you know, our organization has long anticipated having you on its platform and I earnestly hope that it will be possible for you to come.

With warmest regards and looking forward to hearing from you,  
I am

Very sincerely yours,

A. M. LUNTZ  
President

AML:er



New York, Aug 19 1953

Dear Rabbi Silver:

At the suggestion of Dr. Guido Schönberger of the Jewish Museum in New York, - I permit myself to offer you twelve (12) silver plaques, representing the twelve tribes. The plates are repoussé and chased with beautiful inscriptions, diameter -  $7\frac{1}{4}$  inches, - origin - Hamadan (Shushan) Persia. Dr. Schönberger thought the plaques to be of superb quality, and besides being Museum pieces, even more so for hanging in a Temple - since they are a full set, hence they represent the "Bnei Israel"; The Jewish Museum in New York has only two plates of that type, which will be displayed in the forthcoming exhibition of Persian-Jewish objects. With your permission, I should like to point out that plates hanging in a Synagogue are an old tradition and since they were most probably used for collecting I do not see why they could not be used now for festive collections. If I am not mistaken, the plates were traditionally hanging around the "Aron Hakodesh". Excuse me, Sir, my sales-talk, but it would be nice if they would shine on Simchat Torah on the wall of your Temple. The price of the plates is \$960 (nine hundred sixty) for the set. Dr. Schönberger left the 15th Aug for Europe;



if you would like dr. Kravitz or anybody else to inspect  
the plates, please advise me so. I shall appreciate very  
much if you could kindly let me know as soon  
as possible, whether the plates interest you. Thank  
you very much

Sincerely yours  
S. Reiz

318 West 75 Str  
NYC





\$ 6.47

August 20, 1953

Mr. S. Rey  
318 West 75 Street  
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Rey:

Thank you for your letter of August 19th regarding the silver plaques which you have available. If you would like to send them to me on approval, I shall be pleased to see them and if they are suitable for our Museum, I shall try to find a purchaser for them.

With many thanks and with all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

THEODORE R. MCKELDIN  
GOVERNOR

August 25, 1953

Mr. A. M. Luntz, President  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Mr. Luntz:

Your letter of August 18th, addressed to Governor McKeldin, has been received in his absence. He is at present in Vermont, where he and Mrs. McKeldin have gone to meet their daughter Clara. Upon his return, I shall be pleased to bring your letter of invitation to his attention, and I am sure he will advise you immediately as to his availability on one of the three dates mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

*Mildred K. Hornberger*  
Secretary

MKM/tk



New York Aug 25 1953

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have sent you today the twelve silver plaques on approval at \$960 - as you have requested in your letter of Aug 20.

Shipping cost \$  $6\frac{47}{100}$ , which you pay only in case you decide not to purchase the plaques.

In case you purchase the plaques, could you kindly send to Dr. Schönberger copies of the photos, - when you make them for your records? He will appreciate that very much.

Thank you for everything, particularly for your good wishes.

Sincerely yours  
S. Key

September 1, 1953

Mr. S. Rey  
318 West 75 Street  
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Rey:

Thank you for your kindness in sending me on approval the 12 silver plaques. They have arrived and I found them very attractive. I have tried to find some purchaser for them for our Museum. We have a memorial fund here which has been set up in memory of one of our members and we have \$750 in the fund. If the amount is satisfactory to you, I will suggest to the family that they purchase these plaques. This will be a little over \$60 per plate and I think that that is a fair figure.

Let me hear from you and with all good wishes for a Happy New Year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



New York, Sept. 3, 1953

S. Rey  
318 West 75 Str  
NYC

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
1855 Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am very glad, that the plates did not disappoint you. I also agree, Sir, that the price you are offering is a fair one. Unfortunately, I am in no position to reduce the price, that I have given (\$960).

However there are two things, that I should like to do, if this would facilitate the purchase of the plates by your Institution: 1) I should like very much to make to your Institution a modest contribution of \$60. 2) I should like to extend to your Institution a credit of \$150. This would bring the price down to \$900 with \$150 open to credit.

Excuse me, Sir if I am assuming to much - but I am trying my best. I wish, I could sell to you the plates at your price.

Thank you for your kindness. A Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours  
S. Rey

September 15, 1953

Mr. S. Rey  
318 West 75th Street  
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Rey:

Thank you for your letter of September 3rd.  
The Temple Museum will purchase the plates  
which you sent to me, and I am enclosing  
herewith a check of \$900, \$150 of which will  
be retained by you as a credit account for  
The Temple.

With all good wishes for the New Year, I  
remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



New York Sept 18. 1953

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you very much for your letter of Sept. 15 and the check. Unfortunately there is a misunderstanding, which is entirely my fault, and which has to be cleared before I can deposit your check.

This is what I meant to say in my letter of Sept. 3: The price of the plates remains \$960. I can donate to the Temple \$60. This would leave for the Temple to pay me \$900. But since the Temple has to its disposal (as I understood from your letter) only \$750, I should be ready to wait for the remaining \$150, until the Temple is in a position to pay.

The misunderstanding arose from my phrase "... with \$150 open to credit."

Please, forgive me, but I do have limitations in English. Please, kindly let me know, whether you shall keep the plates in these circumstances; - and if you keep them, kindly send me a formal acknowledgement of my \$60 donation to the Temple.

Please, forgive me that chaos. Thank you for your wishes. A Happy New Year!

Sincerely yours  
S. Rey



September 23, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you for your letter and for returning the etching.

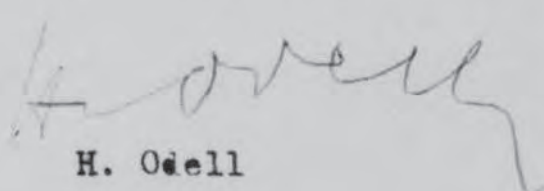
In the mean time, something unusual and outstanding turned up. It is a pair of Rimoniim, Dutch. of the 18th century. of extraordinary beauty and craftsmanship, silver. gilded, with open work and filigree. It has a crest and a so-called mirror monogram. I showed these pieces to Dr. Kayser who values them very highly and who told me that he thinks they are worth between \$ 1200.- and \$ 1500.-.

I could sell these pieces for \$ 950.- and I think I could trade in the Hanukkah lamp which I still have from you for \$ 200.-. so that you would have to pay \$ 750.-.

Now the situation is the following. This pair of Rimoniim will be sent to an exhibition ( not for sale ) in Pennsylvania for a month, and they cannot be shown before. The purpose of this letter is to ask you whether you think that the acquisition of these pieces could be considered by you, and whether you believe that you would find a donator for them. In this case I could arrange that I get the first chance after their return from this exhibition. This of course would not involve any obligation on your part for you would not buy them before having seen them. I only want to know whether you are interested, for I have two other customers who probably would wish to have them. but they are real Museum pieces. and if possible I would give you the preference.

I would appreciate your answer.

Sincerely yours,

  
H. Odell



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555 Madison Avenue . New York 22 . Telephone Plaza 8-2338

September 28, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
1855 Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have sent you to-day, by Railway Express, insured, a package containing a rare and most interesting item which I just received from abroad, i. e. a

Shofar, made of a rams horn

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with an engraved Hebrew inscription from Psalm 81, A: "Sound the shofar on the New Moon, in the time appointed for our festival day. It is a statute for Israel, an ordinance for the God of Jacob". I did not show this piece to anyone but Dr. Kayser who thinks it is a very fine piece and is of the opinion that it has been made in the 17th Century in Central Europe. There is a very similar one in Mr. Charles Feinberg's collection in Detroit, but Dr. Kayser thinks that this one is better, and earlier.

I ought to get \$ 300.- for this item, but in order to revive our connection and to make it easy for you to acquire this object I wish to make you a specially attractive offer: I will accept \$ 125.- in cash and for the remaining sum the Hanukkah Lamp which I have on consignment from you. I trust that this will be very satisfactory to you.

Thanking you for your reply,

Most sincerely yours,

*H. Odell*

H. Odell

Returned by Railway  
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Carla Steen

ART - EXPERT - RESTORER OF PAINTINGS

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NEW YORK CITY 21

September 29/1953



Rev. Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

The Temple Museum, 1855 Ansel Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Knowing that you are interested in subjects as the enclosed, I am taking the liberty to ask you whether your Museum would like to acquire this very interesting document of Jewish culture. The owner who is not a dealer told me that the Synagogue represented, is the Spanish-Portuguese in Amsterdam, if it is not this particular one, it shows anyhow a very realistic picture of the service and the customs of the period; the painting is signed and dated and in good condition. The price is \$ 800-

I would be glad to help the man, whom I met in Europe and who is an old patient of my husband's.

I am sure that you will like the painting and hope to hear from you at your earliest convenience, as I have not shown the photo to anybody yet.

Thanking you in advance, most respectfully yours

*Carla Steen*  
Formerly Kaiser Friedrich Museum, Berlin.



Oct. 4, 1953 New York

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On Sept. 18 I received your kind letter and a check for \$900 with an annotation, that a \$150 of that sum will be retained by me, as a credit account for the Temple.

The same day I wrote to you, that the phrase with \$150 open to credit "in my letter of Sept. 3" created a misunderstanding. What I meant to say in that letter was the following: I am ready to donate out of the \$960 (price of plates) to the Temple \$60, - and, if the Temple has at this time to its disposal only \$750 for the purchase of the plates, I shall wait for the remaining \$150.

I shall be very grateful if, you will kindly let me know, whether you want to keep the plates in these circumstances; - and, if you keep them, kindly send me an acknowledgement of my modest donation, since I need it for my book keeping.

Please, forgive me these complications, thank you very much.

Sincerely yours  
S. Key



October 7, 1953

Dear Fellow-Member:

We have been greatly stirred and exalted by the majestic services of our High Holy Days and by the inspiring spiritual messages which we received. We should like to translate that inspiration into action of a kind calculated to enrich our own lives and to strengthen our faith among our people.

We feel that we have been rather negligent during the year in our attendance at Temple services, not out of conviction but rather as a result of thoughtlessness, ~~and of permitting~~ <sup>We</sup> ~~ed~~ <sup>ed</sup> other secondary considerations of convenience and comfort to interfere with our clear duty to ourselves and to our faith.

We feel that a spiritual stock-taking is in order for all American Jews. While we have all been commendably generous in the material support of our religious institutions, we have been lamentably negligent in our participation in public worship and in attendance at our synagogues and Temples. Recent surveys have brought these facts sharply to public attention. ~~This is a situation of which we Jews can certainly not be proud.~~ It is ~~also~~ a situation which, if continued uncorrected, will affect disastrously the moral and spiritual future of our American Jewish youth who are guided by the example of ~~the~~ <sup>their</sup> ~~elders~~ <sup>elders</sup> the elder generation. It is time to call a halt to this trend and to return to the noble example of our forebears who looked upon faithful Temple attendance as a privilege and an opportunity.

Our Temple occupies a position of leadership in American Jewish life. Quite naturally what we do at The Temple has its reverberations elsewhere. We are eager to start a movement among the Jews of America towards active and eager participation in worship. We believe that the best way to start is with ourselves. We, the undersigned, ~~are undertaking~~ <sup>are committing ourselves to</sup> a faithful regimen of regular Temple attendance. We plan to arrange our ~~programs~~ <sup>plans</sup> and ~~our~~ social activities in such a ~~manner~~ <sup>way</sup> as to enable us to be on hand ~~every~~ Sunday morning for worship.



~~at The Temple.~~ We invite you to join us - you and your families. <sup>What</sup> ~~we~~ we have in mind is not a one-time effort to attend one or two special services, but the year-round habit of worship as an essential part of the pattern of our *lives* ~~life~~ and the lives of our children.

If you feel as we do, <sup>will you</sup> ~~make~~ the inner resolve? This is not a matter of *any* formal pledge. It is a matter of a new consecration to an ancient and noble practice of our people.

Yours in renewed devotion to Judaism,



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TEMPLE MUSEUM, ATTN DR SILVER=

1855 ANSEL RD CLEVE=

WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ANSWER TO MY LETTER REGARDING

ANTIQUE SHOFAR=

ODELL=





October 11, 1953

Mr. Henry F. Odell  
555 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Odell:

Please be advised that on October 7th we returned to you by Railway Express, insured, the Shofar which you sent to Rabbi Silver since we already have several very interesting Shofars.



Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Dorothy Koslen  
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

October 22, 1953

Mr. S. Rey  
318 West 75th Street  
New York City, New York

My dear Mr. Rey:

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter.  
We will keep the plates, and the check which I  
sent you on September 15th in the sum of \$900.00  
is in full payment of the bill.

I am grateful to you for your contribution of \$60.00  
which you have made to The Temple Museum and which  
you will apply to the purchase price of the plates.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:dk

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



October 23, 1953

Mrs. Carla Steen  
667 Madison Avenue  
New York 21, New York

Dear Mrs. Steen:

Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness  
in sending us the enclosed photograph, which I am re-  
turning because The Temple Museum is at the present  
time not interested in acquiring it.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Dorothy Koslen  
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

October 29, 1953

Mr. Louis B. Seltzer, Editor  
The Cleveland Press  
Rockwell Ave. at E. 9th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friend;

I am enclosing herewith the article by Daniel on his experiences as a Chaplain in Japan which appeared in "The Reconstructionist" of New York, and which we had reprinted in The Temple Bulletin.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:dk  
Encl.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER





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November 6, 1953

Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Anser Road  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am writing this letter to inform you that I am sending you under separate cover the photograph of a very old Parochet.

The background <sup>of the Parochet</sup> is Jade green floral Damask of the 17th century and in the center you will see a panel which is apricot velvet with the ten Commandments and the history of the piece. On the top there is a very important valance, wonderful workmanship with crowns and the rest of the Hebrew decorations with lovely writings, very fine. In looking at the photograph it is ~~very~~ hard to read the letters on the valance unless you read it thru a magnifying glass and then you can read what it says there. It is quite an important Parochet, therefore, I am happy and anxious to mail you one of the photographs for you to look at. The size of the Parochet is 5 ft. 10 in. long by 4 ft. 1 in. wide. The valuation of this piece is \$1500.00, and as I know you love these beautiful pieces, I would be glad to consider \$750.00. You have to see the piece in order to see its beauty. However, upon looking at the photograph and if you desire to have it shipped to you, I shall be very glad to do so.

Trusting to hear from you favorably.

Sincerely yours,

MAYORKAS BROS.

CMM/b







November 10, 1953

Paul Drey Inc.  
11 East 57th Street  
New York 22, New York

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith the photograph of "Still Life" by Jan van der Heyden which your office sent to us recently, and regret to advise that The Temple Museum cannot use it.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Dorothy Koslen  
Secretary to Dr. Silver

HENRY F. ODELL

Works of Art . Paintings . Appraisals

555 Madison Avenue . New York 22 . Telephone Plaza 8-2338

November 15, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver:  
The Temple  
1850 Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

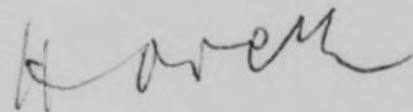
I take pleasure in sending you herewith the photo of an interesting painting by a famous artist about whom you find details on the enclosed slip. The picture is signed and dated 1932, and the measurements are 20 X 15 without frame, and 24 1/2 by 19 1/2 with frame. The photo does not show the colors which are very beautiful.

The price is \$ 500.-, or if you want to trade in the Hanukkah Lamp, \$ 350.- cash.

Please let me know whether you are interested and whether you would like me to ship it to you on approval.

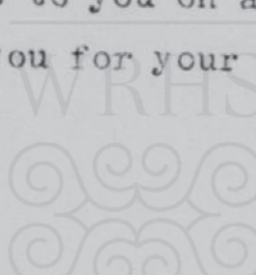
Thanking you for your kind reply,

Cordially,



H. Odell

*This offer is subject  
to prior sale.*





Leopold Pilicowtsky  
Polish Painter  
born 1869-died lately

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Known for his depiction of Jewish life and portraits of Jewish and other famous personalities, such as Einstein, Baron Rothschild, Lord Samuel, Lord Balfour, Weizman etc. His painting of the opening of the Jewish University in Jerusalem, 1929, exhibited in Buckingham Palace.

Exhibitions: 1925 in Jerusalem

1927 " Warsaw

1928 " New York

1929 " Detroit.

Represented in the Museums of Paris, Den Haag, Brooklyn, Jerusalem etc.





Sydor Rey  
318 West 75 St  
NYC

New York, Nov. 16. 1953

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple Museum  
1855 Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have for sale a miniature handwritten Pentateuch once owned by the Duke of Sussex, - of which a description taken from the Jewish Encyclopedia of 1906 - I include. The manuscript was the last time exhibited in London 1945 during the Anglo-Jewish exhibition.

The price is \$900 (nine hundred).

If the Pentateuch is of interest to your Museum, kindly advise me as soon as possible what procedure to follow. Thank you.

Sincerely Yours  
S. Rey



Bibliotheca Sussexiana, London 1827.

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Pentateuch Hebraicus Ms. in Memh. Sec. XVIII ~~3mo~~ 2 vols.

This Pentateuch was presented to the Library By Joshua van Oven, Esq.

It was written by Mr. Yates of Liverpool, and consists of the 5 books of the Law, without commentary of any kind.

It has the vowel and musical points, and is very neatly and distinctly written although the character is very small.

Yates, Benjamin Eliakim first minister of the congregation at Liverpool, England died there 1798.

He was the older son of Eliakim Getz (Goetz) of Strelitza, and he himself also appears to have been a native of Strelitz.

On going to England he became an itinerant seal-engraver, and probably settled in one of the south-western counties.

Subsequently he located in Liverpool where he became an engraver and working jeweler; and with this calling he combined that of minister or rabbi of the infant Liverpool congregation acting also as hazzan, schohet, and mohel. His residence at 109 Frederic Street is believed to have been the first regular synagogue of the Liverpool Jews.

The small garden was used as a burial-ground and Benjamin Yates was the last person interred in it.

(The Jewish Encyclopedia 1906)



November 20, 1953

Dear Friend:

At this season of the year many of us are thinking of contributions to worthy causes which are deductible from our income tax. We may have some additional funds to distribute over and above what we have already committed ourselves to during the year.

May I draw your attention and recommend the Ansel Road Project as a cause worthy to be the recipient of your generosity.

We have reached the half-way mark in our objective to raise a half-million dollars with which to acquire all the property within the triangle on Ansel Road facing The Temple, to convert that land into adequate parking space for our Temple members and to landscape the remaining property into a beautiful park area. This will protect our beloved institution in its present location, and will be our contribution to the project in which the educational and cultural institutions in the University Circle are now engaged to protect and enhance the beauty of what has come to be known as the Cultural Heart of Cleveland.

You may have already made a contribution to this project. May I urge you to make an additional pledge this year so that we may complete the project in the near future. Your gifts may be paid at your convenience.

With warm regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

A. M. LUNTZ



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With warm regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

G. W. Luntz

~~ADDA HILLIER STEIN~~



November 23, 1953

Mayorkas Bros.  
843 Madison Avenue at 70th Street  
New York 21, New York

Gentlemen:

I received the photograph of the Parochet which you sent me. I am interested in seeing it and, if you wish to send it on approval, we shall be very happy to pay the freight and the insurance.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:dk

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



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318 West 75th Street  
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Dear Mr. Rey:

Thank you so much for your kindness in sending me the information contained in your letter of November 16th. I regret that our Museum is not at the moment interested in acquiring manuscripts.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:dk

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



November 23, 1953

Mr. Henry F. Odell  
555 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Odell:

Thank you so much for your kindness in sending me the photograph of the painting by Mr. Pilicowsky. I regret that our Museum is not at the moment acquiring any paintings, and I am, therefore, returning the photograph to you herewith.

With all good wishes, I remain

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November 27, 1953

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I shipped to-day by the Railway Express Agency, collect and insured for \$1,000.00, the antique Parochet, in accordance to instructions received from you in your letter of the 23rd.

Upon receipt of the package, I would like to hear from you with regard to this piece, which I think is beautiful, dignified and noble. I like this Parochet very much and hope you like it as much as I do or even better than I do.

Thank you very much for the privilege given us to send this Parochet to you on approval which is also a pleasure and honor.

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November 27, 1953

Mr. A. M. Lunts  
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My dear Abe:

I'm enclosing herewith the letter which was suggested by Mr. Herman Moss. I agree with him that it should be sent over your signature.

I'm also enclosing herewith the original letter containing the names of the Committee.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:dk

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



November 28, 1953

My dear Friend;

You must have been gratified, as I have been, with the fine response which the letter signed by you and by other leading members of the Temple on the subject of Temple attendance received at the hands of our congregation. There has been a marked increase in attendance right along. Many new faces are to be seen in the congregation and many of those who had been attending our religious service infrequently are now regular attendants. We have all experienced a sense of deep satisfaction with the results, and those who are getting into the fine habit of regular Temple attendance have expressed their appreciation for having had their attention drawn to it.

I am eager that this campaign which you helped to initiate should continue until all our members are drawn into this most commendable effort and until every pew in our Temple is occupied at all services. May I request you during the week to contact two or three of your friends whom you have missed at Temple services and invite them and their families to join with you in attending services and in a year-around habit of worship as an essential part of the pattern of their lives and the lives of their children.

We campaign and solicit for many causes. Let us campaign for our glorious faith, not in terms of raising money, but in terms of recommitment to public worship and attendance at Temple which our people throughout the ages considered a supreme privilege and a spiritual obligation.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

A. M. LUNTZ



Date -

My dear Friend:

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Most cordially yours,

A. M. LUNTZ





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December 4, 1953

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Outside of the list herewith proposed, I would like to suggest a very unusual opportunity for fund raising purposes. Inasmuch as we have our own attractions taking place this season, rather than contract for something new which may not be priced too reasonably and since we are a non-profit organization admissions tax exempt and especially being a member of the Temple, I would cherish the opportunity to cooperate with the Temple Women's Association whereby they can take a block of tickets for any of the following attractions and keep from 40 to 50% of the ticket sale without assuming any promotional expense they would encounter in promoting an attraction independently.

The AGNES DE MILLE DANCE THEATRE would be a natural for them at this early date. The entire matinee performance on March 6th can be taken over by the Temple which should result in a great success. Of course, should you decide on Agnes de Mille or the performance of YMA SUMAC on February 5th, I would have to secure permission from the New York managers on the percentage arrangement. However, for the GERSHWIN FESTIVAL on January 3rd, SALZBURG MARIONETTES on January 9th, ARTUR RUBINSTEIN on January 23rd, since these attractions have guaranteed fees, it would be up to me personally to make the percentage agreements, provided at least a block of 100 tickets is purchased.

For next season, if the Temple Women's Association is interested, after we have booked our attractions, probably on or two can be arranged for fund raising purposes for your organization, thus making plans far in advance for a successful enterprise.

Please inform me if there is anything further I can do to be of service.

With all my best wishes, I am,

Respectfully yours,



G. Bernardi, Director,  
CLEVELAND OPERA ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Dear Fellow-Temple Member:

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While our Congregation is a generally recognized leader in the American Reform movement, there is one essential element in which we are still lacking somewhat. Our attendance at regular religious services is good - perhaps better than average - but NOT GOOD ENOUGH. Too many of us are denying ourselves the privileges and compensations of religious observance. This situation needs repair, and with your help, that too will be done.

Day after day, week after week, year after year, you are exhorted to make pledges of money to various causes. We of the Temple Public Worship Committee ask you to make a most unusual pledge - unusual in that it will cost you nothing. Indeed, the pledge we want you to make - costing nothing - will yield you and the members of your family a great profit in satisfaction, in inspiration and in comfort. You cannot make this one pledge without profiting immeasurably from it.

JOIN THE COMMITTEE OF 100. This Committee will have a pleasant task to perform. First, its members will set a good example for all other Temple members by regularly attending the Sunday morning services - on time. Secondly, this Committee will assume the responsibility of contacting other Temple members to prevail upon them to follow the good example.

This invitation presents an opportunity to enrich your life and that of the adult and young adult members of your family - inspire your family and your friends to cultivate a good habit, one which must yield a substantial and lasting gain. We Temple members owe our Congregation and our religious leaders the character of loyalty ~~xxxx~~ which will fill the Temple to overflowing every Sunday. Your help in arriving at that objective is earnestly solicited. We ~~urge~~ you to be among the first to join the COMMITTEE OF 100.

Sign and mail the enclosed card now. It is a pledge that costs you nothing. It is an investment in constructive and meaningful Jewish living. Walk along with us - be one of the Pillars of the Temple - the keystone of a strong Temple structure is consistent participation in religious service.

Sincerely yours,

THE PUBLIC WORSHIP COMMITTEE



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*Moderator*

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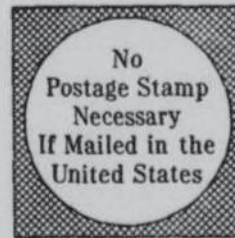
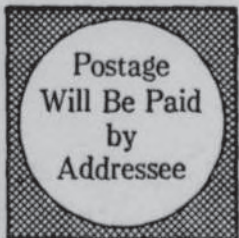


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December 8, 1953

Mr. Charles M. Mayorkas  
Mayorkas Brothers  
843 Madison Avenue at 70th Street  
New York 21, New York

My dear Mr. Mayorkas:

Thank you for your kindness in shipping the Parochet to me. I find it attractive, but I regret that the price would make it impossible for us to acquire it.

We have a memorial fund here of some \$500 which I would be prepared to use in the purchase of this Parochet. Let me know if that would be agreeable to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE

December 10, 1953

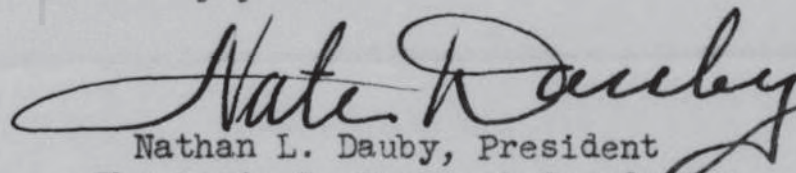
Rabbi Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road at E. 105th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I take pleasure in advising you that the Trustees of The Louis D. Beaumont Foundation have approved the payment at this time of the balance of \$6,666.66 of the \$10,000.00 pledge which was made to The Temple in July of this year, at which time the first installment of \$3333.34 was paid.

Will you please acknowledge the receipt of this check in full payment of the pledge.

Cordially yours

  
Nathan L. Dauby, President  
The Louis D. Beaumont Foundation

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Encl.



Sydor Rey  
318 West 75 Str  
New York City

New York, Dec. 13. 1953

Museum

Rabbi Albra Hillel Silver  
The Temple Museum  
1855 Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I permit myself to offer for sale the following objects:

1) Silver cup and saucer for Habadah, late 17<sup>th</sup> cent. - dated "נ" and dedicated. They are enameled, heavily inscribed decorated with vines, flowers and vegetables, - in repoussé and chased technique. They are supposed to be absolutely unique. Price \$575.-

2) A turquoise blue tile XII-XIII cent. covered with iridescent - of the Rakha type. It has a Magen David in relief with perforations in it for light. It is hexagonal 11 inch in diameter - and it was most probably placed above the Aron HaKodesh as a light filter. It was excavated in Hamadan. Price \$260.-

The above mentioned objects have been inspected by Dr. Guido Schönberger of the Jewish Museum, - who found them to be extremely desirable for a Museum. If they are of interest to you, kindly let me know, what procedure to follow. Thank you very much

Sincerely yours

S. Rey



December 17, 1953

Mr. Nathan L. Dauby, President  
The Louis D. Beaumont Foundation  
The May Company  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Dauby:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of December tenth and to acknowledge the receipt of the balance of \$6,666.66 as the final payment on the \$10,000.00 pledge which was made by the Louis D. Beaumont Foundation to the Temple in July.

I need not tell you that The Temple is profoundly grateful to you for this gift which has been of great help to our institution. The generosity of the Beaumont Foundation to The Temple is deeply appreciated by the entire membership of The Temple. I want to thank you personally for the assistance which has been given to us and for your own helpfulness in this matter.

With warmest regards, and trusting that you are well, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms



December 18, 1953

Mr. Louis Seltzer  
Editor, Cleveland Press  
Rockwell and East Ninth  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friend:

I read with deep satisfaction your editorial in last Monday's PRESS, "Danger Signals", and I want to thank you for it.

It is heartening to have, in days such as these, a great newspaper speak out for the things which are basic to our free democracy and which are now under attack from so many directions.

With warmest personal regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms





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Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

When planning the next Biennial Meeting of the Ohio Valley Council UAHC, the Executive committee suggested that it be held in Cleveland in the early spring of 1954. Representatives of your city's UAHC congregations approved this suggestion at the meeting in Cleveland Sept. 29th 1953 and tentatively set the time for the week-end of April 3rd. and 4th at the Hotel Carter.

The majority of the constituent congregations of the region have expressed a desire to have the meeting begin with a dinner on Saturday evening and continue on Sunday morning and afternoon. Therefore, I am writing to ascertain if this would meet with your approval in view of the fact that services at The Temple are held on Sunday morning.

May I ask for your comments at your earliest convenience.

With all good wishes.

Cordially,  
*Leon Saks*

Leon Saks, Chairman OVC-UAHC

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Sometime ago we received from Iran some antique and semi-antique, engraved silver-work, such as vases, plates and amulates, all with Hebrew inscription.

We are given to understand that you may be interested in these objects; if so, please advise so that we may send you some representative items.

Very truly yours,

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M. K. Kaihani'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

M. K. Kaihani, Vice President



January 19, 1954

Mr. Henry F. Odell  
555 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

My dear Friend:

Thank you for your kind note. Inasmuch as you are leaving soon for an extended trip abroad, I would suggest that you send the Chanukah lamp back here to The Temple Museum. Thank you for your interest.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms

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January 19, 1954

Dr. Leon Saks, Chairman  
Ohio Valley Council-UAHC  
1155 Cheyenne Drive  
Cincinnati 16, Ohio

My dear Dr. Saks:

Thank you for your kind letter of January twelfth. I have, of course, no objections to having the Ohio Valley Council UAHC meet on Sunday morning, April fourth if a meeting must be scheduled that morning.

It might perhaps be more helpful to the cause if an opportunity were offered to those who are coming to attend the <sup>services</sup> ~~sessions~~ at The Temple on Sunday morning. We can then plan to have the sermon and the service directed in a measure to the cause of liberal Judaism in the United States. However, whatever decision you make will be entirely satisfactory to me.

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILIEL SILVER

AHS:rms



January 19, 1954

Mr. M. K. Kaihani, Vice President  
Iran Industries Corporation  
Ten West Thirty-third Street  
New York 1, New York

My dear Mr. Kaihani:

Thank you for your kind letter of January fourteenth. The Temple Museum would be interested in receiving on approval rare objects of Jewish interest which may be in your possession. We have quite a number of amulets, vases, and plates. Unless you have something quite outstanding, it would not be worth your effort to send it. But we shall be very happy to consider anything of unusual interest.

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms



**S. S. ROSENBERG**  
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105 PINEHURST AVENUE  
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January 22, 1954.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver,

A short time ago I sent you my latest catalogue containing Rare Hebraica and Judaica.

Today I take great pleasure in sending you herewith a supplementary list of items which I was fortunate in securing since then. I hope you will find time to read through my material and perhaps come across something which may be of interest to you. I shall always be glad to endeavour and acquire an object for you personally or for your "Temple Museum".

A few days ago I met Mr. Narkiss, Director of the Bezalel Museum in Jerusalem, who is at present in the United States for a few months. Mr. Narkiss looked at some of the items of my stock in antique ceremonial art. Among other things he saw the silver binding, a detailed description of which you will find in my catalogue under # 72. He specifically requested that I draw your attention once more to this exquisite specimen of its kind.

I should be very pleased to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

*S. Rosenberg*  
S. Rosenberg

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January 24, 1954

Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby  
United States Department of Welfare  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Hobby:

I understand that my good friend, Mr. Jack Martin, has spoken to you about the possibility of your coming to The Temple on Sunday evening, March twenty-eighth. Once a year The Temple, which is the largest liberal congregation in the United States, holds a joint meeting of its entire membership and of its auxiliary bodies, to which meeting it brings an outstanding personality on the American scene to deliver a message. This meeting attracts city-wide attention and is extensively reported in the press.

The Board of The Temple this year voted unanimously to extend an invitation to you to be our honored guest and speaker on this occasion knowing of the work of your department and of the splendid leadership which you are giving to that service. It would be a great pleasure to all of us indeed if you will be able to accept this invitation and come to us. The Women's Organization of The Temple is especially eager to act as hostess to your visit. It would afford me personally deep satisfaction to welcome you to our Fellowship.

With all good wishes and hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience so that we may proceed with proper arrangements, permit me to remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms



DEPARTMENT OF  
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WASHINGTON

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

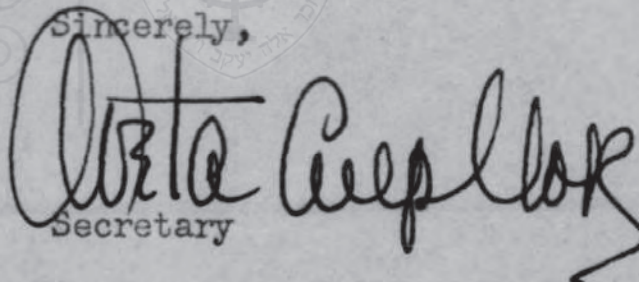
Thank you so much for your letter of January 24, inviting me to speak at the joint meeting of the membership and auxiliary bodies of The Temple in Cleveland, Ohio, on the evening of March 28, 1954.

I appreciate the invitation very much and am happy that I can accept it. I shall be looking forward to being with you for what I know will be an interesting and worthwhile meeting.

Since my time must be closely scheduled, I wonder if you would be kind enough to let me know the time of the meeting so that my travel arrangements may be planned.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,

  
Secretary

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



February 8, 1954

Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby  
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Hobby:

I was delighted to receive your letter of February first informing me that it would be possible for you to address the joint meeting of The Temple on Sunday evening, March 28. The officers and members of The Temple and its affiliated bodies are tremendously pleased and are looking forward with eagerness to your coming. I feel confident that you will enjoy your visit in Cleveland.

The time of the meeting is 8:15 p. m. We should be through by 10:00 or 10:15. We will be happy to make arrangements for you at the Wade Park Manor, which is a first-class hotel in close proximity to The Temple. We would appreciate if your secretary would let us know the time of your arrival so that we could meet you, either at the train or at the airport. We would also appreciate receiving the subject of the address and such biographic information as you would wish us to use in our publicity. We would be delighted to receive a few glossies if they are available and would be happy to arrange a press conference if you desire it.

With warmest regards and looking forward with keen pleasure to your visit, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms



February 10, 1954

Dr. Solomon Freehof  
Congregation Rodef Shalom  
4905 Fifth Avenue  
Pittsburgh 13, Pennsylvania

My dear Sol:

I returned a few days ago from my short holiday to receive glowing reports of your address to The Temple congregation. This, of course, did not surprise me in the least. I regret that I was not there to hear you speak on Shakespeare. I was with Mr. Al Benesch Sunday evening at a dinner, and he raved about your address. I need not tell you how grateful I am to you for helping me out.

With all my best good wishes to you and Lillian in which Virginia joins me, I remain

As ever,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms

Enc.: check covering expenses



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=ARTHUR FISHZOHN=



RABBI SOLOMON B. FREEHOF, D. D.  
RODEF SHALOM TEMPLE  
FIFTH AND MOREWOOD AVENUES  
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February 14, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

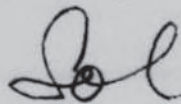
Dear Abba:

Thank you very much for your kind note. I enjoyed speaking on Shakespeare to your Congregation, and it was particularly kind of Mr. Luntz to have a little luncheon at Noon. This Shakespeare lecture was one of three address I already gave here. I hope next year to give three others on Shakespeare.

I do hope you had a good visit down south and were rested. It is no fun for me to be in Cleveland when you are not there but that is the way it sometimes is.

Thank you very much for the check. You know that it more than covers my expenses.

As ever,



Solomon B. Freehof

SBF:ljc





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February 16, 1954

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We thank you for your letter of January 19th and for the interest you have been good enough to evidence in the articles regarding which we wrote to you on January 14th.

As suggested, we sent to you on approval the following by parcel post the other day and trust that you will find them interesting:

- 1) No. S.A. 3 - one pair old, engraved silver amulates with Hebrew inscription \$ 60.00
- 2) No. S.A. 6 - one old, engraved silver amulate with Hebrew inscription \$ 40.00

These are representative items and if they meet with your approval we shall be glad to send you samples of such items as vases, arm-bands, dishes, etc.

We look forward to the pleasure of hearing from you soon.

Very cordially yours,

IRAN INDUSTRIES CORPORATION

M. K. Kaihani, Vice President



February 21, 1954

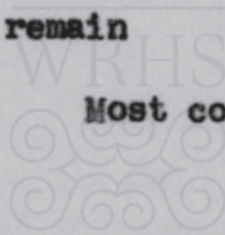
My dear Mr. Barkley:

I am delighted that you are occupying my pulpit this morning. I am on a mission in Florida over the week-end speaking before the National Conference of the United Jewish Appeal. I know that my people will be delighted to greet you and to receive your message. You have many friends and admirers among them. I hope that you will enjoy your visit to Cleveland, short as I understand it is to be.

It is some time since I have seen you, but I hope that I shall have the pleasure again in the not too distant future.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,





ALBEN W. BARKLEY

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February 23, 1954

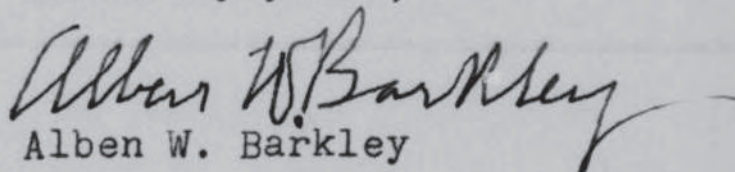
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

I appreciated your note handed to me in Cleveland, and I also appreciated the great honor and privilege of addressing your congregation. It was a wonderful audience and I greatly enjoyed being with them.

Hoping you have had a successful conference in Miami and that I may have the pleasure of seeing you before very long, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
Alben W. Barkley



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February 26, 1954

Mr. M. K. Kaihani  
Iran Industries Corporation  
Ten West Thirty-third Street  
New York 1, New York

My dear Mr. Kaihani:

I am grateful to you for sending me the silver amulets. I am returning them to you, however, because they are almost duplicates of some that we already have in our possession.

Thank you for your efforts.

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms



DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE  
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF  
THE SECRETARY

February 26, 1954

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Secretary Hobby was very glad to have your letter of February 8th. She is looking forward to her trip to Cleveland on March 28th to address the joint meeting of The Temple.

Mrs. Hobby's travel plans are indefinite at the moment. In checking time-tables, we find a plane scheduled to leave Cleveland at 11:30 p.m. for Washington and there is a possibility she will take that flight after the meeting. In any event, she would appreciate your making a hotel reservation for her at the Wade Park Manor for the 28th as you suggested.

You were thoughtful, too, to suggest arranging for Mrs. Hobby to be met when she arrives. When her reservations have been made, I shall let you know. In the meantime, would you please be good enough to let us know what would be proper dress for this occasion. We assume that it is informal, but would like to have any details about the meeting.

As you requested, enclosed are several glossies and biographical material. The subject of Mrs. Hobby's address is as yet undetermined since she has not had an opportunity to prepare her remarks. Do you have any suggestions as to a subject? We would be very happy to have your ideas on the matter.

Because of her strenuous schedule and the possibility that she will spend only a few hours in Cleveland, Secretary Hobby would prefer not to hold a press conference.

If there is anything I can do here in connection with this engagement, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely yours,

*Louise C. Wagman*  
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Secretary in Charge  
of Arrangements

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



# City of Cleveland

ANTHONY J. CELEBREZZE  
MAYOR

March 19, 1954

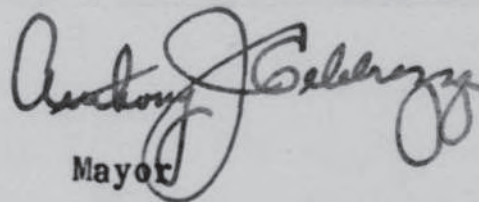
The Temple  
East 105th Street & Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Gentlemen:

Thank you kindly for your invitation to attend  
the All-Temple Meeting on March 28, 1954.

I am sorry but a previous commitment prevents  
me from accepting your invitation.

Very truly yours,

  
Mayor

AJC:rg





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March 22, 1954

The Temple  
E. 105th St + Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio



Gentlemen:

Thank you for your kind invitation. It will  
be good to see Mrs Hobby again.

Looking forward to being with you.

Sincerely, Albina L Gernak



JOSEPH W. GREENLEAF  
312 HAWTHORNE TERRACE  
MT. VERNON, N. Y.

March 22, 1954

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
% The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

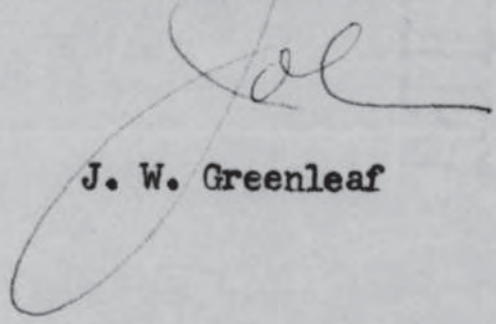
I hope you and your family are enjoying the best of good health.

I have recently heard that your Temple has been looking for a Cantor. If this is true, I would like to recommend for your approval a gentleman by the name of Richard Fulton, who presently is associated with a reform temple in Westchester County, and who would certainly be interested in an audition with your Service Committee.

If you are interested in interviewing and auditioning Cantor Fulton, I am sure that it can be arranged at your convenience.

Best wishes and kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

  
J. W. Greenleaf

JWG:RG



March 24, 1954

Mrs. Louise C. Wagman  
Secretary in Charge of Arrangements  
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Wagman:

We are all looking forward eagerly to Mrs. Hobby's visit on Sunday, and the entire congregation is thrilled that she is coming.

She will be met at Cleveland Hopkins Airport by Mr. Luntz, president of The Temple, and Mrs. Luntz. Unless we hear to the contrary, Mrs. Luntz will plan to meet Capital's Flight No. 411 arriving in Cleveland at 4:20 p. m. on Sunday. A hotel reservation has been made for her at the Wade Park Manor. We assume she will come alone, but we shall of course be happy to welcome anyone she may wish to have accompany her.

Mr. and Mrs. Luntz will be pleased to drive Mrs. Hobby to Akron after the meeting in time to meet the train for Washington. We are grateful that a way was found to enable Mrs. Hobby to spend a greater portion of the evening with us.

If we can be of any assistance to you or Mrs. Hobby in any way at all, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth M. Sparrow  
Secretary to Dr. Silver



U. S. DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE  
Washington 25, D. C.

OVETA CULP HOBBY  
SECRETARY

Oveta Culp Hobby was appointed Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare on April 11, 1953, at which time the Federal Security Agency became the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. Mrs. Hobby had served as Federal Security Administrator from January 21, 1953. She was born in Killeen, Texas, January 19, 1905, the daughter of I. W. Culp and Emma Hoover Culp. She received her education in the public schools of Killeen, under private tutors, and at Mary Hardin-Baylor College.

She served as Parliamentarian in the Texas House of Representatives from 1926 to 1931, and again in 1939 and 1941. In 1931 she began her 20-year affiliation with the Houston Post as Research Editor. She was serving as Assistant Editor when, in 1941, she was appointed Chief of the Women's Interest Section of the War Department's Bureau of Public Relations.

In 1942 Mrs. Hobby was appointed Director of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps and, in 1943, Commanding Colonel, Army of the United States, and Director of the Women's Army Corps. She was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by the United States Government and the Military Merit Medal by the Philippine Government. Director of the WAC throughout World War II, she was released from active duty in September 1945 and returned to The Houston Post as Executive Vice-President. She later became Editor. At the time of her appointment as Federal Security Administrator, Mrs. Hobby was Editor and Publisher of The Houston Post and Executive Director of Station KPRC-AM-FM-TV. Mrs. Hobby resigned from the Post and the radio and TV station positions prior to becoming Federal Security Administrator.

Highlights among her activities: Long a member of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, Mrs. Hobby was a member of its Board of Directors from 1947 to 1950. She was also on the Board of Directors of the Advertising Federation of America and belongs to the Inter-American Press Association and the International Press Institute. In 1950 she was Chairman of the Board of Directors, Southern Newspaper Publishers Association. Mrs. Hobby served as consultant on the Bipartisan Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government, and, later, on the Board of Directors of the Citizens Committee for the Hoover Report. She has served on the National Advisory Council of the American Cancer Society. She is a former member of the Board of Governors of the American National Red Cross, and the Board of Directors of the Texas Medical Center. She was a member of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services. For several years she served on the Board of Directors of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Mrs. Hobby holds honorary degrees from Baylor University, Mary Hardin-Baylor College, the University of Chattanooga, Sam Houston State Teachers College, Colorado Woman's College, and Bard College. In 1950 she was awarded honor medals for distinguished service to Journalism by the University of Missouri and by the Texas Press Association. In 1951 her name was added to the roster of the South's Hall of Fame for the Living.

Mrs. Hobby is the author of "Mr. Chairman," a textbook on parliamentary law, and of "Codification of State Banking Laws in Texas."

In 1931 she was married to William Pettus Hobby, former Governor of Texas and President of The Houston Post since 1924. Their two children are William Pettus Hobby, Jr., 21, and Jessica, 16. Mrs. Hobby is an Episcopalian.

April 1953



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March 25, 1954

Mr. Joseph W. Greenleaf  
312 Hawthorne Terrace  
Mr. Vernon, New York

My dear Joe:

Thank you for your letter of March twenty-second. We have been thinking for some time about the possibility of getting a cantor here, but we have not pushed the matter any.

I wonder whether Mr. Fulton would like to come out to Cleveland over some weekend so that we could talk to him and he may perhaps be able to sing here the Sunday morning he is here so that the congregation would have a chance to hear him. We would of course be very happy to pay his traveling expenses.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms



RICHARD FULTON

March 29, 1954

Dear Dr. Silver,

Joe Greenleaf was kind enough to write you about my deep interest in auditioning for you and your congregation.

I note from your letter to Joe that you would prefer that I appear at a Sunday morning service which I will be very happy to do.

If it meets with your approval, I will come out the weekend of Saturday-Sunday April 17-18th. If this weekend is not satisfactory to you, please suggest another date.

Many thanks for your very kind consideration.

Respectfully,

*Richard Fulton*

Richard Fulton  
1711 Davidson Avenue  
Bronx 53, New York



March 31, 1954

Mr. A. M. Luntz  
Luntz Iron and Steel Company  
Hanna Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Abe:

Just a reminder to take up the matter of the property at the point of the triangle with the person you thought could be helpful. The councilman of this area is Mr. Kermit Neely. I think an approach to the mayor is indicated by someone who could speak both for The Temple and the hospital.

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms



March 31, 1954

Mr. Richard Fulton  
1711 Davidson Avenue  
Bronx 53, New York

My dear Mr. Fulton:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of March 29th. We shall be very happy to have you here over the weekend of April 17-18, this being the Passover weekend.

I would suggest that you prepare some appropriate Passover liturgical selection to be sung at our Sunday morning service on the 18th. You may also wish to have some selection for the Sabbath morning of April 17th. The Sabbath morning service is attended largely by the older children in our religious school, but it is a regular Sabbath morning service. The principal service is on Sunday morning.

If you will let me know your selections, I will inform our organist so that he will be prepared for you.

We shall also be very happy to have you at our Temple Seder on Saturday evening.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms



# MEMO

From the desk of—

Y. M. H. L. L.

LEO BAMBERGER

3-31-54

To Tom Hall  
(Copy to Rabbi Silver)

1. Check + double check all fluorescent lighting in Temple
2. Touch up paint finish on doors to toilets in ladies room. - Temple lobby.
3. Clean Bulletin Board in lobby outside office.
4. Put brackets on sign next to bulletin board.
5. Keep Panel door closed in addressograph room, & fuses ~~in~~ neatly in boxes, or out of sight.
6. Clean window sills + sloping fronts on windows in Rabbi Silver's office & board room.





*Howe,*  
*Miss Albina R. Cermak*

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# MEMO

2.  
From the desk of—

LEO BAMBERGER

7. Put wire extension cord on picture of Rabbi Wechs in parlor so that switch is not visible. (see me first)
8. Keep clean all toggle switch ~~plates~~ plates in front offices & both rabbis' offices.
9. Buy new sifter to clean sand urns. Keep urns clean.
10. Replace fluorescent lights in Hilda Krohn Gold Case (Museum).  
Check all other lights & cases.
11. Replace bulb in girls' room - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor school bldg.
12. In school building, keep all shades & blinds level - on east side as well as west.
13. Mount office clock



March 31, 1954

Mrs. Louise C. Wagman  
Secretary in Charge of Arrangements  
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Wagman:

We thought Mrs. Hobby would like to see clippings of the publicity which her visit to Cleveland received, and I am enclosing items from the Cleveland newspapers, our own Temple Bulletin, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency News Bulletin, and the New York Times.

We would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience regarding Mrs. Hobby's travel expenses so that we may reimburse her accordingly.

Needless to say, we all were greatly honored by Mrs. Hobby's presence, and we hope the time will not be too distant when she will be with us again.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth M. Sparrow  
Secretary to Dr. Silver



April 1, 1954

Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby  
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Hobby:

I need not tell you how everyone here appreciated your visit and your message. I am especially grateful to you for taking time out of a very crowded program to come to us here and ~~giving~~<sup>give</sup> us the privilege of receiving your message.

I trust that you got back to Washington in time for your engagement.

We shall long remember your visit, and again, many thanks.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms



**S. S. ROSENBERG**

*Rare Judaica*

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April 2, 1954.

Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple Museum  
1855 Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Dr. S. Kayser, curator of the Jewish Museum, passed on to me your orders for the auction of the Davidowitz collection. At the same time Dr. Kayser requested that I report to you about the results of this auction since he is presently extremely busy with Museum affairs.

As you will see from the enclosed list I was unfortunately not able to execute all your orders since some items went higher than your bids. However, I was very glad to secure for your Museum the YOUTH PORTRAIT by Isidor Kaufman which was by far one of the best values of the entire auction. Dr. Kayser also asked me to mention to you in this letter that he is very satisfied with the objects as well as their prices and considers all four items favorable purchases. Herewith a list of your bids, your purchases and those which went to higher bidders:-

<u>LOT</u>	<u>TEXT</u>	<u>BID</u>	<u>AUCTION PRICE</u>
70✓	Portrait	\$ 1,200✓	\$ 1,050
145✓	Torah Curtain	\$ 250✓	\$ 120
198✓	Seder Plate	\$ 50	\$ 50
322✓	Breast Plate	\$ 300	\$ 210
288	Kiddush Cup	\$ 110	\$ 120
290	Ethrog Box	\$ 100	\$ 210
308	Spice Box	\$ 120	\$ 200
329	Torah Crown	\$ 300	\$ 400

I am sorry that I could execute only the four items for you but I am happy that I was able to obtain them for a total of \$370 below your bids.

I am enclosing my invoice for the above services herewith and hope that I may be of service to you in the future.

Very sincerely yours,

*S. Rosenberg*  
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**RICHARD FULTON**

April 5, 1954

Dear Dr. Silver,

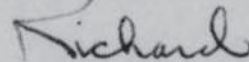
The liturgical recitations I shall render are L'eil Boruch by Shabashnick and Modim Anachnu Loch by Alter and the Adoration by Chajes.

I will foreward same as soon as photostatic copies are made.

You may select anything else you wish me to sing and I will prepare them Saturday afternoon April 24th, when I arrive in Cleveland.

I assume that I will do all my chanting from the pulpit.

Sincerely,



Richard Fulton



THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

WASHINGTON

April 6, 1954

Dear Mrs. Sparrow:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 31st, and for the clippings you enclosed. I know Mrs. Hobby will be delighted to have them. She is on a speaking tour at the moment, and I shall show them to her upon her return to the office.

We appreciate your generous offer to pay Mrs. Hobby's travel expenses. However, since her speech was an official one, travel expenses are assumed by the Department.

I want to thank you again for your helpfulness and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

*Louise C. Wagman*  
Louise C. Wagman

Secretary on Arrangements

Mrs. Ruth M. Sparrow  
Secretary to Dr. Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio



April 9, 1954

Mr. Richard Fulton  
1711 Davidson Avenue  
Bronx 53, New York

Dear Mr. Fulton:

We would be happy to make a hotel reservation for you for April 17-18 when you will be visiting us if you have not already made other plans. Please let me know if we may take care of this for you. If so, we shall make a reservation at the Wade Park Manor, a first-class hotel in very close proximity to The Temple.

I hope I shall hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth M. Sparrow  
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

Ludlow 3-4413



April 9, 1954

Mr. Richard Fulton  
1711 Davidson Avenue  
Bronx 53, New York

My dear Mr. Fulton:

Thank you for your letter of April fifth. As soon as your music comes I will turn it over to the organist.

Until such time as we have decided to engage the services of a cantor, all singing is done from the choir loft.

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms



THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

WASHINGTON

April 9, 1954

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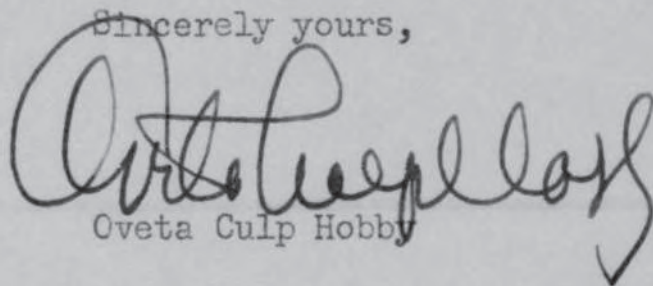
Upon my return to the office today after a trip to the West Coast, I found your letter of April 1.

I very deeply appreciate your kind and generous words. I was delighted to have an opportunity to be with you and I found the Temple's joint meeting an intensely interesting and heartwarming experience.

Thank you again for inviting me and for all you did to make my visit so thoroughly enjoyable.

With highest regards,

Sincerely yours,

  
Oveta Culp Hobby

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



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From the office of the President: HAROLD W. DUBINSKY, 701 Chestnut Street, St. Louis 1, Missouri

April 9, 1954

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

Dear Rabbi Silver :

Just recently I received the good news that  
The Temple Men's Club had voted to affiliate with NFTB.  
I need not tell you how happy this will make all of us  
who are actively interested in the welfare of our Bro-  
therhoods and our movement.

I want to thank you personally for your help.  
I am certain that there will be mutual benefits from this  
affiliation.

Once again, my grateful thanks.

Sincerely yours,

*Harold Dubinsky*

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December 2, 1953

**Memo To:** Brotherhood Presidents and Secretaries  
Rabbis and Temple Executive Secretaries  
NFTB Executive Board Members

**From:** Sylvan Lebow, Executive Director

**Re:** NFTB SURVEY OF CURRENT REFORM JEWISH PRACTICES

In response to many requests, we are now making available to UAHC congregations the findings of NFTB's voluminous survey of attitudes of the Reform laity toward Jewish observances in the synagogue and the home.

Enclosed is a copy of the percentage findings of the 171-question survey, which NFTB mailed at random to one out of every fifteen members of temple brotherhoods affiliated with the NFTB and to every fifteenth member of UAHC congregations where we have no affiliated brotherhood. A total of 1,418 persons returned the questionnaire, a very high percentage of return, according to polling standards, particularly for such a lengthy questionnaire.

We are furnishing this data to you with the thought in mind that you can make use of it in your own congregation. Several ways have been suggested:

1. To mimeograph the survey without the percentage findings and poll of your own congregation members. You may change the questionnaire in any way you see fit for this purpose.
2. Use this data or the results of your own poll as the basis of an open forum discussion meeting.
3. Use the information in a series of adult education discussion sessions.

There has been a great deal of misinformation about the purpose of the survey and the findings which resulted. A summary of these findings has been written into a series of articles, which are appearing this year in American Judaism Magazine. The first article appeared in the Rosh Ha-shono issue, the second in the Chanuko issue. Two additional articles will appear in subsequent issues.

The survey has stimulated a tremendous amount of interest by Reform Jewish laymen in their religion. NFTB has expended a great deal of time and money to obtain these findings. We sincerely hope that you can put them to good use in your congregation.



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# A SURVEY OF CURRENT REFORM JEWISH PRACTICE

## Questionnaire for the Laity

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Please check under YES or NO column your answers to the questions set forth below, except where question indicates other response. In the additional space provided below each set of questions, you may indicate practices not included in this text.

The answer to the following question is voluntary, though we would appreciate the information.

My Name is \_\_\_\_\_ (may be omitted if you prefer)

001. I am a member of Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

002. What is the number of Members in your congregation? . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

003. How old is your congregation (approximately)? . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

### I. GENERAL QUESTIONS WITH RESPECT TO YOUR NEEDS, INTERESTS, AND VIEWS CONCERNING REFORM PRACTICE

Check under  
YES or NO  
% %

004. Are you satisfied with the extent of ritual and ceremonial practice in your congregation? . . . . . 81 19

005. Do you feel that there ought to be more of such practice in your congregation? . . . . . 29 71

006. Do you feel that there ought to be less in your congregation? 11 89

007. Do you prefer more uniformity in Jewish practice as carried on in Reform congregations and homes? . . . . . 57 43

008. If you do, would you accept a code of practices required of every Reform Jew? . . . . . 34 66

009. Or would you be satisfied with a guide to help you select the practices you may wish in your congregation and in your home? 86 14

### II. CEREMONIES IN CONNECTION WITH BIRTH

010. Do you believe in the rite of circumcision for male children? 91 9

011. Would you insist upon waiting the traditional eight days? . . 33 67

012. Would you employ only a mohel for circumcision? . . . . . 17 83

013. If you would not employ a mohel, would you insist upon a Jewish surgeon? . . . . . 20 80

014. If you use a surgeon, would you insist upon a rabbi being present? . . . . . 43 57



Check under  
YES or NO

015.	Would you object to the use of the clamp for circumcision? . . .	<u>12</u>	<u>88</u>
016.	Is naming of children practiced in the synagogue at the Sabbath service following birth? . . . . .	<u>70</u>	<u>30</u>
017.	Do you believe in this practice? . . . . .	<u>73</u>	<u>27</u>
018.	Do you favor naming a child for a person still living? . . . . .	<u>45</u>	<u>55</u>

### III. CEREMONIES OF BAR MITZVAH AND CONFIRMATION

019.	Is Bar Mitzvah practiced in your synagogue? . . . . .	<u>86</u>	<u>14</u>
020.	Do you believe in Bar Mitzvah? . . . . .	<u>77</u>	<u>23</u>
021.	Is Bas Mitzvah (the same as Bar Mitzvah, but for girls,) practiced in your synagogue? . . . . .	<u>34</u>	<u>66</u>
022.	Do you believe in Bas Mitzvah? . . . . .	<u>41</u>	<u>59</u>
023.	Does the Bar Mitzvah wear a talis in the Bar Mitzvah ceremony? .	<u>39</u>	<u>61</u>
024.	Do you prefer that your son wear a talis at the Bar Mitzvah ceremony? . . . . .	<u>45</u>	<u>55</u>
025.	Does the Bar Mitzvah wear a hat during the ceremony at your congregation? . . . . .	<u>21</u>	<u>79</u>
026.	Would you want him to wear a hat during the ceremony? . . . . .	<u>21</u>	<u>79</u>
027.	At what age does your congregation confirm children? $\frac{12}{2} \frac{13}{.22} \frac{14}{.18} \frac{15}{44.4}$	$\frac{16}{15} \frac{17}{.4}$	
028.	At what age do you prefer the Confirmation ceremony to be held? . . . . . 26. 15 41	<u>18</u>	<u>-</u>
029.	On what day is Confirmation held in your congregation? . . . . .	*	
030.	Do you prefer Confirmation on the day Shabuoth? . . . . .	**40	
031.	Do you prefer it on the eve of Shabuoth? . . . . .	**12	
	Do you prefer Confirmation on a day nearest Shabuoth		
	032. On Sunday? . . . . .	**33	
	033. On Friday evening. , , , , , . . . . .	**15	

### IV. PRACTICES IN CONNECTION WITH MARRIAGE

034.	Would you insist on the use of a Chuppah (canopy) for a wedding ceremony? . . . . .	<u>24</u>	<u>76</u>
035.	Would you ask the rabbi to wear a hat during the ceremony? . . . . .	<u>16</u>	<u>84</u>
036.	Do you expect a glass to be broken at the ceremony? . . . . .	<u>40</u>	<u>60</u>

* 029.	Shabuoth	Eve of Shabuoth	Sun	Fri	Other
	<u>62</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>

\*\* This is a percentage of the total affirmative replies on questions 030, 031, 032 and 033



Check under  
YES or NO

Where do you prefer the wedding to be performed:

037.	In the Synagogue? . . . . .	*56	—
038.	In your home? . . . . .	*29	—
039.	In a public place? . . . . .	*15	—
040.	Would you permit a wedding to be performed on a Sabbath or a holiday before sundown? . . . . .	35	65

V. PRACTICES IN CONNECTION WITH DIVORCE

041.	Do you believe that a religious divorce is necessary in addition to a civil divorce? . . . . .	4	96
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VI. MIXED MARRIAGE AND INTERMARRIAGE

042.	Are you opposed to mixed marriages, i.e., the marriage between a Jew and an unconverted Christian? . . . . .	53	47
043.	Would you sanction the marriage if the Gentile is converted? . . . . .	84	16

VII. PRACTICES IN CONNECTION WITH DEATH

044.	Do you believe that the rabbi should be called in at the bedside of a dying person? . . . . .	58	42
045.	Would you permit the holding of a funeral service on the Sabbath or holiday before sundown? . . . . .	31	69
046.	Do you favor holding Minyon services (home services for the dead)?	60	40
047.	For one day? . . . . .	*40	—
048.	For three days? . . . . .	*32	—
049.	For a week? . . . . .	*28	—
050.	Do you practice the seven-day period of mourning (Shivo)? . . . . .	30	70
051.	Do you believe in saying Kaddish for parents for eleven months? . . . . .	50	50
052.	Do you believe in saying Kaddish daily during period of mourning? . . . . .	29	71
053.	Do you believe in saying Kaddish weekly during period of mourning? . . . . .	59	41
054.	Do you cover the mirrors in your home on the death of a member of your family? . . . . .	13	87
055.	Do you use a Memorial Light during the period of mourning? . . . . .	58	42
056.	Do you light a Memorial Light on the Yahrzeit (anniversary of death) of a dear one? . . . . .	71	29
057.	Do you practice (K'riah) tearing of garments at a funeral? . . . . .	12	88
058.	Do you believe in cremation? . . . . .	52	48

\* This is a percentage of the total affirmative replies on questions 037, 038 and 039; 047, 048 and 049.



VIII THE SYNAGOGUE

Check under  
YES Or NO

Do you attend services:

059. Every Sabbath? . . . . .	* <u>31</u> <u>      </u>
060. Once a month? . . . . .	* <u>31</u> <u>      </u>
061. Seldom? . . . . .	* <u>26</u> <u>      </u>
062. High Holy Days only? . . . . .	* <u>12</u> <u>      </u>

Do you have worship at your congregation on:

063. Friday evening? . . . . .	* <u>92</u> <u>      </u>
064. Saturday morning? . . . . .	* <u>48</u> <u>      </u>
065. Sunday morning? . . . . .	* <u>8</u> <u>      </u>

Would you prefer to worship:

066. Friday evening? . . . . .	* <u>84</u> <u>      </u>
067. Saturday morning? . . . . .	* <u>22</u> <u>      </u>
068. Sunday morning? . . . . .	* <u>16</u> <u>      </u>

069. Does your rabbi wear a robe in the pulpit? . . . . .	<u>89</u> <u>11</u>
070. Do you like your rabbi to wear a robe? . . . . .	<u>88</u> <u>12</u>

Does your rabbi wear:

071. A talis? . . . . .	<u>35</u> <u>65</u>
072. A stole? . . . . .	<u>17</u> <u>83</u>
073. A hat? . . . . .	<u>20</u> <u>80</u>
074. Do you approve of these practices? . . . . .	<u>61</u> <u>39</u>

075. Do you use a Union Prayerbook? . . . . .	<u>98</u> <u>2</u>
076. If so, do you derive inspiration from its use? . . . . .	<u>87</u> <u>13</u>
077. Do you have a cantor in your synagogue? . . . . .	<u>45</u> <u>55</u>
078. Would you like to have a cantor in your synagogue? . . . . .	<u>64</u> <u>36</u>
079. If so, would you want him to perform on the pulpit? . . . . .	<u>69</u> <u>31</u>
080. Are candles lit at the Friday evening service in your synagogue?	<u>84</u> <u>16</u>
081. Do you like them lit in the synagogue on Friday evening? . . . . .	<u>90</u> <u>10</u>
082. Is Kiddush sung at the Friday evening service in your synagogue? .	<u>83</u> <u>17</u>

\* This is a percentage of the total affirmative replies.



	Check under YES or NO	
083. Do you like Kiddush sung at the Friday evening service? . . . . .	88	12
084. Do you have a Friday evening Torah service? . . . . .	53	47
085. Would you approve of it if instituted? . . . . .	77	23
086. Do you have a Sabbath morning Torah service? . . . . .	56	44
087. Are men called up to the Torah to read the blessings during the services on Sabbath and Holy Days? . . . . .	71	29
088. Do you like them to be called up to the Torah to read the blessings during the services on Sabbath and Holy Days? . . .	78	22
089. Are the women asked to assist in the service in your congregation? . . . . .	65	35
090. Do you like women to assist in the service? . . . . .	72	28
091. Are the women called up to the reading of the Torah in your synagogue? . . . . .	10	90
092. Do you like women to be called up to the reading of the Torah?	37	63
093. Do you have dancing in the synagogue after the Sabbath service?	4	96
094. Would you permit dancing in the synagogue after the Sabbath service? . . . . .	40	60
IX. <u>OBSERVANCES</u>		
095. Do you keep your business open on the Sabbath? . . . . .	88	12
096. Do you work on the Sabbath? . . . . .	90	10
097. Do you smoke on the Sabbath? . . . . .	82	18
098. Do you ride on the Sabbath? . . . . .	99.5	.5
099. Do you ride to the synagogue on the Sabbath? . . . . .	97	3
100. Do you light candles in your home on Sabbath eve? . . . . .	59	41
101. Do you have the Kiddush service in your home? . . . . .	26	74
102. Do you say Motzi (grace before meals)? . . . . .	18	82
103. Do you say grace after meals? . . . . .	4	96
104. Do you say a morning prayer when you awake? . . . . .	7	93
105. Do you say a prayer at night before retiring? . . . . .	33	67
106. Do you use t'filin (Phylacteries)? . . . . .	2	98
107. Do you observe the dietary laws in your home? . . . . .	8	92
108. Do you mix meat and milk at meals? . . . . .	79	21



	Check under YES or NO	
109. Do you refrain from eating pork? . . . . .	<u>24</u>	<u>76</u>
110. Do you refrain from eating shell fish? . . . . .	<u>8</u>	<u>92</u>
111. Do you fast on Yom Kippur? . . . . .	<u>52</u>	<u>48</u>
112. Do you attend services only on Rosh Ha-shanah and Yom Kippur? .	<u>24</u>	<u>76</u>
113. Do you prefer the traditional Shofor on Rosh Ha-shanah in the synagogue? . . . . .	<u>94</u>	<u>6</u>
114. Do you have a Sukkah (an outdoor festival booth) in your home?	<u>3</u>	<u>97</u>
115. Do you have a Seder in your home on Passover Eve? . . . . .	<u>74</u>	<u>26</u>
116. One night? . . . . .	* <u>79</u>	—
117. Two nights? . . . . .	* <u>21</u>	—
What night do you prefer for a Congregational Seder?		
118. First night? . . . . .	* <u>54</u>	—
119. Second night? . . . . .	* <u>46</u>	—
Do you observe Passover for:		
120. Seven days? . . . . .	* <u>66</u>	—
121. Eight days? . . . . .	* <u>34</u>	—
122. Do you use special dishes in your home for the Passover? . . .	<u>14</u>	<u>86</u>
123. Do you eat matso during Passover week? . . . . .	<u>93</u>	<u>7</u>
124. Do you and your family eat bread during Passover? . . . . .	<u>59</u>	<u>41</u>
125. Do you light the lights on Chanukah in your home? . . . . .	<u>81</u>	<u>19</u>
126. Eight nights? . . . . .	<u>90</u>	<u>10</u>
127. Do you have games for your children on Chanukah? . . . . .	<u>49</u>	<u>51</u>
128. Do you exchange gifts on Chanukah? . . . . .	<u>75</u>	<u>25</u>
129. Do you have a Christmas tree in your home? . . . . .	<u>21</u>	<u>79</u>
130. Are you opposed to having a Christmas tree in Jewish homes? . .	<u>54</u>	<u>46</u>
131. Do you hang up stockings for your children in your home on Christmas? . . . . .	<u>34</u>	<u>66</u>

\* This is a percentage of the total affirmative replies on questions  
116 and 117; 118 and 119; 120 and 121



		Check under YES or NO	
132.	Do you believe in social affairs outside the synagogue on Friday nights? . . . . .	<u>57</u>	<u>43</u>
	133. Dinners? . . . . .	<u>64</u>	<u>36</u>
	134. Card playing? . . . . .	<u>49</u>	<u>51</u>
	135. Dances? . . . . .	<u>52</u>	<u>48</u>
136.	Do you have a M'zuzah on the door of your home? . . . .	<u>47</u>	<u>53</u>
X.	<u>ATTITUDE TOWARD THE RABBI</u>		
137.	Do you want the rabbi to visit your home at times of sorrow or joy? . . . . .	<u>97</u>	<u>3</u>
138.	Would you like the rabbi to visit you socially? . . . . .	<u>94</u>	<u>6</u>
139.	Would you expect the rabbi's wife to accompany him? . . . .	<u>69</u>	<u>31</u>
	Do you regard it as a function of the rabbi to represent you:	—	—
	140. In national Jewish causes? .	<u>75</u>	<u>25</u>
	141. In local non-Jewish causes?	<u>67</u>	<u>33</u>
	Which do you believe is the most important part of the services?		
	142. The sermon? . . . . .	<u>*34</u>	—
	143. The prayer service? . . . . .	<u>*48</u>	—
	144. The music? . . . . .	<u>*18</u>	—
	Do you believe congregations should be:		
	145. Large? . . . . .	<u>*23</u>	—
	146. Medium size? . . . . .	<u>*69</u>	—
	147. Small? . . . . .	<u>* 8</u>	—
XI.	<u>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</u>		
148.	Do you believe your children should be taught Hebrew? . . . .	<u>74</u>	<u>26</u>
	149. Once a week? . . . . .	<u>*51</u>	—
	150. Twice a week? . . . . .	<u>*34</u>	—
	151. More often? . . . . .	<u>*15</u>	—
152.	Do you want religious education for your children? . . . .	<u>99</u>	<u>1</u>
	How much religious education would you want for them? . . .		

\* This is a percentage of the total affirmative replies on questions 142, 143 and 144; 145, 146 and 147; 149, 150 and 151



	Check under YES or NO	
153. One day a week? . . . . .	* <u>66</u>	<u>    </u>
154. Two days a week? . . . . .	* <u>22</u>	<u>    </u>
155. Three days a week? . . . . .	* <u>8</u>	<u>    </u>
156. Four days a week? . . . . .	* <u>4</u>	<u>    </u>
157. Do you believe in Jewish parochial or day schools? . . . . .	<u>9</u>	<u>91</u>
158. Are your children receiving a religious education at home?	<u>51</u>	<u>49</u>
159. By parents? . . . . .	* <u>76</u>	<u>    </u>
160. By teachers? . . . . .	* <u>24</u>	<u>    </u>
161. Do you have a Hebrew Bible in your home? . . . . .	<u>56</u>	<u>44</u>
162. An English Bible? . . . . .	<u>93</u>	<u>7</u>
163. A prayer book? . . . . .	<u>96</u>	<u>4</u>
164. Approximately how many Jewish books do you have in your home?		
165. A few	* <u>66</u>	<u>    </u>
166. 25-50	* <u>25</u>	<u>    </u>
167. 50 or more	* <u>9</u>	<u>    </u>
XII.		
168. Are you a member of a Reform congregation? . . . . .	<u>97</u>	<u>3</u>
Are you a member of any other congregation?		
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171. Are you a member of a Brotherhood? . . . . .	<u>76</u>	<u>24</u>

\* This is a percentage of the total affirmative replies on questions 153, 154, 155 and 156; 159 and 160; 165, 166 and 167



April 16, 1954

Mr. A. M. Luntz  
2821 Drummond Road  
Cleveland 20, Ohio

My dear Abe:

Some time ago Mr. Herman Blum, who is with Mr. Shipley, expressed a desire to join The Temple. Mr. Bamberger informs me that an application was mailed to him and that he has been contacted once or twice.

It has occurred to me that you might want to telephone him and get him to send in his application.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms



**The Temple**  
EAST 105TH STREET AT ANSEL ROAD  
Cleveland 5, Ohio  
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ABBA HILLEL SILVER  
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ABBA HILLEL SILVER



Same letter sent to presidents of W. & Mrs. Club,  
Men's Club, Alumni Ass.

April 27, 1954

Mrs. Sydney Calvin  
15850 Aldersyde Road  
Shaker Heights, Ohio

My dear Vera:

I am sending the enclosed letter to all the members of The Temple Board. I would appreciate if, through your telephone committee, you could reach the members of the Board of the Temple Women's Association.

I am very eager to have a good congregation welcome Dr. Olson on this special occasion. It will, I believe, have worthwhile public relations value.

With warmest regards, I remain

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C O P Y

THE CLEVELAND ORCHESTRA

Severance Hall, 11001 Euclid Avenue

Cleveland 6, Ohio

April 29, 1954

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

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I shall appreciate your acknowledging this letter and confirming that I am correct in my understanding as outlined above.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours

(signed)

Carl J. Vosburgh,  
Manager

CJV:hk



# THE CLEVELAND ORCHESTRA

GEORGE SZELL, *Musical Director*

Severance Hall, 11001 Euclid Avenue

Cleveland 6, Ohio

April 29, 1954

C. J. VOSBURGH  
*Manager*

GEORGE H. L. SMITH  
*Associate Manager*

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

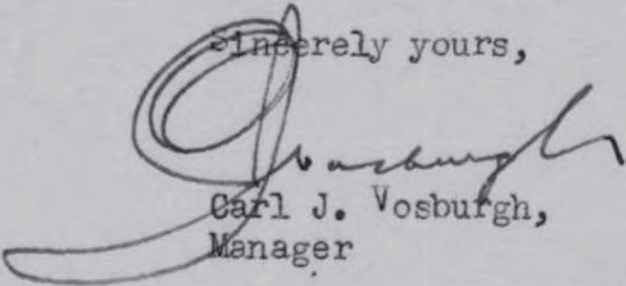
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CJV:hk



Severance  
Hall

May 4, 1954

Mr. Edgar A. Hahn  
National City - East Sixth Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Edgar:

I am enclosing herewith the letter of Mr. Vosburgh. You will see from the second paragraph that The Temple is being asked to pay an additional \$1,000 for an extra rehearsal and for additional cleaning of the hall. I agreed to the amount when I spoke to Mr. Szell because I was given the impression that an extra rehearsal of the orchestra would be required.

Upon second thought, I am at a loss to understand why the extra rehearsal. The rehearsal originally planned for was to be held in the morning and would conflict with our services. Mr. Szell then agreed to have the rehearsal in the afternoon. Does that represent two rehearsals for the orchestra, or will they have to pay the men for the rehearsal which would not be held? Should you have an opportunity to take the matter up with Mr. Vosburgh, I would be very appreciative.

We would, of course, be prepared under any circumstances to pay for the additional cleaning which would be required and the putting in of extra chairs which, by the way, might be put in before our Atone-ment Day services on Wednesday evening.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms  
Enclosure



June 1, 1954

Mr. S. S. Rosenberg  
105 Pinehurst Avenue  
New York 33, New York

My dear Mr. Rosenberg:

We recently received the shipment of items from the Davidowitz collection, and I want to thank you at this time for your excellent services in securing these lovely objects for our museum.

We are all more than pleased with every selection, and I should like to convey to you my deep appreciation for the service you have performed.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms



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FRANK E. JOSEPH, JR.

June 3, 1954

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have delayed for almost a month answering your letter of May 4 in which you enclosed a letter which you received under date of April 29 from Mr. Vosburgh. The press of various matters interfered with my checking into the situation earlier.

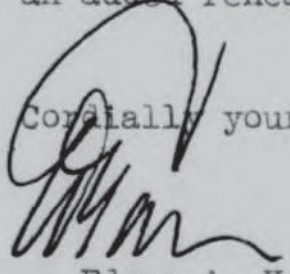
Of course, as you know, Mr. Szell is away from town. He, however, discussed the matter fully with Mr. Vosburgh and explained to Mr. Vosburgh that because of the inability to rehearse the Orchestra on Thursday morning, due to the use of the hall by the Temple for its Yom Kippur morning service, an extra rehearsal will be necessary, as the Wednesday rehearsal alone would not be sufficient to maintain the Orchestra at its top playing edge.

Matters of this kind are exclusively within the control of Dr. Szell who is solely responsible for the quality of the concerts and he is, as you know, a perfectionist and none of us would want to do anything which might have an unfavorable effect on the opening concert of the season.

Apparently therefore, under the circumstances, your understanding with Dr. Szell as expressed in the letter of Mr. Vosburgh must stand and it is in order for you to so advise Mr. Vosburgh.

I am sorry that I was unable to accomplish anything for the Temple. It is just one of those unfortunate circumstances which has not heretofore happened and probably will not soon recur and, as you know, the Orchestra operates under an extremely heavy deficit and cannot assume the expense of an added rehearsal which Dr. Szell has determined to be necessary.

Cordially yours

  
Edgar A. Hahn

EAH:HC  
Encl.



S. S. ROSENBERG  
*Rare Judaica*  
105 PINEHURST AVENUE  
NEW YORK 33, N. Y.  
WADSWORTH 8-8495

June 14, 1954.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Thank you for your letter of June 1st. I am very gratified to know that I have been able to be of service to you and pleased that you are satisfied with the items sent to you.

I am writing to you today with regard to an outstanding item which I was fortunate in securing recently. It concerns a very valuable Haggadah Manuscript which has been described by its former owner as follows:-

"HAGGADAH (PASSOVER SERVICE) ILLUMINATED HEBREW MANUSCRIPT ON VELLUM. 26 pages, with a frontispiece and 50 miniatures of various sizes painted in colours, large decorative initials on 9 pages. Written and illuminated by JOSEPH Ben DAVID LEIPNIK. (The surname Leipnik which he assumed being his place of origin in Moravia), and completed in Altona in 54 97 - corresponding with 1736/7. Contemporary German binding of brown morocco, panelled sides, roll-tooled borders, gild central ornament of David (almost obliterated) g.e. borders. Folio. (12 by 10 inches). AltonaHamburg, 1736/7. The British Museum posses a copy of a Haggadah in Sloane, MS 3173, executed by the same artist in Altona - Hamburg in 1740," \$ 1675.

If you are contemplating to visit New York in the near future I would, of course, be only too glad to show this manuscript to you without any obligation on your part. Even if you do not consider purchasing it I would be happy to have an opportunity to just show it to you as it is a pleasure for an expert to look through its pages.

Should you be interested, and unable to see it in New York, I would send it to you on approval.

Hoping to hear from you, I remain,

Sincerely yours,  
*Liegfried Rosenberg*  
S. Rosenberg



June 17, 1954

Mr. S. S. Rosenberg  
105 Pinehurst Avenue  
New York 33, New York

My dear Mr. Rosenberg:

Thank you for your letter of June 14th and the information which you gave me about the illuminated Haggadah. The Temple Museum does not purchase books or manuscripts.

I shall be very happy to look at the Haggadah when I am in New York.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms



July 8, 1954

Mr. Louis Seltzer, Editor  
The Cleveland Press  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friend:

Mr. Luntz mentioned to me the fact that he had spoken to you about the possibility of Mr. Ed Murrow's coming as the guest of the Temple Men's Club in the early fall. I think that it would be a fine thing to bring Mr. Murrow to Cleveland to have him speak to the community in the very forthright and helpful way in which he brings his message. The platform of the Temple Men's Club is, as you know, a good one for this type of a meeting.

I would be very grateful to you if you could help in bringing this to pass. We would make his coming a very important occasion here.

Trusting that you are well and with all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

August 2, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Samoset  
Rockland, Maine

Dear Rabbi:

We were all pleased to learn that your family is enjoying your vacation. We in Cleveland have been having quite a hot spell. In fact yesterday was the first day we have had any rain for over fifty days, and it certainly was a blessing since it means so much to the farmers and, of course, to the comfort of all of us.

You probably heard that we had an excellent meeting at my home for approximately fifty young men for the Temple project. Mr. Silverberg did a good job in explaining the plans. The spirit expressed was excellent. This is the group that had to be told how important it was that we have a minimum pledge of \$50 a year for four years. We were satisfied that those present who had not pledged that amount would come up to that figure. Cards were given to them, and we should have some good results. Total pledges to date - \$410,637. I believe we will end up in this last campaign with a figure between \$425,000 and \$450,000. This approximates what we anticipated in our planning.

The Broadway Wrecking Company is continuing to tear down the properties. At the present time they are taking down the Glanz houses. The terrace was paid for. I have instructed Siegler to have registered letters go to the tenants giving them sixty days to move. It seems like rather short notice, but in all probability we will extend this limit. Of course these people have been aware of the fact that they will have to move for some time now. We are doing everything possible to get the other tenants out. We are offering small inducements to two tenants who have a right to stay until next spring in the hope that they will get out sooner.

About the few people who are stubborn in selling their properties, I have consulted with an important civic-minded individual who has offered so that we might be able to expedite the transactions. I believe the city's part will have final approval at the Council meeting August 9th.

I have been coming to the Temple three mornings a week and Ernie has been around most of the time also. Last week I had Max Feldman here. I believe the three of us will be able to continue the good work that our friend Bill Cohen used to do.



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I went through the building with Hall and called his attention to what we thought was necessary in repairs and painting. We are quite satisfied that a good job is being done by the custodian and his workers.

We received the bill for the air conditioning, and instead of \$800 it was \$400. This was made possible by Abe Kane's giving it to us at actual cost and the cooperation of Doan Electric and Givelber.

Several weeks ago we had a nice meeting at my office with the affiliated groups and Rabbi Stone to discuss the programs for the coming season. We will talk to you about that when you come home.

Since the facilities at the Wade Park Manor are in great demand, we would like to let them know a date that would be suitable to you and Virginia for the reception that Fan and I have been giving before the opening of the Temple in September. How would some evening the week before Rosh Hashonah be? Perhaps Thursday, Sept. 23 or Saturday, the 25th.

This has been a great summer because we have had the children and grandchildren around so much. Nothing gives more pleasure than playing with them.

Love from all and best regards to the rest of the family.

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A. M. LUNTZ





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August 4, 1954

Rev. Dr. Abba Hilliel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St. & Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Just to inform you that we have a friend who happens to have a real genuine Italian Parochet of the 17th century. It is embroidered on a background of ruby red silk with a center lamp, arch and columns supporting Beth A Michdash, vases with flowers and also silver embroidery with Hebrew letterings.

I think it is an outstanding piece of its kind, very rich looking and in beautiful condition. This Parochet is originally made of one piece of silk and is embroidered ~~and~~ applique on top of the ruby silk. It was made to order for an Italian Temple. The size is 6 ft. long (without the fringes) by 4 ft. 8 in. wide and they are asking \$1,000.00 for it. I think very highly of the piece.

If this will interest you I shall be very glad to have a photograph taken of it and sent to you.

I hope you have a very pleasant summer and trust to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,  
*Chas M. Mayorkas*  
MAYORKAS BROS.

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8/18/54

Dear Rabbi,

Welcome Home!

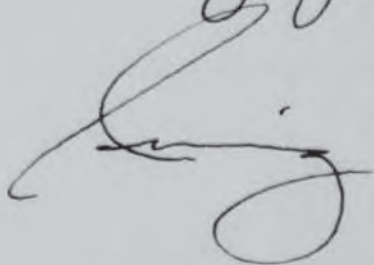
After you've had a chance  
to see this, would your  
secretary let me know when  
I could drop by and  
talk to you about it?

Lee Newman has already  
put a copy in the hands  
of Edgar Hahn and I  
should like to bring you  
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From  
Living Kane

A History of the Jewish Community of Cleveland

This year marks the 300th anniversary of Jewish settlement in this country. It will be observed in a great variety of ways by Jews individually and collectively, and will serve as the occasion for them to understand themselves as American Jews, to evaluate their contributions and shortcomings, to consider their position in the larger general community, and to point the way to future directions for human welfare and self-fulfillment. The American Jewish Tercentenary Committee has aptly suggested the following theme for observing this milestone:

"Man's Opportunities and Responsibilities under Freedom."

The writing of a history of the Jewish Community of Cleveland would seem to be an excellent project to be launched during this year. Although the Jewish settlement in Cleveland dates back at least to 1837, no adequate history has been written covering the rise and development of this major American Jewish community. With each passing year more of the old records and documents are being lost or destroyed; old residents with valuable data and recollections are passing on, and before long some of the most fruitful sources of information about the past will be irrevocably lost.

The preparation of such a history would be of significant interest to many in this community, to Jew and non-Jew alike. It would help shed light on one of the most meaningful aspects of American history - the migration, adjustment and integration of newcomers into the mainstream of American life. Such a history would be particularly interesting, for Cleveland is



one of the most cosmopolitan cities in the country, made up in such large part by large segments of diversified racial, religious, nationality and ethnic strains.

Most of the historically significant developments in American Jewry have taken place on a communal level. Sharing with Americans of other faiths in the general economic, social, political, and cultural evolution of the country, the Jews have succeeded in maintaining, even enriching, their religious and cultural heritage by building up their traditional communal institutions in constant adjustment to the American environment and by creating ever new communal forms in response to the new needs and challenges. It is particularly regrettable, therefore, that so little is known about the historical evolution of American Jewish communities.

The proposed study of the Jewish Community of Cleveland would help fill a real gap. It would unfold the saga of successive waves of immigrants who settled here; their adjustment and contributions to the life of their city; and the constant interplay between the "old" and the "new" in their life and outlook. Through it we should be able to learn about the role Jews have played in the development of Cleveland into one of the country's major industrial and cultural centers. The delineation of the stresses and strains within the Jewish community, too, and the way they were overcome, would shed light on the general evolution of the American Jewish community.

American Jewish life can be understood only as part of the larger pattern of American life. The integration of the Jews must be viewed in terms of our national fabric which is made up of a conglomeration of peoples no one of whom comprises a majority. That integration is given



definition by the constructive contribution of the Jews in every aspect of American life. It is reflected in the manner in which the Jewish community is influenced and colored by general affairs around it. The proposed study should help provide a picture of the influence of Judaism and Jews upon the larger Community, the influence of the American Community upon Judaism and the Jews, and the nature of the new American Jewish ethos which is emerging out of this epic process.

To conduct such a research study requires the services of a historian and scholar of proven competence and breadth of vision; a person who can be relied on to adhere to the highest standards of scholarly accuracy, maturity of judgment, and literary quality. (For example, scholars of the caliber of Dean Carl Wittke, and Prof. Harvey Wish of Western Reserve University, both of whom are eager to see such a history written.)

The preparation of such a history would probably require the full-time services of a scholar for a period of eighteen months to two years. The task could be expedited with the aid of many individuals and groups in the Jewish community who would be eager to volunteer their help in the various phases of fact-gathering, interviewing, etc. But it would probably be necessary to have some professional research assistance as well. While it is difficult to state with any degree of finality what the total cost for such a project would be, the best current estimate is somewhere between \$15,000 and \$20,000, depending upon the length of time required to gather and write up the material. A rough breakdown of the major items in the budget would be:

Director . . . . .	\$ 6,500 per year
Research Assistant (Part-time) . . . . .	2,000 per year
Clerical and Stenographic assistance . . . . .	1,000 per year
Publication of book (5,000 copies) . . . . .	5,000



It is hoped that such a project might commend itself for favorable consideration by the Beaumont Foundation since it would be a contribution to one of the communities in which the late Commodore Beaumont was deeply interested. The results of this historical study would be of lasting value not merely to the Jewish community of Cleveland but to the larger community as well. It might be pointed out that the very existence of the Beaumont Foundation is one of the concrete evidences which such a study would refer to in delineating the role which members of the Jewish community have played in shaping Cleveland's philanthropic and humanitarian tradition. The study might very properly be dedicated to the memory of Commodore Beaumont.





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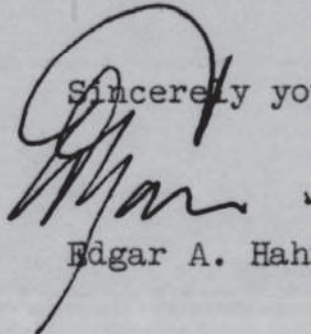
Mr. Leo Neumark  
The Tremco Manufacturing Company  
8701 Kinsman Road  
Cleveland 4, Ohio

Dear Leo:

I am sorry to advise you that a grant for the purpose of memorializing the 300th anniversary of the settlement of Jews in America would not come within the established purposes of The Louis D. Beaumont Foundation and, consequently, the suggestion which you passed on to me from the group headed by Mr. Irving Kane, which is interested in publishing a history of the Jewish community in Cleveland in connection with the tercentenary project, has been declined.

I am returning herewith the material which you sent to me.

Sincerely yours



Edgar A. Hahn, Treasurer

EAH:HC  
Encl.



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August 20, 1954

Dr. Oscar Thomas Olson  
North Shore Hotel  
Evanston, Illinois

My dear Dr. Olson:

I am sorry to disturb you at the convention which you are attending. I have been reading with keen interest the progress of your deliberations.

The reason for my writing to you concerns a request which The Temple would like to make of the Epworth-Euclid Methodist Church for the use of its Church auditorium for the afternoon services of our Day of Atonement on Thursday, October 7th, two until six o'clock in the afternoon. As you may know, we have for quite a number of years been conducting a branch Holy Day service at Severance Hall. We are doing it again this year. The Cleveland Orchestra, however, is opening its 1954-55 season on the night of October 7th, and they must have the use of Severance Hall in the afternoon of that day for the final rehearsal. We are under the necessity, therefore, of finding another adequate place for our Day of Atonement afternoon service.

We shall be profoundly grateful to Epworth if you would find it possible to make your church available for our service on that day. The Temple will, of course, be most happy to cover all expenses which might be involved. As we

As we are under the necessity of sending out our Holy Day admission cards before very long, I would greatly appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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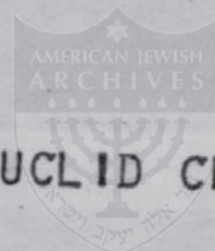
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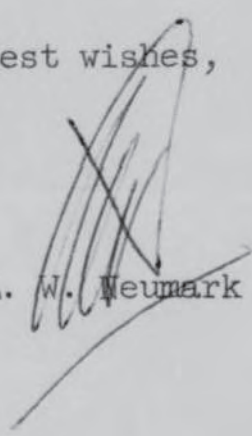
Mr. Irving Kane  
The Hospital Specialty Company  
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Dear Irving:

As you will note by the attached letter, I regret very much that I have been unsuccessful in interesting the Beaumont Foundation in the tercentenary project - this in spite of the fact that I sent considerable literature so that both Edgar and Mr. Dauby would be fully familiar with the proposition.

Of course, it looks now as though it would have been far better to have waited for the return of Dr. Silver to the city. Whether he will be able now to get them to move forward, in view of their previous turn-down, is a question. However, it is possible as he has great influence both with Edgar Hahn and with Nate Dauby.

Best wishes,

  
L. W. Neumark

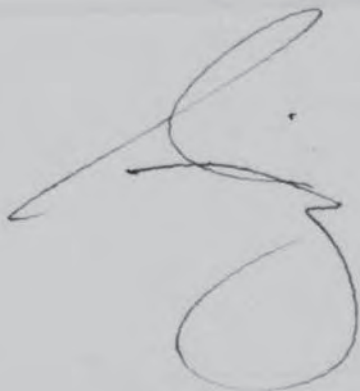
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8/26/54

Dear Rabbi,

It is certainly  
clear now that I mis-  
landled this. If  
you feel there is  
anything more to be  
done, please let me  
know.



from the desk of—

**IRVING KANE**



MESSAGE FOR MR. AND MRS. CLUB YEARBOOK - August 26, 1954

I salute the members of the Mr. and Mrs. Club on the occasion of the New Year, and I extend to its officers and members all my good wishes for the coming year.

The Mr. and Mrs. Club has developed through the years, ~~since its inception~~, in numbers, in <sup>activity</sup> ~~progress~~ and in its outlook in a very gratifying manner. It is now one of the most important and most welcome activities of our beloved Temple.

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Dear Colleague:

We are pleased to call to your attention the enclosed "Tercentenary Service," prepared for you by the Synagogue Council's Tercentenary Liturgical Committee.

We believe you will find this special service, written by Rabbi Albert S. Goldstein, a profoundly moving evocation of the spiritual meaning of three hundred years of Jewish life in North America.

To help you lead your congregation in an inspiring observance of the Tercentenary as a religious occasion, may we suggest you take advantage of this service in the following ways:

- 1) Use it, in whole or in part, for your Friday or Saturday morning services on Tercentenary Sabbath, proclaimed by the American Jewish Tercentenary Committee for November 27. Please note that the service is composed in sections which are easily adaptable for inclusion in your regular Sabbath services.
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- a) Men's, women's, youth clubs
- b) Hebrew and Sunday school assemblies
- c) Local Jewish community centers
- d) Local Jewish organizations: Zionist, B'nai B'rith, Fraternal, Hillel chapters, etc.

Additional copies of the "Tercentenary Service" may be obtained by filling out the attached coupon and sending it with your check in the self-addressed envelope.

If there is any way in which we can be of further service, please call on us.

Cordially,

*Marc H. Tanenbaum*  
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September 7, 1954

Dr. Oscar Olson  
Epworth-Euclid Methodist Church  
East 107th Street and Chester Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Olson:

I need not tell you how profoundly grateful I am, as well as the officers of The Temple, for your gracious compliance with our request to permit us to hold our afternoon Day of Atonement Service in your church. Your cooperation is deeply appreciated by everyone in The Temple.

I shall give myself the pleasure of dropping in on you in the next few days. I have followed with tremendous interest the deliberations of your Conference in Evanston.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
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Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am writing these few lines to remind you of the letter  
I sent you on August 4th, 1954 in regard to an Italian Parochet and  
up to date I did not have the honor to hear from you.

As I explained to you in the letter, it is a very important  
piece and being it was summer, I did not wish to bother you and no doubt  
you were not in town either.

May I have the pleasure to hear from you by return mail?

Sincerely yours,

*Chas M. Mayorkas*  
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Oct. 5, 1954.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I am enclosing a small  
check to be used for whatever  
purpose you wish. This is in  
honor of your wonderful  
President & his wife who were  
our gracious host and hostess  
over the weekend.

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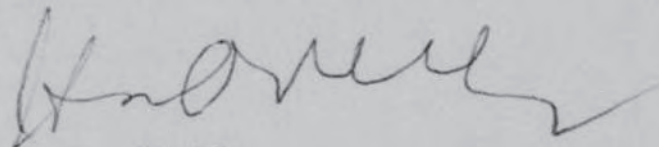
Dr. Abba Millel Silver  
The Temple  
1855 Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I still have the Hanukkah Lamp which I was supposed to dispose of for you. I had hoped that I would find an object where this piece could be traded in, but the objects which I offered to you apparently did not suit your wishes. Now I will be leaving soon on an extended trip to Europe, and I do not wish to keep this piece here while I am away. I therefore ask you to give me your instructions what I shall do with it. Shall I return it to you, or is there a place here where you would like me to deliver it? I would appreciate your answer.

I am sorry that I have not been more fortunate in placing this piece, and I am, with kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H. Odell', with a stylized, flowing script.

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