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LOUIS S. BARDOLY, M. D.
WADE PARK MANOR
CLEVELAND, OHIO

May 1, 1936

My dear Rabbi Silver,

I have taken the liberty of mailing you, under separate cover, the published version of my latest play entitled, "Personal Tragedy".

It would give me considerable pleasure if you would accept this complimentary copy for your library.

Respectfully yours,

WRHS



Louis Bardoly

To:

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



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May 1, 1936

Miss Ruth Farrell,
Dana Avenue School,
Columbus, Ohio.

My dear Miss Farrell:

I am very pleased to enclose herewith a copy
of Rabbi Silver's "America".

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK
Enc.

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

WRHS



May 1, 1936

Mr. Samuel D. Wise,
The Arco Company,
7301 Bessemer Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Sam:

I am enclosing herewith a statement in duplicate which you requested to enable you to bring over the young boy from Germany. I trust that you will have no difficulty. I assure you that it was a great pleasure for me to write this letter.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

Beth Wolfsohn
Cooperative Building,
Bezalel Street,
Jerusalem
Corner King George Avenue,
May 3rd, 1936

Dear Cousin Esther,

Please do not think that my removal to Palestine has in any way affected our relationship. I already explained to Cousin Jennie the reasons for the delay in writing to you, and I hope you will not wait an equally long time before replying to me.

Have you returned from Miami Beach well and healthy? I hope so. My parents, Irene and I are now settled in a small, but nice 3-room flat (three rooms are a lot for four people according to Palestinian conditions), I am doing some temporary work whilst looking for a permanent position (that is not so easy, even if I do know English, French and German, my lack of Hebrew makes it difficult), but, apart from that, I am quite happy and satisfied.

On leaving London - my employers and colleagues were charming and presented me with really wonderful gifts and souvenirs. I spent a day in Paris to say good bye to my French friends whom I had got to know during my stay in Paris before I went to London, went on to Barcelona and had a short but delightful holiday with my brother Arthur and his young wife, and my married sister Adele and her husband. They live both in the same house, one of the first, the other on the second floor, and my brother and brother-in-law share a small manufacturing business for ties and belts, under my father's supervision. We are all very fond of each other and so it was a bit sad when I had to say good bye to them for goodness knows how long. But there was the interesting journey from Barcelona to Trieste, along the Riviera, Monaco, Cannes, Montecarlo, Nice, St. Juan Les Pins, and, from Trieste, the wonderful trip on the S/S "Tel Aviv", the first Palestinian boat, and I was not at all seasick all the time and had a splendid time.

And in Palestine, there were Irene and my mother - my father came a few weeks later - and we went to Jerusalem, where after a short stay at a Boarding House, we moved into our small flat. Irene is doing all the housework without help - for I have practically every day some hours typing work, although I have no permanent job yet - and Mother is assisting her a bit, whilst father is partly here, partly in Tel Aviv, the Jewish business town, where he has got a brother, and is studying business possibilities.

I like the country immensely. It is poor and primitive, but the young Jews and Jewesses working on the land are so healthy, happy and normal, that they are superior to any other young farmers and Jews anywhere else in the world.

Of course, there are the troubles with the Arabs, But then, there is no absolute peace anywhere, and eventually it will be overcome.

When father is here, we have induced him to write down his "souvenirs", his and his parents family history etc., and it appears to

become very interesting. Lots of his brothers and uncles went to the U. S. A. from whom we never heard again. Would you not like to write down what you remember from your father and relatives as well? I wish I knew more about him, he must have been rather wonderful. Perhaps I could get Aunt Frieda, if she is well enough, to put down a few facts of her branch of the Reuter family; it would be awfully interesting, don't you think so? All the more, as my brother, the eldest member of my generation and family, will become father during the course of this summer, and his baby could then later on know both where his father and grandparents came from. But I think your family's history would prove particularly interesting.

Up till now, it has been too hot here. Jerusalem has a more favorite climate, as, even if it is terribly hot in the morning and midday, the afternoon hours generally are quite cool again.

When I have seen more of the country, I shall give you a fuller description. But so many tourists come from the United States, and they are not all so very young, that I don't see why you should not come in the Autumn and visit us. You could stay with us because we have got a folding bed and you could use the Couch and I the folding bed, so that would be no trouble at all. And the climate is lovely in October and the country so interesting! There are, I think, even round-trips arranged when you could join an American party, if you like. So do think it over, please.

In the meantime, I want to tell you that we have got a wireless now. Since leaving Europe, it has become more essential to keep in touch with the world, and so we can listen in whenever we feel like leaving Asia Minor for a bit.

Please do write soon.

With kind regards from all of us,

Yours with love

(Signed) Tilly



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PANTLIND HOTEL

GRAND RAPIDS
MICHIGAN

5/3/36

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed find check
for officiating at our
wedding ceremony. It was
certainly nice if you
came down although you
weren't feeling well. We
sincerely hope by this time
that you are enjoying good
health.

With kindest personal
regards from Janeth and
myself, I am,

Very truly yours,
Lew Serbin

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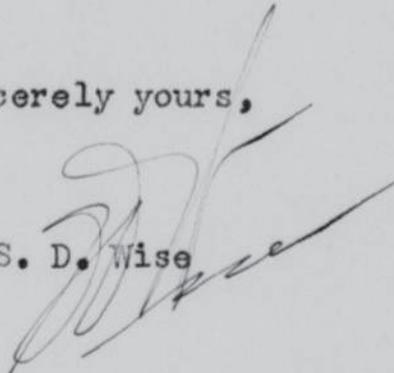
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi:

I have yours of the 1st, enclosing
letter addressed to the American Consul at Stuttgart,
which I think meets with all the requirements. Permit
me to thank you for your kind cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

S. D. Wise



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HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED TO WHEELING BY MORGENSTERN WOULD YOU WISH TO ENDORSE ME LEAVING FOR PALESTINE MAY TWENTY SIXTH AND EAGER TO HAVE CONGREGATIONS DECISION CONCERNING ME BY THEN IF POSSIBLE I SHALL BE IN CLEVELAND IN NEXT SEVERAL DAYS DO YOU WISH TO SEE ME CONCERNING THIS=
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May 6, 1936

Mr. A. Permut, President,
Orthodox Jewish Orphan Home,
879 Parkwood Drive,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Permut:

Let me thank you for your kind invitation to be present again at your annual Bazaar which is this year scheduled to be opened on June 21. If I am in the city, I shall be pleased to come. There is a likelihood, however, that I shall leave for my summer vacation before the 21 of June.

With all good wishes for success, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS: BK

May 6, 1936

Professor Howard S. Woodward,
Advisor of Mock Convention,
Western Reserve University,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Professor Woodward:

I am enclosing herewith a check to
help defray the expense of the Mock Convention
to be held at Western Reserve University.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

CONGREGATION BETH EL
DETROIT

May 6, 1936

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friend:

PERSONAL

I want to tell you how glad I was to learn that you are coming to open our Allied Jewish Campaign.

I hope I shall get a chance to chat with you during your stay in Detroit. I should like especially to talk to you about the boycott. We are carrying on here in a manner slightly different from yours. We are also having a very slow time getting non-Jewish participation in our committee. I should like to talk to you about these things. If you can get to Detroit a little time ahead of the meeting and can manage to make time for me I should appreciate it.

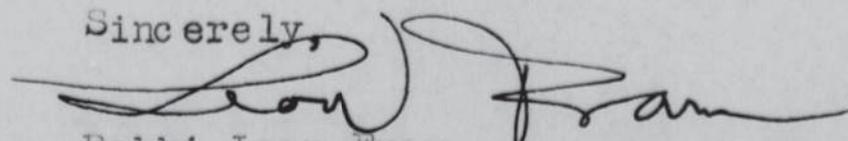
Rabbi Louis Wolsey was in the city very recently to address the great banquet of the 85th anniversary of the Temple. He took the occasion to ask our people to choose between "a Godly America and a Godless Palestine," and informed them that "the shambles of Tel Aviv are in nowise different from the shambles of Berlin." On the whole I may tell you that the leaders of the committee expressed their resentment at the introduction of that note. Nevertheless, I should say that it needs counterbalancing.

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I gather from the program of the Pre-Campaign, that some of the large givers ^A community are designating their gifts mainly for an Old Folks' Home building which is very much needed, but there is danger that the campaign for maintenance may thereby be weakened. In other words, the sentiment for local institutions is strong enough. What is needed is the building up of sentiment for the great over-seas needs - - the Joint Distribution Committee work, the rescue of German Jewry, and the building of Palestine.

I am writing this to you purely on my own responsibility, and confidentially.

Looking forward to seeing you, and with kindest personal greetings, I am

Sincerely,



Rabbi Leon Fram

May 6, 1936

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

My dear Mrs. Auerbach:

You may be interested in the enclosed
letter which I received this morning. I have already
written to Mrs. Lambert acknowledging her gift in
your honor.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS: BK
Enc.

May 6, 1936

Dr. Louis S. Bardoly,
Wade Park Manor,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Bardoly:

Let me thank you for your thoughtfulness
in sending me a copy of your latest play. I know
that I shall read it with a great deal of pleasure.

With all good wishes and thanking
you again for your thoughtfulness, permit me to
remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS: BK

May 6, 1936

Dr. Theodore N. Lewis,
Mount Sinai Congregation,
Fourteenth and Nebraska Streets,
Sioux City, Iowa.

My dear Lewis:

Thank you for your note of April 1.
Mr. Florsheim was not present at the Covenant Club
so I did not get an opportunity to discuss your
matter. I have since heard that negotiations have
again been resumed by the congregation in Chicago
and Rabbi Lazaron with the prospect of Rabbi
Lazaron accepting the call. This is not definite
but it is my latest information.

With all good wishes to you and hoping
to see you at the Conference, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

May 6, 1936

Mrs. A. J. Lambert,
570 Park Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Lambert:

Let me thank you for your kind note and for the check which you enclosed to commemorate the seventieth anniversary of your cousin, Mrs. Henry Auerbach. We are indeed very grateful to you. I shall place your gift into the Scholarship Fund which is Mrs. Auerbach's pet project at The Temple to which she has devoted many years. This Fund makes possible the granting of scholarships to worthy students who plan to prepare themselves for the Rabbinate at the Hebrew Union College. I shall, this day, notify Mrs. Auerbach of your anniversary gift. Acknowledgment of it will also appear in our Temple Bulletin, a copy of which will be mailed to you.

With all good wishes and again thanking you for your thoughtfulness, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

3610 Washington Ave
Cincinnati, Ohio

Very sincerely,
Bill M. Wolf

we shall have the pleasure, I am
hoping to hear that
with us.

shall be delighted if you can be
lunch with us on that day. We
in accompanying you, to have
ask you, and I would like if you
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to learn that you will be in
Cincinnati on May the twenty-third
to give the Baccalaureate address
at the Hebrew Union College Grad-
uation.
We were very happy
to learn that you will be in
Cincinnati on May the twenty-third
to give the Baccalaureate address
at the Hebrew Union College Grad-
uation.

Dear Pat & Alice,

Cincinnati, Ohio
May 7, 1936



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Rabbi A. H. Silver
To The Temple
Ansel Rd.
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May 7, 1936

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Under separate cover we are sending you two complimentary volumes which contain Dr. Moffatt's translation of the Old Testament. You may not have seen this translation and we hope you will enjoy having it in your library.

May we make bold to ask whether you think liberal Jews would be interested in reading this translation? If there is any likelihood that the translation would appeal, we will want to make a special offer to Jewish groups.

We are greatly pleased to report that the sales of RELIGION IN A CHANGING WORLD are holding up. If at any time you have another manuscript that you would like to submit to a publisher we would be glad indeed to talk with you about it.

Sincerely yours

Eugene Exman/rom

RABBI SAMUEL WOHL

CINCINNATI, OHIO

May 8, 1936

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver :

Some weeks ago, Mr. Eric Goldberg, a splendid Jewish artist, had an exhibit at the Wise Center. He had a painting of our friend Shmarya Levin, a magnificent portrait.

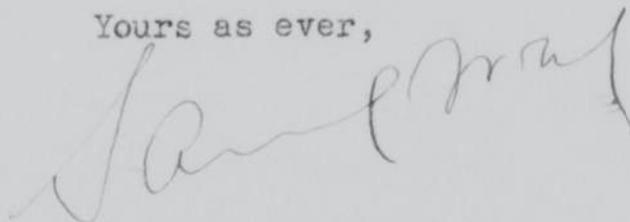
I persuaded Mr. Goldberg that a number of friends of Shmarya Levin will be glad to buy this portrait to present it to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His Yahrzeit falls on June 8th, and I should like very much to send this portrait to the Hebrew University immediately.

It would be a splendid expression of our esteem and affection for him, as well as our interest in the Hebrew University, and I am sure that Dr. Magnes will be most delighted to receive this gift from the group of American friends.

Of necessity I must address myself only to the closer friends of Dr. Levin. My feeling is that you are one that will want to associate himself in this tribute. A miniature reproduction of the painting is enclosed, and I hope that you will send me your check for as much as you can spare.

With very best wishes, I am

Yours as ever,



SW:RK



5-8-36

Dear Rabbi Silver.

Chicago for a  |  came to
a few days of
much needed diversion.

Thinking over my past two
years' experience with the
'Alumni', I am convinced

that most of our differences,
 and there weren't really so
 many, arose from my youth-
 ful impetuosity; however,
 I hope you are assured of my
 good faith.



I want to express
 my thankfulness for your
 aid and direction during
 my tenure. These past
 two years have been ex-

ceedingly full of rich ex-
perience.

I hope that you
will call upon me often
to participate in People
activities or any of those
in which you may feel
I may be of aid.

Sincerely,
Carola Fellenbaum

Gerhart Seger
PO Box 50, Stat.K.
New York City, NY.

New York, May 8, 1936

Rabbi Dr. A. Silver
Temple East 105th Str.
Cleveland / Ohio.

Dear Doctor Silver:

I am enclosing two letters I wrote in my new capacity as president of a new organization unifying all non-Nazi German-American organizations. We try to appear with similar manifestations once in a while in order to prevent the people from getting too much used to the German debacle!

You probably remember that I once in your office spoke to you about getting some financial assistance for the Neue Volkszeitung for which I was working as a columnist and organizer of the subscription. In the meantime I not only succeeded in becoming its editor, which means that I am pretty well settled personally, but in enlarging also the subscription and the street sale. Therefore I do not need as much help as I thought before; nevertheless if you could find a German American in your congregation who would interest himself in helping us to strengthen our paper I would be deeply grateful to you. The whole amount I would ask for that purpose is \$ 250, and let me tell you using an example why we need only a comparatively small amount.

I was lecturing once before the whole staff and students of Wesleyan University at Salina/Kansas. There the head of the German department, a non-Nazi American, asked me to address his German class. I did, and when he brought me to his room and I stepped behind his desk, I found the whole table covered with nothing but Nazi literature. He saw on my face what I thought, and he said excusingly: "I am sorry but we do not have any money to spend for such stuff, and this stuff we get for nothing." This is not the only place where I found the same. The Nazis are spending money like a drunken sailor for propaganda, and it would be very hard indeed to fight it on a large scale. But what we can do is to send our paper to a lot of similar places free of charge, and in order to be able we need contributions like this I ask for. The costs are very low, 1000 copies additionally printed and mailed require not more than \$ 11,-. If we could receive such a contribution (made out to the Neue Volkszeitung) we could do some good. Would you be kind enough to take it under consideration?

Trusting to hear from you, I am

very sincerely yours

Gerhart Seger.

1487 E 112th St [1936]

Cleveland

May 8.

My dear Rabbi Silver.

I am now permanently established with my son and mother, in Cleveland, and I am anxious to work in the church.

I must absorb my thoughts with diligent work and my preference turns to the Hebrew service.

You probably noticed when substituting, that my voice has grown and is capable of filling the largest auditorium.

If you are contemplating a change in soloists for the coming year, will you permit me to serve you. Sincerely Edith Fletcher

GEORGE B. LIEBERMAN

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE
CINCINNATI, OHIO

May 8, 1936

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I just received a communication from Mr. Joseph Meyer of Wheeling in connection with the vacant pulpit of the Eoff Street Temple. You will recall that some weeks ago I spoke to you about it in Cleveland. I presume that you have been instrumental in creating this opportunity for me. Of course, I am indeed very grateful to you. Of course, I realize that it is I who must now prove worthy and qualified for the position, yet I shall always remain indebted to you for the encouragement and the friendship you have shown me during these years.

I had a conference with Dr. Julian Morgenstern. He endorses and recommends my candidacy for that pulpit most willingly. I feel rather encouraged because there are so many persons who feel that I can fill the position satisfactorily. I hope so.

We look forward to the graduation on the 23rd with you as our baccalaureate speaker.

With sincerest greetings and many thanks, I remain

Faithfully yours,

George B. Lieberman

May 11, 1936

Mr. Jacob Lehrman,
186 Joralemon Street,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Lehrman:

We regret that we have no printed copies of Rabbi Silver's address on "Religion in Education" available for distribution. Should it be printed, we shall be very happy to send you a copy of it.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

JOSEPH S. KORNFIELD

325 East 79th Street,
New York, May 11, 1936.

Dear Dr. Silver:-

Yesterday while in Niagara Falls to address a meeting of the United Palestine Appeal, I learned that the pulpit at Wheeling is vacant. Tho the lecture work which I have been doing since I left Toledo, first as director of Public Relations of the New York office of the Northwestern Life Insurance Co. and, since October on my own account, is very pleasant, I am exceedingly anxious to get ^a congregation. Wheeling may not be able to pay more than a modest salary, but it is a community with fine traditions and has a good class of people and I am sure Mrs. Kornfeld and I would be very happy there.

Will you not be good enough to bring me favorably to their attention. I should be very pleased to accept an invitation to address either their Men's Club or Sisterhood, so that they could see and hear me and then determine whether I can fill the position. I am confident that you will welcome this opportunity to be helpful and I thank you most sincerely in advance.

With all good wishes and kindest regards to you and Mrs. Silver, in which Mrs. Kornfeld joins me, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Joseph S. Kornfeld

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

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May 11, 1936

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To Rabbi David Polish

Street and No. Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Place

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SEE YOU WHEN YOU ARRIVE IN CLEVELAND

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

May 12, 1936

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To Mr. Samuel Untermyer

Street and No. The Commodore Hotel

Place New York, N.Y.

I JOIN WITH YOUR HOST OF FRIENDS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY IN EXTENDING TO YOU MY
HEARTIEST FELICITATIONS STOP YOU HAVE BEEN A POWERFUL FORCE IN THESE TROUBLED
TIMES IN CHAMPIONING THE RIGHTS NOT ONLY OF OUR PEOPLE BUT OF HUMANITY STOP
MAY GOD BLESS YOU WITH MANY MORE YEARS OF HEALTH AND OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Abba Hillel Silver

Sender's address
for reference

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May 13th,

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My dear Rabbi Silver:

We are contemplating placing
the marker on "Dear Mothers' Grave"
around Decoration Day and the
thought occurred to me, that since
"My Dear Mother" was so fond of you
personally and always enjoyed your
friendship, you would extend a great
favor to all of us and at the same
time honor the memory of your
"Devoted Friend," "Our Dear Mother,"



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APARTMENT HOTEL
GARAGE CONNECTION
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by rendering a special service to
"How Memory."

I appreciate the fact, that this
request is somewhat unusual and the
reason that prompts us to act this
special favor is, that the Funeral
services unfortunately took place during
your absence from the City; which
fact, has always been regretted by
ourselves.

Dear Rabbi, I am sure,
that you are aware of the fact, that
to our entire family, you always have
been and always shall be considered as
"Our Only Rabbi."



THE MADISON
817 - 825 ST. PAUL STREET
BALTIMORE, MD.
VERNON 8360

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APARTMENT HOTEL
GARAGE CONNECTION
A GUILFORD REALTY PROPERTY

In making the above request,
I fully appreciate, that if granted,
it may tend to establish a precedent,
which no doubt you would want
to avoid, for that reason, we shall
not publicize this service to any-
one except our immediate family.

I sincerely trust, that you will
consider my request favorably for,
"Old Friendships' sake," and that you
will spare a few minutes
of your time on Sunday afternoon,



THE MADISON
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APARTMENT HOTEL
GARAGE CONNECTION
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4.

most suitable to your convenience,
and honor the "Memory of My Dear
Mother," with one of your services
that she, so highly cherished during
her life.

With kind personal regards to
Mrs. Silver and yourself, I remain,
your devoted pupil,
Stephan Witkowski Payer,

Oppenheim's

Men's, Women's and Children's
Apparel

Bay City, Michigan

May 14, 1936

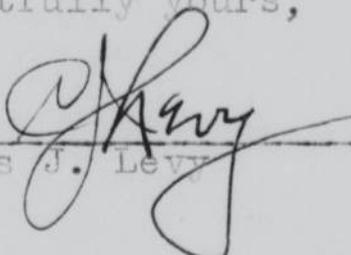
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland
Ohio

Dear Sir:

Would you be kind enough to let me know in what proportion to each other you are allotting relief funds to the Joint Distribution and Palestine drives in Cleveland?

Thanking you in advance for this favor and with kind personal regards, I remain

Respectfully yours,


Charles J. Levy

CJL:MAC

May 15, 1936

Congress Hotel,
Cape May,
New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

I am planning to attend the convention
of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.
Please reserve for me a single room with bath,
starting June 23.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS: BK

May 15, 1936

Mrs. Samuel M. Wohl,
3610 Washington Ave.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Belle:

Please pardon the delay in answering your kind letter. I have been out of the city most of the time chasing around in connection with various Jewish Welfare Fund campaigns.

I appreciate deeply your invitation to have luncheon with you on the day of the Hebrew Union College Graduation Exercises. I need not tell you that under ordinary circumstances, I would have been delighted to avail myself of the pleasure of having luncheon with you at your home. Unfortunately, I have not been well in the last few months, and I am endeavoring to conserve my strength. I should like to rest before the Exercises at the College. I do hope, however, that I shall have the pleasure of seeing you and Sam sometime during my stay in Cincinnati.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

May 15, 1936

Dr. Joseph B. Kornfeld,
325 East 79th St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Kornfeld:

I was very happy to receive your letter.
It is a long time since I have heard from you.

I was in Wheeling a few days ago attending the seventy-fifth birthday celebration of my father-in-law, Mr. Horkheimer. I spoke to a few people at the reception about the matter which you wrote me. You may readily assume that I spoke in the highest terms of you. They have been considering a few men who have been recommended to them. What their final decision will be, I do not know. The Congregation's finances have slumped considerably in the last few years, and the salary which they can pay is almost a minimum.

With all good wishes to you and Mrs. Kornfeld in which Mrs. Silver joins me most heartily, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK

May 15, 1936

Mr. Eugene Exman,
Harper & Brothers,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Exman:

Let me thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me the two complimentary volumes of Dr. Moffatt's translation of the Old Testament. I appreciate it very much.

As to your question whether Liberal Jews would be interested in reading this translation, I am in no position to say. You know, of course, that we have the translation made by the Jewish Publication Society and that is the one commonly used in Temples today.

I am glad to know that "Religion in a Changing World" is still selling. I have no new manuscript at present. I have been too much driven with numerous activities to be able to devote the required time to the writing of another book. Some day I may have one.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS: BK

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SIOUX CITY, IOWA

RABBI
DR. THEODORE N. LEWIS

May 17, 1936

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

Dear Dr. Silver,

I am deeply obliged to you for your letter
and the information about Rabbi Lazon.

May I hope that you will use your large
influence in obtaining the ring for me in this
case as you were so willing to do in the Sholom
vacancy.

Please excuse my imposing on you, which I do
not because I have any right to, but because I
know how ready you are to help younger and Jew-
ishly qualified men to advance.

With many thanks, and much appreciation, I am

Most cordially yours,

RABBI PIZER W. JACOBS
3810 BROADWAY
NEW YORK CITY

May 17/36

Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Dear Colleague.

I presume you have heard

that Braumstein is leaving
Wheeling and because of your
great influence with that congregation
and your friendship for me,
am writing you for your cooperation
to get an invitation to be heard.

Of course I want to stand upon my
own merit, but need the opportu-
nity to meet the people. Will you
do that for me, I must get placed.
and I am turning to a valued
colleague to help me do so.
I need not tell you how
much I have suffered, without
a rest the last two years. So
see what you can do, in my behalf.

I will appreciate your immediate effort. It will be for blessing.

Trusting you are enjoying the best of health and with best wishes from house to house -

Ever faithfully

Peter Jacobs



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May 18, 1936

Mr. Charles J. Levy,
Oppenheim's,
Bay City, Michigan.

My dear Mr. Levy:

In reply to your letter of inquiry of May 14, permit me to say that we have granted parity to the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal in our 1936 Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign. Each receives \$60,000.

With all good wishes and wishing you success in your campaign, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

J. E. MEISEL
WADE PARK MANOR
CLEVELAND, OHIO

5/18-36

Rabbi A. H. Silver
% The Temple

Dear Rabbi Silver

Enclosed please find
my pledge card and
also my check covering
the amount subscribed.

With kindest personal
regards I am
Very Truly Yours

J. E. Meisel

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ROBERT THORMANN
Manager

May 18, 1936

Abba Hillel Silver, D.D.
Rabbi

The Temple
East 105th Street At Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver: WRHS



In accordance with your valued request of the 15th we with pleasure are reserving for you a comfortable single room with a private bath for the period of the Central Conference of American rabbis beginning June 23rd. The rate on this room is \$5.50 per day.

Thank you most kindly for this reservation and with our advanced assurance of every attention and courtesy while a guest of Congress Hall, we are

Cordially yours,

Handwritten signature of Robert Thormann in cursive script.
Robert Thormann, Manager

RT:R

Mr. A. H. Silver
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio

CLEVELAND, O. May 19, 1936.

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To MAXWELL SILVER

Street and No. Hotel Sinton

Place Cincinnati, Ohio

WRHS

AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES

MY HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR OUTSTANDING AND UNIQUE ACHIEVEMENT

WE ARE THOROUGHLY DELIGHTED WE PLAN TO ARRIVE FRIDAY AFTERNOON PLEASE

MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR US AT THE SINTON

ABBA

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May 20, 1936.

Mr. Samuel D. Wise,
Arco Co.,
7301 Bessemer Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Sam:

I am sending you herewith the bottle of cognac which you purchased last night. I suspect that it is the most expensive liquor that you ever bought. I hope that you enjoy it. Please leave one drop at the bottom for me.

With all good wishes, I am

As ever yours,

AHS:BK

JOSEPH S. KORNFIELD

325 East 79th Street,
New York, May 19, 1936.

Dear Dr. Silver:-

Thank you most sincerely for your kind letter of May 15. It is so gratifying to have the assurance of your abiding interest. I do hope that your generous efforts will produce the desired result. The enclosed my prove a good "seller's aid".

Mrs. Kornfeld joins me in all good wishes and kindest regards to you and Mrs. Silver.



Sincerely yours,

Joseph S. Kornfeld

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

May 20, 1936

Mrs. Delphine Witkowsky Prager,
The Madison,
817-825 St. Paul St.,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Delphine:

I was very pleased to receive your letter of May 13. Nothing would have given me greater pleasure than to comply with your request. You know what I thought of your dear mother and I know how close your family has been to me and to The Temple all these years. It is therefore due to no disinclination on my part to attend the unveiling on Decoration Day. But I am unable to comply with your request. I would be making many enemies in the community if I did it. I have refused consistently these many years to attend unveilings of tombstones. It would mean going to the cemetery twice for every funeral during the year. If word went out to the community that I attended one unveiling, I would simply have to attend all.

I am sure that you will understand my position. I hope that I may have the pleasure of seeing you when you come to Cleveland. With all good wishes to you and your dear husband, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Irwin Greene
Attorney and Counsellor at Law
1511 Guarantee Title Building
Cleveland, Ohio

May 23, 1936

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

My dear Rabbi:

I had an interesting conversation with Dr. Frank Oakley, a prominent surgeon of this city, regarding the Jewish question. He told me about a letter he had written to a Jewish doctor in which he discusses the same question.

I thought you might be interested to get the point of view of a non-Jew, Nordic, prominent physician and surgeon and deep thinker, and therefore got his permission to forward the enclosed copy to you. He indicated he does not want any publicity but very anxious to get your comment on same.

Will appreciate the return of this paper together with your comment.

Sincerely yours

Irwin Greene

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My dear Doctor:

The answer to the Semite question is much too big for me, I can only state a few thoughts as they come to me. One must presuppose a knowledge of the history of the Jew since the fall of Jerusalem or the beginning of the so-called Christian Era. The history of the Jew before the year one A.D. has a definite bearing more or less on the status of his racial characteristics.

Personally, I think, - I, - like others of the so-called Nordic peoples, have a biologic and hereditary something antagonistic to the Jew. Individually we have many friends, true friends admired for their sterling qualities, perhaps as many as we have in or among other peoples, numerically, but as a race or tribe we do not like them.

To put this in another way: In the South the white slave owner, or at this time the white man, loves or respects the individual negro, but dislikes the race as a whole, while up north they claim to love the race, but do not like the individual. This process of likes and dislikes is universal. The Greek hates the Turk, - the Hindu hates the Mohammedan, - etc. These likes and dislikes, loves and hatreds are biological and religious.

About the year 300 - Constantine recognized Christianity and established the Church at Rome. This was done mostly for political reasons. With the establishment or recognition of Christianity the Jew was scattered, persecuted, deprived of rights and privileges of citizenship; forced to live in special communities, exploited, feared and despised. For centuries this treatment continued, serving to knit the idea of racial peculiarity and racial segregation closer; to set the Jew apart from all peoples in his own consciousness. Naturally some nations were more tolerant, more liberal in their treatment of the Jew than others. England, for instance, gave the Jew many privileges. Under certain rulers, and in other countries, the Jew enjoyed privileges, but on the whole his freedom was much circumscribed. This is, I believe, one of the darkest spots in

our so-called Christian Era. It remained for America, the New Democratic form of Government, to give the Jew and all others coming under its constitution the right of Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness, Full Citizenship and Religious Freedom.

The Jew has taken advantage of this liberty or freedom; (Religious and Full Citizenship), but unlike the other emigrant peoples, does not enter the melting pot and become truly American. Unlike the German or, to some extent, the Italian or the British; in other words, the Jew did not intermarry, he remained the Jew. A citizen - yet apart.

This is quite understandable, because from the beginning of his history, in The Book, The Pentateuch, The Jews were God's own chosen people, God's own peculiar people. This thought, this belief, has been drilled into the Jew by his religious teachers, also by the persecution of his enemies and the rest of mankind, so that he feels himself segregated as a race, still distrusted, still despised, secretly proud of the fact that he; the despised Jew, has given the so-called Christian world its God, its Theology, its code of Ethics. This fact alone would make one think that the Christians would love the Jew, but no; by some queer or strange quirk of psychology, this fact, perhaps alone is responsible for much resentment and hatred of the Jew by the Christian and Mohammedan.

Then what is it all about? Why do we not like the Jew as a race? First, Religious reasons. Second, Because of the Jew's exclusiveness. -- His inborn feeling of superiority, his unwillingness to be assimilated. Third, Certain characteristics looked for and disliked by all Gentiles. I need not innumerate, one example will suffice. In 1913 I was in Berlin for four months. There were a large number of Russian and Polish Jews entered at the University. These men were eager, greedy for education, their expenses found great cost and perhaps privation. These men pushed and crowded, took the front seats, had no

respect for others. Understandable; but to say the least were unpopular with the other students from South America and Germany, in fact, from all other countries. Many of the Professors were Jewish and seemed to favor their own people. Well, the thing culminated in student riots. Just how it was settled I do not know, but it was hot for awhile.

Personally, I do not think that the status of the Jew will ever change, certainly not so long as he adheres to his religious segregation. I do not mean his monothetic belief, but his adherence to the Mosaic Law, his ritual, to his belief that the Jew is a race apart, despised and hated by all men. His message to mankind through ages of persecution, humility and suffering. Who can say that he is not right? Again - "What is Truth?" (Pilot's question)

A question? Is the Jew as a race a nationalist, that is, a Patriot; willing to bleed and give his life for the country he lives in? To fight, and if necessary, to give his life for the hills and valleys of home? Frankly, I do not know, but, I have my doubts. Can you by any stretch of the imagination think of a Russian Jew giving his life for Dear old Russia, or a German Jew, or a Polish Jew, willingly giving his life for Germany or Poland. Above all others, Can you feature a Spanish Jew giving all for Spain? I mean these countries, the fair lands and their institutions: Their political and religious life. I think not. You may point to many great Jewish musicians, artists, financiers, even statesmen, but no outstanding Jewish Patriot. How could there be with the memories of the persecution, Religious and Secular, visited upon this peculiar segregated race by all nations.

If History is to repeat itself, and the Jew has every reason to believe it will, one cannot blame him for wondering how long it will be before this country, the land of the free, may turn on him and start anew his quest for religious liberty, or may I say, equality. Personally, I think the Jew has this

question in his own hands, so long as he, the Jew, segregates himself. So long as he and his leaders make the Jew a thing apart; just so long will he be kept apart. The solution of this problem is as much up to the Jew, as it is to the Gentile, and from my experience and knowledge of life I believe the American people would meet the Jew even more than half way. The attitude of the Jew toward the peoples of the world, his unwillingness to depart from his nationalism or tribalism to remain a Jew, is no doubt the deciding factor. There is a biologic reason for this adhesion to Jewish intermarriage. If the Jew who is a Semite were to intermarry with the Latin or Nordic, the number of children would diminish to about two to the family (so I am informed); soon the Jew as a race would become extinct (Miscegenation). The Semetic races may intermarry with certain peoples successfully, not with others. You state that the Jew is discriminated against in this country, that there is a growing anti-Jewish sentiment here. I do not believe this, I do not believe that there is any growing propaganda against the Jew in America. If there is, it is in the minds of the Jew himself, fostered by the fears and utterances of his leaders, who have been carried away by the unfortunate and deplorable actions of certain European, so-called statesmen.

I have listened every Sunday to Rev. Chas. E. Coughlin, trying to weigh carefully his lectures and doctrine. Also trying to find some ulterior motive behind it all. I do not like the church of Rome any more than you do. I do not trust the Church at Rome any more than you do. There may be some ulterior motive behind Rev. Coughlin,. I, of course, do not know, but so far I have failed to find it. (Since this writing I think I have found the answer to Father Coughlin's position).

Your Rabbi Wise of New York, a truly great Jew, said, according to reported account, that Coughlin was attacking the Jew, and the Jewish international banker, thereby stirring up race prejudice. True, Coughlin did mention by

name Nathan Loebe Company, Rothchild and other Jewish Bankers, but he also named Morgan and DuPont, Al Smith, Roscob, Carter Glass and many others, Catholic, Gentile and Jew. Why? - please, should the Jew be left out, or why? on the other hand should he be specially mentioned. I can assure you, and I think I know, that nothing was said by Coughlin about the Jew that has not been said about others, not Jews. If your leaders are jittery and making passes at shadows there is no surer way of bringing about just the condition feared. Another fact: When I was a boy, fifty years ago, in Toronto, Canada, there were a few Jews there, mostly peddlers, old clothes men, etc. However, there was one firm, Samuel Benjamin Company, hardware, very splendid people. I noticed last week that Miss Samuel was the star skater here with the very exclusive skating club of Toronto, also her cousin, a Mr. Willson, was her partner. Not much anti-Jewish about Toronto's social elite for the well-behaved Jew. I need not remind you that in Cleveland our most exclusive schools and clubs have been open to some Jewish families. These same clubs and schools have been closed to many who were not Jews, perhaps for the same reason.

As I have said before in this letter the Jew is a Semite, he develops early. A Jewish child at twelve years is as developed as a Nordic at fifteen or sixteen. The Jewish child learns easily, especially language, he is anxious to get ahead, to get an education. This desire is fostered by his parents, he is told the value of an education, that he must put on all steam to get that which was denied his parents, that great boon they so much desired. The Jew is precocious, he goes fast up to a certain point, after which like his brother of another race, only very few achieve outstanding greatness.

I must here pay to the Jew a tribute - "The Jew seldom divorces his wife," "The Jew takes care of his children, sees to it that they are

care for and educated to the best of his financial ability, even if he is himself deprived of necessities." "The Jew is charitable, takes care of his own and contributes to outside charities. Perhaps because this is good business? The home life of the Jew is ideal. Why? Because of an understanding between man and wife. She may know that the husband may have sex interests, but she also knows that his main interest is in his wife and family, nothing can change this confidence.

In America (The U.S.A.) the Jew has full citizenship, all the rights and privileges under the constitution of the Government, and the state in which he holds his citizenship, but as a whole or as a people apart, he, the Jewish composite, wonders after two thousand years of experience, how long will this Utopia continue. How long will it be before the Jew will be cast out to find another home? The Jew is not a true American with a love of country - right or wrong my country - he is a Sojourner willing to conform to the laws and conventions of the country he resides in. Willing to fight for the Government which protects him and gives him the greatest freedom. But, I believe could be just as happy, just as patriotic under another flag giving him the same or greater privileges. This is not intended as a slur or a criticism on the Jew. From a psychological standpoint, which could not be otherwise. - The Jew is a New Yorker, a Clevelander. He is not an American as compared with the D.A.R. or The Sons of the American Revolution, etc. Perhaps you may say these are fine distinctions, nevertheless, if poorly expressed I hope you will get my meaning. You may not agree with me when I say that the Jew as a class or race does nothing for the Nation as a whole. The Jew is not an agriculturist. He aspires to be a professional man, or The manufacturer, or more often the power behind our theatrical and amusement industry. Our gambling, and sorry to report our racketeering "of easy money". The Jew as a segregated class (of his own choice) is a parasite - quite willing to be

transferred to another fertile field when the going gets too rough.

If you will read and study the history of the Jew from Father Abraham you will find that the one all absorbing, all important fact is - First: The Jew a thing apart - Second: The Law - Third: and perhaps the most important, The Fixed unalterable belief in "One God" - "Jehovah"; a theology carried throughout the ages by one people, one race - persecuted, despised, mistreated, but still carrying high the banner of monotheistic belief. The Jew has perhaps in spite of himself given the world it's finest religion. It's finest code of ethics, in spite of the fact that we, the Gentiles, have twisted and elaborated these basic truths to suit our convenience to the humiliation of the Jew. The fact still exists that the Jew gave the world it's God, it's Christ, (The Redeemer). Believe it or not; you may despise the Jew, you may dislike the Jew, you may persecute the Jew, but you still have to take off your hat to him because he has kept his Trust, his covenant with his God - his - Jehovah, a Tribal God.

CAPITULATION

THE JEW - The modern Jew is just a product of what Christianity has made him, plus his hereditary inborn complex - a semite. Were I a Jew I should laugh and enjoy the situation, of the so-called Christian civilization - we have taken from the Jew. The basic ethical law, the Ten commandments of Moses - The Poetry of the Psalms of David. The Proverbs of Solomon, plus the precepts of the Prophets and the Lessons taught by the Allegories in the books of Job, Daniel, Ruth, Etc. The Christian makes a Jew - Jesus his God - a Jewish woman his mother - Mary: - almost equal with Jesus in status? Thousands of Christian people worship, or perhaps not exactly worship - Mary the Virgin - but place Her next to Jesus as an interceder with Jesus for His influence with God the Father.

Our Christian Religion is based on the Jewish law, the Jewish code

of ethics. Jewish history, Jewish poetry.

About one hundred and fifty years after the death of Christ, The New Testament - The life and teachings of Christ was written. These books together with the letters and teachings of Paul and the early followers of Jesus, shaped the Theology and Mythology of the Catholic Church. Do not forget that Jesus, Paul, Peter, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John were Jews. Please do not overlook the fact that there is nothing new in the structure of the Christian Religion. All other Theologies were built upon practically the same general plan (See, This Believing World and The Golden Bough). The New thing - the new thought - was and is The Fatherhood of God, and the Brotherhood of Man. The Oneness of all nature with God.

MAN "THE QUIBLER." Limited as to his mentality - narrow minded - small - could not understand such a conception as "Diety" - so - another Theology, a new sect - exclusive in opinion and interpretation - a new religion - from what was originally the teachings and ethics of a broadminded humanitarian "Jesus."

If Constantine had not recognized the Christian Sect (for political reasons) it would have died as other sect's have died and withered - might have been our God - (Frazers Golden Bough). From this act of Constantine began the real persecution of the Jew - because - The Jew crucified the New God - a Jew - Christ Jesus. Can anyone imagine anything more tragic, more ridiculous than the persecution of a small tribe of Semites - Jews - whose only offense was:- That they put to death a man whom they did not recognize as their Messiah - only an agitator - a Socialist - a Reformer - a Disturber -without authority or following.

There would have been no Christianity without Pauls' Theology and Constantines' Edict. The Hoc Signio Vincis (the sign of the cross - By this sign we conquer.)

The Jew since this time has been the despised tribe - the despised people - The assassins of God's Son - Sent by God to deliver the human race from original sin - The disobedience of Adam. This is the Christian Theology (or Revealed Religion). Yet - (to continue this logic). Had not the Jews been instrumental in the crucifixion of Jesus (according to the prophecy) Jesus could not have fulfilled His mission. The Redemption of man through sacrifice.

Per See: - Mankind inherited sin through the disobedience of Adam. Jehova selected the Hebrew tribe - the Jew - as His own peculiar people to carry his covenant - The Divine Law (The Mono-Theistic concept of Deity) - until he should send according to the prophecies - A Messiah - The Savior - The Pascal Lamb - by whose blood The Jehova would be propitiated and the original sin of disobedience washed away.

The old old story of the Scape Goat (Frazier's Golden Bough) or the blood sacrifice for the sins of individuals or nations.

Now begins the Divine Comedy or The Divine Tragedy -- The Jew did not recognize "The Messiah - Jesus" and have been most terribly punished for their lack of perception?

As I see it - The Hebrew tribe as such, must vanish or perish or be absorbed, leaving their footsteps in the sands of time, a great people playing a great part in the evolution of Man's Religious thought or evolution.

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May 24, 1936

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In my Father's
house are
many mansions...
I go to prepare a
place for you...
I will come again,
and receive
you unto myself;
that where I am,
there ye may be
also.

JOHN 14:2,3

Dear Rabbi Silver,

While worshipping
with your congregation I
had the chance to look at
the plaque on the Temple wall.
Having to do with Judah Touro
I was very much interested in
that I grew up in the shadow
of his old synagogue.

I thought the enclosed
clipping would be of interest
to you and I invite you to
the Newport celebration.

I am a student at Cleveland
Bible Institute and our grad-
uation is to be held Thursday
the twenty eighth at the school
3219 Cedar Ave. I would like
to see you there.

Sincerely

Edgar B. Smith

3219 Cedar.

3 Russo Court
Newport, R.I.

[May 25, 1936]

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רבי אבא הלל טילבר הי"ו
קליבלנד .

רב מאד נעלה, -

היום שלחנו לכבודו תלגרמה, בה בקשנוהו עזרה מהירה למוסדנו
בעת צרה זו, שהפרעות בארצנו פגעו בו באופן קשה מאד.

אנו באים בזה למלא אחרי דברינו הקצרים שבאו בתלגרמה, ולהודיע
לו כי ממש סכנת רעב מרחפת על מאות זקנינו כהיום הזה, וקיומו של
מוסדנו תלוי בסכנה גדולה.

הסיבה היא בעיקר, מפני שבשנים האחרונות אחרי שהמקורים מחו"ל
נתמעטו היתה מחצית ההכנסה לתקציב מוסדנו מתקבל מארצנו גופא, על
פי רוב מהכנסות הזקנים, ועתה לרגלי הפרעות פסקה הכנסה זו, כמעט
לגמרי, ואם לא נקבל עזרה תכופה במדה חשובה מן הגולה, אז לא נוכל
להמשיך את העבודה הקשה בהנהלת המוסד הזה על שלש מאות זקניו, והזקנים
ירעבו ללחם ח"ו.

מלבד זה, גרמה השביתה הערבית והמצב הפרוע הנמשך בארצנו זה
שבעה שבועות, ליוקר מאמיר על צרכי אוכל, ירקות ועוד, מה שהקשה עלינו את
המצב מאד מאד.

פנינו לכבודו בתור אחד מידידי הנאמנים של מוסדנו, שמכיר
ויודע היטב את מוסדנו הגדול, ומי שכבר בא לעזרתנו בעתות הצרה הקודמות
אנו מבקשים אותו: - נא ונא יבוא לעזרתנו בעוד מועד, יפנה נא למכריו
העשירים וגם יוציא כרוז להנדיבים הנשמעים לו, שיבואו לעזרתנו בעת
צרה זו.

ותקנתנו כי לא ישוב פנינו ריקם, וברכות מאות הזקנים על
ראשו תחלנה, ושלום יהי' לו ולנו ולכל ישראל.

כברכת מוקיריו ומכבדיו:



גבאי ומנהלי מושב זקנים וזקנות המאוחד.

May 25th, 1936.

Rabbi M. Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

My Dear Rabbi:

It was indeed a genuine pleasure to read your letter, the explanation therein was most satisfactory. I purely appreciate your position and had I been aware of the real facts, I tentatively would not have made the request.

If at all possible, I shall make an earnest effort when in Cleveland to come over and visit with you, even though my time in the city will be limited.

During my travels in the past two-years I have had occasions to visit

different Reform Temples in the various
cities in this country, and am very
happy to say, none of them compare
to "Our Temple" and I am proud to
have been associated these many
years with "Congregation Tifereth-
Israel," of Cleveland.

Thanking you again for your kind
letter, and in closing, want to assure
you once more, that the reasons set forth
therein, were most convincing and entirely
satisfactory.

With kindest personal regards to yourself,
and Mrs. Silver, in which my husband
joins, I remain your devoted pupil,

Stephine H. Prager,

[1936]

MRS. WILLIAM Z. GOODMAN - 108 ST. PAUL STREET - BROOKLINE, MASS.

May 25th

Dear Rabbi Silver -

My mother just wrote us that you would be in Boston Sunday, June 7th.

Is there any possibility of your having any free time for us on that date? We can arrange our schedule to your convenience. And we want you to feel free to use our home as your own at that time.

And Johnny says he'd like to meet the fellow whose name is on the prayer over his head.

Of course, Bill will call for you wherever you'll be, if you come. Remember us to Mrs. Silver, please.
Cordially - Helen

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PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

May 25, 1936

Dear Abba:

Buffalo is attempting to raise \$50,000., \$45,000. of which will go to the J.D.C. and U.P.A. I spoke there last Thursday to the women in the afternoon and in the evening at a little dinner given to the so-called "big givers." About 110 were present; was told it was the best gathering of its kind Buffalo has assembled in years. Folk were kind enough to tell me I made a fine speech. Nevertheless, and it's entre nous, I was disappointed with the results. Of the 100 or 110 persons present, about 60 contributed, the contributions totaling about \$9,000. The largest was \$800.; several of \$500. and so on down the line. This amount, I was told, represented about a 75% or 80% over what the same group gave a year ago.

Naturally, there was gratification but, despite the various alibis as to why the group did not respond even better, I recall only too vividly that after the dinner, the Chairman, Alfred M. Saperston (a very fine young man) told me that there were at least six or seven in the group who could have given anywhere from \$2,500. to \$5,000 each without hurting themselves. Same old story, with the same old alibis.

Now then, I was frank enough to tell Mr. Saperston and the others that, had you spoken at this Big Givers' dinner -- and I was absolutely sincere about it -- the response would have been far greater. Some how or other you would have touched their hearts and their pocketbooks much more effectively. "No indeed, no indeed; no one could have done better than you did," etc. And so I bet Alfred Saperston that on the night of June 2, when you will speak in Buffalo, you will so move your audience that you will get at least \$1,000. more from the people who will have made subscriptions by June 2. Now, dear Abba, I have to win the bet and I do hope you will urge those who have already made contributions to tear up their cards and make new ones. Ordinarily it would flatter my vanity that not even you could do more than I did, but in this particular case, I intend that you should obtain a few \$1,000., many more \$500. ones, etc. Please do your d-----est.

An awful lot of talk in Baltimore about Morris's resignation. I wonder if he decided to go to Chicago. What are your plans for the summer? With fond regards, as ever,

Yours,

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

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May
25th
1936

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.,
City.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I understand that there will be Sabbath school on Decoration Day, Saturday morning, May 30th, to which, of course, all children of the Temple are obligated to attend.

It seems to me that this day, being a legal holiday and probably the most sacred in the American calendar, same should be considered as such and no school had. Certainly, if Decoration Day came on a week day, there would be no public school - there should therefore be no Sabbath school on this day.

I intend to send my children Saturday morning to Sabbath school but shall compensate on September 17th or September 26th by not sending them to Temple but compelling them to attend public school. I have no right to prevent them from going to Sabbath school but I retain the right to send them to public school on a Jewish holiday.

MLB:EA

Very truly yours,

M. L. Bernstein

May 26, 1936

County Auditor,
Courthouse,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Please pardon the delay in returning
the enclosed County Tax Duplicates. Both Mrs.
Silver and I have been out of the city most of
the month.

With best wishes, I remain
Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.



Fenway Hall

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JOHN HIRSCH
MANAGER

CLEVELAND May 28th 1936

A SMART APARTMENT
HOTEL FOR PERMANENT
AND TRANSIENT GUESTS

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed please
find the letter from Tilly Serlig, whose
photo I showed you ~~some~~ time ago,
when you were at Fenway Hall in
the coffee shop. If you should be
near where she lives, when you next go
to Palestine she would be delighted to
see you and your family.

Very sincerely

Esther Reiter

1770 Delmont Ave
Cleveland. O.
May 28 - 1936.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple - Cleveland. O.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

May I, through the medium of this letter, extend an invitation to you, your family, and your friends to attend the Fencing Night, in the Gymnasium of W.R., on Monday June the 8th.

This festival will be the culmination of more than three years of fencing pioneering at W.R. with the preceding three years devoted to making the High School Students of Greater Cleveland fencing conscious.

I, personally, shall be signally honored by your presence on this, our first annual Fencing Night.

Very Sincerely,

William Sandoz

May 28, 1936

Dr. Joseph L. Fink,
Temple Beth Zion,
Delaware Ave.,
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Joe:

I had a letter this morning from Jacob Billikopf who spoke last week to your "big givers". He writes me confidentially that he was disappointed with the results. He was told that there were at least six or seven in the group who could have given from \$2500 to \$5000 each without hurting themselves and who nevertheless gave much smaller sums, the largest being \$800.

As Co-Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, I am, of course, profoundly interested in the success of your Buffalo Drive. I wonder whether these six or seven people could not be seen and cultivated intensively between now and next Tuesday's meeting and persuaded to tear up their pledge cards and make out new ones. Perhaps a visit from you might prove tremendously helpful. I found from my own experience here in Cleveland that a direct personal appeal made by the Rabbi, brings results. We succeeded in our campaigns in Cleveland in the last two years just through this sort of Rabbinical solicitation which unfortunately in these trying times must be made.

With all good wishes and looking forward with pleasure to seeing you next week, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

May 29, 1936

Mr. M. L. Bernsteen,
Bernsteen & Bernsteen,
1018-1028 Standard Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Bernsteen:

Let me thank you for your letter of May 25. There seems to be some confusion in your mind between public school and religious school. The religious schools of both synagogues and churches are open, as you know, on the very days when public schools are closed, i.e., on Saturdays and Sundays. Religious institutions are also open on all national holidays and as a rule special services are held on such holidays. We always have looked upon our religious school as part of a definite religious activity. An important part of the program in the religious school this Saturday will be devoted to a religious service commemorating Memorial Day. That, you will agree with me, is far more significant as a means of impressing upon children the meaning of Memorial Day than merely closing down.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

May 29, 1936

Mrs. William Z. Goodman,
108 St. Paul Street,
Brookline, Mass.

My dear Helen:

I was very happy to receive your note. I wish I were free to accept your kind invitation. Unfortunately, my stay in Boston will be very brief - just for the day - and I have made arrangements with friends on the faculty of Harvard University to spend the day with them. I hope that on my next visit to Boston I will have the opportunity of remaining over for a few days as I did last time, and of spending some time with you and Bill.

Are you coming to Cleveland soon? With all good wishes to you and your little "mishpacha", and with best wishes in which Mrs. Silver joins me, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS: BK