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SILVER UNIVERSITY CIRCLE SILVER PARK CLEVE
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ON MY BEREAVEMENT AND AM SUSTAINED IN MY LOSS BY YOUR WORDS
OF KINDNESS AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

RAHEL YANAIT OEN ZVI

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TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL
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The Decalogue Society of Lawyers



THE PALMER HOUSE

Sunday, May Nineteenth

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The Honorable **Marion R. Havits**

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For his staunch support of the United Nations as an agency for world peace;

For his notable contributions in the development of closer relations between Israel and the United States;

For his dedicated efforts to make democracy work for a better America in a better world.

Chicago, Illinois, May 19, 1963.

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Samuel N. Friedland
Chairman of the Board

Dr. Irving Lehrman
Rabbi

Joseph M. Lipton
President

August 21, 1963

Dear Dr. Silver:

On Saturday evening, October 19th, we at Temple Emanu-El will honor our beloved Rabbi Irving Lehrman on the occasion of his 20th anniversary with our congregation.

In addition to his outstanding record as one of Miami's most distinguished spiritual leaders, Dr. Lehrman has played a unique role in the American rabbinate, for his influence has touched thousands of our people throughout the length and breadth of the land.

A bound volume of letters from some of Dr. Lehrman's friends and admirers will be presented to him as a memento of the occasion. May we extend an invitation to you to join with us in honoring our Rabbi by adding your letter to this volume.

We shall be pleased to hear from you.

Cordially,

Irving Cypen
Irving Cypen

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Temple Tifereth Israel
University Circle and Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

[1963]

RABBI DANIEL LITT

CARE TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL 14308 TRISKETT RD
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LET ME EXTEND TO YOU MY HEARTIEST GOOD WISHES ON THE
OCCASION OF YOUR INSTALLATION AS RABBI OF TEMPLE BETH
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~~VERY~~ FRUITFUL AND THAT YOU WILL FIND DEEP PERSONAL
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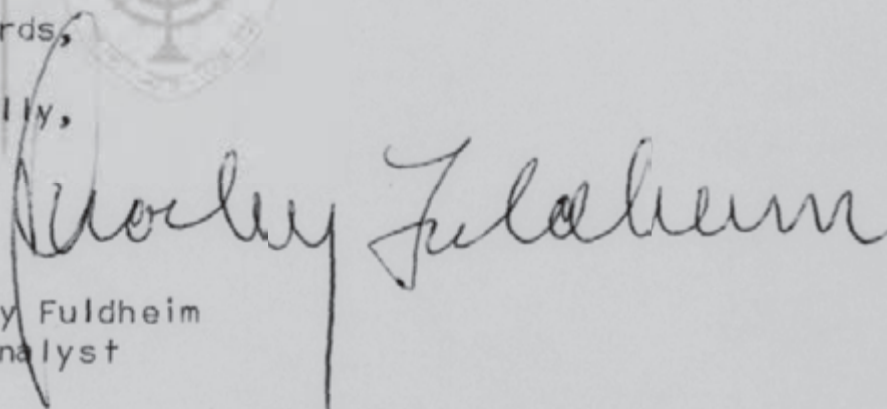
Dear Rabbi Silver:

The messenger is delivering with this note to you the kinescope of the half hour testimonial dinner which WEWS broadcasted.

We were all very proud to be part of this memorable occasion and we felt that perhaps you would like this record of that event.

With my warmest personal regards,

Cordially,


Dorothy Fuldheim
News Analyst

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
University Circle and Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio

FIRST IN OHIO

September 12, 1963

My dear Dorothy:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in making available to us the kinescope of the Testimonial Dinner which WEWS broadcasted. We shall keep it here in the Temple Library for use on occasions. I want to thank you for the lovely part which you took in that event.

It was nice to have seen you the other day at Albert Levin's party. With all good wishes for the coming New Year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Miss Dorothy Fuldheim
News Analyst
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Euclid Avenue at 30th Street
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THE RT. REV. JAMES A. PIKE, J.S.D., S.T.D.
BISHOP

September 18, 1963

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The community of San Francisco is honoring Mr. Benjamin H. Swig on the occasion of his 70th birthday at a dinner on November 20, 1963.

As one who is well acquainted with Mr. Swig, I am sure you will agree with us that he is one of our finest citizens. Benjamin Swig has been a leader in every aspect of community life whether it be civic, business or philanthropic. Probably more than any other individual citizen, he is an active worker for worthwhile causes of every kind, regardless of color or creed. Benjamin Swig is certainly a great humanitarian (in the City, the State and the Nation), and is most deserving of the spontaneous tribute which will be his on November 20th.

It would be our privilege to have you join Mr. Swig's friends and associates as a sponsor of this Dinner of Tribute. Won't you please let me know as soon as possible if we may list your name among those of the leading citizens of our country who have joined together to honor a man who has contributed so greatly to our common life.

Very sincerely yours,

James A. Pike

Rt. Rev. James A. Pike
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio



Misc.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL LABOR AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

September 19, 1963

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This will confirm your recent telephone conversation with Mr. Jasper Clemente of our staff relative to the visit to Cleveland by Mr. Yehuda L. Gotthelf from Israel on October 14 and October 15. Mr. Gotthelf is traveling with his wife.

Mr. Gotthelf is in the United States under the auspices of the Foreign Leader Program of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U. S. Department of State and the Bureau of International Labor Affairs is responsible for his program. For your information enclosed are copies of his biographical data.

Mr. Clemente has indicated that you will meet with Mr. Gotthelf at 10:00 A.M. on October 14 for discussions on subjects of mutual interest. For your information Mr. Gotthelf will arrive in Cleveland from Cincinnati on October 13 at 7:17 P.M. via Trans World Airlines, Flight #394, he will depart Cleveland on October 15 at 7:40 P.M. via United Airlines, Flight #488. He has reservations at the Pick-Carter Hotel.

Thank you for your kind cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Walter E. Sanford

Walter E. Sanford
Labor Adviser
Trade Union Exchange Programs Division

Enclosures

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Bureau of International Labor Affairs
Washington 25, D. C.

Biographic information on Mr. Yehuda L. GOTTHELF from Israel, a grantee participating in the Foreign Leader Program of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State. The Bureau of International Labor Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor is responsible for his program.

Period of visit in the U.S.A. August 26 - October 24, 1963

NAME:	Yehuda L. GOTTHELF
ADDRESS:	93 Arlosoroff Street Tel Aviv, Israel
DATE OF BIRTH:	November 19, 1903
PRESENT POSITION:	Member of the Executive Committee of the General Federation of Labor in Israel, (Histadrut HaOvdim).
FORMER POSITION:	Head of the Cultural Department of Histadrut; Member of the Association of Journalist.
KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH:	Very Good.
EDUCATION:	University Degree

OBJECTIVES OF VISIT TO U.S.A.

Mr. Gotthelf is not only a labor leader but one of the leading newspaper commentators in international affairs and government. He is interested in discussing international labor affairs with top officials of the AFL-CIO. The role of government in labor affairs will be discussed when he meets with representatives of the Departments of State and Labor and the U.S. Congressional Committees on labor and foreign affairs. Mr. Gotthelf has indicated that he wishes to discuss with leading newspaper commentators the recent developments in international labor affairs and the position of Israel in international relations. He is interested in the cooperative movement, discussing techniques and trends in cooperatives, and in visiting selected cooperatives. Mr. Gotthelf has indicated a desire to discuss and review the role of the university in the development of schools of industrial relations. Observe the various irrigation projects in California and tour T.V.A.

Mr. Gotthelf will be interested in interviewing selected labor leaders in the United States and their views on labor relations and related subjects for a series of articles for the DAVAR, the daily newspaper of Histadrut.

Mr. Gotthelf's program will give him a balanced picture of the general economic, social and cultural scene in the United States.

Mr. Gotthelf will visit Washington, D. C.; New York City; and other selected areas.

Itinerary:

New York, New York	August 26 - September 2
Washington, D. C.	September 3 - 10
Buffalo, New York	September 11 - 12
Detroit, Michigan	September 13 - 15
Chicago, Illinois	September 16 - 18
Minneapolis, Minnesota	September 19 - 21
Denver, Colorado	September 22 - 24
Salt Lake City, Utah	September 25 - 27
San Francisco, California	September 28 - October 2
Los Angeles, California	October 3 - 5
Dallas, Texas	October 6 - 8
St. Louis, Missouri	October 9 - 11
Cincinnati, Ohio	October 12 - 13
Cleveland, Ohio	October 14 - 15
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	October 16 - 18
New York, New York	October 19 - 24
DEPART FOR HOME	October 25

For further information, please contact:

Mr. Jasper Clemente, Program Officer
U.S. Department of Labor
Bureau of International Labor Affairs
14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.
Telephone: EX 3-2420, Ext. 2297

Spencer

September 30, 1963

My dear Bishop Pike:

Replying to your kind letter of September 18th,
I shall be very happy to serve as a sponsor for the
dinner of tribute which you are arranging in honor
of Mr. Benjamin H. Swig, who is certainly most
deserving of the honor which you intend to pay him.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

The Rt. Rev. James A. Pike
Diocese of California
1055 Taylor Street
San Francisco, California



JUDGES' CHAMBERS
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
PITTSBURGH 19, PA.



*Said message
before Oct. 20*

SAMUEL A. WEISS
JUDGE

October 1, 1963

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am writing to extend to you this cordial invitation to be one of the Honorary Chairmen, with Governor David L. Lawrence, of the "Meyer S. Mintz Testimonial Committee", now being formed, and to send a message to be read at the Tri-State UJA Luncheon Conference on Sunday, October 20, to be held at the Penn-Sheraton Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa.

At this conference, which will be addressed by Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon and Governor Lawrence, we will honor Meyer S. Mintz on the occasion of his 70th birthday and his retirement as the Tri-State Director.

I know that you have known Meyer for many years. I have worked with him for the past 17 years as the Tri-State Chairman and I can say, without hesitation, that never have I met a man who has served a cause with greater zeal, dedication and irresistible enthusiasm than has Meyer. The cause of Israel and UJA has been the breath of his life. You had occasion to see Meyer in action when you addressed our wonderful conference in 1959. Under Meyer's guidance, the Tri-State Region has become one of the outstanding areas in the country.

I would appreciate it if you advise me that you will honor us by serving as Honorary Chairman and I would deeply appreciate it if your message reaches me prior to October 20th, the date of the Conference.

With all good wishes and with kindest regards, I remain

Your admirer

SAMUEL A. WEISS
Tri-State Chairman
United Jewish Appeal

saw/ibm

October 2, 1963

My dear Judge Weiss:

Replying to your kind letter of October first, I shall be very happy to serve as an Honorary Chairman of the luncheon which you are arranging in honor of Meyer S. Mintz on October 20th. As you requested, a message will be forwarded to you before that date.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bim

The Honorable Samuel A. Weiss
Judge's Chambers
Court of Common Pleas
Pittsburgh 19, Pennsylvania

Tribute

October 7, 1963

My dear Mr. Cypen:

I am delighted to add my word of tribute and felicitation to Rabbi Irving Lehrman on the occasion of his twentieth anniversary with Temple Emanu-El in Miami Beach.

I have known of his splendid work in your community for many years and of the fine contribution which he has made to every constructive movement in American Jewish life. Whenever I visited Miami Beach, I had occasion to observe the high regard and affection in which he was held by everyone. I have had the honor of occupying his pulpit on several occasions and have always enjoyed his warm hospitality.

I hope that Temple Emanu-El will enjoy his distinguished leadership for many years to come and that Rabbi Lehrman will enjoy good health and well being.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mr. Irving Cypen
Temple Emanu-El
1701 Washington Avenue
Miami Beach, Florida



JUDGES' CHAMBERS
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
PITTSBURGH 19. PA.



SAMUEL A. WEISS
JUDGE

October 9, 1963

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was very happy to receive your letter of October 2, advising me that you will be glad to serve as Honorary Chairman of the "Meyer S. Mintz Testimonial Committee".

Thank you for bestowing this honor upon us.

I am looking forward to your message which will be read at the Tri-State UJA Luncheon, on October 20, honoring Meyer.

With repeated thanks and with kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Samuel A. Weiss
SAMUEL A. WEISS
Tri-State Chairman

SAW:ED

RABBI SOLOMON B. FREEHOF, D. D.
RODEF SHALOM TEMPLE
FIFTH AND MOREWOOD AVENUES
PITTSBURGH 13, PENNSYLVANIA

October 9, 1963

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
University Circle and Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I am enclosing a letter which I just wrote
to Maurice Eisendrath. I think it might interest you.

Lillian joins me in best wishes for a happy
and a healthy year to Virginia and the family and
yourself.

As ever,



Solomon B. Freehof

SBF:t

October 9, 1963

Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath
838 Fifth Avenue
New York 21, New York

Dear Maurice:

I am writing this letter separately for your own information. I know you want to know the mood of the various congregations on the matter of rabbinical placement. This is in no sense an official letter, although the Board of Rodef Shalom Temple knows that I am writing it.

There were suggestions raised at our Board that we should inform other congregations of our absolute opposition to the entire placement plan. I would not want Rodef Shalom to follow in the footsteps of other temples in previous years and organize an "opposition." So I asked them not to do that, but told them that I would privately let you know how we feel about the matter.

Our Board is completely opposed to any compulsory placement plan. I need not give you their reasons; you can easily imagine them. The Board instructed our delegates to vote against the entire plan. I managed to get them to be willing, in case they see that they will lose, to accept the plan after certain amendments are passed.

These are the amendments which would lead them, reluctantly, to accept the plan:

1. That any rabbi in any congregation may be permitted, independently, to give advice or respond to a request for advice from a congregation.

2. That when a congregation suggests the names of rabbis to be added to the Placement Committee's slate of candidates, that the Placement Committee must add those names; that they shall have no discretion on this matter. The congregation, of course, pledges itself to interview the entire slate.

I hope things are going well with you, and that you are getting along now with increasing strength.

Lillian joins me in best wishes to you.

As ever,

SBF:t

Solomon B. Freehof

Congrats

NITE LETTER

October 16, 1963

JUDGE SAMUEL A. WEISS
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
PITTSBURG, PA.

I SHOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE MANY FRIENDS OF MEYER S. MINTZ
honoring him
IN ~~EXTENDING HIM FELICITATIONS WHEN~~ *as* YOUR COMMUNITY ~~IS~~

EXTENDING ~~TO~~ TO HIM A RICHLY DESERVED TESTIMONIAL. HE HAS
GIVEN OF HIMSELF UNSTINTINGLY TO A ~~GREAT~~ *worthy* CAUSE ~~WHICH IS~~ *and his*

surely as
DEEPLY APPRECIATED BY ALL THOSE WHO HAVE FOLLOWED
dedicated
HIS ~~DISTINGUISHED~~ CAREER.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

EMANUEL NEUMANN
515 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK 22, N. Y.

October 24, 1963

Secretary to
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th and Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Madam:

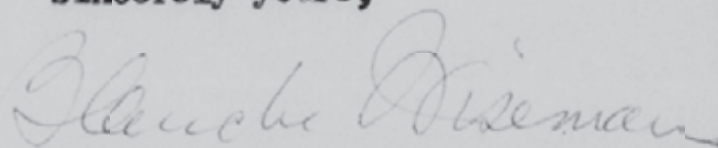
I tried to reach Dr. Silver at home and at the office
early yesterday - but unsuccessfully.

Dr. Neumann, who left today for Israel, wanted to know
whether Dr. Silver had communicated with Richard Tucker.
If I am not mistaken, I believe they had also discussed
Andrew Cordier. This pertains to the ZOA dinner in honor
of Dr. Neumann's seventieth birthday.

Would you perhaps have information concerning either of
these gentlemen?

Thanking you for your cooperation,

Sincerely yours,



Administrative Asst.

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October 25, 1963

Dear Miss Wiseman:

Replying to your letter of October 24th, I'm afraid I can't be of any help. I know nothing of any communications between Dr. Silver and Richard Tucker or Andrew Cordier.

Dr. Silver left early Wednesday morning to be gone until November 6th. I shall bring this to his attention when he returns to his study.

About the minutes you wanted returned, I spoke to Dr. Silver the evening before he left and he told me he had some minutes at home -- the Z. O. A. National Administrative Council of 1941 and 1944, and the American Delegation to London of 1920. However, he said there were no hand-written minutes. If these are the ones you want, I will go to his home and mail them to you. Please let me know. Perhaps you have already located the ones you spoke of over the phone.

Cordially yours,

Beatrice F. May (Mrs.)
Secretary to Dr. Silver

bfm
Miss Blance Wiseman
Administrative Assistant
American Jewish Agency
515 Park Avenue
New York 22, New York

Telegram - Oct 25th 11

Congregation Shaare Emeth
of Saint Louis, Missouri

cordially invites you to a

Special Sabbath Eve Service

honoring the

Twentieth Anniversary Year

of Ministry in the Rabbinate



of



Rabbi Julius J. Nodel

Friday evening, the twenty-fifth of October

Nineteen hundred and sixty-three

at eight-fifteen o'clock

Rabbi Albert A. Gordon
Mt. Sinai Temple, Sioux City, Iowa
will be the Guest Speaker

an informal reception
will follow in
Harris Hall

TELEGRAM

October 25, 1963

TO:
RABBI JULIUS J. NODEL
CONGREGATION SHAARE EMETH
ST. LOUIS, MO.

I SEND YOU MY FELICITATIONS AND BEST WISHES
ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY
IN THE RABBINATE. MRS. SILVER JOINS ME IN
WISHING YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE GOOD
WORK WHICH YOU ARE DOING AND MUCH HAPPINESS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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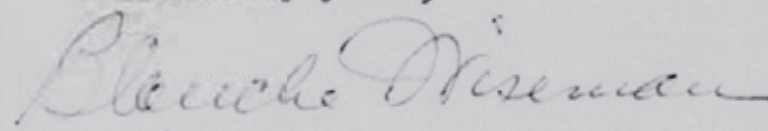
October 28, 1963

Dear Mrs. May:

Many thanks for your prompt reply to my inquiry about Richard Tucker and Cordier.

As to the minutes Dr. Silver has at home, they can wait to be returned when Dr. Silver gets back. I am surprised, however, about the hand-written minutes. He remembered that he didn't have them at home - but didn't recall that perhaps he might have returned them earlier. Well, it will have to await Dr. Silver's return, as I have not located them here.

Sincerely yours,



Administrative Asst.

Mrs. Beatrice F. May, Sec'y.
Dr. A.H. Silver
University Circle at Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

November 1, 1963

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

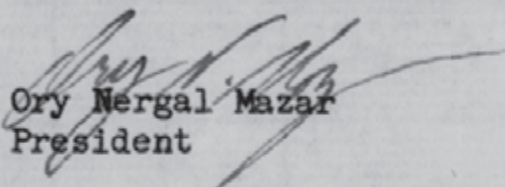
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November 7, 1963

Dear Miss Wiseman:

Under separate cover I am sending you the material Dr. Silver had at his home. Dr. Silver has returned from his trip and asked me to tell you that this is all the material he has.



Cordially yours,

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Beatrice F. May (Mrs.)
Secretary to Dr. Silver

Miss Blance Wiseman
Administrative Assistant
Dr. Emanuel Neumann
815 Park Avenue
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November 7, 1963

My dear Sam:

Upon my return from a brief vacation, I found the book, "Judge Sam", which you graciously sent me inscribed by you. I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending it to me and I know that I shall read it with extreme pleasure, as I read everything written by you and about you.

I am sorry that I was not in the city to attend the autograph party arranged in your honor at Higbee's. I will try to be there the next time you publish a book.

With warmest regards and all good wishes in which Mrs. Silver joins me heartily, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

The Honorable Samuel ^{H.} Silbert
2621 North Moreland Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio

November 7, 1963

My dear Mr. Mazar:

I wish to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me a gift copy of "The Illustrated History of the Jews". I know that I shall read it with extreme interest and pleasure. The physical appearance of the volume is most impressive and the names of the writers and editors give the assurance that it is an authoritative work.

Again thanking you for your thoughtfulness, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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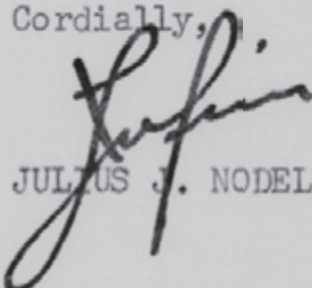
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The Temple
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your gracious message of congratulations and good wishes on the occasion of my Twentieth Anniversary in the rabbinate is deeply appreciated.

It is always heartwarming to hear from old friends and it was especially kind and thoughtful of you to take the time and trouble to write. Your influence upon my own career is immeasurable, and I am always grateful for the experience of association with you. My wife, Else, and I thank you most sincerely.
Warmest greetings,

Cordially,


JULIUS J. NODEL

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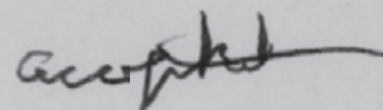
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am sure you will agree with me that Hebrew as a recognized subject in the American school system is a source of great prestige for all of us. The study of Hebrew language and culture raises the morale and pride of every boy and girl who participates in the program, and brings them closer to us. It also provides cultural and spiritual bridge with Israel.

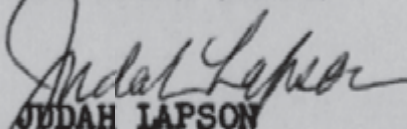
Abba Eban, Deputy Prime Minister of the State of Israel, recently said at a dinner in New York: "The very unity and integrity of the Jewish People depends on whether Hebrew culture will have a strong position in American Jewry."

In the course of the past decades our National Hebrew Culture Council and its predecessor succeeded in having Hebrew introduced as a foreign language in the junior and senior high schools of many cities in the United States. More than 1,500 colleges now grant college entrance credit for Hebrew studied in the secondary schools, and about 250 colleges provide courses in Hebrew on various levels, including graduate work.

Our purpose now is to expand our operations in many additional communities throughout the country.

The N.H.C.C., in planning the enlargement of its program, takes pleasure in inviting you to serve as a member of its National Committee. We trust that you will accept our invitation and look forward to your valued guidance and assistance in this worthy effort. Please return the enclosed card.

Sincerely yours,



JUDAH LAPSON

JL:s





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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

It gives me great pleasure to invite you, on behalf of the National Executive Committee of Farband-Labor Zionist Order, to send greetings to our National Jubilee Convention, which is scheduled to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York beginning with Wednesday, December 25th through Sunday, December 29th, 1963.

This Jubilee Convention will mark fifty years of Farband's important achievements as a fraternal, educational Order in the field of civic endeavors, Jewish education, fraternal activities for its members and their families and numerous undertakings to help strengthen the democratic way of life in our own country and the world over, as well as to support the upbuilding of Israel as an independent democratic state for the Jewish people.

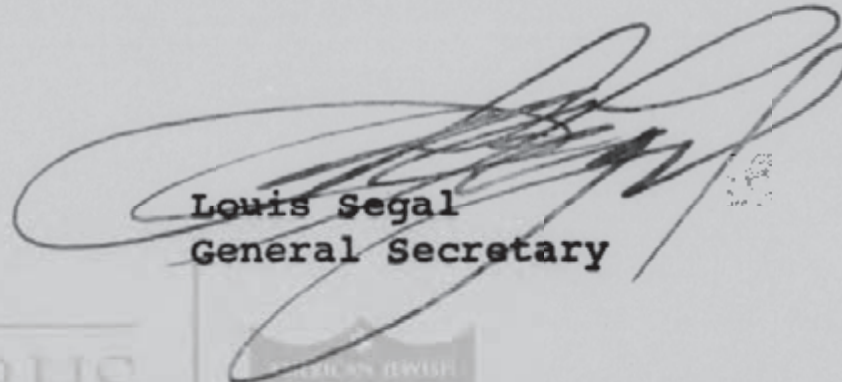
Farband is proud of the fact that during the fifty years of its existence the organization gave moral and financial support to the pioneers and builders organized in the labor movement of Israel, the Histadrut, and helped oppressed people of various countries in their struggle for the right to live as free men.

In conjunction with its activities for the democratic State of Israel, Farband enjoys an outstanding record for helping, financially and in many other ways, all endeavors aimed at strengthening this young State which has proven to be a bastion of freedom and democracy in the entire Middle East.

The Convention will be attended by about 1,000 delegates representing over 100 communities throughout the United States and Canada. Your message to the delegates and to the organization will be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I am,

Sincerely yours,



Louis Segal
General Secretary

LS/mh

P.S. Since a special book containing all the greetings to the 50th Jubilee Convention is being published, we would be grateful to you for sending us your message at your earliest convenience.

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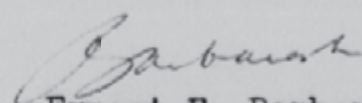
Dear Dr. Silver:

This is in the nature of an urgent plea to you to furnish me, as early as possible, with advance excerpts or text of the address you are scheduled to make as toastmaster at the annual ZOA dinner to be held on Tuesday evening, November 26, 1963, at the New York Hilton Hotel commemorating the 16th anniversary of the passage of the U.N. resolution on Jewish Statehood and in tribute to Dr. Emanuel Neumann on his 70th birthday.

Early receipt of your copy will enable me to do justice to your remarks.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,


Ernest E. Barbarash

EEB:es

L.C.

November 18, 1963

My dear friend:

I was pleased to learn from your communication that the Farband-Labor Zionist Order is celebrating its Golden Jubilee in December and I should like to be included among those who will send you heartiest felicitations on this outstanding occasion. I wish that there were no conflict in dates so that I could attend the celebration in person.

I have known of the splendid services which the Farband-Labor Zionist Order has rendered the cause of the establishment of the State of Israel and in advancing the interests of the Labor Movement in the early days and since the establishment of the state. I wish it continued growth and increased service in the years to come.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mr. Louis Segal
General Secretary
Farband-Labor Zionist Order
575 Sixth Avenue
New York 11, New York

November 19, 1963

My dear Mr. Barbarash:

I am sending you herewith a few excerpts from the remarks which I intend to make as Toastmaster at the Testimonial Dinner to Dr. Neumann next Tuesday evening.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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November 20th, 1963

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Temple Tifereth Israel
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Cleveland 6 Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Twenty-nine years ago, a group of dedicated Chicago Jewish lawyers and judges organized The Decalogue Society of Lawyers. We have now grown in number and effectiveness so that we now number more than 1600 actively practicing lawyers and judges of the Jewish faith. One of our objectives is to acknowledge and honor men and women of good will who, by word and deed attain consistently greater heights in a continuing effort to improve the lot of mankind everywhere.

Since 1942 we have had an Annual Merit Award Dinner at which we present to our recipient in person the Society's Award of Merit. It is important of course that the recipient be present, the Almighty willing. A complete list of our previous recipients is enclosed together with last year's program.

I am greatly pleased to advise you, that, in recognition of your distinguished and vital contributions over many years of service to the Jewish people towards helping them realize their ancient ambition of re-establishing the State of Israel as their homeland, your continuing contributions to the Jewish American Community and the total American Community, and your outstanding writings making more clear and meaningful the uniqueness of the Jewish past and its commitments and contributions to our people and all mankind, our Board of Managers has unanimously requested that I inform you of your selection by The Decalogue Society of Lawyers to receive in person the Society's Award of Merit for the year 1963. This will be done at a gala banquet to be held in the Grand Ball Room of the Palmer House in Chicago on Sunday, March 22nd, 1964.

We respectfully request your early confirmation and acceptance so that all necessary arrangements can be made. We shall of course take care of your hotel reservations, transportation and other expense. In accepting this honor of The Decalogue Society of Lawyers you will in truth be honoring us.

Sincerely yours,

Meyer C. Balin
President.

THE JEWISH QUARTERLY REVIEW

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Editors:

ABRAHAM A. NEUMAN
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November 20, 1963

Dear Doctor Silver,

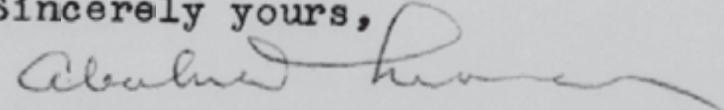
We take pride in announcing that with the April issue in 1965, the JEWISH QUARTERLY REVIEW will mark the 75th Anniversary of its continuous publication. We deem it fitting and proper to celebrate this anniversary with an impressive series of articles by the outstanding scholars of the present generation in Israel, Europe and United States.

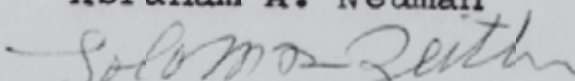
If conditions will permit, we are contemplating, in connection with the JEWISH QUARTERLY REVIEW 75th Anniversary, to convene an international conference of Jewish scholars to discuss a two-fold agenda; what developments characterized Jewish scholarship during the past 75 years; how to meet the problems arising out of the transference of the centers of Jewish learning principally to the United States and to Israel.

At this time, we have the pleasure to invite you to contribute an article to the JUBILEE issue of the JEWISH QUARTERLY REVIEW to be published in April 1965. Owing to space limitation, we are compelled to ask our authors to limit themselves to 3,000-4,000 words and to reply to our invitation promptly indicating the title of your proposed article.

With kind greetings and high regard,

Sincerely yours,


Abraham A. Neuman


Solomon Zeitlin

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

5a.

November 25, 1963

My dear Mr. Balin:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 20th. I am greatly honored that you wish to bestow upon me your Society's "Award of Merit" this year and that you wish me to appear at a banquet on March 22, 1964, at which time the Award will be presented to me. I am deeply appreciative of the great honor and I shall be very happy to be with you on that date.

Looking forward, with pleasure, to meeting you and the members of your distinguished Society, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mr. Meyer C. Balin, President
The Decalogue Society of Lawyers
180 West Washington Street
Chicago 2, Illinois

November 25, 1963

My dear friends:

Let me thank you for your letter of November 20th and for apprising me that the "Jewish Quarterly Review" will in 1965 mark the 75th Anniversary of its continuous publication. I appreciate very much your invitation to contribute an article to the Jubilee issue of the "Jewish Quarterly Review". I shall be very happy to do so. I am, however, not in a position at the present time to indicate the title of my proposed article.

With warmest regards, I remain

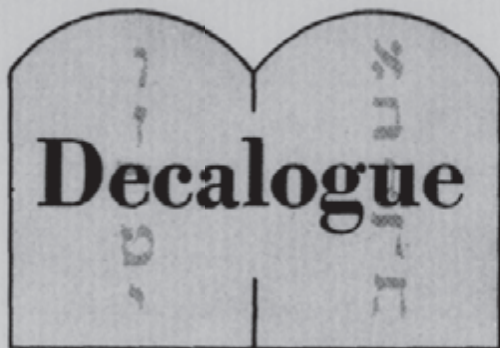
Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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November 26, 1963

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
University Circle at Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are most pleased that you have agreed to accept our Society's Award of Merit on March 22, 1964, and thank you for your prompt reply.

Our chairman on arrangements will contact you at a later date for public relations material. The undersigned will communicate with you approximately towards the latter part of February to arrange hotel and transportation reservations.

Sincerely yours,

Meyer C. Balin
President

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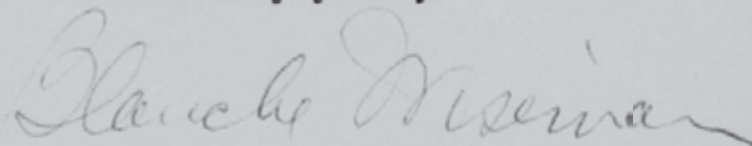
December 9, 1963

Dear Mrs. May,

I'm afraid I must take advantage of your kind offer to decipher the three pages written by the late Dr. Silver to Dr. Neumann. Several of us here have attempted it but did not get too far.

Please be good enough to include these written pages when you return your typed copy as Dr. Neumann treasures these written words by his dear and close friend. Many thanks and best wishes for a happy Chanukah.

Sincerely yours,



Administrative Asst.

bw

Mrs. Beatrice F. May
The Temple

University Circle at Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

December 20, 1963

Dear Miss Wiseman:

I'm just terribly sorry to have been so long in returning this manuscript to you, but I'm sure you understand how busy I am acknowledging the thousands of letters and telegrams of condolence which have been received.

I think the girls there did a marvelous job on deciphering the manuscript. As difficult as it was to read Dr. Silver's script, I wish I could still be typing up his addresses and sermons. It just doesn't seem the same without him, of course.

Thank you for your Chanukah greetings. It was a very sad season for us all here. I hope yours was happy and that Dr. Neumann is feeling well again. I am so sorry that I never got to meet him - - his eulogy was so beautiful.

Best wishes to you all there for all good things during 1964.

Most cordially,

Beatrice F. May (Mrs.)

P.S.

Seems queer not to sign "Secretary to Dr. Silver".



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March 9, 1964

Dear Colleague:

We are now in the midst of our 1964 UJA campaign. As in previous years there is a continuing blackout on publicity with respect to the statistics and countries of origin of Jewish migration to Israel and elsewhere. In view of this serious handicap the UJA in 1964 must rely upon the verbal presentation of the story to the American Jewish community. In this endeavor the American Rabbinate can make a significant contribution towards creating a climate of opinion favorable to the attainment of the objectives of the United Jewish Appeal.

We are, therefore, enclosing five items for your use in any manner you deem worthwhile and effective in your community. (1) A Proclamation issued by the Rabbinical Advisory Council which sets the tone for the 1964 campaign; (2) a UJA Sabbath Sermon by Rabbi Manuel Laderman; (3) the official statement of the UJA Rabbinical Advisory Council entitled "GUIDE TO SABBATH CONFERENCE PROGRAMMING"; (4) an address delivered by Arthur J. Goldberg, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, to the National Inaugural Conference of the United Jewish Appeal in Washington, D. C.; (5) a memorandum (NOT FOR PUBLICATION) on "ISRAEL'S SHARE IN THE ABSORPTION OF IMMIGRANTS". It is a brief exposition on the question of responsibility in the effort to rehabilitate the hundreds of thousands of our brethren who were brought to Israel through the UJA.

I trust that the enclosed items will be helpful in your personal efforts to stimulate increased giving to the UJA in 1964. I would deeply appreciate your comments and ideas on how the Rabbinical Advisory Council can be of further service to the United Jewish Appeal.

Sincerely yours,

Zelig Chinitz
Rabbi Zelig Chinitz, Secretary
UJA Rabbinical Advisory Council

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UJA RABBINICAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

P R O C L A M A T I O N

The United Jewish Appeal has for more than twenty-five years symbolized humane compassion and concern as well as Jewish mutuality and responsibility. In a world often darkened by inhumanity and indifference it has held high a beacon of light of the brotherliness which makes us kin to all who are in need. It has given vivid expression to the basic principle that we Jews form a fellowship of common traditions, memories and obligations. Statistics are available that indicate the staggering total of financial resources that have been poured into the work of relief, rescue and rehabilitation by the UJA. We also have a record of the more than 3,000,000 individuals who have been the objects of this global program. But no computer can measure the hope, the dignity and the reborn sense of independence which the UJA brought to so many who had known the indescribable bitterness of concentration camps. No chart can disclose how often the last spark of a will to live was fanned into a bright resolve by the brotherly hand which the UJA extended.

Nor can the moral and spiritual effects of this vast effort be translated into statistical terms, effects not only upon the recipients but also upon the donors. It is the largest united Jewish effort into which Jews of every shade of belief and opinion are joined. It has enriched the communal life of American Jewry with a perspective encompassing Jews the world over. It has strengthened our common bond as Jews by inspiring us with a large responsibility and calling us to a sacred task.

We the representatives of the American Rabbinate - embracing all the branches of religious life - call upon our brethren to rally once again to this year's summons to duty issued by the UJA and in helping their brethren in Israel and elsewhere, enrich their own lives here.

May the G-d of our faith bless us and all mankind with peace and lead forth all who are now oppressed into the sunlight of freedom.

Rabbi Morris Adler
Chairman

(March 1964)

UJA Sabbath Sermon

by

Rabbi Manuel Laderman
Congregation Hebrew Educational Alliance
Denver, Colorado

THE VIRTUE OF GIVING

One of the most interesting words in the vocabulary of a Jew is Mitzvah. Originally it stems from the Hebrew root of command, and is a reflection of our sense of being a people under Divine commandment. We are obligated, we are required, we are under the compulsion of fulfilling the Divine behest, as expressed to us in the Torah. In the course of time the word Mitzvah took on a less forbidding aspect. It came to mean, in folk language, a good deed, something which one felt it virtuous to do, and was moved to do by inner compulsion, and love and emotional prompting.

Not every Divine command had this fortunate evolution. Some remained in the category of obligations which one carries out only because of the sense of requirement, without inward impulse. Of all the Mitzvot the one of giving to charity has taken on a special hue of Jewish virtue. We are renowned for our readiness to give for the help of others.

Charity has many forms, and all its manifestations have desirable qualities. Because charity can be of different kinds our sages recognized degrees of charity. The best known of these catalogues is that of Maimonides who settled on eight degrees of charity, each of a higher character than the other. In the words of the great codifier the highest degree of all was this one:

"THE HIGHEST DEGREE IS TO AID A MAN IN WANT BY OFFERING HIM A GIFT OR A LOAN, BY ENTERING INTO PARTNERSHIP WITH HIM, OR BY PROVIDING WORK FOR HIM SO THAT HE MAY BECOME SELF-SUPPORTING, FOR OF SUCH IT IS SAID, "AND THOU SHALT HOLD FAST IN HIM SO THAT HE SHALL LIVE WITH THEE," (Leviticus 25:35) meaning "AND THOU SHALT HOLD HIM SO THAT HE SHALL NEVER FALL AGAIN AND BE IN NEED."

Of all the many expressions of this high degree of charity the United Jewish Appeal offers every contributor a very wholesome opportunity. We who are fortunate enough to live in a free part of the world can never fail to be aware of the desperation and straitened circumstances of our fellow Jews in other parts of the world. Through the United Jewish Appeal we are able to focus upon the people of Israel the attention that they require, and can spread wide our range of concern to include a world circumference. Wherever Jews are in need, the United Jewish Appeal is an agency of mercy. Through the Joint Distribution Committee it gives succor and support to people in the lands where they live. Through the Jewish Agency for Israel it helps to bring them to the shores of the Holy Land where they can find that kind of new life which the Prophet spoke of when he said:

"AND I WILL APPOINT A PLACE FOR MY PEOPLE ISRAEL, AND WILL PLANT THEM, THAT THEY MAY DWELL IN THEIR OWN PLACE, AND BE DISQUIETED NO MORE; NEITHER SHALL THE CHILDREN OF WICKEDNESS AFFLICT THEM ANYMORE, AS AT THE FIRST."
(Second Samuel 7:10)

Each year as Israel grows in numbers and strength it radiates a sense of security to the Jew in every other part of the world. Conversely as we assist with generous gifts and bring to the shores of Israel those who cannot find freedom for themselves elsewhere, and enable them to create a new life for themselves where they will no longer be in need, and wards of charity, we are fulfilling one of our greatest commandments.

Everyone who has been privileged to visit Israel comes back with a sense of pride in the new spirit of the people who have been settled there. He has seen with his own eyes the fulfillment of the ancient prophecy:

"FOR I WILL TAKE YOU FROM AMONG THE NATIONS, AND GATHER YOU OUT OF ALL THE COUNTRIES, AND WILL BRING YOU INTO YOUR OWN LAND A NEW HEART ALSO WILL I GIVE YOU, AND A NEW SPIRIT WILL I PUT WITHIN YOU." (Ezekiel 36:24,26)

Frequently one hears the complaint about continued requests for giving to the United Jewish Appeal, "How long will we be asked to give?" No one is a Prophet in our day wise enough to reply. Anyone of us however can surely say that there has been a full return for the gifts which have hitherto been made in the vitality and exuberance of Israel's people, and the light which they have shed on many other newly emerged nations. Fortunate is our generation that we have seen this accomplishment. Privileged are we to have a share in its achievement. Blessed are we that we can give for a purpose which is not temporizing with fate. All too often in the past we have known what that meant. Many have been the appeals that were answered generously by prosperous Jewish communities for their less fortunate brethren, which were only palliatives, and did not offer any permanent solution. The United Jewish Appeal is an opportunity for solutions which under G-d's Grace will provide permanent help and dignified living for those who are its recipients. For our generation the UJA offers some of the feeling of the promise which is contained in the last verse of the prophecy of Amos:

"AND I WILL PLANT THEM UPON THEIR LAND, AND THEY SHALL NO MORE BE PLUCKED UP OUT OF THEIR LAND WHICH I HAVE GIVEN THEM, SAITH THE LORD THY G-D."

Let us give with a sense of carrying out a Divine commandment. Let us give generously out of gratitude for our own fortunate condition. Let us give with an open hand with the knowledge that we are helping a world-wide movement to find an ultimate solution of its problems. Let us give with happiness in our hearts that we are privileged to help world Jewry find a vital new life in a secure home.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL RABBINICAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

GUIDE TO SABBATH CONFERENCE PROGRAMMING

The question of UJA Sabbath Conference programming was fully considered at a recent well attended meeting of the Rabbinical Advisory Council of the United Jewish Appeal held in New York on December 9, 1963. All branches of American-Jewish religious life were represented in this Council. The consensus was that every attempt should be made to conduct UJA regional and national conferences on weekdays. Alternatives to the scheduling of such conferences on days that include the Sabbath were explored. The Advisory Council was told that numerous attempts have been made to hold these conferences on weekdays, and all have uniformly failed.

It must be borne in mind that the success of the UJA efforts requires that regional and national gatherings of lay leaders be held. To these meetings are brought outstanding personalities from the State of Israel as well as from our own country to present authoritatively and vividly the problems, the concerns, the needs which the UJA is called upon to deal with and meet. The intensive impact upon the minds and hearts of these key people is essential to the UJA campaign that will subsequently be conducted in their communities and regions.

These gatherings are significant in educating the laity in the contemporary problems and challenges of world Jewry; in fostering their involvement and emotional identification; in fortifying mutuality and deepening the sense of Jewish responsibility. This should not be minimized for these are motivations of high spiritual quality.

It was, therefore, resolved that if there is no alternative and the Sabbath is included in a three-day week-end conference, the principle of Sabbath sanctity will be upheld and safeguarded by adhering to the following practices which the UJA has undertaken to carry out with diligence and consistence:

1. No meetings of a business nature which require the writing of minutes or the recording of votes will be held on the Sabbath.
2. The agenda of a gathering or seminar or meeting held on the Sabbath will contain background informational material which will focus on the spiritual and cultural aspects of the UJA.
3. The nature of any entertainment or dramatic program will be consonant with the spirit of the Sabbath and will not be accompanied by instrumental music.
4. At all conferences, a directory of local Synagogues and a schedule of their Sabbath Services will be posted and included in the printed program so that those delegates who wish to attend Services may know where to go. If, because of the location of the hotel, it is inadvisable to refer the delegates to local Synagogues, the conference will conduct religious services on the Sabbath. In this instance, the UJA will follow the policy adopted by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds of inviting a military chaplain to conduct a military service, using the National Jewish Welfare Board prayerbook prepared for Jewish personnel in the Armed Forces.
5. There will be no programs other than services before noon on the Sabbath day.
6. At gatherings scheduled for Friday night or Saturday afternoon, members of the UJA staff will cooperate in every way to help maintain the traditional spirit of the Sabbath. Delegates in attendance will be asked to refrain from smoking.

Appropriate signs to this effect will be prominently displayed in rooms in which meetings are held. In addition, the printed program of the Conference will include a paragraph asking the delegates to respect the sanctity of the Sabbath and to avoid its public desecration.

7. Dinner served on Friday night under the auspices of the Conference will begin with the chanting of Kiddush; dinner served on Saturday night will follow a Havdala service, wherever possible.

8. All meals arranged by the UJA will be Kosher and will respect the sensibilities of observant Jews.

We are deeply cognizant of the role which the UJA has played and is playing in unifying American Jewry for the monumental task of saving, rehabilitating and resettling three million of our brethren during the first twenty-five years of its existence. The Conference experience, as many of us who have shared in it can testify, is of inestimable spiritual value to the men and women who attend, and who bring back to their local communities the inspiration, guidance and information which they receive at these meetings.

It is, therefore, essential that the UJA staff and conference delegates uphold the dignity of the Sabbath at all gatherings and, in keeping with Jewish tradition, utilize the Sabbath to enhance the sacred work of the UJA.



M E M O R A N D U M

SUBJECT: ISRAEL'S SHARE IN THE ABSORPTION OF IMMIGRANTS

FROM: UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

In our publicity material we state that Israelis provide two dollars for every dollar that American Jews give for immigration and absorption. It is important to understand the basis for this commonly used ratio. It is rooted in facts and statistics and is, to say the least, a conservative estimate. The basis for this conclusion is as follows: Using the statistics for the year 1960, which are available in greater detail than any year hence, we selected those items of the budget of the Israel Government which directly benefit immigrants. This includes such items as agriculture (irrigation), housing, health, education, and welfare.

In the year 1960, the Government of Israel expended the equivalent of 133.8 million dollars on social services including education, welfare and health. Of the 86,324 persons who applied for welfare aid, some 70,088 or 81% of the total were immigrants who came to Israel after 1948. In 1960, 40% of all pupils enrolled in Israeli schools were children of immigrants who arrived after 1948.

During the same year expenditures on housing totaled the equivalent of 84.7 million dollars; on agriculture, primarily irrigation, the budget figure is 74.7 million dollars. In adding up the items that benefit the post 1948 immigrants mainly, although not exclusively, we arrive at a total of 293.2 million dollars for the year 1960.

Let us assume that no more than one-half of these expenditures should be allocated to post '48 immigrant absorption; yet, even on the basis of this calculation we arrive at a rather impressive amount of 146.6 million dollars. During that same twelve-month period the UJA cash allotment for immigration to, and absorption in, Israel was no more than \$52,951,000 broken down as follows: Through the United Israel Appeal - \$30,802,000 in the Regular Fund and \$12,149,000 in the Special Fund; through the JDC for its programs in Israel - \$10,000,000. The UJA total, when compared to the budgetary items of the Israeli Government is slightly more than one-third. To put it another way, we find that a community of two million Jews in Israel spends approximately 146 million dollars on immigrant absorption as compared to the 53 million dollars contributed through UJA by the American community of five million Jews. In this connection it is important to note that more than half of the Jewish taxable households in Israel have an annual income the equivalent of \$1,800 or less. The well-to-do with a yearly income of the equivalent of \$5,000 do not constitute more than one percent of all taxpayers in Israel.

It should also be borne in mind that the ratio of two to one has risen since the year 1960 because immigration to Israel from European countries and North Africa has increased from 24,000 in 1960 to 64,000 in 1963. In addition, the dollar cost per person rescued is constantly increasing. During the same period the annual UJA cash allotments to the Jewish Agency and the JDC have failed to keep pace with the enlarged immigration. If anything, the contrary is true. In 1962 the total UJA allocation to the Jewish Agency and the JDC for work in Israel did not exceed 48 million dollars. In other words the Jewish community in the United States, while making a significant contribution to the solution of some of the problems confronting our people in Israel, have been no more than junior partners in this historic enterprise.

It is true that Israel is making steady progress towards the ultimate goal of economic independence. At the same time we must realize that the Government of

Israel and the Jewish Agency are confronted with a serious absorption crisis. One out of five immigrants in Israel is still under-housed, under-educated and under-employed. There are still twenty thousand Jews living in temporary dwellings. There are close to two hundred thousand men, women and children who are confined to 1 to 1½ rooms per family.

You can very well imagine that this situation creates serious social problems for the teen-agers who must spend most of the day and night out in the street for lack of anything to do, or any place to go. If there are no funds for improved housing, there are absolutely no resources available to provide these new immigrants, especially the children and teen-agers -- with clubrooms, social facilities, not to speak of tuition free high schools, which do not exist in the State of Israel.

Needless to say Israel must continue to expend tremendous sums to maintain its military strength in the face of surrounding hostile nations. On the basis of these facts it cannot be denied that the Israeli citizen is doing more than his share for the new immigrants. The American Jewish community must, therefore, reverse the trend in 1964 and seek to adjust the present two to one ratio. If we are, indeed, equal partners in this humanitarian endeavor it behooves us to strive for an equal share of responsibility. This can be accomplished only by increased giving on the part of American Jewry to the regular and special funds of the United Jewish Appeal.



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- 1) Statistical Abstract of Israel 1963
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"THEIR LIBERATION
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ADDRESS BY

ARTHUR J. GOLDBERG

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT
OF THE UNITED STATES

TO THE
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I AM GLAD TO JOIN in this important Conference of the United Jewish Appeal inaugurating its 1964 campaign. It affords me an overdue opportunity to pay deserved tribute to the indispensable and important role which the United Jewish Appeal has performed for the Jewish people throughout the world and throughout the years. In a very real sense, it is difficult to conceive how Jewish life and the Jewish spirit would have prevailed and endured in recent years of tragic memory without the work and contributions of the UJA.

A Proud Burden

This work has borne great fruits — a part in building the democratic State of Israel — the rescue and resettling of 1,500,000 Jews who survived Hitler's savagery and the world's neglect — the thriving cultural and spiritual Jewish life in this country and throughout the free world. These are the most notable of the many contributions of this great voluntary effort.

The burden of the UJA is a heavy but proud one. Year after year it must discharge the never-ending task of mobilizing the generosity of Jews and non-Jews in support of these essential efforts.

I am sure that the leaders of this campaign would like to promise you relief, at least in part, from this burden—the sight of an end to this responsibility. They would be ill-advised to do so.

Although Israel's self-reliance increases day by day, its people will need support for many years to come. Millions of Jews still live behind an iron curtain of anti-Semitism and oppression. *Their liberation is in your hands*—their emigration to Israel and the few other countries who will admit them their only salvation. Jewish institutions here and elsewhere need increasing aid and assistance if Jewish communities are to fulfill their proud tradition of maintaining Jewish spiritual and cultural life and of taking care of their own.

For All—Liberty

Jewish fundamental law for more than 3,000 years has proclaimed the blessings of liberty—teachings reflected in our American Declaration of Independence and Constitution. Jews in this country, therefore, must be doubly mindful of the admonition of Tom Paine, that “those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must undergo the fatigue of supporting it.”

Without impugning the motives or good will of anyone, I must frankly state that I do not understand the reasoning of those who question the support which the UJA extends to Israel's people and the aid it gives to resettle oppressed Jews in other countries who voluntarily wish to emigrate there. In rescuing Jews from anti-Semitism and discrimination, and in enabling them to breathe the free air of Israel, the UJA is acknowledging the most ancient of Judaic-Christian teachings: that each man is truly his brother's keeper.

The UJA's Role

In this role, the UJA is responding to the ancient command: *"If there be among you a needy man . . . within any of your gates . . . you shall not harden your heart nor shut your hand from your needy brother, but you shall surely lend him sufficient for his need. . . . For the poor shall never cease out of the land. Therefore I [G-d] command you, saying, "You shall surely open your hand unto your poor and needy brother in your land."*

—Deuteronomy 15:7-8, 11

Test of an American

In helping to maintain the life, creativity and vitality of Jewish institutions, the UJA is making an important contribution to the cultural and creative diversity of American life. To me, the supreme test of an American's citizenship is this: that he is one who does not conceal but affirms his origin, who is proud of whatever it may be, and who recognizes that in the plurality of American life is our strength and the source of the freedom that we so proudly profess in the world.

Our Nation's Ideals

The genius of American life is that in this free and tolerant land there is room here for men of any race, religion and ancestry. Our strength is in this diversity of cultures and traditions freely honored and cherished—not in an enforced uniformity. The only uniformity or merger of identity which America has the right to and should expect of its citizens is that politically they are solely American citizens. There is no room at the polls for Protestant-Americans, Catholic-Americans or Jewish-Americans. But there is every need in our national

life for the spiritual ideals of both the Old and New Testaments and every room for both the wearing of the shamrock on St. Patrick's Day and the celebration of Columbus Day; for both President Kennedy's and Senator Javits' sentimental journeys to their ancestral homes.

In helping the people of Israel to help themselves to economic self-sufficiency, the UJA implements American foreign policy. American foreign policy in the post-war period is one of enlarging freedom. Through the Marshall Plan, the Point Four and Foreign Aid Programs and the Alliance for Progress, we have indicated our open support for all nations seeking freedom. Our sympathies are manifestly with those nations standing for liberty and seeking the end to injustice, tyranny and oppression.

Let Freedom Survive

On this, our policy was well expressed by President Kennedy: "Let every nation know whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and success of liberty. We stand for freedom. That is our conviction for ourselves — that is our only commitment to others."

Israel is a democratic nation sharing American ideals of freedom, liberty, equality and social justice. America and Israel are heirs of the same legacy and associates in the same historic endeavor to preserve freedom for their people and for all, everywhere, who wish it. Both America and Israel pursue common ideals, with sturdy peoples and with traditions of individual liberty that are in

themselves the highest product of man's existence.

A Common Cause

Israel's goal is our goal — peace in freedom. We are allies in this common cause. The leaders of Israel on every occasion have proclaimed their earnest desire to negotiate a just and lasting peace with their Arabic neighbors and a willingness to cooperate with them in the development of the resources of the area for the benefit of all its inhabitants. Israel arms only in self defense against neighbors who openly proclaim their hostile intentions and designs. Israel seeks in the words of Isaiah (32:17-18) to dwell "*in a peaceful habitation*" and "*in secure dwellings.*" It extends a helping and brotherly hand, as we do, to newly-developing countries in Africa and Asia which are benefiting from Israel's unique experience in its own hard-won development. It seeks to live in peace and freedom. These are Israel's goals and these are America's goals.

"A Better Man..."

It is for such humane reasons that every Jew who, through the UJA and otherwise, aids in advancing Israel is a better man and a better American for doing so. It is for this reason that no American need be restrained from reaffirming the traditional American policy of support for the integrity of Israel and for its peaceful development — support which America, in equal measure, offers to every other country in the Middle East.

I conclude, therefore, by wishing you well in this new campaign and by expressing the hope for its successful outcome.

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