



## Abba Hillel Silver Collection Digitization Project

Featuring collections from the Western Reserve Historical Society and  
The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives

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

Series I: General Correspondence, 1914-1969, undated.

Sub-series B: Chronological, 1914-1969, undated.

---

Reel  
99

Box  
34

Folder  
2016b

General correspondence, archives, 1957-1969.

# NATIONAL COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

INCORPORATED FEBRUARY 8, 1910 CHARTERED BY CONGRESS 1916

NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY TELEPHONE AREA CODE 201 CH 9-6000

January 14, 1964

## HONORARY OFFICERS

LYNDON B. JOHNSON  
HONORARY PRESIDENT  
ROBERT HOOVER  
HONORARY VICE PRESIDENT  
HARRY S. TRUMAN  
HONORARY VICE PRESIDENT  
DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER  
HONORARY VICE PRESIDENT  
ANDREW HOUSTON  
HONORARY VICE PRESIDENT  
JOHN F. KENNEDY  
HONORARY VICE PRESIDENT  
KENNETH S. ROCHTEL  
HONORARY VICE PRESIDENT

## NATIONAL OFFICERS

ELLSWORTH H. AUGUSTUS  
PRESIDENT  
WILLIAM D. CAMPBELL  
VICE PRESIDENT  
NORTON CLAPP  
VICE PRESIDENT  
WM. HARRISON PETRIDGE  
VICE PRESIDENT  
HEROLD C. MUNT  
VICE PRESIDENT  
THOMAS J. WATSON, JR.  
VICE PRESIDENT  
IRVING FEIST  
INTERNATIONAL COMMISSIONER  
GERALD F. BEAL  
TREASURER  
JOSEPH J. BRUNTON, JR.  
CHIEF SCOUT EXECUTIVE

## ADVISORY COUNCIL

GEORGE E. ALLEN  
WILLIAM J. CAMPBELL  
CHARLES E. COTTING  
J. B. T. FRYER, JR.  
FRANK E. GRADY  
WALTER D. HALLER  
PHILIP L. REED  
EDWARD V. RICHENBACH  
GEORGE WILLIAM STRANK  
H. DOUGLAS STUART

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

HARRY M. ADDINELL  
VIRN ALLEN, JR.  
ROBERT B. ANDERSON  
ELLSWORTH H. AUGUSTUS  
GERALD F. BEAL  
GUYVILLE E. BEAL  
KENNETH S. ROCHTEL  
DANIEL W. BELL  
EDNA TAFT BENSON  
JOHN M. BIERER  
BET I. BROWN  
WILLIAM D. CAMPBELL  
FREDERIC M. CASE, JR.  
NORTON CLAPP  
BRUCE G. CLARKE  
H. M. COFFIELD  
L. S. GOSSET, JR.  
EDWARD W. GARRON  
HARRY J. GELANDY  
HAROLD G. GIBBY  
JOHN A. GUYLER  
JOHN R. HONNELL  
JAMES W. HODGLES  
WHITNEY H. EASTMAN  
DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER  
WM. V. M. FAWCETT  
IRVING FEIST  
WM. HARRISON PETRIDGE  
LEONARD H. FIRESTONE  
ROGER S. FIRESTONE  
ROYAL FIRMAL, JR.  
JOHN H. FISCHER  
CHARLES W. FROESSEL  
JAMES T. GRIFFIN  
JAMES C. S. HANSEN  
CHARLES E. HANDEWICK  
FRANCIS W. HATIM  
ANDREW HOUSTON  
HEROLD C. MUNT  
HARRY J. JOHNSON  
GAIL F. JOHNSON  
WAYNE A. JOHNSON  
P. BRITAIN KENNEDY  
EDWARD L. KÖHNLE  
CHARLTON G. LANE  
DAVID R. LARSEN  
JEFFREY L. LAZARUS  
ROSE L. LEFFLER  
WALTER L. LINDLE, JR.  
JOSEPH W. MARSHALL  
CHARLES B. MORGAN  
CHARLES F. MURPHY  
WHEELER MULLER  
WILLIAM C. MUNDY  
WILLIAM J. MURRAY, JR.  
NATHAN M. O'NEIGHAN  
JOHN C. PARKER  
GUYBERT A. PIERSON  
L. T. POTTER  
CLAUDE R. SANDERS  
VITT. JAMES SANDS  
FRANK D. SAND, JR.  
H. SMITH RICHARDSON  
HARRY L. SCHAEFFER  
JOHN W. SCHIFF  
WILLIAM L. SCHLOSS  
CHARLES L. SOMMERS  
JOHN W. STARR  
JOHN C. STATION  
JOE B. STONE  
HOWARD T. TALLEPSEN  
E. J. THOMAS  
DWAYNE J. THOMSON  
THOMAS J. WATSON, JR.  
J. KIMBALL WHITNEY  
J. FREDERIC WYNN  
FRANK W. WOODCRAFT

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dan:

I heard that it is possible to purchase some of the recordings of your dad's speeches. Could you send me a list of the recordings available and advise me how to order these recordings.

Abba Hillel was one of my heroes, and I would like very much to have, especially, his address before the United Nations in 1947.

Many thanks and kind regards.

Sincerely,  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

*Harry*

Harry Lasker, Director  
Jewish Relationships Service

HL:cb

STRENGTHEN AMERICA-CHARACTER COUNTS



E. Cleveland O. Jan 14, 1964

Dear Rabbi Silver: - A niece,  
who lives in St. Louis, Mo.  
mailed the enclosed clip-  
ing to me. I wanted  
you and your dear ones to  
see it. Your dad,  
the late Rabbi Abba  
Hillel Silver, meant so  
much to me.

Kindest greetings.  
Fannie (Spitz) Grossman

~~File in Harry's~~  
~~File in Harry's~~

archives

January 16, 1964

Dear Harry:

The recordings which you mentioned are single copies taken off tape which we use in our Library for loan to shut-ins, etc. We are in the process of preparing an Archives Library which will publish much of Dad's sermonic material. Perhaps we will also undertake the project of the professional recording of some of his sermons. I am sorry I cannot be more helpful to you.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:bfn

Mr. Harry Lasker, Director  
Jewish Relationships Service  
National Council Boy Scouts of America  
New Brunswick, New Jersey

LEO S. BAMBERGER  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

ABBA HILLEL SILVER  
DANIEL JEREMY SILVER  
RABBI

MILTON MATZ  
ASSOCIATE RABBI

TELEPHONE: SWEETBRIDGE 1-7755

UNIVERSITY CIRCLE AT SILVER PARK  
CLEVELAND, OHIO 44130

The Temple



# The New York Board of Rabbis, Inc.

Orthodox • Conservative • Reform

Founded 1881

10 EAST 73rd STREET

NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

Telephone TRafalgar 9-8415

## OFFICERS

RABBI ISRAEL MOWSHOWITZ  
*President*  
RABBI GILBERT KLAFERMAN  
RABBI EDWARD T. SANDROW  
RABBI MAX SCHENK  
*Vice-Presidents*  
RABBI ALVAN D. RUBIN  
*Treasurer*  
RABBI WILLIAM BERKOWITZ  
*Secretary*  
RABBI BENJAMIN Z. KRITMAN  
*Chairman, Executive Committee*  
RABBI LOUIS FINKELSTEIN  
RABBI NELSON GLUCK  
\*RABBI STEPHEN S. WISE  
*Honorary Vice-Presidents*

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

*Officers, Past Presidents and*

RABBI MAX ABE  
RABBI SAMUEL BERLIANT  
RABBI PHILIP S. BENSTEIN  
RABBI BEN ZION BOKSER  
RABBI JUDAH CAHN  
RABBI BERNHARD N. COHN  
RABBI MORRIS H. FINER  
RABBI ALFRED L. FRIEDMAN  
RABBI MAX GILB  
RABBI LOUIS C. GERSTEIN  
RABBI ARTHUR GILBERT  
RABBI JOSHUA L. GOLDBERG  
RABBI MAX GRUNEWALD  
RABBI MAX HOCH  
RABBI ARD S. HYAMS  
RABBI LEO JUNG  
RABBI WOLFE KELMAN  
RABBI MORRIS N. KERTZER  
RABBI KURT KLAPFHOLE  
RABBI ISRAEL KLAVAN  
RABBI ISAAC KLEIN  
RABBI HAROLD I. KRANTLER  
RABBI MAURICE LAMM  
RABBI HERSCHEL LEVIN  
RABBI ISRAEL H. LEVINTHAL  
RABBI JULIUS MARK  
RABBI AMOS W. MILLER  
RABBI ISRAEL MILLER  
RABBI BENJAMIN MORGENSTERN  
RABBI HARRY NELSON  
RABBI LOUIS I. NEWMAN  
RABBI WILLIAM A. ORENTLICHER  
RABBI DAVID H. PANITE  
RABBI GILBERT ROSENTHAL  
RABBI SOL ROTH  
RABBI JACOB P. RUBIN  
RABBI HAROLD I. SAFERSTEIN  
RABBI ARTHUR SCHNEIDER  
RABBI JACOB E. SHANKMAN  
RABBI SOLOMON J. SHARFMAN  
RABBI DAVID W. SILVERMAN  
RABBI MARC H. TANENBAUM  
RABBI SAUL I. TEPLITE  
RABBI LOUIS M. TUCHMAN  
RABBI JUDAH I. WASSER  
RABBI JOEL Y. ZUCK

BYRONELL SALEM TAYLOR  
*Chaplain*

January 16, 1964  
2 Shevat 5724

RABBI HAROLD H. GORDON  
*Executive Vice-President &  
Director of Chaplaincy Services*

RABBI I. FRED HOLLANDER  
*Associate Director  
Chaplaincy Services*

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed is a copy of our December-January Bulletin

in which we paid tribute to your late father. Mention

is made of him on pages 1, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

I thought that you would want to have this as a memento.

Cordially yours,

*Harold H. Gordon*  
Rabbi Harold H. Gordon

NHG:ets  
Enclosure

## PAST PRESIDENTS

\*RABBI HENRY S. JACOBY, 1921-22  
\*RABBI KAUFMANN KOPPEL, 1888-89  
\*RABBI H. PERRINA MENKES, 1902-03  
\*RABBI JOSEPH SILVERMAN, 1904-07  
\*RABBI F. DE SOLA MENDES, 1908-09  
\*RABBI MAURICE H. HARRIS, 1910-11  
\*RABBI BERNARD DRACHMAN, 1912-13  
\*RABBI RUDOLPH GROSSMAN, 1914-15

RABBI DAVID DE SOLA POOL, 1916-17  
\*RABBI ISAAC R. MOSER, 1918  
\*RABBI MORRIS HYAMSON, 1919  
\*RABBI NATHAN STERN, 1920  
\*RABBI CLIFTON H. LEVY, 1921-22  
\*RABBI SIMON R. COHEN, 1923-24  
RABBI ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN, 1925-26  
\*RABBI EARNETT A. ELIAS, 1927-28

\*RABBI ELIAS E. SOLOMON, 1929-30  
\*RABBI HARRY WEISS, 1931-32  
\*RABBI MAX DEOS, 1933-34  
\*RABBI SAMUEL J. LEVINSON, 1935-36  
RABBI ISRAEL GOLDFARB, 1937-38  
\*RABBI J. X. COHEN, 1939-40  
\*RABBI JOSEPH SARACHUK, 1941-42  
RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOMSTEIN, 1943-44  
RABBI A. M. FELLER, 1945-46

RABBI THEODORE N. LEWIS, 1947-48  
RABBI SIMON G. KRAMER, 1949-50  
RABBI MORRIS M. GOLDBERG, 1951-52  
RABBI DAVID J. SELIGSON, 1953-54  
RABBI EMANUEL RACKMAN, 1955-56  
RABBI JOSEPH MILLER, 1957  
RABBI A. ALAN STEINBACH, 1958  
RABBI DAVID I. GOLDBERG, 1959-60  
RABBI HARRY HALPERN, 1961

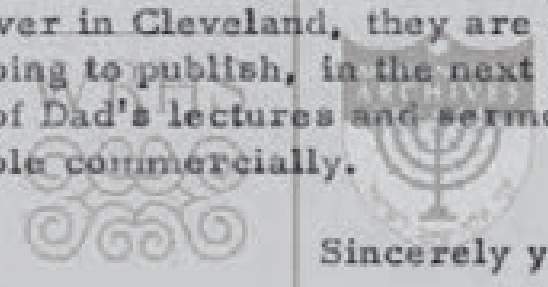
\*Deceased

*silver*

January 16, 1964

Dear Harry:

The records of which you speak are available only in single copy and in our Library. This is not a commercial enterprise, but rather an attempt to develop a program which might allow shut-ins and others to take advantage of The Temple pulpit. If you are ever in Cleveland, they are at your disposal. We are going to publish, in the next few years, several volumes of Dad's lectures and sermons, and these will be available commercially.



Sincerely yours,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:bfm

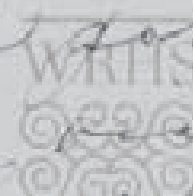

Rabbi Harry Sherer  
2411 Mason Avenue  
Las Vegas, Nevada



Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> 1964

My dear Patti Daniel

I most feel that your father is coming home.

His portrait is on its way   Subway Express, and should be received within the week.

Patti Florkin advised me that the intent is to place the portrait in the archives, a room being specially built to hold all his works.

lamented, for it was  
amongst the solitude of  
his books that he was  
happiest, and from  
whence his thoughts were  
illuminated.

May his candle,  
spanning the continent  
ever burn brightly.

Sincerely

Betty Jackson Brown

January 19, 64.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I meant to write this letter for a long time. But hectic days pass quickly and a certain shyness inhibits me often to do the right things at the right time. While I try to overcome it at this moment I might as well tell you that my husband and I feel a strong sense of communication with the Temple, especially through you essays in the Temple Bulletin. Every week we look forward to them and read them attentively and discuss them. They give stimulus for thought and also an example from your courage to take a responsible stand to issues and problems as the times present. So let me thank you.

I wanted to write to you about two incidents that stand out in my mind about your father. They may seem insignificant in a great life as that of your father. But to me as a parent they became a heartwarming experience as well as a valuable lesson. Both happened at children's services. The first, in Mahler Hall (long before the Temple was remodelled). The Service was in progress and Dr. Silver walked along the rows of children when a little girl sang out loud and clear, "Hi, Rabbi". Another man might have thought decorum more important at the time and stifled and hushed such genuine affection, but he took the little outstretched hand, patted her hair and in a most loving voice replied, "Hi, Honey." The other time, before a service in the main temple, teen-agers were herding into the pews and in a group of rambunctious boys one acted particularly silly. With measured steps Dr. Silver walked up to him and in a powerful whisper told him, "Sit down, you dope". It was effective. Here too, another man of similar stature might not have cared enough or perhaps found it below his dignity to act and left it someone else to correct the situation. The experience left me with a very special fondness for your



father and I wanted to share it with you.

The last Sunday your father spoke at the Temple we somehow overcame our usual reticence and walked up to him after the sermon, talked to him and shook his hand. We are so glad of it.

The best of wishes to you and your mother and your family.

Yours  
Bertha Gellert




January 20, 1964

Mr. Max S. Gladstone  
7016 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland 3, Ohio

Dear Max:

I found a lovely scrapbook of material on Dad,  
which you put together, and I am deeply grateful.  
We will place it in the Archives along with many  
other treasured mementos.

Thanks again.



Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEFFERY SILVER

DJS:lg

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

January 20, 1964

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

Dear Daniel:

I have had the enclosed on my desk for some time, trying to make up my mind to send it to Mother, but I did not want to cause her grief, so I simply am sending it to you. It is an article that I wrote, much the same as what I said at the funeral in honor of Abba, and also our bulletin of that week, in which I put a notice. If you want to show it to Mother, do so; if not, simply file it away.

As ever,

S.B.F.

Solomon B. Freehof

SBF:t

January 20, 1964

Mrs. Daniel Grossman  
13411 Third Avenue  
East Cleveland, Ohio 44112

Dear Mrs. Grossman:

I want to thank you for your kind note and for the clipping which it included. We have added it to our Archives file. I am deeply grateful to you for thinking of sending it to us.



Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

ARCHIVES

January 21, 1964

Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof  
Rodef Shalom Temple  
Fifth and Morewood Avenues  
Pittsburgh 13, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Freehof:

I am grateful to you for sending on your fine tribute and the indication of Dad's death from your Temple bulletin. I will show them to Mother, and they will be added to the large number of materials we are placing in the Archives.

The Temple has undertaken to establish an Archives Library in Dad's memory. It will house his manuscripts and correspondence, and with its funds we will publish, in the next few years, four or five volumes of Dad's lectures and sermons. It's a fine project, and it is already over-subscribed.

May I turn to another matter. We are looking forward to your visit here on the fourteenth. Reservations have been made for you at the Wade Park Manor. I should like to arrange to have you met, and I am wondering about your travel schedule. We are looking forward already to your visit.

As ever,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

January 21, 1964

Rabbi Harold H. Gordon  
The New York Board of Rabbis, Inc.  
10 East 73rd Street  
New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi Gordon:

I want to thank you for sending on to me the  
Bulletin of the New York Board of Rabbis.  
It was appreciated.



Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

January 22, 1964

Mrs. Aladar Celehrter  
3049 Chadbourne Road  
Shaker Heights 20, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Celehrter:

I am grateful to you for your kind note of sympathy and reminiscence. I can remember my father only in his human frame. I am sometimes startled to be reminded of the public image. It is good to know that you saw beyond and behind it.

May I thank you also for your kind note about the short articles in our Bulletin. I have enjoyed writing them, and it is good to know that they are read.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg



*archis*

January 22, 1964

Mrs. Betty Jacobson Somerman  
1001 West Indian School Road  
Phoenix 13, Arizona

Dear Mrs. Somerman:

I am in receipt this date of your charcoal drawing of my father. It came in perfect condition. It is a very fine undertaking and obviously a labor of love. I am deeply grateful to you.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:Lg

archives

January 22, 1964

Rabbi Charles E. Shulman  
Riverdale Temple  
West 246th Street and Independence Avenue  
Riverdale 71, New York

Dear Charles:

I read with interest your article on Dad which will be printed in the Congress Bi-Weekly. It represents a sound and clear evaluation of Dad's public ministry. We are building an Archives Library in his memory, and it will be placed there with other tributes. Many thanks.

I trust your visit here was a pleasant one and that you found your daughter in good health and good spirits.

Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

*Archive*

*from*  
*the desk of* DANIEL J. SILVER

Dear Armond:

I have received this date your  
note to Dad, and I am deeply  
appreciative.

1/23/64 *Rabbi Armond E. Cohen*



ARCHIVES

January 23, 1964

Rabbi Ernst J. Conrad  
Temple Beth Jacob  
79 Elizabeth Lake Road  
Pontiac, Michigan 48053

Dear Ernst:

May I thank you, and through you the Board of Temple Beth Jacob, for the testimonial in honor of my father. It is deeply appreciated, and it will be placed in our Archives.

I am sending you under separate cover a copy of the Festschrift. The cost is \$10.35.

Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg



HEBREW UNION COLLEGE • 3101 CLIFTON AVENUE • CINCINNATI 20, OHIO

January 25, 1964

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

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I am a fourth year student at the Hebrew Union College. As such, I am now making the necessary preparations for beginning my senior thesis. After due consultation with my thesis advisor, I have decided to undertake a study of the patterns of leadership among American rabbis. Being a native Clevelander, and being numbered among the many admirers of your late father, it is my earnest desire that I might utilize Abba Hillel Silver as the central focus of my thesis. I believe that such a study of the rabbinical leadership of Dr. Silver could prove to be of real value to all those who would seek inspiration from his lofty example.

I am therefore writing to you with a two-fold purpose: to ask whether you would be able to meet with me to discuss certain pertinent areas of concern, and to see whether The Temple would permit me to examine such sermons and writings of Dr. Silver which it might have in its possession and which would be relevant to the topic. As I will be in Cleveland on February 7th and 8th, I hope that we might have the opportunity to meet briefly at that time.

I hope that you will be able to agree to my requests, for otherwise such a work could not possibly be undertaken. I look forward to hearing from you soon and to being able to meet with you again.

With sincere appreciation,

*Stanley M. Davids*  
Stanley M. Davids

*archive*

TRAPALGAN 9-8400

Telephone No. 655-2802

ABRAHAM TULIN  
1655 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK 28, N.Y.  
247 Seminole Avenue  
Palm Beach, Florida

January 28, 1964

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Please forgive me for being so late in acknowledging receipt of your kind note of December 6th. Thank you heartily for informing me of the notation on your late father's desk to send me a congratulatory message on the occasion of the recent dinner of the American Technion Society. Thank you also for your own congratulations and kind words about me.

Your father and I were co-workers in the same high cause for more than forty years. In the controversies and differences which developed in the American Zionist movement during that long period of time, your father and I were always, I think, on the same side. I valued his friendship very highly; and in the last dozen years or so, I came to appreciate more and more the great and noble work which he was doing here in America for the enlightenment of the community at large. I regard his last two published books as particularly valuable in this regard.

You undoubtedly are and should be proud of having had such a father. I hope and believe that you will worthily carry on his great work in your Rabbinate.

Yours sincerely,

*Abraham Tulin*

Abraham Tulin

ARCHIVES

January 28, 1964

Mr. Stanley M. Davids  
Hebrew Union College  
3101 Clifton Avenue  
Cincinnati 20, Ohio

My dear Stanley:

I am grateful to you for your kind letter of January 25. As Dr. Marcus may have told you, we are undertaking the building of a Library Archives dedicated to organizing and publishing the lectures and sermons of my father. An archivist is now at work organizing this material. The reason I mention this to you is that this summer and next fall, when you would be busy with your thesis, would be an inconvenient time to work here. We will still be organizing our material and it will not be in shape for use. I am sorry that I must turn down your request. If in eighteen months or so you are still interested in this topic, I would be happy to grant it.

Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg



ARCHIVES

February 5, 1964

Rabbi Nathan Kaber  
Temple Beth Israel  
3004 Union Avenue  
Altoona, Pennsylvania

Dear Nate:

On behalf of our entire family may I thank you, and through you Temple Beth Israel, for your thoughtful Resolution in memory of my father. I recall your kind offer of help at the hour of his death, and I recall the pleasure my father took in your ministry and in the fine quality of leadership which you had, always, through your rabbinate.

We are bringing into being here an Abba Hillel Silver Memorial Library and Archives. Your Resolution will be placed with many other tributes in that room.

Many thanks.

Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

ARCHIVES

February 6, 1964

→ Mr. Howard Bram, Executive Director  
Jewish Orthodox Home for the Aged  
736 Lakeview Road  
Cleveland 8, Ohio

Dear Mr. Bram:

I wish to convey to Mr. David Myers and to the Board of Trustees of the Orthodox Home for the Aged, my thanks and those of my family for the beautifully inscribed folder of tribute which was presented in memory of my father. Dad took deep and lasting pleasure in the fine record of service which the Home has accomplished, and he had taken pride in your growth and looked forward to your new programs and building.

With all good wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

הסוכנות היהודית - אגף אמריקאי  
THE JEWISH AGENCY-AMERICAN SECTION, Inc.  
515 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK 22, N. Y.

PLAZA 2-0600

February  
11th,  
1964

CABLE ADDRESS: JEVAGENCY

Dr. Daniel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing a monthly Temurot from January 1964 where I published a monograph on your dear late father, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver of blessed memory.

Please convey my regards to your mother whom I met many times in Israel. One day I hope to meet you there also.

With kindest regards,

WRHS  




Yours,

*Moshe Kol*  
Moshe Kol

Encls.

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

February 13, 1964

Rabbi Daniel Silver  
The Temple  
University Circle at Silver Park  
Cleveland, Ohio

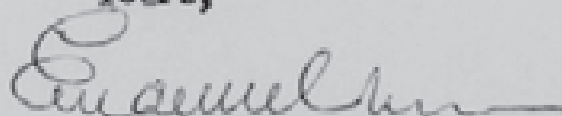
Dear Daniel:

*copy of*  
Enclosed is a letter from Moshe Kol about the proposed project in Israel, Bet Abba Hillel. It seems quite all-right to me. The only condition that I would make is that no individuals should be approached for contributions before there are definite and substantial commitments from the Government of Israel and the Jewish Agency. If these two provide a good start, then there is the likelihood of a successful consummation of the project.

Please consult mother and Raphael about it promptly and let me know, so that I can advise our people in Israel.

As ever

Yours,



Emanuel Neumann

EN:EW

C O P Y

February  
10th,  
1964

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, President  
World Union of General Zionists  
515 Park Avenue  
New York 22, N.Y.

Dear Emanuel:

When I came to New York I presented to you the idea of the Liberal Party and the Israeli Executive of the World Union in Israel to build the Beth Abba Hillel in memory and name of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, a center for building up young leadership for the General Zionist Movement in the world and for the Liberal Party in Israel. We intend to have an institution like Beth Berel and we want to have it near Elibeth Tel Yitschak which is in the middle of the road between Tel Aviv and Katanya. We hope to get substantial allocations for this institution from the Jewish Agency Executive and from the Israeli Government because precedents were already established after the passing away of Josef Sprinsek and Clara Josephthal.

In addition, the Liberal Party intends to sell some property in Tel Aviv and to invest this money also to build the institution. We want to start with a program of \$1,000,000 which is \$1,500,000 of which approximately one half will be raised in Israel by the Jewish Agency, the Government, the Liberal Party and others. Two thirds of the \$1,500,000 will be invested to establish the buildings and one third will be the beginning of a foundation of which the interest will be used to maintain this institution. In addition, the World Union and the Liberal Party will allocate yearly budgets for this purpose. We want to have a special Board of sponsors and also an Executive to raise the funds for this institution and for the running of it. In this fund raising we want to involve the General Zionists all over the world and we hope for a success. The Jewish Agency established already another precedent, for a one time fund raising for a similar institution when they granted the Herut movement the permission to raise the funds for Beth Jabotinsky.

I would like to announce, together with my friends in Israel, the decision to build this institution after my return and I hope that you and Dr. Silver's family will consent and encourage us in this decision. About the fund raising for this program we will work out the details in joint cooperation with the head office of the World Union and the ZOA President and officers. Maybe, here in the U.S. it can be done jointly for this institution and for Kfar Silver.

I promised you to give you the general lines, here they are. I am now going home with the hope to start immediately on the implementation.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Yours,

Moshe Kol

ARCHIVES

February 14, 1964

Mr. Moshe Kol  
→ The Jewish Agency  
515 Park Avenue  
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Kol:

I want to thank you for the copy of Temurot and  
for the article which you wrote there on Dad. It  
was beautifully done and much appreciated.

Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg



EMANUEL NEUMANN  
515 PARK AVENUE  
New York 22, N. Y.

February 18, 1964

Rabbi Daniel Silver  
The Temple  
University Circle at Silver Park  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Daniel:

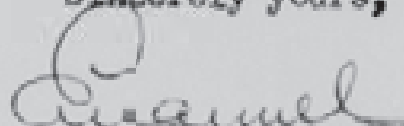
I just received a cable from Moshe Kol who returned  
to Israel, which reads:

PLEASE CABLE CONSENT SILVER FAMILY AND YOURSELF TO  
PROJECT OUTLINED MY MEMORANDUM REGARDS"

They are evidently anxious to proceed.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,



Emanuel Neumann

EN:BW



## Fairmount Temple

23737 FAIRMOUNT BLVD. CLEVELAND 21, OHIO HO 9-1330

*Rabbi*  
ARTHUR J. LELYVELD  
*Associate Rabbis*  
BENJAMIN Z. RUDAVSKY  
SAMUEL G. BROUDE  
*Executive Secretary*  
ALBERT J. KOOSER  
*Educational Director*  
PAUL S. SPIRO

February 18, 1964

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Daniel:

I think that you and mother will be interested in learning about the memorial service that was planned by the North Shore Fellowship of Rabbis and at which I had the privilege of giving the major address, this past Sunday.

It was a beautiful service, conducted with great dignity and the music was especially lovely. Despite the fact that it was a beautiful Sunday afternoon on the North Shore, a fairly good number turned out for the service.

My fond greetings to you all, and I do hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,



Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld

enc.  
ajl/r

P. S. I know you will forgive me for the fact that I never wrote to express appreciation for your participation in the Jewish National Fund Dinner. Your words, spoken for the Jewish Community Federation, were spoken with dignity and effectiveness, and everyone was deeply impressed. My warm thanks.

AJL

Also: your school mate, Shalom Singer, who participated, sends a fond greeting.

DR. J. SOETENDORP  
RABBIJN LIBERAAL JOODSE GEMEENTEN  
AMSTERDAM EN DEN HAAG

AMSTERDAM, February 18, 1964  
DE LAIRESSESTRAAT 148  
TELEFOON 79 52 49

Rabbi Daniel Jeremey Silver  
19810 Shaker Boulevard  
Shaker Heights  
Ohio  
U.S.A.

Dear Friend, *Dear*

Although I have written an article on the life and work of your father of blessed memory, I see now that I still have not sent you and your family the sincere expression of my feelings.

It is not for me to tell you that being the son of Abba Hillel Silver means so much in Judaism of our time. I know by knowing you that not only you feel this responsibility, but you are able and willing to help whatever you can do in the service of Judaism.

Please extend my kindest greetings to your mother, your wife and your brother. May the memory of your beloved and great father be a source of permanent blessing for your children.

*אשר*  
*אשר*  
*אשר*  
*אשר*  
Yours as always,

*Jacob Soetendorp*  
Rabbi Jacob Soetendorp

MRS. ARTHUR S. FRIEDMAN  
13800 SHAKER BOULEVARD  
APT. 806 CLEVELAND 20, OHIO

February 24, 1964

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

Dear Rabbi Dan,

Enclosed you will please find  
Mr. Friedman's check for Five Hundred Dollars  
which pays for one half of his pledge  
for the Archives and Library in memory of  
your dear Father.

We are exceedingly happy to learn  
that this memorial will soon be erected  
and that our members responded so nicely.

Sincerely,  
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Friedman

February 24, 1964

Dr. Emanuel Neumann  
515 Park Avenue  
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Emanuel:

I have again spoken of Kol's project with Mother. The family is agreed that we would prefer that this project not go forward. Dad's name is associated with two fine programs in Israel, the Hebrew University Library and Kfar Silver, and it would be Dad's wish that these be fully and properly supported. I doubt also that Dad was enough of a "party" man to want his name to be associated with a party institution.

Will you please thank Mr. Kol for his interest in this matter. We are deeply appreciative.

Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

February 24, 1964

Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld  
Fairmount Temple  
23737 Fairmount Boulevard  
Cleveland 21, Ohio

Dear Arthur:

It was a pleasure to be with you at the Jewish National Fund Dinner. I was delighted to see the warm outpouring of friendship which you have earned in so short a time.

I wonder if you would be kind enough to send on the address that you gave at the North Shore Fellowship of Rabbis meeting. As you know, we are preparing a collection of these for inclusion in the Memorial Archives and Library.

Thanks in advance.

Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

*Archives*

February 25, 1964

Rabbi Dr. Jacob Soetendorp  
De Lairesestraat 145  
Amsterdam Z.  
Holland

Dear Dr. Soetendorp:

I am most grateful to you for your kind note.  
Your words of sympathy are deeply appreciated. I  
remember with pleasure your visit here several years  
ago, and I would hope that our paths will cross in  
the near future.

Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

## LIBRARY

February 26, 1964

Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver  
19810 Shaker Boulevard  
Cleveland, Ohio

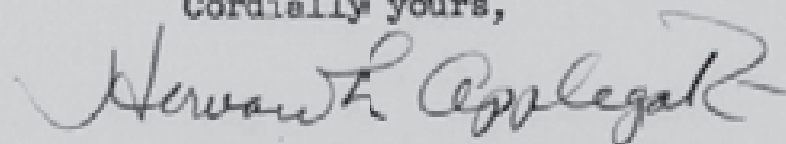
Dear Mrs. Silver:

One of our current projects is the collection of papers of important twentieth century American clergymen and theologians. Your husband was a distinguished rabbi and it is therefore only fitting that his manuscripts should be permanently preserved in a research institution such as ours. In recognition of his work and achievements, we hope you will give us the opportunity to establish an Abba Hillel Silver Manuscript Collection as a lasting memorial. This collection would also be an important historical resource for the faculty and students of our Department of Religion and for the scholarly world in general. Researchers will thus be given insights into historical trends and events which otherwise might have been denied them.

The collection would include letters and general correspondence files, personal records, journals and diaries, manuscripts of essays, books and articles, papers relating to interests, associations, activities, family and friends, and documents concerned with his rabbinical career. At Syracuse University Library, the manuscripts will be kept in a room especially planned for the maintenance of research collections. In addition, the papers will be processed and placed in order, shelved in fire-resistant archival boxes, and inventoried enabling scholars to realize the nature of the collection. The use of such material is governed by an agreement made between the University and the donor.

Will you and other members of the family please give our suggestions serious consideration and then let us know your thoughts on the matter.

Cordially yours,



Howard L. Applegate  
Administrator of Manuscripts

HLA:cp



# *Institute of Jewish Studies*

From the desk of

Bea Städtler

Date 2-28-64

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed is the article about  
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, which has just  
come out.

WRHS  
Sincerely,  
Bea Städtler

*Archives*

March 2, 1964

Mrs. Oscar Stadtler  
3619 Antisdale Road  
Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118

Dear Bea:

Thank you for sending on your article. It is  
well done and most interesting.



Sincerely yours,



DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg



Archives

March 5, 1964

Mr. Howard L. Applegate  
Administrator of Manuscripts  
→ Syracuse University Library  
Syracuse, New York 13210

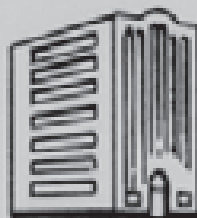
Dear Mr. Applegate:

In response to your kind note, The Temple, where Dr. Silver served for almost fifty years, is undertaking a Library and Archives in his memory. A research person is now at work cataloguing and preparing these materials for preservation so that they may be readily available to scholars and others. This work ought to be completed in a year or so, and if anyone working in the Syracuse program would like access to them I am sure this can be arranged.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg



UNION OF AMERICAN  
HEBREW CONGREGATIONS ✓ RABBI JAY KAUFMAN,  
VICE-PRESIDENT

838 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

March 26, 1964

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

Dear Dan:

Julius Nodel, who is the editor of the Holyday Sermon Pamphlet, thought it would be an excellent idea if we were to dedicate the Pamphlet in memory of our Movement's "preacher par excellence," your father. Would that be satisfactory? Would you also send us a representative sermon of his that we might include in the publication.

With warmest regards and best wishes for the Passover, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
Rabbi Jay Kaufman

JK/ejm

archie

March 30, 1964

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

Dear Jay:

In response to your letter of March 26th, I of course can have no objection to a sermon pamphlet dedicated to Dad. However, as to inclusion of a sermon by him, we are publishing, as you know, a several volume collection of his lectures and addresses and I would prefer drawing all this material together in one place. Will you thank Julius for me?

As always,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

Carl Hermann Voss  
Hotel Ten Park Avenue  
New York City

April 10th 1964

Dear Jerry:

During the past twelve years, many people have heard me talk about my plans for the dual biography of Stephen S. Wise and John Haynes Holmes and have said, "Let me know when it's to be published and be sure to send me an autographed copy." I am now writing to tell you that on Monday, April 27th, the World Publishing Company will publish Rabbi and Minister.

I wish I could mail you the book as a gift; but a publisher gives an author only six copies of his book and these are absorbed by his immediate family. Therefore let me refer you to your local bookstore, or suggest that you fill in the order blank of the enclosed folder and mail it to: Drewdale Books, 999 Madison Avenue, New York 21, N.Y.

If you would like to have me autograph your copy, please note this, won't you?

As always, my warm regards,

Cordially,

P.S.

Carl Hermann Voss  
I had, through the years, looked forward to the time when your dear father might read this book and sign it with me. To you and your mother and your brother I send this belated expression of my sympathy. Hope we can meet some time. H.

4408 Dülmen 18.4.64.

Balkenweg 8.

Germany

Herrn Rabbiner

Dr. A. Hillel Silver

Cleveland

Gehr geehrter Herr Rabbiner!

Von Jahren so war nach der Heimkehr  
aus dem KZ haben Sie mir so  
sehr schön geschrieben. Ihre Adresse  
ist abhanden, ich nehme aber an,  
daß Sie den Brief doch erhalten werden.

Ich gestatte mir heute, meine damals  
von Ihnen angebotene Hilfe in Anspruch  
zu nehmen. Mit der Wieder gutverhörung  
wird es nicht so rasch gehen.  
Etwas habe ich ja durch.

Ich brauche ich dringend 2000 \$  
biller. Ich möchte Ihnen das Geld aber



auf alle Fälle in monatlichen Raten  
zurück erstatten. Da Sie das Geld  
seit 10. Februar für mich liegen  
haben, so finde ich es richtig, daß  
es, nach dem Sie es mir beschafft  
haben, ich es Ihnen für wohl tätig Rest  
wieder zurück sende.

Sie Herr Rabbiner hatten 1937. recht  
als Sie sagten, raus aus dem Land.  
Aber Sie Rammten auch meinem  
Mann sehr gut.

Es ist furchtbar, die ganze Familie  
Verloren zu haben und Einsam zu  
leben. Dabei noch Kaff zu haben.  
Ich lege das Geld die 2000 Heller  
gut an. Bitte senden Sie das Geld  
sofort ab. Schreiben Sie mir auch  
wie es Ihnen u. Familie soast geht.

leben Sie wohl und verlassen Sie  
mich nicht. Ich bin nun 60 Jahre  
alt geworden und als Sie mir  
damals 1934. zur Heirat rieten  
da sah alles anders aus.

Aber Sie meinten es auch gut.  
Leider kam es anders.

Ob Sie noch sich erinnern, als  
Sie mir versprochen, ein Häuschen  
schenken Sie mir.

Bitte geben Sie mir sofort  
Antwort und senden Sie das  
Geld ab.

Mit lieben Gruss

Franz Elsc Marcus.

Dear Rabbi:

Years ago, after the return from K. Z. you wrote such a beautiful letter to me. The address might be wrong but I hope that you will receive the letter.

I would take the liberty today, to ask for the help you offered me then. The retribution coming to me will take some time, though I received some. Now I need \$2000 very urgently. I would like to return the money in monthly payments. Since you have been keeping this money for me, for 15 years, I find it only right, since you have gotten it for me, that I return it to you to be used for Charity.. Dear Rabbi, in 1937 you were right when you said we should leave this country. However you knew my husband very well. It is horrible to lose your entire family and to be lonesome. I will use the \$2000 for a good investment. Please send the money right away.

Also write how you and your family are. Please don't let me down. I am 60 years old and things look very different now than they did in 1934 at my wedding. you meant very well then, everything just turned out differently.

Do you still remember when you promised to make me a gift of a little house?

Please answer immediatly and send the money.



archives

April 20, 1964

Dr. Ezra I. Silver  
15916 Aldersyde Drive  
Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120

Dear Dr. Silver:

David Barben has given to me a lovely photograph of  
Dad and Ben-Gurion, for which we are most grateful.  
It will be a treasured keepsake, and we are deeply  
grateful.



DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

Archives

April 20, 1964

Mr. Carl Hermann Voss  
Hotel Ten Park Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Voss:

I am deeply grateful for your kind note of sympathy.  
I have already seen your book, Rabbi and Minister,  
which we have in our library, and I am looking forward  
to reading it in the near future.

Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

*Archives*

April 27, 1964

Mrs. Elsa Marcus  
Balkeweg 8  
Dulmen  
Germany

Dear Mrs. Marcus:

I am sorry to have to inform you that Dr. Abba Hillel Silver died on Thanksgiving Day of 1963. Blessedly, he was not ill and he retained his vigor and his strength to the very end.

With all good wishes,

Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

archivist

May 1, 1964

Mr. Jack Schon  
Supreme Master of Rolls  
→ Tau Epsilon Rho Law Fraternity  
900 First National Building  
Detroit 26, Michigan

Dear Mr. Schon:

On behalf of myself, my family, and The Temple, I want to thank you, and through you the Tau Epsilon Rho Law Fraternity, for the memorial resolution in honor of my father. I remember Dad's pleasure at receiving the Cardozo award. I remember my own pleasure in reading the volume of Cardozo's writings which he was given with the award.

Again, my thanks.

Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg



## EMANUEL NEUMANN

515 PARK AVENUE

NEW YORK 22, N. Y.

May 7, 1964

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

Dear Daniel:

If I am not mistaken, Harold told me that among the historical material in your father's files, is the stenographic record of a meeting of the Jewish Agency Executive - American Section, around the end of April or the beginning of May 1948. I am referring to a meeting at which we discussed a proposal of the U.S. State Department to postpone the proclamation of the Jewish State pending the convening of a round-table conference of Jewish and Arab leaders.

The Minutes of this particular meeting have not been available to me, though I did get from Jerusalem the stenographic Minutes of other meetings of that period, which I turned over to your father and which were returned to me in due course by his secretary. If the Minutes to which I am now referring are actually available, I am most anxious to see them or have a copy.

I may be leaving for Israel early in June and may be able to get other material from the Central Zionist Archives if your staff would pinpoint the data they would like to have.

I am enclosing another copy of my address at the opening session of the Zionist Actions Committee, though I have already sent one to your mother.

With warm regards to you and the family,

As ever

Yours,  
*Emanuel Neumann*

EN:EW

Emanuel Neumann

RABBI ARTHUR J. LELYVELD  
FAIRMOUNT TEMPLE  
CLEVELAND 21, OHIO

May 12, 1964

Dear Dan:

I just wanted to let you know that I haven't forgotten your request for a copy of my memorial address at the Chicago North Shore -- and as soon as things let up a bit I'll transcribe my notes and forward it.

Meanwhile, you may want to have the enclosed for its allusion to your father in the first paragraph.

Every good wish *to you, Adele and mother.*



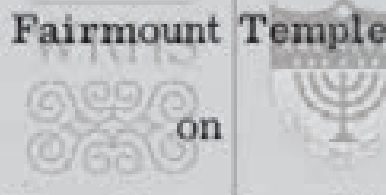
*Arthur*

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

"On the Nation's Loss"

A Sermon Delivered By  
Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld

at



Friday, November 29, 1963

The printing and distribution of this sermon is made possible by a Special Fund established by a member of the congregation.

Every sensitive soul has been scarred by the events of the last eight days -- we are somewhat diminished in pride, somewhat less certain. Indeed, tonight we find our uncertainty has been increased and we bear a double portion of sorrow. Some may find a contrast between the two events that are inevitably in the forefront of our thinking tonight: -- the death of our young President cut down by an act of violence; -- and the death of a great Rabbi who has fulfilled his three score and ten, called in the quiet of his home. Yet there is that which unites them. Both the national leader and the leader of our people symbolized in their lives a conception of man, an attitude toward life and a Messianic hope that made them truly one in their separateness. Tonight as we memorialize the one and the other lies yet unburied, we reflect not only upon life's uncertainty but upon the certainities to which they were both dedicated,

We reassure ourselves by a judgment that only a psychopath could have fired the shot that terminated the life of John Fitzgerald Kennedy. Certainly that is true. The response of this last week -- that response which we share as we come here in such great numbers, searching for the strength of community and for that re-building of purpose that can restore the diminished portion of self -- has shown how universally Jack Kennedy was loved. He was loved above partisan judgments; loved for the image of America that he presented; loved for his youth and his vibrancy; loved for the family joy he reflected, for the democratic goals that he served, for his vitality and for his courage in action, for his practical and down-to-earth skills.

His very election was an object lesson in American pluralism: that a Catholic should be chosen President of these United States! Why, but a century had elapsed from the time of the Know-nothings, the riots of the APA's, the anti-Catholic and the anti-Irish prejudices of the 1850's and the 1860's, to the joy of America in John Fitzgerald Kennedy, proud scion of the Irish!

This was far more than a paper image, far more than the handsome young man who fulfilled the dream enshrined in our slick magazines. John F. Kennedy was the acme of competence. He was a competent politician who knew the importance of winning but was willing to accept compromise on detail if never on principles, and who restores through his life and through his writings respect for the venerable and much abused profession of politician.

John F. Kennedy had a mind equal to the complexities of modern government; he was able to absorb and to expound with keen lucidity the details of finance and of military policy and of departmental complications with an articulateness as well as a charm that disarmed his opponents. A Pulitzer-Prize-winning author whose book, "Profiles in Courage", stands as a brilliant exposition of the meaning of political courage, he himself was a model of the courage which he extolled and which he defined in Hemingway's phrase as 'grace under pressure'. How often he displayed that grace and how beautifully in the week just ended his widow stood for the same quality of 'grace under pressure' with a grandeur and a nobility that no one of us will ever forget!

Pick up "Profiles Of Courage" and leaf through it, or read deliberately the biographies he offers of Daniel Webster, Thomas Hart Benton, John Quincy Adams, Sam Houston, Robert Taft -- senators who stood for integrity and whose lives were marked by this virtue of political courage. On the foreleaf of that volume, the young Senator from Massachusetts quoted the words of Edmund Burke, which the great Dublin-born British orator and statesman had used in extolling Charles James Fox for his attack upon the inequities and the tyranny of the East India Company: "He has put to hazard his ease, his security, his interest, his power, even his...popularity ... He is traduced and abused for his supposed motives. He will remember that obloquy is a necessary ingredient in the composition of all true glory..."

John F. Kennedy quoted Edmund Burke but he spoke his own conviction, remembering at the age of thirty-eight that obloquy, abuse and hazard are necessary ingredients of all true glory. He spoke his own convictions, too, when he asked why these Senators whose profiles he drew acted as they did: they did so, he tells us, because each one's need to maintain his own respect for himself was more important to him than his popularity with others; because his desire to win a reputation for integrity and courage was stronger than his desire to maintain his office; because his conscience, his personal standard of ethics, his integrity or morality, was stronger than the pressures of public disapproval; because his faith that his course was the best one and would ultimately be vindicated outweighed his fear of public reprisal.

How grim these words seem in retrospect: that his integrity outweighed his fear of reprisal, his respect for self overcame his recognition of hazard!

So often in the past week we have thought of our earlier martyred Presidents and particularly of Abraham Lincoln, of that Long Train which for fifteen days made the journey from Washington through New York and west to Springfield. There is much more than superficial, external event to link John F. Kennedy with Abraham Lincoln in our thoughts. Like Lincoln, he drew upon the model of Scripture in his writing, though his prose style was unmistakably his own. He spoke and wrote with a simplicity that sprang directly from the Bible not only when he quoted Isaiah, but when he summoned us to our destiny: "Together, let us explore the stars, conquer the deserts, eradicate disease, tap the ocean's depths and encourage the arts and commerce." Or when he called us to "bear the burden of a long, twilight struggle, year in and year out, 'rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation', to struggle against the common enemies of man: tyranny, poverty, disease and war itself."

How significant that among his last words was this re-affirmation of the humane and the civilized against the Neanderthal and the primitive, "In a world full of frustrations and irritations America's leadership must be guided by the lights of learning and of reason."

The contrast is so evident there that this is the stuff of which authentic legends are made, the kind of authentic legends that grew up about Abraham Lincoln "when the barge captain and the flatboat man and the teller of

coarse jokes were all forgotten and in the hearts of the people the new legend was weaving."

The legend of Abraham Lincoln is true. The legend of John Fitzgerald Kennedy will be equally authentic and equally true because it enshrines the perennial contrast -- on the one side, beauty, grace, love, vision and reason; on the other side, ugliness, brutality, violence and ignorance.

Out of that contrast flow our national humiliation and shame, "Al tagidu b'Gas -- Tell it not in Gash and publish it not in the streets of Ashkelon!" For, as James Reston said, "This decent country has been made to look uncivilized." Private anger and private sorrow are not enough to redeem the events of the last eight days. What we have witnessed is a crescendo of violence that began with the sniper's bullet that took the life of Medger Evans, grew with the bomb that destroyed the lives of four little children in Birmingham and found its climax in the sniper with a telescopic sight who slew our President, and the misguided primitive who slew the alleged slayer.

Our only hope is to face this crescendo of violence and to face it squarely so that the shock will help us to recover a vision of our own. This is the center of our sorrow and the crux of the challenge. Walter Lippman writes, "The treatment of human beings as things, as the mere instruments of power and ambition is without doubt the consequence of the decay of the belief in man as something more than an animal. The liberties we talk about defending today were established by men who took their conception of man from the great central religious tradition of Western civilization and the liberties we inherit can almost certainly not survive the abandonment of that tradition."

Those are the words of Walter Lippmann who thirty-five years ago sought to find a new foundation for morals believing that that great tradition which he now calls "the central religious tradition of Western civilization" had lost its potency and that modern man had no choice but to begin to build anew. Walter Lippmann has had many experiences in the last thirty-five years, as we all have had many experiences, and he has come a long way from the position he took in 1929. We have all come a long way from our rejection of "the central religious tradition" -- from the certainties of the twenties and the thirties to the doubts and the existential agonies of the nineteen-sixties.

The legend of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, indeed the life of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, offers us a beacon for direction. He stood with every fibre of his being for that great central religious tradition of Western man -- for the Judeo-Christian conception of man as endowed by his Creator with inalienable rights, as filled with potentiality, as entitled to that freedom which will enable him to develop and fulfill his capacities. He lived for that concept of man. He struggled for it. And, on November 22nd, he died for it.

May we, who are the heirs of his struggle, re-establish now before it is too late, that conception of man as the child of God -- re-establish the primacy of reason and learning, the primacy of love and of faith and of brotherhood. Then out of our sorrow, out of our anguish, there may come this measure of good: a nation re-dedicated to the pursuit of democracy and the pursuit of peace.

ARCHIVES

May 14, 1964

Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld  
Fairmount Temple  
23737 Fairmount Boulevard  
Cleveland 21, Ohio

Dear Arthur:

Thank you for sending on to me your sermon, "On the Nation's Loss," which we will place in our Archives. This project is taking shape. Dad's correspondence is now being catalogued and arranged, and I would hope to have the first publication out by early next year. I do look forward to receiving the Chicago memorial address.

Now that the summer months are upon us, I hope there will be the time for the two of us to sit down and just chat. My best to Toby and the boys.

As always,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg



archives

# THE WELFARE FEDERATION

*Serving the Cleveland Metropolitan Area*

1001 HURON ROAD

781-2944

CLEVELAND, OHIO 44115

*Bringing together more than 200 organizations for community planning in health, welfare and recreation*

RAYMOND S. LIVINGSTONE, *President*  
WILLIAM D. GINN, *Vice-President*  
MRS. GILBERT W. HUMPHREY, *Vice-President*  
L. T. PENDLETON, *Treasurer*

W. T. McCULLOUGH, *Executive Director*  
MISS LEONA BEVIS, *Associate Director*  
C. W. MIDDLETON, *Associate Director*  
R. P. OVERMYER, *Associate Director*

June 2, 1964

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver  
The Temple - Silver Park  
University Circle  
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We wish to thank you for the contribution of the books, The Proceedings of the National Conference of Social Welfare which were a possession of your late father. While we have a set of the proceedings in our library, it is very useful to have more than one copy of these valuable papers. It is especially nice to have them as a gift from you and to recognize the fact that these were held in the hands and viewed by the eyes of one of the community's great spiritual leaders.

We thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

*Leona Bevis*

Leona Bevis  
Associate Director

LB/jwc



A RED FEATHER SERVICE SUPPORTED THROUGH THE UNITED APPEAL

Archives

June 3, 1964

Mr. Samuel S. Strauss  
3076 Bremerton Road  
Cleveland 24, Ohio

Dear Sam:

I want to tell you that your beef to Leo Neumark was entirely proper and well taken. I find that the front office failed to acknowledge the check which you had sent towards your pledge to Dad's Archives. I apologize for this error.

Perhaps now you'll let me take you out to lunch, a pleasure which you denied me in March, with the assurance that I have no financial motive, only the pleasure of good company.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

ARCHIVES

June 4, 1964

Mr. Isadore I. Kastin  
1966 Staunton Road  
Cleveland 18, Ohio

Dear Isadore:

I want to thank you again for your most generous  
free will gesture last night in regards to the  
Abba Hillel Silver Memorial Library and Archives.  
Your pledge of \$500.00 will go far towards the  
completion of this statement of our love.

Again, many thanks.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

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

June 9, 1964

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Dr. Neumann asked me to alert you to the fact that we have sent you the material, consisting of correspondence between your late father and himself, via air parcel-post insured mail.

Dr. Neumann also wants to thank you for the copies you plan to make of these. Since he is leaving for Israel and will be gone for several weeks, would you be good enough to hold the material until his return. I will be in touch with you about this.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Blanche Neumann*

Administrative Asst.

bw

*Copies  
mailed 6/30/64*

*Archives*

June 12, 1964

Mr. Alexander Mintz  
Shaker Savings Association  
Shaker Heights, Ohio

Dear Mr. Mintz:

I want to thank you personally for your contribution to the Memorial Archives in memory of Dad. A fine archivist has been at work since January, cataloguing and arranging correspondence and lecture materials, and the plans are well under way for construction this summer. I am deeply grateful to you.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

Alen Trinity

Paid in \$ <sup>1000</sup> ~~1000~~

in payment of pledge  
to archbishop

# Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF THE UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

CINCINNATI  
NEW YORK  
LOS ANGELES

CLIFTON AVENUE - CINCINNATI 20, OHIO

June 23, 1964

Rabbi Daniel Silver  
Congregation Tifereth Israel  
University Circle & Silver Park  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dan:

You will recall that during your recent visit to Cincinnati I mentioned to you that I am in the process of preparing a volume on Homiletics, composed primarily of the lectures given at the College by various alumni. I had invited your father, of blessed memory, on several occasions to participate in this series. Unfortunately, his busy schedule prevented him from doing so. I would very much like to include an essay of his in the volume, if at all possible.

You had indicated that something of an appropriate nature is available among his manuscripts. I would like to have it and include it in the volume, which is to be entitled "Aspects of Jewish Homiletics."

With every good wish, I am

Cordially,

  
Eugene Mihaly

EM:ec



ARCHIVES

June 24, 1964

Mr. Edward D. Friedman  
2295 Miramar Boulevard  
Cleveland 18, Ohio

Dear Ed:

I want to make sure that I thank you properly for the most generous and gracious pledge which you made to the Archives in memory of Dad. We began to talk of so many other things that I'm not sure that I completely expressed my feelings. This project is very near and dear. The publication which will develop should make an important contribution to the development of Jewish thought. Again, my thanks.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

DIRECTOR OF ARCHIVES: JACOB R. MARCUS, Ph. D.

*Adolph S. Ochs Professor of American Jewish History, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion*

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: STANLEY F. CHYET, Ph. D.

*Assistant Professor of American Jewish History, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion*

## AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES

CLIFTON AVENUE • CINCINNATI 20, OHIO

June 26, 1964

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

Dear Dar:

I know there are a great many papers in your father's collections and I would very much like to have copies for the American Jewish Archives.

In the event that we want to make microfilms of some of the papers, would that be permitted?

You know, of course, that we operate under Library of Congress restrictions. This means that nothing can be used or published which would in any way reflect on living people.

I shall be pleased to hear from you at your convenience.

With all good wishes, I am,

As ever,

  
Jacob R. Marcus

JRM:sg

THE CLEVELAND TRUST COMPANY  
CLEVELAND 1, OHIO

GEORGE GUND  
CHAIRMAN

June 29, 1964

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

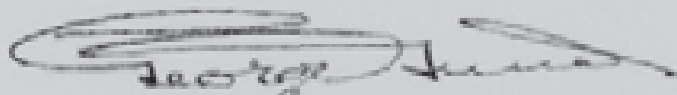
I wanted to be certain you had seen the enclosed article which appeared in The Churchman.

It speaks so genuinely of your splendid father and of the great wisdom he left as a heritage to us all. Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver was a man whom I respected and admired - it was a privilege to know him as a friend.

I am certain you will bring him great honor. Your capabilities are already known.

My very best good wishes to you.

Sincerely,

  
Chairman

File:  
Dr. Emanuel Neumann

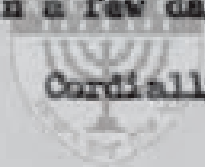
archives

June 30, 1964

Mrs. Blanche Wiseman  
515 Park Avenue  
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Wiseman:

I have made photocopies of the correspondence between  
Dr. Neumann and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, and today I  
mailed these copies to you via parcel post, insured.  
You should receive them within a few days.




Cordially yours,

Mrs. M. L. Goldstein  
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

archives  
July 1, 1964  
WILLIAM L. KATZ


Dear Rabbi Silver,

We would consider  
it an honor to be  
participants  a  
memorial for your  
distinguished father -

We are herewith sending  
our contribution toward  
the compilation of the

Abba Hillel Silver.

archives - which will be  
a lasting memory of a  
great man.

  
Myra and Bill Katz

July 1, 1964  
Wm. S. Katz  
16605 Albany Dr.

July 1, 1964

Mr. George Gund, Chairman  
The Cleveland Trust Company  
Cleveland 1, Ohio

Dear Mr. Gund:

I am most grateful to you for having sent on to me the memorial editorial from The Churchman. I had not seen it, and it will make a fine addition to our Memorial Archives.

Your letter was most kind, and gratefully received.

Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg



ARCHIVES

July 1, 1964

Rabbi Jacob R. Marcus  
American Jewish Archives  
Clifton Avenue  
Cincinnati 20, Ohio

Dear Dr. Marcus:

In response to your kind letter of 26 June, we are developing here a fine Archives Library of Dad's material -- lectures, correspondence, etc. A professional archivist has been at work for some six months now, and material is slowly being sorted out and arranging itself. There will be the usual library catalogue aids, and qualified researchers will be welcomed.

In this case I'd like to put the shoe on the other foot. You must have materials in the Archives relating to Dad. We would be willing to pay the time of a researcher in sorting these out, and the expense of photostating and/or microfilming these for use here. Could this be arranged?

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

July 2, 1964

Mr. William I. Katz  
16605 Aldersyde Drive  
Cleveland 20, Ohio

Dear Mr. Katz:

Mr. Neumark informed me of your kind contribution to the Abba Hillel Silver Memorial Archives. We are most grateful. Upon completion the project will make available a beautiful memorial center, an index catalogue of Dr. Silver's correspondence, and four or five published volumes of his lectures and sermons. These will make an important addition to Jewish letters.

Trusting that this note finds you in good health, I remain

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

*Archives*

July 3, 1964

Rabbi Eugene Mihaly  
Hebrew Union College  
Clifton Avenue  
Cincinnati 20, Ohio

Dear Gene:

In response to your kind letter of June 23rd, I have gone through Dad's lectures and I found that on one or two occasions he has touched on the art of preaching -- most recently, before the CCAR in 1963. In none of these lectures, however, is the art of preaching the dominant theme.

I know that Dad worked hard on the two or three Ordination sermons which he delivered at the College, and you may find these to be excellent material for your book.

We plan to publish three or four volumes of Dad's lectures and sermons in the near future. These will offer students insight into Dad's methods of preaching. Also, fortunately, we have tapes and records of Dad's speeches from The Temple pulpit over the last decade at least, and so the power of the living voice is not completely stilled.

Hoping that this finds you in good health and that you will have a most pleasant summer, I remain

Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

EMANUEL NEUMANN

515 PARK AVENUE

NEW YORK 22, N. Y.

July 6, 1964

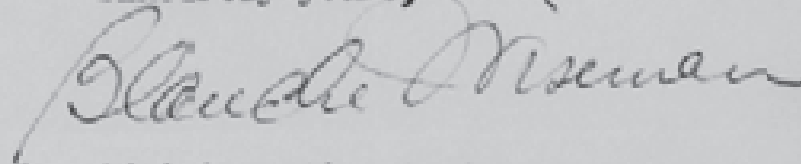
Mrs. M.L. Goldstein, Sec'y.  
Rabbi Daniel Silver  
The Temple  
University Circle at Silver Park  
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Mrs. Goldstein:

I just returned from my vacation and found your kind note advising me that you had mailed us photocopies of the correspondence between Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Neumann.

I want to take this opportunity to tell you that this parcel has now arrived and to thank you for your prompt cooperation. I know Dr. Neumann will appreciate it. He is still in Israel and will be pleased to know that we have these copies on hand.

Sincerely yours,



Administrative Asst.

bw

DIRECTOR OF ARCHIVES: JACOB R. MARCUS, Ph. D.

*Adolph S. Ochs Professor of American Jewish History, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion*

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: STANLEY F. CHYET, Ph. D.

*Assistant Professor of American Jewish History, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion*

## AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES

CLIFTON AVENUE • CINCINNATI 20, OHIO

July 7, 1964

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This is in response to your kind letter of July 1.

I am happy to hear that a professional archivist is arranging the letters and papers of your distinguished father.

As far as the American Jewish Archives is concerned, we shall be glad to let you make copies of whatever material we have. However, it must be clearly understood that the arrangement must be mutual. We, in turn, must be permitted to make copies of whatever material we desire in the Silver archives.

With all good wishes to you and your dear ones, I am,

Very cordially yours,

  
Jacob Rader Marcus

JRM:sg

archives

July 13, 1964

Mr. Ira Saks  
1008 Standard Building  
Cleveland 13, Ohio

Dear Ira:

I am most grateful to you for your letter of July 10th and for the enclosed check. Work on the Archives is proceeding apace, and if all goes well the room ought to be completed early this Fall.

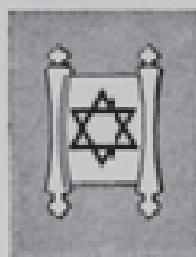
Many thanks.



Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg



# THE JEWISH NEWS

*a weekly review of Jewish events*

PHILIP SLOMOVITZ  
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

CARMI M. SLOMOVITZ  
BUSINESS MANAGER

17100 W. 7 MILE RD.  
DETROIT 38, MICHIGAN  
VERMONT 8-9364

July 15, 1964

Dear Daniel

I am writing to you instead of to your librarians, in reply to their request for material about your father, because my file is so heavy that I don't know how to handle the matter.

You can understand why I would not want to give up scores of clippings and statements. You may even have most of them. I also have correspondence relating to your father--from Neumann, Manson, Shapiro and others.

I'll go over the material and if I find that I can let go of it I'll communicate with you.

With all good wishes

Sincerely

Philip Slomovitz



July 15, 1964

Rabbi Jacob R. Marcus  
American Jewish Archives  
Clifton Avenue  
Cincinnati 20, Ohio

Dear Dr. Marcus:

I have before me your note of 7 July. In making my request I had no aim but to draw together here all materials which deal directly with Father. He is, after all, the sole focus of our project. As executor of Dad's literary remains, I cannot permit a blanket copying of these materials. Frankly, our Archives would cease to have any scholarly significance. Furthermore, much of this material is highly personal and reflects on people still alive.

The Archives will always be prepared to permit photostating of specific material upon request. As the master Archivist, you surely understand these limitations. Yet may I repeat my request that you will permit this office to hire someone to run through your materials to see what correspondence touches Dad directly, to make specific application to photostat, and if granted, to complete such a project. I continue to hope that this can be arranged.

On quite other matters, my secretary, Mrs. Maurice Goldstein, and her family will be visiting Cincinnati Tuesday next, the 21st. They are most eager to view the College and the Archives, and I was presumptuous enough to suggest that if they were to introduce themselves they would be made welcome.

Mother continues to display magnificent courage. Our family is well, and as you can see by this letterhead, Lawrence Forman has joined our staff. Hoping this note finds you in the best of health, and with all my good wishes for a pleasant summer, I remain

As always,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

July 17, 1964

Mr. Philip Slomovitz  
The Jewish News  
17100 West 7 Mile Road  
Detroit 35, Michigan

Dear Mr. Slomovitz:

I am most grateful to you for your kind letter of July 15. It is good to know that there is available such a treasury of material about Dad. I can understand your reluctance to part with much of it, though I would hope that it would ultimately make its way to this permanent repository. In the meantime, might I make this suggestion. The Archives would be happy to pay for the microfilming or photocopying of all this material. We have a full time archivist at work, and I would be happy to send her to Detroit to undertake this task.

I trust that our paths will cross in the not-too-distant future. The Archives Room and the major filing will be done before Dad's yahrzeit. Publication of much of his material should start shortly afterward.

With all good wishes and many thanks,

Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

July 17, 1964

Miss Miriam Leikind  
Librarian, The Temple  
University Circle at Silver Park  
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Miss Leikind:

In response to your kind letter of July 8, I am pleased to enclose herewith xerox copies of our catalogue cards listing Abba Hillel Silver material at the American Jewish Archives.

It is also probable that there is Silver correspondence in other collections here at the Archives. However, it would take many hours of arduous labor on the part of a researcher to find such material.

With all good wishes, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Jacob R. Marcus

JRM:sg

cc: Rabbi Daniel J. Silver

*Am. Jewish Archives  
Cleveland, Ohio  
Cheryl 20.*

*Graciously  
J. R. M.*

July 20, 1964

Rabbi Jacob E. Marcus  
American Jewish Archives  
Clifton Ave.  
Cincinnati 20, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

I am in receipt of a copy of your kind letter to Miss  
Leikind. We are deeply grateful.

I am in the market for an editor who can spend a year  
here in Cleveland, arranging the detail of publishing  
Dad's lectures, etc. Decent salary is available and I  
would require someone with some basic understanding of  
Modern Jewish life, and with some experience in the  
publishing field. Is there someone who is among the  
retired Rabbis who might enjoy this task? Is there some-  
one who is among the graduate students who could do this  
job or that has a background of American Zionism, etc.?

As always.

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:st

**HERZFELD & STERN**

ESTABLISHED 1880  
MEMBERS OF  
NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE  
AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE  
CABLE ADDRESS  
"FELIXFELD" NEW YORK

30 BROAD STREET  
NEW YORK

July 21, 1964

Rabbi Daniel Silver  
The Temple  
University Circle  
Silver Park  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I am a grandson of Reverend Masliansky. Shortly after my grandfather's death in 1942, a memorial meeting was held for him in the Educational Alliance, which had been his platform for many years. Your late father was the guest speaker. Although I was only thirteen years old, to this very moment I can recall his speech in my mind. He moved me so very deeply that for many years after that, whenever he appeared in New York I would manage to be there to hear him.

In recent years I have been very active in the United Jewish Appeal in two capacities. I organized the first non-professional speakers bureau to train young people to tell the U.J.A. story. I later became the New York City chairman of the young people's division. One of the surprising and depressing parts of the job has been the relative ignorance of young people about Jewish problems and personalities. This can be illustrated when I tell you that a young lady who had come to New York from Seattle was introduced to me by one of our workers. She has a Master Degree in political science and is currently employed by Senator Keating as part of his campaign committee. One would certainly expect a girl of this background to be "aware", yet when I invited her to attend a memorial meeting for Chaim Weitzman, she replied, "Who is Chaim Weitzman?" Many similar comments over the past few years have indicated a general lack of knowledge on the part of so many young people about recent Jewish history: both personalities and events.

You may be wondering at this point about the purpose of this letter. It is my personal feeling that many things can be done to educate and enlighten people about their roots. I believe that you and your family owe it to the public to preserve your father's voice. Many people considered him the greatest orator of our times, yet despite the fact that I have looked about, I have found no recordings of his speeches available. There is one talk made from his study about the nature of Judaism which I obtained by writing to the temple years ago. Awhile



back I heard a few fragments of a speech on a record about contemporary Jewish affairs. Hundreds of records of Yiddish and Hebrew folk music have been made, numerous chants by well known cantors have been issued, recordings about Jewish festivals have been released for children, even Yiddish poetry is on records, but the greatest saga in the life of a people has been omitted. Nowhere can one find Silver, Wise, Lipsky, Neuman, or a whole host of other personalities worthy of preservation. Nor have the events they were part of been recorded in the Edward R. Murrow fashion of "I Can Hear It Now". (I am aware of one mediocre recording which leaves out most of the role of American Jewry.)

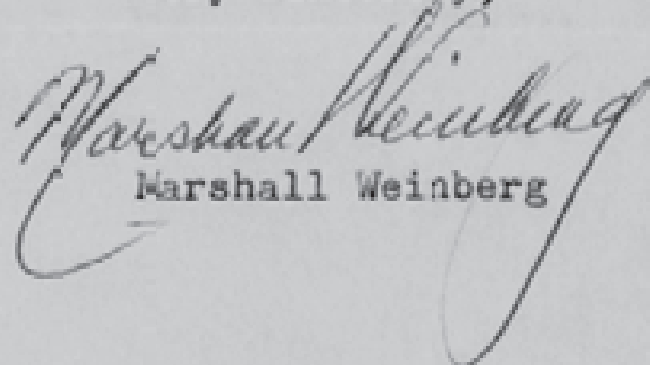
I am not so naive as to think that such recordings would be commercially successful. However, with all the money spent on abstruse and in some cases unimportant Jewish projects, it seems outrageous that something more constructive along these lines has not yet been done.

A recording of the great orations of your father, which I assume are at least partially available would have several values:

1. It would furnish students of Jewish history with a living record of the past.
2. It would provide an interesting source of material for students of public speaking.
3. It would provide rabbis and rabbinical students with a lesson in organization and delivery which so many are lacking.
4. Finally, it would provide a cherished memento for those who have a sentimental feeling about the past.

I sincerely hope that something will be done along these lines.

Very sincerely,

  
Marshall Weinberg

July 24, 1964

Dear Mr. Weinberg:

I am most grateful to you for your kind letter of 21 July. My father had great respect for your grandfather and at the beginning of an autobiography which will soon be published, he speaks of the lasting impact of your grandfather's preaching on his life.

In memory of my father, The Temple has established a Memorial Archives and Library. You will be interested to know that we have tapes and records of every one of Dad's pulpit lectures over the past decade, and films and recordings of some other of his major speeches. I hope some day to have these pressed professionally and I found your letter much to the point.

I hope that if you are ever in Cleveland you will pay us a visit; if not, I am sure that our paths will cross in Jewish life. With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:bfm

Mr. Marshall Weinberg  
Herzfeld and Stern  
30 Broad Street  
New York, New York



Drattin' 65

July 25, 1964

Mr. William Goldfarb  
Hahn, Loeser, Freedheim, Dean & Wellman  
National City Bank  
E. 6th St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Bill:

Just a note to remind you that you are going to follow through on a report for the Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver Archives.

I am leaving the country today and would appreciate if the necessary information could be available upon my return on August 20th.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:st

H. S. MESHORER

7831-5 BROADWAY

CLEVELAND 5, OHIO

September 2, 1964

Rabbi Daniel Silver  
The Temple  
Silver Park  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Dan:

It was pleasant talking to you over the phone regarding a gift to the Temple of a bronze bust of your beloved Dad.

As we both are aware, its value and acceptance can only be measured by the emotional expression and skill of the artist. In this case, it is a rather delicate situation since there are constituents and a committee to contend with.

I thought at first I would try taping the artist's name, but feel now that this is not the proper approach and would also detract from the piece. However, I am sure that you can measure acceptance in your own way.

I have kept this piece in my collection and have only used it, like a number of others, where an occasion presents itself where some good could be done through an exhibition for charitable purposes. If there is an acceptance, I am hoping that some scheme can be resolved where the congregation could participate in some monetary way to raise additional funds dedicated to the Memorial and Archives Building or to the Educational Fund that the late Rabbi Abba Hillel was so interested in.

If you do decide to temporarily withhold the name of the artist, the only other individual that we both know of who has seen the bronze bust is Leo Neumark, whom I am sure can be taken into confidence.

I have had nice acceptance from those persons whose portraits I had done, and I am enclosing herewith photostats of some of their comments which you can return to me after they have served your purpose. Not being a professional artist, that is, by making a living through the skill, I hold publicity about myself with reservation, except for an exhibition. The acceptance and contribution to worthy efforts becomes the reward and satisfaction.

In accordance with your suggestion, I am making arrangements to send the bust and the pedestal to the Temple in your care on Wednesday, September 9, or Thursday, September 10. The pedestal may not be strictly in keeping with what you or the committee may have in mind, but that can be reviewed at a later date.

I want to thank you for giving me this opportunity of being of some service to the Temple.

Very sincerely,

*Herman Meshorer*  
Herman Meshorer

September 8, 1964

Mr. Herman S. Meshorer  
7831-5 Broadway  
Cleveland 5, Ohio

Dear Herman:

I am grateful to you for your kind letter and for the photographs enclosed, which are not only beautiful, but powerful. I am eager to see the bust of Dad, and am looking forward to its display here. I am sure that you will want the letters and photographs which you sent returned, and I am doing so.

With all good wishes for the New Year, I remain

Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg



2131 ELMWOOD AVENUE ROCHESTER 18, NEW YORK

THE RABBI'S STUDY

October 5, 1964

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver  
Tifereth Israel  
University Circle & Silver Park  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Danny:

I am very interested in seeing to it that there is a festschrift for Phil Bernstein for his 65th birthday celebration, which would give me only about a year and a few months to work. I can imagine the great amount of organization and labor that is necessary for the completion of such a project.

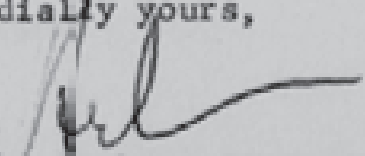
Knowing of your own involvement recently in such a publication, I wonder if you could help me with the answers to the following questions:

1. Is there any way to get a copy of the budget for the book with which you were involved?
2. How was the financing done?
3. How were the articles solicited? I assume no one was paid for the contributions.
4. To what extent was the congregation involved in this and/or individual contributors?
5. How long did the entire project take from beginning to end? Do you think I could still organize and complete it in the time left?

If there is any other help you can give me, I would be most grateful.

With every good wish,

Cordially yours,

  
Rabbi Herbert Bronstein

ARCHIVES

October 5, 1964

Rabbi Herbert Bronstein  
Temple B'rith Kodesh  
2131 Elmwood Avenue  
Rochester 18, New York

Dear Herb:

Dad's Jubilee Volume cost \$15,000 to publish and took a year and a half of time in the editing. The money was raised by voluntary subscription. Articles were solicited from a carefully drawn up list, and no payment was made for contributions. Each author received a copy of the book and as many reprints of his article as he requested, gratis.

If you are undertaking this project, you will find that the bulk of time is spent getting the individual contributors to mail in their articles. To save time, I had each article retyped here and mailed back to the author. This was his last viewing of his handiwork. I did not send him the proofs, but only assured each man that they would be printed exactly as submitted.

The important thing is to assure yourself of worthwhile content. You will find that many dear friends are academically sterile and many institutional heads simply give you a rehash of something which has been overhashed.

Good luck with the project. It's a fine one.

Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:ag

BROOKLYN COLLEGE  
OF  
THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK  
BROOKLYN 10, NEW YORK

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

October 21, 1964

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
19801 Shaker Blvd.  
Shaker Heights 22, Ohio

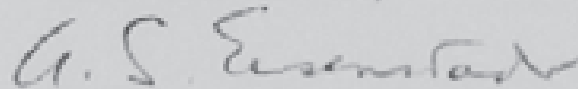
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am taking the liberty of writing you with regard to a major venture with which we are proceeding here at Brooklyn College. We are undertaking a collection of manuscript materials. Our aim is to extend the scope and purpose of our liberal arts education. The enclosed brochure explains more extensively the nature and aims of the Brooklyn College Manuscripts Collection.

I am writing you in the hope that you may be willing to participate in our effort. Because of your distinguished contribution to American civic and cultural life, we should feel privileged to have your manuscript materials. We should be grateful to be able to add them to the notable contributions we have already received.

The brochure I am enclosing may not answer all your questions, and I should of course be pleased to answer whatever further questions you may have.

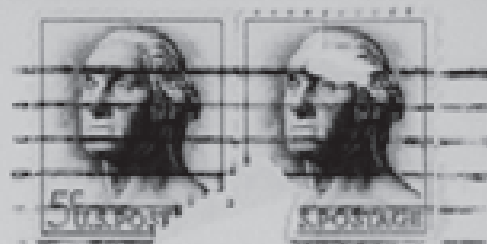
Sincerely yours,



A. S. Eisenstadt

ASE:hb  
enc.

Airmail



WRHS



The Silver family  
The Temple

East 105th Street at Silver Park  
Cleveland, Ohio



Denver Colorado  
October, 26 1964

Dear Silver family,

In honor of the memory of the beloved  
ABBA HILLEL SILVER (of sacred memory) and in sincere  
gratitude for his life-long battle for our people, I  
personally, voluntarily, assumed - the reciting of  
the Kaddish prayer each day for the traditional eleven  
months, less one day, which concluded last Sunday, Dec. 12.

It was my way of being grateful  
for his super-human efforts for our people (myself included)  
and especially for his most important work in the U. S.  
in establishing the State of Israel -

In my opinion he was a great "Tzadik"  
I thought you might like to know that his  
memory was respectfully observed and shall never be forgotten.  
Surely his lovely soul has been welcomed in the Realm of  
Eternal Peace with the great Tzadikim of Israel. May G-d bless all  
his loved ones -

SHALOM! David Bambach-1540 Raleigh



Archives

October 28, 1964

Dr. Abraham S. Eisenstadt  
Department of History  
Brooklyn College  
Brooklyn 10, New York

Dear Dr. Eisenstadt:

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver passed away a year ago. His manuscripts and materials are being collected and catalogued in an Archives established here at The Temple. If you have any reason to consult these materials on specific research projects we would be most happy to cooperate.

Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

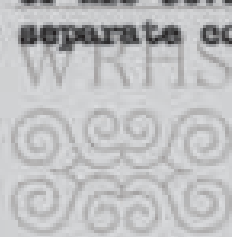
ARCHIVES

October 29, 1964

Mr. David Barnholtz  
1540 Raleigh  
Denver, Colorado

My dear Mr. Barnholtz:

We are grateful to you for saying Kaddish in honor of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. I thought that you might appreciate a copy of the anniversary volume which was put out in honor of his seventieth birthday, and I am mailing it under separate cover.



Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

Nov. 15, 1964  
15825 Van Aken Blvd.,  
Shaker Heights, 20,  
Ohio

My dear Rabbi:

Much to our regret  
and keen disappointment, my son  
and I will be unable to attend the  
tribute service to your father, the  
uniquely distinguished Rabbi and  
remarkable leader of the American  
Jewish Community. Every time  
I attend Sunday morning services,  
I find it so difficult to realize  
that Rabbi Silver's presence is  
not a reality - I am grateful  
for the consciousness of such  
feeling.

Herbert and I have for  
some weeks now arranged to  
visit with the family of my son  
Joseph in Washington over the  
Thanksgiving week-end. I'll

be thinking of you and the count  
the Sunday morning of the period -  
And my love is healthy with me -

Sincerely,

Michael Sharlet



# B'nai Torah

HIGHLAND PARK REFORM TEMPLE

2789 OAK STREET

HIGHLAND PARK, ILLINOIS

DR. SHOLOM A. SINGER  
RABBI

4/26/64

Dear Sam,

Received a copy of Dad's  
picture - on bullet tin.

I want to appreciate  
very much receiving a picture  
suitable for framing and  
placing in my office.

I do hope one is available.  
With every good wish to you &  
"der Rebbe" for a 715 P/1

22157 724 13317  
P/H

archive

December 9, 1964

Rabbi Sholom A. Singer  
B'nai Torah  
Highland Park Reform Temple  
2789 Oak Street  
Highland Park, Illinois



Dear Sholom:

We don't have any extra copies of the photo but  
I am sending you a copy of our Bulletin.

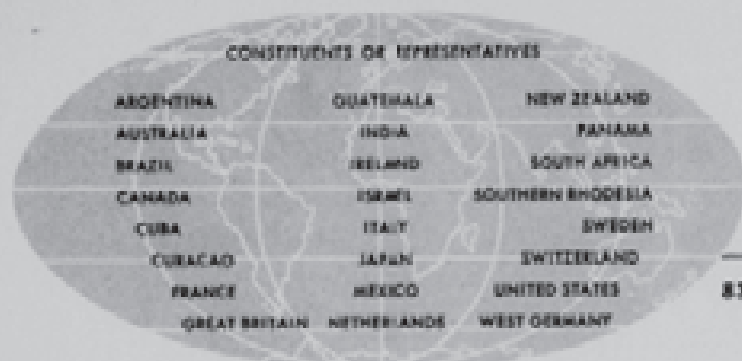
What are you doing with yourself and what's new?

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:bd  
enclosure



## THE WORLD UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM, LTD.

838 FIFTH AVENUE • NEW YORK, N.Y. 10021 • REGENT 7-8200 • Cable Address: PROGJUD, N.Y.

### OFFICERS

#### HON. LIFE PRESIDENT:

Rabbi Dr. Solomon B. Freehof  
U.S.A.

#### PRESIDENT:

Rabbi Dr. Jacob K. Shankman  
U.S.A.

#### HON. LIFE VICE-PRESIDENTS:

Rabbi Dr. Nelson Glueck  
U.S.A.

Rabbi Dr. Julian Morgenstern  
U.S.A.

#### VICE-PRESIDENTS:

Rabbi Dr. Leslie I. Edgar  
Great Britain

Rabbi Dr. Maurice N. Eisenstath  
U.S.A.

Rabbi Dr. Leon I. Feuer  
U.S.A.

Mr. Isidore Greenberg  
South Africa

Mr. Cecil A. Luber  
Australia

Rabbi Dr. W. Van der Zyl  
Great Britain

#### CHAIRMAN:

M. Marcel Grevillhammet  
France

#### VICE-CHAIRMAN:

Rabbi Dr. Jacob Soetendorp  
Netherlands

#### TREASURERS:

Dr. S. Charles Lewson  
Great Britain

Mr. Charles S. Raiten  
U.S.A.

#### SECRETARIES:

Miss Jane Evans  
U.S.A.

Rabbi Dow Marmur  
Great Britain

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Rabbi William A. Rosenthal  
U.S.A.

\* \* \*

#### PAST PRESIDENTS:

Dr. Claude G. Monchore  
Great Britain  
(1926-1938)

Rabbi Dr. Leo Baeck  
Germany, Great Britain  
(1938-1939)

The Hon. Lily H. Montagu  
Great Britain  
(1934-1939)

Rabbi Dr. Solomon B. Freehof  
U.S.A.  
(1939-1964)

February 2, 1965

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

Gentlemen: *Dear Daniel:*

Your kind permission is requested to quote a  
brief portion of

In the Time of Harvest, p. 76; p. 96 ff; p. 94 ff.\*

in the projected volume The Growth of Reform  
Judaism by W. Gunther Plaut to be published by  
the World Union for Progressive Judaism, Ltd.

Your courtesy in this matter will be greatly  
appreciated, and full credit will be given in  
the book.

Sincerely,

*William A. Rosenthal*  
Rabbi William A. Rosenthal  
Executive Director

WAR:aw

\* also: Abba Hillel Silver, Where Judaism Differed,  
p. 18 ff.

February 5, 1965

Rabbi William A. Rosenthal  
Executive Director  
The World Union for Progressive Judaism, Ltd.  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York , New York 10021

Dear Bill:

In response to your letter of February 2, I am hard put to understand what place pages 96 ff and 94 ff of "In The Time of Harvest" would occupy in Flaut's "The Growth of Reform Judaism" ?

I will be happy to grant permission for reproduction, but I would like to know the exact sections and whether there are any omissions.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:mga



March 1, 1965

Mr. Elwood V. Rasmussen  
3307 Somerset Road  
Deschwood, Ohio 44122

Dear Raz:

The Annual Report of the Y. M. C. A. reminded me of your retirement and that I have not yet expressed my respect and sincere thanks for the privilege of your friendship.

Yours has always been a voice of healing raised for the wholesome things of our city. I trust that retirement means only lessening of burdens and that Cleveland will continue to be blessed with your vision and your wisdom, all of which is to say, that, "I like you very much."

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:mgm

Remick, Iowa  
March 1, 1965

Dear Dr. Silver,

I wish to write to you and ask  
if I may have the honor of receiving  
your autograph or autographed picture.

I am a 25 year old social studies  
teacher.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Donald Mitchell

archives

March 4, 1965

Donald Mitchell  
Redwick, Iowa

Dear Mr. Mitchell

Dr. Silver died a year ago. I am sorry he is not here to  
comply with your wish for an autograph.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:mga



ELLWOOD V. RASMUSSEN  
2200 PROSPECT AVENUE - CLEVELAND

March 8, 1965

Dear Daniel:

Your very gracious letter of March 1 awaited me at home when I returned from my trip out of town. I want you to know that I am deeply and sincerely appreciative of your very kind thoughts and your good wishes. They mean a great deal to me.

There has been much that the Silver Family and I have had in common. Your father came to Cleveland about the same time I did in mid-1920. Long before we were married, Mrs. Rasmussen and I started attending your father's services in the old Temple on 55th Street. And whenever we tired of listening to outmoded and pedantic theology, we were among the congregation at the new Temple on Sunday mornings.

You perhaps remember that at the dedication of the beautiful YMCA building in Jerusalem, Isreal, Lord Allenby made the dedicatory address and your father read the 12th Chapter of the Hebrews in Hebrew. Fred Ramsey of Cleveland was in charge of the construction. Later on, when M. D. Crackel, one of our pioneer workers with youth, retired and went to Jerusalem to help initiate the program with boys, he was having some difficulty getting a visa. I dropped your father a note and he took care of the matter.

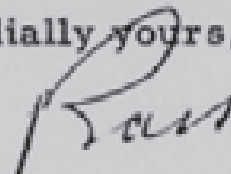
All of Cleveland, as well as all of the world, benefited because of his prophetic voice and his gracious leadership. Now you are carrying on his image in a wonderful way.

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
March 8, 1965  
Page 2

All of the foregoing adds up to some of the reasons why I appreciate your kind note. I hope to stay in Cleveland and be useful. Why should I go to Florida when I can live in a community like this? Anyway, I hate Florida.

With all good wishes,

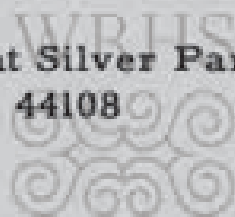
Cordially yours,



E. V. Rasmussen

EVR:gkk

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
The Temple  
University Circle at Silver Park  
Cleveland, Ohio 44108



גרױסער װערטערבוך פֿון דער ייִדישער שפראך

THE YIDDISH DICTIONARY COMMITTEE, Inc.

1048 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK 28, N. Y.

LEhigh 5-6700

May 24, 1965

SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS  
CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS  
JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE  
JEWISH NATIONAL WORKER'S ALLIANCE —  
FARBAND — L.Z.O.  
RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY OF AMERICA  
THE DAY AND JEWISH JOURNAL  
THE FORWARD ASSOCIATION  
WORKMEN'S CIRCLE  
YIDDISH P.E.N. CLUB  
YIDDISH WRITERS UNION  
YIVO INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH RESEARCH  
RABBI MORRIS ADLER  
*Shaarei Zedek, Detroit*  
SALO W. BARON,  
*Columbia University*  
RABBI SAMUEL BELKIN,  
*Yeshiva University*  
RABBI SOLOMON B. FREEMAN,  
*Rodeph Shalom Temple, Pittsburgh, Pa.*  
ABRAHAM JOSHUA HENDEL,  
*Jewish Theology Seminary, N. Y.*  
ROMAN JAKOBSON,  
*Harvard University*  
HORACE M. KALLEN,  
*New School for Social Research*  
ABRAHAM I. KATSH,  
*New York University School of  
Education*  
MAURICE SAMUEL, *Author and Lecturer*  
RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER,  
*The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio*  
RABBI J. B. SOLOVEITCHIK,  
*Yeshiva University*  
AARON STEINBERG,  
*World Jewish Congress*  
MAX WEINREICH,  
*College of the City of New York*  
PROF. H. A. WOLFSON,  
*Harvard University*  
RABBI JUDAH ZLOTNICH,  
*Philologist and Folklorist, Jerusalem*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

DR. S. LIPSTEIN, *Chairman*  
LEIF LEHRER, *Vice-Chairman*  
H. A. ABRAMSON, *Treasurer*  
I. STEINBAUM, *Secretary*

EDITORS IN CHIEF:

JUDAH A. JOFFE  
YUDEL MARK

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St. & Silver Park  
Cleveland,  
Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

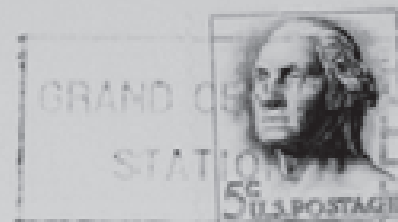
Several years ago your late father, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, had several discussions with our representatives concerning the publication of the Great Dictionary of the Yiddish Language. As a result of these conversations and exchange of letters with our office here in New York, we received a formal endorsement for the project signed in his hand plus a verbal commitment to prevail upon the Board of Trustees of the Temple to contribute the sum of \$1000. towards the publication of the second volume of this monumental dictionary.

I am enclosing for your information a copy of his endorsement. I would be most grateful to you if you could use your good offices with the Temple or other sources in behalf of this important historical venture in the Jewish community in the U. S. A.

Sincerely yours

*I. Steinbaum*  
I. Steinbaum  
Secretary

YIDDISH DICTIONARY COMMITTEE  
1048 Fifth Avenue • New York, N. Y. 10028



Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St. & Silver Park  
Cleveland,  
Ohio

THERE WAS NO ENDORSEMENT  
ENCLOSED - Mary



archive

June 1, 1965

Mr. I. Steinbaum  
The Yiddish Dictionary Committee, Inc.  
1048 Fifth Avenue  
New York 28, New York

Dear Mr. Steinbaum:

In response to your letter of May 24, you mention an enclosure which was not included. There is no indication in our archives here of any financial commitment by Dr. Silver and there are no provisions to meet such commitment.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:mga



November 3, 1965

Mrs. David Lazerick  
2447 Green Road  
Cleveland, Ohio 44121

Dear Stella:

Thank you for your kind and thoughtful gesture in bringing in copies of the Zionist covering the 66th Annual Convention. We are grateful for the additional photos in this issue from Dad's last meeting with the organization.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

MGd:mga



4507 Brookland  
University Heights,  
Ohio 44118  
382-3479  
November 23, 1965

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

My name is Paula Garber  
and I am in the eighth grade  
at Temple Emanuel Co.

As you may already  
know each year our temple holds  
the Sydney B. Hainer Oratorical  
Contest. Each child in seventh or  
eighth grade who wants to participate  
chooses a topic and writes a  
speech about it. This year, I  
have picked Rabbi Abba Hillel  
Silver in Zionism as my  
speech topic.

2-  
I would appreciate your help  
in referring me to books or magazines  
that would help me and if possible  
I would like to interview you.

Thank you very much for  
helping me and for your time  
and cooperation.

Sincerely,  
Paula Greber



Archives

November 30, 1965

Miss Paula Garber  
4507 Groveland  
University Heights, Ohio

Dear Paula:

If you will contact Miss Leikind at our Temple Library you will find that she has a great deal of material on Dr. Silver and his role in the Zionist Movement. You have tackled a big subject and I wish you well with it.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER  
DJS:mgm



LAW OFFICES  
HERSCHEL KRIGER  
PEOPLES-MERCHANTS TRUST BLDG.  
CANTON 2, OHIO

November 30, 1965

Rabbi Daniel Silver  
c/o The Temple  
University Circle & Silver Park  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I note and enclose article in the recent Jewish Post, which, I believe, would interest you and which was of special interest to me as one of the many who revered your late father.

The story of the old Yemenite workman who prays daily at Kfar Silver for your father's repose is indeed touching and I am sure he would treasure a letter from you. The director of the community should be able to deliver the message.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

  
Herschel Kriger

HK/rjk  
Encl.

# Sophisticated Americans Visit Israel

By M. Z. FRANK

Sometimes, when one has met enough Israelis and Americans familiar with Israel or America



Frank

fed up on the usual propaganda, one gets the impression that the old enthusiasm for Israel has given place to cynicism. In many cases

that cynicism is only on the surface, but it is there. You can cut it with a knife.

And yet there is enough to prove that neither the idealism of the pioneers nor the admiration of the tourists has been exhausted.

One day we took a trip with representatives of the Moshavim Organization who had to visit some families and places in the course of business. The trip included a visit to several young pioneers from the Argentine, struggling to set up a new farm, and ended up with a circumcision ceremony at the home of a young but already established Moroccan farmer couple.

THE ARGENTINIANS come from well-to-do homes and are now at the hardest period of their pioneering. The Moroccans, coming from a lower standard of living and by now doing well in Israel, show no strain of adjustment. They were

happy. The father and mother are pretty good to look at, they have three older children besides the new born male child. Some of the customs they practice are quaint: the women, at certain stages, let out something like an Indian war-whoop. I don't know whether to drive away the evil spirits or to give vent to their joy.

In 1950, in an immigrant camp I visited with Moshe Davis on Simhat Torah, I first heard that female whooping in an Iraqi makeshift synagogue and took it to be the feminine version of the scenes I used to see in my childhood in White Russia—you can still see them in Williamsburg when men danced on the streets hugging the scrolls of the Torah. The handsome young cleric with a black beard who skillfully performed the rite and appropriate service had a fine face. His prayers had somewhat different tunes than I have been accustomed to hear, but the words were the same, the spirit was the same: only a slight variation on a similar ceremony in Eastern Europe—and a rather pleasing variation.

ALMOST DIRECTLY from the Moroccan "Erith-millah" in a village in Lachish we went to the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv to hear Dorati and Franciscatti. What a different world!

But Kfar Silver, which we visited a day later, is not anywhere near the Mann Auditorium or a Tel Aviv sidewalk

cafe on Dizengoff Street. Kfar Silver is in Lachish, where the act of Jewish creation still goes on with only slight modifications of the early pioneer days. There is greater emphasis today on scientific methods in agriculture. This time the occasion of our visit was the official opening of a biological library donated by Benjamin Fox of Philadelphia.

IT SEEMS TO ME that one of the constants in the attitude of most American Jews towards Israel is the sometimes conscious and sometimes subconscious notion that somehow Israel is as charmingly backward as the Jews in "Fiddler on the Roof," a sort of an orphanage or Old Folks' Home on the old East Side. When they come to Israel and see some things as modern, other things nearly as modern as in the United States or in Western Europe, they can hardly believe their own eyes.

I believe Mr. Fox when he says he has hardly seen anywhere a well-kept and neat a laboratory as the one that bears his name in Kfar Silver. Mr. Fox has seen laboratories in his native Russia (where he was born and went to high school in large cities), in Brussels (where he studied engineering) and in his own large plants in the USA and abroad. He was tremendously impressed by what he saw in Kfar Silver. He had a lump in his throat when he delivered a brief address to the pupils at a festive luncheon in his honor.

Yet the contents of his address was quite prosaic: the need of modern science in agriculture. Why should the hands of a hard-boiled businessman shake when he speaks of such a prosaic matter as the need for a biology laboratory in an agricultural college?

The answer: it is Israel.

This reminds me of another Philadelphia Zionist, whose name I cannot recall. In September of 1950 we both boarded the same plane in Rome. All the way from Rome to Lydda he criticized Israel—which he was now going to see for the first time in his life. As the plane landed, a couple of youngsters came on and chirped first in Hebrew, then in English: "You are welcome to the State of Israel!"

There was some delay when we got off and had to wait for the examination of the baggage. I tried to make the man feel good by agreeing with him:

"They are not very well organized yet," I said to him.

He did not reply. He did not

hear what I said. He struggled with a lump in his throat.

"Nice youngsters," he finally managed.

To come back to Kfar Silver.

There is a beautiful synagogue on the premises, facing the main dining room. We were told it was Dr. Silver himself who insisted that the synagogue and the dining room face each other and that there must be nothing between them to obstruct the view. Kfar Silver was Silver's favorite spot whenever he visited Israel.

On the day before Silver died, an old Yemenite workman came to the director of Kfar Silver and insisted he had dreamt Dr. Silver was dying. He asked to be permitted to pray for him in the synagogue. Ever since then he has been coming to the synagogue daily to pray for Silver's repose. He refuses to accept any money. But he would like to get a letter from Dr. Silver's family and he keeps on asking whether there has been word from Cleveland.

December 1, 1965

Mr. Herschel Kriger  
Peoples-Merchants Trust Building  
Canton 2, Ohio

Dear Mr. Kriger:

I have received several letters from this old Yemenite. Each of them a plea for money. I do not mind his request only the fact that he portrays himself to the public as without financial guile.

Sincerely yours,

WRHS  
6656



DANIEL JEREMY SILVER  
DJS:sga



January 11<sup>th</sup> 1966

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Today I glow with pride, undeserved, because tomorrow you will be a great inspiration to many already inspired women in Dallas.

My pride stems from the fact that I grew up with your marvelous father as my Rabbi, and that is one of the proudest things in my life.

I remember clearly how wonderfully he became "Child's size" with his warm smile. And the day I was confirmed I was so proud when he kissed my forehead.

Now that I have three children of my own I cling more than ever to a religion he gave me.

Our own Rabbi Olan is pleasing us greatly with his lectures and

sermons. We feel fortunate to be  
in his congregation. And Rabbi  
Klein is superb with our children.  
Temple Emanuel offers as fine a  
program for the family as one  
could find anywhere. I'm sure.

But I will carry all my  
life a deep, sincere devotion to  
the memory of your father, and  
The Temple, and all it meant to  
me. His recording of "What is  
Judaism" is a characteristic warm,  
passion



So from this I take an especial  
pride in your visit to Dallas.  
I wish you good health. You're  
taking care of everything else splen-  
dently. I read about you often,  
always with pride.

I was Margie Adelstein,  
daughter of Dr. Charles and Florence.

I am now,

Very sincerely,

Mrs. William A. Herbert

# Temple Israel Religious School

1255

Poplar and Montgomery  
Memphis, Tennessee 38104

LAWRENCE MEYERS  
EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR

August 31, 1966

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am planning to devote from six to ten weeks of our adult education program on Sunday mornings to the ideas found in your father's Where Judaism Differed. I would appreciate knowing about any experiences you have had in using the book, recommended bibliography and methods of approach. We have the 1958 Rose study guide, but assume you would have further ideas.

Please pardon the typing, but my secretary is swamped with school registration.

Best wishes for the New Year. I am looking forward to hearing from you.



Sincerely,

Lawrence Meyers  
Educational Director

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry Meyers".

*archives*

September 2, 1966

Mr. Lawrence Meyers  
Educational Director  
Temple Israel  
1255 Poplar and Montgomery  
Memphis, Tennessee 38104

Dear Mr. Meyers:

I can really be of little help to you. Dr. Silver used the material in his book several times in Adult Education lectures but he used the material as it is before you. I have never worked out a study guide being that each person must approach this material according to his own background and purpose.

Good luck with it. With all good wishes for the New Year,

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER  
DJS:mgn

January 24, 1967

Dr. Emanuel Neumann  
515 Park Avenue  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Dr. Neumann:

I am in receipt of correspondence from one Pnina Ohrenstein of Hasifria Hazionit. She speaks of a publication on Dr. Silver in Hebrew and I wonder what information you have on this project.

You may be interested to know that the first volume of Dad's collected addresses and sermons will be off the press by the end of February.

I was disappointed not to find a review of my book )  
in Midstream at any time in the past year and one-half.

I hope this note finds you in good health. With all good wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:mgm

*archives*

March 13, 1967

Dr. Solomon Zeitlin  
The Jewish Quarterly Review  
Broad and York Streets  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19132

Dear Dr. Zeitlin:

I read with interest your forward to the 75th Anniversary Volume and the comments on the 60th Anniversary Symposium. If and when this comes up, I hope I will have an opportunity to take a part in it.

Everyone is well here. Adele asks me to send on her best. With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvi



answered by Miriam  
Leikind 16/23/67 mgm

14 MONTROSE AV.  
REDLAND, BRISTOL 6  
ENGLAND.

The Chief Rabbi.

The Temple, Cleveland, USA.

18 June 1967.

Dear Sis,

I was very privileged to be present  
at your Memorial Service on Sunday 27th November  
last, held in honour of Abba Hillel Silver. I found  
the service a very moving experience, which  
has been made all the more meaningful to  
me by reading "In The Time of Harvest". (This  
was presented to me on the same occasion and  
is greatly treasured).

My purpose for writing to you is  
two-fold. First to formally record my  
thanks and feelings. Secondly to request a  
further small favour. During the  
service a fragment of Abba Hillel Silver's writings  
was recited. It contained phrases such  
as the following "I believe in Myself --  
divinity & nobility of soul -- and in my  
fellow man -- in work -- in adventure of soul  
-- never drinking too greedily from the cup of life



----- I do not believe in being  
ordinary ----- one ambition is to rise  
above ----- to be a fullfinder ----- to  
blaze a trail through life. " Unfortunately  
my memory is not good enough to let  
me remember the remainder. Could  
you possibly fill me in on the bits  
that I've lost.

I hope that you will be able  
to do this for me, without putting you  
to too much trouble.

With many thanks,

Jed Matlett

---

July 3, 1967

Dr. David Fishman  
2620 West Park Boulevard  
Cleveland, Ohio 44120

Dear David:

I received a note from the Federation informing me of the special gift to the emergency fund in dad's honor. Needless to say, I am most grateful for the thought and for the cause. It was a lovely thing to do.

Adele joins me in sending our love.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:abh

Archives

August 7, 1967

Mr. Hyman J. Fliegel  
141 East 21st Street  
Brooklyn, N. Y. 11226

Dear Mr. Fliegel:

You, of course, have my permission to reprint  
the letter from Dr. Silver to Mr. Shohl.



Sincerely,



DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvi

*From the desk of*

HYMAN J. FLIEGEL  
141 East 21st St  
Brooklyn, N.Y., 11226.  
Aug. 2nd, 1967.

Rabbi Marshall Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver,

I am editing some letters of Dr. Stephen S. Wise and in my research at the Brandeis University Library I came across the enclosed letter from your dad of Blessed Memory to Mr. Shohl. I am asking you for permission to use the contents thereof in my article, giving the Library and the Hebrew Union Archives full credit therefor. When published I shall forward two copies of the article to you.

May I hear from you soon and favorably.

Very truly yours,



P.S. I am a former vice-president of the Z.O.A. former Nassi-national president of BNAI ZION, and a "chassid" of your revered father.

4-2-20

COPY

April Twenty-first, 1922

Mr. Charles Shohl,  
President, Union of American  
Hebrew Congregations,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Shohl,

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter, as well as a copy of the Committee's reply to the proposal of Dr. Wise.

I am in general sympathy with the spirit of the Committee's reply that lays stress upon the fact that what we need today is a strengthening of the Hebrew Union College, rather than the creation of a new institution.

I do not agree with you, however, that the College is fully able to supply all the rabbis needed for the Reform Ministry. It has not done so in the past. It may have the facilities, but it may fail to attract the students.

I furthermore regard your statement, that "Dr. Wise's trip through the West, if successful, is apt to be fraught with danger for our own institution", as factious and possibly. Had the officers of the College and the Union been as anxious to welcome the co-operation and the counsel of Dr. Wise, and of others, as they are now anxious to thwart his project, I feel quite sure that the situation which now confronts you would never have arisen. No exclusive movement can hope to remain monopolistic for very long.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Abba Hillel Silver

*carding*

September 13, 1967

Mr. Harry Widlanski  
#111276  
Marion Correction Institution  
Box 67  
Marion, Ohio

My dear Mr. Widlanski:



Charles Ascherman has presented to me the fine study painting which you did of Rabbi Silver. We are grateful for it and thank you for your time and effort.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf

*PAINTING OF DR. SILVER -  
(Not to be displayed.)*

From the desk of—

RABBI DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

HARRY and LANSKI

111276

MARION CORRECTION

Institution

Box 67



MARION

DHID



E. 131 Currier Hall  
Iowa City, Iowa.  
November 8, 1967

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I am doing a research paper on the letter former president Eisenhower wrote to you in 1956. My Rhetoric teacher just told us about this paper a week ago, and it is due November 21. So, I would greatly appreciate an answer as soon as is convenient for you.

I would like to know what you honestly thought about the letter, how it fit in with the dinner at which you spoke, and what, if any, was the reaction of your audience to the letter. Any other information would be helpful.

I thank you ever so much...  
for your time, and, if possible,  
your help.

If it is not asking too much,  
would you please send a reply  
by airmail. It would truly  
help.

Thank-you.



Sincerely,

Sally & Daley

*archive*

November 10, 1967

Miss Sally J. Boley  
E. 131 Currier Hall  
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Miss Boley:

Dr. Silver died four years ago and, of course,  
cannot answer your letter. With all good wishes  
on your paper, I remain

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf

2353 Shurmont  
Akron, Ohio 44313  
December 15, 1961

Dear Rabbi Silver,

My name is Mary Ann Weinick. I'm a 6th grader at Temple Israel Religious School.

My teacher Mr. Roman assigned to me and another girl a report on your father Abba Hillel Silver.

Could you please send me some information on him like why he was a leader of Jewish people and why Judaism was important to him. And would you be kind enough to send me the names of some books that tell about him. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Weinick

ARCHIVES

December 21, 1967

Mary Ann Heinick  
2353 Thurmont  
Akron, Ohio 44313

Dear Mary Ann:

I am sure your Temple Israel's library includes  
In The Time of Harvest and Therefore Choose Life -  
two volumes which will give you all the information  
you need about Rabbi Silver.

Good luck with your report.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEFEMY SILVER

DJS:rvf

KFAR SILVER

AGRICULTURAL TRAINING INSTITUTE

Sponsored by the Zionist Organization of America

Kfar silver, Phone 2248, Ashkelon

כפר סילבר

בית הספר התיכון החקלאי

ע"ש ד"ר אבא הלל סילבר בע"מ

סיסודת של התסדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

כפר סילבר, טל. 2248, אשקלון

May 26, 1968

Dear Rabbi Silver:

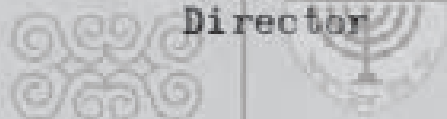
I thought that the enclosed correspondence will be of interest to you. This is, of course, just a sample.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,



WRHS Aaron Bilaus  
Director



21.5.68

לכבוד  
כפר - סילבר  
ד.נ. לכיש צפון

מנהל המדסד

א.נ.,

הנני סטודנטית באוניברסיטת ת"א בחוג  
להיסטוריה של עם ישראל. קבלתי על עצמי לכתוב  
עבודה על - אבא הלל סילבר.

החומר בספרייחני מצומצם ביותר, ולכן  
האינפורמציה שבידי היא מועטה.

אודה לכם מאד, אם אוכל להעזר בכס,  
במציאת חומר (כונתי להחרוז בפעילותו הציונית  
בעיקר בשנים 1942-1938).

בתודה מראש,

(ג) יונה קליינמן.



KFAR SILVER

AGRICULTURAL TRAINING INSTITUTE

Sponsored by the Zionist Organization of America

Kfar silver, Phone 2248, Ashkelon

כפר סילבר

בית הספר התיכון החקלאי

ע"ש ד"ר אבא הלל סילבר בע"מ

מיסודה של החסדרות הציונית של ארצות-הברית

כפר סילבר, טל. 2248, אשקלון

23.5.1968

לכבוד

גב' יוכה קלינמן

רח' ברזיל 2

ח ו ל ו

ג.כ.ל.

שמענו מאד ללמד ממכתבך, כי את עוסקת בכתיבת  
עבודה על אישיותו ומעילותיו של ד"ר אבא הלל סילבר.

בידינו נמצאים מספר ספרים בנושא הנדון, וכרצון  
נעמיד אותם לרשותך לקריאה. מאחר והספרים הם פרטיים  
לא אוכל לצערי להשאילם, אלא במקום בלבד.

באידך, רצוי שתפני לספריה העיון של בית ציוני  
אמריקה, ואולי שם תמצאי חומר נוסף.

ידוע לנו, כי מדי שנה בשנה, ביום פטירתו של  
ד"ר סילבר, מחלקת עזרים חל-אביב פרס, לחלמיד כוגר  
מכתי הספר החינוכיים בעיר, על עבודה בנושא הנ"ל.  
אני מצפץ איפוא, שתפני לד"ר שאול לויץ, ואף הוא  
אולי יעזור לך בשאלה הנ"ל.

אם תחליטי לבוא אלינו לעיון בספרות הנמצאת  
בידי, בא הודיעי על בקורך מראש.

בכורכה,

א.מילאוס  
מנהל

May 29, 1968

Mr. Aaron Bilaus  
Director  
Kfar Silver  
Agricultural Training Institute  
Ashkelon, Israel

Dear Mr. Bilaus:

I hope your man has great success with his  
biographical study of Dr. Silver and I do trust  
it will not be long before we can visit again.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:bfn

3946 Fishcreek Rd.  
apt. B-16  
Stow, Ohio 44224

July 10, 1969

Rabbi Jeremy Silver  
The Temple  
University Circle & Silver Park  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

I am a Ph.d. student in History at Kent State University. I am planning to write a paper on the role of your late father and the Unemployment Insurance bill in Ohio: the struggle for its passage, 1932-36. I am looking for information and leads that will add further information to what I already have.

I would very much like to do this paper on an aspect of your late father's varied and busy life, but unless I can get sources of information I will have to discard the project until I finish my Ph.d. work. If there are any other topics that you could suggest that have enough information at hand, I would be in your debt. I realize that you are busy but I wanted to make one last effort before I cancel my plans for a paper on your late father.

Thank you for the consideration granted this letter.

Sincerely Yours,

*Charles Meyers*  
Charles Meyers

July 25, 1969

Mr. Charles Meyers  
3946 Fishcreek Road  
Apt. B-16  
Stow, Ohio 44224

Dear Charles:

I wish you all good luck with your paper and whatever you do. Frankly, you must make these decisions yourself.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf

# *Pennsylvania Council*

UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

*Director: Rabbi Charles D. Mintz*  
405 architects Bldg., 117 S. 17th Street  
Philadelphia, Pa., 19103 Locust 3-8183

August 12, 1969

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
Tifereth Israel (The Temple)  
University Circle & Silver Park  
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Rabbi:

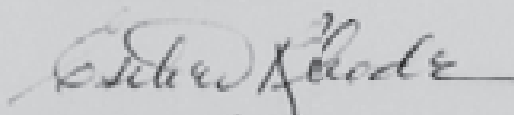
We have been asked to locate a copy of the  
poem, "America," by Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

We have made several inquiries in libraries,  
bookstores, and even in publishing houses, to  
no avail.

Could you possibly help us to obtain a copy  
of this poem?

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



Esther Rhode  
Secretary to Rabbi Mintz

ER:

*Archives*

August 13, 1969

Mr. Charles Meyers  
3946 Fishcreek Road  
Stow, Ohio 44224

Dear Mr. Meyers:

The Temple does house a complete archives on Dr. Abba Hillel Silver which is catalogued. You might wish to contact our librarian, Miss Miriam Leikind, after the first of September.



Sincerely,



MGM:mmm

(Miss)Margarite G. Mihok  
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

*archives*

August 27, 1969

Rabbi Charles D. Mintz, Director  
Pennsylvania Council UAHC  
405 Architects Bldg.  
117 S. 17th Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

Dear Charles:

I am enclosing a copy of "America" as per your request.



Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf