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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Congregation Tifereth Israel  
E. 105th and Ansel Road  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

Combined Campaign is now on the threshold of another great effort in behalf of our beloved Union of American Hebrew Congregations and our revered Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. I look forward with much anticipation to this 1957-58 Campaign for the following reasons:

The record that we compiled this past year -- in 1956-57 -- is a firm basis for the additional forward steps that can be taken and which are warranted by the great work of our sacred institutions.

The Campaign has attracted a corps of outstanding men and women who have been devoting themselves increasingly to our efforts -- and this, too, is a firmer basis for the progress that can surely be made this coming year.

It is with this in mind that I am happy to extend this invitation to you to again accept the post a member of our Combined Campaign Committee for 1957-58.

Our plans at this time call for the formal inauguration of our 1957-58 Campaign at a National Leadership Mobilization to be held in the middle of October in Cincinnati co-incident with Board meetings of the Union and the College-Institute.

Since we wish to complete our national leadership as early as possible to provide for the soonest possible opening of Campaign activity, I would appreciate most sincerely hearing from you at the very earliest moment.

With all best wishes to you for a pleasant summer,

Sincerely,

A. B. Polinsky, General Chairman  
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July 5, 1957

Mr. A. B. Polinsky, General Chairman  
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Dear Mr. Polinsky:

Thank you for your letter of July 3rd which I take the liberty of acknowledging in Rabbi Silver's absence from the country.

When Rabbi Silver returns (the beginning of September) I will be pleased to see that your letter receives his immediate attention.

Sincerely,

Miss Sophia Levine  
Secretary to Mr. Silver

Jefferson B. Fordham  
3400 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia 4, Pa.

August 29, 1957

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Senator Herbert H. Lehman will be our guest in Philadelphia at a dinner and reception in his honor at which he will receive the Solomon Bublick Award from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. This citation is bestowed in alternate years upon the statesman or the scholar who has made the most significant contribution to Israel's progress as a democracy and center of learning in the Middle East.

It is most gratifying that the American Friends of the Hebrew University have decided that this significant event take place this year in the historic birthplace of American freedom and democracy as a symbolic exchange of greetings and good will. The State of Israel will be represented on this auspicious occasion by its Ambassador to the United States, and one of its distinguished scholars, the Honorable Abba Eban.

I am honored to serve as chairman of this function. Because of my friendship for Senator Lehman, I was delighted to join in this recognition of his long years of devotion to the highest American ideals in behalf of all people. In greatness of mind, spirit and character, he is one of the towering figures of our time.

But my interest extends beyond the man being honored to the university itself which in thirty-four years - predating the founding of Israel - has achieved distinction as a cultural and scientific center, an addition to the forces of progress throughout the world. The enclosed reprint will let you assess these values.

The event on October 6th at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel will be one long to be remembered. There will be no fund raising of any kind at the dinner, although subscription to the dinner is fixed at \$100 per couple.

I feel certain you will deem it an honor, as I do, to participate in this tribute to a great American statesman in his 80th year.

Distinguished men and women in every phase of American life are being enlisted to sponsor this event, and I will regard it a privilege to list your name among them on the formal, printed invitation of the Dinner.

Because time is a limiting factor, may I ask you, please, to return the enclosed acceptance card promptly. I will appreciate your cooperation and look forward to your gracious response.

Many thanks.

Sincerely,

Jefferson B. Fordham



September 3, 1957

Mr. A. B. Polinsky  
General Chairman Combined Campaign  
Minnesota Wollen Company  
21 West Superior Street  
Duluth 2, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Polinsky:

Upon my return from Europe I found your letter of July 3rd requesting me to serve on the Combined Campaign Committee for the Union and the College.

I shall, of course, be very happy to serve.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:sl

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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September 4, 1957

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I hope the lack of response to my letter of July 3 was due only to the fact that you have just returned from an enjoyable trip abroad and, therefore, did not have the opportunity to read all the mail you received.

At that time, I took the occasion to write and extend to you an invitation to serve with us again as a member of our National Combined Campaign Committee for 1957-58.

The record that we compiled in the past campaign is a firm basis for the additional forward steps that must be taken with the help of the outstanding spiritual and lay leadership of our country who have been devoting themselves increasingly to our efforts.

Since we wish to complete the organization of our national roster to present at our National Leadership Mobilization Dinner, being held in Cincinnati on Sunday, October 13, I would appreciate hearing from you at the very earliest moment.

With all good wishes to you and yours for a very happy New Year,

Sincerely yours,

*A. B. Polinsky*  
A. B. Polinsky, General Chairman  
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# SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS -- 1957-58

September 11, 1957	New York City	60th Anniversary Convention of ZOA
September 20-22	New York City	Economic Mobilization Conference for Israel Waldorf Astoria Hotel
October 1	Cleveland, Ohio	Civic Luncheon honoring Claude Foster (The Community Chest)
(Cancelled (November 3,	Cleveland, Ohio	40th Anniversary Balfour Declaration (Cleveland Zionist Council & Am. Christian Palestine Comm.)
November 14,	New Orleans, La.	Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds - General Assembly
November 25,	"GOALS AND OUTLOOK FOR JEWISH LIFE IN AMERICA" New York City	Zionist Organization of America
November 26,	Baltimore, Md.	Isaac Taylor Dinner - Bonds
December 3	Cleveland, Ohio	National Conference of Christians and Jews Northern Ohio Regional Chapter
December 4	Minneapolis, Minn.	Bonds
December 15,	Chicago, Ill.	Bonds
December 18,	Boston, Mass.	Chanukah Festival - Bonds
January 12, 1958	Ithaca, New York	Cornell University - Sage Chapel
January 12,	Ithaca, New York	B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation
January 13,	Rochester, New York	Clergy Institute
(cancelled (January 13,	Brooklyn, N.Y.	Adult Jewish Educational Program (Sponsored by Conservative and Reform Congregations)
February 6-8	Miami, Fla.	International Anniversary Conference and Independence Ball - Fontainebleau Hotel
February 20,	Toledo, Ohio	American Friends of the Hebrew University
March 20,	New York City	Dropsie College Symposium - "Judaism and Christianity at the Partin of the Ways"
March 30,	Cleveland, Ohio	American Association of School Administrators Eastern Regional Convention
April 29	"THE NEW REVERENCE FOR MAN'S MIND AND SPIRIT" Tel Aviv, Israel	10th Anniversary Celebration Z.O.A. Anniversary
1) (Cancelled (May 15,	"THE BREAKTHROUGH " -2) "THE ROLE OF AMERICAN ZIONISM IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ISRAEL" Chicago, Ill.	Illinois Conference on Mutual Security -- Committee for International Economic Growth, Wash, DC
May 27,	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Israel Bond Event - Pittsburgh's 10th Ann. Celebra.
May 28,	Cleveland, Ohio	"Speaker of the Year for 1957" - Award by Tau Kappa Alpha Forensic Honor Society

May	29, 1958	Cleveland, Ohio	Jewish National Fund - Women's Division Rabbi Israel Porath Forest
June	4, 1958	Cleveland, Ohio	Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland City Wide Celebration of Israel's 18th Anniversary Severance Hall
June	26,	Chicago, Ill	1958 Convention Central Conference of American Rabbis.

"THE PROBLEMS WHICH LIE AHEAD"



[September 1957]

Dear Dean Jefferson

I shall be pleased to have you list my name as a Sponsor honoring former Senator Herbert H. Lehman at the Solomon Rubicheck-Hebrew University of Jerusalem Award Dinner, October 6, 1957, at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel

Dean Jefferson B. Fordham,  
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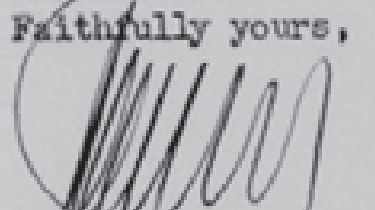
My dear Dr. Silver:

First of all, a Happy New Year to you and yours. I sent an invitation to your son to make an important JNF address in Detroit. I am eagerly awaiting his reply.

It is an annual custom for us to send to you an Esrog, which is now under way and which I hope reaches you in good order.

With all the best to you and yours,

Faithfully yours,

  
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8th October, 1957.

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

U. S. A.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

As you may know, Rabbi Dr. M.C. Weiler, who founded the South African Jewish Progressive Movement 24 years ago, is relinquishing his pulpit at the end of this year on his departure for Israel.

A special "farewell" edition of the "Progressive Jew", the organ of the South African Movement, is being issued in December, and, as editor of that publication, I should be most grateful for a contribution from your pen.

I am enclosing three items reprinted from the local Jewish Press to give you the background to Rabbi Weiler's departure, and would like to draw your attention, particularly, to the statement of the Orthodox Chief Rabbi - a most unusual reaction from a man who has hitherto been known only as an outspoken opponent of the Progressive Movement and Rabbi Weiler.

I leave the length of your contribution to your discretion and would be most grateful to receive it by the middle of November.

Yours sincerely,

*J. Kuttner*  
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have been thinking recently about the terribly explosive situation in the Middle East. It seems to me that there is enormous danger of violence erupting there which could spread and cause the very destruction of civilization itself.

It seems to me that the United States will probably build up the Arab nations because the United States needs oil and that the Russians will build up the Arabs in order to cause trouble.

If this analysis is right, in the long run Israel's best hope for security lies in the United Nations. Would it not therefore be in Israel's best interests to urge her not only to allow the present UN Emergency Force on her side of the border of the Gaza Strip but actually to urge that this force be built up and invited to patrol all of Israel's borders?

I know that the above is not in line with the thinking of Israel's leaders. I wonder, however, if it would not be desirable for the leaders to begin to think along these lines both in Israel's self-interest and for the security of the civilized world?

Cordially yours,

*Donald Harrington*  
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Herman Davidowitz  
239 East 79th Street  
New York, New York

October 14, 1957

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

At one time you asked me to let you know when I would be ready to sell the Italian Renaissance Megilla.

I am now prepared to sell this piece along with several other important items, including the Kaufman painting of the Rebetzin which was on loan exhibit at your Temple Museum.

I might also mention a magnificent Italian Perocheth dated 1605.

With very best regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

  
Herman Davidowitz

HD: yt

October 16, 1957

Mr. Herman Davidowitz  
239 East 79th Street  
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Davidowitz:

Thank you for your letter of October 14th. I do not, at the moment, recall the Megilla to which you refer.

If it is convenient for you, I wish you would send me a photograph of it (or part of it) as well as a photograph of the Perocheth.

Please indicate too what your asking price is.

With all good wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

AHS:sl

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

RABBI EDWARD ZERIN, PH.D.

TEMPLE B'NAI JESHURUN  
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October 21, 1957

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am preparing a book for publication and  
would like to use a picture of your Temple.

I would appreciate your making available to me  
a glossy print as quickly as possible. I will  
be happy to pay any expense involved, and will  
give acknowledgement for the use of the picture.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

*Edward Zerine*  
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Edward Zerine  
Rabbi

EZ:sp



October 22, 1957

Mr. J. Kuttner, Editor  
"The Progressive Jew", organ of  
The South African Union for  
Progressive Judaism  
4 Ivy Road  
Norwood, Johannesburg  
South Africa

My dear Mr. Kuttner:

Thank you for your letter of October 8, informing me of Rabbi Weiler's intention to relinquish his pulpit in Johannesburg and to depart for Israel. I previously had the pleasure of meeting Rabbi Weiler in Paris this summer and to have learned from him of his intentions and of the reasons which prompted his decisions.

I have known Rabbi Weiler for many years and have watched his remarkable work in behalf of Progressive Judaism in South Africa. During my visit to South Africa a few years ago, I had occasion to learn, first hand, of the extent and effectiveness of his great ministry.

He brought to his labors a rare devotion to all that was positive and constructive in Judaism and in Jewish life - a scholarly eloquence - an appealing personality and a fine capacity for organization. All these factors contributed towards making his work fruitful. What he has planted will endure.

He will, I am sure, be missed by the South African Jewish community to which he dedicated a quarter of a century of his life, but his services will be welcome wherever he will be.

I join his host of friends in wishing him fulfillment of the wishes of his own heart.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:sl

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

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Dr. Edward Zerlin  
Temple B'nai Jeshurun  
Grand Avenue at 51st St.  
Des Moines 12, Iowa

Dear Dr. Zerlin:

Dr. Silver has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 21st wherein you request a glossy print of The Temple for use in the book which you are publishing.

You will find the print enclosed herein. It would be appreciated if you would return it when you are finished with it.

Sincerely,

/sl  
encl.

Miss Sophia Levine  
Secretary to Dr. Silver

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The Temple  
East 105th St. at Ansel Road  
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Dear Dr. Silver:

I am delighted to learn that you are to be in Boston as the guest of honor and principal speaker at the Fourth Annual Hanukkah Festival for Israel, at the Boston Garden, Wednesday evening, December 18. I am confident that that will be a great and glorious historic occasion.

I cannot help but write to you that we of the American Zionist Fund are naturally deeply disappointed that we cannot have the privilege to have you as our guest of honor at our historic gathering where there will be 1,000 at a dinner in behalf of the American Zionist Fund and which we hope to make a grand celebration on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the State of Israel and especially the fortieth anniversary of the Balfour Declaration, which it is almost to the day, as well as the sixtieth anniversary of the establishment of the World Zionist Organization.

We are glad, however, that our disappointment is countered by what will be undoubtedly a general Jewish community jubilation, December 18.

May I ask you, please, to send us a greeting which I would like to read at our banquet, November 3. I know this is an extra burden placed upon you, but I also know you are accustomed to carry the heavy burdens of our people. I assure you that a message from you on behalf of the Zionist Fund, and on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary celebration of the Balfour Declaration, will be of great moment and inspirational value to our people.

If I can receive this by the early part of the week, I shall be most grateful to you, but if you can't send the message at once, at least let me know that there will be such a message so that I can announce it in advance.

Ever

Faithfully and cordially yours,

Rabbi Joseph S. Shubow  
President

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# The Royalton

44 WEST 44th STREET, NEW YORK 36, N. Y.

October 28, 1957

My dear Rabbi Hillel Silver:

I am most grateful to you for letting me have your book "Where Judaism Differed", which I have already been reading with immense interest and enlightenment. I hope to write you again, if I may, when I have finished the book.

You remember you were to let me have a bibliography to help me in my proposed History of the Jewish People. If you could get around to that I would be most grateful.

May I ask you to transmit, through this note, my greetings to your charming and learned son.

Yours very sincerely,

*Lawrence Sanders*



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CELEBRATION OF 75th BIRTHDAY OF IDA SILVERMAN

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October 28, 1957

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
19810 Shaker Boulevard  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It is my privilege to invite you to join an international committee to sponsor the observance of the 75th birthday of Mrs. Ida Silverman, whose home is in Providence, Rhode Island, but whose place is in the affections of the universal Jewish community.

As one of the many friends indebted to Ida Silverman for her many decades of service to the cause of Israel and the world Jewish community, I felt that you would want to share with me and others in the formation of a Committee that by its very existence would indicate to Ida Silverman the high esteem which she holds in the respect of all of us.

For over fifty years Ida Silverman has been a potent force in America, in Europe, in South America, and elsewhere, in stimulating an understanding of and devotion to the cause of building the Jewish national home. Her zeal, her courage, her faith, her vision, have communicated themselves to hundreds of thousands of people who have heard her voice during these years in which she has sacrificed in such great measure, time, energy and resources to bring the message of Israel to her people.

It is my thought that this 75th Anniversary Celebration might take two forms: -

- (1) The compilation of a volume of letters from friends throughout the world which could be presented to Mrs. Silverman in connection with the Anniversary Celebration, and
- (2) The creation of a fund which would be used specifically for the purpose which is now closest to her heart, and that is, the building of small synagogues in the settlements in Israel.

You are probably familiar with the fact that during the past decade, Mrs. Silverman has given a great deal of her time and energy to the accumulation of funds to be devoted exclusively to the purpose of erecting such synagogues in Israel. Her efforts in this direction have resulted in the building of quite a number of synagogues which have been of great spiritual benefit to the country as a whole, and particularly to the settlements in which they have been established.

I invite you to join the Committee of Sponsors and I suggest that you might wish to send a letter to me for inclusion in the Anniversary volume of tribute which will be presented to Mrs. Silverman.

Looking forward to early word from you in view of the imminence of the Anniversary Celebration, I am

Cordially yours,

  
Dr. Israel M. Goldman, Chairman



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November 4, 1957

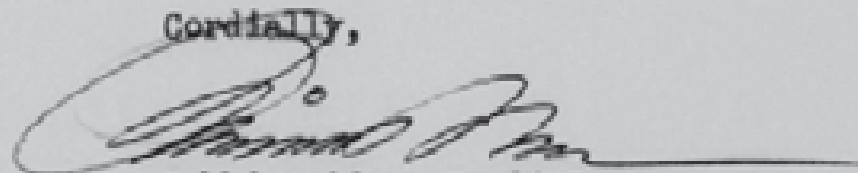
Dear Doctor Silver,

During the Dropsie College Jubilee Dinner last May 22nd, you mentioned that the public relations and fund raising policy of the Dropsie College should be considerably more aggressive than it is.

We accept your advice. I would like to meet with you in order to discuss a plan of strategy for an effort in Cleveland. I am at your disposal. I can meet with you in New York, Washington or Cleveland whichever is most convenient for you.

I trust this finds you in the very best of health and spirits. I look forward with a great deal of anticipation to hearing from you.

Cordially,



Rabbi Isidore David Passow  
Assistant to the President

IDP:m

Doctor Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th Street at Arsel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

November 4, 1957

Mr. Louis Golding  
The Royalton  
44 West 44th Street  
New York 36, New York

My dear Mr. Golding:

Thank you for your note of October 28th.

I am happy to enclose herewith a list of Jewish histories which you might wish to consult in preparation for your study.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:sl

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

November 4, 1957

Dr. Israel M. Goldman  
Chizuk Amund Congregation  
Futaw Place at Chauncey Ave.  
Baltimore 17, Maryland

My dear Dr. Goldman:

Thank you for your letter of October 28th. I shall be very pleased to serve on the committee of sponsors for the observance of the 75th birthday of Mrs. Ida Silverman.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:sl

ABBA HILIEL SILVER

November 5, 1957

Rabbi Joseph S. Shubow, President  
New England Zionist Region  
Zionist House  
17 Commonwealth Avenue  
Boston 16, Massachusetts

My dear Friend:

I hope that you will forgive an unfortunate lapse on my part. I intended to send you a telegram on the occasion of your banquet on November 3rd. Under pressure of work this matter escaped me completely and I want you to know how sorry I am.

Permit me to assure you that I would have been delighted to comply with your request. I hope that your dinner was eminently successful.

With warmest regards and looking forward to seeing you in Boston in December, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:sl

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

**The City College**

NEW YORK 31, N. Y.

November 7, 1957.

Rabbi A.H. Silver

The Temple

Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

A book of mine, tentatively entitled GENERATION OF DECISION, is now going to press. Its theme is JEWISH REJUVENATION IN AMERICA. The jacket of the book will be similar to that of GERMANY'S STEPCHILDREN, with which you may be familiar. It will consist of the same number of portraits but these will be of American Jews who have made a significant contribution toward Jewish rejuvenation. May I include your picture and, if so, can you spare for me a glossy photo that reproduces well? Or shall I use the one on file at the American Jewish Congress? Or at the Z.O.A.?

Sincerely yours,

*Abel Liptzin*

*Liptzin*  
**The City College**

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Dear Dr. Silver:

It is truly the sign of a great man to be capable of confessing "a lapse."

Believe me, we looked to your message with a pining of the eyes, and I thought that possibly you were out of town or too pressured elsewhere.

You will be pleased to learn that we had a very successful dinner as you can see from the enclosed clipping from the Boston Herald, November 4, 1957.

I assure you, we are all eagerly looking forward to your presence December 18 at the great Bond rally.

With God's blessings, I am,

Ever

Faithfully and sincerely yours,

Rabbi Joseph S. Shubow  
President

Enc.  
JSS/ey

\* Deceased



# Wiley Insists U.S. Maintain Freedom for State of Israel

Sen. Wiley (R-Wis.) said last night at the American Zionist Fund Dinner in the Hotel Somerset that the United States seeks friendship with all Mid-East nations but must be "unalterably committed to the maintenance of the independence of the State of Israel."

Wiley, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, spoke before more than 1,000 persons who attended the dinner sponsored by the 52 districts of the New England Zionist Region.

Other speakers were Sen. Morse (D-Ore.) and Dore Schary, writer and motion picture producer.

Wiley said we should use our best efforts toward the "sanctity of its (Israel's) border against direct aggression in the form of open invasion, or so-called 'indirect aggression' in the form of terrorist attacks or thefts by marauders."

He said that no area of the world needs peace more than the Middle East, and "as Israel so recognizes, the Middle East needs schools, not swords; ploughshares, not machineguns; water, not the spilling of blood."

Morse, speaking of American foreign policy in the Middle East, said that he wants the U. S. to "stop supporting totalitarian powers and support freedom."

"So far our foreign policy is geared to support dictatorship, he added, "I would like to see our whole missile program taken away from the politicians and given to scientists . . .

"Our greatest foreign policy need in the next 50 years will be the support of education . . . We know we cannot keep up with the Russians in manpower, but we

dare not fall behind in brain-power."

Schary, who has recently visited Israel, said, "Israel can give the Arab world much and wishes to take nothing from it."

General chairman of the dinner was George N. Friedlander. Rabbi Joseph S. Shubow, president of the New England Zionist Region gave greetings. Dr. Israel J. Kazis, rabbi, Temple Tefila, gave the invocation, and Dr. Zev. K. Nelson, rabbi, Temple Emeth, gave the benediction.

## Dr. Niels Bohr Opens MIT Talks Tomorrow

Dr. Niels Bohr, Danish physicist who recently received the \$75,000 Atomic for Peace Award, will give the first of six Karl Taylor Compton Lectures at M.I.T. tomorrow at 8 p.m.

In his series of lectures, titled "The Philosophical Lessons of Atomic Physics," the 72-year-old scientist will present philosophical conclusions reached through his studies in physics.

Tomorrow night's lecture will be a quick review of the "Elements of Classical Physics." The next two will be on "Atomic Theory and the Quantum of Action" and "The Principles of Quantum Mechanics."

Boston Herald - Nov. 4, 1957

Telegram  
Sent 11/10

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Phoned Sun. 11/10/57

12:10 P.M.

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RABBI HERMAN ELIOT SNYDER  
SINAI TEMPLE  
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ALL GOOD WISHES TO YOU ON THIS HAPPY OCCASION. MAY YOUR COMING  
YEARS BE RICH IN CONTENTMENT AND IN CONTINUED SERVICE TO THE  
CAUSE OF OUR PEOPLE.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



JOSEPH S. SILBER  
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November 12, 1957

*Phoned  
requests June 19<sup>th</sup>*

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
19810 Shaker Blvd.  
Cleveland 22, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

You are cordially invited to attend a luncheon given in honor of Doctor Arthur Lelyved, Executive Vice-president of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation in Room 248 at the Carter Hotel on Tuesday, November 19, 1957 at twelve o'clock, noon.

Doctor Lelyved will report to us on the opening of the Auditorium of the Israel Philharmonic in Tel Aviv, as well as to acquaint us with the programs for the future, including an American tour of Inbal, Israel's famous dance troupe, some time in the Spring.

I am sure that you will continue your interest in the Foundation and trust that you will be present at this luncheon.

There will be no solicitation of funds.

Will you please advise me at CHerry 1-1450 of your acceptance of this luncheon date.

Cordially,

*J. S. Silber*

JSS:st

November 13, 1957

Dr. Sol Liptsin  
The City College  
Convent Ave. at 139th St.  
New York 31, New York

My dear Friend:

Thank you for your letter of November 7th. I shall look forward with pleasure to your new book "Generation of Decision".

Enclosed please find a photograph which you may wish to use in connection with your book.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

AHS:sl  
encl.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 14, 1957.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
Temple,  
105th Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

For many months it has been my desire to talk with you about a national program which I believe will excite your imagination to the point that you would be willing to serve in a capacity which will require no effort on your part.

At the suggestion of some of our leading governmental servants, we established a couple of years ago a group known as the Effective Citizens Organization. We are desirous of having a national advisory committee. Herbert Hoover has agreed to be its Honorary Chairman and its membership will be composed of six businessmen selected on a bipartisan basis, representatives of our universities and three persons selected from the clergy. I have already discussed this matter with Cardinal Spellman and he is taking the matter under advisement. Norman Vincent Peale has agreed to serve. We have the two college presidents and several businessmen have agreed to be members of this committee. James Farley is one of the businessmen who enthusiastically endorses this program and has agreed to be a member of the committee.

I will be in Cleveland on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, November eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth. If I could see you for fifteen or twenty minutes on the afternoon of the twentieth, this interview would be most appreciated.

Our mutual friend, Max Matson, will be glad to arrange the time for the meeting.

Your consideration will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

*H. B. Palmer*  
President

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*You are cordially invited to  
join in worship at the*

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*10 Am Sh to HK*

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WARM TRIBUTE FOR THE SPLENDID LEADERSHIP WHICH YOU HAVE GIVEN AND  
FOR YOUR DEVOTION TO ALL THAT IS CONSTRUCTIVE IN JEWISH LIFE.



ABBA HILLEL SILVER



Dr. Enoch H. Kronheim, Rabbi  
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## THE MAYFIELD TEMPLE

SHAARE TIKVAH

3040 Mayfield Road

Cleveland Heights 18, Ohio

November 18, 1957

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On Sunday evening, Dec. 22nd, the Mayfield Temple will honor Rabbi Enoch H. Kronheim on the occasion of his appointment as Rabbi Emeritus of the Congregation. To mark the event, a testimonial dinner will take place in the Julius Rothschild Hall of our Temple at 6:30 P.M.

We extend a cordial invitation to you and Mrs. Silver to be our guests. We know that Rabbi Kronheim would consider it a mark of tribute to have his close friends, colleagues, and associates present at such a culminating milestone in his life.

At the dinner, it is our intention to present Dr. Kronheim with a volume of testimonial letters written by his many friends. We would welcome your letter which will be included in the volume.

Please send your letter, no later than Dec. 15th, to me:

Mr. Jack Dannhauser  
Mayfield Temple  
3040 Mayfield Rd.  
Cleveland Heights 18, Ohio

Will you please call or write me as to whether you are able to be with us on this occasion.

Sincerely yours,

JACK DANNHAUSER  
President

JD:rp

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November 26, 1957

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Jewish Agency  
16 East 66th Street  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

We are glad to send you under separate cover  
a complimentary copy of *THE POLITICS OF ISRAEL*,  
by Marver H. Bernstein, which we think will be  
of particular interest to you.

If you care to give us any quotes or comments  
on the book we shall be very pleased to have them.

Yours sincerely,

*Miriam Firestone*

Miriam Firestone

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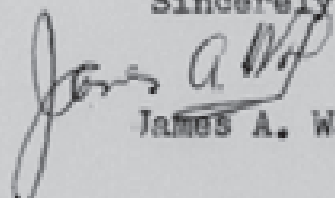
Dear Dr. Silver:

I am taking the liberty of asking your opinion about a problem that has prevailed in our community for many years. Should a Reform rabbi participate in an Orthodox marriage ceremony?

In our community, the Orthodox rabbis permit a Reform rabbi to share in a wedding ceremony only to the extent of delivering the brief message or sermonette. A Reform rabbi (this was true of Dr. Ettelson, my predecessor as well) is not permitted to recite any of the prayers or offer any blessings. I am told that in some communities Orthodox rabbis allow a greater degree of participation. Here, the Orthodox rabbis have been adamant in their position throughout the years.

Though I have an opinion, I would greatly value yours, and express in advance my very deep appreciation for your reply. With all good wishes and kindest greetings, I am

Sincerely,

  
James A. Wax

JAW:B



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November 30, 1957

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am inviting a select group of men to join me at the Beechmont Country Club Tuesday, December 10, at 8:30 p.m. I want you to meet my guest, Jeshurun Schiff. Mr. Schiff has become an internationally known figure because he directed the Israel operation of the oil pipe line from Eilat to Haifa.

He is founder and director of Afikei Neft Co., which is in charge of all pipeline operations from tankers that sail through the Gulf of Aqaba to the oil that flows into Israel's cities and refineries.

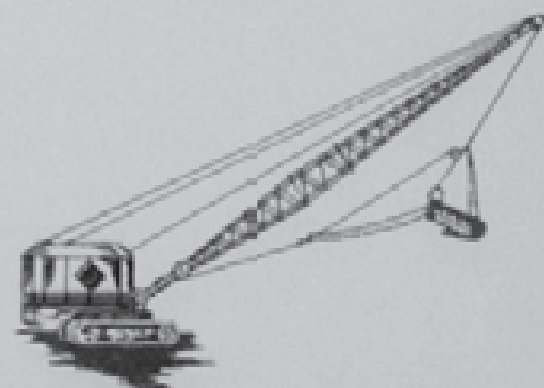
I have just returned from my third extensive visit in Israel. As a businessman I observed the economic and industrial picture. Mr. Schiff is coming to Cleveland to describe how Israel's booming, dynamic industry and economy will create jobs for the thousands of European Jews who are finding their way to Israel. Jeshurun Schiff is a brilliant personality. I can confirm as an eye witness his dramatic and colorful report.

Please make every effort to accept my invitation and let me hear from you.

Sincerely,

*Joseph B Horwitz*

Joseph B. Horwitz





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NOVEMBER 1957

A WORD OF THANKS . . .

THERE WERE SO MANY EXPRESSIONS OF FRIENDSHIP ON THE OCCASION OF THE DINNER GIVEN IN MY HONOR BY SINAI CONGREGATION THAT IT IS DIFFICULT TO WRITE AN INDIVIDUAL NOTE TO EACH ONE.

PLEASE CONSIDER THIS AS A PERSONAL NOTE.

IT WAS AN OVERWHELMING, EMBARRASSING EXPERIENCE-- AND YET SUCH A PLEASANT ONE. FAR MORE PRECIOUS THAN ANYTHING ELSE WAS THE EVIDENCE OF HEARTFELT FRIENDSHIP AND GENEROUS THOUGHTFULNESS ON YOUR PART AND ON THE PART OF SO MANY. IT IS MY FOND HOPE THAT OUR FRIENDSHIP MAY CONTINUE TO GROW.

GOD BLESS YOU.

YOUR FRIEND,



December 3, 1957

Mr. Joseph B. Horwitz  
The Kaiser-Nelson Company  
6272 Canal Road  
Cleveland 25, Ohio

Dear Mr. Horwitz:

Thank you for your letter of November 30th and for your invitation to meet your guest Mr. Schiff on Tuesday, December 10th at the Beechmont Country Club.

I should have been delighted to come. Unfortunately I must attend a meeting of the Board of The Temple that evening.

With all good wishes and thanking you for your thoughtfulness in inviting me, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:sl

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



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The Couples Club, the Men's Club, the Sisterhood, and the  
Youth Group will participate in this Service of Tribute.

Fellowship and refreshments will follow the Service.



TELEGRAM

DECEMBER 6, 1957

SK - V.J.  
1230 P.M.

RABBI ALAN S. GREEN  
TEMPLE EMANU-EL  
2200 SOUTH GREEN  
CLEVELAND OHIO

IT IS NICE TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE ONLY FIFTY AND THAT MANY MORE YEARS  
OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AND ACHIEVEMENT AWAIT YOU. MRS. SILVER  
JOINS ME IN EXTENDING TO YOU OUR FELICITATIONS AND ALL GOOD WISHES  
FOR HAPPINESS IN THE CIRCLE OF YOUR DEAR FAMILY.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



SUN. DECEMBER 8, 1957

TELEGRAM

*LX to E.Y. - 10:22 am*

RABBI JACK HERMAN  
COMMUNITY TEMPLE  
3557 WASHINGTON  
CLEVELAND OHIO

PLEASE ACCEPT MY WARMEST FELICITATIONS AND ALL GOOD WISHES ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR TENTH ANNIVERSARY AS SPIRITUAL LEADER OF COMMUNITY TEMPLE. I AM HAPPY TO JOIN YOUR MANY FRIENDS IN PAYING TRIBUTE TO YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATED SERVICES TO ALL THAT IS CONSTRUCTIVE IN JEWISH LIFE. MANY MORE YEARS OF WELL BEING AND HAPPINESS TO YOU.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER





December 11, 1957

Miss Miriam Firestone  
Princeton University Press  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Miss Firestone:

Permit me to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of THE POLITICS OF ISRAEL by Marver H. Bernstein.

I know that I shall read it with a great deal of pleasure and profit.

Cordially yours,

AHS:sl

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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DR. RAPHAEL PATAI  
197 Puritan Avenue  
Forest Hills, N.Y.

December 18, 1957

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

A few days ago, in the course of a discussion I had with Mayor Haim Levanon of Tel Aviv and Dr. Kaduri, Head of the Department of Education of the Tel Aviv Municipality, I was informed that you graciously expressed your willingness to accept the nomination of the American Friends of the Tel Aviv University, Inc. to serve as its Honorary President.

As you were undoubtedly informed by our friends from Tel Aviv, the American Friends of the Tel Aviv University is a very young and small organization which has been rather inactive hitherto. We have a Board of Directors of eleven members of which I serve as President and one Honorary President, the Very Reverend Dr. James A. Pike, Dean of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City.

Your acceptance of the nomination as Honorary President will greatly enhance our chances to begin working actively for the benefit of the Tel Aviv University along the lines which were so ably initiated by Messrs. Levanon and Kaduri during their recent brief stay in this country.

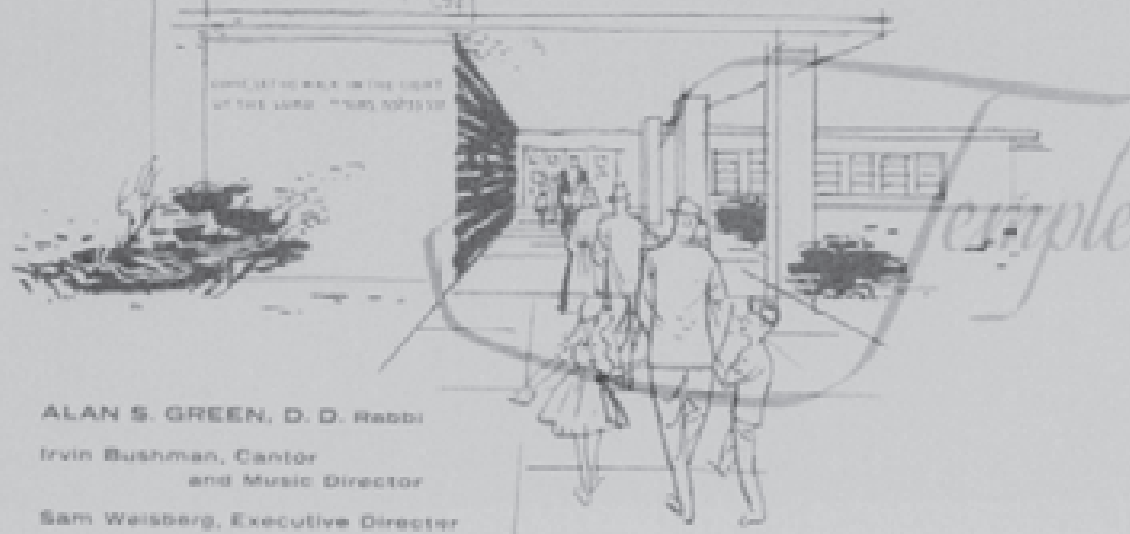
Yours sincerely,

*Raphael Patai*

Raphael Patai  
President, American Friends of the  
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
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Cleveland 8, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I loved your wire. As usual it was the most distinctive of all the many greetings that came to me. I used your wise sentiment as a text for part of my response since I felt that it put my being fifty "in its proper place".

I do appreciate your thoughtfulness.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Silver and your wonderful family, I am

Most cordially,

Rabbi Alan S. Green

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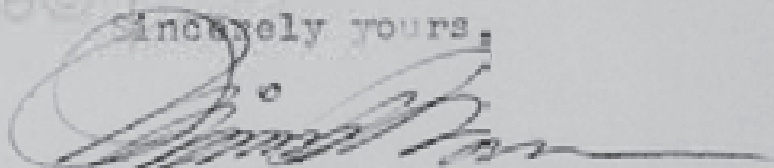
December 20, 1957

Dear Doctor Silver,

Sometime ago I wrote to you per  
the enclosed copy. I would be grateful  
to you if you could find the time to  
let us know what your pleasure is in  
this matter.

Doctor Neuman joins me in sending  
you our warmest regards.

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Isidore David Passow  
Assistant to the President

IDP:m

Doctor Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th Street at Arsel Road  
Cleveland 8, Ohio

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November 4, 1957

Dear Doctor Silver,

During the Dropsie College Jubilee Dinner last May 22nd, you mentioned that the public relations and fund raising policy of the Dropsie College should be considerably more aggressive than it is.

We accept your advice. I would like to meet with you in order to discuss a plan of strategy for an effort in Cleveland. I am at your disposal. I can meet with you in New York, Washington, or Cleveland whichever is most convenient for you.

I trust this finds you in the very best of health and spirits. I look forward with a great deal of anticipation to hearing from you.

Cordially,

Rabbi Isidore David Fassow  
Assistant to the President

IDP:m

Doctor Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th Street at Arsel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

December 24, 1957

Mr. Jack Dannhauser, President  
The Mayfield Temple  
3040 Mayfield Road  
Cleveland Heights 18, Ohio

My dear Mr. Dannhauser:

I am deeply regretful that due to my almost constant absence from the city during the past two weeks, what I should have regarded as a pleasure — to send a word of greeting on the occasion of Rabbi Kronheim's appointment as Rabbi Emeritus of your congregation — I did not do.

I hope that this belated word of greeting will be no less acceptable to Rabbi Kronheim, for whom, as you know, I have the highest regard.

Rabbi Kronheim has given to your Temple and to the community, dedicated service over a period of years and has enriched the spiritual life of our community. He is deserving of every honor which your Temple can bestow upon him.

I wish I could have come to the Testimonial Dinner. Unfortunately a wedding at which I had to officiate prevented it. Please tell Rabbi Kronheim how sorry Mrs. Silver and I are at having missed this occasion to come and join his host of friends in a fellowship gathering of tribute and thanksgiving.

I wish him many more years of well-being, happiness and contentment.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:sl

ABRA HILLEL SILVER



RABBI JACK J. HERMAN  
THE COMMUNITY TEMPLE  
*Congregation Beth Am*  
3557 WASHINGTON BLVD.  
CLEVELAND 18, OHIO

December 31st, 1957

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

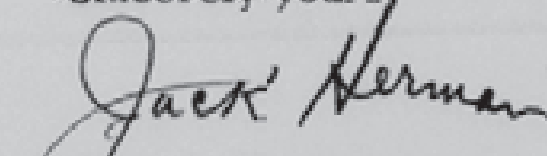
Dear Dr. Silver:

I want to acknowledge with sincere thanks your kind message of felicitations. The affair was truly inspiring and one that will long linger in the recesses of my memory.

Your letter of greetings indeed added in making it a most memorable evening.

Thanking you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

  
Jack J. Herman  
Rabbi

JJH:cs

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December 31st, 1957.

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

Dear Colleague:

I would greatly appreciate hearing from you concerning your practice when dealing with non-Jewish spouses of Jewish members of your Congregation. That is to say, those who have never been converted to Judaism formally.

I am familiar with the statements in the Rabbinic Manual and elsewhere, but these do not answer certain specific questions and I would appreciate hearing your answers to them:

- 1 - Would you permit a non-Jewish clergyman to officiate in your congregational cemetery?
- 2 - Would you permit, or participate, in a service in the funeral chapel, with a Christian clergyman, for a member, other than some outstanding civic personality?
- 3 - If there were to be a Christian service in a funeral chapel, would you offer a Jewish service at the graveside?
- 4 - If a non-converted person requests a Jewish service, both in the funeral chapel and at the grave, would you participate?

May I hear from you at your earliest convenience?

With kindest regards and best wishes for the New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Joseph R. Narot*  
Dr. Joseph R. Narot  
Rabbi

JRN:frf

January 3, 1958

Dr. Joseph R. Narot  
Temple Israel of Miami  
137 N. E. 19th Street  
Miami 32, Florida

My dear Dr. Narot:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of December 31st.

I should be very happy to answer your questions but I suggest that you contact the Chairman of the Responsa Committee of the CCAR, Dr. Solomon B. Freehof, who, after consulting with the members of his committee would give a consensus of opinion which would be a more helpful guide to you.

I have always felt that in such matters it is more desirable to have a collective judgment rather than the individual opinions of this or that rabbi.

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

Very cordially yours,

AHS:sl

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Lipzyen

The City College

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NEW YORK 31, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF GERMANIC AND SLAVIC LANGUAGES

January 9, 1958.

Dear Dr. Schuch:

I am returning the photo, now that  
a cut has been made for the jacket of the book.

I shall see that, when the book  
is off press in March or April, an advance copy reaches  
you. Your reaction to my analysis and conclusions, whether  
you agree or disagree, will be of interest to me.

Thanks!

Sincerely yours,

Lot Lipzyen

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 9, 1958

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Some years ago if memory serves you were kind enough to read advance galleys of several of Sholem Asch's biblical novels for which we had very high hopes. I am wondering if after several years I could impose upon you again. Lion Feuchtwanger has done what I think is in many ways one of the most provocative novels I have ever read based upon the Bible. It deals with the story of Jephta from the book of Judges and I think it is almost unique in the picture it paints of the life and the religious views of the people of Israel at the time. I wonder if you could look at a set of advance galleys with an eye towards giving us a comment. I would certainly appreciate it.

Sincerely,



Walter J. Minton

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January 10, 1958

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Bnai Zion, the American Fraternal Zionist Organization, is celebrating its 50th Anniversary Golden Jubilee. In connection therewith, we are issuing a Journal in which we should like to publish greetings from distinguished leaders in the Zionist movement.

Bnai Zion, in the furtherance of its principles of Americanism, Zionism and Fraternalism, has been in the forefront of community and Zionist efforts for the past 50 years. It has given, and continues to give, many distinguished personalities to our city, state and country. We look with pride to the projects which we have established in Israel, including colonies, medical clinics and forests.

It gives me great pleasure, therefore, to invite a message from you for this special issue, together with a glossy photograph of yourself.

Since this issue will go to press on January 24, 1958, we would appreciate it if you would be good enough to have your message reach our office no later than that date.

With many thanks for your courtesy and cooperation,  
I am,

Sincerely yours,

Nathaniel S. Rotherberg  
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Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
THE TEMPLE  
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

It is my pleasure to introduce to you our new Hebrew weekly magazine AYIN B'AYIN, which I am sending to you under separate cover today. This religious nationalistic magazine is a joint American-Israeli production, which I hope will serve as a spiriyual bridge between the State of Israel and the Jewish people the world over.

I hope to be in Cleveland next week Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 20th and 21st and I would consider it a great priviledge, if you will give me an appointment for an interview with you. I believe that all the Jewish people will be grateful, to hear your opinion about Jewish problems.

With Torah and Zion greetings,

respectfully yours,

*J. J. Deutsch*  
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
1855 Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6 Ohio

Dear Friend:

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We believe that you would agree with us that the discontinuance of JUDAISM would be a confession of bankruptcy of Jewish intellectual life in America. JUDAISM is, as you are aware, the single undenominational Jewish journal devoted to a high level presentation of current thinking of the issues that make up the core of our faith and heritage.

We are writing to you in the hope that you can, out of some fund at your disposal, make a contribution of \$100. and thus help assure the uninterrupted publication of JUDAISM. Such gift would entitle you to a life subscription (if you so desire) and the listing of your name as a Life Patron in our forthcoming issue. If you wish, the name of your congregation can be similarly listed. If you cannot join the group of Life Patrons, we would appreciate your helping the journal to the best of your ability.

We look forward to your early and favorable reply. With kindest personal regards,

Cordially yours,

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January 15, 1958

Mr. Walter J. Minton  
G. P. Putnam's Sons  
210 Madison Avenue  
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Minton:

Thank you for your letter of January 9th. Although my schedule is a very crowded one I shall be pleased to receive a set of advance galley proofs of Mr. Lion Feuchtwanger's biblical novel which you are publishing.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:sl

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

January 16, 1958

Mr. Nathaniel S. Rothenberg, President  
B'nai Zion  
225 West 57th Street  
New York 19, New York

My dear Mr. Rothenberg:

May I join the host of friends of B'nai Zion in extending my heartiest felicitations on the Golden Jubilee which this splendid organization is now celebrating.

It is difficult to realize that a half century has now passed since B'nai Zion began its beneficent and productive service in behalf of Israel and in Israel. It has brought to the movement many men who have given it most valuable assistance and leadership and it has established in Israel colonies and vitally needed services and institutions.

It must be deeply gratifying for those who founded the organization and those who have carried on its fine program and traditions to look back upon accomplishful years in which important chapters in Jewish history were written and to look forward with hope and confidence to a future which will see the work of their hands developing uninterruptedly.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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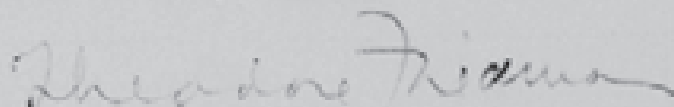
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January 16, 1958

Dr. Harold Cooke Phillips  
2907 Hampshire Road  
Cleveland Heights 18, Ohio

My dear Harold:

Upon my return from the East I read in the press that you have announced your retirement, as of next June, from the First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland. The announcement came as a distinct surprise to me, as it must have to your host of friends throughout the community.

I then bethought myself of the fact that men in our profession, when we reach a certain age range, begin to consider retirement seriously and some do it a little sooner than others.

You will now have time to do many of the things which the pressure of routine as minister of a great church prevented you from doing. I am happy that you have decided to teach at Oberlin. That means not only that a rich opportunity will be given the men who will come under your inspiration but that a piece of great good fortune will be ours in that you will remain in close proximity to us.

We have always enjoyed, through the years, so much, your companionship, that we would feel deprived and unhappy if you were moving away from our world of associations and contacts. You have left your mark on this community and your work is far from ended.

May the oncoming years be good to you.

With warmest regards, I remain

Faternally yours,

AHS:sl

ABRA HILLEL SILVER



*Phone to home*

TELEGRAM

JANUARY 17, 1958

RABBI SAMUEL WOHL (ISAAC M. WISE TEMPLE  
CINCINNATI, OHIO READING RD. & N. CRESCENT AVE.  
CINCINNATI, OHIO)

I HAVE TRIED HARD TO CLEAR MY CALENDAR IN ORDER TO ATTEND THE  
FUNCTION TO WHICH YOU GRACIOUSLY INVITED ME BUT I REGRET VERY MUCH  
THE PRESSURE OF WORK MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE. WARMEST REGARDS

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

The President and Board of Trustees of  
The Mayfield Temple  
3040 Mayfield Road

request the honor of your presence  
at the Installation Service of  
Rabbi Jacob Shtull

as

Spiritual Leader of the Temple  
Sunday afternoon, January nineteenth  
nineteen hundred and fifty-eight  
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Installing Rabbi  
Armond E. Cohen, Park Synagogue

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TELEGRAM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19th, 1958

RABBI JACOB SHTULL  
THE MAYFIELD TEMPLE  
3040 MAYFIELD ROAD  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

PLEASE ACCEPT ALL MY GOOD WISHES ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR INSTALLATION  
AS RABBI OF THE MAYFIELD TEMPLE. I WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS IN YOUR  
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January 24, 1958

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

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We are sending you a set of galleye on JEPHTA AND HIS  
DAUGHTER by Lion Feuchtwanger which we hope you will  
have a chance to read. We are looking forward to  
hearing your reactions.

Sincerely,



Walter J. Minton

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February 6, 1958

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I trust the advance galleys of Lion Feuchtwanger's  
JEPHTA AND HIS DAUGHTER have reached you by now. We  
hope you have a chance to read them and look forward to  
your comments.

Bound copies of this book will be ready in about three  
weeks and we want to send you a copy at that time. Just  
now, however, we find that we urgently need advance  
galleys. Might we therefore impose upon you to return  
them in the envelope provided in the event you do not  
foresee being able to use them within that time or  
if you have finished your reading of them? We are  
very sorry that our own lack of foresight has made  
it necessary for us to put you to this trouble.

Sincerely,



Walter J. Minton

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February 7, 1958

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman  
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19810 Shaker Boulevard  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In behalf of Senator Lehman, I am writing to inquire whether you are planning to attend the luncheon which he is giving for members of the American Committee.

This will take place on Thursday, February 27, at 12:30 o'clock at the Hotel Pierre, Fifth Avenue and 61st Street, New York City.

An invitation was extended to you by Senator Lehman on January 16.

With appreciation of your courtesy in informing Senator Lehman promptly that you will come, I am

Cordially,

*Lillie Shults*  
Lillie Shults  
Executive Vice Chairman





## The Cleveland Press

OFFICE OF  
LOUIS B. SELTZER  
EDITOR

February 10, 1958

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
19810 Shaker Boulevard  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I happily accepted the General Chairmanship for the 1958 Cleveland United Negro College Fund Campaign. I am undertaking this responsibility in the midst of a very busy schedule; however, I believe more and more, the solution to many of our national as well as world-wide problems lies in how successful and effective we are in making educational opportunities available to an increasing number of young people. I further believe that the thirty-three (33) member colleges are particularly unique and can aid greatly in preparing the minds of young people for increasing demands that the present and, more so, the future, is requiring of them.

I am taking this opportunity to invite you in the midst of your very busy schedule to serve as a Sponsor for the 1958 campaign. Our goal for this year is seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000). The national goal is two million, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$2,250,000). By hard work, I believe Cleveland should achieve this quota which will greatly improve our giving record as compared to other communities throughout the nation.

Our kickoff meeting and reception is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 4:00 p.m. at the Statler-Hilton Hotel.

Kindly return the enclosed postal card at your earliest convenience. Thanking you for the interest you have expressed in the past on behalf of the United Negro College Fund.

Sincerely yours,

*Louis*

Louis B. Seltzer  
General Chairman

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

We have a need for some "quotable quotes" (similar to those enclosed) for use in connection with news releases and radio and television programs.

Would you be so kind as to prepare a statement which we may use. Such verification of our program would be of great value to us.

Sincerely,

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"I HAVE BEEN CONNECTED WITH SCOUTING FOR SOME THIRTY YEARS. I CAN SAY AS A RESULT OF THAT EXPERIENCE AND OUT OF THE DEPTH OF MY CONVICTION, THAT THERE IS NO YOUTH PROGRAM MORE EFFECTIVE THAN THE SCOUTING PROGRAM IN UPBUILDING CHARACTER, RELIGIOUS RESPECT AND AMERICANISM."

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"THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA IS ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE CHARACTER BUILDING AGENCIES OF THE NATION. SCOUTING DEVELOPS A SELF-RELIANT AMERICAN, LOYAL TO THE TRUTH, TO HIS COUNTRY AND TO HIS GOD. THE SCOUT KNOWS THAT GREATNESS LIES IN SERVICE. HE SEEKS A SOCIETY IN WHICH JUSTICE AND BROTHERHOOD HAVE COME ALIVE IN PRACTICES OF THE COMMON LIFE AND IN WHICH DISCRIMINATIONS BASED ON CLASS, COLOR OR CREED HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED AND A MAN IS REWARDED IN TERMS OF HIS CHARACTER AND HIS CAPACITY."

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"THE TROUBLE WITH THE BOY SCOUTS IS THAT THERE AREN'T ENOUGH OF THEM."

-THE LATE WILL ROGERS-

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-BERNARD M. BARUCH-

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"MY EXPERIENCE IN SCOUTING ENRICHED MY BOYHOOD. IT WAS A PLUS ALL ALONG THE LINE. CERTAINLY, I HAD A LOT OF FUN IN MY TROOP; CERTAINLY, I HAD THE COMPANIONSHIP OF A LOT OF GRAND SCOUTS, BUT EQUALLY IMPORTANT, IF NOT MORE SO, WAS THE DEVOTED INTEREST OUR UNSELFISH SCOUTMASTER SHOWED IN ALL OF US. HE LIVED THE SCOUT OATH AND LAW. HE BUILT FINE CITIZENS - MEN OF CHARACTER - BY PRECEPT AND EXAMPLE."

-HENRY FONDA, NOTED ACTOR AND FORMER BOY SCOUT-

February 12, 1958

Miss Lillie Shultz  
Executive Vice-Chairman  
American Committee for  
Israel's 10th Anniversary  
Celebration  
Suite 1120  
120 East 56th Street  
New York 22, N.Y.

Dear Miss Shultz:

Replying to your letter of February 7th I regret it will not be possible for me to attend the luncheon meeting on February 27th.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:al

ABRA HILLEL SILVER



February 13, 1958

Mr. Walter J. Minton  
G. P. Putnam's Sons  
210 Madison Avenue  
New York 16, New York

My dear Mr. Minton:

I am returning herewith the galley proof of Mr. Lion Feuchtwanger's historical novel JEPHTA AND HIS DAUGHTER which you sent me.

It is a beautifully written and deeply moving reconstruction of the immortal Biblical saga of Jephta and his daughter. It recaptures, with rare artistry, the life, customs and the early religious culture of the tribes of Israel during the heroic battle-days of their entrance into Canaan.

With warm regards I remain

Cordially yours,

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February 14, 1958

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

While it is obvious that there are many excellent schools of both progressive and traditional types in the United States, American education has recently come under attack because of the apparent Russian lead in science.

Since this issue is a vital one, would you be willing to answer briefly the following question: HOW CAN AMERICAN EDUCATION BE IMPROVED?

Your answer, together with replies from other distinguished men and women, will appear in a symposium in the 1959 Encyclopedia Yearbook--The Story of Our Time. The yearbook is produced by The Grolier Society, publishers of THE BOOK OF KNOWLEDGE, and is sold by subscription in the United States and Canada. It reaches about 100,000 homes, schools and libraries and is designed for both easy, pleasant reading and reference.

Your reply need not be long--a paragraph of from 150 to 200 words will suffice. We are interested in your personal opinion, based on your experience and observation. What, for instance, do you think of the "adjustment-to-life" principle as opposed to a more sharply focused academic discipline? Do children need more counseling and direction or should they be allowed freedom to select their own course of study on the elementary level? How do you think American teachers can be prepared to meet the present emergency in education? How can we interest more young people in science? Should bright students be placed in groups geared to a higher level? These are merely suggestions; we shall be delighted to have you answer the question in any way you choose.

We do not need your reply until April 1, but we should like to know as soon as possible whether we may count on having you as a contributor. Will you please return the enclosed stamped, addressed card at your earliest convenience? As an expression of our appreciation we shall send you a copy of the 1959 Encyclopedia Yearbook, which will be published in March 1959.

Sincerely,  
*Marian Lockwood*  
Marian Lockwood  
Editor in Chief  
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February 17, 1958

Mr. John M. Claerhout  
Director of Relationships  
Boy Scouts of America  
1729 Superior Avenue  
Cleveland 14, Ohio

My dear Mr. Claerhout:

In response to your letter of February 11th I am enclosing a brief quotation which you may use in connection with your releases.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:sl  
encl.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

One of the truly valuable movements on the American scene is that of the Boy Scouts of America. Its impact upon American youth in terms of inculcating the fine disciplines of moral training and wholesome citizenship has been of incalculable value. Everyone concerned in any way with the moral and spiritual training of the youth of our country has been profoundly grateful for the tremendous contribution which the Boy Scouts organization has been making.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



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February 18, 1958

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your very fine comment on Lion Feuchtwanger's JEPHTHA AND HIS DAUGHTER. I trust I have your permission to quote you.

Sincerely,



Walter J. Minton

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February 21, 1958

Dear Abba:

Your gracious note concerning my resignation I shall always value.

All through the years I have regarded you as a trusted friend. It is true that on some matters we do not see eye to eye, but I have always felt that we saw heart to heart, and that I think is a clearer source of vision.

Blessings on you through all the days to come.

Ever sincerely your friend,

*Harold*

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



February 25, 1958

Miss Marian Lockwood  
Room 805  
The Grolier Society Inc.  
2 West 45th Street  
New York 36, New York

My dear Miss Lockwood:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of February 14th.

At your request I am sending you the enclosed statement on  
HOW CAN AMERICAN EDUCATION BE IMPROVED?

Inasmuch as I shall be leaving the country soon I am sending  
along my statement now.

With all good wishes permit me to remain,

Very cordially yours,

AHS:sl

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

# The Day

THE NATIONAL JEWISH DAILY

## Jewish Journal

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February 25, 1958

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

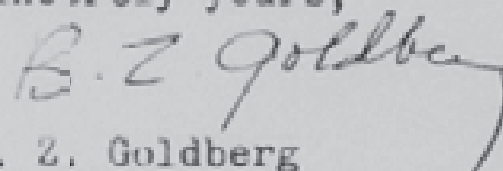
I hope you have seen some copies of our Sunday Review. The very first issue had a review of your book by the late Dr. Joshua Block.

In the last few issues we have been running a sort of symposium on the current controversies between Orthodox and Conservative Judaism. I am sending you under separate cover three issues containing articles by the Rabbis Weinberger, Rachman and Agus. I would like to see the Reform point of view represented and I wonder if you would take the time to give us a few of your thoughts on this matter.

Generally, I would like very much to have something by you in The Sunday Review.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,



B. Z. Goldberg  
Editor: The Sunday Review

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February 28, 1953

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The city of Ramat Gan, in Israel, is setting up a Museum and Gallery of Great Jews, along the lines of my book "The Hebrew Impact on Western Civilization." The Mayor of the city, Mr. Krinizi, has set aside two acres atop a hill, surrounded by a park and overlooking both cities, Ramat Gan and Tel Aviv. A consulting committee of Israeli, American and European scholars has been appointed to act in advisory capacity. I feel gratified to have been honored with the request to join the Committee.

The municipality of Ramat Gan has decided to arrange for a public laying of the cornerstone of the edifice on the day of the celebration of the tenth anniversary of Israel's independence.

The Museum and Gallery will contain portraits of the great men of Jewish faith of all times; under each portrait will be a very brief interpretation of the individual's contribution to Western Civilization.

In connection with the above, and after careful deliberation, I have suggested to the Committee the inclusion of your name. I have no doubt that my suggestion will be accepted.

May I request you to send me your portrait which will be forwarded to Ramat Gan?

I should like to thank you in behalf of the municipality of Ramat Gan as well as in behalf of our Committee for your kind cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Dagobert D. Runes, Ph.D.

ddr/mm

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RAMAT GAN



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No. 24103

17th January, 1958

Professor Dagobert D. Runes,  
Philosophical Library,  
15 East Fortieth Street,  
New York 16, N.Y.

Dear Prof. Runes,

Thank you ever so much for your kind guidance and generous cooperation.

Our Great Poet Zalman Shneour, Professor Joseph Klausner and Professor Nahum Slouschz have all most enthusiastically endorsed the project of setting up the Museum and Gallery of Great Jews along the lines of THE NEW JEWISH IMPACT ON WESTERN CIVILIZATION and agreed to act as an advisory council.

It is the ambition of this Municipality to erect an edifice worthy of the lofty cause it is to serve.

The Museum and Gallery of Great Jews of all times is designed to give our people in Israel a true perspective of the magnitude of the contribution our race has made to civilization and to serve as a beacon for our youth pointing the way they should follow.

Sincerely yours,

A. KRINIZI  
Mayor

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Rabbi Silver  
c/o Liberal Synagogue  
Cleveland (Ohio)

Dear Rabbi Silver,

We are happy to let you know that we are actually working to give a greater expansion to our newspaper " LE RAYON "

As you know, " LE RAYON " is the only newspaper of french language dealing of the Progressive Judaism 's thought.

The importance of the diffusion of ideas by the newspaper is to-day an essential factor of the activity of a Community, that Judaism must not neglect.

It is the reason, why I should be very much obliged if you can send me an article on one of the subject of your speciality, such as history, philosophy, theology, sciences, literature etc.. ) Your article could present 5 to 7 dactylographied pages, with double interline.

Hoping to get a favourable answer,

I am dear Rabbi Silver

Yours sincerely

*André Zaoui*  
Rabbi André Zaoui



March 5, 1958

Dictated March 2

Mr. B. Z. Goldberg, Editor  
The Sunday Review  
The Day  
183 East Broadway  
New York 2, New York

My dear Mr. Goldberg:

Thank you for your kind letter of February 25th.

I wish I could comply with your request. Unfortunately, I have neither the time nor the inclination. I do not wish to enter into the present controversy between Orthodox and Conservative Judaism. These controversies lead nowhere.

I expressed myself briefly on the subject when I addressed the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds in New Orleans last November. I am enclosing a marked copy of my address.

Generally speaking, I am greatly disturbed by the 'Neture Karta' spirit and tactics which has begun to pervade certain circles of our Orthodox brethren both here and in Israel.

With all good wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

AHS:sl  
encl.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



JOSEPH M. REICH, Rabbi  
3525 S. Cloverdale Road  
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## *Congregation Agudath Israel*

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

P. O. Box 612

March 5, 1958

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

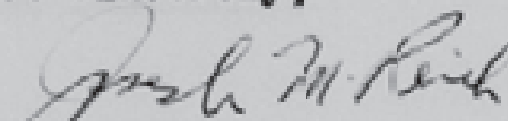
I have read in the recent issues of The Temple Bulletin that you have been presenting a series of lectures in conjunction with The World of The Sephardim.

One of the few Sephardic Congregations outside of New York City, Seattle, and Los Angeles is located in Montgomery. The local Congregation, Etz Ahayim, has a membership of sixty-five families but has not had a rabbi the last few years. The Congregation is approximately thirty-five years old although some of the early Sephardic settlers arrived from the Island of Rhodes fifty years ago.

I mentioned your lectures to the past President, Mr. Rubin M. Hanan, and he indicated that he would be most anxious to receive copies of the lectures that have and will be delivered concerning the Sephardic heritage and history. Mr. Hanan's address is 1113 Goode Street, Montgomery, Ala., and any favors that will be forthcoming will be most deeply appreciated.

With every good wish, I remain

Most sincerely,

  
Rabbi Joseph M. Reich

JMR/fj

# *Congregation Beth El*

*Woodward at Gladstone*

*Detroit 2, Michigan*

Founded 1850

DR. RICHARD C. HERTZ  
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March 14, 1958

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
1855 Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

For many years Temple Beth El has maintained a policy that no alcoholic beverages -- wines, champagnes, liquor, etc. -- could be served on the premises for any occasion whatsoever.

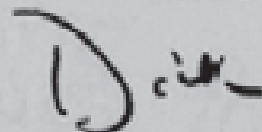
There has been a rather substantial ground swell of opinion in the congregation that more weddings should be performed at the Temple, and that the objection has been that the reception following the wedding ceremony could not include alcoholic beverages.

The Board of Trustees is reviewing this policy now. I would greatly appreciate it if you would tell me what the practice is at The Temple.

Thank you in advance for your kindness in giving me the benefit of your advice and counsel.

With warmest greetings and best regards, I remain,

Most cordially,



Richard C. Hertz  
Rabbi

March 17, 1958

Rabbi Richard C. Hertz  
Congregation Beth El  
Woodward at Gladstone  
Detroit 2, Michigan

My dear Dick:

Replying to your letter of March 14th our Temple is likewise engaged in working out a new policy with reference to wedding receptions on Temple premises.

Up to now we have not had facilities for wedding receptions and so the problem has not arisen but with the completion of our new Annex such facilities will exist and the problem is now whether we want to permit wedding receptions and what policy the Temple should adopt with regard to the serving of alcoholic beverages on such occasions. It will probably be three or four months before we arrive at a final decision.

With kind regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:sl

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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March 18, 1958

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am aware that Israel Chipkin was a fellow member of yours at the Dr. Herzl Zion Club all the way back in the first years of this century. Many of us take great pride, as I am sure you do, in the records of those of you who first banded together as young boys in a love of Hebrew culture and in devotion to the highest ethical principles of Judaism.

Some twenty years ago Dr. Chipkin interested the ladies of Ivriah in the establishment of a nursery school based on a bi-cultural and bi-lingual pattern. This school was named Beth Haya'el. It has flourished and has had a very salutary influence on the development of Jewish education not only in New York City but elsewhere as well. Within the past year, based on the same principles which impelled Dr. Chipkin toward the formation of Beth Haya'el, the School has been expanded to a full Day School program up to the end of the Junior High School years. It has honored itself in paying tribute to Dr. Chipkin, by taking his name.

The Israel Chipkin School is a pilot program in integrated education. It is one of the few schools in the country, if not the only one, which is trying to forge new educational tools, and create new settings within which to carry out a bi-cultural (and bi-lingual) education of young Jewish children which will give them a sense of unity and of belonging to both cultures of which they are a part.

Precisely because it does not attempt to speak for a specific Jewish ideology, but rather concerns itself (at the children's level) with lasting and meaningful Jewish and other cultural values, it is different from any parochial school.

New educational techniques have had to be devised, and are continuing to emerge, in line with the unique educational philosophy, which permeates the School. Teachers whose general pedagogical background may be excellent have had to be retrained. This involves educational research, writing of new books for teaching teachers, development of

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special lectures, etc.

In many cases, present books or teaching tools for imparting educational content to the children are not adequate to the needs of the School. This means that new texts and other teaching materials for the children have to be created.

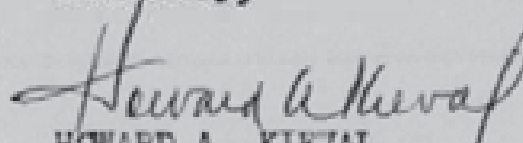
Because this type of program has such significance for the future education of American-Jewish children, it must constantly be evaluated, and developed along these lines which appear to be most fruitful.

We are presently engaged in the creation of a Development Fund, to serve as a sound financial foundation for the future of the School. We would be most grateful if you could bring to our attention the names of those individuals who knew Dr. Chipkin and who might be sympathetic to the program upon which we are embarked, with a view to inviting them to join with us in the establishment of this living memorial to a most wonderful person.

We would be honored if you would permit us to list you as a sponsor of The Israel Chipkin School Development Committee, indicating your own personal interest in Dr. Chipkin and in the work which he so brilliantly executed.

May we look forward to hearing from you at an early date.

Sincerely,

  
HOWARD A. KIETAL  
Executive Director

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HENRY S. GOTTFRIED  
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March 20, 1958

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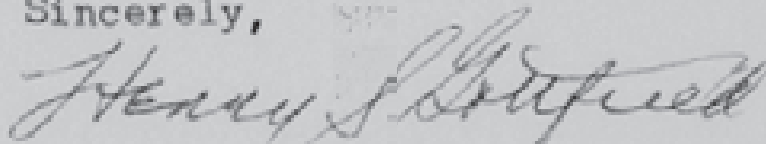
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Our good friend, Rabbi Rudolph M. Rosenthal, will celebrate his 25th anniversary as the spiritual leader of the Temple on the Heights this coming May. Rabbi Rosenthal has had a great influence not only on our congregation, but also on the entire community of Cleveland to which he has likewise given 25 years of devoted service.

We are organizing a Civic Sponsoring Committee to honor Rabbi Rosenthal. This sponsoring committee will be entirely honorary--without portfolio so to speak.

I hope you will join us as a member of this Committee and am enclosing a reply card for your convenience in answering.

Sincerely,



Henry S. Gottfried, For the  
Sponsoring Committee

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## Epworth-Euchd Methodist Church

Chester Avenue at East One Hundred Seventh Street

Cleveland 8, Ohio

March 26, 1958

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
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My Dear Dr. Silver:

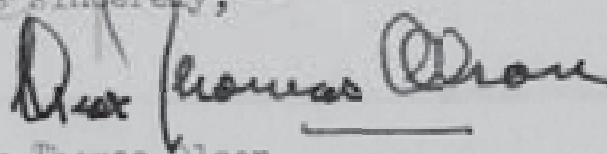
It was a delight to hear you read your paper Monday evening in your home and to share in your lovely hospitality.

I am wondering if the symposium in which you shared recently with Mr. Merton M. Enslin is to be in print. If this symposium is to be published, I certainly would like to get a copy.

Again let me express my appreciation for the courtesy of the tickets to the symphony concert which is coming next week.

With all good appreciation:

Yours sincerely,



Oscar Thomas Olson

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March 27, 1958

Dr. Oscar Thomas Olson  
Epworth-Euclid Methodist Church  
Chester Avenue at East 107th St.  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Dr. Olsons:

I am under the impression that the Dropsie College, under whose auspices the symposium was held, intends to publish the three papers: Professor Enslin's, Dr. Zeitlin's and mine, before very long. When it is published I shall be very happy to send you a copy.

It was good to have had the pleasure of your company at our home.

With all good wishes I remain

Most cordially yours,

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER

April 2, 1958

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

At the annual meeting of the American Friends of the Tel Aviv University, Inc. held on March 31, 1958 you were unanimously elected Honorary President.

This action was taken following the information we received from Mayor Haim Levanon of Tel Aviv and Dr. Kaduri, Head of the Department of Education of the Tel Aviv Municipality, that you graciously expressed your willingness to accept such a nomination. It will be a great honor for us if you will kindly indicate your formal acceptance of this nomination.

Yours sincerely,

*R. Patai*

*Dr.* Raphael Patai, President  
American Friends of the Tel Aviv  
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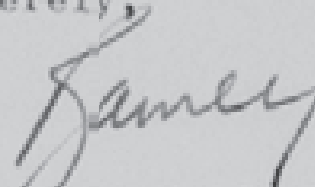
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road at East 10th Street  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Abba:

It was truly a wonderful evening, and Rebecca and I experienced a real *Shabbat* last night. You and the Temple Men's Club deserve much credit for conceiving and carrying out such a remarkable project. It was a contribution to the musical and Jewish cultural life of our community. Thanks again for inviting us *Shabbat Men's Club*

I am enclosing a small token to the Temple Men's Club, in appreciation.

Sincerely,



Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner

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