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Personal correspondence, 1935 October.

# Beechmont Country Club

Stop 27 Kinsman Road

Warrensville, O.

October 1st

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To the Members of the

Beechmont Country Club:

Out of respect to the Day of Atonement,  
your Board has decreed that all club activities  
comprising the facilities of the clubhouse, office,  
locker room and golf course shall be suspended for  
the entire day of Monday, October 7th.

Our staff of employees will be excused from  
their duties for this day.

Sincerely yours,

GEO. J. KOLLER,  
President.





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EXECUTIVE OFFICE

October 1st, 1935

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th & Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

I meant to ask you, last Saturday, for the title of the best book on Jewish Bible stories, that my children could read. Strange as it may seem, they are interested and my own memory will not suffice.

Once upon a time you promised to send me an autographed copy of your book on "Religion in a Changing World". I would greatly appreciate it -- and I might even read it.

I enjoyed seeing you and your family on Saturday. It's a pleasant custom which I always look forward to.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely,

ROBERT HAYS GRIES

RHG:JC

P. S. Where can I buy a small mezzuzah -- of the type that can be carried in the pocket or on a watch-chain?

RHG.

October 1, 1935

Mrs. Henry Auerbach,  
15107 Shore Acres,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Auerbach:

I received this morning the enclosed letter from Morton Fierman, one of our boys who has applied for admission to the Hebrew Union College, but who will this year be enrolled as a special student and not as a regular student. I would suggest that you give him the scholarship directly this year instead of sending it through the College, in accordance with the contents of his letter. I would then write to Dr. Morgenstern and request that the College credit us with this scholarship.

With all good wishes for a very happy new year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



October 1, 1935

The National Exchange Bank,  
Wheeling,  
West Virginia.

Gentlemen:

Pleade change my address from The Temple,  
Ansel Road and E. 105th St. to the following:

Mrs. Virginia H. Silver  
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

October 1, 1935

Dr. Otto Nathan,  
121 West 11th St.,  
New York, N.Y.

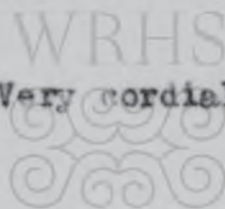
My dear Dr. Nathan:

Let me reciprocate your kind wishes  
for the new year. I hope that the coming  
year will bring you a full measure of con-  
tentment and peace.

I hope to be in New York in the near  
future and shall give myself the pleasure of  
contacting with you. With all good wishes,  
I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK





**B'NAI B'RITH**  
CONSTITUTION GRAND LODGE  
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I. M. RUBINOW  
SECRETARY

October 1, 1935

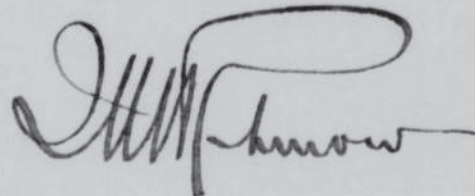
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

My youngest daughter, of whom you probably heard me speak often enough, has recently returned from Vienna, having graduated from the University with the degree of Ph. D. in child psychology. She is visiting with us and expects to be in Cleveland some time next week to meet a few people in her field. I suggested to her to get in touch with you so that her stay in Cleveland might not be quite as lonesome as it would be for a young lady alone in a strange city.

With best wishes for a happy New Year to Mrs. Silver and yourself, in which Mrs. Rubinow joins me, I am

Cordially yours,



I. M. Rubinow

IMR:SZM



TEMPLE UNIVERSITY  
PHILADELPHIA

QUINCY A. KUEHNER, PH. D.  
PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION

Glenside, Pa., October 1, 1935

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

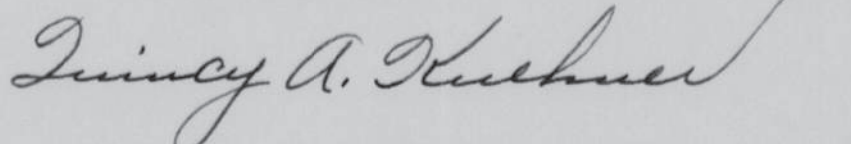
Dear Doctor Silver:

I have asked my publishers, Prentice-Hall, Inc., to send you a complimentary copy of my PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION, Based on Sources, which has just come from the press. I have done so, not only because several of the most timely excerpts in the book come from your pen, but also because I consider you one of the great voices for righteousness in our country.

I trust you will find time in your busy life to examine my book somewhat carefully. If you do, I think it will speak for itself. It represents years of labor and the convictions of a lifetime devoted to the making of worthymen and women.

I should be very happy to find my book having the support of religious leaders like yourself. If you can say a good word for it, I shall feel deeply grateful.

Very truly yours,



Quincy A. Kuehner

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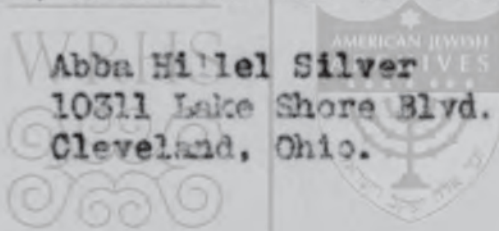
October 2, 1935

Bankers Trust Co.,  
16 Wall St.,  
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Please change my address from Abba Hillel  
Silver, The Temple, Ansel Rd. and E. 105th St. to

Abba Hillel Silver  
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.  
Cleveland, Ohio.



Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



October 2, 1935

City Bank Farmers Trust Co.,  
22 William St.,  
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Please change my address from Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple, Ansel Rd. and E. 105th St. to

Abba Hillel Silver  
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

October 2, 1935

Bankers Trust Co.,  
16 Wall St.,  
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Please change my address from Virginia H. Silver,  
The Temple, Ansel Rd. and E. 105th St. to

Virginia H. Silver  
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



October 2, 1935

Mr. Robert Hays Gries,  
The May Company,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Bob:

Under separate cover I am sending you Bible stories which I believe will prove attractive to your children. Try them anyhow. If they are not in keeping with your children's age level, let me know and I will send you another book.

I am also sending you a copy of my book "Religion in a Changing World." The statement from my publisher which I received last week indicates that although the book is nearly five years old, it still has a substantial sale.

The little mezzuzah which I am sending you was made in the Bezalel Art School in Palestine. I think that you will like it.

With best wishes to you and yours for a very happy new year, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



October 2, 1935

Workers Bank Limited,  
Tel Aviv,  
Palestine.

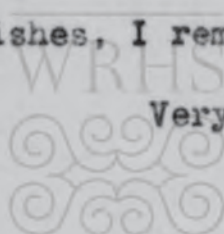
Gentlemen:

I have in my possession five share warrants  
Nos. 14354-14357 and 14385, issued on April 17, 1923.  
I have collected no dividends on them. Am I to exchange  
these share warrants and what do I do about the coupons?

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



October 2, 1935

North American Company,  
60 Broadway,  
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Please change my address from Virginia Silver,  
The Temple, Ansel Rd. and E. 105th St. to

Virginia Silver  
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Very sincerely yours,

VS:BK

October 2, 1935.

Dear Rabbi <sup>and</sup> Mrs. Silver,

Mother and I regret exceedingly that we were not home on Sunday, September the twenty-ninth. Just that day we went to grandmothers' for dinner.

It was very kind of you to visit us. Our home shall always be open to welcome Rabbi and Mrs. Silver.

Very sincerely,  
Mrs. Henry Newman <sup>and</sup> Jeanette



October 3, 1935

George J. Koller, President,  
Beechmont Country Club,  
Stop 27 Kinsman Road,  
Warrensville, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Koller:

I have just received a notice from the Beechmont Country Club informing its members that out of respect to the Day of Atonement, the Board has decreed that all club activities shall be suspended on that day. May I tell you how gratified I was upon receiving that communication and how pleased I was with the action of the Board. It shows a fine understanding of our Jewish responsibilities and a fine sensitiveness to Jewish spiritual values. I hope that other Jewish country clubs will follow the fine example which you have set.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

107 W 11<sup>th</sup> St.  
Columbus  
Ohio.

Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1935

Rabbi H. H. Silver.  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

This is an appeal to you  
for a letter of recommendation.

You probably do not remember me  
very well. I was confirmed by you  
in the spring of 1929 and attended  
the Temple High School for a year. In  
1930 I enrolled at Ohio State University  
and was forced to give up my Temple  
activities at that time. My parents  
have been members of the Temple for  
several years.

I am trying to obtain a scholarship



from the Graduate school of Ohio State University to finish my work leading to a Master of Science degree in Bacteriology. I used your name as reference and I trust my action will meet with your approval.

If you would be so kind as to send a letter of recommendation for me to the Graduate School; Ohio State University, I would appreciate it a great deal, and it would certainly assist a deserving Jewish student. Letters should be here before Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>.

Trusting you will favor me,

I am

Most respectfully yours  
Robert Finkelstein

with sent

October 4, 1935

Mrs. Harry Rosewater, Registrar,  
Cleveland Institute of Jewish Studies,  
1541 Rydalmont,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Rosewater:

I do not know who is writing the publicity for the Cleveland Institute of Jewish Studies but it seems to me that greater care should be employed in the composition of such publicity. The publicity in this morning's paper reads that the Institute is being held under the auspices of the Bureau of Jewish Education. May I remind you that the Institute is being held under its own auspices and always was. Its sole tie-up with the Bureau has been a small financial subsidy which it receives.

Nor do I see any point in exploiting the Cleveland Institute of Jewish Studies to publicize Mr. A. H. Friedland as "a noted scholar and authority on Jewish Literature", etc. et. No other member of the staff is given any "misheberach" in our publicity and none should be given.

I hope that you are keeping in mind the resolution which was adopted last year to have special classes for those who are preparing themselves to teach.

With all good wishes for a very happy new year, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS: BK



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EXECUTIVE OFFICE

October 4th, 1935

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th & Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.



Dear Rabbi:

Many thanks for your prompt response to my requests. I didn't mean to be a "schnorrer" -- but thanks again.

RHG:JC

*Hope to see you soon*

Sincerely,

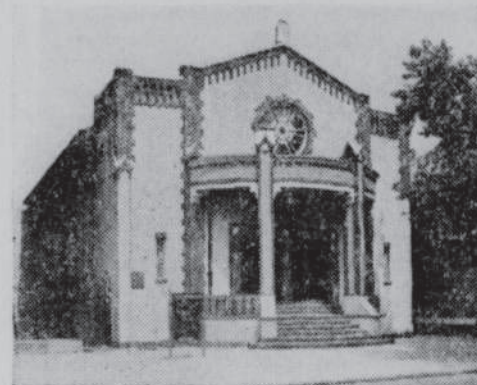




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October 8th, 1935

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

Your letter made me both sorry and glad - sorry that I had been so misinformed and very glad that the information was false.

May God keep all trouble from you at all times.

I was present when you read your splendid paper in Chicago and I want you to know that I share the view of most of the men in the Rabbinate when I say, we need you for many, many years to come.

With best wishes for the New Year,

Very faithfully yours,

*Alex. Alan Steinbach*

Rabbi Alex. Alan Steinbach

October 8, 1935

Mr. Jack Michaelson,  
166 Summit Street,  
Jersey City, N.Y.

My dear Jack:

I am very happy that Florence is coming to us this week. I think that she will enjoy her stay with us.

I am a little worried about Alvin. When I was in New York, I heard that he had joined up with the Conservation Camps. Personally, I think that he is too young for it and that he ought not to be away from school. Staying at camp might get him out of the study habit and that would not be good for him.

With all good wishes for a happy new year,  
I remain

As ever yours,

AHS:BK



October 8, 1935

Dr. Quincy A. Kuehner,  
Temple University,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Kuehner:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of October 1 and for your courtesy in having sent me a complimentary copy of your book "Philosophy of Education." I have received the volume but haven't as yet had an opportunity to read it. I know that I shall do so with a great deal of pleasure and profit. I shall be very happy to recommend it to my friends and make mention of it in my Temple Bulletin. On first glance, it appears that you have collected a veritable treasure house of basic ideas on the subject of education which can be of tremendous service to anybody who is working in that field.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Sinbow

October 8, 1935

My dear Irving:

I am enclosing herewith a check for fifty dollars. Use part of it to pay your tuition and keep the rest for spending money.

As ever yours,

AHS:BK

Enc.





HIRAM S. RIVITZ  
WEST 98TH ST. & WALFORD AVE.  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

October 8, 1935

Dr. A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
E. 105th at Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Hillel:-

I am just wondering if you have picked a good man in asking me to serve on the Board of The Temple.

The meeting scheduled for October 8th at 8:00 P.M. is the third or fourth notice which I have received from the Secretary, Mr. Levy, regarding a Board meeting, and I am again compelled to advise that I will not be able to attend as I am leaving for New York tonight.

I fear, my dear Hillel, that my frequent absence from home is not conducive to good attendance, and the service which I may render to The Temple as a Board member will be negligible on that account. I wish it were otherwise. I really feel bad about it, and rather than be compelled to offer excuses as a steady diet, I am going to ask you if you do not think it wise to select someone else in my place. Needless to say that my interest in you and The Temple will not be lessened in the slightest degree.

I am enclosing a newspaper article which is self-explanatory, and which was sent to me by my good friend, Max H. Rieser of Columbus, Ohio. If you have not seen it, think you will find it interesting, and I might say, refreshing.

Here's Roger Babson, a national figure regarded by many business men as a keen observer of economic trends in this country, boldly suggesting that the Jews of this country in business voluntarily relinquish their position in this field of endeavor, and allow others to supplant them to avoid criticism and animosities.

I imagine what Babson really wanted to say was that unless the Jews of this country give heed to what is going on in Germany, that we might have similar conditions prevailing here with another dictator to force the issue.

With all good wishes, remain,

Sincerely,

*Again*

HSR:RAN



even in an official capacity toward Germany, and an effective confirmation of the behind all three laws. I request you endorse these laws."

# Roger Babson Warns American Jews to Slow Up Commercial Activities

NEW YORK (WNS)—A warning to the Jews of America to slow down the pace of their commercial activity because "it is often far wiser to drop out of a picture temporarily than to stir up unnecessary animosity" is sounded by Roger Babson, nationally known economist and financial adviser, in a special letter mailed out to his clients on August 26th. Admitting that his editorial board had urged him not to publish his letter because "it might stir up a hornets' nest among our Jewish clients" and "might cost us subscriptions" although "personally we believe in everything you have said," Mr. Babson prefaces his letter with a denial of intolerance, a review of the discussion at the recent Williamstown Institute of Human Relations and a denunciation of the treatment of Jews in Germany as "inhuman, unjust and certainly unchristian" if "these reports are true."

He then goes on to say that "fear and hate remain great underlying forces" that "in a few months a demagogue can destroy what constructive statesmen have been years in creating," that "movements against a race are contagious" and that although he has "enough confidence in the character of the American nation to feel sure it is civilized" it is "not beyond imagination to picture some cheap politician popping up and trying to arouse the rabble 'to throw the Jews out of America.'" Emphasizing that "it is important for members of every race to deliberately guard against what might arouse animosities" and praising "the energy, ingenuity and perseverance of the Hebrews", and their "willingness to work harder and make greater sacrifices," Mr. Babson asserts that "there are individuals of your race—and of my own, the Yankees—who have resorted to sharp and unfair business practices, which the real body of our peoples do not approve. Was it not the dishonesty and hoggishness of a small minority of the Jews in Germany

that gave your foes a handle for attack and brought persecution to so many of your race?"

Warning that "any group which is successful ultimately becomes a target for persecution" and that "the same reaction from which the banks and utilities are now suffering could be switched against the Jews," Mr. Babson said, "I hope therefore, that the overwhelming numbers of you who stand for what is right and best will make a resolute effort to overcome anything that might foster animosities. Anybody is giving you bad advice who says that true power is got by further 'edging in' on Wall Street or Main Street or even in Washington, until the world once more comes to its senses... It is often wiser, far wiser to drop out of a picture temporarily rather than to stir up unnecessary animosity. True power is not got by buying up real estate, corporations and organizations. In any social upheaval, showy possessions are liabilities rather than assets. There are times when a cyclone cellar is safer than a castle! The real protection is not high-sounding office and financial pomp. It is goodwill. 'Better have grass grow under your feet than have it grow over your head.'" The letter is concluded with an appeal to "concentrate on developing better human relations between ourselves and our fellow citizens" and to "back up the spirit and ideals typified by this Williamstown conference."

## Allan Tarshish in Fremont

Allan Tarshish will conduct the High Holy Day services for Fremont, Ohio, Jewry, according to an invitation extended him this week.

This is the ninth consecutive year that Mr. Tarshish has officiated for the Holy days, a record unprecedented in the history of small Jewish communities in this country, especially from the standpoint of a layman rabbi.

NG NOW!—CALL ADams 2954



October 10, 1935

Mrs. L. A. Unger,  
11424 Cedar Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Unger:

Rabbi Silver has asked me to return  
the enclosed letter to you.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK



Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

October 10, 1935

Mr. David J. Garson,  
New England Mutual Life Insurance Company,  
710 Bulkley Bldg.,  
1501 Euclid Ave.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Garson:

It was indeed most thoughtful of you to send me the very beautiful and attractive announcement of your twenty-fifth anniversary with the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company. I am sorry that I did not receive it on the occasion of my birthday, but it is never too late to receive birthday greetings. Let me reciprocate by extending to you my heartiest congratulations on the celebration of your twenty-fifth year with the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company and to wish you many more years of continued good health and success. I don't know much about you as an insurance agent, but I know a little about you as a man and as a citizen, and I am proud to know you.

With all good wishes in which Mrs. Silver joins me, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



October 10, 1935

Mr. Hiram Rivitz,  
West 98th St. and Walford Ave.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Hiram:

Let me thank you for your letter of October 8. When I asked you to serve on the Board of The Temple, I knew that your business duties frequently take you out of the city and that you would not be able to attend meetings regularly. Don't let that worry you. Come whenever you can. We like to have you identified with our Board. It might interest you to know that at the last Board meeting it was reported that sixty new members have been admitted to The Temple within the last few weeks.

I was very much interested in the clipping which you sent me about Roger Babson. The minds of some goyim are really baffling and unfathomable....

With all good wishes for a happy new year,  
I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



RABBI MAURICE FEUER  
UNITED HEBREW CONGREGATION  
RES.-MAYFLOWER APTS.  
JOPLIN. MO.

October 11, 1935

Dr. A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have not forgotten your kindness and your deep personal interest in me in the past, and I have been most grateful to you for it. May I take the liberty, therefore, of requesting another great favor of you?

Perhaps you have heard that the pulpit of Temple Israel of Tulsa, Oklahoma is vacant, Rabbi Hyman Iola having resigned because of ill-health. Now I happen to know from my father-in-law, who is an influential member of that community, that my name has been brought up before the Board of Trustees for serious consideration.

I feel certain that a good word from you in my behalf would go a long way toward securing me a favorable hearing, and I need not tell you how much I would appreciate such a letter of recommendation from you. If you do send this, please address it to Mr. Joe Levy, President, Temple Israel, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

With sincerest gratitude for whatever you may be able to do for me, and with heartiest New Year wishes in which Sally joins me,

Devotedly yours,

*Maurice*

P.S. May I make bold to suggest that since Tulsa is anxious to settle the matter of another Rabbi and minutes count, a Special or Air-Mail Special letter might be advisable.

**ABRAHAM H. FRIEDLAND**

10520 TACOMA AVENUE  
CLEVELAND, O.

October 11, 1935.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed please find two tickets to our Hebrew School Graduation which will be held on Wednesday, October 16th, 8:30 P.M. at the Jewish Center Auditorium.

Fifty boys and girls have completed their course of study in our elementary schools and are now entering the Hebrew High School.

Dr. Leo Honor, Director of the Board of Jewish Education in Chicago and an outstanding figure in the field of Jewish Education will be the guest speaker.

By the way, this is my first opportunity to welcome you back to Cleveland after a busy season of Zionist efforts on your part. I have read with especial interest and delight your contributions to the Congress, particularly those dealing with the religious question and the transfer. In my reports to various Zionist groups I have called attention to the significance of these problems and to your position.

Unfortunately, I myself will be prevented from attending this Graduation by a serious sickness which keeps me at Crile's Clinic where I am soon to undergo an operation.

Assuring you of my wholehearted and genuine friendship, with best wishes to you and your family,

Sincerely yours,

*A. H. Friedland*

A. H. Friedland

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**RABBI EUGENE MANNHEIMER**  
DES MOINES, IOWA

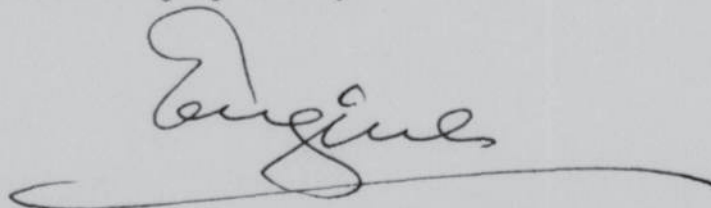
Des Moines, October 11, 1935

Dear Doctor:-

We did not see it (as yet) in the newspaper; but we understand that you are to be in Des Moines on October 31st, to address the Iowa State Teachers Association in annual conclave assembled; and the question is if Mrs. M and I may have the pleasure of your company at dinner that evening--with or without one or two other guests invited in to dine with you, as you may prefer,--and with the guarantee that we will get you down in good time to your evening engagement?

Hoping that we may have the pleasure, I am,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Eugene", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.



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Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> '35

Rabbi Abba Shalom Silver.

Reverend Sir:-

It has come to my notice that among the distinguished and outstanding people who have paid tribute to the mission and teachings of 'Abdu'l-Bahá, your own words delivered under the title "Israel and the Messiah" were among the most beautiful on record.

As the heading of this letter suggests, I am collecting such records of the visit of 'Abdu'l-Bahá to this country, or statements by those who have read his teachings, for the Bahai World, which is a book of some importance issued, principally to record and preserve the records and history of the Bahai Faith. We are very desirous therefore of having some words from you, and if possible the manuscript of the address.



which I mentioned above. As 'Abdu'l Baha's  
appeal was entirely universal and was the greatest  
element toward the unification of the various  
races and faiths I am sure you will under-  
stand how deeply we shall appreciate your  
co-operation and assistance.

I am at present in New York but am leaving  
for my home in Pasadena immediately to  
complete the preparation of the material for the  
book of which I speak. I am required to leave  
it to Haifa on or about December 1<sup>st</sup>. May  
I beg you therefore to give favorable consider-  
ation to my plea, knowing the great gratitude  
and appreciation which your compliance  
will engender in the hearts of the Bahais -

In eager anticipation of something from  
your pen, - even if but a letter touching on the  
subject, - this I hope for the article, -

Very Sincerely  
(Mrs) Nellie A. French  
Secy for Bahai World.

LEON G. WEIL  
3039 SCARBOROUGH ROAD  
CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OHIO

October 14, 1935

Dear Rabbi Silver,

My Grandmother has asked me to send you this note, but I speak for all of us when I say that we were most pleased and moved by the beautiful service which you performed on the occasion of my Aunt Amy's funeral. Also it meant a great deal to all of us to have you, whom we knew, officiate, and I am sure you will understand our feelings in this respect.

The enclosed check is merely a token of our appreciation, for the service which you rendered ranks with those things of this world the value of which cannot be appraised in terms of money.

Sincerely yours

Leon G. Weil



October 14, 1935

Mr. Jack Skirball,  
St. Moritz, Hotel,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Jack:

Virginia and I were over to your home yesterday and Rose told us that you would be in Cleveland the end of this week.

I shall be in the East over the week-end, spending next Monday in New York. I have an address at noon before the Hadassah, at the Commodore, and in the evening I shall speak before the Brooklyn Jewish Center. I shall try to get in touch with you in the afternoon and you try to communicate with me, too.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever,

AHS:BK

October 14, 1935

Mr. Robert H. Gries,  
The May Company,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Bob:

It was a pleasant surprise to find the three bottles of wine and cognac which you had your chauffeur bring to my study. I need not tell you that I appreciate your thoughtfulness very much. Please come to the house soon and partake of them.

I have fetched out two books from my library on the great religions of mankind and their source books. I hope that they are what you want. You will find them pretty much marked up in the margins with my notes, but don't mind that. I have the books in my study. Whenever your chauffer drops by the Temple, have him come in and pick them up.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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October 14, 1935

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
c/o The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abe:

I know that you are scheduled to address the local Jewish Charities Banquest on Sunday, October 20th. I had hoped that Sarah and I might be there but it seems that other commitments will make this impossible.

I do hope that you will be able to arrange for a short stay here so that we might get together. Perhaps it will be possible for you to have dinner with us sometimes during your stay.

I shall look forward to hearing from you upon your arrival.

My best wishes in which Sarah joins me.



October 14, 1935

Rabbi Eugene Mannheimer,  
Des Moines,  
Iowa.

My dear Eugene:

Thank you so much for your note of October 11 and for the invitation to have dinner with you prior to my address. I find that I do not enjoy dinners prior to an address. I should, however, be delighted to spend some time at your home after the address.

With all good wishes and looking forward with pleasure to our meeting in your home town, I remain

Very cordially,

AHS:BK

October 15, 1935

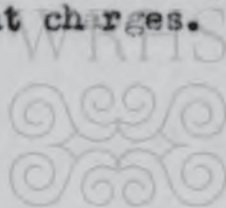
Mr. R. Lowit,  
Fleischmarkt 1,  
Vienna, Austria.

My dear Mr. Lowit:

Under separate cover I am returning to you the  
Ehranstein volume and the Steinschneider volumes which  
I did not order. I have both in my library. In the  
future do not send me any books unless I specifically  
order them. I am deducting from the bill for the other  
books the freight charges.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK





October 15, 1935

Mr. Morris D. Waldman, Secretary,  
The American Jewish Committee,  
171 Madison Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Waldman:

Let me thank you for your kind letter. I am waiting to thank you for the bottle of cognac. Traffic between New York and Cleveland must be exceedingly small... I am making a special trip to New York to get it. I shall be speaking before the Hadassah at the Commodore Hotel next Monday afternoon and at the Brooklyn Jewish Center in the evening. Between times I shall be in my room waiting for that bottle of cognac.

The real purpose of my writing to you is to introduce to you Mrs. Norma Knoblock who for some years was secretary at The Temple and who is now moving to New York to make her home there. Mrs. Knoblock is a first rate secretary, has had extensive experience in office work and is altogether trustworthy and dependable. She would like to find a position in New York. I wonder whether you can help her. Perhaps there is room in your own organization or in one of the departments of the J.D.C. or in some other Jewish organization in New York. She would fit in admirably.

With all good wishes for a very happy new year,  
I remain

Very cordially,

AHS:BK

October 16, 1935

Rabbi Samuel J. Abrams,  
Temple Ohabei Shalom,  
Beacon Street Temple,  
Brookline, Mass.

My dear Sam:

Thank you so much for your letter of October 14.  
I shall be in Boston beginning next Friday, stopping at  
the Statler Hotel. Please get in touch with me there.

With all good wishes to you and Sarah, I  
remain

As ever,

AHS:BK



October 16, 1935

Rabbi Maurice Feuer,  
Mayflower Apartments,  
Joplin, Mo.

My dear Maurice:

I received your letter of October 11. I would have been delighted to write to Tulsa in your behalf. As it happened, a week prior to receiving your letter, I wrote to Tulsa in behalf of David Sherman who is anxious to establish himself in a pulpit of his own. This, of course, ties my hands regarding any other recommendation. From a letter which I received this morning from Tulsa, it seems that no action has been taken as yet by that congregation.

With all good wishes for a very happy new year in which Mrs. Silver joins me, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Cleveland, Ohio.  
October 16, 1935.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

A group of civic minded citizens recently formed a "Women's Little Symphony." It was organized for the purpose of developing and presenting the best talent among Cleveland's young women instrumentalists. My daughter, Ruth, has been engaged as their conductor.

A women's honorary patrons committee has been formed and they are now desirous of organizing a men's committee. Women active in civic affairs have been selected, and I take this means of soliciting your support by requesting you to become an honorary member.

There is no obligation involved, financial or otherwise, other than the use of your name.

In granting my daughter your support in the above worthy enterprise you will find me greatly appreciative.

Sincerely yours,

*Isidor Rothstein*

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Please respond to  
Isidor Rothstein,  
Aetna Window Cleaning Co.,  
1430 E. 27th Street.



October 17, 1935

Mr. Leon G. Weil,  
3039 Scarborough Rd.,  
Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

My dear Leon:

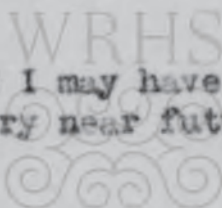
Let me thank you for your lovely note of October 14 and for the check which you enclosed. In keeping with my practice, I shall place the latter in a small charity fund which I use from time to time.

I am happy that I was of some slight service to you and your dear ones in your sad hour of bereavement. Please let me convey my greetings to everyone, particularly to that grand lady, your Grandmother.

I hope that I may have the pleasure of seeing you in the very near future. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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RABBI EUGENE MANNHEIMER  
DES MOINES, IOWA

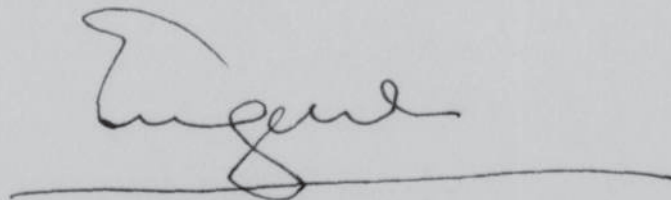
Des Moines, October 18, 1935

Dear Abba:-

Sorry that you will not come out to dinner on the thirty-first; but don't "blame" you for not coming; and we look forward to a visit with you after your evening meeting.

However,--if, by any chance, you are staying in Des Moines over night,--how would you like to use our home as your hotel while you are here? Again, please do not have the slightest hesitation in saying no if you would find it more convenient to stay down town; but thanks to the fact that our older boy is away at college, we can give you a room where you can be just as alone during the day as you may wish to be; and we should be delighted to have you.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Eugene", followed by a long horizontal line.



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 Oct 18th 1935

Dr. H. H. Silver,  
 The Temple,  
 Ansil + E. 105th St.  
 Cleveland,  
 Dear Dr. Silver:

Your check to the order of Tuskegee Normal + Industrial  
 Institute was duly received.

Please be assured of my gratefulness for the check  
 and again for your kind reception of me when I called to see  
 you.

The check will be sent on to the Institute tomorrow  
 and will be acknowledged from there also.

Very respectfully yours,  
 Clarence A. Powell



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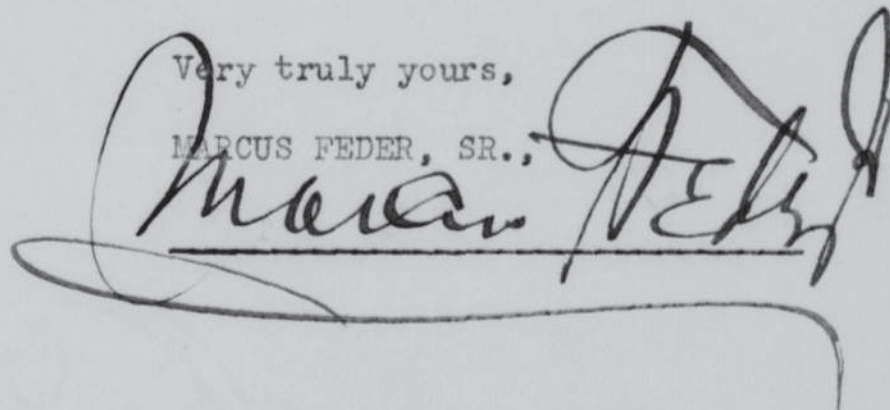
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Please read the enclosed studiously. Information from a fifty year experienced relief worker is far more reliable than a clearing house report.

You will soon be called upon to appeal for larger contributions for the Community Chest Board. Their system is a tragic failure.

Very truly yours,

MARCUS FEDER, SR.



MF:ED

October 22, 1935

Mr. Morris D. Waldman, Secretary,  
The American Jewish Committee,  
171 Madison Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Waldman:

I had almost despaired of getting that bottle. It actually arrived and I tenderly carried it back with me to Cleveland. I shall now keep it for the Bar-mitzvah party of one of my boys.

I am sorry that I did not get a chance to get in touch with you while in New York. I arrived in the afternoon and left again at midnight. There is one subject that I wanted to talk to you about. That is, the advisability of starting some anti-Olympic work in other countries outside of the United States. There does not seem to be much agitation on this subject in England, France, Czechoslovakia, etc. From a political point of view, it would not be desirable to have the whole movement center in the United States. It would be advisable to contact some leaders in those countries. Let me have your judgment in this matter.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. I think the center of our propaganda should not be negative, i.e., not holding the games in Berlin. We should speak of transferring the games to another country, Prague, perhaps, or some other place. This would take away the point <sup>from</sup> some <sup>mis-</sup>argue, such as General Sherrill made yesterday, that American athletes would be discouraged if the Olympics are not held.

By the way, I thought that Judge Mahoney's statement in the New York Times was admirable. It should be reprinted and sent to every athletic association in the United States.



221 Linden Blvd., Brooklyn, N.Y.

October 22nd, 1935.

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

My Dear Dr. Silver:

When on seeing you after your address at the Brooklyn Jewish Center, when, together with many others, I hit the trail to shake hands with you, you remarked that you had been trying to "pry into my book" which you found quite a "task," it was not the time or place or time to raise an argument with you on the point. But my disappointment was very keen, because your experience with my book has been very much unlike the experience of many other people who had read it before or after publication. In fact, the fluency and readability of the book is the only reason why Macmillan accepted a book of such specifically Jewish interest on terms of royalties, without a subsidy, which is the rule followed with reference to most other Jewish books.

I only wish I could show you the letters to Macmillan from men like Dr. John H. Holmes, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Prof. Rufus Jones, and others, to whom the manuscript was submitted for a reading prior to its acceptance. When Dr. Holmes wrote to Macmillan on January 28, "This strikes me as a fascinating book. Once persuade people to open it and they will never leave it," he anticipated the judgment of all others who had read the book ~~in~~ either in manuscript form or in its present printed text.

The enthusiastic reception with which the book has met on the part of the Yiddish, Anglo-Jewish and general press, you may have noticed. Not only have the reviews recommended it for its scholarship, and its being the first book of its kind in the English language, but its fluency of style and easy reading has been particularly commented upon. I am stressing this point in my rather long letter, because no greater harm can be done to the book than to condemn the reading of it as a "task" as you have have phrased it. Some in-



dication of the favorable reception it has enjoyed, may be gleaned from the fact that Macmillan sold more than 700 volumes in a little over a month and 10 days (the book was published September 10).

I am burdening you with this letter, because I hope to hear a reversal of opinion on the book from your own lips after you will have had a chance to read it. I am very anxious because, without flattering you, you are one of the very few men in the country who can do the most for my book if you choose to speak on it or indicate in some other manner your approval and recommendation of it. Your word is eagerly listened to and your authority respected. Many other colleagues in the rabbinate are doing as much for my book. Dr. Wise is going to make it the subject of one of ~~the~~ his Sunday morning lectures, as will also Dr. Israel Goldstein. Dr. Levinthal has not only spoken of it in glowing terms on Shemini Azereth before a congregation of 2000, but will devote to it several of Friday night lectures. In the Institute of Jewish Religion, Shalom Spiegel is using the book as a text-book in his course on mysticism, Kabbalah and Hassidism. If <sup>you</sup> so will it, you are in a position to create a favorable sentiment for my book not only in your empire, Cleveland, but the country over. And, may <sup>I</sup> be excused for this author's immodesty, I believe that the book is deserving of your highest efforts. I have reason to believe that you know the Hassidic material and its antecedents. For not only have you written a book on the Messianic ideal (I have forgotten the exact title of the book), but the late Herman Bernstein told me last year that you were contemplating a book on Hassidism. From you I have therefore the right to expect a fair and impartial judgment.

I trust that you will forgive the length of this letter, but nothing will give me greater happiness than to <sup>hear</sup> from you a reversal of opinion of my book.

With many thanks for the pleasure your lecture has afforded me, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*James S. Murphy*



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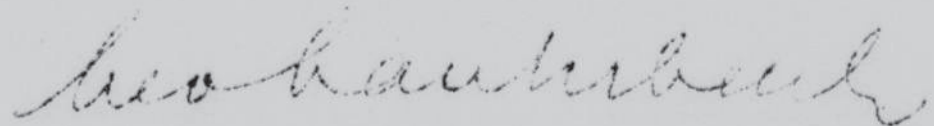
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Dear Sir,

1. I shall be obliged if you will kindly let me know in which edition (Hebrew, English or German) you wish to receive the reports and communications of the Executive.

2. I shall also be glad if you will kindly let me have your correct address.

Yours faithfully,



Secretary,

EXECUTIVE OF THE JEWISH AGENCY

195 Fourteenth Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio  
October 23, 1935.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing to you at this time in regard to the possibility of receiving a scholarship from The Temple for my first at the The Hebrew Union College.

You may recall that I informed you a few days before leaving for school that I was planning to enter the College next September, but to receive early consideration I was going to apply for admission about the middle of this month. This I have already done and have the application form at hand. You stated that you would consult with the Scholarship committee, and instructed me to write you at this time and you would let me know what action had been taken.

Hoping this finds you and your family enjoying the very best of health.

Sincerely yours,

*Nathan Laker*



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October 23, 1935

Dr. A. H. Silver  
The Temple E. 105th Street  
Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We are grateful to you for the contribution of \$5.00 which you have sent to help carry on the work of Tuskegee Institute. It comes at a time to be of real service.

Our regular school term opened in September and we have the largest enrollment that we have had since the beginning of the depression. There is yet, however, a great deal of uncertainty in many sections of the rural South, and, as a consequence, a number of our students, on account of a shortage of funds at home, may be compelled to leave before the end of the school term.

We mention this because we are sure it will help you to appreciate how much actual good your contribution has accomplished. Every gift towards the support of our work assures additional opportunities for the many deserving students who come to us.

Our formal receipt for the amount of your gift is herewith enclosed.

Yours very truly,

*F. D. Patterson*  
President.

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October 23, 1935

The Soncino Press Limited,  
5 Gower Street,  
London, W.C. 1,  
England.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith an order blank for one set of the limited edition of the English translation of the Talmud. (1st set) I understand that the price for the set is nine guineas. The Temple Library would be pleased to receive the usual discount for libraries which you give.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



October 23, 1935

Mr. Isidor Rothstein,  
Aetna Window Cleaning Co.,  
1430 E. 27th St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Rothstein:

I was very pleased to learn of the organization of the "Women's Little Symphony" and particularly that your daughter has been engaged to conduct it. I shall be very happy to serve on the men's patron committee which is being organized. I hope that the Symphony under Ruth's leadership will prove a great success.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Harvey Wheeler-West Concord School

M. K. PAINE, PRINCIPAL

TELEPHONE 253-W

WEST CONCORD, MASS.

October 23, 1935

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Ansel Road Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

I was so inspired and interested in your lecture at the teachers' conference in Boston that I would like to pass on to others the valuable thought which it brought. I would deeply appreciate obtaining a copy of your speech, or any part of it. It was the finest, most thought-provoking lecture that I have heard in a long time.

Very sincerely yours,

*M. K. Paine*

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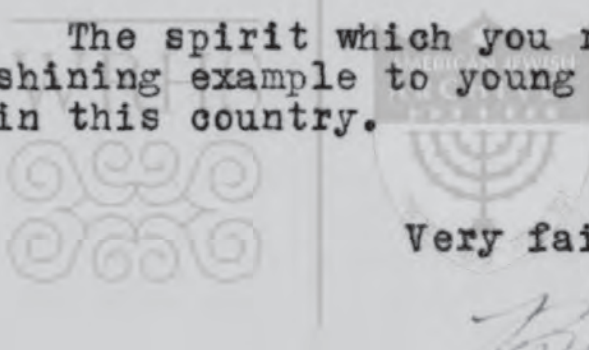
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Fresh from a re-reading of "Religion in a Changing World", I write you to suggest that it has all the characteristics of a classic. I believe it is far more lasting than the opera of Beecher and Talmage, which also adorn our shelves.

The spirit which you represent in the Rabbinate is a shining example to young men, and an asset to Jewish life in this country.

Very faithfully yours,

  
*Benj. Schultz*  
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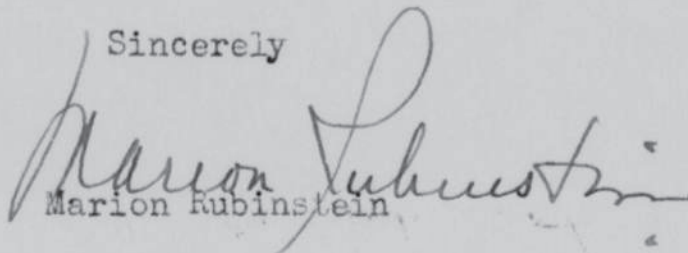
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple  
East 105th at Ansel road  
Cleveland Ohio

Dear Rabbi ;

I have asked Knopf to send you a copy of my " Adventuring  
In Palestine " with my compliments.

When it arrives will you please call me ? I should like  
to autograph it to you - out of great personal esteem for you.

Sincerely

  
Marion Rubinstein

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October 24, 1935

Mrs. Nellie B. French,  
501 Bellefontaine Street,  
Pasadena, California.

My dear Mrs. French:

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 13. The address of mine to which you refer, "One and the Many", has been published and is included in my book "Religion in a Changing World." I am sure that you can procure a copy of this volume in the public library of Pasadena or in any bookstore. The article was not written with any reference to Abdul Baha Abbas although as you clearly state, I have great admiration for the mission and teachings of this religious leader.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

October 24, 1935

Rabbi Eugene Mannheimer,  
Des Moines, Iowa.

My dear Eugene:

Thank you so much for your note of October 18. I plan to leave on the 11:30 evening train back to Chicago the night of my lecture as I am scheduled to speak before the Indiana State Teachers Association in Gary the next day. I am very grateful to you for your very kind proffer of hospitality. I think we will have a little time for a schmales after the lecture.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



October 24, 1935

Rabbi Jacob Minkin,  
221 Linden Blvd.,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Minkin:

Such a megillah for such an innocent remark!  
I have not read your book as I made it clear to you  
so that any word of mine should not have been inter-  
preted by you as a criticism of your book. I find it  
a task to pry into any book that is four hundred pages  
long. What I meant to convey to you was that I am  
waiting for the time when I shall have have the leisure  
to go into your book which I am sure I shall find  
interesting and rewarding. Please don't be so  
sensitive.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

October 24, 1935

Mr. Nathan Kaber,  
195 Fourteenth Ave.,  
Columbus, Ohio.

My dear Nathan:

In reply to your letter let me say that we shall be glad to consider your application for a scholarship. No scholarship, however is awarded until after the student has been accepted by the Hebrew Union College. After you will have passed the examinations, get in touch with me.

I trust that you will enjoy this year's work at Ohio State University very much. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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October 25, 1935

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your interest in Palestine and your sympathy toward all things which make for social justice gives me the courage to send you my brochure "Cooperatives and Collectives in Palestine". It is based on a much larger work - a thesis in Economics which I submitted to New York University.

I gathered the material during a ten months stay in Palestine, the major portion of which time was devoted to a study of the labor settlements. I lived and worked for varying periods in most of the Kibbutzim.

I should very much like to know what you think of the brochure, for I value your opinion highly.  
Most sincerely,  
Rose H. Staloff



October 25, 1935

M. K. Paine, Principal,  
Harvey Wheeler-West Concord School,  
West Concord, Mass.

My dear Mr. Paine:

Let me thank you for your kind note  
and for all the lovely things which you say about  
my address before the teachers in Boston. I enjoyed  
my experience with that group very much.

I wish I had available a copy of the address  
to send you. Unfortunately, I have not. Perhaps in the  
near future I shall make a pamphlet of it. In that case  
I shall be very happy to forward a copy of it to you.

With all good wishes, and thanking you  
again for your thoughtfulness in writing to me, I  
remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, The Temple East 105th St. at Ansell Rd. Cleveland

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Remittance by return will oblige.

October 27, 1935.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi:

I am wondering if some of your sermons are in printed form and if they are available? I would like very much to use them in connection with our cultural programs.

I am particularly anxious to know if your address, "Definition of Judaism", read at the convention of Central Conference of American Rabbis held recently in Chicago is procurable?

I would be grateful for any and all material that I can use as cultural program material.

Sincerely yours,

Mollie Magil Caesar

Mollie Magil Caesar  
Professional and Business Women's Group  
of Philadelphia Chapter of Hadassah  
6201 Ellsworth Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.



October 28, 1935

Mr. Gordon Thayer,  
Main Library,  
325 Superior Ave.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Thayer:

A friend of mine has two volumes, the value of which he would like to ascertain. One is a copy of Johana Lund's "Der Alten Judischen Heiligthumern", published by Christian W. Brand. The other volume is by D. Joachim Langen. It is called "Mosaisches Licht und Recht - Erklarung Der funf Bucher Moses," and was published in 1732 at Halle and Leipzig by Samuel Benjamin Walther.

I would appreciate it if you would let me know what these books are worth in the present book market -- if there is any way of finding out. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

October 28, 1935

Registrar's Office,  
National Farm School,  
1701 Walnut St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

We would appreciate it very much if you would  
send us a catalog of the National Farm School.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



@ Rev. Hts.

Oct. 29/1935.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Please accept the enclosed small check for any of your funds in honor of my first grandchild, John Milton Goodman of Brookline Mass.

Sorry I cannot make it now at this time, as I want to send a little contribution to the Hts. Temple also.

Sincerely yours,  
Mrs. Joe. Feinstein.  
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29th. October 1935.

A. SILVER Esq.  
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Dear Sir,

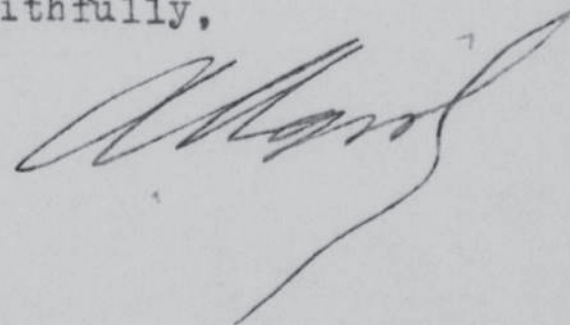
I have the pleasure to inform you that the Hermitage will re-open for the Winter season on the beginning of November.

Should you intend to come to the Riviera this coming season, I should be very glad to be honoured again with your visit, and you may be assured that everything will be done to give you the greatest satisfaction in every way.

You will find the same staff as previously and everybody will do its utmost to make your stay at the Hermitage a very pleasant and happy one.

Awaiting the great pleasure to hear from you, I beg to remain, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,







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East 105th St. at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

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1701 Walnut St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.  
October 30, 1935

We are pleased to comply with the request in yours of October 28th and are forwarding the catalog of The National Farm School to you under separate cover.

After careful perusal, should you desire further details, you may write for same.

Very truly yours,  
THE NATIONAL FARM SCHOOL



October 30, 1935

Rabbi Benjamin Schultz,  
Temple Emanu-El,  
63 Hamilton Ave.,  
Yonkers, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Schultz:

Let me thank you for your very lovely note of October 24. It makes one feel strengthened to receive such words of appreciation from a younger colleague in the profession. I am happy that you enjoyed my book "Religion in a Changing World."

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

October 30, 1935

Mr. Jay Halle,  
Bing Furniture Co.,  
514 Prospect Ave.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

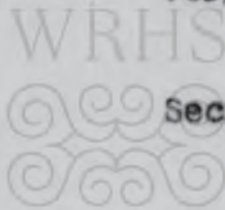
My dear Mr. Halle:

Rabbi Silver requested me to send you the  
enclosed "Rules for Jewish Immigration Into Palestine".

Very sincerely yours,

BJK  
Enc.

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.





October 30, 1935

Miss Mollie Magil Caesar,  
6201 Ellsworth Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Miss Caesar:

Let me thank you for your note of October 27. I have not been publishing my sermons in recent years. Your group may be interested, however, in my book "Religion in a Changing World" which contains many of the leading ideas which underlie my preaching.

The Paper which I read before the Central Conference of American Rabbis, last June, to which you undoubtedly refer, will be printed in a few weeks and I shall be very pleased to send you copy of it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

October 30, 1935

Mr. Robert Gries,  
The May Company,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Bob:

I did not see you the night of the Johnson lecture so that I could not tell you why arrangements could not be made for an after lecture social hour with Johnson at your home. As you know, he did not arrive until late in the afternoon, by plane. My office could not reach him during the supper hour. When he came to The Temple for the lecture, he was accompanied by Charlie Otis who was his host while in the city. Mr. Otis took him home after the lecture.

Johnson's lecture was not so much....

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



October 30, 1935

Mrs. Joseph Tronstein,  
2119 Lennox Road,  
Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Tronstein:

Let me thank you for your kind note of October 29 and for the check which you enclosed. I have placed it in the Floral Fund in honor of your first grandchild. Helen will receive acknowledgment of your donation from the Floral Committee of The Temple Women's Association. The name of the child will be registered in our Temple Baby Book and a Baby Prayer will go forward this week to Helen.

With all good wishes to the proud grandparents and to the equally proud parents, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

October 30, 1935.

Mrs. F. C. Van Winkle,  
254 Adams Street,  
Rochester, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Van Winkle:

In reply to your recent letter, permit me to state that the Temple Choir is directed by Mr. A. R. Willard, organist. The choir is composed of the following: Marie Simmelink Kraft, contralto; Mrs. Alma Babb, soprano; Emanuel Rosenberg, tenor; and Donald Dickson, baritone.

You should be able to purchase Jewish music at The Bloch Publishing Co., 31 West 31st St., New York City and from the Behrman Book Store, New York City.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



October 30, 1935

Mr. Louis Horkheimer,  
Wheeling,  
West Virginia.

My dear Dad:

I am enclosing herewith a letter from one of the heads of the Cleveland Public Library. You will see that my guess was about right. One book is worth no more than \$8 and the other no more than \$5. The books are evidently not rare and there is no particular market for them.

I am leaving this afternoon for Chicago and shall be gone two or three days on a lecture tour. We are all fine. We enjoyed your stay with us tremendously. With all good wishes, I remain

As ever,

AHS:BK

Enc.

Kopenhagen 31 Okt. 35

Lieber Herr Dr. Silver.

Wenn Sie so selten von uns hören, so ist das keines-  
wegs ein Zeichen verminderten Freundschaftsempfindungen  
von unserer Seite. Aber man entschließt sich nur schwer  
auf einem Stück Papier das auszudrücken, was das  
gesprochene Wort so schön und überzeugend vermag.  
Außerdem sind Sie so fern von uns, daß allein die  
Länge der Reise eines Briefes seinen Inhalt ver-  
alten läßt, es sei denn es gibt Dinge mitzuteilen,  
die von langwähigem Wert sind.

Also: Wir sind nun seit  $2\frac{1}{2}$  Jahren in Dänemark.  
Wir dürfen uns gewiß nicht beklagen. Das Land und  
seine Bewohner sind friedlich, von der Weltge-  
schichte wenig berührt. Man lebt und ist gut. Unse-  
re Kunst, Wissenschaft und seine natürlichen  
mal heilbringend gewordenen Organe sehen natürlich  
auch hier die aufsteigende Mühle - aber, wie  
gesagt, hier herrscht Ruhe. Man hat uns gewiß  
gut aufgenommen. Arbeitsverhältnis, soweit sie  
mit Geld verdient verbunden ist habe ich bisher  
nicht erreichen können. Das darf nur unterstützen,  
Vorlesungen halten und schreiben. - Aber natürlich  
bin ich ja Künstler!! Das habe selbstverständlich  
in diesen 2 Jahren gearbeitet. Viel gemalt!! Auch  
einige Portraits modelliert unter anderen die  
des berühmten Physikers Niels Bohr und seines  
Bruders Harald (Mathematiker). - Leider ist meine  
Frau seit unserem Trauungsbesuch aus dem  
Land meines Vaters in das meine Mutter,  
leidend. Zuerst waren es die Nerven. Sie lag  
viele Monate im Hospital. Das war natürlich



in unserer Lage besonders bedrückend und Gemein  
mend besonders hinsichtlich einer Weiterführung mei-  
ner Arbeit. In Deutschland haben wir alles auf-  
gegeben. Ein geringes Vermögen besitzen wir noch,  
doch durch die dauernde Krankheit meiner Frau  
abwindet es zusehends. Jetzt hat sie sich von dem  
Nervenerleiden befreit. Aber an Stelle dessen wird  
sie von einem Gelenk-rheumatismus gequält. Sie  
erträgt alles mit viel Energie und so hoffen wir,  
dass sie einmal wieder völlig gesunden wird.  
Hier machen sich natürlich auch bereits die ersten  
Zeichen eines wachsenden Nationalsozialismus  
mit antisemitischen Ausbrüchen bemerkbar. —  
meine Absicht ist, nach U.S.A. oder Russland  
zu gehen. Ich müß arbeiten und hier kann  
ich nur vegetieren. Die Frage ist, welcher einsichti-  
ge, künstlerische und hilfsreiche Mensch rettet  
mich und meine Kunst. Ich habe hier großen  
Erfolg gehabt durch meine pädagogischen  
Kurse und öffentlichen Vorträge. Gibt es keine  
Universität, die mich einmal engagieren könnte  
zu praktischen Kursen im Modellieren und  
Zeichnen? Oder einen Mäzen, der mir durch  
einige Portraitaufträge zunächst den Weg ebnet.  
Ich sprache hier mit einflussreichen Leuten.  
Man will versuchen die Warburgs in New  
York für mich zu interessieren. Der Direktor  
der Flüchtlingshilfe in Genf mit dem ich eingehend  
sprache, ist befreundet mit dem jüngeren Fred War-  
burg und will ihm einige meiner Arbeiten  
in Photos zusenden. Da mein letzter



Dringendfreund ein Neffe der Warburgs ist, würde  
ich versuchen, seinen Onkel, Prof. Moritz Geiger,  
den ich vor Jahren modellierte, und der meine  
Kunst sehr schätzte, zu gewinnen. Er lebt jetzt in  
New York oder Poughkeepsie, Vassar College. Soll-  
ten Sie, verehrter Herr Dr. Silver vielleicht in  
dieser Richtung auch etwas dazu beitragen  
können, so schreiben Sie mir doch recht bald.  
Vielleicht aber kennen Sie andere Kreise, die  
mich ein wenig stützen würden. Es ist eine  
traurige Lage. Gerade jetzt bin ich an der  
Stelle meines Lebens, wo ich die schönsten  
Aufgaben lösen könnte!! Da hielt hier  
Königslied einen Vortrag in einer jüdischen  
Organisation über "meine berühmten Mo-  
delle", der großen Beifall fand. Natürlich  
sprach ich auch von der Heine-Büste in Cleve-  
land. Steht sie noch an ihrem Ort? Oder hat  
Deutschlands Vorbild dafür gesorgt, sie zu  
beseitigen? Man schrieb mir, in einer Schweizer  
Zeitung habe etwas geschrieben über den Heine  
in Cleveland. Bitte schreiben Sie mir auch  
daraüber genauer. Es erscheint nämlich hier  
in nächster Zeit ein Buch über "Heine im  
germanischen Norden" von einem ehemaligen  
Hamburger Universitätsprofessor. Er stellt  
meine Büste als letztes Heinedenkmal  
hin. Vielleicht können wir es noch vor der  
Drucklegung korrigieren. Das Buch reprodu-



ziert die Skizze zu Ihrem Heimgedankmal. Ich  
lege Ihnen eine Karte bei. Vielleicht wollen Sie  
das Büßlein bestellen —

Ich weiß, daß Sie in Ihrem Amt gewiß um-  
fassendere Fragen als die einzelner Unglück-  
licher Jüden beschäftigen. Aber ich bin Künstler  
und einzig die Kunst ist es, die der Mensch-  
heit die Vergangenheit entlocken hat. Ich  
müß ein Wirkungs felt finden, bevor es  
zu spät ist. Für die Skulptur hat Moses  
in Palästina zu wenig Raum geschaffen.

Also, lieber Dr. Silver, vielleicht sehen  
wir uns doch noch einmal wieder!! Wie würde  
das uns beglücken!! Wir sind sehr einsam  
hier trotz zahlreicher guter Mitmenschen.  
meine Mentalität paßt nicht unter die  
allzuweisen Bürger. — und die Lebendigen  
hier zu Lande gehen selbst in die Umwelt.  
Unser junger Freund, der damals bei mir  
südierte, ist aus New York hier herüberge-  
kommen und macht gute Fortschritte.

Und nun leben Sie wohl und  
schreiben Sie mir sehr bald als

Ihren alten Freunde

K. Harari und Hildegard Dreesen.  
Kennen Sie den Oberabteimer Ehrenpreis in  
Stockholm? Ich werde mich jetzt an ihn.



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October 31st, 1935

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th & Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

Thanks very much for your letter concerning Johnson. When I did not hear from you early Monday evening, I took it for granted that some complications had ensued.

You didn't see me at the lecture, because I wasn't there. And your comment that it wasn't much, serves to justify my opinion of most lectures -- and my reason for staying away from almost all of them.

Hope to see you soon.

Very sincerely,

RHG:JC

P. S. Your secretary was kind enough to bring me the two books, which I think I shall enjoy.  
BOB.



[October 1935]

254 - Adams St.  
Rochester Pa.

Rabbi Silver

Temple - Cleveland Ohio  
Dear Sir: -

Do you have a choir or  
double quartette in your  
Temple. What are the names  
of the singers and the organist  
this year. Where I pur-  
chase Jewish music? We are  
having a Pageant here, where  
we want a Jewish musical  
background, hence the inquiry.

Will appreciate an early  
reply,

Respectfully

Mrs. F. C. Van Winkle.