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The Temple, general, 1958-1959.

August 5, 1958

Mr. Lewis L. Strauss
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Strauss:

It was very pleasant to speak to you this morning. I trust that you are enjoying your holiday — a richly deserved one.

As I indicated to you over the telephone, The Temple will dedicate its new cultural center in October. It is a very impressive addition to The Temple itself and will, I believe, be greatly welcomed in the community.

To celebrate the occasion, The Temple Men's Club — an organization of over 1200 men — wishes to hold an important public meeting and invite an outstanding American of national prominence whose interests in the spiritual phases of American life are known, to address that meeting. They called me this morning and requested me to convey their most cordial invitation to you.

The meeting will be arranged to suit your convenience on any day during the latter part of October. They suggest the dates of Tuesday, October 21, Wednesday, October 29, or Thursday, October 30, but any other date would be acceptable.

I need not tell you that it would give us all great pleasure, indeed, if you could see your way to accept this invitation. We would make your stay here a very pleasant one.

Your subject, of course, would be of your own choosing. I am sure that anything you would say on this occasion would be received with the greatest interest, not alone by our community but by the country at large.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Rabbi Daniel

December 9, 1958

The Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

My dear Senator Humphrey:

Along with your many friends I wish to welcome you back home. I have been reading the reports of your visit to the Soviet Union and of your interview with Krushchev. I am sure that on the strength of your recent experience in the Soviet Union, you have a vital message for the American people which I know that you will bring to them, as is your custom, eloquently and forcefully.

I am very eager to have you honor my Temple pulpit and to have you address my people in Cleveland. Your message would receive wide-spread attention - not alone by our community, but I am sure, nationally. We would make your visit to us a very pleasant one. We would leave the selection of the date to a Sunday morning most convenient for you either the latter part of this month or any Sunday morning in January. Plane connections from Washington to Cleveland and return are excellent.

It would give us great delight, indeed, if you can find time in your crowded schedule to honor us with a visit. Your travelling expenses and honorarium will, of course, be met.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 3, 1959

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

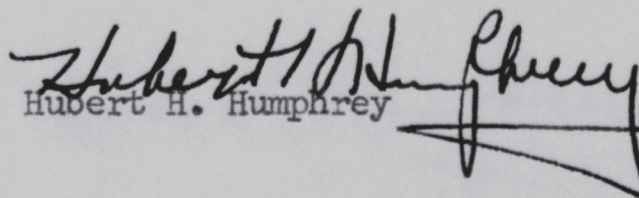
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Please accept my most humble apologies for not replying to your good letter of December 9th before now. Following my return from Europe I was on a very busy schedule which had me commuting between Washington and Minneapolis. Then a few days with my family in Minnesota over the Christmas holiday and our move back to Washington caused a further delay in taking care of my personal correspondence.

It would, indeed, be a privilege and honor to address your people in Cleveland from your pulpit at The Temple. I am most grateful for your invitation. I find, however, that my calendar for January is already almost completely filled and I am afraid it will not be possible for me to accept any additional engagements away from Washington. I hope that sometime in the future I may have the privilege of coming to your Temple. I deeply regret that I cannot find it possible to do so this month.

With kindest regards, and again my thanks.

Sincerely yours,


Hubert H. Humphrey

Jan 11-59

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I was sorry you and Mrs. Silver could not have been in New York for my exhibition.

During the past few years you have spoken to me of having a piece of my sculpture in the Temple Art Collection.

The Hebrew Union College loaned the Sholem Asch portrait head for the show; it has received very favorable comment. I feel that a

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NEW YORK 20, N.Y.

Bronze cast of it would be more appropriate for the Temple, than the figure I spoke of this summer.

If you are interested I would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible, as the bronze would have to be made from the head loaned by the Hebrew Union College. The price would be \$700 -

It was so nice being with you and Mrs. Silver this summer.
Love to you both, Nettie

January 19, 1959

Mrs. H. Bercovici
107 East 82nd Street
New York 28, N. Y.

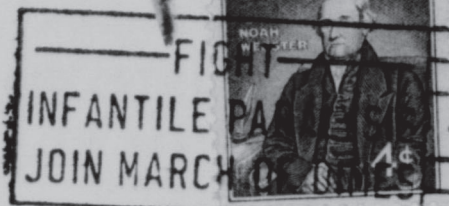
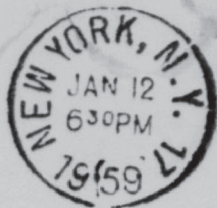
Dear Mrs. Bercovici:

Dr. Silver is out of the country on a world tour. He will be back on February 17th. I will call your letter to his attention at that time.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Lee Goldstein
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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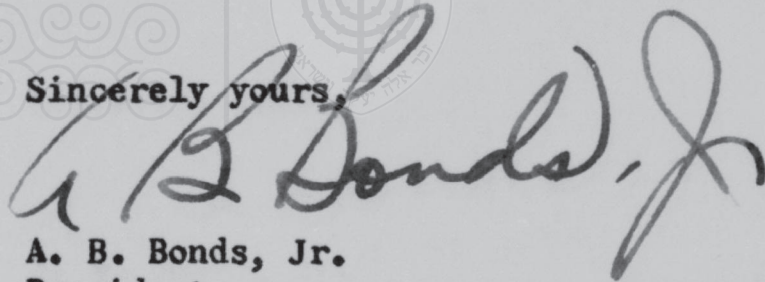
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th and Ansel Road,
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

My visit with you on last Thursday evening was very enjoyable. I particularly appreciated the brief opportunity which you and I had for a personal reminiscing of our visits to Israel and about other matters of common interest as well. I was tremendously impressed with the magnificent physical plant which you have developed and the even more impressive program which is making such a worthwhile impact on the spiritual life of our community. I wish you Godspeed in your activities and I hope that we may have frequent opportunities for further visitation.

Sincerely yours,



A. B. Bonds, Jr.
President

ABB:er

March 4, 1959

Dr. A.B. Bonds, Jr.
President
Baldwin-Wallace College
Berea, Ohio

My dear Dr. Bonds:

It was a privilege and a delight to have you with us at our Brotherhood dinner. Your contribution to the symposium was greatly informative and up-lifting. You must have sensed the reaction of the audience to your message. It was a pleasure to have made your acquaintance and I hope we will have the pleasure of seeing you again in the near future.

With all good wishes and warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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JAMES N. ROSENBERG
575 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK 22

March 4, 1959

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Recently Katie Bercovici spoke to me about her fine head of Sholem Asch concerning which I think she wrote you. As you know, it belongs to the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, and was shown in her distinguished one man show a few months ago.

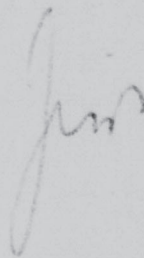
A bronze cast can be made and can be acquired by you for \$700.00. I suggest that it would be a notable addition to your collection.

How are you? It has been a long time since we met.

All best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

JNR/rf



March 11, 1959

Mr. James N. Rosenberg
575 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

My dear friend:

Thank you for your letter of March 4th. The Temple Museum would be very happy to acquire a work ~~of~~ by Katie Bercovici and I, personally, would be delighted to have such a work added to our collection; but we have specifically limited ourselves to items of Jewish religious interest and I so wrote to Katie. I suggested to her some time ago to do an original for us which would be in consonance with what we are trying to present through the medium of this religious museum of ours.

I trust that you are well and I hope that I will have the pleasure of seeing you before long. With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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March 11, 1959

My dear Katie:

I have but recently returned from a tour around the world and I hasten to reply to your letter of January the eleventh. I too am sorry that Mrs. Silver and I could not attend your exhibition in New York.

With reference to your head of Sholem Asch - as I told you, we would be very happy to have a piece of your sculpture at the Temple but we are limiting our acquisitions, both for the Temple and the Museum, to subjects which convey a specific religious interest. We have no sculptures here at the Temple of Jews who excelled in the fields of art or history generally. I have known Sholem Asch personally and have always had great admiration for him but to single him out here at the Temple with a special piece of sculpture would, I am afraid, be rather incongruous.

I wish you would give some consideration to the suggestions which I made to you - that you do a piece for us which can be more appropriately housed in our Jewish Museum.

I trust that you are well and hope to have the pleasure of seeing you again in the near future. With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Mrs. H. Bercovici
107 East 82nd Street
New York 28, New York

March 16, 1959

Mr. Wright Bryan
Editor
Cleveland Plain Dealer
1801 Superior Avenue
Cleveland 14, Ohio

My dear Mr. Bryan:

I am just returning to normalcy after the excitement of the testimonial dinner which was given to me a week ago Sunday. I am writing this note to you to tell you how profoundly I appreciated the editorial which appeared in the Plain Dealer last Tuesday and for the manner in which the meeting was covered on Monday morning in your esteemed paper. I shall long treasure your kindness and thoughtfulness.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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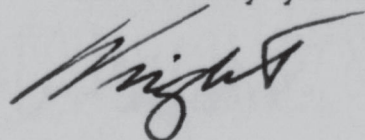
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your cordial letter and for your unfailing thoughtfulness.

We were only too happy to give to the testimonial dinner the news coverage and editorial comment we believe it deserved. My only regret is that circumstances made it impossible for me personally to attend the dinner.

No one could value more than I your friendship and what you mean to this community and to the world.

Sincerely yours,



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May 14, 1959.

Rabbi Abba Hiller Silver
The Temple
East 105th and Ansel
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I surely hope that the presence of our classmates last Saturday night at our Twenty-fifth Reunion gave you as warm a feeling as your presence and words of greeting gave to all of us. I believe that the success of this reunion should make it fairly easy to convince the succeeding classes of the desirability of continuing the tradition.

Please accept the thanks and best wishes of all of us who were there.

Cordially,

Leonard F. Auerbach

June 5, 1959

The Honorable Harry S. Truman
Independence, Missouri

My dear Mr. Truman:

As you suggested in our phone conversation this morning, I am writing to you in the hope that you might be able to address the Temple Women's Association this fall. Our first choice would be Wednesday, September 23rd but if you are busy that day, the Rabbi said that we could change our schedule to suit your convenience.

We are anxiously awaiting your answer and would appreciate an early reply including your fee.

Sincerely yours,

Judith S. Friedman
Program Chairman
Temple Women's Association

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