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Personal correspondence, 1940 December.

December 1, 1940

Mr. Nathan Loeser  
National City Bank Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Nate:

The Sheet which you sent me, "The Shepherd of Israel", is a Protestant Missionary Sheet edited by apostate Jew. Of course it has no standing in the Jewish community.\*

I had something to do with the allocation of the quarter of a million dollars for assistance to Christian refugees. As National Co-Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, and as a member of the Allocations Committee of last year's funds, I was happy to vote for that grant to assist worthy non-Jewish refugee organizations who were working in the same field as we were. Although the funds which we raised were insufficient for our own colossal and tragic needs, we nevertheless felt that the cause of the non-Jewish refugees made homeless by the same Hitler terror should be assisted. We were happy to designate the Pope to receive one-half of the grant, conscious of his great humanitarianism and of his outspoken denunciation of Nazi racism.

The other half of the grant was distributed among Protestant organizations working in the field refugee service.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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HOTEL SIR FRANCIS DRAKE  
SAN FRANCISCO

Correspondence

12/11/46



Dear Dr. Silver

U. P. A. Conference  
here and at Los Angeles  
very good. Kind  
regards from myself  
and many of your  
friends.  
Mina Kotherky



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אדוני רבאלי אהבתי: תשובתך ביאור: צאן, אהבתי וזהו פ'  
לילאין: הטיפוס על "הדאר", אור בו כפח דבש אחד  
על אהבתי הצלח המצוי.   
הבה נעלה פ' הדברים האלה לא יצאנו כי אהבתי ויעזאו.  
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December 2, 1940

Dr. H. L. Rockwood  
Mount Sinai Hospital  
1800 E. 105th St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Rockwood:

Please pardon the delay in answering your kind note. I have been away from the city a good deal of the time and my correspondence has lagged.

I need not tell you that I appreciate deeply your thoughtfulness in writing to me in connection with my City Club address. I am very happy to know that you enjoyed it. I have been pleased with the good response which the address has had throughout the city. I thought that the things which I had to say should be said, and on that particular occasion.

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

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

December 2, 1940

Dr. Israel Goldstein  
Congregation B'nai Jeshurun  
270 West 89th St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Goldstein:

Hearty congratulations on the appearance of your book! I received it this morning, and while I have had only the barest opportunity to skim through it, it looks good and I know that I shall read it with a great deal of pleasure. Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending it to me.

I hope to see you in New York Thursday evening. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



# The Municipal Court of Cleveland

JOSEPH H. SILBERT, ASSOCIATE JUDGE

December 5, 1940

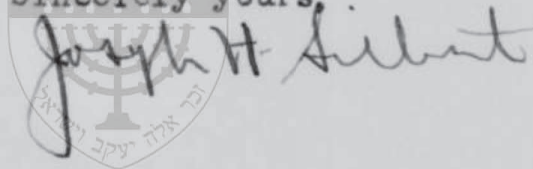

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your kind letter of sympathy  
on the occasion of the death of my father. I am  
deeply appreciative of your expression of condolence,  
which was of great comfort to me in my hour of sorrow.

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Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, O.

Box 486,  
Huntington, W. Va.  
December 5, 1940.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

I am sorry I do not have some of your gift of expression so that I could convey to you the feeling much of the Huntington populace has for your colleague, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise. All of Huntington Jewry had looked forward since last spring to the time when Dr. Wise would bring his message to the members of the Marshall College Artist Series, and so certain were we that his talk would impress the public that Jews were like other people that Dr. Oscar Biern arranged for the sale of tickets to the public generally for this one program, rather than to confine it to season ticket holders.

We Jews have always felt that Huntington was more liberal-minded than most towns of our size and that Jews were discriminated against less here than most places. As you know, Dr. Biern has been head of the Medical Association here, Dr. Hirschman and I have been Presidents of Rotary, Dr. Hirschman has been President of the Chamber of Commerce, Bert Landau has been President of Life Underwriters, Ben Romer and Sam Samson have been heads of the Legion and many other Jews have been signally honored here. To say that nothing in recent years has harmed Jewry more than the visit of Dr. Wise is putting it mildly.

Dr. Wise came here to talk on "The World as I see it" or some such subject and except for the last two or three dozen words of his lecture he confined his talk to himself and President Roosevelt. I am a Democrat and a strong supporter of our President, but I feel that the election is over and it is ill-mannered to gloat over our success at the polls. To tell an audience "You cant have your Wilkie" when they came to hear, from a learned man, something of world conditions is certainly very poor taste.

I have several non-Jewish friends who, I regret to say, I importuned to attend the lecture and who, to my great embarrassment, phoned me the following day to ask what I thought of the lecture. The talk might possibly have gone over at a B'nai B'rith lodge meeting (tho there even some Republicans might have been resentful) but certainly not at a meeting of Jews and Christians of reasonable intelligence.



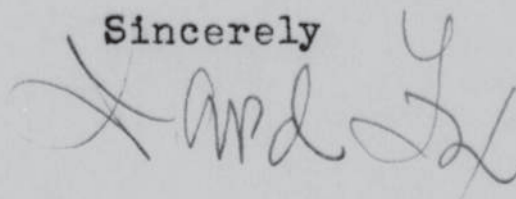
Rabbi Wise missed one of the grandest opportunities we have ever provided in Huntington to tell a select audience something of our heritage and tradition, of our patriotism and our idealism and yet show how undifferent we are to all other Americans. Surely no one could more eloquently plead for unity than Dr. Wise, but he certainly missed the boat here. During his talk he became so enthusiastic against Wilkie that several people left the hall, to which he remarked to the effect that those leaving evidently voted for Wilkie. At the Rotary Club where he talked for two or three minutes he facetiously remarked "Rotarians are what Kiwanians would like to be." One of our Catholic Rotarians accosted me at a Marshall College Celebration last night to tell me he didn't like that remark a bit and considered it entirely out of place. His brother was President of the Kiwanis Club last year.

I'm certainly glad of one thing -- the Jews of Huntington were not responsible for Dr. Wise's coming here. My object in writing you is to prevent, if possible, the public appearance of Dr. Wise before a mixed or non-Jewish audience if a recurrence of the Huntington incident is to be avoided. If you think it advisable to contact some one else I would have no hesitancy in doing so. I read "Opinion" frequently, I like Dr. Wise's editorials and for years I have been one of his admirers. I am sorry he came to Huntington and hope he never again appears here.

I talked to Ben Romer this morning and told him I had in mind to write to you. He said he was glad to hear that someone else felt as he did. At noon I talked to Ike Schoenfeld and he called my attention to an editorial in Dave Gideon's Herald Dispatch. It might interest you so I enclose it.

I have often hoped to have the good fortune of seeing you again and of hearing one of your inspiring sermons, but Cleveland is a little off my line of travel. With kind regards, I am

Sincerely



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CINCINNATI, OHIO

December 5, 1940.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The two books noted below have been  
requested by some one. If you are not using them  
I should appreciate it if you will return them.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Walter Rothman*  
Librarian.

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בית המדרש.  
עוז לאלהים.



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Dear Mr. Silver,

I believe myself very fortunate to have been one of the audience at the Beth El affair in Buffalo, last Sunday evening. It gave me the privilege and much sought opportunity to meet, and hear you give the message that will for a long time remain the most stimulating and inspirational I had ever heard.

I would not presume to impose on your valuable time but for this reason; Polly told me she asked you to help Marvin and I am most anxious that you know that Mr. King was one of our outstanding leaders in the community, having served as Campaign Director for the past three yrs. Besides that he also served on the Board of Trustees of Temple Beth El (of which I am also secretary) and know Marvin's value in serving as Chairman of the Board of Education, Chairman of the Membership Committee and Religious School teacher, he is also the Bnai B'rith President.

I believe that Marvin has a fine feeling in



organizational work and his greatest value might be  
in a place where he can use his ability in  
meeting people.

Knowing you might help Marvin I thought  
you would like to know these things about Marvin  
that I know from working with him.

However you were a great comfort to Polly.  
and - I feel myself very important and lucky  
to have met you <sup>at being</sup> and heard you.

Very sincerely yours,

May Chumbers.

(Mrs. J.)





# ס'לעבן אליין איז דער טיפסטער קוואל פון מענשליכע ערפאחרונג

פון א. וויילנער

באנקיר! דורכט זיך צוויי באזונדערע  
וועלטען אין דאס טאקע ווייניג זיי —  
צוויי פארשידענע און אפגעטיילטע  
וועלטען, אבער א מענטש ווי דר. מאקס  
וועלדער, האט באוויזען צו פאר-  
אייניקלען אין זיך אט די צוויי וועלטען;  
צו לעבן הארמאניש אין ביידע וועלט  
טען און וואס איז נאך וויכטיגער, צו  
זיין העכסט נוצליך פאר זיינע מיט-  
מענטשען אין אט די צוויי וועלטען.  
ווי קען דאס זיין? נאנט פשוט,  
דר. סילווער איז פון דער ראביי'אישער  
וועלט קיין מאל נישט אוועק. ער האט  
אמת אויפגעגעבן די פונקציעס פון א  
ראביי, אבער בעת ער איז טיכטיג און  
טהעטיג אין דער באנקירען וועלט, איז  
ער אויך טהעטיג אין דער אנדערער  
וועלט, וואו ער איבט אויס זיין נע-  
לעקטאריעס, זיין אראמארישען טא-  
לאנט און אנדערע פעהיגקייטען לטובת  
דעם כלל ישראל.

אט אזוי צום ביישפיעל געפינען מיר  
דר. סילווער, אלס טשערמאן פון  
דער ספיקערס בורא פונ'ם יוגיטער  
דזשואיש אפיעל פאר דער שטאדט ניו  
יארק פאר דעם יאהר 1940. און אט  
אזוי קענט איהר זיך מיט איהם אפט  
באגעגענען אין שוהלען און טעמפלען  
און אידישע ענטטערס, וואו ער לעק-  
טורט און האלט רעפערעטען איבער  
אידישע ענינים. די עצה איז בלויז  
וואס זיין צייט איז צו באשטענעט ער  
זאל אפטער קענען ערשיינען אין דער  
עפענטליכקייט.

דערפאר אבער באגעגענען איהם א  
נרויסע צאל אידען, מעהרסטענס אי-  
דישע געשעפטסלייט אין זיין טאג  
טעגליכער דאלע אלס באנקיר און אט  
די נרויסע צאל אידען וויינען די  
ערות, אז ער שטעלט מיט זיך פאר א  
קוואל פון וויסען און ערפאחרונג,  
וואס איז פון אונשעצבארער ווערט  
פאר זיי, אלס מענטשען פון דער ביונעס  
וועלט.

עס איז א כבוד פאר דער פאבליק  
געשאנאל באנק ענד טראסט קאמפאני  
זאגען אט די מענטשען, וואס האבען  
געהאט די ערפאחרונג צו האנדלען מיט  
איהם, צו האבען אזא פארשטענדע ווי  
דר. מאקסוועל סילווער, "און דר.  
סילווער ענטפערט אויף די קאמפלי-  
מענטען מיט דער אפגעהענגיקער ער-  
קלעהונג, אז עס איז פאר מיר אויך  
א כבוד צו פארשטען אזא נרויסע  
און אנגעזעהענע באנק ווי די פאבליק  
געשאנאל באנק ענד טראסט קאמפאני

בקינער וועלען מיר דא ערקלעהרען.  
אז דר. סילווער איז פארבונדען מיט  
דער פאבליק געשאנאל באנק זייט  
1922. אין פארלויף פון אט דער  
צייט איז ער געווען מענעדזשער פון  
עטליכע פון דער נרויסער באנקס  
ברענטישעס. אין דער סאמע לעצטער  
צייט, האט מען איהם געגעבען די נאר-  
פאראנטווארטליכע שטעלע פון שטעקן  
אין פארבינדונג מיט אידישע גע-  
שעפטסלייט, וואו זיין נרויסע און אל-  
געמיינע מענטליכע ערפאחרונג, איז  
פון גרעסטען ווערט.

זיין געלעהראמקייט און פראקטיש-  
קייט איז אויך די טעג אנערקענט גע-  
ווארען פון זיין באנק, וועלכע האט  
איהם באשטימט פאר א וויכטיגען  
באנק בעאמטען.  
דר. סילווער האט ווי פיעלע קינדער  
דורכגעמאכט פאבליק סקול און קא-  
אמפאני יוניווערזיטעט, אין דער זעלבער  
צייט האט ער געלענט אין תלמוד  
תורות און ניויאקער ישיבות. אין  
1916, האט ער גארוארט פון דעם  
חיברו וניאן קאלעדזש פון סינסינעט  
מי, אנט איז דא כראי צו באמערקען,  
אז אין 1936, האט איהם דער זעלבער  
חיברו וניאן קאלעדזש באעהרט מיט  
דעם טיטל "דאקטאר און רעליגיע-  
פאר ויין בוד "עטיקס און דזשורדא-  
איום".  
איר זעה נישט איין, — האט דר.  
סילווער געזאגט צום שרייבער פון אט  
די צייטעל, "ווארום איר זאל ווייטער  
ניט אנהאלטען דעם פעסטען פארם,  
וואס בינדט מיר צו צוויי וועלטען.  
איר האב נאך אנגעהאלטען מייע  
שטארקע אינטערעסען אין דער אידי-  
שער וועלט און דאס גלייכען האב איר  
נאך פיעל אויפגיטאן אלס באנקיר  
פאר אזעלכע, וואס האנדלען מיט אונ-  
זער באנק.  
"און אפשר ווייסט איהר נישט", —  
האט ער געזאגט מיט א שמייעלע, "די  
נרויסע צופרידענהייט וואס איר האב  
טאג טעגליך ווען איר קען באהילפן  
צווייטען דארט, איהם העלפען לייזען א  
פראבלעם אדער פראבעמען, וואס  
וואקסען געוועהנליך ארויס אין פאר-  
שידענע צייטען. מיין ארכייט איז נישט  
נאר די ארכייט פון א באנקיר, נאר  
אויך פון איינעם, וואס איז פאראני-  
טערעסירט אין זיינע מיטמענטשען, איר  
בערהויפט אין זיינע מיט-אידען".  
יא, א וועלטענער מענטש איז אט דער  
דר. מאקסוועל סילווער אין וועמען עס  
לעבען הארמאניש דער אידעאליוס פון  
דעם ראביי מיט דער פעהיגקייט און  
פראקטישקייט פון דעם באנקיר און  
ביונעסמענט.

ערפאחרונג איז דער גרעסטער לעה-  
רער, נעמט א גלייכווערטע, און דאך  
ריבער טאקע איז אלגעמיין אנגענומען,  
אז דער מענטש מיט דער גרעסטער  
און פיערפאכער ערפאחרונג אין לער-  
נען, קען און דארף דינען אלס לעהרער  
און ווערזייווער פאר אנדערע מיט וויי-  
ניגער ערפאחרונג.

פאראן א אידיש ווערטעל, וואס  
דריקט אויס דעם געדאנק, אז ערפא-  
הונג קומט נישט אן אזוי טיכט און דאך  
ריבער: "ערפאחרונג קאכט רבי-  
רבי".



דר. מאקסוועל סילווער

נעלד, מיט אנדערע ווערטער, ער  
פאחרונג קומט נישט פון דער לופט און  
פארט נישט ארויסער פון הימעל. מען  
קען עס אויך נישט אויפהויבען אדער  
אויספלייבען ווי מען קלייבט אויף  
בערגאר אדער קארטאפעל פון פער-  
און נישט ארויספלייבען פון א ביימ  
ווייג ערפאחרונג איז נישט קיין פרי-  
וואס וואקסט ענטוועדער אין דער ערד  
אדער אויף בוימער. מען מוז דורכלע-  
בען און דורכמאכען כל המים פער  
דיאדען ביז מען קומט אונטאראויס  
זיינע ארויף אט דעם אויף, וואס שטעמט  
פערט דעם מענטשען אלס א מענטש פון  
ערפאחרונג.

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פארשטענעמסליכער וויינער מענטש  
און די וועלט וועט נאך פון איהם פיעל  
הערען.

אט דער מענטש און ברודער ראביי  
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My Dracabba: Dec. 9, 1940

This is my pleasant annual task of reminding you to please mail to me at your convenience during the month the usual batch of twelve monthly checks for the folks, for 1941.

Have you heard from the folks lately? Here we haven't heard from them since early September. I am writing to them again today. I believe I wrote to you several weeks ago, mentioning my recent appointment as officer of the bank. I trust that you have received that letter.

I am enclosing a very fine write-up in this connection, which appeared today in the Jewish Morning Journal.

With love to yourself, Regina, and the boys in which I am as my children's friend,

I am, as ever,

Max.



Class  
Hawke

To. Anna.

Re - Prof. Rubine

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DR. A. PESKIND  
2409 EAST FIFTY-FIFTH STREET  
CLEVELAND, O.

My dear Rabbi,

This is the best I can do at present.  
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As you know Sincerely yours  
D.A.

December 9, 1940.

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December 9, 1940

Mr. David G. Skall, President  
The Oakwood Club  
1520 Warrensville Center Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Skall:

I received a notice from the Oakwood Club concerning the festivities of the Club during the Holiday season. I notice that there will be a Christmas party on Wednesday, December 25. That day also happens to be the first day of Chanukah - the proud and glorious Jewish Festival of Freedom. I am wondering whether in sending out your announcements, you may not also include the fact that the Oakwood Club is also celebrating the Chanukah season; and I am wondering, too, whether in the Club decorations during that week, the beautiful symbol of the Chanukah Light and the Star of David may not figure.

It is very important, my dear Mr. Skall, that we begin, especially in these days when so much is happening in the world to undermine Jewish morale and self-respect, to counteract as far as possible these trends by building up among our people, and particularly among our young people, a respect for the beautiful traditions of their own life and their own people's history.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



509-5<sup>th</sup> Ave. South.

Virginia, Minn.

Dec 10, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver -

I am writing you for this information. I understand you wrote that beautiful poem <sup>entitled</sup> "America's Making"; please advise me where I may obtain this poem.

Hope I may have early reply. I shall be very grateful for this information.

Very truly yours,

Edna Gay Schaaf.

P.S. I teach Speech and Dramatics in Jr. high school, at Virginia, Minn.

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RABBI ARMOND E. COHEN

CLEVELAND, OHIO

December

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1940

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Rd. & 105th St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Religion and Labor Foundation two years ago established a Cleveland section. Reverend Charles F. MacLennan has been serving as Acting Director, and among the members of the Board are Henry Busch, Russell Chase, Professor Corwin, A. W. Katovsky, Elizabeth McGee, Dr. Edwin Poteat and Beryl Peppercorn. You are familiar with the purpose of the Religion and Labor Foundation which seeks to develop and express a ministry of interpretation and understanding between the religious and labor groups of greater Cleveland. It assumes that Religion and Labor alike must have a thoroughgoing social concern and responsibility, and that in the pursuit of the Democratic ideal Labor must have the right, properly safeguarded, to organize and bargain collectively.

On the program of the organization are the following projects: preparation of study-investigation courses in the religion and labor field; Religion and Labor city seminars; monthly "Religion and Labor News Letter," and issuance of factual statements on acute labor issues when they arise.

This worthwhile organization is now floundering on the rocks of financial collapse. They are in desperate need of raising several thousand dollars. In order to do so, all religious and labor groups that might be interested are being approached. I have undertaken to write to you and the other Rabbis to ask for your help by way either of personal contribution or from some Congregational fund.

If you believe in the general program of the Religion and Labor Foundation and can manage some contribution, I am sure it will be gratefully appreciated. Their need is immediate.

Faithfully yours,

Armond E. Cohen

December 11, 1940

Mr. Joseph Rauh  
401 Washington Avenue  
Elyria, Ohio

My dear Mr. Rauh:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of  
December 9 and for the check which you enclosed.  
I am forwarding it to the Office of the United Jewish  
Appeal which will undoubtedly make a direct acknowledgement  
to you.

I am sorry that I did not see you in Elyria  
after the lecture. I enjoyed the visit very much.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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December 11, 1940

Mr. G. A. Garson  
Hanna Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

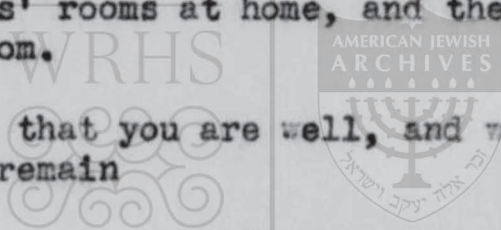
My dear Godfrey:

I received, this morning, the beautiful calendar which you sent me and I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness. These charmingly illustrated calendars which you send from year to year hang in one or the other of my boys' rooms at home, and they always add charm to the room.

Trusting that you are well, and with all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



DR. A. PESKIND  
2409 EAST FIFTY-FIFTH STREET  
CLEVELAND, O.

My dear Rabbi,

Small as this contribution is, I know, that you are in a position to apply it to better purposes than I could do myself.

I thank you for accepting this mission and with my sincere regards, I remain, as you know,

Yours truly,  
J.A.

November 12<sup>th</sup>, 1940

December 13, 1940

Abba Hillel Silver, Rabbi  
The Temple  
East 105<sup>th</sup> Street at Arund Road  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your  
very kind letter of invitation  
to attend the  
special Temple Services on  
Sunday morning, December  
29, and the Luncheon following.

I will meet you in  
the parlor of the Temple  
after the Service.



I hope that you and  
Mrs Silver and the children  
are enjoying the best of  
health.

Sincerely yours,

Ted Miller



December 13, 1940

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Just a note to remind you of the work that Miss Wilda Bayes, principal of Superior School (Superior Road and Lambert Avenue, East Cleveland, Ohio) has been doing, in cooperation with our P.T.A., with regard to fostering better relationship and mutual appreciation between Jews and Christians.

Roughly speaking, one-third of the pupils of Superior School are Jewish, one-third are Catholic, and one-third are Protestant. East Cleveland is predominantly Protestant.

Since her arrival at Superior School three years ago, Miss Bayes has been trying to inculcate in the children not merely a feeling of toleration for but respect for and an appreciation of the religious beliefs of the others. In line with this objective, Miss Bayes has had all the children, both Jewish and Christian, participate in decorating two large windows on the Lambert Avenue side of the building, one with a Christmas theme and the other with a Chanukah theme. This year, the Chanukah window portrays a child with his grandfather lighting the Chanukah lights. There is a Menorah and the Star of David.

At school assemblies Miss Bayes has arranged for Jewish children to recite the brochos for the lighting of the Chanukah lights and to explain the story and significance of Chanukah.

At our P.T.A. holiday festival Thursday, December 19, 1940, at 2:00 p.m., we are presenting several of our parents who will tell how the coming holidays are celebrated in their ancestral lands. Mrs. Joseph Stashower will speak on Chanukah. The Rock of Ages as well as Christmas carols will be played by the school orchestra and sung by the audience.

On the morning of December 20th, the children will assemble around the school Christmas tree and all children, Jewish and Christian, will sing the Rock of Ages.

The children are making gifts and greeting cards for their parents and the Jewish children are inscribing their cards "Happy Chanukah to Father and Mother."

I feel that the splendid attitude and accomplishments of Miss Bayes should not go unnoticed but should be commended and encouraged. I feel that either a letter or a personal word from you to Miss Bayes will go far to show the appreciation of the Jewish people; to insure the continuance of her constructive work in Superior School; and to encourage similar action in other schools.

Sincerely yours,

*Mrs. Baruch A. Feldman*  
1557 Eddington Rd., E.C.





# Oakwood Club

1520 WARRENSVILLE ROAD  
CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OHIO

December 16, 1940

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

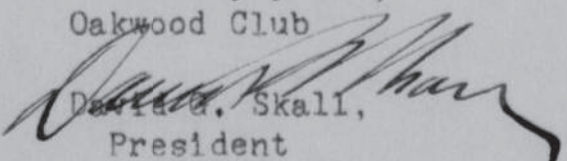
Your letter of December 9th addressed to me as president of Oakwood Club is greatly appreciated.

Referring to the notice in the last bulletin "From Oakwood" you have undoubtedly misinterpreted the announcement regarding Wednesday, December 25th, contained therein. No affair is scheduled for that day. Reference is made only to the fact that the Club will observe "open house" which simply means that we wish to encourage those of our members who plan to dine out that day to use the facilities of the Club.

Changes in the "Calendar of Events" have been made in the copy for the next bulletin, which you will receive shortly and we trust that you will find the amended notice more appropriate as coming from Oakwood Club.

The officers and Board of Trustees always appreciate receiving comments and suggestions from the members of the Club.

Sincerely yours,  
Oakwood Club

  
David G. Skall,  
President

DGS:rs



December 16th, 1940

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I wish to thank you for your kind personal invitation to the Temple Reunion December 29th. Unfortunately, as you may have learned from Mr. Weitz, Christmas leave at the Academy has been canceled, so that obviously I will be unable to attend.

Yours sincerely,

*Kenneth Hausman*



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December 16, 1940.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am greatly surprised not to have received a reply,  
either to my last letter or to the telegram I sent you  
last week.

I hope you are in good health.

As I recall, you were good enough to promise me that you  
would, during the early part of the Fall, try to secure  
from your community, a sum sufficient to cover cost of pub-  
lishing one volume of the TORAH SHELEMAH.

I was recently in Cleveland for the purpose of seeing you  
but you were out of town.

Won't you please let me hear from you by return mail.  
Thank you.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Rabbi M. M. Kasher*

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28-28 35th Street  
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December 16, 1940

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

My dear Maxwell:

Thank you so much for your kind note and for the very lovely article about yourself which you sent me. It is very well written and I am very happy that it appeared.

I am delighted you received the appointment which you did at the bank. It is another step upward, and it is an indication of the high confidence which they have in you and in your work. I have felt right along that you have real friends among the heads of your bank and that they mean to advance you as rapidly as the situation will warrant.

With love to you, Jane and the children, I remain

As ever,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



December 17, 1940.

This will acknowledge the receipt from a messenger of

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver of an envelope containing a manuscript.

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Mr. Campbell



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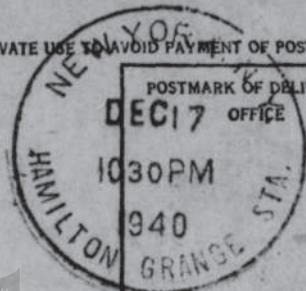
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Although I should very much have liked to have been with you at the Chanukkah banquet and dance Sunday evening, December 29th, I regret that, because of an engagement to address a Jewish Education Chanukkah Dinner at Dayton, Ohio, I shall be out of town that evening.

I am particularly sorry to miss hearing Salmann Schocken for whom I have the highest and warmest regard. I haven't as yet had the pleasure of meeting and listening to him.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Azriel Eisenberg*  
Azriel Eisenberg

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RABBI VICTOR E. REICHERT, D.D.  
THE ROCKDALE AVENUE TEMPLE  
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
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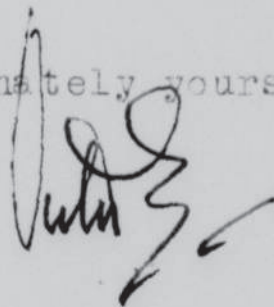
Dear Abba:

Speaking yesterday to one of the distinguished members of my congregation, Mr. Lawrence Bing, a former president of the congregation, I learned of a magnificent address which you delivered on the Church of the Air, last Sunday. Unfortunately I missed hearing you, but Mr. Bing spoke in such glowing terms of the message that I would be under deep obligation to you if you were to send me a copy.

While I am writing, I know that Mr. Bing too would be glad to have a copy of your address which left such a profound impression upon him.

Hoping that this note finds you and your family in the best of health and with fighting Hanukkah greetings, I am,

Affectionately yours,



Mr. Lawrence L. Bing's address is 3818 Dakota Ave;



December 20, 1940

Mr. Walter Rothman, Librarian  
Hebrew Union College Library  
Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Friend:

Under separate cover I am returning to you the two books which you requested. I shall probably have occasion to ask for them again soon.

With all good wishes and thanking you for your many courtesies, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

December 20, 1940

Mr. S. B. Komaiko  
175 W. Jackson Blvd.  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Komaiko:

When I was in Chicago last, you requested me to send you a copy of my Paper, "Israel", and you gave me your card. I stuck your card in my pocket and only this morning did I chance upon it. I am sending you this essay under separate cover. I am incorporating it in a revised form in a book of essays which I hope to print before long.

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

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS CITY  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

December 21st 1940

Dear Rabbi Silver,

The enclosed letter ~~was~~ ~~is~~ forwarded to me be mistake by the exceptionally inefficient postmaster at Charlottesville, but I am glad of the opportunity of learning where you are. I remember hearing you apeak at a meeting at the Royal Älbert Hall in London many years ago, and though I remember nothing of the content, I remember that your speech seemed to me to be the most eloquent of all. You are also the only person I know <sup>beside myself</sup> who has not changed the name of Abba into something else when writing it in English characters. When I was very young and went to elementary school in London, the schoolteacher bullied my immigrant father into accepting Abraham as the English equivalent, but when I grew up I rebelled against that and have always created some curiosity by signing myself

Abba P. Lerner

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(Asst. Prof. in Economics)

DAVID LEFKOWITZ  
RABBI CONGREGATION EMANU-EL  
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December 23, 1940

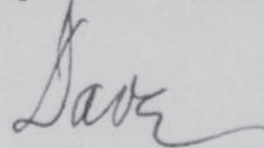
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th and Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friend Silver :

I have your letter of the 18th instant concerning Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Lockwood and their son, Richard. I was very glad to learn about them from you, but Mrs. Lockwood a few weeks ago introduced herself to me at one of the services as well as at a Sisterhood meeting. Richard has been coming regularly to our High School Department and Young People's Group. He is a fine fellow. Yesterday he attended our pre-Hanukkah program at the Religious School, and I took occasion to tell him of the fine letter you wrote about him and his parents. Sadie and I shall be most happy to visit them and extend any courtesies within our power.

With very best wishes to you and your dear wife, I am,

Sincerely and cordially yours,



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December 23, 1940.

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

My dear friend,

I beg to acknowledge with thanks  
the copy of your spiritual creation, "Israel".

As I read it memories come back  
to me of June 27, 1935, when you thrilled an  
appreciative audience under the canopy of a  
clear heaven.

With  greetings,  
as ever,

Yours,

*S. B. Komaike*

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THE TEMPLE=

WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIDENTIALLY BY WIRE COLLECT YOUR  
APPRAISAL OF ABILITY BACKGROUND AND VALUE OF WORK OF  
BURNS WESTON UNTIL RECENTLY NY A ADMINISTRATOR FOR OHIO  
SEASONS GREETINGS=

TED THACKREY EXECUTIVE EDITOR NEWYORK POST.







הדג סילב

אביק הביא את  
המכתב הזה יחד  
מדי מאמר הספור  
ב מחנה, ולכן  
אני שולח את  
המכתב עכשיו.  
בני שלום  
ב י"א

WRHS





18924 Winslow Rd..

Shaker Heights.

Dec 26<sup>th</sup> 1940

My dear Rabbi Silver - The enclosed  
articles and letter have been written  
by Dr. Karbach formerly of Vienna,  
for whom my brother Paul and Abe  
signed an affidavit. He has done  
some writing thru Rabbi Stephen  
Wise and is anxious to increase  
his means of livelihood by doing as

much writing as possible. He does  
not seem to be fit or able to get  
other work. We are still contrib-  
uting to his support and would be  
glad to help him in any way possible.  
So I take this means of introducing  
him to you, as he requested in his  
letter. Thanking you in advance  
for anything you might be able to do  
for him. Love, with kindest regards  
to you and Mrs. Silver.



Sincerely yours  
Alice R. Cohen



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

December 26, 1940

My dear Abba:-

After much wavering and hesitation for months, I have at last decided to put pride aside and ask you to use your great influence in my behalf.

I had intended to talk to you about it on numerous occasions when I met you in New York, but my pride would not permit me to summon enough courage to do it.

Last February I met with serious business reverses due to the fact that my largest client who had controlled eight different affiliates and subsidiaries - all of whose books I audited - was thrown into bankruptcy and had to go out of business. This meant to me a loss of an annual income of over \$3500.00, which, of course, put a crimp into my entire financial position. I feel that you can be of great assistance to me, - thru your influence, - in my present dilemma.



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SOLOMON COHEN  
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—  
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Last July when Eliezer Kaplan tried to raise the million dollar loan for the Keren Hayesod it was found that an accountant would be needed to come in for a few hours a day in order to take care of the accounting work. Henry Montor recommended for this job an accountant who is connected with the U. J. A. (or U. P. A.), Charles Ress - who did not know then nor knows now of my current plight - felt that there was no reason why I, an old-time Zionist worker, should not get this work instead of an outsider, & he urged me to see Montor and Kaplan about it, which I did. You will recall I also wired to you about it. But Montor and Kaplan told me that they had already engaged the man and I was too late. Anyway, now the K. H. loan is a failure, and I presume <sup>the job</sup> is no more. Now, that the U. P. A. is set for a separate campaign, there will be plenty of work, particularly in the New York Campaign. If a request would come from you <sup>for me</sup> to Montor that I be placed in the campaign, ~~preferably~~ and if you will insist on it, they will find a place for me, for some work for several hours a day.



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SOLOMON COHEN  
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I want you to understand me fully. I am not looking for a full-time position. I do not desire to give up my accounting practice. I hope in due time to rehabilitate myself from my present setback. I do not care, if I can at all help it, to make my Zionism a *דבר נחמץ* *דבר נחמץ*, although I know that I have sufficient executive ability and accounting ~~and~~ experience to be helpful in a U. P. A. campaign.

I would like the position to be one that I would have to devote to it several hours a day. I would want to continue in my same status as a *דבר נחמץ* *דבר נחמץ* in the U. P. A. One thing I should state as a lay reader is most helpful to the U. P. A. and I would want it to continue as such.

Blitz or Mentor may not be very receptive to a new man, especially one who has standing. But I can not conceive that they would dare to turn you down, if they will know that you insist on it.

Trusting to hear from you, Sam,

As ever yours  
Sol.

Anna and the boys wish to be remembered. Kindest regards to Virginia.



DR. BARUCH BRAUNSTEIN  
4445 POST ROAD  
RIVERDALE, NEW YORK

December 27, 1946

sent  
1-3-41

Dear Victor Silers:

I have been trying to ferret  
out of my memory - but with no great  
success - the beautiful lines of your  
"God Built A Continent of Glory".

I am wondering if you will  
have the kindness to send me a copy of it.  
It is a stirring and magnificent prose-  
poem. I shall be very grateful.

May's gives me in  
greetings and good wishes to Virginia  
to you and your keep. Sincerely yours,  
Baruch.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silers



December 27, 1940

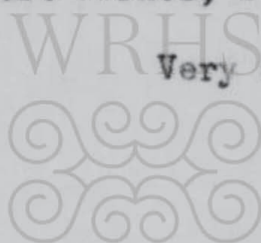
Rabbi Samuel M. Cup  
Temple Israel  
Bryden Road and 19th St.  
Columbus, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Cup:

Enclosed herewith is a letter  
which Rabbi Silver received this morning,  
and which he requested me to send to you.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,



BJK  
Enc.

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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Ted Thackery  
New York Post  
N.Y.

DO NOT KNOW BURNS WESTON PERSONALLY. HAVE INQUIRED ABOUT HIM FROM PEOPLE WHOSE JUDGMENT I VALUE. THEY SAID THAT HE WAS HIGHLY REGARDED AND RESPECTED AS A MAN OF IDEALS. HE KEPT HIS OFFICE ABSOLUTELY FREE FROM POLITICAL INTERFERENCE. THEY COULD NOT TELL ME MUCH ABOUT HIS EXECUTIVE ABILITY AS AN ADMINISTRATOR BUT SPOKE IN HIGHEST TERMS OF HIS CHARACTER AND IDEALISM. KINDEST REGARDS

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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136 West 55th Street,  
New York, N. Y.

29th December, 1940.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver,

I am writing you at the suggestion of Dr. Wise to interest you in a new project for youth which Hadassah and the Zionist Organisation are undertaking here in New York.

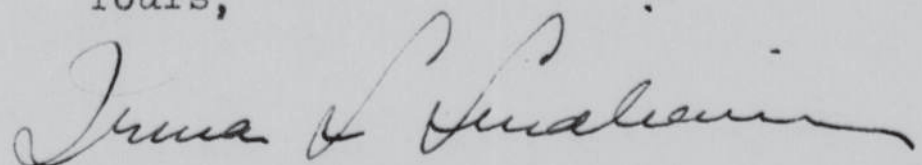
At last the needs of our youth are in some measure being realised and it has been proposed and accepted that a National Youth House should be organised in New York in which a possibility would be given of training for leadership of which our movement stands in such need. Apart from this training there would also be the possibility of working out those programs for the youth organisations which would reach a wider group than we have yet had, besides enriching the programs of those already in existence. It is hoped also that the country will send to us on fellowships the pick of their youth to be here for a period of approximately six months, covering three summer months in camp, to participate in such research and experiments as will allow them this next September or October to go back to their communities and serve them in a positive way.

Hadassah and the Zionist organisation have voted \$12,000 for the purchase of this "house", Hadassah also having voted \$2500 a year for its upkeep providing that the Z.O.A. would give an equal amount. You know only too well how depleted the treasury of the Z.O.A. is. I have undertaken, therefore, to raise this \$2500 for the Z.O.A. end of the arrangement plus another \$2500 for the furnishings.

It would therefore give great impetus to the realisation of this basic project were you to find it possible to contribute \$100 this year and next to effect its purposes. Time is of the very essence of its success and if the year is not to be wasted, the house must be purchased immediately.

With the season's greetings and hoping to have a favorable reply, I am sincerely and gratefully,

Yours,



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