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Cleveland, Ohio

Dec. 1, 1931

Rabbi A. H. Silver,

Dear Sir: The question is; How much longer can we remain uncivilized? Customs and institutions which developed in the cave are becoming intolerable in the Machine Age.

There are three principle things which divide men into hostile groups and set them at each other's throats; namely; religion, nationalism, and economic exploitation. All three must go.

Parochial superstition must be superseded by a broad humanistic culture. Tribal and geographical loyalties must disappear. Capitalism, which condemns the masses to live at the level of the brute, must give way to Socialism.

The agents and methods of this transformation of society are, of course, becoming revealed in this period of transition.

Very Sincerely Yours,

Frank M'Lee

4101 E 40th St

Cleveland

CLEVELAND LODGE NO. 16
B'NAI B'RITH

December 1st, 1931

Dear Brother:-

If you were present at a recent meeting of our lodge, you will recall that it was decided to center this year's activities around Bellefaire, the Jewish Orphan Home of Districts No. 2 and 6 of the B'nai B'rith.

The Committee appointed to investigate the needs of the Home reports that the biggest thing we can do for the Home this year is to give as much material assistance as possible for the care of the 250 children at Bellefaire.

It is true that \$2.00 of each member's dues and a small share of his community fund pledge go toward the maintenance of Bellefaire, but these do not begin to cover the cost of caring for the 77 Cleveland children now living at the Home. That is the reason why an enormous deficit has been incurred and that the administration is confronted with a deficiency of \$50,000.00 for the current year.

We, the founders of the Jewish Orphan Home, should certainly come to the aid of this "child" of ours in the present emergency; and it seems to me that the enclosed subscription card, which provides for different types of membership, offers us an excellent opportunity for so doing.

While it is highly desirable that you do something in the way of making a contribution to Bellefaire, I would like to have you do this without affecting your regular membership in the B'nai B'rith, because your affiliation with the B'nai B'rith at this time is of the highest importance in order to maintain the program of charity which we are sponsoring. It is hoped that you will make this subscription in addition to your B'nai B'rith membership. I feel that this should be brought to your attention because the B'nai B'rith does not make it a practice to call upon its members for contributions or donations outside of the membership dues.

Won't you please give this your earnest consideration and send something so that these children, who are the responsibility of each of us, will not suffer during these trying times?

Sincerely and fraternally,

Leo Weidenthal, President

P.S. The little booklet also enclosed suggests another way in which we can be helpful. The next time you are celebrating a joyous occasion or wish to pay tribute to the memory of a loved one, tear a page from this book and send a contribution to Bellefaire. The health and welfare of these little ones will surely bring as much happiness and consolation to you and your friends as the most beautiful of flowers. - L.W.

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STANLEY S. FRIEDMAN

December First
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Dr. A. H. Silver, Rabbi
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

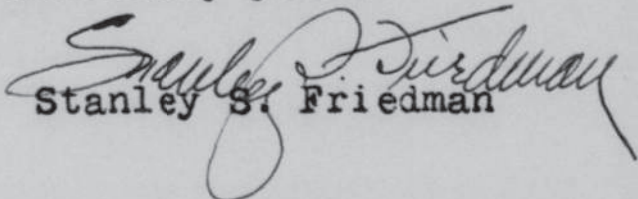
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Pursuant to our conversation this morning, I am writing you in reference to organization and publicity service in connection with the Conference on Child Health and Welfare called by the Governor and of which Conference you are Chairman. If such services are desired I will greatly appreciate being considered in this capacity.

If at any time I may be of service a call from you will be appreciated.

Thanking you again, I am,

Sincerely yours


Stanley S. Friedman

ssf/s

Dec. 1st, 1931

Mrs. Alvin Kingsbacher,
303 Meridian Ave.,
S. Pasadena, Calif.

My dear Ethel:-

I am sending you under separate cover a copy of our new Confirmation manual "The Jew and His Religion." We have been using it in our Confirmation classes and we have liked it very much.

I believe that Elaine will enjoy reading it.

I would suggest that you read the book chapter by chapter with her and comment as you go along.

If there is any supplementary literature that you would like, please don't hesitate to ask for it.

Virginia and the children are fine. We are getting ready for a joyous celebration of Chanukah.

We send our love to you, Alvin and Elaine.

As ever yours,

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TWELVE EAST FORTY-FIRST STREET
NEW YORK CITY

December
first
1931

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I should like to seek your advice on a manuscript which has been submitted to us. It is called, BAR-MITZVAH, and it is written by Rev. Dr. Haim Pereira Mendes. We are naturally at sea in considering such a manuscript, and I am not at all certain that we could handle it to advantage if it turned out to be first rate. If you could spare a little of your time for our customary fee of \$10.00, I should care to raise two questions: The first pertains, of course, to the merit of the book; and the second would be, what sort of a sale in Jewish circles could we reasonably expect from a book of this kind?

If you are in a position to look the manuscript over, I should be glad to send it on for your reading.

Sincerely yours,

Chaim Mendes

*It is a handbook
for confirmation classes,
cwf/ph*

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Dec. 1st, 1931

Mrs. R. H. Rosenfeld,
2555 Edgehill Rd.,
Cleveland Hts., Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Rosenfeld:-

I am sending you herewith the Marriage
Certificate of Jean and Milton which I forgot to give
them yesterday.

The wedding was perfectly beautiful and
Virginia and I had a delightful time at it.

With kindest regards, I am

As ever yours,

AHS/IR

Dec. 2d, 1931

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Dec. 3d, 1931

Mr. George H. Sand,
1902 Colerain Ave.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Sand:-

Under separate cover I am sending you
a book which I would please ask you to bind.

You have in the past bound three or
four copies of the same series of books.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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10311 Lake Shore Blvd.,
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Yours very truly,

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By *W. R. A. Hays*,
W. R. A. Hays, Manager.

Dec. 3d, 1931

Rabbi Jack Skirball,
J 57, Donalson Arms,
Evansville, Ind.

My dear Jack:-

I hope you will pardon the long delay in answering your letter. I have been terrifically busy both at home and away.

I enjoyed reading your letter tremendously. It is one of the very few good letters which I have received from you. I would like to get more of them.

I had a very good time writing "Why Do the Heathen Rage- Part Two." And I have received some very delightful reactions to it from all parts of the country.

It may interest you to know that the Menorah Journal is practically "mechulah" and that the whole editorial staff has quit en masse. Hurwitz is trying desperately hard to revive the sheet with a new policy and a new set of collaborators. I am happy that I was able to contribute my share to its debacle.

Life here is moving along nicely. Virginia and the children are doing splendidly. I do hope that you will come to Cleveland soon and spend a little time with us. You haven't seen Daniel and Raphael in a long time.

With best wishes in which Virginia joins me,
I remain

As ever yours,

AHS/IR

Dec. 3d, 1931

Mrs. I. L. Cohen,
142 Woodland Ave.,
Hartford, Conn.

My dear Mrs. Cohen:-

I am enclosing herewith a copy of my poem "America," (it is not a play) which you may use in connection with your Americanization classes.

With kindest regards and best wishes,
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

Dec. 3d, 1931

Mr. Charles W. Ferguson,
12 E. 41st St.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Ferguson:-

In reply to your letter of December 1st with reference to Dr. Mendes' Confirmation Manual "Bar-Mitzvah" permit me to say that while I have no objection to reading the manuscript for you, I do not think that that is the type of book which you would be interested in handling.

Every Jewish religious group in the country has its own commission on education which has published Confirmation manuals. The Jewish publishing house, the Bloch Publishing Company, has within the last month published a Confirmation manual, "The Jew and His Religion." These agencies and publishing houses cover the Jewish field which is likely to use this manual pretty thoroughly.

With kindest regards and best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IE

Book Order

Dec. 4th, 1931

The Hebrew Union College Library,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Gentlemen:-

I would appreciate if you would let
me have for a few days the book
of Herman Joseph Michael published in Frankfort in
1891.

With kindest regards, I am

WRHS


Very sincerely yours,



AHS/IR

Dec. 4th, 1931

Mr. A. Daugherty,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Daugherty:-

This will signify that the bearer, Elaine
Goldman attended my class this afternoon, Friday, Dec. 4th,
at the Temple.



Very sincerely yours,



Dec. 4th, 1931

The Jewish Daily Bulletin,
125 E. 46th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Hereafter please send the copy of
the Jewish Daily Bulletin which you send to Rabbi
Silver at the Temple, to his home 10311 Lake Shore
Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio.

With kindest regards, permit me
to remain

WRHS


Very sincerely yours,



Secretary to Rabbi Silver



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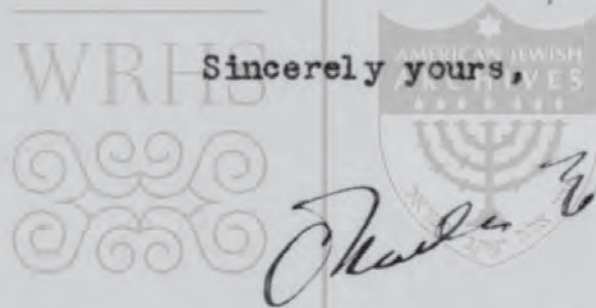
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your letter of December third about Dr. Mendes' book. In view of the circumstances you were good enough to acquaint me with I think we had better not go any further with the manuscript.

Sincerely yours,



Charles E. Smith

cwf/ph

LEO WOLF

P. O. BOX 144

WHEELING, W. VA.

12/7/31

Rabbi A. H. Silver
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi:

You asked me a short time ago to send you
additional reviews. Here are some synopses I dedicated
on religious books. Please point out any fallacy, dogmatism,
anything that is unconvincing or fatuous.

Landia joins me in affectionate greetings to you
and your dear ones
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Very Sincerely,
Leo Wolf



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December 10, 1931.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
E. 105th & Ansel Rd.,
City.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This is to announce the opening of the "Kibitzarnie"
(our own luncheon club) in a private room at Weber's
Restaurant, 242 Superior Avenue.

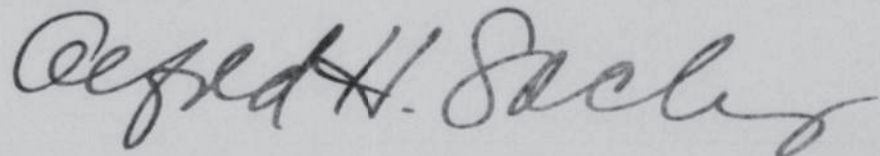
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dues or initiation fee. Luncheons will be served at
regular Weber rates (40¢ - 60¢).

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ments, Bolshevism, International debts, National
Prosperity, etc., will be encouraged. No one member
will, however, be permitted to talk for all, except by
and with the approval of two-thirds of those present.

You are invited to lunch with us daily, or as often as
you can; and please feel free to stay away whenever
you are bored by our congenial company.

The "Kibitzarnie" will formally be opened with ice
water toasts at luncheon on Friday, December 11, 1931.
You are invited - come.

Cordially,



P. S. Access to the "Kibitzarnie" is thru the main
restaurant, by way of the winding staircase. Waiters
will direct you, if necessary.

9301 Parmelee Ave
Cleveland, Ohio
Dec 10, 1931

My dear Rabbi Silver: -

If this letter will sound rather strange to you I hope you will forgive me as strange things do happen to all of us in the course of life. I hope you will realize that I have taken Daniel out of the Temple Sunday School for no other reason but financial difficulties. I must budget my expenditures and I consider music very important also "sketching" and I must pay for all these subjects. I wrote to you asking you to advise me as to what type of Jewish education I should give my boy you entirely ignored my letter. I understand you are a busy man and what do people amount to in the Temple anyhow, if they are not the "money people". As far as I am concerned my contacts with the Temple people would not lend an iota to my spiritual happiness. I am not coming to the Temple for socials. I can satisfy my religious life right at home. The threatening letters I kept on receiving from your secy made me to take Daniel out of the Sunday School. Sincerely
Mrs. Lillian Dembow.

P.B.
Dr. Dembow sk was my sentiments in that
the Temple does not care to cater
to the refined and the professionals
but whoever has the money has the
power to decide whom to throw
out of the Temple

The professionals have a hard struggle
now to make the necessary expenses
to carry them along and if we didn't pay
that year in advance we didn't
deserve such threatening letters

As far as I am concerned I can
endure life without organized

religion

Religion to me is soulful
and not a mere business
put on a business basis that
one must pay by the 10th or
their credit is too good

O/K
12/16/31
"America"

RABBI LEONARD J. ROTHSTEIN
310 RIVERSIDE DRIVE
NEW YORK CITY

12/10/31.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear colleague:

May I ask a favor

of you? I plan to deliver a sermon

next week on the subject "If I

were president." By way of introd-

uction I want to give my concep-

tion of America. There still lingers

in my mind that superb defini-

tion you gave some years ago - in

what connection, I do not recall.

I should like to sum up this in-

troduction of mine with your state-

ment. I have it somewhere but

cannot put my hand on it. I

shall appreciate it, therefore, if you
~~will~~ ^{will} be good enough to have your
secretary type the thing for me and
send it on. Many thanks.

With kindest regards

I am

Cordially yours,

Samuel J. Rothstein



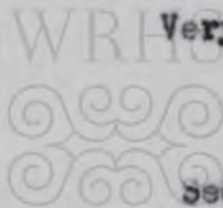
Dec. 10th, 1931

The Hibbert Journal,
41 Winter St.,
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:-

Please send us at once a copy of the last
issue of the Hibbert Journal, together with bill for same.

Thanking you in advance for your prompt
attention, permit me to remain



Very sincerely yours,



Secretary to Rabbi Silver

Dec. 10th, 1931

Mr. C. C. Schiffeler,
Hotel Gibson,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Schiffeler:-

I want to thank you for the many courtesies
which you extended to me during my recent visit to Cincinnati
and for the pleasure which I had in occupying a room at the
Gibson Hotel.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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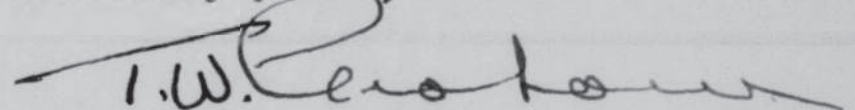
december 10, 1931

Rabbi Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Silver:

When you telephoned this morning I was just on my way to class and could not take the time to look up my next Monday schedule. I find that it will be possible for me to join you at dinner in Cleveland, and I shall be at your home by six o'clock. It is exceedingly thoughtful of you to give me a chance to be in your home and to dine with you and Gilkey.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "T. W. Graham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

T W Graham, Dean.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
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Dear Sir,

In reply to your esteemed order of the 28th ult,
we have sent you the books mentioned on the enclosed invoice.
We have not at present in stock a set of the JEWISH QUARTERLY
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DENVER, COLORADO December 10, 1931

Dear Rabbi;

Are you aware of the true meaning of SECULAR? We were amazed in finding such a large percentage with an incorrect interpretation of what a Jewish Secular University would be and sponsor. According to Webster a Secular University is one free from religion--non-sectarian--having nothing to do with religion.

The subject for the current year for debate in the fraternity of Aleph Zadik Aleph is "Resolved, that a Jewish Secular University be established in America."

I would be greatly gratified if you would be kind enough to briefly reply to this letter as to your personal opinion of this subject. Do you believe Jews would attend such a school? Would it be financially possible? Would a degree from this school be honored as much as another? etc.

I am writing to the outstanding Rabbis for these opinions in preparation to the finals of this debate.

Hoping you will give this your kind attention

Yours truly,

Harry Sidon

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Dec 11, 1931

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Dec. 11th, 1931

Mrs. Lillian Dembrow,
9301 Parmelee Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Dembrow:-

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December 10th.

You evidently wrote it impulsively. The Temple has been quite fair with you. You are in arrears for a year and a quarter for your dues and the secretary has offered to extend the time of payment to you. But evidently you don't even like to be reminded of your financial obligations to the institution.

You feel that it is important to pay for your child's music lessons and for his sketching, but for his religious education you do not seem to feel any financial responsibility. Therein, of course, you are mistaken. The Temple has to pay the salaries of its teachers month by month. It has to pay for the maintenance, supervision and upkeep of the school building. Unless the Temple is able to meet its financial obligations it can not function.

Your dues at the Temple has been a minimum one, \$50. per year. The cost per child, per year in our school is \$70. So that you realize there is no "profit" accruing to the Temple.

I believe that if you will think the matter through logically you will arrive at an altogether different conclusion. We should very much regret seeing Daniel withdrawn from the religious school.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



The Hotel Gibson
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dec. 11th, 1931

OFFICE OF
THE MANAGING DIRECTOR
C. C. SCHIFFELER

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am in receipt of your cordial
letter of Dec. 10th, and am happy
you enjoyed your recent visit to
our Gibson.

I assure you it was our delightful
pleasure to be of service to you,
and we trust we may have the privilege
of welcoming you soon again.

With kindest regards, I am

Most cordially yours,

Managing Director

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Saturday Dec. 12 '31.

My very dear Rabbi Silver: -

I am in receipt of your letter and want to thank you most cordially for your prompt reply. Although when I was puzzled as to what type of Jewish education to give my boy and I asked you to advise me you never answered my letter I suppose the answer is "Sunday School".

You say I am impulsive, rather true I am but I also have rational thinking. By impulse I am religious and righteous and rationally I can see a lot of humbug in all organized religions the Jewish not the exception to the general rule and also my contacts with the Temple people have not been at all inspirational. Your sermons are the only inspiration there.

Sincerely Mrs. L. Dembrows.

Book Order

Dec. 14th, 1931

The Bloch Publishing Co.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Please send to Rabbi Silver the
following books:

1. "Legacy of Israel"
2. Dr. Kohler's "Jewish Theology"
3. Margolis and Marks' "History of the Jews."

Thanking you in advance for your
prompt attention, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

Paul

Dec. 14th, 1931

Mr. Leo Weidenthal,
The Jewish Independent,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Weidenthal:-

Young James Goulder showed me this
poem which he wrote which I thought very fine for a
high school boy.

Perhaps you may deem it of sufficient
interest to publish in the Jewish Independent.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

Dec. 14th, 1931

Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman,
145 Ballard Dr.,
Hartford, Conn.

My dear Abe:-

Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness
in sending me a copy of your new book "The Faith of a
Liberal Jew." I know that I shall read it with a great
deal of pleasure.

With kindest regards to your dear wife and
to you and the children, I remain

As ever yours,



AHS/IR

*This volume is sent to you with the Compliments
of the Author, who invites, and will be grateful for, any
comment you may be pleased to send him.*

*145 Ballard Drive,
Hartford, Conn.*

Abel J. Feldman

Dec. 14th, 1931

Mr. Maxwell Silver,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Maxwell:-

I am enclosing herewith the twelve
checks for the folks.

You have undoubtedly seen their last
letters. Mother is feeling better and I hope that she
continues to improve.

There is nothing new here. Virginia
and the children are well and I hope that all is well
with your family.

I shall probably be in the East in the
near future and I shall get in touch with you.

Please give my love to Jane and the
children in which Virginia joins me.

As ever,

AHS/IR

Los Angeles, Calif.,

Dec. 14, 1931.

Dear Dr. Silver, —

A number of us, gathered about the fireside this evening, were discussing "Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver" and what you are.

One of us suggested you are a Jew. On that we almost all agreed, but the Orthodox Jew in our midst strongly insisted on reservations.

We wanted to make it unanimous. So another,

reminding that you were born
and brought up in Shirvint
(Nei-Stadt), wished you to be
classed as a Lithuanian Jew.

But two objected. They thought,
if anything, you are a Russian
Jew. So we couldn't make
it unanimous again.

Then one suggested. you
are an American Jew. at
that I feel in this thought,
that if you are an American

Jew, you are an American.
My thought was that the
terms "Jew" and "American"
are well-nigh the same.

This opened a veritable
storm of argument. So I was
instructed to write to you and
learn direct.

Respectfully,

Hillel-Shammai Circle
c/o George Edelman
355 No. Chicago St.
Los Angeles, Cal.

[December 1931]

TWENTY-EIGHT LITTELL ROAD
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December fifteen.

Dear Abba -

I understand that during the second week of January you will be in Boston several days. To fill speaking engagements - Sam and I would be very glad to have you drop in on us - for a meal - at least for a talk first - as your arrangements to allow.

Boston is awaiting you eagerly.
Greetings to yourself and Mrs Silver.

Mine -
(Wm. Epstein)

L. M. Epstein

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Orders*

Dec. 16th, 1931

Bureau of Jewish Education,
140 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

I am returning herewith your statement which was sent to Rabbi Silver. I note on the statement you mark "it shipped October, 1931."

This book was never received by Rabbi Silver and this office has never received it. We do have a copy in our Temple Library, but we ordered it from Bloch Publishing Co. and paid them for it.

Please cancel this charge on your books.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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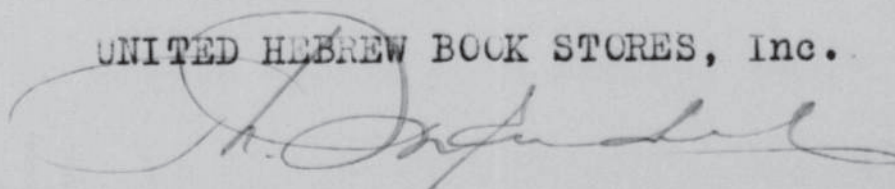
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December 16, 1931

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
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Cleveland

Dear Rabbi Silver,

On May 11, 1931 we sent you our check in the amount of \$25. for your kind services in officiating at the funeral of Eugene Propper, deceased. Mr. Nathan Loeser of this office is the administrator and it is necessary for him to present your receipt to the Probate Court when he files his final account. Will you therefore please sign the enclosed receipt and return to us.

Very truly yours,

Mooney Hahn Loeser Keough & Beam

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December 16, 1931.

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

My dear Colleague:

Last winter my congregation graciously consented to my proposal that I take a winter vacation in place of the summer vacation. I took the opportunity to join the First Seminar in the Caribbean conducted by the Committee on Cultural Relations with Latin America, directed by Dr. Hubert C. Herring.

That was an unforgettable month. Together with men like Ernest Gruening, the leading champion of the little peoples of the Caribbean before public opinion in America, and Chester Lloyd Jones, the leading authority on Caribbean problems, I spent six days on the Island of Haiti.

To live for a while in the little Black Republic is in itself an education in one of the leading problems of international relations - the relation between great powers and little peoples. We met in secret with the revolutionaries of Cuba and were received in audience by the dictator Machado, and by the American Ambassador Guggenheim. We chatted with Governor Theodore Roosevelt on the problems of our Spanish-speaking possession, Porto Rico.

Personally, I found it possible on my return to earn back the entire expense of the trip by lecturing and by writing my impressions in a series of articles published by the "Detroit News."

I recommend the Second Seminar to you as a rarely fascinating vacation.

I am enclosing a circular of information.

With kindest greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

Leon Fram
Rabbi Leon Fram

Dec. 17th, 1931

United Hebrew Book Stores,
40 Canal St.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

In reply to your kind letter of Dec.
16th permit me to say that you may renew my subscription
for "Moz-nayim" for the coming year.



With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

MRS. A. F. MELLMAN
3024 YORKSHIRE RD.
CLEVELAND HTS. OHIO

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Immediately
after I approached you at the Parents-
Teachers' Meeting last Sunday, I realized
that I had broached a subject about
which I could not speak freely; and so,
before you talk with my son, Richard,
I shall explain the matter more clearly
to you in writing.

When Richard
was in the fourth grade at Coventry
School, a series of intelligence tests were
given all pupils in the Heights schools.
These group tests showed about twenty
children with intelligence quotients around
140 which put them in the class of potential
geniuses and Richard in a class by himself.

He was given added special tests to confirm the first results and the figure remained the same. His intelligence quotient is 186. Parents are ordinarily not told these results but there was such a stir at discovering this I. Q. as there is only one, ^{recorded} higher - Goethe's - and few nearly that high; - and we had to be consulted about matters of family history so that the authorities might get a more, ^{nearly} complete study of the child. Richard (they all commented on this point) was most unassuming, magnanimous, and devoid of the usual cockiness that goes with most superior children.

The rearing of any child is a serious responsibility, but we can't help feeling a little awed by the possibilities this one has. However, a child with his mental alertness and keen interest not only has a ^{greater} capacity for appreciation and enjoyment, but also for disillusion and suffering. We are trying to give him a sense of proportion, and can only hope that he will remain as he is now.

After I spoke to you in Mahler Hall I feel that you might misunderstand the kind of assistance we requested. Mr. Mellman and I both feel that it will be a decided advantage for Richard to know you personally, that he may feel free to go to you ^{either} in a friendly way or for advice if the need should ever arise - instead of waiting for some possible difficulty before making the contact. Many children during adolescence become too big a problem for parents alone. While Richard so far has been a most convenient, comfortable sort to handle, we feel this might be a wise step in the way of prevention or

preparedness.

Thanking you kindly for your
sympathetic interest last Sunday and
your immediate offer of assistance, I
am

Sincerely yours,

Leah B. Mellman

December 17, 1931



THE JEWISH CENTER
131-135 WEST 86TH STREET
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PHONE SCHUYLER 4-2700

Rabbi's Study

December 17, 1931.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
c/o The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

About ten years ago I succeeded in interesting you
in the publication of the "Midrash Bereshith Rabbah"
which the Akademie had sponsored. At that time you
made a goodly contribution towards it.

The enclosed letter speaks for itself.

I should not have written (especially since my letter
of last year had not been vouchsafed an answer) were
it not for the fact that the plea from Berlin is very
eloquent.

Will you please return the enclosed letter with your
reply?

Needless to say, I am sending them my mite, too.

With all good wishes, believe me to be

Sincerely yours,

Leo Jung
(Rabbi) Leo Jung

Encl.

\$15⁰⁰

Dec. 17th, 1931

Rabbi Albert I. Gordon,
Adath Jeshurun Congregation,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Rabbi Gordon:-

Please pardon the delay in answering your
kind letter of Dec. 3d.

I have taken the privilege of sending your
communication on to New York, where I am sure it will be
given the careful consideration which it deserves.

There is much merit in your suggestion.

With kindest regards and best wishes,
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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שלום רב.

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את ספרך "Religion in a Changing World" קבלתי במאדע, עם נעימות מכילת אלף כ"ז מן שלום
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שהנלתי אהרע.
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Dec. 22d, 1931

Mr. Leo Solomon,
Council Educational Alliance,
13512 Kinsman Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

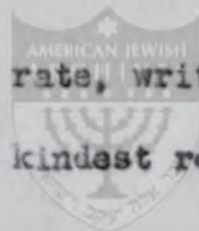
My dear Mr. Solomon:-

The enclosed letter is self explanatory.
This bereaved mother wants to know something about the
activities of her son, Aaron Rosenbleet at the Educational
Alliance. Perhaps you can give her the information which
she so much desires.

Will you, at any rate, write to her.



With kindest regards, I am



Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

Dec. 22d, 1931

Mrs. A. F. Mellman,
3024 Yorkshire Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Mellman:-

Thank you so much for writing to me and giving me the interesting information about Richard. I am now, more than ever, anxious to get to know him well.

Please ask him to come in to see me after school so that I might at least contact with him and the I shall arrange to keep in constant touch with him.

I shall be most happy to have him come to me at any time to talk over any subject and I hope that you, yourself, will feel free to talk to me about Richard at any time.

With kindest regards and best wishes,
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

Dec. 22d, 1931

Miss N. Herschfeld,
3340 E. 142d St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Herschfeld:-

Pardon the long delay in answering your
kind letter of Nov. 17th.

I have inquired at the Temple and of
several other sources about some work for you. But I
have been unsuccessful.

However I shall keep you in mind and should
anything come to my notice I shall be more than pleased to
advise you.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Jos. H. Gross,
Pres. Temple Women's Ass'n.

RDG/IR

Dec. 22d, 1931

Mr. Isaac Heckelman,
c/o Edw. B. Shallow Jr. High School,
16th Ave. and 65th St.,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Isaac:-

Please pardon the long delay in answering your letter. I have been away from the city a good deal of the time.

I wish I could see my way clear to advance you the money which you ask for. Unfortunately I can not. The drain upon me in the last two years, from all sources both family and public has been such that I simply can not in justice to myself deplete my funds any further. My own income has been seriously curtailed.

If it were a smaller sum which you ask for I could perhaps see my way clear to advance it to you.

I shall probably be in New York in the near future for a public meeting. Get in touch with me then.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

I remain

As ever yours,

AHS/IR

December
Twenty-second
1931.

Dr. Jacob Mann,
Hebrew Union College,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Mann:-

I have just received a copy of your new book "Text and Studies". I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me the volume which on the face of it is a store house of new and valuable Jewish material. You have again enriched the field of Jewish learning.

I find some new Messianic material in the volume which I shall peruse with greatest interest.

With kindest regards and best wishes and hoping to see you in the near future again,
I am

As ever yours,

AHS/IR

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December 22, 1931

Dr. A. H. Silver
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Abba:

I appreciate your note of the 14th. May I not
further ask that after you ~~shall~~ ^{will} have read the little book,
you will give me a word of estimate of it and if it is favor-
able, that I might use it for publicity.

With warm greetings to you and yours, I am

As ever,

Yours,

Abbe

Book order

Dec. 22d, 1931

The Bloch Publishing Co.,
31 West 31st St.,
New York, N. Y.

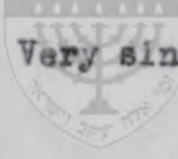
Gentlemen:-

Please send me volume seven and eight of
the Encyclopaedia Judaica.

With kindest regards, I am

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Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

December
23d,
1931.

Mrs. L. M. Epstein,
28 Littell Rd.,
Brookline, Mass.

My dear Minnie:-

Thank you so much for your kind
note and for the invitation which you extend to
me.

I shall be in Boston on Sunday
and Monday, January 10th and 11th. I shall stop
at the Statler Hotel. Get in touch with me
Sunday morning and we will arrange for getting
together.

Please convey my best wishes to
your hubby.

With best wishes, I am

As ever yours,



AHS/IR

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December 24, 1931

Rabbi A.H. Silver

The Temple

Ansel Road and East 105th St.

Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I shall be glad to write to
Mrs. Rosenbleet at once. I remember her son very
well and I think that I can give her the informa-
tion she desires.

Sincerely yours,

Isaac L. Stone

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December 24th, 1931

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Our Cleveland Peoples' Tool Campaign Committee is arranging a banquet for Sunday evening January the 17th, and feeling what your presence means to our cause, I take the liberty of inviting you to address this banquet.

Knowing that you are taking an active interest in our work for the rehabilitation of Jewish life in Eastern Europe, I feel confident that you will accept my invitation to address the banquet and inspire the gathering with the great significance of our work.

For your information, the dinner will start 6 P.M. and the only other speaker will be Mr. Daniel E. Morgan, and Judge Jacob Panken from New York.

I anticipate to hear that you accept, and remain,

Yours very truly,

B. C. Vladeck, National Chairman,
Peoples' Tool Campaign

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Oakwood Club
1520 Warrensville Road
Cleveland Heights, Ohio

December 28, 1931

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
c/o The Temple,
Ansel Rd. & E. 105 St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In behalf of the members of the Oakwood Club I desire to extend to you our thanks and appreciation for your assistance in making our first Father and Son Stag Party a success.

Your short talk was most impressive and enjoyed by all.

Again thanking you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

S. Liebenthal, Chairman
Entertainment Committee
919 National City Bank Bldg.

Books ordered

Dec. 28th, 1931

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Cambridge, Eng.

Gentlemen:-

I am enclosing a check to cover the enclosed
bill.

Please send me also the following books:

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The Mind of Rome
The Pageant of Greece
Cambridge Ancient History (9 vols.)
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Very sincerely yours,

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December 28, 1931

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver;

We are in receipt of your remittance for which please accept our thanks. Vols. VII and VIII of the "Encyclopedia Judaica" have not yet reached us. So soon as they arrive we shall be pleased to forward them to you.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Rabbi Silver;-
The Temple
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi:-

In continuation of our talk on Monday, I today had the privilege of discussing this divorce situation with Dr. Bird, and he stated his intention of conferring with you on this matter.

In my own personal case, now closed, if the Judge really contends that there was gross neglect of duty instead of temporary incompatibility I am willing to submit all of the detailed financial records to a trained accountant. There was, of course, some fallacious testimony in court which I know he saw through.

Even where there are legitimate grounds the present divorce-marriage ratio of 2:3 makes of marriage a farce. In the past six months the percentage is about 65%.

If the present intolerable situation continues much longer there won't be any marriage -

Truly yours

Franklyn Moritz

10939 Hampden Ave.
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Hartford, Connecticut
142 Shoddland Street
December 29, 1931

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

The Hartford section National
Council of Jewish Women, wishes
me to convey to you its most
sincere thanks for the copy
of your beautiful poem "America".

Your kindness is truly ap-
preciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. I. L.) Loretta G. Cohen, Secy
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Rabbi A.H. Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Rd.,
City.

Dear Board Member:-

In January, Sam Goldhamer will have
given twenty-five years of service to the Federation.

We who have worked with him, feel
that this is the time to show our appreciation for the splendid
and unselfish manner in which he has served the community.

We are planning to present him with a
token of our appreciation at the Annual Meeting, the latter
part of January.

If you would like to join us in this
presentation, kindly send me your check for such amount as you
feel inclined.

Cordially yours,

Sol Reinthal

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My dear Rabbi Silver:

We send you
separately a copy of "As A Jew Sees
Jesus" with the regret that, through
an oversight, a copy did not go off
to you before.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Hart

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

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BOSTON, MASS.

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

Dear Friend:

You are coming to our Lyceum on Monday evening, January 11th. Ruth and I will be very happy if you will have dinner with us that evening, after which I shall have the pleasure of presenting you to our audience.

A very happy New Year to you, Virginia and the boys.

Sincerely yours,

Harry Levi

HL:BRB

Dec. 31st, 1931

United Aged Home of Jerusalem,
"Moshav Sekinim."
Jerusalem, Palestine.

Dear Friends:-

Your collector Mr. Jacob Soffer has turned over to me a check of \$250 from the Estate of Marx Berne. I am enclosing the check herewith.

I am also enclosing herewith my own check of \$100 for the Home in memory of my dear departed sister Mrs. Pearl Silver Michaelson. My request is that Kaddish be recited on her Tahrzeit in her memory. My father will give you the date of her death.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
% The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

[December 1931]

Dear Rabbi:-

As a thinking victim of the Cleveland Divorce Mill which grants divorces without legal grounds I am seeking eloquent advocates for a basic idea:-

"It should be made legally impossible to file a suit for divorce until the two parties have been separated for a minimum period of 3 to 6 months."

In the present intolerable situation when two married people have a small difference one of the two runs immediately to an attorney who promptly files suit lest he lose a fee. After the legal fight starts an intense antagonism develops which often prevents rational conciliation. If the wife is the aggressor there is an onus attached to the man who dares to defend or contest.

Today the very existence of the easy divorce mill disrupts

more homes than are being started. People who could have successful marriages if there were no easy divorces are hurt spiritually and morally when this menacing specter destroys their peaceful happiness.

Truly yours
Franklyn Moritz
10939 Hampden Ave.