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February 1, 1937.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Your address at
Father's funeral was splendid,
particularly in view of the strained
circumstances involved.

My mother and
sister join me in this expression
of sincere appreciation of your
services.

Respectfully,

Charles Rosenfeld Jr

February 1, 1937

Mr. Charles Rosenfeld, Jr.,
2901 Hampton Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Rosenfeld:

Permit me to thank you for
your note and for the check which you
enclosed. In keeping with my practice,
I shall place it in a small charity
fund which I use from time to time.

With all good wishes, I
remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



רב פח קליוולאנד

אז הודו וקרת זמרת כבוד אדוני חזקו כל ימי
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איש האשכנזות וכל כבוד שצו צוה כל צדקה
סוף הן וכל אשר לו שושן

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February 1, 1937

Dr. Victor E. Reichert,
Congregation B'nai Israel,
Rockdale Avenue,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Victor:

Let me thank you for your kindness in sending me a copy of your book "Highways Through Judaism". I know that I shall read it with a great deal of pleasure and profit. I really could have purchased it for two shillings but it is much nicer to receive a complimentary copy.

Believing in reciprocity, I have asked my secretary to send you a copy of my Father's "Commentary on Genesis" which has just come off the press in Palestine.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
% The Temple,
E. 105th & Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Feb. 2nd,

1937.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

There is an editorial, as well as several other items on the General Motors strike in the February 1st issue of the United States News, that I thought you might be interested in reading. If you do not have this issue, I will be very glad to send you the one I have. To my way of thinking the editorial in particular, is very fair and logical, although it clashes with your view-point as expressed in the informal discussion the other night.

I am quite sure that a good many of the Temple Men club members that were present the other night, as well as myself, harbor the hopes that you will alter your view-point on this question, as well as on the closed shop. To my way of thinking, the closed shop is very incompatible with the sense of justice as I believe you regard it. Of course, being an employer, you might expect this attitude on my part. Just the same, there was a time when I regarded the closed shop as very wholesome, but only until I learned more of it's practical execution. Then it dawned on me that like prohibition, it brought along more evils than it was supposed to eradicate. It is no longer a question of whether the closed shop, or open shop is right or wrong - but which of the two is the lesser evil.

At any rate, I certainly would like to have the opportunity of discussing this topic with you, in rather an informal manner. I don't know whether what I might have to say would influence you to change your mind - - still I won't mind trying.

With the best of good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Emil Gottfried

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A. H. Silver
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Feb. 2, 1937.

Rabbi A. Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
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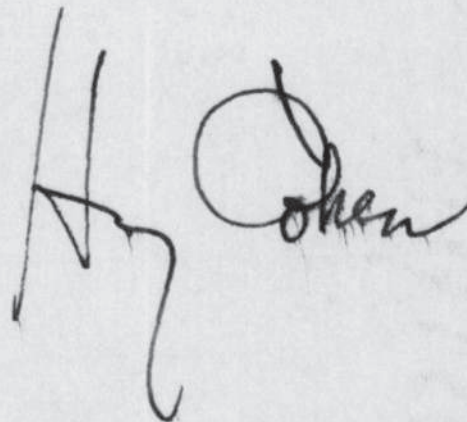
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am very much obliged to you for the fine book that you sent me, of your dear father's brains. It is on my desk for reference. Your thought of me is very much appreciated! May God spare your dear one to write a commentary on the other Four Books of the Pentateuch. When you have a moment and will write me your dear father's address, I shall acknowledge his "labor of love".

With every good wish to you and your household in which Mrs. Cohen joins, and with a hearty thank you, I am

Yours faithfully,

HC:R.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Henry Cohen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Henry" written in a large, sweeping script and the last name "Cohen" written in a smaller, more compact script.

THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE
CINCINNATI, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Feb. 2, 1937.

My dear Abba,

Many thanks for your thoughtful courtesy in sending me a copy of your father's *מכתביו*. I am happy indeed to have it for various reasons. I have already dipped into it at random and am greatly intrigued by some of the things I have found. Especially your father's interpretation of Gen. 49.10 is delightful, even though, as you can imagine, I can not accept it.

Another source of satisfaction and pleasure to me was the opportunity thus provided to me to get a better insight into the *דעות* of yourself and Maxwell. It makes many things more understandable.

I am indeed happy to have this work.

With warmest regards for yourself and Virginia and all good wishes. I am ever

Faithfully yours,

Julian Morgenstern

February 3, 1937

Mr. Emil Gottfried,
The Gottfried Company,
1150 West 3rd Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Gottfried:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of February 2. Of course I shall be very happy to discuss the industrial problem with you, perhaps sometime next week, at your leisure. Incidentally, I am going to speak on the subject of strikes this Sunday morning in the Temple pulpit. That will give me a chance to elaborate more fully my position. That might serve as a basis for our discussion.

With all good wishes, I
remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

February 3, 1937

Mr. N. L. Dauby,
The May Company,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Dauby:

In your allocation of funds from the Beaumont Foundation for the year 1937, I wonder whether you would find it possible to make some modest appropriation to the educational and cultural program of activities of the Cleveland Zionist Society, of which I have the honor to be president.

This Society carries on a rather full program of forums, lectures, debates, etc. which are intended to convey accurate information about the problems of Jewish life today, the work of the upbuilding of Palestine and the immigration and settlement of Jews there. Frequently the Society brings to Cleveland some outstanding Jewish personality from abroad for a lecture. It would enable the Society to expand its educational activities if it could receive some support from the Beaumont Fund.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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February 3, 1937.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
Ansel Road & E. 105th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

This will acknowledge the receipt of
the Commentary on Genesis the work of your father, Moses
Silver, which you have so thoughtfully presented to the
Library. Please accept my sincere thanks for this kind
gift.

Sincerely yours,

Walter Rothman

S.

February 3, 1937

Mr. Joseph M. Berne,
Public Square Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Joe:

I am enclosing herewith a
small contribution to the gift which you are
purchasing.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

February 3, 1937

Dr. Samuel Peskind,
2409 E. 55th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. S.:

I am sure that you have plenty
use for the enclosed. Please do not bother
to acknowledge it.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.



Morris S. Lazaron
1914 Madison Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland

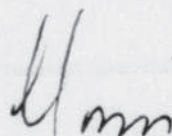
February 3, 1937.

Dear Abba:

I received the Commentary on Genesis
which you were good enough to send me.
Many thanks.

I hope you are well, as also Jinks and
the boys. It was great to have been
together in New Orleans. Love from
house to house.

Faithfully,



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



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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

In response to your letter of Feb. 3rd, wish to advise that Mr. Dauby is now in Florida, and expects to be there for at least five or six weeks.

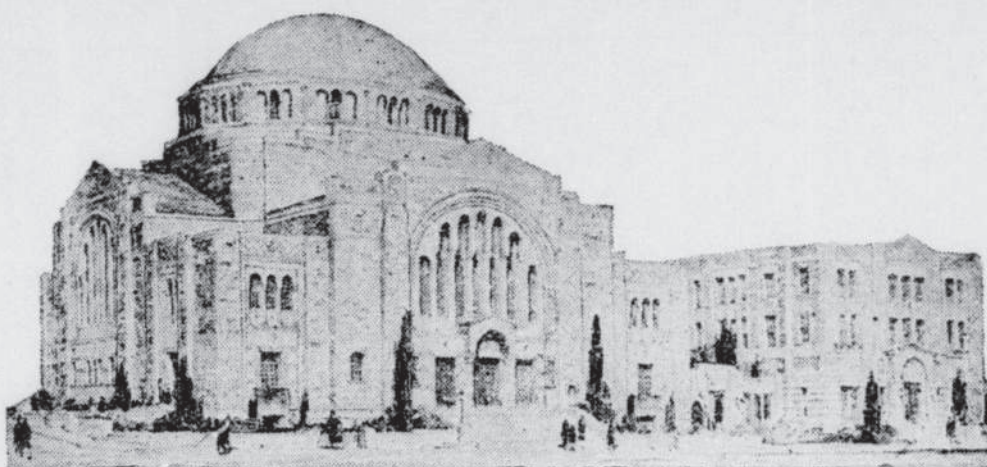
Upon his return, your letter will be brought to his attention.

Very truly yours,

B. N. Hutson
Secy to N. L. Dauby.

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February 4, 1937

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

Dear Abba:

Can you possibly imagine or picture my ruffled feelings of delight upon the receipt of your complimentary copy of your father's commentary on Genesis.

Coming through you from the founder of our Herzl Club, I felt as I looked on it as if I had some claim and share in its publication.

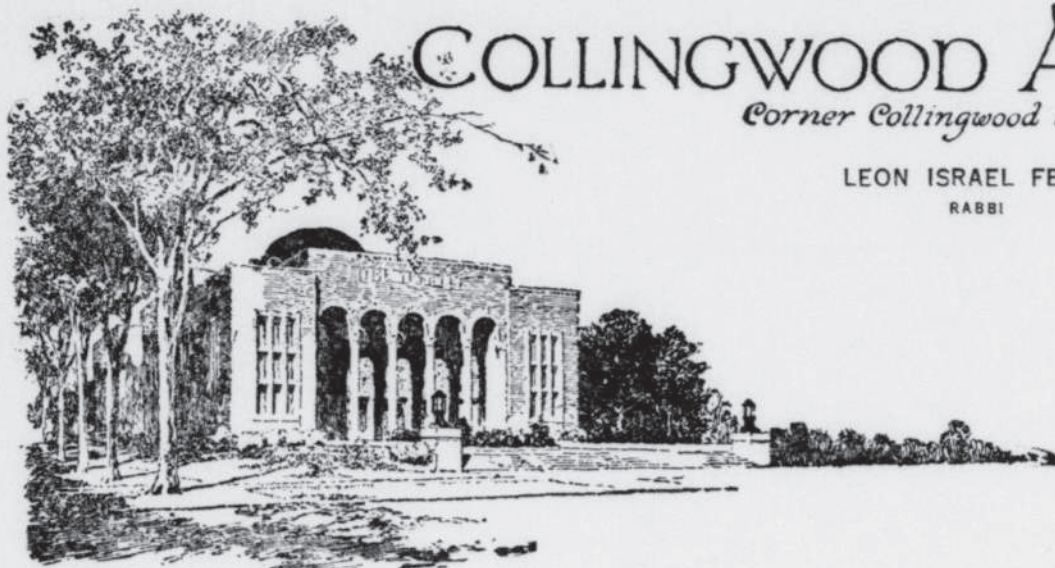
Even though I shall find it very difficult to peruse its pages, I mean to do so from time to time and in so doing I know that pleasant and happy memories will be brought back to me.

Please accept my sincerest thanks and my compliments and congratulations to your dear father and mother who I trust are in good health.

With my best wishes for your health and happiness to you and to Virginia and the children in which Sarah joins me, I am

As ever,

Sam



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February 5, 1937

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

Dear Rabbi:

My Brotherhood was terribly disappointed when they heard that you were coming here this month. They would have jumped at the opportunity of having you, but they had already arranged a meeting with another speaker for a week later. They want me to tell you that they certainly hope that you will let them schedule you for an address, either later this season or some time next Fall.

Incidentally, I am to introduce you at the Convocation Service at the University of Toledo. How much will you pay to keep me from telling all I know?

As ever,

Leon

LIF-MS

February 5, 1937

Dr. Henry Cohen,
1920 Broadway,
Galveston, Texas.

My dear Dr. Cohen:

is:

My father's address in Palestine

Moses Silver
Rechaviah
Jerusalem, Palestine

With all good wishes, permit me to
remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

DRS. A., S. AND B. PESKIND
CLEVELAND

Feb. 5, 1937.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

In returning this check it is with the
earnest wish that I may be allowed to consider any
service of mine to you and yours as a "labor of love".

With kind regards to Mrs. Silver and yourself,
I remain,

Yours as ever,

S. Peskind

2409 E. 55 St.

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February 5, 1937

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road & E 105
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

May I acknowledge receipt of your
father's work Chishukei Kesef.

May I express in behalf of the
Institution and personally, our many thanks
for this addition to our library.

Respectfully,

THE HEBREW THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Rabbi J. H. Greenberg
Rabbi J. H. Greenberg
Dean

From J Schiller
10816 Massena



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Le Rabbi H Silver
1011 Lake Shore Blvd

Cleveland
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Dear Sir / Since last
October month I wrote
to you twice. This is the
3rd time, But no
response from you yet.
I do repeat again
That I must have
Leath, support, or
Belt... and have to take
but Betty daily
This is of extreme importance
to me, and am unable
to obtain. Kindly use
your influence to enable
me to get it

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THE UNITED HEBREW CONGREGATION

300 W. 3rd.,
Sedalia, Missouri

Feb. 7, '37.

Dr. Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105 and Ansel,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver;

As you probably know, I am now settled and well adjusted herein Sedalia. The three times I have preached, have had almost capacity crowds; i.e., one and a half persons for each of my forty odd families, or rather members, for several members have no families. I seem to have made a hit with local community, Jews and non-Jews, have been elected to the Ministerial Alliance, otherwise consisting of Protestant clergymen, and the Kiwanis Club, joined the local I.O.B.B., and have been asked to help organize the local Council of Churches and to speak at several special functions,

As to that letter they sent me before making their final decision, It seems that after they received my wire relating to my preferring Sachar's offer to Sedalia, the pres. phoned Dr. Morgenstern for other possibilities and incidentally asked about me, M. said he could not recommend me, would not say why, but said he would write at length. He wrote, still gave no reasons, recommended that the local congregation write to Rabbis Sherman and Gotthelf to see if either would be interested. In the event that neither would be, M. suggested that Sedalia wait until the present class of four graduated in May and then possibly one would go to Sedalia. The local board, really in need of a rabbi, were dissatisfied with M.'s lengthy but evasive letter, sensed personal prejudice, wrote to Rabbi Mayerberg who suggested I be given a chance although he does not know me, and then wired me to come. The officers seem satisfied that for minor and unwarranted matters I was not recommended, and have, I believe, forgotten the matter. When I first spoke to the pres., he recommended that for my sake, and so that the cong. will not be in bad with the college for not taking M.'s advice, that I get this misunderstanding straightened out. I hope you have succeeded in doing so last Tuesday when you were in Cincinnati. I should like, but I do not need his help, to get along. If he would only desist in his policy of black-balling me every time my name is mentioned to him, I should be satisfied. Does he not feel that he has already done me sufficient harm, more than to compensate for anything I may have done to irritate him or anyone else? Kindly let me know the outcome of your conference.

Thanking you most kindly for your help and interest,
I remain with warmest personal regards and every good wish to you and Mrs. Silver,

Very sincerely yours,

Adolph J. Feinberg
Rabbi Adolph J. Feinberg.

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Feb. 8, 1937.

Mr. Harry A. Levy, Sec'y.,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio,

Dear Mr. Levy:-

I would very much appreciate if you will send
me a copy of Rabbi Silver's address "Four Years of Hitler".

Very truly yours,

Hiram Hammer
Hiram Hammer.

P. O. Box 2149,
Tampa, Fla.





THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Rabbi Selman
Am. & E. 105th Street
City

Jim Hume.

Labour creates all the wealth
of the G. W. C. - Morally speaking;
They have no such right to the
property as their idle stockholders -
Bloodshed is not worth lead to a
Civil war - for public opinion is
against the I. P. Morgan gangsters
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February 8, 1937

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o The Temple
East 105th Street and Ansell Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi:

I cannot resist the temptation to write and tell you how forceful and logical was your statement that the Press carried last Saturday on the President's position with reference to the Supreme Court.

I am sure that the socially minded people of America with even a slight appreciation of the changing times and conditions see the problem with you eye to eye and are in full accord both in theory and principle with the proposed change.

It is to be regretted that outstanding personages in whose sincerity I have no doubt cling to the old order of things tenaciously and pull an imaginary curtain in their minds whenever anything progressive is proposed, which, in the light of the present economic conditions, are almost a necessity and but for these proposed changes might bring a chaotic condition a thousand times worse than these proposed changes.

It is only because of men like yourself that the President can hope to carry out successfully many of the reforms that will make our country a better place to live in, and I wish for you continued strength so that you can help carry the banner of progress and enlightenment to victory.

It was very kind of you to give me a letter for Mr. Davis. I haven't yet seen Mr. Keenan, who was in New York, but shall meet with him tomorrow and I am sure that your letter will carry a great deal of weight with him. Immediately upon my return to Cleveland I shall take the liberty of calling you and advising you of the result of my talk with Mr. Keenan. I am quite sure that you will be interested to hear of it.

With kindest regards and wishes, I am

Respectfully yours,

Ben Schwartz

February 8, 1937

Mr. Lester I. Miller, President,
The Jewish Social Service Bureau,
507 Huron-Sixth Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Miller:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of
your letter of February 5. I shall present it at
the next meeting of the Jewish Welfare Fund. I shall
request that you be given a hearing to present your
question in person.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

February 8, 1937

Mr. J. Sherman,
Post Office Box 2110,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Sherman:

I would suggest that you take your matter up with the Cleveland Jewish Community Council. The secretary is Mr. Philip Bernstein whom you can reach at the office of the Jewish Welfare Federation, 1900 Euclid Ave. He may be able to advise you.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

SOLOMON COHEN
ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR
11 WEST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK CITY
—
PHONE LONGACRE 5-6880

February 9, 1937

My dear Abba:-

Many thanks for
your thoughtfulness in forwarding
me a copy of *Shema* with your
father's commentary "*Shema*". I happen
to be in the midst of my Income
Tax rush, and could thus far
glance here and there thru the
commentary and found it to be
clear, *shema* *shema* *shema*, written in a beautiful
Hebrew - a very extraordinary phenomenon
in a Hebrew commentary on the *Shema*.

I shall have numerous
occasions this year to go over the
commentary, as my *Shema* is becoming
shema *shema* in October and his *shema*
is the one of *shema* *shema*.

Let me know when you
intend to be in New York. Maxwell
was over my house on Chanukah, when
I had a group of Herzl boys spend an
evening at my home. We had *shema*
and thought of you. Maxwell did justice
to the family tradition and had your
portion too.

Kindest regards to Virginia.
Anna wishes to be remembered.
As ever, Sol.

VICTOR EMANUEL REICHERT
THE ROCKDALE AVENUE TEMPLE
CINCINNATI

February 9, 1937

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

Dear Abba:

I want to acknowledge with thanks and appreciation the Commentary On Genesis - Hashuké Kesef, the work of your father, Moses Silver of Palestine. I know that I shall gain a great deal of knowledge and inspiration consulting it from time to time.

You say you believe in reciprocity. Well, between you and me Abe, I think I got the better of the bargain.

With kind greetings, I am,

Cordially yours,
Victor E. Reichert

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My dear Abba:-

First let me thank you sincerely for your kindness in sending me a copy of your father's book. I have, of course, not had a chance to study it but I am quite sure that I shall profit greatly from it. It is particularly precious to me ~~for~~ reason of its association and memories. I noticed particularly your father's poem "Yisroel" at the end of the book and I was interested to note the echos in that from your famous "America".

Under separate cover I am sending you previous issues of the Alumni Association Bulletin as per your recent request.

With kindest regards and best wishes from house to house,
I am

Faithfully yours,

Abe

AJF:B

February 11, 1937

Mr. Hiram Hammer,
P.O. Box 2149,
Tampa, Florida.

My dear Mr. Hammer:

I regret that we have no printed copy of Rabbi Silver's lecture "Four Years of Hitler" to send you. I am, however, enclosing an abstract of the address which appeared in the Cleveland newspapers. Should the address be printed, I shall be happy to send you a copy of it.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

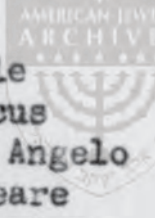
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Enc.

February 11, 1937

Mrs. M. M. Namen,
14509 Northfield Ave.,
East Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Namen:

The following is a list of
the ten greatest men in history about whom
Rabbi Silver spoke in his lecture at The
Temple:

- 
1. Homer
2. Aristotle
3. Copernicus
4. Michael Angelo
5. Shakespeare
6. Isaac Newton
7. Charles Darwin
8. Louis Pasteur
9. Albert Einstein
10. Karl Marx

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

DR. MAURICE THORNER
RABBI, TEMPLE BETH-EL
2600 BOULEVARD
JERSEY CITY, N. J.

February 11, 1937

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your kindness and courtesy
in sending me a copy of your father's Com-
mentary on Genesis. I will value same as
a contribution to Biblical study and
because it is your gift.

Yours,



Maurice Thorne

February 11, 1937

Miss Pauline T. Rosenbaum,
14914 Upton Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Rosenbaum:

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 30. I wish I were in a position to advise you of the names of some persons who would be interested in the support of the school in Calcutta. It is quite difficult to persuade people to contribute to schools locally. I know of but one agency - the Joint Distribution Committee of New York - which might be interested in the matter, if the institution you refer to is a Jewish one and doing philanthropic service in the community. The address of the Joint Distribution Committee is 7 Hanover, New York City.

With best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

February 11, 1937

Mr. James Cannon,
1949 E. 79th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Jimmie:

I am sending you the enclosed letter.
I would suggest that you up to see Mr. Engleman
or Colonel Hughest at the Great Lakes Exposition
offices in the Terminal Tower. Perhaps before you
go up to see these people you might call on Mr.
Herbert Buckman and get a note of introduction from
him.

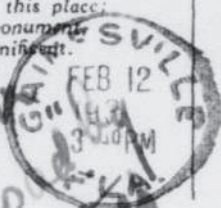
With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.



No brush can paint nor pencil trace,
The charm and beauty of this place;
Where stands a wondrous monument,
The Singing Tower magnificent.



POST CARD

THIS SPACE FOR ADDRESS ONLY



Dear Dr. Silver:
I presume you have
read "The Song Book"
Dr. J. B. Morgan. But if
not let me send you a
copy. Fairly good
Bp9 number
Sent to him
Melrose, Fla.

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Calif.

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February 14, 1937

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I want you to know that I deeply appreciate receiving your father's book. I could not help but recall those wonderful days many years ago when our parents played such an important part in our lives. I have always known of your father's scholarly inclinations and I am happy to know that it is possible to see his book in print.

I can readily appreciate what joy it must have given you to send your friends a copy of your father's contribution to our Jewish literature.

With kind regards from all of us at home to you and the members of your family, I am.

Sincerely yours

Ben

Rabbi Hays has letter
from Mr. Rosentbaum
in Father-Son folder



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February 16, 1937

Mr. Berhhard P. Grunauer,
Sante Fe Lun,
Melrose, Florida.

My dear Mr. Grunauer:

Let me thank you for your kind note and for your proffer of the book "The Long Road" by Dr. Morgan. I received a copy of it some time ago and I read it with a great deal of pleasure and profit.

I trust that you and Mrs. Grunauer are greatly enjoying your visit to Florida. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Abraham H. Friedland

10520 Tacoma Avenue

Cleveland, Ohio

February 16, 1937

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The celebrated poet, Yehoash, has spent the greatest part of his literary life and activity for one and only one purpose, to bequeath to the Jewish nation a legacy--a treasure of inestimable value. This great poet and scholar has translated the book of all books, the Bible, in the Yiddish language.

Every penny from his meager earnings, every ounce of his strength, the best of his talent was invested in this stupendous and colossal task of translating the Bible from its original--concisely, literally, correctly but not surrendering any of its poetic beauty and beautiful phrase construction. Months had been spent by Yehoash in search of the true meaning of a phrase or a word, and its significance and purpose at the time it was uttered. He spent a long time in the Holy Land and adjoining countries to discover new truths about the Bible.

The translation, in the opinion of the best authorities and Bible critics, is a masterpiece in style, correctness and beauty. Yehoash died before he could see a complete printed edition of the Yiddish translation of the Bible. To perpetuate the name of this great poet and erect an ideal monument to his memory, a national committee was formed to publish a popular edition of the Bible in Yiddish and Hebrew, a copy of which should be within the reach of every Jewish family at a cost not to exceed the sum of two dollars and fifty cents.

We have put your name on the Yehoash Bible Committee to help us get out this Hebrew-Yiddish edition. Unless we receive word from you to the contrary, we will take it for granted that you will serve on this committee and help this worthy cause.

Yours respectfully,

A. H. Friedland

A. H. Friedland, Chairman
Advisory Committee

Cleveland Branch Yehoash Bible Society

P.S. S. Niger, the great Yiddish critic, will speak on Yehoash's translation of the Bible at the Yehoash meeting, Sunday evening, March 7, at the Euclid Avenue Temple, under the chairmanship of Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner. Be sure to be present.

February 16, 1937

Mr. Sidney B. Rosenbaum,
The Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co.,
509-14 Leader Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Rosenbaum:

Let me thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing to me about the last Father-Son dinner. I am in full accord with you that the entertainment part of the program was entirely inadequate for the celebration. This was as a result not of insufficient planning but of the unfortunate circumstance that the three stars from the Keith's theater who were to provide the entertainment came just at the time when Rabbi Feuer began to speak and had to leave before he finished. They could not wait for fear of being late for their performance at the theater. In previous years we had no entertainment problem and I am sure that the committee will see to it that adequate provision is made next year.

The question of the distribution of prizes to the children has two sides to it. I shall request the committee to reconsider the whole subject before the next Father-Son dinner. In order that no child shall feel disappointed in winning a prize, we have made it a practice to distribute prizes to every child. This year it was a free pass to a moving picture theater. You would be surprised ^{to learn} how much the prospect of winning a prize acts as a drawing card to the party.

With all good wishes, and thanking you for writing to me, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

In behalf of the Finance Committee may I thank you for your recent contribution of \$25.00 toward the work of the American Social Hygiene Association, which Dr. Robert Bishop, as chairman of our Ohio Committee, has forwarded to the national office.

It is very encouraging to our Board of Directors to see Ohio leaders responding so promptly and generously to the presentation of our financial needs by the Ohio Committee. Your cooperation in this way is appreciated especially at this time, when we are hard pressed to keep pace with the demands upon us for service and materials because of the greatly increased public interest accruing from the efforts of the U.S. Public Health Service, as well as our own and other voluntary and official state and local agencies.

I shall take pleasure in reporting your donation to our Board at their next meeting.

Again thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Timothy N. Pfeiffer

Timothy N. Pfeiffer
Treasurer

TNP:MC

National Social Hygiene Day ▼ February 3, 1937

February 17, 1937

A. H. Friedland, Chairman Advisory Committee,
Cleveland Branch Yehoash Bible Society,
10520 Tacoma Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Friedland:

Rabbi Silver has asked me to request
you not to add his name to the committee which you
are forming. He has already accepted membership
of the national "Yehoash" committee.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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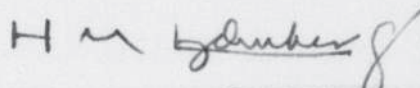
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

I AM INSTRUCTED BY THE TRUSTEES TO
ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS THE RECEIPT OF
YOUR GIFT NOTED BELOW, WHICH YOU HAVE
BEEN SO KIND AS TO PRESENT TO THIS
LIBRARY.

VERY RESPECTFULLY,


DIRECTOR

Commentary on Genesis, by Moses
Silver. Jerusalem, c1936. (in
Hebrew)

February 18, 1937

Dr. Heinrich Glanz,
Buchhandlung u. Verlag,
8 Langeasse 32,
Vienna, Austria.

My dear Dr. Glanz:

You may send me the second volume
of Beer's GESCHICHTE DER JUDEN IN SPANIEN.
Upon receipt of same, I shall send you a check.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

February 18, 1937

Mr. E. A. Papesh, Rental Department,
The Union Trust Company,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Papesh:

You will recall that I spoke to you
some time ago about the lease on my home at
10311 Lake Shore Boulevard. I would request you
to renew that lease for the coming year so as to
expire October 31, 1938. My leases have been
running from November 1 to November 1.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

February 18, 1937

G. A. Baker & Co., Inc.,
3 West 46th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

From your Catalog No. 68, please send
me item #125 - MUNCHAUSEN. Upon receipt of same
I shall send you a check.

AHS:BK



Very sincerely yours,



2/18/37

MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL
OF CLEVELAND

1800 EAST ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH STREET

Dear Rami Silver -

Thank you, thank you
very much for the opportunity
to read "Twisted Europe"; truly
a great book.

Furthermore has given
me a higher regard for Stalin;
greater pride that Leonid Blum is
a Jew - and intensified my
amazement at the rise of Hitler.

Chapter IX is the best piece I have
I have read - That the Regents
include a Goethe child - truly.

Enclosed list of achievements
in which T. V. W. A. pioneered
may be of some use to you
for the forty anniversary
which I regret that I can
not attend. Sincerely,
Edna

February 18, 1937

W. Heffer & Sons, Ltd.,
Cambridge,
England.

Gentlemen:

From your Catalog No. LXXIX -
February, 1937, please send me

No. 3 - ANCIENT EGYPT
No. 47 - THE LEGACY OF INDIA
No. 51 - the complete set of JEWS' COLLEGE
PUBLICATIONS.

With best wishes, permit me to

remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

February 18, 1937

Miss Violet Kittner, Director,
The Jewish Social Service Bureau,
Huron-Sixth Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Kittner:

I received the enclosed letter. I
would appreciate it if you would look into the
case of this young woman, Miss Marian L. Frederick.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

LEWIS L. STRAUSS
52 WILLIAM STREET
NEW YORK

February
Eighteenth
1 9 3 7

Dear Rabbi Silver,

In December of last year after being asked to serve as Chairman of the Semi-Centennial Celebration of the Jewish Theological Seminary here, I delivered a brief address at the opening meeting which was printed by the Seminary under the caption "A Changeless Faith in a Changing World". It may not have come to your attention but I am writing this letter as I fear it may, in which event you will have been struck with the apparent plagiarism on the title of a book of yours, of which I have only just learned. I refer to your "Religion in a Changing World", which, I regret to say, although an admirer of your writings, I had not seen but I am ordering. Please accept my apologies for my inadvertent petty-larceny.

Sincerely yours,

Lewis Strauss

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

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VERY TRULY YOURS,

ROBERT L. HAYS,

SECRETARY.

[1937]

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

Feb. 23

My Dear Hilke -

I feel that I can always
count on you in my hour
of great need. It is comforting
to know that I am deeply
grateful.

Sincerely,

Hiram Rivitz

TEMPLE BETH ZION
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RABBI
JOSEPH L. FINK, Ph.D.

February 23d, 1937

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

My dear Friend :

I want to thank you most heartily for
your kindness in sending me your father's excellent
commentary on "Genesis". I am reading it with great
interest and profit.

The great Jewish soul of the son becomes
clearer in the light of the father's great learning and
love of Israel.

Sincerely yours,

Joe



EOFF STREET TEMPLE

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GEORGE B. LIEBERMAN, RABBI

February 24, 1937.

SIDNEY S. GOOD, PRESIDENT

BEN F. BAER, SECRETARY

Dear Rabbi Silver;

I am grateful to you indeed for your thought of me by sending your father's work "Commentary to the Book of Genesis". It would be presumptuous on my part to evaluate your father's contribution. I know that I have spent a few evenings studying it and taking notes of which I will make some use in the future. I have made it a habit to go over each week the Sedra. Next year I will use for that purpose your father's edition and I hope that he will share with us his contribution to the other books of the Bible.

The tribute of indebtedness to his children in the introductory remarks are very touching indeed. Your father's scholarship must be an inspiration to you and to those of us who have learned to grow in faithfulness and admiration for you.

Things in Wheeling are the same. We anticipate the arrival of your father-in-law soon.

You were very kind to me at the Convention in New Orleans. For that and for many, many other things I am ever so grateful.

Kindly present my respectful greetings to Mrs. Silver.

Faithfully yours,

RABBI CHARLES E. SHULMAN
GLENCOE, ILLINOIS

February 24, 1937.

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

Dear friend:

Apropos our conversation this morning, I am enclosing the bulletin which links you to the Pope and Stalin. On the surface of this announcement it would appear that you might have a title at least equal to, "Eminence," or "Exalted Tovarich".

It was good to have the opportunity to talk to you and I hope that I can see you again in the not too distant future.

With kindest personal regards and greetings to yourself and family, in which Avis joins me, I am

Sincerely yours,

Charles E. Shulman

CES:YW

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February 24, 1937

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I wish to recall to you a conversation I had with you at your office some time in the middle of last October, about the Bank Hapoalim in Tel-Aviv. I then presented to you a plan for long term deposits in the Bank for the purpose of increasing the capital facilities of the Bank and in this way improve credit conditions of the various Histadruth cooperative undertakings.

I then left with you a pamphlet describing the plan and a certified statement of the financial status of the Bank. You told me at that time that the plan appealed to you and that you would, when an opportunity offers itself, cooperate in that work. Since the time I have seen you, we have carried on activities in a modest way in a number of communities with a fair measure of success. In order to further stimulate this work, the Bank Hapoalim has sent over to the United States one of the members of their Staff, a young man named Abraham Dickenstein who is rather capable and fully versed in the economic and financial conditions of Palestine. He possesses the knowledge of the English language in a measure sufficient to carry on conversation and even to address small gatherings. I found him to be a great help to the work.

Mr. Dickenstein is coming over to Cleveland either on the 28th of February or the 1st of March. I advised him to call on you when he gets to your city. I hope you will find it possible to cooperate with him in this work. He is in a position to give you any information you may desire, as to the various activities within the sphere of the Histadruth as well as all through the Yeshuv in Palestine.

Thank you for the audience you gave me in October and hoping that you will be in a position to help Mr. Dickenstein in his work, I remain

Truly yours,

Herman Seidel
Herman Seidel, M.D.
Chairman

HS:SB

February 25, 1937

Mr. A. H. Friedland,
Yehoash Committee,
503 Prospect-Fourth Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Friedland:

Under date of February 17, I wrote to you, at the request of Rabbi Silver, and asked you not to use his name on the Committee of which you are chairman. Rabbi Silver's name was used, however, on the enclosed letterhead without his authorization. He requests me again to ask you forthwith to withdraw his name.

Sincerely yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

February 25, 1937

Mrs. M. M. Gardner,
12751 Cedar,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Gardner:

I just called your home and find that you are out of the city and that you will not be back for some time. I am therefore taking this means of writing to you. We have a long-standing engagement with you for Monday evening, March 8th. I now find that I will have to be in Milwaukee to open their Jewish Welfare Fund Drive. Would it be just as convenient for you to hold your dinner party on March 10th or 11th.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

February 25, 1937

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

My dear Hiram:

Thank you so much for your kind
note and for the check which you enclosed.
I need not tell that I am more than grateful
for an opportunity to serve you.

In keeping with my practice, I
shall put your check in a charity fund which
I use from time to time.

With all good wishes and hoping
that I may have the opportunity of seeing you
again in the very near future, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

February 26, 1937.



Dear Rabbi Silver

It was so thoughtful
of you to call Grandma
yesterday and I want to
tell you how much she
appreciated it.

She had a very
lovely day on Wednesday

and seemed happy and
contented.

When Leon is back
at home again, I know
he will be pleased to
see you.

Sincerely yours,

Louise W. Heller



February 26, 1937

Mr. Lewish L. Strauss,
52 William Street,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Strauss:

Let me thank you for your kind note. If it served no other purpose than to call my attention to the address which you delivered at the meeting at the Seminary, it will have justified itself for I shall endeavor to procure a copy of the address and read it - with pleasure and profit, I am sure. I wish some of my rabbinic colleagues would be one-tenth as sensitive about a bit of conscious plagiarism as you are about a bit of unconscious plagiarism which is no plagiarism at all.

With all good wishes, I
remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Dear Mr. Jones,

We have not had even enclosed copy.
I have made inquiry as to the 78th
like to make.

Mr. Jones and I were in room
of the first Anti-Slavery Committee of the
13th 13th - we try to do it, which is
Chairman of the 13th.

I have the present committee
I do not know that I have any salary
in addition to my salary and in the year

Especially by my salary of \$1000
I should not be

Yours truly

John

2/26/37

MRS. COPLAND IN ADDRESS TAKES ISSUE WITH RABBIS

Mrs. A. Shirley Copland, wife of Judge David Copland of Cleveland, and president of B'nai B'rith Women's District Grand Lodge No. 2, has just completed another tour of visitations to some of the auxiliary B'nai B'rith Lodges in her district. While on this trip, she met with members of her executive committee to lay plans for the coming convention of the District Grand Lodge in Cleveland, to be held in conjunction with the Men's District Grand Lodge, at Hotel Statler on May 22 to 25 inclusive. While in St. Louis, she was a guest speaker at a B'nai B'rith banquet held at The Coronada Hotel and attended by over 800 members of the order. On the following day, February 23, she was tendered a luncheon in her honor by the women's auxiliaries of that city and attended by over 700 members. Following that, she was the guest of honor at a luncheon tendered her by the combined auxiliaries of Chicago.

Mrs. Copland is a forceful speaker and was enthusiastically received in the various cities visited by her.

In the course of her address in St. Louis, she said "Lately, it seems to be quite fashionable for some rabbis to devote much time in their sermons to excoriating women for their failure to live up to the Jewish traditions of our ancestors and to observe the ritualistic rites in the home. With this view," she continued, "I take violent issue. Judaism has survived—and will survive — largely because of the Jewish consciousness of our women. The Jewish home of today is as much Jewish as it ever was, with perhaps less of the bombastic rituals of the past. On Friday nights and on holidays the spirit of Jewishness still pervades the Jewish home. She always has been and is, an inspiration to her men folks and she it is who always has exerted, and does exert today, a wholesome influence for Jewish consciousness in the hearts and plastic minds of our children. With the perplexing problems which confronts Jewry today, she realizes the need for unification of effort on the part of all Jews, and is the guiding spirit in seeing to it that communal organization work of the American Jewish community has become wider, more intelligently directed and more intense."

Jewish Review
2/26/37

730 W. 105th St
N.Y.C.

New York Feb 26 / 37
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Abi,

Just to remind you that
we are again trying to collect a
few dollars for our relatives
in Europe for the Easter
Holidays. You contributed
your share last year.

I hope to have the pleasure
of seeing when you arrive
New York again shortly.
My best wishes and regards
to your dear ones
Your Uncle Jack
Silver

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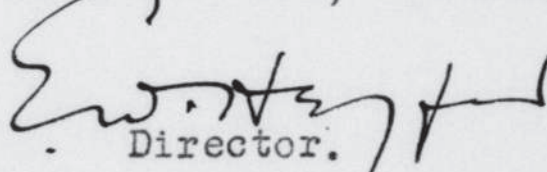
Dear Sir,

We thank you for your order of the 18th February, and have pleasure in advising the despatch of the item mentioned on the enclosed invoice.

Items 3 and 47 are not yet published, but copies shall be sent to you as soon as they are ready.

Yours faithfully,

W. HEFFER & SONS, LIMITED.


Director.

February 28, 1937

Mr. Max Myers,
1596 Oakwood Drive,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Max:

I am enclosing herewith the words which
I spoke at the services of Mrs. Myers. They are a
sincere tribute of a friend who admired her greatly.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Enc.

Feb. 28, 1937.

Cleveland Ohio
Metter Hotel

Father Coughlin,
Royal Oak, Mich.

Dear Sir:-

I am going to ask your secretary who reads this first to make an exception and put this on your desk for your perusal, inasmuch as a man who feels free to criticize should be broad-minded enough to listen to the other fellow's voice also - fair enough, isn't it?

From the first sermon to the last I have given you a fair chance to expound your views to me, and my first impression is my last, namely:

That fellow, Coughlin, puts himself across to the masses primarily on the basis of oratorical accomplishments, which in and of itself, is no mean attainment because of its rarity, but this does not impress me one iota. I predicted when these orations started that in view of the fact that there was so little logic embodied in those oratorically embellished phrases the man would talk himself in and out of the good grace of the masses, even though most of them are not well posted in the many ramifications of this highly complex economic structure.

And sure enough - Father Coughlin - did talk himself in and out. They are not hanging on any more breathlessly to hear what Father Coughlin has to say - why? Not because, the oratorical flashes are less bright and powerful - not at all - one is conscious of the fact that Coughlin is straining himself to the utmost to dramatize his work - but the message itself has an empty ring - making a hollow mockery of the highly polished phrases, and today's sermon is no exception.

Let me make a suggestion - stop polishing up on your oratory - of that you have a superabundance - and enter a course of several years of study of the social sciences, economics, the history of money and banking, commerce, corporate organization and management, concentrate on the highly complex problems involved in attaining an equitable distribution of wealth among 120 million people with a wide variation as to their individual talents. The universities are open. Also don't forget that you must after spending years of study on these subjects supplement your learning by actual experience. This will give you some idea of how ill equipped you are to speak to the multitudes who have already caught on to your dramatized illogical sermons - however, ignorance is bliss - which explains 100% your self-assurance.

Confession is good for the soul - Father Coughlin.

Yours sincerely

George Coughlin

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