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### **MS-4787: Abba Hillel Silver Papers, 1902-1989.**

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February 4, 1959

Mr. Theodore Andrica  
The Cleveland Press  
East 9th at Rockwell Avenue  
Cleveland 14, Ohio

Dear Mr. Andrica:

I am very much indebted to you for the gift to our Museum of this set of money issued at Theresienstadt in January of 1943. As you indicated, it brings back sad memories, but it will nevertheless make an important addition to our Museum and we are deeply indebted to you for having thought of us in this connection. As soon as a display can be arranged I will notify you of it.

With warmest personal regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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## The Cleveland Press

Feb. 2, 1959

Dear Rabbi Silver :

Following a talk with your secretary, I am sending you this set of money issued for and used by the inmates of the largest concentration camp in the Protectorate of Bohemia during the Nazi regime. It is a complete set. The money is signed by Jacob Edelstein whose title, apparently, was "The Oldest of the Jews". Theresienstadt was a large camp where not only Jews but others were sent. However, the majority were Jews.

I thought that from the historical point of view your museum may want the notes, even though it brings back sad memories. In case you are not interested, please send them back to me. If they are of any value to your museum, keep the set.

Respectfully

*Andrica*

Theodore Andrica



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DRAFT RESOLUTION  
FOR  
AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS WOMEN'S DIVISION CONVENTION  
NOVEMBER, 1959

NUCLEAR TESTS AND DISARMAMENT

The Women's Division of the AJCongress holds it to be a solemn obligation of the United States to intensify its efforts along with the other Great Powers to take steps to halt the armaments race and to concert measures which by a controlled and progressive scheme of disarmament will deliver mankind from the burden of fear. We share to the full, the deep anxiety with which all mankind is afflicted in the knowledge that nuclear armaments is capable of destroying humanity.

We urge that decisions be taken under conditions which will safeguard the security of all nations, to bring about the cessation of nuclear tests.

We believe that the cessation of tests is an important first step in an international effort to secure the halting of the manufacture of nuclear arms, and thereafter their abolition within the framework of a balanced and massive disarmament, on which a new structure of international relations can be built.

We urge that the AJCongress undertake a program of education and action to achieve this end.





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## *Committee on Jewish Americana*

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ROBERT SHOSTECK, CURATOR

September 28, 1961

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are planning an exhibit entitled "Story of American Judaism," which will open in our Klutznick Exhibit Hall around November 15. We are now in the process of borrowing from various museums, historical societies and private collectors, a representative group of ceremonial objects, books, mementoes and manuscripts which will tell the story of the development of Judaism in America over three centuries.

While at Hebrew Union College several weeks ago, Dr. Marcus told me of your unusual collection and suggested that I get in touch with you. I would appreciate your letting me know what sort of material you have that is of American origin or usage, and what would fit into our exhibit.

If you are willing to lend us suitable material, I would appreciate your listing some of the items you have available. I will then arrange for the loan of items we can use.

Our Exhibit Hall is protected by a uniformed guard during open hours and an electronic burglar alarm during closed hours. All of our exhibit cases are fireproof and tamperproof. We insure borrowed material portal to portal.

I take this opportunity to wish you the best for the New Year. Awaiting your reply, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Robert Shosteck

Curator

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October 13, 1961

Mr. Robert Shosteck  
Curator, B'nai B'rith Committee on Jewish Americana  
1640 Rhode Island Avenue N.W.  
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Shosteck:

Dr. Silver has turned over to me your letter of September 28th. We do have a large display here at The Temple of Jewish ritual and sacred art. Most of it is drawn from Near Eastern and European centers and includes valuable Sephardic Torah cases, silver genizah marriage contracts, Eastern European scrolls, Megillahs etc. etc.

I am somewhat puzzled, however, in the area of Americana. We have such archival material as the early Board minutes of The Temple, photographs of the first several Temple structures dating back to the 1850s, etc. There is available in Cleveland, and we have displayed, some material relating to Jewish participation in the Civil War -- Officer Brevets, letters from the front, etc. We have also a copy of a film showing Dr. Silver's speech at the United Nations in May 1948, proclaiming the establishment of the State of Israel. Beyond this I am not quite sure what to offer you.

With warmest personal regards, I remain

Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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האוניברסיטה העברית בירושלים  
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INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY JEWRY

המכון ליהדות ומנוח

December 11, 1962

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
The Temple  
University Circle at Silver Park  
Cleveland 6, OHIO

Dear Jeremy:

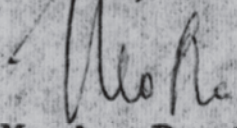
Yesterday I received the invitation to attend the testimonial dinner in honor of your father. How much I regret that I cannot be there in person; although through your kind invitation I shall be there when the Festschrift is presented. I hope to send a cable message from Jerusalem. If, for some reason, it does not arrive, will you be my personal messenger of blessings and good tidings?

These days I am occupied with an important task on behalf of a gifted young scholar. It occurred to me, as I received the invitation, that some gifts may be disbursed from your congregation or from your father's Foundation for just this purpose on the occasion of his seventieth birthday. I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I have just sent out to a select group of people. May I ask you to consider the letter carefully and also may I ask you to take this matter up with your father? Needless to say I shall appreciate an early response, even though I know that you are quite overwhelmed these days with the preparations of what will be a signal event in the life of the total American community.

By the way, will the book be finished for the testimonial dinner? I hope you will airmail me a copy when it appears. As for the reprints, please airmail me several copies and send the rest by regular mail.

Again, with every good wish,

Yours, as ever,

  
Moshe Davis

MD:11

Enclosure



Copy for Rabbi Jeremy Silver

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

...you may want to join in a mitzvah, in which I myself am engaged--since I know that it is this kind of gemilut hesed to which you always respond.

As you can very well imagine, my week, like yours, is punctuated by visitors who have all kinds of projects and who are in need of help in areas beyond my ken and ability. I have had to learn to try to limit my own response to those crucial, strikingly important projects which, at least in my opinion, if they go unrealized will be a loss to the community at large.

One such effort is now engaging me very actively. It is a study of the Middle East on an historical basis but carrying very significant and vital overtones for the contemporary scene, since it demonstrates quite conclusively the kind of permanently strained relations which must exist between Syria and Egypt. I say this is an historical study, and that is its great strength, although I want to underscore that this critical study of the above trends in Syrian-Egyptian thought and action will indicate clearly why Syria always reacted forcefully and resisted Egyptian occupation despite the great measure of identity, culture, religion, language and so forth, of both countries. The implications of this study are abundantly clear. Much of our unrealistic international action has been based on just the opposite kind of thinking. I believe that when this book will be produced, many vague and unsupported theories will be dissipated, indeed as they should be. If we can bring about such a reformulation in political circles, as a result of a scholarly work, I believe we will have a perfect example of the relationship of thought and action.

The man who is engaged in this work is a struggling scholar. I want to keep his name anonymous, although I know that he will play a very important role once the book is published. I have undertaken to help him to conclude his studies in such a way that the book can be forthcoming within two or three years, although it need not necessarily take that long. This scholar, an Israeli, is now resident in London, where he is digging up all kinds of new material at the British Museum and elsewhere. In order for him to be able to continue these next two years, he will need a research sum of some \$3,000 each year. I have undertaken to try to help him raise as much of that sum as possible.

Do you want to join? I am writing to a few people, hopeful that I can get them to cover the sum. There will be a tax exemption on this contribution. I have arranged with a Foundation in New York that is set up for this purpose and that will transfer the funds. On the other hand, if you feel that this is not necessary, in terms of the monies available to you, you can arrange to have a check made out to me, and I, of course, will acknowledge it upon arrival.

I know that you most certainly do not mind my asking you to participate, just as I will fully understand if, for any good reason, you decide that you cannot join and help.

If you do choose to respond positively, I want to stress that the matter is of great urgency, and whatever you can do in an immediate way, will be doubly appreciated.....

Moshe Davis



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December 19, 1963

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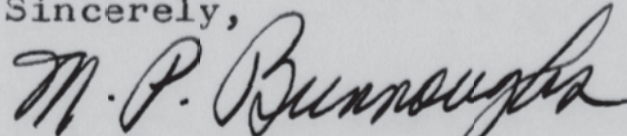
Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver and Family  
2841 Weybridge Road  
Cleveland 20, Ohio

Dear Friends:

The Board of Trustees of The Cleveland Baptist Association, in its meeting on Monday, December 16, 1963, adopted a motion recognizing the loss of Rabbi Silver. The Board has asked me to convey to you, the family, our mindfulness of you and your loss. We count ourselves among those in this community who feel that his passing is, in its own way, our loss also. We wish in this manner to express our appreciation for Rabbi Silver, and to extend to you and yours our sincere sympathy.

Shalom!

Sincerely,



M. Parker Burroughs  
Executive Secretary

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File:  
Bureau of Jewish  
Education

December 23, 1963

Mrs. Virginia Silver  
19810 Shaker Blvd.  
Cleveland 22, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Silver:

At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees of the  
Bureau of Jewish Education, the members adopted  
the attached Resolution.

May the knowledge of the high esteem, honor and  
regard your beloved husband, of blessed memory,  
was accorded, serve to temper your grief at this  
time of your sorrow. The memory of Rabbi Silver's  
outstanding qualities and magnificent achievements  
will forever be enshrined in the hearts of all Jewry.

Sincerely yours,

Aaron Intrater  
Director

Myron Guren  
President

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## R E S O L U T I O N

Adopted by  
THE BUREAU OF JEWISH EDUCATION  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees of the Bureau of Jewish Education records with profound grief the passing of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, spiritual leader of The Temple and first president of the Bureau of Jewish Education. Rabbi Silver was a tower of strength to Jewry everywhere: to world Jewry and mankind; he was a great champion for the causes of justice and freedom; to those who were privileged to know him personally he was an inspiring example of courage, vision, and humanity. In him were blended the rare combination of profound scholarship and the power of significant action.

With unswerving loyalty, Rabbi Silver served his people. With tremendous courage and tenacity he fought for and helped to achieve the establishment of Israel. Forever will his stirring address to the United Nations in 1948 on behalf of the Jewish people be remembered.

Rabbi Silver will be sadly missed by all of us who were fortunate enough to have worked with him and to have known him. May his memory be forever blessed.

יחי זכרו ברך



December 30, 1963

Rev. M. Parker Burroughs  
The Cleveland Baptist Association  
2246 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland 15, Ohio

Dear Reverend Burroughs:

I want to thank you, and through you, the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Baptist Association, for your Resolution of sympathy. My father was proud of the quality of religious life in Cleveland and of the spirit of cooperation which pervaded.

Again, my appreciation.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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## B'NAI B'RITH

*Office of the President*

**LABEL A. KATZ**

608 BARONNE STREET

NEW ORLEANS 12, LOUISIANA

January 15th, 1964

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
The Temple  
University City & Silver Park  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

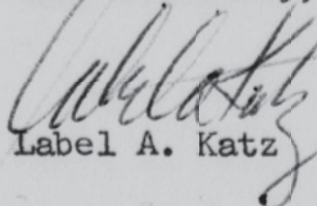
The recent untimely passing of your beloved father has been a deep loss to Judaism and to all of mankind. It must also have been a tragic hour for you and your family. I hope that the memory of your life and good days together will serve to alleviate some of your suffering and pain.

Our B'nai B'rith leaders in Cleveland deeply wish to memorialize your father's name by establishing the Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver Lodge in his home community. The tribute is genuinely desired and we are hopeful that the creation of such a B'nai B'rith group will serve as an inspiration to those who wish to perpetuate the ideals and commitments to which your father's life was dedicated.

In our 120th Anniversary year of B'nai B'rith, this new link would help to project the B'nai B'rith image of service and would reflect, as well, the image of your father and his own close association with the B'nai B'rith program.

I trust that the organization of this lodge would meet with the approval of you and your family. It represents the heartfelt wish of friends of your father and, indeed, all of B'nai B'rith.

Most sincerely,



Label A. Katz

LAK/mb



January 16, 1964

Dear Armond:

I spoke to you only briefly Sunday night, but I do want to reiterate how much I was moved by your tribute. I am wondering if we could have a copy of it for the Archives Library which we are building in memory of Dad.

These have been busy and difficult days, but with the New Year, The Temple seems to be settling into its familiar routines and the work goes on.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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Rabbi Armond E. Cohen  
Park Synagogue  
3300 Mayfield Road  
Cleveland, Ohio 44118



January 20, 1964

Mr. Label A. Katz  
→ President, B'nai B'rith  
608 Baronne Street  
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

My dear Mr. Katz:

I am most grateful to you for your kind letter and for the suggestion that a Lodge of the B'nai B'rith be formed here bearing my father's name. As you can imagine, we have been deluged by many organizations and groups which desire to organize in Dad's memory. We are grateful to all of them. However, in order that this not get out of hand and become a matter of comment rather than of respect, we are asking all such groups to delay making all such requests for a year. At that time we will be able to have a total feel of what is being asked, and we will be happy to allow Dad's name to be used where it seems proper and meaningful.

May I thank you for writing to me and wish you all manner of success in discharging the responsibilities of your office.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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January 20, 1964

Rabbi Balfour Brickner  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Brick:

I want to thank you for sending on the article from The Churchman. I would not have seen it otherwise. We are undertaking to build a Library-Archives in Dad's memory, and all this material will be collected in it.

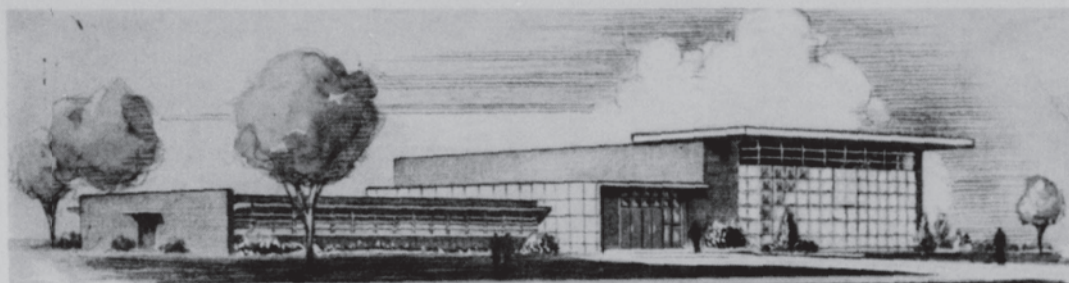
Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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ERNST J. CONRAD  
RABBI



SAMUEL J. CHAFETS, D.D.S.  
PRESIDENT

## Temple Beth Jacob

79 ELIZABETH LAKE ROAD  
PONTIAC 19, MICHIGAN

January 22, 1964

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver  
The Temple  
University Circle and Silver Park  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dan:

Enclosed please find copies of the testimonial which the Board of our Congregation passed in memory of your highly respected and greatly beloved father. The sentiments, in which I fully share, are but a small expression of our regret at his passing.

You will greatly oblige me if you would pass along a copy to your dear mother and to your brother.

Furthermore, I shall be very grateful to you, if you would send me a copy of the Festschrift published in Dr. Silver's honor last year. I should be glad to defray any expense connected therewith.

I pray that you and yours may be speedily comforted, I am

In Friendship,

*Ernst J. Conrad*  
Ernst J. Conrad

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# Ohio B'nai B'rith Youth Organization



3505 MAYFIELD ROAD • CLEVELAND HEIGHTS 18, OHIO • EVergreen 2-8710

June 10, 1964

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
The Temple  
University Circle and Silver Park  
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

HAROLD KUPERBERG, ACSW  
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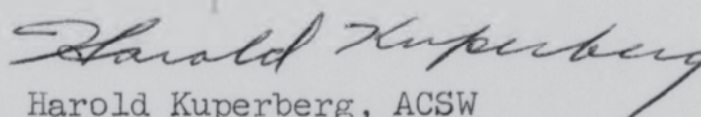
Dear Rabbi Silver:

In January of this year Mr. Bernard Goldberg and I met with you regarding the use of your late father's name for one of our AZA chapters. You indicated that you have received a multitude of such requests and asked that we postpone our request until June. As requested by you, I am writing again at this time, to ask your permission for the use of your father's name for one of our AZA chapters this fall. The chapter bearing his name, and our youth organization, would be highly honored.

In the event you would wish to know more about the purposes and program of our organization, I am enclosing a membership manual for you to review.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Yours truly,

  
Harold Kuperberg, ACSW  
Director, Ohio BBYO

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CC: Mr. Bernard Goldberg





June 12, 1964

Mr. Harold Kuperberg, Director  
Ohio B'nai B'rith Youth Organization  
3505 Mayfield Road  
Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118

Dear Harold:

In response to your kind letter of June 10th,  
we have as yet come to no decision in these  
matters. I will let you know when one is made.



Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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