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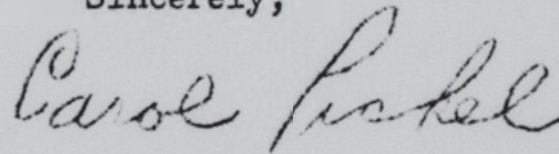
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October 5, 1959

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road & 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

As you can see from the attached invitation, the American Zionist Council is tendering a reception in honor of the newly appointed Ambassador from Israel, His Excellency Avraham Harman, on Wednesday evening, October 14, 1959, at the Commodore Hotel in New York City. We shall be honored if you, as honorary chairman of the American Zionist Council, will accept our invitation to be our guest on that evening, and sincerely hope that you will attend. A place will be reserved for you at the head table.

This is to be an affair of the Zionist family, and your presence will help to make it a full and representative gathering.

I shall appreciate it if you will send back the enclosed reservation card indicating your acceptance.

Sincerely yours,

Irving Miller
Rabbi Irving Miller
Chairman

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January 18, 1960.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you very much for your letter of January 11, 1960. I am sure that were it possible for you to join the members of the Bronx Region at their Convention, you would have come.

May I take this opportunity of thanking you for the warm hospitality with which you received me at your home. I shall regard such a visit with you as the most pleasant of my life.

Of course, as I perhaps told you, your name is constantly before the members of our Region in connection with the Agricultural School in Israel, named in your honor. Having paid for the dormitory, we are now working on the Swimming Pool Project, which we are told needs \$50,000. Your presence, or perhaps the presence of someone of your family, even Mrs. Silver herself, would be a great incentive and would be helpful to inspire more people to do something towards this great tribute to you.

Please remember me to Mrs. Silver and also to your capable son, Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver.

With warmest regards

Very sincerely yours,

David Moskowitz
David Moskowitz
Chairman of Convention Committee

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SPECIAL MEETING - ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

January 18, 1960

Z.O.A. Office

Presiding: Abraham Goodman, Chairman

Present: . Harold W. Carmely, Abraham Goodman, Rabbi I. Usher Kirshblum, Dr. Harris J. Levine, Dr. Sidney Marks, Abraham A. Redelheim, Nathaniel Rothenberg, Jacques Torczyner and Charles Wolf.
Staff: Robert Abrahami and Irwin Stahl.

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

1. Mr. Chaim Danieli reported on KFAR SILVER. In its fifth year, the first class of graduates will be taking matriculation examinations. The school has a 3 year (non-matriculation, professional training) course, with 20 graduates; a four year (matriculation) course with 12 graduates and 5 to 7 general students. As an indication of the school's high standards, the Israel Agricultural Ministry requested Kfar Silver to accept advanced students from other schools to prepare them for the matriculation examinations which take place in June and July.

The landscaping and the Village are completed. It is the finest of the 29 agricultural schools. Faculty and students are pleased with the facilities. There are 1,800 dunams, a staff of 40-50, divided into administration, academic instruction and instruction in agriculture and husbandry. The staff is on call 24 hours a day and will have to be increased to 60-70. Nine instructors alone are devoted to agricultural subjects.

The Pardess which we purchased and is being liquidated over a 15 year period at $7\frac{1}{2}\%$; this debt is being serviced by the income from the Pardess. During its first year, a net income of IL 40,000 was derived and the second year brought IL 20,000 due to falling European market prices.

IL 150,000 operational budget is required with the deficit covered by the Z.O.A. There are four classes. The first and second years have two classes each of 35. The third and fourth years have one class each of 35, making a total enrollment of 170. The plans contemplate a minimum registration of 220 calling for two classes of 35 each for the first three years and 1 class of 35 for the fourth year. Upon these figures are based the overall plan of the School's development budget.

There are 29 agricultural Schools but our School will have a special place in Israel for the following reasons: 1) It is the only General Zionist school in Israel. 2) It is tied in with Maccabi Hatzair (General Zionist Youth) and Israel Hatzair (World General Zionist Youth Movement) and young people will come from these sources. 3) Its ties with Z.O.A. and the American Embassy and Cultural Missions. It is a show place for American tourists who are invariably enthused by it. 4) It is good for Israel youth.

FORECAST

The budget was cut this year. There is no development budget. The school is not completed. For an increased student body and faculty, dormitories and faculty quarters are required. It must be a self-contained institution. Instructors must travel 4 km from Ashkelon where they live. Good quarters are needed to attract faculty and build a cultural atmosphere (5 houses are needed). We must

open a dormitory this year to take in new children. As it is, we have 25 children living here in excess of normal accommodations. We need the financial resources and ask for your decision this week.

In response to questions, Mr. Danieli gave the following information:

The IL 150,000 income is derived from the following sources: From the Youth Aliyah Department of the Jewish Agency for 40 children from Morocco, etc. the sum of IL 700. annually for every child; IL 750. tuition for every child except those who cannot pay as much and they receive scholarships based on intelligence and financial circumstances; Educational Department of the Agricultural Ministry provides IL 20,000 this year for the children who cannot pay due to poor circumstances; Income from the farm IL 20,000 this year.

Our school is smaller than the others which have 300 or more. We have a basic administration equivalent to the others, but we have a smaller number of pupils per teacher for higher standards.

Kfar Silver physically is maintained on higher standards than other schools. Twice a year full renewal and inspection of the plant (including 100 dunam of landscaping) is undertaken.

Kfar Silver has more tourist visitors than other schools. We have a person who deals with Tourist reception which costs us IL 8,000.- IL 10,000. a year. We also have a special office in Tel Aviv at the Z.O.A. House for operations of the committee and tourist reception at a cost of IL 3,000 - 4,000. Our poor financing costs us IL 18,000 annually for interest. Each child's cost of instruction carries at present a IL 1,500 deficit.

When we reach 220 students, our operational budget will not be more than it is at present.

The educational standards of the school conform with those of the Ministry of Education standards and are equal or better than New York standards.

Scholarships are requested for 1-2-3 students for graduate work in the United States, to return to Israel to teach at the school. These are to be loans and are reduced up to 3 years of teaching and cancelled at 5 or 6 years of teaching.

Mr. Danieli proposed a budget of IL 550,000 to IL 600,000 for the year. IL 300,000 in addition to the IL 250,000 operating deficit. To all this must be added the construction of the synagogue in the Spring.

Details of the Proposal are:

1. Additional dormitory (70 students - September occupancy)	IL 140,000.
2. Faculty Quarters (2 houses)	62,000.
3. Director's House	30,000.
4. Fence	5,000.
5. Gate	20,000.
6. Contingencies	10,000.
7. Additions due to reduction of Jewish Agency budget	-- --
8. Synagogue	80,000.
9. Swimming Pool	85,000.

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March 21, 1950.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Tmeples
Ansel Road & 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

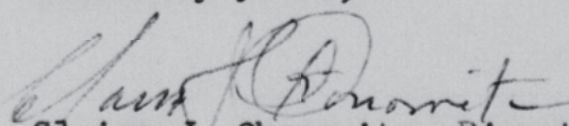
Dr. Marks has referred to me your request to him for an outstanding interpreter of Israeli music for your Cleveland function scheduled to be held on May 1st.

I have not phoned you because I did not have the information I have been seeking. I have been trying to ascertain the honorarium and availability of Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach and Hanna Ahroni. As soon as I have this information I will forward it to you at once. Meanwhile I am enclosing an excerpt of a biographical sketch of Rabbi Carlebach for your information. Also enclosed is a brochure on Sylvia Nesson, who in my opinion is an outstanding artist along the lines you have indicated. Her honorarium would be \$150 plus expenses.

In your conversation with Dr. Marks you did not indicate the time and place of your function. Would you please be good enough to do so at your earliest convenience so that we may have that information for our records.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,


Claire J. Okonowitz, Director
SPEAKERS' AND ARTISTS' BUREAU

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March 24, 1960

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Following our telephone conversation yesterday morning I received a letter from the Director of the ZOA House in Tel Aviv, Mr. Eli Almagor, who writes that you visited the ZOA House Library, established there in memory of our good friend Abraham Goldstein. Mr. Almagor mentions that you offered to send them some books for which we are very grateful.

As soon as I receive from the ZOA House a list of books that they require, I will forward it to you, unless you have some particular books in mind.

The Kfar Silver dormitory mentioned in the course of our conversation is the most essential item in the development program for next year. Without it the number of students cannot be increased. At the present time we have 170 students, which is the maximum that can be accommodated in the four existing dormitories.

The projected dormitory will consist of nine rooms for students, one clubroom, and a small apartment for the supervising instructor. Such a building, including furniture and landscaping, would cost \$78,000.

What I have in mind is solicitation of contributions from a small group of substantial people in Cleveland instead of a mass campaign.

This would be in the nature of a special project, since the Ohio Valley Region has already undertaken raising the funds for a chemistry laboratory, which we established in the newly built Kfar Silver school building.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

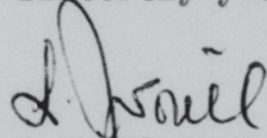
March 24, 1960

As you know, the ultimate goal of Kfar Silver is a student body of 320. We would like to increase it up to 220 next year. This is why the dormitory is so urgently needed.

We would appreciate anything you could do in this respect.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely yours,



Leon Ilutovich
Assistant Executive Director

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April 6, 1960

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

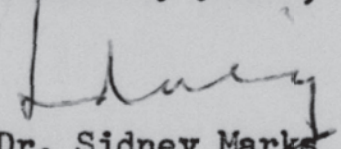
Just a word to tell you how delighted I was with your designation as Honorary Chairman of the American Zionist Council Executive Committee.

I know of the tremendous responsibilities which this post entails. I want to extend to you my best wishes for health, happiness and success in your continued endeavors on behalf of the Jewish people.

If I can be of any service whatsoever, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,


Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

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May 8, 1956

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Mr. H. S. Meschorer
7835 Broadway
Cleveland 5, Ohio

My dear Herman:

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Thank you so much for your thoughtful letter in sending me photographs of the marble bust which you made of me.

Of course I have no reason to withhold my permission to have the bust exhibited. On the contrary your many friends would like to see your lovely handiwork.

With warmest regards and all good wishes to you and Mrs. Meschorer I remain

Most cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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May 10, 1960

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
c/o The Temple
East 105th St., & Ansel Rd.
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

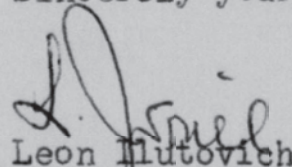
Dr. Sidney Marks tells me that he talked recently to Mr. H.S. Meshorer of Cleveland who offered to present Kfar Silver with a bust of you made by him as per the enclosed photograph.

Prior to contacting Mr. Meshorer with regard to the above, I would first like to have your permission to accept the sculpture and to exhibit it in Kfar Silver.

Enclosed please find copy of your letter to Mr. Meshorer regarding the same question of May 8, 1956.

Looking forward to hearing from you, I am,

Sincerely yours,


Leon Ilutovich

Assistant Executive Director

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May 31, 1960

Mr. Leon Ilutovich
Assistant Executive Director
Zionist Organization of America
145 East 32nd Street
New York 16, New York

My dear Leon:

With regard to the bust which Mr. H.S. Meshorer of Cleveland made of me, you certainly have my permission to accept the sculpture and to exhibit it in Kfar Silver. Mr. Meshorer is an amateur artist but has done very creditable work. He is a member of the Temple and a friend of ours.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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June 22, 1960

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

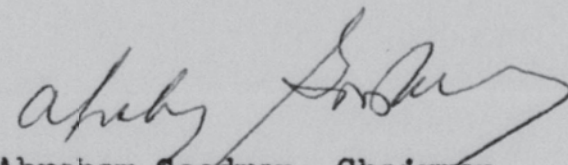
We are sure that we voice the unanimous sentiment of our officers and membership in our happiness to have learned of your acceptance of our invitation to be guest of honor at the Banquet Session of our 63rd Annual Convention.

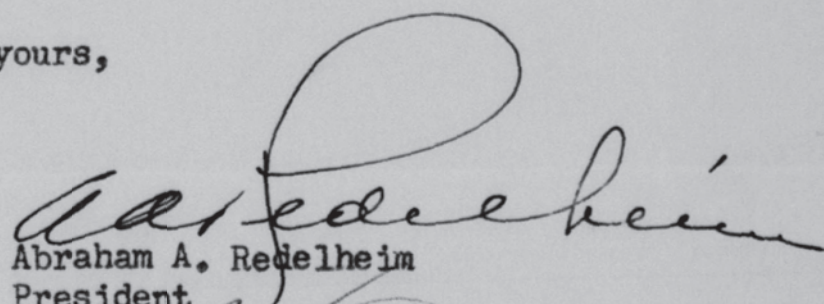
The Zionist Organization of America recognizes fully the great service you have rendered and are rendering to Israel and the Jewish community. In presenting to you at the Convention The Annual Herzl Award, we do so as a mark of appreciation for your unstinting sacrifice of time and effort. In this case we feel that no one deserves it more than you.

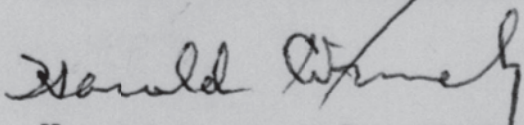
We look forward to the pleasure of greeting you at the Convention and hearing from you.

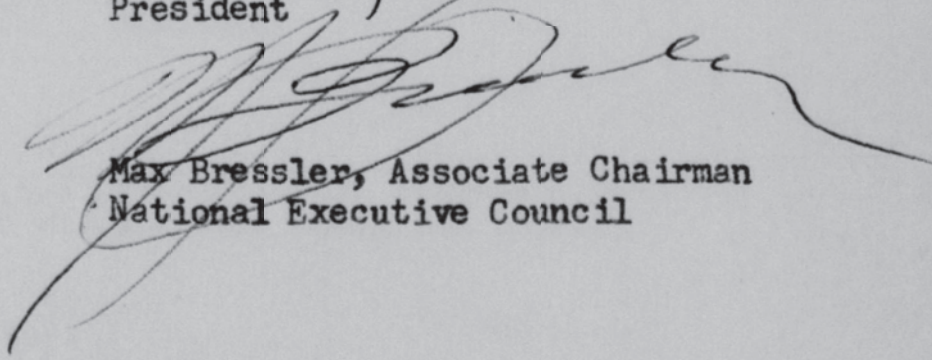
With every good wish, we are

Sincerely yours,


Abraham Goodman, Chairman
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National Convention Committee


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National Executive Council

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September 1st, 1960

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

We have just received the news that at the 63rd convention of the Zionist Organization of America you have been awarded the Herzl Gold Medallion.

Together with all my fellow-workers at Z.O.A. House, I would like to join the many well-wishers and convey to you, dear Rabbi Silver, our sincere congratulations.

No award can measure up to a life-time of work and devotion to Zionism and Israel, but it fills us with pride and satisfaction that you, who throughout the years have been so close to Z.O.A. House and its aims, have been chosen for this distinction in the Herzl Year.

On the eve of Rosh Hashanah, I am sending you and Mrs. Silver my heartiest wishes for your good health and happiness in the coming year.

Looking forward to greeting you soon in Israel and with best personal regards, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

E. Almagor

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September 1, 1960

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street & Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I'm sure that the enthusiasm and gratitude for your participation in the proceedings of the 63rd Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America reached you.

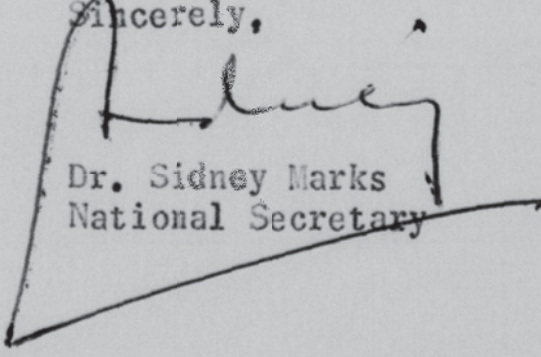
Delegates, many of whom you know personally, spoke of you and your efforts again and again.

Our appreciation goes out to you. You enabled us to bring a high peak in Zionist experience and the entire Convention body - Delegates and guests - are grateful to you.

Our gratitude and best wishes.

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,


Dr. Sidney Marks
National Secretary

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Dear Abba,

I couldn't be there when you were
kudosed last Saturday night.

But I was on hand when Jack Kennedy
said the best talk he ever heard was one
of yours.

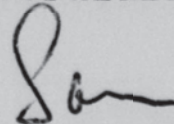
Everyone tells me your talk, part of
which I read in the Day-Journal, was
scintillatingly Silveresque.

Mazal tov on the new honors that
have come to you. Despite the fact that
many people swear they saw me at the
Republican convention, many millions of
others had a new glimpse of you then, as
the ZOA delegates must have received a
new draught of your inspiration at the
dinner.

It is an understatement to say that
you have given much to this generation.
May God keep you in vigor so that your
future gifts will even be bigger. And
may many in love have occasion to wish
you mazal tov.

A happy 5721 to you and yours.

Cordially,



RABBI SAMUEL M. SILVER

Dr. A. H. Silver
Cleveland

September 7, 1960

Dr. Sidney Marks
Zionist Organization of America
145 East 32nd Street
New York 16, New York

My dear Dr. Marks:

Thank you so much for your letter of September first and your thoughtfulness in writing to me. I enjoyed my meeting at the ZOA Convention tremendously.

I would appreciate if you would send me a few mimeographed copies of my address. There have been some requests for it. If Mr. Barbarash intends to use it for publication in "The Zionist" I will send him the copy which I used at the dinner because I inserted some important sentences in the manuscript which is probably not reflected in the mimeographed copies which you distributed.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

September 12, 1960

My dear Sam:

Thank you so much for your gracious note of September first. I enjoyed my evening at the ZOA Convention remendously and it was good to hear from friends in all parts of the country.

I trust that you are well and I send you all my good wishes for the coming year. With warmest regards, I remain



Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Rabbi Samuel M. Silver
Temple Sinai
54 Grove Street
Stamford, Connecticut

2. 7.
October 31, 1960

Mr. E. Almagor
Director L.O.A. House
1 Daniel Frisch Street
P.O.B. 4290
Tel Aviv
Israel

My dear Mr. Almagor:

Please pardon the long delay in acknowledging your kind letter of September first and your New Year's greeting. I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing to me. I have been extremely busy and on the go most of the time and that is why the acknowledgement has been delayed.

I was very much honored to receive the Herzl Gold Medallion and I have been happy that so many of my friends have taken the occasion to write to me in connection with this award. I reciprocate all your good wishes for the coming year and I hope that we may have the pleasure of seeing you before long in Israel.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AMS :bfm

[undated]

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N. Y. Herald-Tribune December, 1955

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MUSICAL AMERICAN MAGAZINE
Town Hall Recital
February, 1955

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CONCERT AT MUSIC CENTRE, Woodstock, N. Y.
Woodstock Townsman, August, 1955

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Lieder, art songs, oratorios in:

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French	Spanish
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Italian	Yiddish



Operatic roles:

Marguerite.....	Faust
Elsa.....	Lohengrin
Eva.....	Meistersinger
Tatiana.....	Eugene Onegin
Countess.....	Marriage of Figaro
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Donna Anna	
Annchen.....	Freischuetz
Violetta.....	La Traviata

Rarely performed works, old and new with instrumental ensemble:

Bach	Chausson
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Gov. Theodore McKeldin (Maryland)
Rep. Abraham S. Multer
Pierre van Paassen
Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
Hon. Hadassah Samuel (Israel)

Sylvia Nesson

has introduced and popularized many Israeli composers,
among them are:

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Issachar Miron

Repertoire

WRHS ARCHIVES	Hebrew.....	Israeli folk songs Israeli concert art songs and arias Ancient cantillations and chants
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An ovation from her audience has been routine for SYLVIA NESSON ever since she made her formal debut at New York Times Hall, when press, public and her fellow musicians all joined together to welcome a new singer of real distinction. Since then her acclaim has increased in direct response to her growing artistry. Today, an ever-larger, ever-surer group of music lovers reserve a place for SYLVIA NESSON in the first rank of singers.

The whole effect of SYLVIA NESSON'S art is more than the sum of her parts as a singer. Her natural voice is remarkably pure and powerful. Superb training has made the most of her innate gift, for she has repaid the faith and support of America's finest vocal teachers with hard work, devoted study, "a notable seriousness of purpose." But talent and technique are only part of the story. She has a vitality, a warmth, an ability to communicate emotional atmosphere that is intangible, perhaps, but, unmistakable.

Among many other prizes and scholarships, she was voted the outstanding vocal student of the New York Singing Teachers' Association, and soon after won the Young American Artists Award, sponsored by the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences.

Everywhere she has performed—Carnegie Hall, Town Hall, the Brooklyn Academy of Music, Columbia University, concert halls from coast-to-coast—she has been invited to return. SYLVIA NESSON'S repeated appearances with the Knickerbocker Chamber Players in New York as well as other instrumental ensembles testify to the cherished position she occupies among musician-colleagues. Of all her honors, perhaps the one she values most is the exclusive privilege of introducing the new works of living composers to American audiences.