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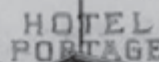
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מאן לא אטויף אן צגלי מוסר, האט זיך מקצתן, ואלס נאך  
אן וועל. טרע און אן שולג און לערנען וועלכע זאל, נא אסאך אן  
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און וועלכע און.

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500 WEST WAYNE STREET  
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December 1, 1939

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

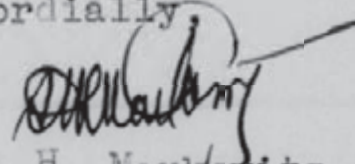
The enclosed copy of letter from Rabbi Edgar Magnin is self-explanatory.

I appreciate deeply your efforts on my behalf and hope earnestly for the desired outcome.

If you have any suggestion as to procedure, I shall be glad to hear of it.

With kindest greetings from all to all, I am

Cordially,

  
S. H. Markowitz, Rabbi

SHM:VL

Enclosure

December 1, 1959

Mr. Benjamin Wolf  
Cleveland Co-Ordinating Committee for Refugees  
Huron-Sixth Bldg.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Wolf:

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I received from Mr. Silas Auerbach. In it he complains of the treatment which he has been receiving at the hands of the Cleveland Co-Ordinating Committee for Refugees. I am sure that you would wish to look into the matter and do what you can about it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.

December 1, 1939

Miss Lois Wuliger  
Ferncliff Hall  
Springfield, Ohio

My dear Lois:

I received your letter of November 30. I am a little hesitant about making that request of the authorities of your School. Is it quite the customary thing for students to make such requests, or is this a routine matter? Please let me hear from you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



December 1, 1939

Rabbi Leon I. Feuer  
Collingwood Avenue Temple  
Toledo, Ohio

My dear Leon:

At a meeting of our Committee here, it was commented that your community has as yet made no contribution to the Cole series. Inasmuch as Cole is from your town, and so much help has been given to the work by your people, I am wondering whether your group would not wish to make an early remittance of the amount which it undertook to raise.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

December 1, 1939

Mr. Silas Auerbach  
3044 Essex Road  
Cleveland Heights, Ohio

My dear Mr. Auerbach:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of November 30 and for bringing to my attention the case of the refugees whom you have helped to come to the United States. I am sorry to hear about the unsatisfactory contacts which you have had with the J.S.S.B. and the J.V.B. I am bringing your letter to their attention at once.

With all good wishes, and hoping that you are well, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



Saturday, December 2, 1939.

Copies for  
Rabbi A.H. Silver  
Alfred Benesch

Mr. Benjamin Wolf, Secy  
The Jewish Soc, Serv. Bureau, City.

Dear Mr. Wolf:- Since addressing you yesterday, I have learned from Mrs. Martin J. Goodman, 2231 Broadway Rd, the amazing report as to inefficient affairs are met by your office. The lady phone called, answering my ad in the Plain Dealer. In the conversation she informed of having registered in your office, as well as with a Miss or Mrs. Deutsch, Council of Jew. Women, of a vacancy in her home for a refugee, willing to do house work. No use whatever had been made of her offer.

This letter is calling upon you to stamp out this condition and the red tape, of which I had occasion to speak or write before now, and do the work for which the good people in this city employ you. If I do hear of other similar cases, you may rest assured, I will call a spade a spade, as I have done in the city for the past 52 years.

Since Mrs. Miriam Jacobs and Miss Rice are away from your office, a noticeable void has been created.

Yours very truly

Thanks for reply, Rabbi Silver- I have succeeded finally to place the mother.





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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
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Cleveland Ohio

Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 30th ultimo enclosing your invoices and the letter from the shipper relative to the thirteen parcel post packages of books addressed to you from England.

Please be advised that these books appear to be parts of three different shipments. Two of the parcels containing books printed in a language other than English were passed free of duty. Four out of the lot of five volumes "Beginnings of Christianity" were assessed for duty and dispatched in the mail under Cleveland Mail Entry No 72318. The other seven parcels which are a part of your other invoice being valued over \$100.00 ) will be held for formal entry. A Notice No 282587 to make such entry has been issued and given to your broker.

Your invoices and the letter from the shipper are herewith returned.

Respectfully

*Bernice Pyke*

BERNICE PYKE  
Collector of Customs

Enclosures



HOTEL



CLEVELAND

CLEVELAND OHIO

Dec. 3. - 1939

Robbi abba Hillel Silver

Honorable sir.

No doubt, that you know what it is going on in Hitler land. without me sending you the enclosed. but what good does it do that "we" jews know all about. why not see to it, that all this should be printed in the English newspapers? also, The gentile world do not know any think at all what Hitlers gangsters are doing to our people, I believe that we should arouse the frozen Conscience of our "civilized" gentile friends. this will do us some good. because we will need there help after the war is over. because we jews alone will not be able to help all the millions of our people that does bandits destroyed.

over





I believe that large protest mass-meetings should be called, and we must raise our voices to the terrible crimes of that bandit. Hitler. The fact that he is so careful that anything should not go out to the outside world, is that he is afraid of

How can we read all this and remain silent. How will ~~be~~ we be able to show our faces to the European jews after the war? (if there is to be any jews left)

We need not be afraid of the Coughlins to demand from our government, to protest, to the nazi-rulers, and even to break off all relations with them.

Something must be done, and done quick, to save our ~~of~~ European people. Pardon me for taking the liberty in writing to you all this.

Respectfully yours - Henry Gingsel  
11305 Whitmore Ave



December 5, 1939

Miss Phyllis Bottome  
C/o J. P. Putnam's Sons  
2 West 45th St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Bottome:

It was indeed very thoughtful of you to send me a copy of your recent book, "A Biography of Alfred Adler". It brought back recollections to me of your visit to Cleveland and of the splendid impression which you made upon my people here. I know that I shall read the book with a great deal of pleasure and profit.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I've put off writing you in the hope that we would meet somewhere, or that I would see you last week-end in Chicago. I was very much disappointed to find that you could not come, or is the rumor that the little birdie passed around true--that you were not invited?

I have been wanting to let you know how well situated we are in Milwaukee, and how pleasant and interesting the work is. The people here have received us beautifully, and the whole picture looks very rosey. As you may know, this welfare fund here is just a little over a year old, and I have the opportunity of initiating a great many things here, and I am really putting my imprint on the community. The people are eager to learn, and so far have been most cooperative and helpful.

Henrietta and the children are very happy, and of course particularly pleased over the fact that the old man comes home to dinner every night.

I am hoping to come to the United Palestine Appeal Convention, and of course we will have a little visit there.

Have you heard anything about Chaim Weizmann having been invited to address the National Council of Jewish Welfare Funds and Federations, and that subsequently the invitation was withdrawn? We are particularly anxious to know the truth of the matter, and if you have any information about it, I would be glad to get it. Please write me at your first opportunity.

Henrietta and the children send love to Virginia, the boys, and to you. So do I.

Cordially,

*Elkan*

ECV:cp



December 5, 1939

Mr. Henry Gingold  
11305 Whitmore Ave.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Gingold:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of December 3. I can fully understand your feelings in the matter and we all share them. I am forwarding your letter to the secretary of the Jewish Community Council and will await action from that body which represents the Jewish community of Cleveland.

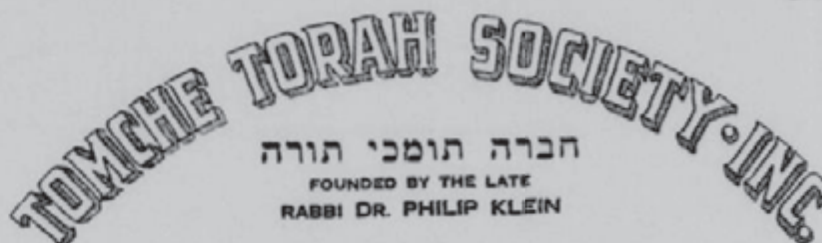
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Very sincerely yours,

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December 5th, 1939

Rabbi A. Hillel Silver  
Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friend:

The enclosed cable speaks for itself.

A letter arrived just now which describes the catastrophe. European Jewry had been helping until now. All their aid being cut off, these poor pious folk are dependent upon our gift.

We have cabled an initial \$200. Your early donation will help stay the plague. Give ear to the cry from Zion without delay! The Lord will help those who bless His poor people.

Cordially yours,

*Leo Jung*  
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December 5, 1939

Professor Chaim Tchernowitz  
620 Riverside Drive  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Tchernowitz:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of November 12. I read with interest of your plans for the new Hebrew magazine, "Bizaron", the publication of which you have begun. I am sure that under your editorship it will be a contribution to Hebrew culture in the United States.

I wish I could offer you the promise of help. Unfortunately, I cannot. I am completely overwhelmed with money-raising obligations which I have already undertaken, and which are becoming heavier from day to day - and the causes include not only relief but the needs of cultural agencies both in the United States and in Palestine. I find myself pressed more and more in the role of a collector for worthy causes. The needs of our people are of course great, but they should not all be channeled through a few people.

Perhaps at some future time, when I will be released from the chairmanship of the United Palestine Appeal, the local Jewish Welfare Fund, etc. etc., I will be able to be of some help to you in your worthy enterprise.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

LEONARD S. HARTMAN  
900 Union Commerce Building  
CLEVELAND

December 5, 1939

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

My sister was very much interested in Jewish Communal Work in Toronto and had assisted in many projects in this connection. Ethel assumed the very difficult task of cataloging the entire library of the Holy Blossom Synagogue and, I believe, this work was enjoyed most by her. Rabbi Eisendrath told me to what extent Ethel had gone in this connection and I think it most fitting and proper that the enclosed check be used for the Temple Library Fund.

December 6th would have been Ethel's birthday and as a tribute to Ethel on that occasion I beg that you accept the enclosed check from Leo M. Frankel and myself as a tribute to Ethel H. Frankel's memory.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

*Leonard S. Hartman*

Leonard S. Hartman

LH:as  
Encl.

WITTENBERG COLLEGE  
SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

Ferncliff Hall

December 6, 1909

Dear Rabbi Silver

Yes, it is a routine matter for students of the Catholic and Jewish faiths to request to be exempted from taking religion courses here.

Wittenberg College is run by the United Lutheran Church. When I first decided to come here, many persons predicted that I would be conscious of a good deal of antagon



4) is due to differences in religious opinions. I am a senior now and to date I have noticed not one bit of antagonism. In fact I have been extremely happy here and the students and faculty seem to have unusually broad and liberal views on most problems, including religion.

The very interesting thing I have noticed, is that the children of missionaries and preachers, in general, have the most liberal views, and the children from rural communities

have the narrowest views.

Please send the blank  
I sent you to:

Dean Shatzer  
Wittenberg College  
Springfield, Ohio

The religion courses taught  
here are from the point of  
view of the Lutheran Church  
and it is the customary  
thing for the Catholic and  
Jewish students to petition  
to be exempted from these  
courses.

I would recommend  
Wittenberg College to members  
of the Jewish Religion with the  
one requisite that they be  
liberal in their views also.

Sincerely yours,  
Lois Schuler

P.S. Thanks again, for your trouble.



December 6, 1939

Mr. Leonard S. Hartman  
900 Union Commerce Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Leonard:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of November 5th and for the contribution which you enclosed to our Temple Library Fund in your name and that of Leo M. Frankel, in memory of Ethel. I greatly appreciate your contribution. We shall place it in The Temple Library Fund and buy books which will bear the name of Ethel H. Frankel.

We were all deeply shocked to hear of her sudden passing, and words cannot convey to you our sorrow. Mrs. Silver joins me in sending you our profoundest sympathies.

Please come to see us when you are free to do so. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

# Cleveland Co-Ordinating Committee for Immigrants

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

Re: Auerbach, Erna and Family

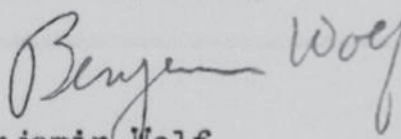
Dear Rabbi Silver

We wish to acknowledge receipt of the letter which you forwarded to us from Mr. Silas Auerbach.

Mr. Auerbach has written similar letters to many individuals in the community. We can only assure you that we know of the situation and are endeavoring to be of whatever assistance we can.

Thank you for referring the letter to us.

Yours very truly

  
Benjamin Wolf  
SECRETARY

BW:MR



THE B'NAI B'RITH  
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AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY  
BARNES HALL, ITHACA, NEW YORK

RABBI DAVID POLISH  
Director

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UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA

December 6, 1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Upon my return from an out-of-town engagement last Sunday afternoon, I called at your room but learned that you were not in. I regret very much that I was unable to get in touch with you during your visit at Cornell. The many students whom I have seen subsequent to your sermon have told me how inspired they were by its message. I am sorry that you had to leave before the students had an opportunity to meet with you. I hope that on another occasion you will be able to include a meeting with the students on your schedule.

Sincerely yours,

*David Polish*  
David Polish

DP:mh

December 7, 1939

Mr. Richard E. Singer  
The Hebrew Union College  
Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Dick:

I was very happy to receive your letter, to learn of the satisfactory adjustment which you are making at the College, and of your growing interest in your studies. I am sure that you can make your college years tremendously interesting and enjoyable ones. I know that my years at the College were most happy ones, and I am making full allowance for the enchantment which distance lends.

We are in the midst of the manifold Chanukah activities at The Temple and we are all, as you may well imagine, very busy. I trust that you will come in to see me when you get back home for the winter holidays. We can then talk over in detail many things which are of interest to you.

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

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



# THE *Anshe Emet* SYNAGOGUE

PINE GROVE AT GRACE • CHICAGO

SOLOMON GOLDMAN, RABBI

December 8, 1939

Miss Bessie Kline,  
Secretary to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
East 105th St. at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Miss Kline:

In accordance with Dr. Goldman's instructions and the request contained in your letter of December 4, 1939, I am returning to you herewith copy of the letter which Rabbi Silver sent to Mr. Samuel Goldsmith on December 1st.

Sincerely yours,

*Dita Nathanson*

Enclosure

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# Chicago Sinai Congregation

4600 SOUTH PARKWAY

## Chicago

DR. LOUIS L. MANN  
RABBI

December  
9th  
1939

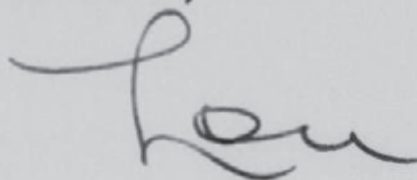
Dr. & Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street & Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba & Virginia:

I arrived safe and sound after a very pleasant day in Cleveland, and told Ruth how kind and hospitable you were and what a lovely few hours we had together. I want you to know how truly grateful I am and how deeply I appreciate your kindness.

Ruth joins in fondest greetings.

As ever,



LLM:SB

P.S. I am sending you a copy of my Cincinnati address, and have marked the climax I mentioned incidentally to you.



Cherland Dec 10 /39

Dr A H Silver

Dear Rabbi

I hope you will  
pardon me for not having  
thanked you ere this for  
your kind services at the  
funeral of my beloved wife  
Mittie. The loss of one  
life companion, the closing  
of our home and other  
things made me temporarily

Neglectful. my family and  
I feel grateful to you  
and please pardon my  
seeming negligence

Best yours  
Sadie Bloom



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MICHAEL A. STAVITSKY  
*Chairman of Board of Trustees*  
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*President, Women's Auxiliary of  
Temple B'nai Abraham*

December 11, 1939.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
Cleveland, O.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

We are naturally looking forward with great pleasure to your coming to Newark to address the "Y" on January 15; and Mrs. Silberfeld and I extend to you a sincere invitation to dine with us that evening. It will afford us the opportunity to meet you again. The last time we met, you will recall, was in Geneva.

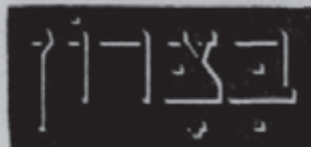
You will undoubtedly also recall that on that occasion I told you that my congregation intended to retire me. Well, the deed has been done, and I am now Rabbi Emeritus receiving a modest pension, which means that I am now free to preach wherever I please; and nothing would give me greater pleasure than to have the honor of occupying your pulpit on a Sunday morning. I know the tremendous burden you have to carry as Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal; and if by speaking in your place I should relieve you somewhat of that burden it would make me happy indeed. I expect to see you in Washington on January 6 at the National Conference for Palestine.

Hoping that you will accept our dinner invitation, I remain, with kindest regards from Mrs. Silberfeld to Mrs. Silver and the boys,

Yours sincerely,

*Julius Silberfeld*





## BITZARON

*The Hebrew Monthly of America*  
1107 BROADWAY, NEW YORK CITY

ידחון למדע, לספרות ולבעיות הזמן  
העורך: פרופ' חיים משרנוביץ (רב צעיר)

December 11, 1939

Rabbi Abbi Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I received your kind letter of December 5th, and I thank you for your promise to be of help to me in my enterprise of the, "BITZARON".

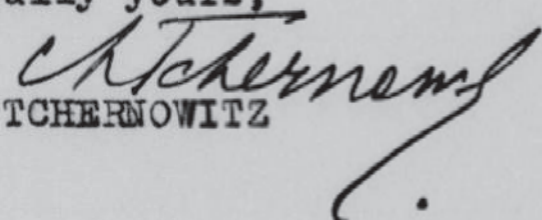
By now you must have received the second issue and I hope you like it. May I call your attention particularly to the highly learned and exhaustive article on the significance of Kaddish by Professor Krauss. As you know he is now a refugee in London, and in great distress.

I am organizing a committee of sponsors in which some רעליגיוזים are represented as well as a few scholars. Among the rabbis, I invited to serve on the committee, Dr. Wise, Dr. Goldman, Dr. Levinthal, Dr. M. Kaplan, and I would like to have your name too.

May I hear from you within the next few days as I would like to start working on this project immediately.

With cordial greetings, and best wishes, I am.

Faithfully yours,

  
CHAIM TCHERNOWITZ

CT:FS



C O P Y

December 12, 1939

Rabbi Samuel H. Markowitz  
500 West Wayne Street  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

My dear Rabbi Markowitz:

I have been instructed, by our Special Committee having in charge the selection of a rabbi for Temple Israel of Hollywood, to inform you that your name is one of those before us for consideration.

We should like to make the following inquiries of you:

- (1) What salary would you expect if invited to assume the leadership of our congregation?
- (2) What is your attitude toward the disposition of fees for weddings, funerals, and other special occasions?
- (3) If invited to become our rabbi, when could you enter upon your duties here?
- (4) Will it be possible for you to come to Hollywood and occupy our pulpit on either January 19th or January 26th, 1940? We are prepared to defray the necessary expenses involved.

I would appreciate an airmail reply at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

(SIGNED)

DAVID COLEMAN  
President  
Temple Israel of Hollywood

DC:EGM



510 S. Salford St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

DEC 12 1939

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

Rev. Dear Sir:

Many clergymen, at times, are kept so busy with congregational and other activities that they lack sufficient time to prepare their weekly sermons or lectures in their usually interesting manner. To overcome this situation, as well as to bring new facts, ideas and opinions on various religious and secular topics to their attention, there will be available to clergymen in the near future, an important service having special features of an informative and educational value.

Briefly, this service will include the distribution to subscribers once each month of a set of 5 of the outstanding sermons and lectures delivered in the United States during the preceding month. Where possible there will be included any available worthwhile comments on the material selected. The service will be of a strictly confidential nature and very economical in cost. It will be nationwide in scope, and, as at present outlined, will include the leading clergymen of all denominations in the United States.

Your local Chamber of Commerce was good enough to supply us with your name as one of the leading clergymen of your city, and we are writing you to ascertain if you would be interested in subscribing to this new helpful service. If you are interested will you kindly check the enclosed return postal-card and mail it to us at your earliest convenience?

Thanking you for your consideration and hoping to include you as a subscriber, we remain,

Respectfully yours,

*L. Crawford Stanshine*

L. Crawford Stanshine

LCS:ME



# Temple B'rith-Kodesh

117 GIBBS STREET  
Rochester, N. Y.

## THE RABBI'S STUDY

December 12, 1939

Dear Abba Silver:

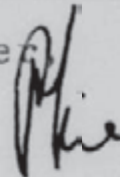
Thank you for the generous check and your gracious note. It was truly a privilege to participate in the Symposium and genuinely a joy to spend some time with you and your family.

I can think of no better way of expressing my gratitude to your lovely and hospitable wife than to send this excerpt on English cooking from Thomas Wolfe's "Of Time and the River". I hasten to add that this has nothing to do with the cooking at your home which was delicious, but grows out of our conversation at the dinner table.

I hope that I will be seeing you in Washington if not before.

Cordial regards and the best of wishes,

As ever,



# Temple B'rith Kodesh

117 GIBBS STREET  
Rochester, N. Y.

## THE RABBI'S STUDY

(From "Of Time and the River"--Thomas Wolfe)

"Downstairs it would be fine. There would be a brisk fire crackling in the hearth, the old smoke-gold of morning and the smell of fog, the crisp cheerful voices of the people and their ruddy competent morning look, and the cheerful smells of breakfast; which was always liberal and good, the best meal that they had: kidneys and ham and eggs and sausages and toast and marmalade and tea.

"But at night there would come the huge boiled-flannel splendor of the dinner, the magnificent and prayerful service of the waiter, who served you with such reverent grace from heavy silver platters that you felt the food must be as good as everything looked. But it never was.

"Eugene ate at a large table, in the centre of the dining room, provided by a thoughtful management for such isolated waifs and strays as himself. The food looked very good, and was, according to the genius of the nation, tasteless. How they ever did it he could never tell: everything was of the highest quality and you chewed upon it mournfully, wearily, swallowing it with the dreary patience of a man who has been condemned forever to an exclusive diet of boiled unseasoned spinach. There was a kind of evil sorcery, a desolate and fathomless mystery in the way they could take the choicest meats and vegetables and extract all the succulence and native flavor from them, and then serve them up to you magnificently with every atom of their former life reduced to the general character of stewed hay or well-boiled flannel.

"There would be a thick heavy soup of dark mahogany, a piece of boiled fish covered with a nameless, tasteless sauce of glutinous white, roast beef that had been done to death in dish water, and solid, perfect, lovely brussels sprouts for whose taste there was no name whatever. It might have been the taste of boiled wet ashes, or the taste of stewed green leaves, with all the bitterness left out, pressed almost dry of moisture, or simply the taste of boiled clouds and rain and fog. For desert there would be a pudding of some quivery yellow substance, beautifully moulded, which was surrounded by a thin sweetish fluid of a sticky pink. And at the end there would be a cup of black, bitter, liquid mud."



December 13, 1939

Dr. Chaim Tchernowitz  
Bitzaron  
1107 Broadway  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Tchernowitz:

Let me thank you for your letter of  
December 11. I shall be very pleased to serve on  
your Committee of Sponsors.

I am enclosing herewith a check of \$25  
and I would appreciate it if you would forward it  
to Professor Krauss in London. Please have the  
amount forwarded to him anonymously.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



# THE PIONEER WOMENS ORGANIZATION

די פיאנערער פרויען ארגאניזאציע פאר חלוצות אין ארץ-ישראל

CHAPTER ONE

CLEVELAND, OHIO

112

2872 Mayfield Road

December 13, 1939

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Your greetings, a copy of which is herein enclosed, graced the 1939 Pioneer Women's Donor Luncheon Program.

I hope very much that I will receive your generous contribution again for our 1940 Program, which will go to press by December 26.

I am addressing this letter to you instead of visiting you personally as I did last year, in order to spare your time.

May I hope to hear from you soon.

With Zion's Greetings,

*Emma Silver*

Mrs. Emma D. Silver



# THE LUNTZ IRON & STEEL CO.

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CLEVELAND, OHIO

SENJ. L. NEWMAN  
CLEVELAND MANAGER

MAIN OFFICE - CANTON, OHIO

Dec. 13th, 1939

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

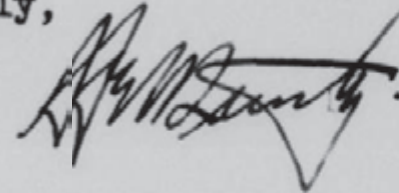
It is important that all citizens be concerned about the plight of the Finlanders, especially we Jews. Too often we are accused of being interested only in the welfare of our own people; of course, that is not true.

Although Jewish needs are greater today than ever before, nevertheless it is imperative that we do something immediately for the Finnish people. Why not set a day or week aside in raising a fund from the Jewish community for this worthy nation?

Enclosed find my check for \$100.00. Please do not mention my name in regard to this contribution.

I am,

Yours sincerely,



AME:LB

December 13, 1939

Mrs. Maxwell Silver  
736 Riverside Drive  
New York, N.Y.

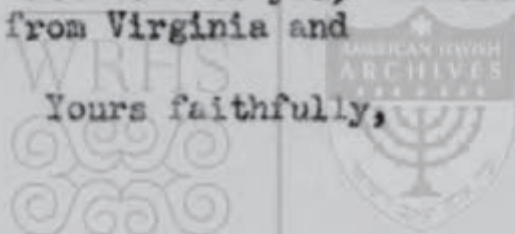
My dear Jane:

I was in New York on Monday for a few hours and met Rose. She conveyed to me the sad news of the passing of your dear mother and I hasten to extend to you my profound sympathies in which Virginia joins me. We were all deeply saddened by the news and feel for you.

I hope to be in New York within the next few weeks and I shall get in touch with you. With love to you, Maxwell and the children from Virginia and

Yours faithfully,

AHS:BK





December 13, 1939

Dr. Maxwell Silver  
736 Riverside Drive  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Maxwell:

I am enclosing herewith the checks for  
the Folks.

It is some time since I have seen you.  
I shall be coming to New York often in the next  
few months, and I am sure that we will see each  
other. How are you getting along at your bank  
under the new arrangement?

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

AHS: BK  
Enc.

December 13, 1939

Rabbi Elkan C. Voorsanger, Executive Director  
Milwaukee Jewish Welfare Fund, Inc.  
135 W. Wells Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

My dear Elkan:

I was very happy to hear from you and to learn that you are enjoying your work in Milwaukee.

The matter of the invitation which was extended to Dr. Weizmann by the National Council has now been satisfactorily adjusted. The invitation had been extended to him by the secretary of the Council, and an effort was later made by some members of the Council to have it recalled. It would have been a most stupid and provocative thing to have happened. We have had official word that the invitation stands. It is now up to Dr. Weizmann to accept or decline it.

I did receive an invitation to attend the Chicago Convention of the Joint Distribution Committee as did thousands of others. Last year, you may recall, I invited Jonah Wise not only to come to the UPA Conference, but to address the Conference, which invitation he accepted. As no reciprocal invitation was extended to the Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, the latter thought it advisable to be elsewhere engaged for the duration of the Conference.

I am happy to know that you will come to the UPA Conference in Washington. From all indications it will be the most widely attended Conference in our history.

My love to Henrietta, your grand girls and to you in which Virginia joins me.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



December 14, 1939

Finnish Local Relief Committee  
432 Terminal Tower  
Cleveland, Ohio

Attention: Mr. Jonas V. Grove

My dear Mr. Grove:

I am enclosing herewith a check of \$100 which I received from Mr. A. M. Luntz, of the Luntz Iron & Steel Co., Hanna Building, to be applied to Finnish relief. Mr. Luntz does not wish his name mentioned in connection with this contribution, but he wishes to express, through this gift, his profound sympathy for the Finnish people and for their eloquent defense against aggression.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.

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December 14, 1959

Mrs. Emma D. Silver  
2872 Mayfield Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Silver:

Enclosed herewith is Rabbi Silver's  
contribution to the 1940 Program of the Cleveland  
Chapter of the Pioneer Women's Organization.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK  
Enc.

Secretary to Rabbi Silver





December 14, 1939

Mr. A. M. Luntz  
The Luntz Iron & Steel Company  
Hanna Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Luntz:

Let me thank you for your contribution of \$100 which I have forwarded to the Finnish Local Relief Committee, with headquarters in the Terminal Tower. I requested them not to mention your name in connection with the contribution.

I was also in touch with the editor of one of the Cleveland newspapers this morning and inquired what was being done in Cleveland for Finnish relief. He suggested to me that in view of the serious local relief situation which has given Cleveland quite an unsavory reputation throughout the country, also in view of the large number of Poles in the city whose country has also suffered so terribly in the last few months, and the need of directing the attention of Clevelanders to the forthcoming vote on a relief bond issue, it would not be advisable to launch a public campaign for Finnish relief at this time. Should the Finns, however, on their own accord make an appeal for funds, I am sure that many of our people will respond.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. I understand that there are some people who are endeavoring to interest you in making a contribution to some Jewish building project in this city. I should like to talk the matter over with you before you definitely commit yourself.

Claus Halberstaedter  
56 West 95th Street,  
New York City, NY

December 14, 1939

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

My dear Rabbi,

As you may see from my enclosed curriculum  
I just finished my professional training as a librarian in  
the School of Library Science Simmons College Boston,  
Mass. I was notified by the School on Novemberx29th, 1939,  
that I have passed the requirements for the certificate  
in librarianship.

I sent out numerous applications to college  
and university libraries, under which was the Western Re-  
serve University Library. As you may see from the enclosed  
answer from Mr. Hirshberg, he is ready to consider my appli-  
cation in case any suitable opening should occur. May I  
suppose that I need perhaps only a personal reference  
from you in order to get the modest position I want to  
have. I would be extremely thankful if you could lend  
me your kind assistance in getting a position there.

Regarding to the inclosed testimonials I wish to tell you,  
that I went to Harvard in order to get experience only  
for a couple of weeks before I entered the School and  
that I was sent out by the School for a two weeks field  
work at Johns Hopkins. That is to explain the short periods  
I worked in the two libraries.



Copy:

Western Reserve University

Cleveland, Ohio

University Library  
Case Library, Affiliated

Herbert S. Hirshberg, Director  
George F. Strong, Assoc. Director

December 13, 1939

Mr. Claus Halberstaedter  
56 West 95th Street  
New York City

Dear Mr. Halberstaedter:

We are interested to have  
your letter of December 10th and shall keep your  
record on file in case any suitable openings should  
occur on our library staff. At the present time there  
are no openings.

Very truly yours,

Signed: Herbert S. Hirshberg



Claus Halberstaedter

Curriculum

Born: August 15, 1906 in Berlin, Germany

Citizenship: German, First Papers (Oct. 11, 1937)

Education: Humanistisches Gymnasium: Graduated  
Universities of Bonn, Berlin, Leipzig:  
Faculty of Law  
School of Library Science Simmons College,  
Boston, Mass.: Passed the requirements for the  
certificate in librarianship

Experience: Book-Trade, Printing and Publishing-Business  
(especially law-medical and scientific  
literature) in Germany, Turkey and Palestine.

Library Experience: Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.  
The Johns Hopkins University Library,  
Baltimore, Md.

Languages: English, German, French, Latin, Greek, Some  
Hebrew.

References: School of Library Science Simmons College,  
Boston, Mass.



Copy:

Harvard College Library  
Cambridge, Mass.  
Order Department

September 17, 1938

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Dear Sir:

Mr. Claus Halberstaedter has worked for us for the last six weeks as a searcher and has done very satisfactory work. He has a splendid background of languages which is invaluable for this type of work. He is adaptable, learns readily and is very willing to do anything that is asked of him.

We should be glad to recommend him for a position.

Very truly yours,

Sign.: Gertrude M. Shaw

Copy:

The Johns Hopkins University Library  
Baltimore, Md.

July 3, 1939

This will certify that Mr. Claus Halberstaedter spent two weeks of practice work and observation in the Johns Hopkins University Library in the spring of 1939 and that he made a favorable impression as to his background and general equipment for library service. He was also personally entirely acceptable as a member of a staff.

Sign.: John C. French,  
Librarian.



Kurt Blumenfeld.  
Phone: Circle 7-2000.

204 West 55th Street, Apt. 602A,  
New York, December 15, 1939.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver,

May I introduce to you Mr. Claus Halberstaedter, the son of Professor Ludwig Halberstaedter, the well known cancerologist of the Jerusalem University.

Mr. Claus Halberstaedter is a very gifted librarian. You will form your own judgement on receipt of his curriculum vitae and copies of testimonials he will send to you.

Mr. Halberstaedter is looking for a position at the Western Reserve University, (chief librarian: Mr. Herbert S. Hirshberg).

I would greatly appreciate if you could help him.

Many thanks beforehand.

Cordially yours,

*Kurt Blumenfeld*

KURT BLUMENFELD.



Dec, 15, 1939

Dear Rabbi and Mrs. Silver:

I want to thank you very much for these wonderful flowers from the Chanukah Party for the Religious School Teachers of the Temple. My husband was so happy about your kind thoughts. He asked me to express his thanks and regards to you

Very sincerely yours  
Bertha Strauss.



C O P Y

December 15, 1939

Mr. David Coleman, President  
Temple Israel of Hollywood  
7046 Hollywood Boulevard  
Hollywood, California

Dear Mr. Coleman:

Response to your letter of the 12th was delayed on account of my absence from the city. I hasten to answer your questions.

1. I have served two Congregations and it is my experience that the Rabbi who does his duty faithfully will be adequately provided for by his Congregation.
2. It has been a rigid rule with me during the seventeen years of my ministry to accept no fees for weddings, funerals and similar occasions from members of the Congregation. I do not like tipping; and when a man pays his dues he is entitled to all the benefits which the Congregation can provide. The Rabbi receives his salary and in return is obligated to serve the members of his Congregation in whatever capacity Jewish needs and Jewish welfare call for.
3. I can leave on very short notice without any serious consequences to the Fort Wayne Congregation.
4. I shall be glad to come to Hollywood and occupy your pulpit on January 19, 1940.

Thanking you for your letter, I am

Cordially yours,

S. H. Markowitz, Rabbi

SHM:VL





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services in the loss of our  
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In remembering her we  
cannot forget that which  
was a great part of her life,  
our Faith, our Temple, our  
Rabbi.

Sincerely yours

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Rabbi A. H. Silver  
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Rabbi Abba H. Silver  
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My dear Rabbi Silver, -  
May I  
tell you that your  
words at my mother's  
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name of the person which  
you read following



the Nauvoo Press. It would  
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and I am wishing that  
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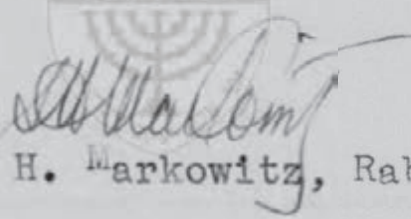
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For your efforts on my behalf I am profoundly grateful. With kindest greetings from us to you all, I am

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appreciated, but what is far more  
appreciated is to have your name  
grace our program again this  
coming year.

Thanking you again, I am,  
with Zion greeting,

Respectfully yours,  
Mrs Emma D. Silver

To: Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple, City.

DR. BARUCH BRAUNSTEIN

4445 Post Rd., Kewdale  
New York City  
December 19<sup>th</sup> 1939

Dear Dr. Silver:

Almost two years ago we  
had some correspondence about my coming  
to address some of your Temple groups.

Now that I am once again  
engaged in lecturing, I am wondering if  
you might once again invite me to  
speak to some of your groups, with or  
without your Temple life.

I shall be very deeply  
grateful.

Glady joins me in extending  
greetings and good wishes to you,  
Mrs. Silver and your sons.

Sincerely yours,  
Baruch Braunstein.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver



December 20, 1939

Miss Stella B. Rosenbaum  
North Toledo Settlement  
3439 N. Erie Street  
Toledo, Ohio

My dear Miss Rosenbaum:

Let me thank you for your kind note.  
I appreciate greatly your thoughtfulness in  
writing to me. The poem was "The Dead", by  
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I will not be returning

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to Cleveland this  
vacation.

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pleasure of seeing you  
then.

Sincerely,

Lois Toblitz



December 21, 1939

Mr. Sidney B. Rosenbaum  
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My dear Friend:

Let me thank you for your kind  
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Very cordially yours,

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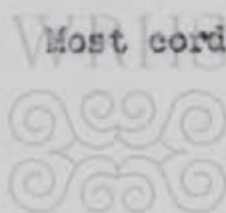
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With best wishes to you and Edith,

Most cordially,

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December 21, 1939

Hebrew Union College  
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*This is the letter I  
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M.S.*

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi:

We are making an effort to obtain couples for the supervision of our boys' cottages. It occurred to our Committee that you might know of a couple who by, personality and possibly experience, would be available for the purpose.

The woman would act as cottage mother in direct charge of a household of twenty-five boys, and the man would be permitted to work in town and give us service evenings and weekends in exchange for room and board. We should expect the couple to understand something of the problems and interests of growing boys, though no direct professional experience is required.

The woman of the house should have housekeeping experience and a sense of household economy and order. She should know something of cooking so that she may assist in the supervision of the food that is prepared for the children by a cook. She should be at least thirty years of age and shall have had at least a high school education. We do not deem it wise to appoint any couple much beyond forty years of age. The man, of course, should be capable of influencing the affairs and general tone of the house in a masculine way. This means that we are looking for the contribution of a man in addition to that of the maternal influence of a woman.

I realize that this is a large order and I am addressing you with the thought that you may be able to assist somebody in your congregation at the same time you are serving us. I assure you that we shall very much appreciate any assistance you can render.

With kind greetings from all here, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

*Michael Sharlitt*

MS:LS

848 No. 5th Ave.

Phoenix, Ariz.

Dec. 27, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,

The Temple,

Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Colleague: -

I have read and reread your paper which you presented at the Conference at Washington. It is truly a masterly dissertation on Jewish survival! If it is not asking too much, would you kindly send me one or more re-prints (6 copies if you can spare them). And if you have a spare copy of your paper on "Israel" I hope that you will include it.

With kindest personal regards I am, proud to look upon myself as your humble and admiring colleague,

Philip W. Jaffa

Kind regards to Rabbi Harris, and to Mr. Harry Levy.



P.S. -

I presume that you have heard of my illness. For seven years I worked for the Union and when I began to show signs of wear and tear, I was advised to accept a pulpit in Phoenix. But it was too late. אם כן הרי כן

After  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years I was compelled to retire from active duty. They know my plight in Cincinnati but I should have known better than to expect anything from the heads of the organization,

לאין מקרה אלא למקרה...  
כאשר הנהגתו לא נכונה  
אשר דאגו.

Thank God! - I have some insurance. It isn't much but we manage. The future is very uncertain, but אם כן הרי כן

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December 27, 1939

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof  
120 Ruskin Avenue  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Freehof:

This note is being written to you finally in reply to your kind acceptance to serve as chairman of your class on the Quinquennial Fund Committee of the Hebrew Union College Alumni. Dr. Stern, as well as all the other officers and members of the Board are grateful to you for your kind acceptance.

The members of each Quinquennial class are asked to contribute one dollar for every year since graduation. The money raised is used to help in the publication of the scholarly works of the alumni and faculty of the Hebrew Union College. Will you please address an appeal to the members of your class as soon as you can.

My "frau" and daughter join me in best wishes to you and your wife.

Cordially,

(signed) Henry Tavel

HT:DL



1212 Eutaw Pl.

DR. HARRY FRIEDENWALD

BALTIMORE

December 27, 1939

Dear Rabbi Silver

I received a copy of the last report of the Central Conference and I have just read "World Crisis and Jewish Survival." It is one of the most powerful, courageous & inspiring addresses that I have read or heard in years! You have analyzed the problem with clarity; you have neither minimized nor exaggerated the facts; and you have shown the way - the only way - in which we can and must resolve to meet it. I am especially gratified to read your emphasis on our history, its significance - and the strength and courage & hope it affords. I am not as sure as you that "the Jewish people through its thoughtful guides and leaders has been quick to ~~perceive~~ appraise the issues ... and grasp the



the significance of the murderous attack<sup>le</sup>  
(pp 324, 325.) I fear that our people are  
stale in the frame of mind we showed  
in the desert, imploring to return to Egypt.  
My impression is that they have been  
seized with terror & are without guidance  
and without hope. And further that  
many leaders & guides are urging them  
to place their sole & only hope in improving  
the present evil social & economic condi-  
tions, — overlooking what you stress, the  
enduring broad ideals of the specific  
Jewish heritage.

Unless we succeed in revivifying  
and fortifying these in the Jewish  
Consciousness, I have long dreaded such  
degeneration, disintegration & "denaturing"  
of Jewish life in this country as will  
result in what is worse even than  
extinction, — in a "Gypsy" community  
(as Herzl once dreamed it), without  
knowledge of its past, without ideals



to strive for, — held together only by social ostracism.

I am happy that you gave the address at the Conference. It should inspire many who heard it & many more who I hope will read it, with new hope & new resolve!

What a beautiful story, that of Ben Verga! A glorious ending!

I want to express <sup>my</sup> deep gratitude.

Hoping to see you in Washington, I am as ever,

Yours sincerely  
Harry Freedman

P.S. I note a misprint, middle of page 323, "drafted" for "grafted").

Dec. 27-1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

Enclosed find check for Ten Dollars in recognition of your officiating at the funeral service of our dearly beloved mother Bertha Dreyfus.

Thanking you most heartily and we pray to our Heavenly Father for your continuous good Health, long Life and helpful service to Judaism and to Humanity,  
we are,

Faithfully yours,  
Mr + Mrs M. H. Rich



December 28, 1939

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Rich  
2577 Overlook Rd.  
Cleveland Heights, Ohio

Dear Friends:

Let me thank you for your kind note and  
for the check which you enclosed. In keeping  
with my practise, 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



Dec. 28, '39



On the Ocean at 28th Street  
Miami Beach  
Florida

Dear Silvers, - Have been here  
almost three weeks enjoying  
the rest and sunshine. Hope  
you are all well. Ralph  
and I are touring home



next week. For the new  
Calendar Year please accept  
my best wishes for all hap-  
piness. You deserve it!

Ralph joins me in send-  
ing love to you and  
the boys. Sincerely  
Helen E. Bing

December 28, 1939

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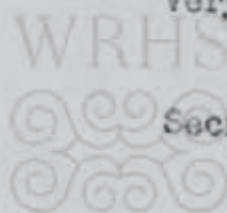
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
East 105th ST., & Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

By this time you have no doubt heard of my dear husband's death. At the present time I am contemplating returning to Cleveland. In that event I should like to become a member of your Temple and have Martin's remains transferred from Pensacola to the Mayfield Cemetery.

You may recall that I taught in your Sunday School for many years and that you married us November 29th, 1927. I could not become a member at the present rate of membership. Would it be possible in view of the facts mentioned above to have a Rabbi's widow's rate applied? I understand it is difficult to obtain a lot in the Mayfield Cemetery, may I then again plead exception to the rule inasmuch as Martin was a Rabbi? What would the cost of such a lot be?

My brother H.H. Mandelzweig has been and is a member of your Temple for many years.

Thanking you in advance for your kind attention to this matter, I remain,

Respectfully,

*Ida Friedman*

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Samuel J. Frazin.



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