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The Temple, general, 1959-1960.



104 EAST 42ND STREET  
NEW YORK 17, N.Y.

October 9th., 1959

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I am sorry to hear you were not well, and I hope by now you are fully recovered.

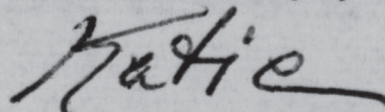
I have been giving a great deal of thought to our conversation about my sculpture of Moses. I think you know how much it would mean to me to have you own it. Due to our long friendship, I needn't tell you how much it would please my father.

If you are willing to pay \$600.00 plus the bronze casting, which would amount to \$200.00, the piece is yours. I know this exceeds the price you quoted me by \$100.00, but I am unable to sell it for less. The sculpture has had very favorable comments, and I feel that you will be happy with it.

Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

All good wishes to Mrs. Silver and you for the New Year.

Best as always,



Katherine Bercovici



October 14, 1959

My dear Katie:

I received your letter of October 9th and I want to thank you for the good wishes. I am rapidly recovering and I hope that I shall be in good shape before very long.

Please go ahead with your sculpture of Moses. The Temple will be pleased to acquire it for the amount of \$800.00. I am enclosing herewith a check for \$200.00 to enable you to proceed with the bronze casting immediately and upon the receipt of the sculpture, I will forward you an additional check for \$600.00.

With warmest regards and all good wishes for the New ~~Year~~ in which Mrs. Silver joins me, I remain

*Yours*

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Enclosure: Check ~~for~~

*Temple Museum fund*

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



November 23, 1959

My dear Justice Douglas:

I cannot tell you how sorry I am that I will not be here to welcome you and to listen to your address. I had kept the date open two weeks ago to be sure to be here. You were, however, compelled to postpone your visit and I have been unable to cancel an important engagement which I have in Chicago.

I hope that your visit here will be a very pleasant one. I know that our people are extremely eager to hear you.

With warmest regards and all good wishes,  
I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Supreme Court of the United States  
Washington 25, D. C.

CHAMBERS OF  
JUSTICE WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS

November 25, 1959

Dear Rabbi Silver:

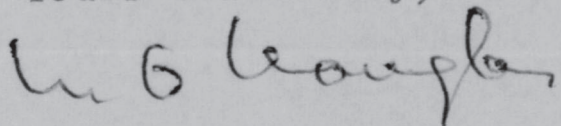
Your son kindly gave me  
your gracious note when I reached the  
Temple yesterday in Cleveland.

I was looking forward to  
seeing you and I am very sorry I did  
not have a chance to renew our acquaint-  
tance and have a visit with you.

I greatly enjoyed seeing  
the Temple and the meeting was a very  
pleasant one.

I was very proud of your  
fine son and his lovely wife.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W O Douglas", written in a cursive style.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th Street & Silver Park  
Cleveland 6, Ohio



Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR



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Dec. 9th 59.

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BULLETIN No. 180.....

The following objects have become available:

1. large plaque in copperbronze repousse hand-worked in high relief depicting the Judgement of Salomon, ca 40" Diam. probably Italian
2. 17th-18th Cent. ....\$ 500.-

3. A pair of exquisitely handworked Petit-Point and Gros-Point Tapestries, one depicting
4. "Eliezer & Rebecca at the Well" the other
5. "Esther & MORDECAI in Ahasweroth's Palace"
6. Size of each 54½ by 80", the pair.... \$ 1500.-

6. Dear Rabbi Dr. Silver,

7. I have had the privilege of meeting
8. you in Jerusalem on several occasions and
9. knowing of your interest in rare jewish art
10. I thought of offering these objects first
11. to you.
12. yours very truly

10. If of no interest
11. please return the
12. photos, thank you

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M.Y. Klein

We will be pleased to furnish detailed descriptions and photographs where possible, together with prices of any of the items in which you may be interested. Please check off the numbers of interest on the detachable blank provided overleaf, fill in your name and address and return in the self-addressed envelope enclosed. All offers subject to prior sale.



December 11, 1959

Dr. George A. Bowman  
President  
Kent State University  
Kent, Ohio

My dear Dr. Bowman:

Annually the Men's Club of the Temple holds a testimonial dinner which has become something of an institution in the life of our city. To this dinner the members of our Temple bring their non-Jewish friends and the occasion is utilized for a panel discussion of a vital theme which is of interest to all our citizens. To this panel we have, in the past, brought some of the outstanding national figures in all walks of life. This year the theme of the discussion will be the prospect of peace in the light of the efforts which are being made by the statesmen of both the East and the West to bring about some basic understanding and lessen the tensions of the cold war.

The Men's Club is eager to have you preside in this panel. The meeting will be held on February 24, 1960. I trust that you will be able to come and be our guest and present your views on this vital theme as a leader in the field of education. I shall send you further information as the program develops.

About six hundred of the prominent citizens of our city in industry, labor and professions attend these annual brotherhood dinners.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS :bfm



December 15, 1959

Mr. Frank Stewart  
The Cleveland Press  
901 Lakeside Avenue  
Cleveland 14, Ohio

Dear Mr. Stewart:

The Temple will hold a special congregational meeting this Sunday, December 20th, at 12:15 P. M. The purpose of the meeting is to act on the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted by the Board of Trustees on November 10, 1959:

"RESOLVED that effective with the date of adoption of this resolution the title of Daniel Jeremy Silver as Associate Rabbi be and is hereby superseded by the title Rabbi."

I should like to extend to you a personal invitation to attend the service preceding the meeting, and the luncheon and the meeting. My topic this Sunday is "J.B." -- the Play, and the Book of Job".

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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December 15, 1959

Mr. Richard Wagar  
The Cleveland Plain Dealer  
1801 Superior Avenue  
Cleveland 14, Ohio

Dear Mr. Wagar:

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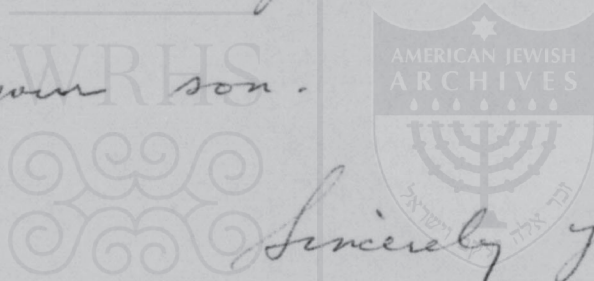
*Dear Dr. Silver,*

*Thank you very much for the  
interview Sunday and for letting me  
have your manuscript, which is enclosed.*

*It was indeed a pleasure to chat  
with you and your son.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Dick Wager*





December 23, 1959

Mr. M.Y. Klein  
Petit Musee  
2035 Peel Street  
Montreal, Canada

My dear Mr. Klein:

Thank you for your letter and for the photographs which you sent me. I am returning the photographs of the Tapestries. I would appreciate it if you would send me the plaque depicting "Judgement of Solomon". I should like to see it. There may be a possibility of my getting someone here in the Temple interested in purchasing it for the Museum. They may be interested in making an offer to you.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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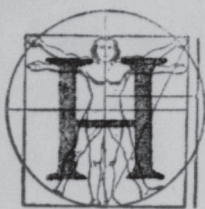


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January 5, 1960

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105 Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Robert H. Gries, a Trustee of The Council on Human Relations, has asked me to send a copy of our new publication, RESOURCE HANDBOOK IN HUMAN RELATIONS, to every Temple and Synagogue Library in the Cleveland area. I am very happy, therefore, to inform you that a copy of the Handbook, as a gift from Mr. Gries, is coming to you under separate cover.

Sincerely yours,

*J. D. Nobel*  
J. D. Nobel  
Director

JDN:cr



January 13, 1960

Mr. J.D. Nobel  
Director  
The Council of Human Relations  
281 The Arcade  
Cleveland 14, Ohio

My dear Mr. Nobel:

The Temple acknowledges with thanks your new publication, "Resource Handbook in Human Relations" which you sent us as a gift from Mr. Robert H. Gries. I have placed it in the Temple Library where, I am sure, it will be very serviceable. Please thank Mr. Gries in our behalf.

Cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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January 13, 1960

Dr. George A. Bowman  
President  
Kent State University  
Kent, Ohio

My dear Dr. Bowman:

I was delighted that you will be able to be with us on February 24th. We shall all look forward with keenest interest to your coming. We shall not trouble you to be the moderator to the panel. Since it has been our practice to have a newspaper editor to share the evening, we have invited this year Mr. Bryan, the editor of the Plain Dealer.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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January 20, 1960

My dear Katie:

I received yesterday your sculpture of Moses. The bronze cast turned out very well indeed. It will now occupy an honored place in our Museum. I am enclosing herewith a check for \$600.00 as the balance due. I am sure that when you are next in Cleveland you will come in and see your "Moses".

We are all well and Mrs. Silver joins me in sending you all our good wishes.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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



J. HARMON COHEN  
ATTORNEY AT LAW

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January 25, 1960

Dr. & Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver  
19810 Shaker Blvd.  
Cleveland 22, Ohio

Dear Dr. & Mrs. Silver:

You are cordially invited to the meeting of The Temple Town Club to be held at The Temple on Sunday evening, January 31, 1960 at 8 P.M.

Rabbi Milton Matz will lead a discussion on the subject, "Ask the Rabbi."

We are looking forward to seeing you on that date.

With kindest regards,

Very truly yours,

THE TEMPLE TOWN CLUB

BY: J. Harmon Cohen  
J. HARMON COHEN

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Jan 30-60

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Excuse my delay in writing you. I am very happy that you are pleased with my sculpture of Moses and am proud to have it in your Museum.

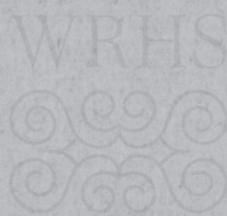
I too think the bronze turned out well. I did considerable work on the wax model, and the bronze patina.

I hope you and Mrs. Silver have been well. I am looking forward to seeing you this summer. It joins me in



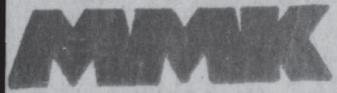
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NEW YORK 28 N.Y.

sending regards -  
Best as always.  
Thank you again -  
Katie





RABBIS ABBA HILLEL SILVER AND  
JEREMY SILVER



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May 23, 1960

Mr. Abe M. Luntz, President  
The Temple  
Silver Park and East 105th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Luntz:

The functional and aesthetic design of the Temple Annex has received national attention and applause from the architectural and educational professions. Since, to wear an old shoe, a successful building project is dependent upon a knowing and cooperative client, I would like to review the honors the Temple Annex has received to date.

The leading national magazine for school administrators, OVERVIEW, published an article on the Annex in their February, 1960 issue ( enclosed ). It is interesting that OVERVIEW shows the Temple as the solo architectural article in this issue which was published in conjunction with this year's annual meeting of the American Association of School Administrators in Atlantic City. Twenty-one thousand public school superintendents attended this year's meeting.

One of the three leading architectural journals PROGRESSIVE ARCHITECTURE, published an account of the design of the Luntz Auditorium in the March, 1960, issue. Other leading architectural and educational journals have indicated an interest in the work; CHURCH MANAGEMENT will publish an article this Fall.

A few months ago I received a request to exhibit the Annex at the 1960 Conference on Church Architecture sponsored jointly by the Church Architectural Guild of America and The Department of Church Building of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. This Annual Meeting was held in Minneapolis on May 3rd. One hundred and seven architectural firms from 30 states submitted 350 exhibits. Fifteen ( equal ) awards were given and I am happy to say that the Temple Exhibit was one of the recipients. This Exhibit is now a part of a traveling architectural exhibit which will tour the country for at least a year. This week the exhibit will be in Indianapolis at the Disciples of Christ Conference.

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations, New York, has requested I submit an exhibit in conjunction with the meeting in October.



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This Fall I will gather the various articles and honors and have them bound and made a part of the Library collection.

May I join with the rest of the Congregation in wishing you well and thanking you for the many outstanding acts you have performed as President of the Temple.

Sincerely yours,

MICHAEL M. KANE, A.I.A. and  
JOHN KRESS, JR., ARCHITECTS ASSOCIATED

MMK:rb

Encl.

CC: Board of Trustees, The Temple ✓

Rabbis Abba Hillel and Daniel Jeremy Silver

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