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I hope you enjoy this  
Lovely fruit

Mrs. Herman Stein

Monday

Children's Fund "The Day"

I.V.C.

West Side Jew Center  
4101 John St. —

The West  
Mountain  
Beach

October 7, 1945

Mr. Morris Weinberg  
The Day  
183 E. Broadway  
New York 2, N.Y.

My dear Friend:

An appeal was made on Kol Nidre Eve at the West Side Jewish Center of Cleveland for the rescue of Jewish children in Europe. A sum of \$300 was pledged and has since been collected. The congregation has turned over that amount to me. I know of no better Fund to which the donors of this amount would like to see their contribution sent than the Children's Campaign of The Day. I am accordingly enclosing their check for this amount to be applied to your Fund.

In passing, may I congratulate you upon this noble service which The Day is serving.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. The representative of the West Side Jewish Center who brought me this contribution is Mr. Sam Good, 2872 W. 25th St., Cleveland, Ohio. The address of the West Side Jewish Center is 4101 John Avenue.

October 7, 1945

Mr. Max Kaplan  
88-04 63rd Drive  
Forest Hills, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Kaplan:

As per your request, I am enclosing  
herewith a copy of Dr. Silver's "America."

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

October 6, 1945

Rabbi Albert G. Silverman  
Room 1300  
212 Fifth Avenue  
New York 10, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Silverman:

I wish I had available a copy of the address which I delivered at Madison Square Garden. Unfortunately I haven't such a copy. I spoke from notes. I believe that there was a stenographer who took down all the addresses. If I get a transcript, I will be very happy to send you a copy.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK

October 8, 1945

My dear Daniel:

It is such a long time since I wrote to you. I have been so tremendously busy. You have been in my mind, however, very often during these crowded few weeks.

The threatened action of the British Government to continue the White Paper precipitated a crisis which called for heroic measures on our part. We had to arouse public opinion and we had to do it in a short time. Great meetings have been held and will continue to be held all over the country. I know that mother wrote you of the quite extraordinary mass demonstration held at Madison Square Garden. I wish you had been there. We held a very imposing national Emergency Conference in Washington last Thursday, attended by over 500 delegates from 40 states. These delegates called upon their senators and congressmen. Many of these congressmen and senators, in turn, got in touch with the State Department and the White House.

Dr. Wise and I called on the President a week ago Saturday. We had over half an hour's interview with him. He seemed rather hopeful about Prime Minister Attlee's reply to his request for 100,000 certificates to be made immediately available for European Jews to go to Palestine. We talked over the entire situation quite frankly and realistically, and I believe that we made considerable progress.

Tomorrow the British Parliament opens and there may be some announcement at that time. In the meantime, the tension in Palestine is mounting, and the situation is quite critical.

Our Sunday morning services opened yesterday morning. It was a very lovely service and was very well attended. The High School got under way yesterday with a very gratifying enrollment.

I suppose by now you have adjusted yourself to your schedule and to your courses for the new term. I hope that you will enjoy your work. The subjects which you are taking hold the promise of a very interesting semester. I have not yet written to Mr. Rotman but I will in a few days -- after I catch my breath a bit.

-over-



*Mr. and Mrs. Edwin N. Horwitz*





Dear Rabbi Silver -

Edna and I appreciate  
so much our wedding ceremony  
which you performed so  
beautifully on April 7<sup>th</sup>

We thank you most  
sincerely for your kind  
gesture. Fondly,

Lois Dreyer Horwitz

October 8, 1945

Mr. Leo Rutstein, Director of Finance  
New York Federation of Reform Synagogues  
3 East 65th St.  
New York 21, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rutstein:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in writing to me and in sending me your congratulations. I should like to reciprocate by extending to you congratulations on your becoming Finance Director of the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues. I trust that under your direction the Federation will prosper greatly.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

TO MR. HALL

10-8-45

- 1) On Sunday mornings flowers should not be taken off the pulpit until most of the people have left The Temple.
- 2) High School comes into Temple one Sunday every month. There should be prayer books for the boys and girls in the Mezzanine on that morning.
- 3) When there are services in Temple on High Holidays and other holidays school bells should be disconnected.

October 8, 1945

Mr. M. Moss  
2757 Euclid Heights Bvd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Moss:

Thank you for your thoughtfulness  
in writing to me. I shall keep the name of  
the Rabbi whose name you suggested in mind.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

October 8, 1945

Rev. Theodore E. Frank  
Trinity Congregational Church  
3559 Washington Blvd.  
Cleveland Heights, Ohio

My dear Mr. Frank:

It was indeed very thoughtful of you to write to me. I was most happy that you could join in our service on Yom Kippur Eve. Please feel free to come to us at any time. You are a welcome guest. I hope that I may have the opportunity of attending one of your services before long.

American public opinion has been greatly aroused about the British policy with reference to Palestine. I am hoping that some good will come out of the protests from all parts of the country.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BX

October 9, 1945

Mr. Jerome Grover  
1853 S. Campton  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Jerome:

You may wish to get in touch with the young ladies who have just come to Cleveland and who would like to make contacts with young people. It would be nice if you would invite them to the next function of the Alumni Association and introduce them around.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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A. Liebowitz

75 LEONARD STREET  
NEW YORK

October 9, 1945

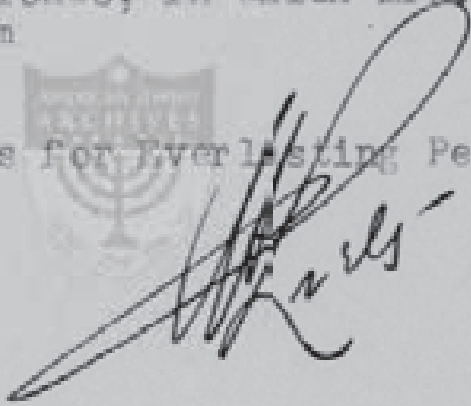
Dear Dr. Silver:

I have instructed the factory to make up for you a half dozen shirts - three with collars on and three with collars off -

I want you to know that I am always thinking of you and hope you are thinking of me.

With my best wishes, in which Mrs. Liebovitz joins me, I am

WRHS  
Yours for Everlasting Peace,



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio





# THE AKRON JEWISH CENTER

220 S. BALCH ST.

AKRON 3, OHIO

JEFFERSON 3185 - 3196

October 10, 1945

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road and E. 105th. St.  
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Sidney Bear, president of the Akron Zionist district has asked me to write to you to find out whether he could have an appointment with you sometime during the coming week - Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, October 16th, 17th, or 18th.

Kindly let me know as soon as possible so that Mr. Bear may make arrangements to go to Cleveland.

Cordially yours,

*Leslie Flaksman*  
Leslie Flaksman  
Executive Director.

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10-10-45

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*Have*  
DID YOU RECEIVE FIFTY DOLLARS WHICH I CABLED IN JUNE. PLEASE ~~CABLE~~.  
REGARDS

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

*ML*

NEWELL C. BOLTON  
810 HANNA BUILDING  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

October 10, 1945

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Again I have your Community Fund card this year; and inasmuch as I must be out of the city for the first part of the campaign, I am wondering if you would be so good as to permit me to solicit by mail this year, knowing that you have always been generous and understand the needs of the Community Fund.

Regretting that I cannot call in person, and hoping that you will return the enclosed card very promptly, I am

Yours truly,

*Newell C. Bolton*

Newell C. Bolton

NCB/vfa  
Encl.

October 11, 1945

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof  
4905 Fifth Avenue  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Sol:

I was so busy on Tuesday that I overlooked thanking you for the two lovely books which you sent me, neither of which I had ever seen.

I am looking forward with pleasure to seeing you in Pittsburgh next week.

With all good wishes to you and Lillian in which Virginia joins me, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

October 12, 1945

Mr. Leslie Flaksman, Executive Director  
The Akron Jewish Center  
220 S. Balch St.  
Akron 3, Ohio

My dear Mr. Flaksman:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of October 10. I shall be away most of next week and I would therefore suggest that Mr. Sidney Baer write to me. It is very difficult for me to make appointments at this time because my schedule is very uncertain.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BX

October 12, 1945

Mr. A. Liebovitz  
75 Leonard Street  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Friend:

I was pleasantly surprised to hear from you yesterday and to receive your welcome information that you are sending me a lovely gift of shirts. I assure you that they will be welcome, and I need not tell you how grateful I am for your thoughtfulness.

I hope to see you in New York in the near future. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ARS:BK

October 12, 1945

Mr. Alexander Mintz  
Bloomfield, Fowlerbaugh & Mintz  
Guardian Bldg.  
Cleveland 14, Ohio

My dear Alex:

Thank you for your kindness in showing me the letter of Congressman Bolton's secretary. I read it with a great deal of interest. When she returns we will then know what she has really been up to.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ARS:BN  
Enc.

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## THE TEMPLE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

ANSEL ROAD at EAST 105th STREET

CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

October 13, 1945

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

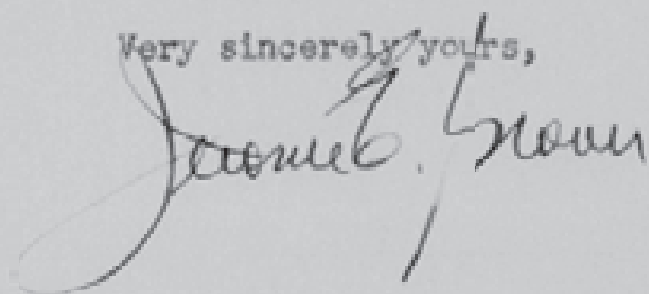
Enclosed please find the notes sent me this past week. I wish to thank you for them and assure you of my fullest cooperation.

I have written each of the girls a cordial invitation.

I am very sorry that I did not have the opportunity of speaking to you this past Thursday at the Board Meeting, but I shall take the first opportunity to stop at your offices so that I may have your personal approval of our future plans.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,



JEG:br





UNITED STATES ARMY

October 14, 1945

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing to express disapproval of your recent statements of behalf of Zionism, and in particular against those reported from the Zionist Rally in New York two weeks ago. I object to your statement that the Jews who oppose the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish state are an insignificant number. And it is particularly unpleasant to see you stoop to characterize their position as stemming from a fear "lest the establishment of a Jewish state will endanger their own comfortable existence here".

I have never approved of the Zionist program, nor of the role you have played in it. The personal ties existing between us should make it all the more necessary that I express myself to you. I want you to know that I resent having any one act as a spokesman for the Jews of America or for me as one of them. While I cannot ask that you represent my views, I do ask that you do not misrepresent them.

Sincerely yours,

*Lewis J. Affelder*

Sgt. Lewis J. Affelder  
2nd Sig. Serv. Bn.  
Washington 25, D. C.



*T. Hanks*

October 15, 1945

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

We wish to thank  
you for officiating at the funeral  
of our beloved Son, Fred H. Rovner.

Your wonderful words  
of consolation helped us to bear up  
under our great bereavement.

We are more grateful  
than mere words can ever express.

Thank you.

*Mrs. & Mr. M. Rovner*

3598 E. 151 St.



Chaplain Morton C. Fierman

Chaplain M. C. Fierman  
Post Chaplain's Office  
1045 Base Unit  
S.A.D.A.A.F.P.D.C.  
San Antonio, Texas

16 October

Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th and Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My Dear Rabbi:

It isn't often that I come to you for advice and suggestions, but at this point in my life as rabbi, I feel that I must come to you. In June, I returned from overseas, after spending some twenty months in England, and a short time on the Continent. My work in the army, experiences with those of our people who suffered under Nazi aggression, and my general feeling of growth in the ministry, led me to resign as Director of Religious Education of the Washington Hebrew Congregation, whose Rabbi is Norman Gerstenfeld. Norman called me long distance, and asked me to reconsider, "offering" me a very flattering salary, and the dubious title, at least for me, of "Minister of Religious Education." Serving as the rabbi of thousands of men in the service, preaching, teaching, visiting the sick in hospitals etc., have led me to believe that I am now ready for a pulpit of my own. If I were to return to the Washington Hebrew Congregation, I would not be permitted any pulpit responsibilities. After due consideration, weighing the pros and cons of the situation, I chose to resign.

On December first, I shall be separated from the service, and begin my terminal leave. Dr. Morgenstern, has my name on the list for recommendations, but up to the present time I have no position in sight. Would you be in the position of recommending me to a pulpit, or could you give me some suggestions and advice, concerning one.

May I take this opportunity to congratulate you upon your election to the presidency of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. When I was in Cleveland in July I called your office, and was told then that you were on your way to England. I hope that the problems of Eretz Yisroel will be solved soon. From what I saw of our people, there isn't much time to waste. They are being shunted from pillar to post, and for this sort of thing, men in uniform did not fight.

In the meantime, most cordial regards. If you can be of any help, I shall be appreciative.

Faithfully,

October 18, 1945

Mr. Max Simon  
M & D. Simon Co.  
700 W. St. Clair Ave.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Max:

I received the lovely neckties. It was so very kind of you to follow through with the matter of the proper neckties. As you can imagine I have had no other worries within the last few months but wearing the right neckties...

I hope to see you soon. With all good wishes,  
I remain

Very cordially yours,

AUS:BK

October 18, 1945

St. Lewis J. Affelder  
2nd Sig. Serv. Bn.  
Washington 25, D.C.

My dear Lewis:

Let me acknowledge your letter of October 14.  
I note that you disapprove of the statements which  
I made recently at the Madison Square Garden rally.  
I am sorry that you disapprove of them.

I am enclosing herewith a small memorandum on  
the subject which may be of interest to you. I should  
like to call your attention to page nine which touches on the  
subject which you raise in your letter.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

ARS:BX

October 18, 1945

Mr. and Mrs. M. Rovner  
3598 E. 151st St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friends:

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:EK



DAVID RALPH HERTZ  
LAWYER  
1001 HIPPODROME BUILDING  
CLEVELAND  
CHERRY 4425

October 19, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Ansel Road Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I have just read the excerpt from Rabbi Steinberg's book published in this week's Bulletin. It is so splendid a job that I hasten to express my appreciation for your having reprinted it.

In passing it occurs to me that Marguerite and I plan a few day's vacation in Atlantic City around November 15th. It would therefore be possible for me to participate in the Convention. If you have any committee work or other activity into which you think I might fit, please feel free to call on me.

Truly yours,



David Ralph Hertz

DRH:sr





UNITED WE STAND

Central High School  
Binghamton, N. Y.  
October 22, 1945

Dear Dr. Silver,

It is with much pleasure that we are today mailing you a copy of our revised textbook, *Lessons For Future Citizens*, written by my sister, Mrs. Frances W. Raphael, with a foreword by myself. The materials in the book have been tried out for a period

a firm which wishes to remain anonymous.

You will recall, Dr. Silver, that you generously permitted us to use your fine poem, "America's Making" in our book. It appears in this revised edition — we feel it is especially appropriate for this purpose.

We have had the pleasure of hearing you speak at our Teachers' Meeting in Binghamton. Rabbi Sherman was our spiritual leader at that time — for we are of the Jewish faith.

In deep appreciation of your fine contribution to our book, please accept this copy with our very best wishes.

Sincerely yours,  
(Mrs.) Jennie W. Hess Director  
Adult Immigrant Education  
Frances W. Raphael

Dr. Abba Hella Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio



of over three years in classes of foreign-born adults seeking United States citizenship and we feel the book does help them become loyal, intelligent citizens of our country.

A copy will be presented as a gift to each applicant for naturalization in our county.

(Broome County, N.Y.) at the time he files his petition in the County Clerk's Office. My sister and I hope through it the cause of American unity may be somewhat advanced — even if only in some small measure!

Its publication was made possible by the interest and cooperation of our local Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools also by a large business firm interested in our work,

THE TEMPLE  
CONGREGATION ANSHE MESS  
ERIE, PA.

MAX C. CURRICK, D. D.  
RABBI

October 24, 1945.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Silver:

At the Community Chest dinner I quoted some paragraphs of yours about America that have been so frequently quoted. You'll know what I mean: "God built Him a continent of glory and filled it with treasures untold etc".

The Executive Secretary of the Welfare Bureau asked me if I could get her a copy of the entire address. Is it available?

I hope you are keeping well in spite of your heavy burden of work. Friendly greetings to Virginia and you and the boys.

Yours,

*Max C. Currick*

October 25, 1945

Miss Frances W. Raphael  
Room 15A  
Central High School  
Binghamton, N.Y.

My dear Miss Raphael:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter and for the copy of the textbook, "Lessons for Future Citizens," which you sent me. It looks like a very attractive volume, one which I am sure will prove very helpful in spreading true Americanism.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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10-25-45

Rabbi Louis M. Epstein  
c/o Winer  
473 W. End Ave.  
New York, N.Y.



DEEPLY SHOCKED TO LEARN OF THE PASSING OF MINNE. I SEND YOU MY PROFUNDEST SYMPATHIES. SHE WAS A RARE SPIRIT AND BORE HER VISITATIONS WITH HIGH AND EXEMPLARY COURAGE. I PRAY THAT A FULL MEASURE OF COMFORT MAY COME TO YOU.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Silver

October 26, 1945

My dear Daniel:

I have been enjoying reading your letters and I am sorry that I have not had an opportunity to write to you more often. I have been away from home most of the last two weeks and have been going at a very strenuous pace. I was in Washington last Tuesday, and together with Dr. Wise, called on Secretary of State Byrnes to whom we presented an important memorandum. I am enclosing herewith the memorandum as it appeared in the New York Times. It has made a very good impression.

Last Wednesday afternoon an enormous open air demonstration took place in New York City in which it is estimated close on to 200,000 people participated. I am enclosing herewith some pictures from PM.

Because of the emergency which developed in connection with the publication of the letters of Ibn Saud and FDR, I had to go to New York over the week-end and absent myself from my pulpit. Dr. Will Durant substituted and delivered a good address. In the evening Richard Markness addressed a well attended Men's Club meeting at The Temple.

It looks as though an announcement will be made some time during the coming week either by Mr. Attlee or by Mr. Bevin. It will probably suggest a joint commission of Great Britain and the United States to make a study of the whole problem, and in the meantime will offer a number of certificates (the exact number not known) as a stop-gap arrangement. We will wait and see. Senator Wagner jumped the gun today and re-introduced his resolution in the Senate. The chances are that this time the State Department and the President will not interfere with its passage.

How are you, my son? I am very anxious to see you. I shall be in Boston on Sunday, November 4 to address the convention of the New England Zionists. Please keep the day free if you can. I will let you know when I will arrive. We are all well. Mother left this morning for Toledo to attend the funeral services of Mr. Davis, the father-in-law of Rabbi Harris. She will return this evening.

We all send you our love.

October 27, 1945

Mr. Louis Seltzer  
The Cleveland Press  
Rockwell at E. 9th St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friend:

I know that you will be interested in  
the enclosed copy of a letter which I received from  
Mr. Roy Howard.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

October 28, 1945

Dr. Max C. Currick  
The Temple  
Erie, Pa.

My dear Dr. Currick:

I am happy to enclose herewith  
a few copies of my "America."

With all good wishes in which  
Virginia joins me, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX  
Enc.



**HENRY R. JAHN & SON**

1 WATER STREET  
NEW YORK 4, N. Y.

CABLE ADDRESS

"EPIGLOTTIS"

October 29, 1945

Red Jacket Manufacturing Co.

REFER TO-----

Palestine Engineering Stores  
P. O. Box 509  
Tel Aviv, Palestine

Dear Friends:

Attached herewith is an original letter from Mr. Harry A. Levy,  
together with copy of our reply.

These are both self-explanatory. Will you please handle this,  
and see if you can't help them out. Please let us know how you  
handle this.

Yours very truly,

HENRY R. JAHN AND SON

HRJ/ac



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No. 108-45

(PREFIX THIS NUMBER TO YOUR REPLY)

TELEPHONE MAIN 5865

October 29, 1945

Reverend Abba H. Silver, Rabbi  
The Temple  
Junction East 105 and Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Reverend dear Sir:

I introduce myself to you as Reverend Louis A. Wolf, Defender of the Sanctity of the Marriage Bond for the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. My request is rather unusual procedure, but I believe that you will understand our predicament.

We have been asked by a Catholic young man to make an investigation in connection with a former marriage of his with a girl of the Jewish Faith. This investigation is made in order that we might pass judgement on the validity or invalidity of his marriage in the eyes of the Catholic Church. This couple has been civilly divorced for some time.

The girl, JEANNE GELLER by name, has graciously consented to make a deposition in connection with the investigation, but all of her relatives have refused to co-operate. I can readily understand their hesitancy, particularly if they are confirmed Orthodox Jews.

I am appealing to you for help. The enclosed questionnaires, prepared for the parents of JEANNE GELLER, embody the information we require. We are specifically interested in learning whether JEANNE GELLER has ever been baptized in any Christian denomination at any time in her life prior to her marriage with Conrad J. Spilka - said marriage having been contracted on November 22, 1940, at The Temple in your presence.

In the event that the parents of JEANNE GELLER, who live at 2692 Hampshire Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, refuse to co-operate even after you or one of your assistants approach them, it might just be possible that you know JEANNE GELLER personally and may yourself be able to give us the information we need. We would appreciate any help you can give us.

I could hardly blame you for completely disregarding this request, but cognizant of your tolerant attitude in these matters, I do not hesitate to solicit your help.

With every best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours

Enc. QUESTIONNAIRES (2)

*Louis A. Wolf*  
REV. LOUIS A. WOLF  
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Cleveland Ohio

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So hope I can serve speedily.  
- your table at madison sq.  
Garden was a gem of logic  
+ inspiration (ideally) each  
was good with (David Hale 1904)

October 31, 1945

Mrs. Sam Davis  
The Ann Manor  
Scotwood Avenue  
Toledo, Ohio

My dear Friend:

I tried to reach you by telephone on the day of the funeral services, but I was unable to do so.

I wish to send you my profoundest sympathies on the passing of Mr. Davis. I know what he meant to you and to the members of your family. Virginia told me of the beautiful tributes which were paid to him. His services to the community in many fields and his devotion to the cause of his own people have left their imprint and have won for him the respect and recognition which have come to him. I hope that you will find a full measure of comfort in the days to come.

I trust that we may see you before long. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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October 31, 1945

Dear Doctor Silver:

I understand that the three books noted below which you borrowed from our Library in 1938 are still charged to you. It is due to the change of staff that we neglected to request their return before this.

The books are needed by some of our readers. I would appreciate it very much if you would return them to us as soon as possible.

With kind personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

*Alexander Marx*  
Alexander Marx

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

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RABBI MAX C. CURRICK, D.D.  
523 WEST NINTH ST.  
ERIE, PENNA

November 1, 1945.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Silver:

Thanks for the card "God Bless America". I am informed that a number of school teachers have already secured typed copies of it and will use it in their classes.

I am glad to tell you this, even though I suppose it is an old story for you.

Best wishes from house to house,

Yours,

*Max Currick*



November 1, 1945

My dear Armond:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of your book, "All God's Children." I know that I shall read it with keen pleasure. We shall carry a description of it in one of our forthcoming Bulletins.

I trust that you are well, and I hope to see you in the very near future. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Rabbi Armond E. Cohen  
The Cleveland Jewish Center  
1117 E. 105th St.  
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Daniel Silver  
Cambridge, Mass.

I WILL BE AT THE STATLER HOTEL BOSTON SUNDAY MORNING. PLEASE ARRANGE  
TO HAVE LUNCHEON WITH ME AT NOON. LOVE

DAD

November 2, 1945

Mr. Max Harmelin  
The Manhattan Life Insurance Co.  
3 William Street  
Newark 2, N.J.

My dear Mr. Harmelin:

Please pardon the long delay in replying to your letter. I have been away from the city a good deal of the time and pressure of work has been such that my correspondence has lagged.

I have forwarded your recommendations to the Anti-Defamation League. They may be interested in following through with your suggestion. As soon as I hear from them, I will write to you again.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AMS:BX

November 2, 1945

Mr. M. E. Glass  
The Texas Company  
2501 W. 3rd St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friend:

I received the enclosed check this morning from Mr. Charles Sands, 47, The Arcade, to be applied to the Fund which you are raising. I have acknowledged the receipt of the check.

I hope that substantial progress is being made in the collection of the Fund for which such an excellent start was made under your leadership last week.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX  
Enc.

November 2, 1945

Mr. Richard E. Gutstadt, Dir.  
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith  
100 N. La Salle St.  
Chicago 2, Ill.

My dear Mr. Gutstadt:

The enclosed letter may be of interest to you. You may wish to follow through with the suggestion of Mr. Harmelin. I would appreciate it if you would get in touch with him.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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STATLER HOTEL  
Boston, Mass.

ARRIVING BOSTON THIS EVENING INSTEAD OF TOMORROW MORNING. PLEASE  
RESERVE ROOM FOR ME.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

\$ 10<sup>00</sup> /

November 7, 1945

Mr. Joseph Koch  
3649 Silsby Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Koch:

I am deeply grateful for your lovely  
playing last Friday evening. Everyone enjoyed  
it greatly.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX  
Enc.

November 7, 1945

Professor Alexander Marx  
The Library  
The Jewish Theological Seminary of America  
North East Corner Broadway & 122nd St.  
New York 27, N.Y.

My dear Professor Marx:

Under separate cover I am returning the books which I borrowed from the Library of the Jewish Theological Seminary. I am deeply grateful for the privilege. I hope that I have not seriously inconvenienced any of your readers by keeping these books so long.

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

Most cordially yours,

ARS:BX



FAIRMOUNT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OHIO

8 November 1945

Dear Rabbi:

In our memorial service next Sunday, I am including Norman Roman in the list of those to whom we pay our tribute. I know he belongs primarily to you, but he and his wife had greatly endeared themselves to our choir and our people, and I couldn't see how we could leave him out. He was loyal to his own race and faith, but I think you will be willing to share him with us: we have the same affection for and pride in him we have for our own men.

Always yours,

Frank H. Ferris

ROI C. DAVIS  
Toledo, Ohio

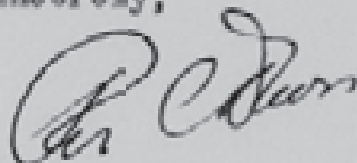
November 9, 1945

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mother and the members of the family want to express their sincere appreciation for your letter of condolence. It was also extremely nice for Mrs. Silver to come to Toledo.

Dad's passing was a serious shock to all of us as after his recent operation we were all very encouraged on the progress he was making.

Sincerely,



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

November 9, 1945

Chaplain Morton C. Fierman  
1045 Base Unit  
S.A.D.A.A.F.P.D.C.  
San Antonio, Texas

My dear Morton:

I was happy to receive your note of October 16. I have been away from the city a great deal of the time and therefore my correspondence has lagged.

Your decision with reference to the Washington Hebrew Congregation is probably a very sound one. I do not know of any pulpit open at this time. Should any come to my attention I shall be most happy to keep you in mind. I hope to be in Cincinnati early in December and I shall then speak to Dr. Morgenstern. If you know of any congregation where there is an opening where you feel a word from me would be helpful, communicate with me.

With warmest regards, I remain

As ever yours,

AHS:BK

November 10, 1945

Dear Miss Schotts:

Rabbi Silver is very happy that you will be able to take his classes for him this week.

In the Confirmation Class which meets on Thursday at 4:30 the children were asked to bring in a paper on "What Is My Purpose in Life." He suggested that you have eight or ten children read their papers. The children were assigned Chapter II in their text, "The Jew and His Religion." Please go over the content of Chapter II with them and assign Chapter III for next week and ask children to bring in answers to questions at end of Chapter III.

In the Pre-Confirmation Class the children are studying Amos Chapters 1 and 2. Please read in class whatever selections appear on sheet No. 2 from the text, and discuss. They were assigned sheet No. 1 last week.

That about covers it. Thanks very much.

Most cordially,

BJK

Rosenblom

New York City  
Nov 11, 45

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
Coral Bld. & 105th St  
Cleveland Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

You will doubtless have other reports on Dr. John Hays Holmes truly splendid championing today of the Palestine cause at the Community Church service, but in thanking him for it in my own behalf I told him that I would make such a report to you and he expressed himself as most pleased that I should do so.

He really wailed and inveighed his arguments and in such a way that no one would dare to breathe a sound of dissent to them. He recited the historic rights of the Jews to Palestine in such picturesque terms as to win adherents by his presentation for its own sake. He named the feudal lords of the fellahin, the British and the Nazis and not the common people as the stirrers-up of trouble and which he did

not approve of the use of force by  
Jews he was understanding of the  
compulsions back of their use of it.  
He thinks that the mandate should be  
taken over by an international com-  
mission. After the service many more  
than usual spoke to him and the at-  
mosphere was friendly.

I have told him that he re-  
enthusiased me in the idea of draw-  
ings of Palestine and since I have  
been intending to write to you  
of new impulses of my own that  
might be looked upon as taking me  
a step nearer to such an opportunity  
I will add a word as to my recent  
doings. I am now making some  
drawings with a like object to those of  
the Charters at and for the American  
Museum of Natural History. Though  
submitting only two drawings they  
paid me three hundred dollars <sup>allow</sup>  
ing me an interval between <sup>submitting</sup> these  
and the completion of seven more  
drawings so that I might make an-  
other trip to Mexico. I have a year  
if I wish it to complete the work. I  
am doing a third drawing however,  
which will take me fairly near to the  
number for which I have been paid.



They have given me a little, but I assure you much valued studio and have equipped it with necessary furnishings. I cannot say enough for the friendliness which has been and is being shown me.

I have not neglected other work, but did a portrait drawing and painted a large landscape, the weather abetting the past week.

Of course I am hoping that you might look upon my efforts and new work as taking me a step nearer to the opportunity of making drawings in Palestine. I can hardly overstate the compulsions that exert themselves through the fact that I have stood by my intentions and through other influences that have a similar demand, turning me toward art and its international influence for peace. In the portfolio form I think I have come upon a type of presentation for art that is suited to the demands that may be made upon it. If you will give consideration to that idea perhaps a way will present itself to you for putting it into effect with regards to Palestine drawings.



Glad to have this occasion to write  
to you I am

Sincerely Yours

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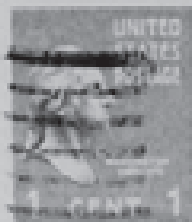
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November 13, 1945

Mr. Edgar Weil  
National Smelting Co.  
6700 Grant Ave.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Edgar:

Mr. Levy informs me that you have sent in your resignation to The Temple. I was very much surprised as you may well imagine. He was unable to give me the reason for it. Knowing of our cordial relations, I am sure that the reason can not be personal. I am wondering whether you wouldn't meet with me at our mutual convenience so that we can talk over whatever is at issue. I am going to be out of the city for a few days but I shall be very happy to meet you any time after next Tuesday.

With all good wishes to you and yours,  
I remain

Most cordially,

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20030 Madsen

MEDICAL DETACHMENT  
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13 November 1945  
Ft. Sheridan, Ill.

Dear Rabbi Silver;

Sir it was my pleasure to hear your fine address on "Great Lessons of the War" at the Chicago Sunday Evening Club. Being very much interested in what you had to say and too finding it of great importance to the thinking of the average soldier of today I am wondering if it would be possible for a copy of your address to be sent to me.

Sincerely;

*N*  
*1/3* *Ernest L. Johnson*

E.H.WEIL  
20030 MARCHMONT ROAD  
CLEVELAND, O.

November 15, 1945

Dr. A. H. Silver  
c/o The Temple  
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Replying to your letter of the 13th, I would  
be happy to meet with you.

Why not phone us, and Florence and I will come  
over one of these evenings or you and Virginia could  
come to our house -- whichever you prefer.

Or, if you would rather we get together during  
the day, let me know and I could meet you downtown for  
lunch.

Sincerely,

*Egon Weil.*

EHW:GL

IRVING GLICK  
2876 MATFIELD ROAD  
CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OHIO

November 16, 1945

Dear Rabbi:-

Sally and I wish to express our deepest appreciation for the beautiful ceremony that you gave us for our recent marriage.

There are no words that would express our feelings to you.

Wishing you and your dear family our fondest regards.

Sincerely

Sally & Irving Glick

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November 16, 1945

Reverend Abba H. Silver, Rabbi  
The Temple  
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My dear Reverend Silver:

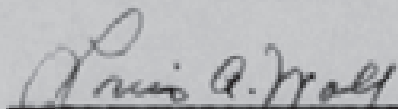
I hasten to thank you most sincerely for your letter of November 9. I am sorry indeed that the family of JEANNE GELLER could not see its way clear to answer the questionnaires. May I ask you to return the questionnaires - in the enclosed self-addressed envelope - with the annotation that the parties refused to co-operate?

We did so appreciate the information you volunteered in your letter. You stated: "My information is that she (JEANNE GELLER) was never baptized into any Christian Denomination." We would greatly appreciate the source of your information. Do you know this to be a fact personally or do you only presume this? Did the parents of JEANNE GELLER tell you that JEANNE GELLER was never baptized at any time in her life in any Christian Denomination? Was JEANNE GELLER always in communication with her parents all of her life, so that they would certainly have known had she been baptized anywhere?

Let me thank you once again for your generous co-operation in assisting us to learn the truth. May God reward your spirit of charity.

Hoping to hear from you once again, I remain

Sincerely yours

  
REV. LOUIS A. WOLF  
DEFENSOR VINCOLI

Enc.



November 20, 1945

Miss Eliner Shaw  
1906 Farmington Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Miss Shaw:

Thank you so much for your kind note and for your generous contribution. I have requested that your gift be put into the Flower Fund which purchases the flowers which adorn our Temple pulpit and which are then sent to the homes of the sick and to the hospitals.

With warmest regards, and assuring you of a welcome at all times at The Temple, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

<sup>is done</sup> Nov. 20, '45

My dear Abba:

In compliance with  
your excellent suggestion (via  
Sister Rose), am rushing to you  
herewith my letter to the folks.

Regret very much my  
absence from the Convention. Because  
of my usual daily business  
ground and studies, failed to  
make arrangements for attending  
the same in time.

My sincerest ~~prayers~~ <sup>prayers</sup> to  
old Scout, on your wonderful  
(but to me ever-anticipated)  
triumph. Knowing my sentiments  
in the matter, I am sure that you

will believe me when I  
say that this triumph was  
not merely gone over, but the  
beginning of the ultimate  
triumph of our Cause.

November 20, 1945

T/S Kermit J. Johnson 39294359  
1612 SCU Sta. Med. Activities  
Fort Sheridan, Ill.

My dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you for your kind note of November 13.  
I wish I had a copy of the address on "Great Lessons  
of the War" to send you. Unfortunately I spoke from  
notes and do not have a complete record of the address  
to send you.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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21 November  
San Antonio, Texas

Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My Dear Rabbi:

I was delighted to receive your letter of the 9th, and am sorry that I couldn't answer it before this. My wife and I spent this past week-end in New Orleans, and we just returned the day before yesterday. While in New Orleans, Dr. Leipziger asked me to preach for him at services last Friday night. He was most gracious and hospitable to us during our stay, as were Julian Feibelman of Sinai Temple, and Nat Share of Gates of Prayer.

It is very possible that Dr. Leipziger may want an assistant soon, but at the present time the congregation has not fully decided what to do. We did not discuss the possibilities, because of this fact, and the congregation and Dr. Leipziger could not make any commitments. Nevertheless, if an opportunity were provided, I should love to be with Dr. Leipziger. I am almost sure that when the congregation's plans have matured, I may be considered along with other chaplains.

Since writing to you, I have been in touch with Dr. Marcus at the College, and Rabbi Egelson of the Emergency Placement Committee. I know for a fact that both are doing all they can to place returning chaplains, and sooner or later, I shall be placed.

I do appreciate your desire to help me, and the consideration you showed my mother when she stopped in to see you. Mother, as you probably can understand, is more worried about my obtaining a pulpit than I am. Nevertheless, your kindness to her was most considerate and generous.

I hope that I shall be able to attend the celebration in Cincinnati, and if so I look forward to seeing you.

My typing is not of the best, so please forgive me. Many thanks again, and cordial Chanukah greetings to you and your family.

With warmest regards, I remain

Always,

*Norton*

November 23, 1945

Mr. Alfred A. Benesch  
1397 E. Blvd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Benesch:

Mr. Sidney Weitz asked me to send you  
the enclosed biographic sketch of Miss Helen  
Waren.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK  
Enc.

Secretary to Dr. Silver



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November 26, 1945

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

Dear Friend:

It so happens that I shall be in Cleveland on a personal mission during next weekend. It occurred to me that it would be nice to have a chat with you while I am there, if you can spare the time.

I shall keep myself free during Monday, December 3rd. I shall be stopping at the Hotel Statler. If this note reaches you too late to enable you to write me a reply I would appreciate a message at the hotel telling me whether and when on Monday you may be free to see me. I expect to check in at the hotel at about noon on Sunday, December 2nd.

I know how hectic a pace you have been stepping lately and that you are away from Cleveland a good deal of the time. I hope, however, that if you chance to be near your congregation on the day mentioned you will be able to spare me a portion of your time.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Louis Rittenberg  
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November 27, 1945.

Dr. A. H. Silver  
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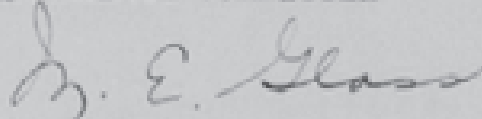
Dear Dr. Silver:

May we express our gratitude to you for your recent generous contribution to the fund that we raised for the immediate important life saving purpose. As you know, we tentatively reached a limited number of persons and the response was most gratifying.

We feel certain that our effort in this matter was most worthwhile.

Sincerely,

EMERGENCY COMMITTEE



M. E. Glass, Chairman

MEG:AMI

November 28, 1945

Mr. Louis Rittenberg, Editor-in-chief  
Liberal Judaism  
920 Riverside Drive  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Rittenberg:

In reply to your letter of November 26  
permit me to state that Dr. Silver left for Palestine  
last week and will be gone for several weeks. I know  
that he would have been happy to see you in Cleveland  
were he here.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

Frank Halliday Ferris

30 November 1945

Dear Mr. Silver:

The Alathian meeting in your home is  
a pleasant memory. May God have the  
Rabbi in his holy keeping and bring him  
back safe and soon. Ever sincerely,

Frank H. Ferris



Hotel  
Greystone

BROADWAY  
AT 91<sup>ST</sup> STREET  
NEW YORK 24

SUBWAY AT DOOR

12/1/45

My dear Silas,

I have been wanting to  
have a talk with you about  
various matters. Will you be in  
N.Y. soon? I could meet you  
on Wednesday (17th.) to lunch, or  
on Friday (19th.) in afternoon

Cordial regards

Yours sincerely

L. Brodsky

December 3, 1945

Dr. Louis Finkelstein  
Jewish Theological Seminary of America  
Northeast corner, Broadway and 122nd St.  
New York 27, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Finkelstein:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of November 13 and 23 to Dr. Silver. Dr. Silver, as you probably know, by now, is in Palestine. When he returns to Cleveland I shall be pleased to refer your letters to him.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

## Temple Israel

BRYDEN ROAD AND 19TH ST.

COLUMBUS 5, OHIO

TELEPHONE FAIRFAX 7838

December 7, 1945

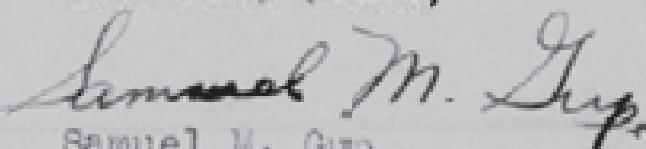
Secretary of  
Dr. Abba Silver  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I desire to send a cable  
to Dr. Silver in Palestine on this  
coming Monday or Tuesday at the  
latest. Will you please give me  
his Palestine address?

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

  
Samuel M. Gup

SMG:el



December 9, 1945

Rabbi Samuel M. Gup  
Temple Israel  
Bryden Road and 19th St.  
Columbus 5, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Gup:

You may reach Dr. Silver by cabling him  
in care of the Jewish Agency, Jerusalem, Palestine.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BX

Secretary to Dr. Silver



# THE PIONEER WOMENS ORGANIZATION

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CHAPTER 1

CLEVELAND, OHIO

Dec. 10, 1945

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
% of the Temple.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We shall greatly appreciate  
the honor of having your greeting  
in our year book again, this year  
as we have been in the previous  
years.

Respectfully,

Mrs. S. Kourmis

1510 Belmar Rd

Cleveland 18, Ohio.

6/10/50

# THE PALESTINE TRIBUNE

(Incorporating HADAR)

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11th, December, 1945

Rabbi,  
A. H. Silver  
Eden Hotel  
Jerusalem.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Following the conversation between you and our Mr. Joseph Rokach, at the Eden Hotel, Jerusalem, yesterday evening, we take pleasure in giving you in writing the following information about our Weekly.

The Palestine Tribune (Incorporating HADAR), is published by The Palestine Times Publishing Co. Ltd., whose Directors include Messrs, Israel Rokach (Mayor of Tel-Aviv), Jacques Schapira (Manager of Rishon Wine Cellars), Arish Shenkar (President of Palestine Manufacturers Association), Eliahou Eliachar (Prominent Merchant in Jerusalem). It aims at providing information on all aspects of the life of the Yishuv, and on those other factors which must affect the Yishuv.

During the period of less than a year that the Tribune has been appearing, it has won general esteem throughout the whole of the Yishuv, as well as among the entire British Officialdom of the Country. It is read with interest on account of its high standard, the information provided which is often not available elsewhere, and the firm stand which it consistently takes on Yishuv, Zionist, and Jewish issues.

In fact, we can permit ourselves to say that the Tribune is already on the way to becoming one of the most authoritative organs of public opinion in Erez Israel.

The Tribune is now beginning to reach England, where it is meeting with great interest on the part of Parliamentary and Jewish political circles. It is also being quoted as authoritative by important economic and other Journals in Great Britain and the Middle East.

It must be added that in spite of the excellent commercial, industrial and trade connections of the Founders, The Palestine Tribune, has been established not as a business venture, but in order to serve a vital Jewish National need.

We have requested Mr. S. Pratt, who has agreed to act as our representative during his stay in the United States in connection with his private affairs, to get into touch with you as soon as convenient following your return to the States. In spite of the countless things

with which you will doubtless have to deal, we feel confident that you will find time to give him your moral support and productive advice, and help in order to bring the **Tribune** to those sections of American Jewry, who will find it a stimulous and spiritual support.

Thanking you for the interest you have already expressed to our Mr. Joseph Rokach, and in anticipation of your continued help.

We remain, Dear Rabbi Silver,

Yours respectfully,

**THE PALESTINE TRIBUNE**

Incorporating **GHADAR**

*J. J. Rokach*





# J. B. ROBINSON

WHOLESALE OF FOODS

1387 WEST 9th STREET  
CLEVELAND 13, OHIO

December 14, 1945

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
19810 Shaker  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

In a post war America, agonized under a growing weight of religious intolerance, one example of World War II heroism seemingly stands as a candle in the wind, leading toward eventual peace on earth, with every man pursuing his way unhampered toward a life of happiness.

The episode I refer to concerned three U.S.A. Chaplains, a Rabbi, a Priest and a protestant Minister, enroute to war on a troop transport. The three paid the supreme sacrifice by giving up their life preservers to three G.I.'s who lacked them, as their torpedoed transport sank. All three undoubtedly said their last prayers with different words but all three meant precisely the same thing. If men so remote in religious denomination can die together, unified in purpose and emotion, surely men can live together in sympathy and tolerance.

I have seen stirring paintings and statuary, acclaimed as immortal masterpieces through the world. Many has as subjects sacrifices not half as lofty as this bit of heroism, which we hope portends of things to come. Certainly this martyrdom deserves immortality on canvass or in stone.

Undoubtedly it would be best seller material for an author appreciative of what the episode can portend. Certainly a film, sensitively produced, would interest every Jew, Catholic and Gentile in the United States. Such a film could enflame the desire to get more out of life than the sorrow of semi-annual war, a desire in the hearts of men since the first syllable of recorded time.

Action along the lines mentioned above has been too long delayed. The writer would appreciate any material on the above episode you can supply, particularly concerning the following points:

1. When and where the episode occurred.
2. The names, addresses, background and precise denominations of the ministers.
3. Who the G.I.'s were that benefited from the sacrifice.
4. What has been done for the surviving families of these heroes.
5. The route of the ship.
6. How churchmen feel regarding a memorial.
7. Your suggestions regarding universal appreciation of the significance of the sacrifice, including a memorial.

We will pay any expenses entailed, subject to our acceptance, that will give us any of the information desired.

Very truly yours,

*J B Robinson*

1387 W. 9th St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

780th A. A. F. Base Unit  
150th A. A. C. S. Squadron  
A. P. O. 660 c/o Postmaster  
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Reader's Digest  
Pleasantville, New York.

Gentlemen:

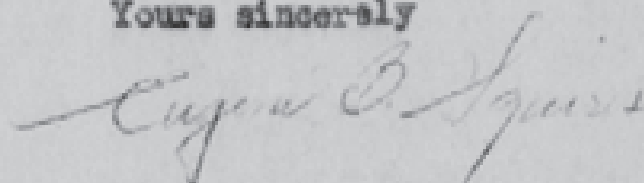
Enclosed herewith you will find a brief manuscript which is being forwarded in hopes that it may be published in some future issue of Reader's Digest.

I have no knowledge as to how one goes about submitting something such as this for publication, so am simply forwarding it directly to you for consideration. I have never, until this time, even thought about writing anything for publication. However, the subject of this "junior-grade" tome is one which has received a good deal of comment and discussion in numerous army camps all over the world. We have hopes that it will be suitable for your purpose because it was written expressly for Reader's Digest with a view toward reaching a large number of discriminating readers. We appreciate that the subject is one ordinarily so controversial and so involved that it is avoided whenever possible. However we believe that we see the picture clearly, and feel so strongly that our perspective is correct, that we would like to pass on to others our simple convictions. It is not our intention to foist our opinions upon others, but simply to explain what we believe to be a rather typical "G. I." trend of thought upon the question of religious intolerance.

The discussion mentioned in the manuscript was held between five other officers and myself during the course of a typically cold, wet, and muddy Okinawa evening. Those who took part in it were a Catholic, a Jew, a son of a Methodist minister, and three assorted Protestants. Four of the six men were college graduates. The sociologist referred to is Dr. Frederick E. Lumsley of Ohio State University, under whom I had the pleasure of studying in 1937 and 1938.

At this writing our organization is in process of transfer to Japan. The return address given is that of our new location. I would appreciate any information as to the suitability of this article for your publication and any comment or criticism you may care to render.

Yours sincerely



EUGENE B. SQUIRES  
Lieutenant, Air Corps

## A G. I. VIEW OF RELIGION

There are no atheists in fox-holes.

There are Catholics who pray to their Catholic God; there are Protestant who pray to their Protestant God; there are Jews who pray to their Jewish God. The words may be in a hundred different languages but the thoughts expressed are the same.

Just who are these Gods? Are they separate entities, each with His own particular sphere of influence? Does each One carefully categorize the varied supplications and sift out for His consideration only those particularly applicable to His peculiar group? Is it conceivable that in the Heavenly Chamber there is a "Dieux" department ministering to the French, a "Gott" for the Germans, a "God" who listens only to the English, and within each a branch for each sect?

Is there some truth in the Holy Book which addresses all peoples and quotes "I am the Lord thy God and there is none else"? Is it not likely that each voice, instead of wending its separate way to its proper destination is but a component of the one pyramid of peripatetic prayer which roots in the hearts of mortals over all the earth and ascends to the domain of One Supreme Being?

Whence comes then the babel of vituperative calumny which labels the God of the Catholic a nonentity because the Catholic addresses Him in the Catholic manner, or denies Jehovah because He is addressed as such by the Jew? And who is the purveyor of this calumny? Just who is this definitive demagogue who presumes the God prayed to by one of another faith to be non-existent simply because he does not care to share his God with those who, by



reason of being slightly different are deemed inferior? He is not the man in the fox-hole.

Seeds of thought find fallow ground in which to grow and blossom in the mud of Okinawa. Watered by torrential rains, nurtured by an overabundance of time, trampled by confinement to a tiny area, and fertilized by the pollen of discussion, ideas and convictions develop. Possibly a lack of normal, civilized outlets for energy creates a frenetic and hyperesthetic attitude toward discussion of debatable points. Possibly these circumstances tend to create in the minds of men so placed a feeling of clairvoyance, an ability to reduce problems to their basic components, to analyze, to simplify.

Be that as it may, a routine evening news broadcast from "Your Armed Forces Radio" dealing with a religious disturbance in some far-distant part of the world was heard by a group of men in a shack on Okinawa, which engendered a discussion lasting far into the morning. No one claimed any superior ecclesiastical knowledge. No one made any pretense of being an authority on the abstract subject of religion. Each man, however, at one time or another, had been faced with some sort of religious prejudice or intolerance. Each man had lived with men of many faiths, had worked and fought side by side with them, and in several instances had helped to bury them. Each had learned the basic lesson so essential in the business of fighting a war---simply that staying alive necessitated team-work and interdependence. That lesson had been learned

the hard way, and its assimilation was contingent upon a prior realization that each member of the team had to bear responsibility, to be depended upon, to fit in, solely on his merits as a man---not as a Catholic, a Methodist, an Episcopalian, a Jew, a Lutheran, but as a man. Albeit one is a member of a particular religious group or sect, he is no less an individual and a man.

Just what does each religion stand for? What are its aims? How is it like other religions and how is it different? We sat there, we six average fellows, considered these questions, and then began to recapitulate our findings. Out of the vastness of our theoretical ignorance and our practical knowledge we discussed everything from Buddhism to Mormonism. We found as many different languages, means of expression, and procedures as there were religions. Each differed in superficial routine from the others. But in basic context, in the day-to-day religion as we live it, we found complete accord. We found goodness and virtue and kindly consideration preached and taught in each. We found that all great teachers were thoroughly conversant with the efficacy of the Golden Rule as a guiding principle of gregarious living.

We found that all religions base their philosophies on the unquestioned presence of some omnipotent and omnipresent Being. This Being is beyond mortal powers of comprehension, so each religion teaches faith, faith in Him. What difference what we call Him so long as we know He is there?

Inasmuch as the teachings are the same in general, why misunderstanding and interseetal antipathy? The cause must lie in the pupils, not the teachings, in interpolation rather than interpretation. Once we realize this, the rest is simple, for we know that he who preaches discrimination and intolerance is either ignorant of the truth or deliberately lying to further a particular purpose. Look to the pre-May 12, 1945 Nazis for the epitome of effort in this vein, and look to the post-May 12 Nazis for the result!

A prominent sociologist once said, "When a stupid person enters into a discussion and finds himself bested he turns the discussion into an argument. When he finds he has lost the argument he ends it by calling names". How many times have political arguments been terminated abruptly by someone saying, "Well, you're just a damned Communist - or Democrat - or Republican"? How many times have religious discussions ended in the same manner?

This same sociologist also said, "The stupid person, finding himself incapable of accomplishing his desires, and feeling himself to be inferior, subconsciously seeks to bolster his crumbling ego, not by surpassing his fellows, not by raising himself above their level, but by trying to degrade them, to reduce them so that he may emerge as their superior. The result, to him, is the same".

We realize that the chronic defamer, the name-caller, the man who makes a practice of inciting disturbances and preaching hate is not he with whom we have been working and fighting. He

is not one of us. We are the same cross-section of American people we were three or four years ago. Despite our enforced temporary migration we have the same likes and dislikes we had before, but experience has seasoned and mellowed our thinking. Possibly we are a bit more tolerant, more analytical in our thinking, more prone to look for the good in people rather than the bad. We have learned to know the terrapin for what he is, we dislike him, and we deplore his inept stupidity.

Each of us could think back to times at home when a fellow man had been castigated simply for being a member of a particular religious sect. The Jew remembered with bitterness the times that "Jew" had been used as an epithet. The Catholic remembered the times when his religion had been the cause of rancor or enmity on the part of others. The Episcopalian ruefully recalled the times he had been categorized as a "plenty poor Episcopalian", and so on ad infinitum.

That was back home where people were supposed to be living amicably together, not here where half the people were trying desperately to kill the other half. Here where the veneer of civilized living had been so roughly eradicated, the essential values had shown through, and had been taken cognizance of. Here each man realized that the chap next to him was not a good or bad Jew or Catholic or sectarian of any sort, but just a good or bad man, or just an average guy. Without benefit of church, and often without the aid of clergy, each man was thoroughly capable of praying to his God in any way or language he saw fit. He prayed to the same

God we all prayed to. His interpretation was his own affair and his beliefs were respected by all.

Whence then any basis for discrimination on any score but that of the man himself? We realized then, all of us, that there was no religious discrimination, not among us. And we feel reasonably certain that there is very little anyplace in our ranks.

In some cases it may have taken a war to make us realize the efficacy of these facts. Well, we've fought the war and won. We've fought for principles of freedom and democracy. We fought unequivocally and we won unequivocally. Let us hope that the principles for which we fought will continue to be the rules by which our lives are guided once we return to enjoy the peace for which we have worked so long and so hard.

As individuals let us remember Shakespeare's Polonius who, in addressing Laertes gave the world a doctrine by which to live:

"This above all----

To thine own self be true.

Then it must follow as the night the day

Thou canst not then be false to any man".



5143 South Harper Avenue  
Chicago 15, Illinois  
December 15th, 1945.

Dear Rabbi Silver;

I thought these things  
might be of use to some  
of our Jewish friends  
in Europe.

With love, and best  
wishes to you and yours,

I am,

Sincerely yours,

Bertha Lichtman

December 18, 1945

Mrs. Henriette Glicksman  
10419 Somerset Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Glicksman:

Dr. Silver just returned from Palestine where he saw your daughter. He brought back with him a box of candy and regards from your daughter which he would like to deliver to you personally. Please come in to see him at your convenience. Perhaps it would be a good idea to call before you come to make sure that Dr. Silver is in.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver



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# THE PUBLIC NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

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December 20, 1945

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

My dear Abba:

Highly delighted about your safe return to Cleveland. We are all here naturally awaiting with great anticipation your "report" of your stay with the folks at Jerusalem and of their personal welfare. During your next visit to the City, how about meeting Bessie and Rose and their families at my home for dinner, at which time we could enjoy a family reunion and hear the news that you have brought from Palestine?

This being the end of the year, may I remind you as usual to please forward to me the series of checks for the folks for the following year? Under separate cover, I am forwarding to you for your, I am sure, interested inspection Professor Cronin's textbook on economics, which he forwarded to me recently, and which contains a very fine summary of one of the chapters of my "Ethics of Judaism." You can conveniently return it to me at your leisure in the same wrapper.

I was thrilled at the news this morning of the final passing by the Congress of the Palestine Resolution. Great work, old scout!

With my usual love to yourself, Virginia and the boys, in which Jane and Marion join me, I am

As ever,

*Max*

P.S. We received a cable from Harold on December 8 that he may embark for home on December 10, in which event Harold should be back with us the first or second week in January.

*Max*

Jacob SCOMOROVSKI,  
44 Nahmani St.  
TEL AVIV.  
(Palestine).

Tel Aviv, 20th Dec., 45.

Dear Sir,

I would be very grateful, if you would kindly help me in finding out my relatives in the U.S.A.

I immigrated a year ago from Rumania to Palestine and before I had lost the exact addresses of my relatives.

I know only the names and the places where they are living:

1. Mr. Sol BOYCHE and 2. Mr. Meyer PROSER  
in Cleveland (Ohio) or Johnston (Ohio).

As I would like to get in touch with them, I hope to get with your kind assistance the exact addresses.

Thanking you in advance,

I remain,

dear Sir,

yours faithfully,

Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
Cleveland (Ohio).

*Jacob Scamorovsky*

December 20, 1945

Mrs. S. Kounin  
1510 Belmar  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Kounin:

I am enclosing herewith Dr. Silver's  
contribution to the Pioneer Women's Organization  
booklet.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

December

נרבתה ה-22 בדצמבר 1945

המסן: נרבתה דואר כרכור, מסמן מרדס חנה, 43

לכבוד

הד"ר אבא הלל סילבר,

נשיא ההסתדרות הציונית באמריקה,

חבר ההנהלת הסוכנות היהודית לארץ ישראל,

ק ל י ב ל נ ד.

ד"ר אבא הלל סילבר הנכבד,

הננו מתכבדים להזכיר לכבודו את תוכן שיחתו עם

נציגי קיבוצנו החברים בנתן ב ד ק ו י ש ר א ל ז י מ ן מיום שלישי,

ה-12 בדצמבר 1945, בזמן שהותו בירושלים, במלון "עדן".

אין לנו ספק שכבודו יזכר לבטח בשיחתנו זו, בה הבטיח

לנו את עזרתו המוסרית וההמריית בענין העברה מפעל כספי בין יהודי ליטא שבאמריקה

שמגמתו ומטרתו להקמת אגף, מוקדש לזכרה של יהדות ליטא, בבית התרבות שעומד להי-

בנות בקיבוצנו על שמה של חברת קיבוצנו ח ב י ב ה ר י י ק.

עשינו כפי עצת כבודו והעברנו מכתב לאיגוד יוצאי ליטא

באמריקה בו אנו /פורשים את תכניתנו לכל פרטיה; העתק המכתב הזה הננו מציאים

לכבודו, כדי שיוכל לעקוב אחרי הדבר, כחילו מקרוב.

אנו מניחים שתכתבנו זה יגיע לכבודו בעת ובעונה אחת

עם מכתבנו לאיגוד יוצאי ליטא באמריקה והננו מתכבדים לבקש את כבודו שיעשה

במיטב יכולתו ואמירותו למען להחיש את מתן העזרה המסרית להקמת המפעל, אותו

קיבל הד"ר הנכבד, באהדה והבנה רבה.

אנו מאמינים שהבטחתו כענינה עומדת ואין לנו כל ספק

שכבודו יעשה את הכול למען צפיד לנו את הגמלה וביצוע תכניתנו זו.

נחיה אסירי חודה לכבודו, ביה יודיע לנו מה הם הצעדים

בהם נקט כבודו כדי להחיש את הענין.

כמו כן הננו מתכבדים להודיע לכבודו בקשר לבקשתו

למתן חופש לקרובו - חברו ישראל זימן - למשך תקופה מסוימת למען להיות מקרוב

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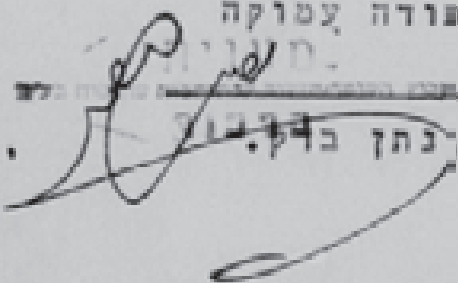
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קבוצת פועלים להתיישבות שחופית בע"מ

נרבה

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צום

פארבאנד פון ליטווישע יידן אין די פאראייניקטע שטאטן פון אמעריקע,

נ"ו-יארק.

ז.ב.ה.;

טייערע פריינט,

מיו האבן דעם כבוד זיך צו ווענדן צו איין מיט

פאלגנדיקן ענין: אין געשמועס פון דינסטיק דעם 12טן ד.ס., מיט ד"ר

אבא הלל סילווער, וועלכער האט צו דער צייט געוויילט אין ירושלים, אין

צוזאמענהאנג מיט די זיצונגען פון דער יידישער אגענץ פאר ארץ-ישראל

און אקציאנס קאמיטעט פון דער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע, האבן אונזערע

דעלעגירטע, די חברים נתן ברק און ישראל זיפאן, זיך געווענדעט צו ד"ר

אבא הלל סילווער ער זאל מיטווייזן און מיטשעלפן ביים דורכפירן א געלט-

זאטלונג צווישן די ליטווישע יידן אין אמעריקע, וואס באצוועקט אויפצו-

שטעלן א קולטור-הוז (בית-חבונה) אין אונזער קיבוץ אויפן נאמען פון אונזער

זכר אומגעקומענע חברה ת.ת.י.ד.י.א., וועלכע איז אין נאדעסטער

1944 (וועגן איר טויט-טאג) פון דער צייט דערנאכט מיט א סאנאט צוריק),

דער-סאטנ געווארן דורך די דייטשן דערפאלגנדיק א גרויסע שליחות אלס פארא-

מיטסטן הינטער די פינגט-ליניעס ביים אנפירן מיט דער רעטונגס-ארבעט

פון די יידן אין סלאוואקיע.

אונזער אומגעקומענע חברה, חביבה רייק, איז געבוי-

טן אין באנסקא ביטטריצא, א קליין שטעטל אין דער סלאוואקא; שוין פון

איר פריסטער יוגנט פארנעמט זי זיך מיט געזעלשאפטלעכע און ציוניסטישע

ארבעט. אויף אלע געביטן פון דער פארצווייגטער ציוניסטישער ארבעט זעט

סען חברה חביבה רייק בראש פון די טוערס.

זי באגנוגט זיך מיט מיט ווארט, פילנדיק אז זי פא-

דערט זיך אויף די פארווירקלעכונגס-פאזיציעס פון השומר הצעיר באוועגונג -

בייט זי אריבער צו איינפאכער פיזישער ארבעט, אויף הכשרה, פון וואגען זי

ווערט ארויסגעהויבן צו פארשיידענע צענטראלע פאסטנס און ארבעט פון דער

באוועגונג.

אין הארבסט 1939 איז זי עולה קיין ארץ ישראל און

היינט זיך אין אן אונזער קיבוץ. די הארטע און גרויס קיבוצישע ווירקלעכ-

קייט און דער הונדערט לעבן פון אן ארבעטער אין ארץ ישראל דערהינטערט מיט

אונזער חברה, מיט עקסנות און פעסטן ווילן איבערווינדט זי אלע שוועריקיי-

טן און אויך אין קיבוץ לעבן איז זי אקטעטיק און שטעלט זיך אין צענטר פון

פון קיבוצישן אוינבוי.

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איר בעזעלעכע סעטיקייט באגרענעצט זיך ניט אין די

ראשען פון קיבוץ, אויך אין דער מו"בה (קאלאניע) כרכור, וואס ליגט ארט  
בעפן קיבוץ, איז אין א גרויסער מאס קענטיק אונזער דברה'ס, חביבה רייק'ס,  
השפעה. נאך זייענדיק א קורצע צייט אין לאנד פירט זי אן מיט דער ארגוני-  
זירן די ארבעט פון ארבעטארינס-מוטער (אמהות עובדות) אין דער קאלאניע;  
ארגאניזירט און גרינדעט א קינדער-היים פאר די קינדער פון די ארבעטארינס-  
מוטערס, וואו די קינדער פארבריינגען און ווערן דערצויגן אין די יעה'ן  
ווען זייערע מוטערס זיינען פארנומען מיט ארבעט.

אין יאר 1942, אין די טעג פון אל-אלימין, ווען דער שונא  
סטייט נאנט ביי די טויערן פון לאנד, פאבליזירט זיך חביבה פרייוויליק און  
שליסט זיך אן אן די רייען פון אינערלעכן-שוץ פון ארץ ישראל'דיקן ישוב.  
אויך דא קומט זי שנעל ביי אלע שוועריקייטן און צייכנט זיך אויס מיט איר  
געדולד, אויסדויער און מסירות ביי דער גילעק, שווערער אויפגאבע. אין א  
יאר שפעטער ווערן געפאדערט פרייוויליקע צו ענליכע אויפגאבן, אבער דאס  
מאל אויסער די גרענעצן פון לינד.

חביבה רייק צווייפלט נישט קיין רגע אז איר פלאץ איז צווישן  
די וואס דארפן דערגרייכן די הינטער-לעצטע פון פיינט. מיט איבערגעבנקייט  
גרייט זי זיך צו איר גילער-ליחות, מיט ציטער און פרייד דערווארט זי דעם  
טאג ווען זי וועט דערגרייכן די פיינט-ליינעס. אין 1943 פארלאזט זי דאס  
לאנד, וויסנדיק ווי שווער עס וועט זיין איר פליכט און אויפגאבן; זי ווייזט  
אז זי וועט זיין אפגעזונדערט און אפגעשלאסן פון חברים און פיינט און  
ארויסגערינגלט מיט פיינטלעכע, אכזריות'דיקע כוחות - אבער דאס אלץ שטערט  
איר ניט צו דעפילן דאס וואס זי דארף דורכפירן.

האט דער גורל געוואלט, אז איר סעטיקייט ארט זאל דוקא  
זיין די קארפאטן-בערג, וואו זי האט פארבראכט איר יוגנט. מאנאטן פארגייען  
און פיר ווארטן אויף א ידיעה פון איר. מיט א ציטער אין הארצן ווארטן פיר  
פאנאטן לאנג אויף דער קלענסטער נאכריכט, אבער באלד האבן אנגעהויבן קומען  
ידיעות וועגן איר, דורך אנדערע מענטשן, וואס טרעפן איר אין פארשיידענע  
ערטער אין פארשיידענע געשטאלטן און קליידונג אויף די וועגן פון סלאוואקיע.  
די לעצטע ידיעות וועגן איר זיינען אנגעקומען אין האבסט

1944 און ווידער א מאל פון באנסקא ביסטריצא, אין דער צייט וואס אין  
סלאוואקיע איז אויסגעבראכן אן אויפשטאנד, קעגן די נאציסע דעראבערער און  
אונטערדריקער; די ידיעה יוגנט אין סלאוואקיע רייסט דורך די צאמען פון  
די ארבעטס לאגערן אין טעלש זיך אין קאמף קעגן דייטשן פאזיצוס.

אויך מיט דער ארבעט פירט אן אונזער חברה, חביבה רייק.



## נרבה

דערמונטערט, דערוועקט און בלאזט אריין אין די הערצער פון דער יידישער יוגנט א נייעם גלויבן; זי ארגאניזירט א יידישע פארטיזאנען גרופע, וועלכע פירט דורך פארשיידענע טעראר-אקטן קעגן די דייטשע פארבאפערט.

אין נאוועמבער 1944 איז דער אויפ-טאנד אונטערדריקט געווארן אויף א גרויזאמען אופן. דער צרעסטער טייל פון דער יידישער פארטיזאנען-גרופע איז דעריאסן געווארן און צווישן זיי אויך אונזער חברה, חביבה רייק. זי האט געקענט ראטעווען איר לעבן, ווען זי ווילט באווייליקט צו בעטן ביי דייטשן באגנעדיקונג, ווי עס איז איר פארגעלייגט געווארן; אבער מיט שטאלץ און זוירדע פון א יידישע טאכטער ענטפערט זי: " ביי דייטשן בעט איך נישט באגנעדיקונג" - און דער טויט אורטייל, דורך שיסן, איז איבער איר אויסגע-פירט געווארן.

דאס איז דער קורצער לעבנס-וועג און העראישער טויט פון א יידיש מיידל, וועלכע האט זיך מיט פולן באוואוסטזיין און מסירות-נפש געשטעלט צום דינסט פון איר פאלק.

אין דעם גרויסן קולטור-הויז דארף, לויט אונזער פלאן, אויך איינגעארדנט ווערן אן אפטיילונג געוויינט דעם אנדענק פון ליטווישן יידן-טום, וועלכער איז אויף אזא גרויזאמען אופן פארניכטעט און אומגעבראכט געווארן.

דער געדאנק, אז ביי אונז איז קיבוץ דארף אויפגעשטעלט ווערן דער אנדענק פון ליטווישן יידנטום, איז אויפגעבראכט געווארן דורך די ליט-ווישע חברים וואס ביי אונז, ווי צוליב דעם אליין וואס אלע אונזערע ליט-ווישע חברים האבן באוויזן צו פארלאזן ליטע א קורצע צייט פארן אויסברוך פון דער לעצטער טלהמה, און וואס זיינען במילא אויך די לעצטע מאהיקאנער פון ליטווישן יידנטום פאר זיין אומקומען.

דערפאר איז פארשטענדלעך פאר וואס דער געדאנק פון אויסשטעלן אן אנדענק פון ליטווישן יידנטום איז דורכן גאנצן קיבוץ אויפגענומען געווא-רן מיט התלהבות.

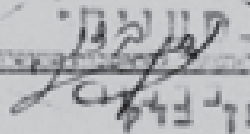
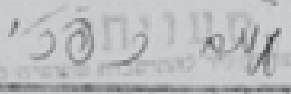
אין דער אפטיילונג דארף געזאמלט און קאנצעטרירט ווערן אלע גייסטיקע ווערטן און רייכטימער פון ליטווישן יידנטום פאר די לעצטע 30 - 25 יאר. צייטונגען און ביכער, צייטשריפטן און מ'גאבראפיעס, בילדער און זילוסטראציעס, פעריאדישע און וועכנטלעכע אויסגאבעס אין יידיש און העברעאיש, בריוו און דאקומענטן פון פארשיידענע קולטורעלע, גאציאנאלע, עקאנאמישע און סאציאלע מוסדות און ארגאניזאציעס, וואס האבן אין מסך פון א פעוטל יאהונדערט געשאפן און געוויקט אין לעבן פון ליטווישן יידנטום. ווי אויך איז פארשריבן און געזאמלט געווארן דורך אונזערע ליטווישע חברים



וועגן דעם וואס איז פארגעקומען אין ליטע פאר דער צייט פון דער דייטשער  
א קומאנדיע. צענדליקער בריוו, באקומענע פון ליטע, אויך דאס וואס עס דער-  
ציילן ליטווישע יידן וואס זיינען געקומען פארן לעצטן האלבן יאר קיין  
ארץ ישראל, ווי אויך דאס וואס עס גיבן איבער ליטווישע יידישע פארטיזאנען  
וואס האבן געקעמפט קעגן די דייטשע פאשיסטן און וואס זיינען געקומען אין  
לאנד מיט א דריי-פיר מאנאט צוריק. א טייל פון די פארטיזאנען לעבן ביי  
אונז אין קיבוץ - דאס אלץ וועט געפינען א היקון אין דער אפטיילונג פון  
גרויסן קולטור-הויז וואס וועט אויפגעשטעלט ווערן אין אונזער קיבוץ.  
מיט גרויס פארשטענדעניש טון סימער סימפאטיע האט ד"ר אבא  
הלל סילווער זיך באצויגן און אויפגענומען אונזער פלאן און האט פארשפראכט  
צו טאן אלץ, כדי אונז דערמעגלעכן און רעאליזירן אויפצושטעלן דעם אפטיי-  
לונג געוויינטע דעם אנדענק פון ליטווישן יידנטום, אין קולטור-הויז אויפן  
נאכען פון אונזער חברת ה' ב' ה' י' ק.  
דער קולטור-בניין, דארף צינען נישט נאר די לאקאלע קולטור-  
רעלע באדערפענישן, נאר אלס צענטר פון פארשפרייטן בילדונג און וויסן פאר  
דער ארומיקער סביבה. זיינען אלס טרעף פונקט פאר צונויפלייגן און צוזאמענ-  
פארן פון דער ארבעטער - יוגנט אין לאנד, ווייל ס'וועט געפינען זיך אין צענטר  
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מיט אכטונג און גרוס

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EDWIN L. Mc FALLS 2640 ST. JAMES PKWY. CLEVELAND, OHIO

December 22, 1945.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I should like to make a small contribution for the relief of unfortunate people abroad.

Would you be so kind as to endorse the enclosed to one or more of the funds with which you are identified which are used for that purpose. I am asking this favor because it will insure the amount being used to the greatest good.

Thanking you for this help,

Yours very truly,

*E. Mc Falls*

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

Fannie S. Lowenstein  
2585 Kemper Road  
Shaker Heights, Ohio

Dear Ratti Silver -

I wish to express  
my gratitude for the kind and beautiful  
words you spoke of Mr. Lowenstein.

You were always such intimate friends  
and I know they were said in utmost  
sincerity. My love is beyond words,  
but I am resigned to the inevitable  
as he lived a noble and full life.

Please accept this trifle and do not  
return it. Use it for one of your pet  
charities. My love to Virginia.

Affect. yours,

Fannie S. Lowenstein

Dec. 24, 1945

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BROAD STREET AT GLENHAM STREET  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

WILLIAM G. BRAUDE, PH.D., Rabbi  
ALBERT T. SILVERMAN, Assistant Rabbi

ARCHIBALD SILVERMAN, President  
226 PUBLIC STREET

Dec. 24, 1945

Dear Rabbi Silver: -

I have a friend who is an assistant Professor of English at Brown University, <sup>and</sup> whose specialty, I believe, is the novel. He is exceedingly able and very personable, having been elected chosen several times as the most popular professor on the campus. He held a Guggenheim Fellowship, has written several novels, and best of all, he is an ardent Jew, at home in both worlds. Not long ago I read to him an English translation of a Midrash which he followed without difficulty in the original.

His name is Israel Kapstein. Now, I believe, this man belongs at the Hebrew University.



He will, <sup>then</sup> be useful to the Jewish people,  
and, unless I misjudge the char-  
acter of the institution, <sup>he</sup> will ~~there~~  
find himself at home there.

Is there a possible opening  
for a man of his type at the  
University? Please let me  
know.

Ever with cordial greetings

Bill

P. S. This idea is completely my  
own. After I thought of it, I dis-  
cussed it with his wife. She  
felt that her husband would  
be interested. And on the strength  
of her response I am writing  
this letter.

BENJAMIN SPINOZA  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
ONE STATE STREET  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

December 24, 1945

Dr. Abba H. Silver  
c/o The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

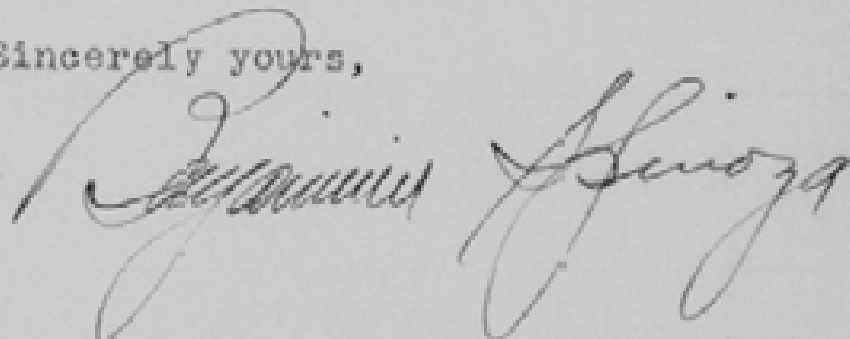
I am a trustee and member of the Pulpit Committee of Temple Ohabei Shalom of Brookline, Massachusetts.

As you probably know, our Rabbi Abrams, due to illness, has been elected Rabbi Emeritus; consequently, our Committee has been engaged in investigating various gentlemen of the rabbinate to succeed him as Rabbi.

I have reason to believe that you are well acquainted with two rabbis about whom we are seeking information, one being Dr. Baruch Braunstein and the other being Rabbi Narat. I would appreciate receiving your candid opinion about both of these gentlemen. I would like to hear from you, too, of anything specific you may know with respect to Dr. Braunstein's relationship with the JDC and its affiliated organizations. I ask this question of you specifically because of your close association with those organizations.

Because I realize that it may not be expedient to express all your thoughts by letter, I would be pleased to have you reverse charges if you wish to phone me.

Sincerely yours,



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Mrs. Viola S. Deutsch  
2597 Hampshire Road  
Cleveland Heights 6, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver -

Again I want to thank  
you for the beautiful memorial  
services you conducted for Walter.  
Appreciating how very busy you  
have been since your return,  
I am doubly grateful and want  
you to know how comforting  
and satisfying it was to have  
had the services - a bitter sweet  
comfort, it is true.

The organ music com-  
pleted the perfection of the services  
and thanks, too, for that sug-  
gestion -

Mrs. Viola S. Deutsch  
2597 Hampshire Road  
Cleveland Heights 6, O.

In gratitude for all, it is my  
privilege to send the enclosed  
check to you, to be used as  
you wish.

Yours  
Viola S. Deutsch

Dec 25, 1945



## CONGREGATION BETH-OR

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JOHN J. ZUCKER, Ph.D., Rabbi

820 NIXON AVE. Phone 5220

December 25, 1945

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I thank you for your kind letter of December 19. I learnt in Los Angeles that you had gone to Palestine. I am happy, indeed, that Congress at least acted. I know that it was heart-breaking work at times; the Emergency Council kept me informed. I was more than happy that I could do my share as far as Nevada was concerned.

You will understand how sorry I am now that I had to advise Mr. Shapiro that I could not continue my work for the Council since the Board of my congregation asked for my resignation. As the Board was ready to acknowledge my conscientious and successful work for the congregation as well as my inter-faith and Zionist work, I must take on its face value their desire of hiring an unmarried returning chaplain toward whom they would have less obligations than toward a married man with two children. Besides, I am sure that opposition started with those members who did not want that I go through with the project of building a synagogue. I collected a considerable sum of money already and the time would have neared when they would have had to contribute, too. The building project has been shelved with me.

I am looking for a position, now. It is difficult because there are not many congregations in the west and congregations in the east will be loath to pay the high travelling expenses for a trial. I sent an application for the position of the Mid-Western Area Director of the ZOA to Dr. Sidney Marks and took the liberty of giving you as a reference.

I feel that I should not trouble you with my problems as you are kept busy by your responsibilities as leader of American Jewry in this trying time. Still, I know your interest in me and am sure that you will lend me your help whenever possible.

With best wishes from house to house, I am

Yours most sincerely,

*John J. Zucker*

Mrs. William Wolff  
832 Arch Street  
Newberry, Pa.

Dec. 26, 1945

Dear Rabbi,

No doubt you will be surprised to hear from a total stranger, but I am confronted with a problem and I am wondering if you couldn't help me out.

For about two years we haven't heard from our nephew, Fred Wolff, who was in the army and served in Belgium. Before that his wife Sadie wrote regularly and so did he. We are worried that something happened. If you would be so kind and contact them and let us know how they are we would be very grateful to you.

Their address is:

Fred Wolff  
807-East 88 street  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Thanking you for your kindness I am

Sincerely yours,

William Wolff

Called  
Mrs. Wolff



780th AAF Base Unit  
Headquarters 150th AACB Sq.  
APO 660 c/o Postmaster  
San Francisco, Calif.  
26 December 1945

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Greetings from the land of the "Rising Sun". This letter may surprise you. Matter of fact it surprises me a little bit, but that's neither here nor there. Hello anyway.

At the moment I'm parked on Okinawa, but am leaving tomorrow morning for Japan, and will be in Tokyo in plenty of time for the cocktail hour and a few short beers. No rest for the wicked, is the old adage, and judging by the way we've been moving around for the past six months, I must have plenty of sins to repent.

Enclosed you will find a couple of things, one an article I wrote a few weeks ago which I'd had fond hopes of having published in the "Readers' Digest", and the other the letter of transmittal by which it was mailed. I'm sending these to you because I thought you might be interested in the subject. It is one with which I've had a good bit of personal contact, by reason of having spent the past couple of years as a so-called "Personnel Officer". I believe that the copy of the letter to Readers' Digest pretty well explains why the article was written.

You may think it strange for one of your not-so-shining examples of pupilhood to interest himself in something so abstract as religious intolerance in the raw, but, despite the dearth of ecclesiastical knowledge and training of the men with whom I live, we are interested in the subject. Well, there's no sense in my trying to give you the whole background, but, for better or worse, here's the article, and I hope you enjoy reading it.

I had intended waiting until a reply reaches me from Readers' Digest before sending you this copy. However, upon a rather close study of the contributors to that publication I found that there's no such thing as an unknown writer represented in its pages. Therefore I've decided to look for nothing more than a polite rejection slip. I doubt seriously if it would be published for a couple of reasons, one that I'm no great writer, and therefore the chances are that it isn't too well written, and secondly the Digest seems to steer clear of anything as controversial in subject as religious discrimination. Well, anyway I did manage to wile away a lot of idle hours working on the thing.

I've seen many new places and many strange sights since last I dropped into your study to say "Hi". I shan't try to describe them because they're the same things that seven or eight million other fellows have seen in the past three years. However I'd like nothing better than to drop in and chat with you again soon and tell you a wee bit about it. Matter of fact, the sooner I might drop in the better I'd like it. Not that I'm homesick or anything of the sort---I just want to be home.

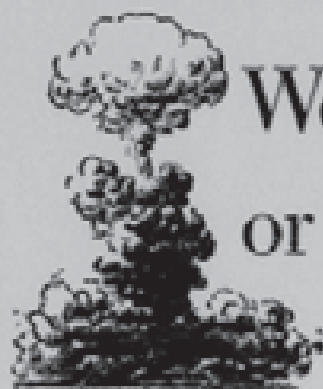
Well, there's much in the way of packing to be done, so best I sign off and get down to business. I hope you won't think me presumptuous for sending you this stuff, but I do hope you'll find it interesting. My best to Bill Cramer, Mrs. Silver, and your children, and I'll be looking forward to seeing you one of these fine days in the not-too-distant future.

Yours sincerely,

*Gene Squire*



The crisis now suddenly facing mankind, as seen by a noted British commentator



# World Government or World Destruction?

*Condensed from National News-Letter*

STEPHEN KING-HALL

A widely read weekly of information and opinion, *National News-Letter* is published in London by Stephen King-Hall, author of *Total Victory*, *History of the War*, *Britain's Third Chance*, etc.

THE dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki was a fearful business, but it may be that never in all the long history of human slaughter have lives been lost to greater purpose. For now it is evident that every human being has a stake in the conduct not only of national affairs but of world affairs.

You are a unit of *humanity*, linked to all your fellow human beings, irrespective of race, creed or color, by bonds which have been fused unbreakably in the diabo-ical heat of those explosions. The atomic bomb has made political and economic nationalism meaningless, and so has abolished large-scale national war.

Yet the fact that large-scale national or "total" war is obsolete, along with the nation-state, is still not fully realized. It is said that to every means of offense a defense can be provided. This is still true, but what must be understood is that the

defense against the atomic bomb is unlikely to be found in the material sphere. It is no use having better bombs or more of them; it is no use going underground and thinking in terms of the old-fashioned war of 1939-45, which is now as out of date as the Battle of Hastings. The only defense against atomic bombs is the creation of a world in which no one has the slightest desire to drop atomic bombs on anyone else.

Today, for instance, we Britons know that the U.S.A. possesses atomic bombs and also the planes to carry them over London between sunset and dawn. Yet, we do not go about our business in the shadow of the valley of death. We are hardly conscious of the fact that we are potentially at the absolute mercy of the Americans. Can we honestly say that we should feel quite so comfortable if we heard that General Franco had a bagful of atomic bombs?

Look at it from another angle. It is a fair assumption that at least three great powers, the U.S.A., Great Britain and Russia, will soon be able to make atomic bombs; they will be joined by France, Sweden and others. The manufacture of atomic bombs

will become easier. What then? It is impossible to imagine that the masses will tolerate a situation in which every time the papers report a ruffle on the waters of international politics people will say, "Suppose they send over 100 atomic bombs tonight!"

No country will ever again dare issue an ultimatum to another with a time limit of even six hours, because the reply in five hours might be a shower of atomic bombs. It is obvious that the national sovereign state, in its political and economic manifestations (as opposed to its very necessary and useful cultural existence) finds itself in a dilemma. The only way out is the creation as rapidly as possible of a world state. There is no other way out, except to get out of this world via a series of terrific explosions.

The emergence of a world state as a consequence of natural evolution would probably not have come for another century or two. The League of Nations was a successor of many similar attempts, yet the nations could not bring themselves to bend their proud necks under the relatively light yoke of the Covenant. Twenty-five years later, at San Francisco, an even feeblér attempt to rationalize national sovereignty for the good of all men was adopted in an atmosphere of cynicism. All this humbug is blown away in an instant by two bombs and a few young men in a couple of B-29 planes.

Yes or No? Life or Death? Get together or blow yourselves to hell? Those are the brutal questions put by the mighty ultra-microscopic atom released by the brain of man from

the natural bonds of its balanced existence.

Consider the problem in greater detail. Of what use now are battleships, aircraft carriers, cruisers, submarines? The tank, the flame-thrower join on the scrap heap the myriads of batteries of guns, great and small. The vast and ponderous apparatus of combined operations, such as were being prepared for the invasion of Japan, are junk. Arguments for and against conscription are meaningless. For the atomic bomb enables its user to strike suddenly and with devastating effect at the whole of the enemy's civil population. Whoever uses it first does not necessarily win the war, because the atomic-bombers of nation A may be on their way to bomb nation B while their own homeland is being turned into a crematorium.

The statesmen of the Great Powers now find themselves obliged to grapple with the postwar problems of Europe, the Middle East and the Far East at a moment when the atomic bomb has blown the normal standards of power politics to smithereens.

If we attempt to grapple with these tremendous matters with the thought that they are only more complex reproductions of problems which have plagued us since 1914, we shall fail. If we are so mistaken as to imagine that we can overcome the world's troubles inside the framework of and with the tools provided by the United Nations' Charter, Bretton Woods and the Foreign Secretaries' Conference in London, we shall deceive ourselves. I say this for two reasons:

First, because our present-day problems are *not* reproductions of old ones. They are in principle a new kind of problem. They are not merely national problems with world implications. They are indisputably *world problems and humanity problems.*

Secondly, because the organizations and instruments mentioned above are based on the assumption that *national sovereign rights* are the foundations on which we must build. These organizations are like monkeys hanging head down from their national tails. We must have organizations which are like men sitting on their tails with their heads together.

If we are to solve these problems we must not be afraid to admit that world government is no longer merely a vision held by a few idealists. *World government has now become a hard-boiled, practical and urgent necessity.*

If it is to be created quickly enough to avoid disaster, men in government must be bold in action. It is not

enough, now, to have consultations at irregular intervals. The heads of states — using the machinery of the United Nations Security Council if nothing better is available — must meet regularly and become in effect a world executive committee. "Security" has almost overnight assumed a far more comprehensive meaning than was attached to it when the Council was established at San Francisco. This World Council must issue decisions and see that they are carried out.

We need not despair of human ability being capable of extracting a real peace and a new world from these seething difficulties. The mere fact that, through the workings of men's minds, events have occurred which have brought the world face to face with the greatest crisis in its history also shows that we are capable of thinking out the answer and taking appropriate action. It can be done. It must be done.



### *Caustic Comments*

» IN A crowded movie house, a young naval officer was just about to sit down in one of a pair of empty seats when he was abruptly pushed off balance by a woman trailing behind him with her husband. Before he could recover, the couple had plumped into the seats. "Sorry, my friend," said the husband, "we beat you!"

"That's all right," said the officer. "I hope you and your mother enjoy the show."

— Contributed by Lieut. Leslie Padraic

» A FRIEND of ours caught in Manhattan traffic saw a little woman dash in front of a car. The driver stopped just in time. "Then," says our friend, "the traffic cop turned to the woman and said, 'Lady, that's *abusing* the privilege of being stupid!'"

— PM

» ASKED if a famous Broadway producer had called him a pinhead, as reported, George Jean Nathan loftily replied, "That's impossible. Pinhead is a word of two syllables."

— Earl Wilson

# CLEVELAND NEWS

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December 26, 1945.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
City.

Dear Dr. Silver:

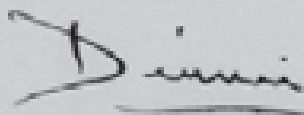
This is a simple thank you for  
your thoughtfulness in sending me a lovely gift in this holiday  
season.

You may be sure that it was deeply  
appreciated.

Now as we approach 1946 may I ex-  
press the hope that all your choicest dreams may be realized  
during the coming year.

Again many thanks for your contin-  
ued kindness to me.

Cordially,



William Dinwoodie



December 27, 1945

Mrs. Leo Federman  
2431 Traymore  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Federman:

I am enclosing herewith the letter which  
you requested. I trust that it will be satisfactory.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

BJK

December 31, 1945

Dear Rabbi Silver,

On behalf of The Temple  
Alumni Association, I am writing  
to ask you to be our guest  
speaker at our annual forum  
"I Take You Into My Confidence".  
Only a tentative date has  
been set - Sunday evening,  
January 20<sup>th</sup>, if it is convenient  
for you.

I had planned to see  
you at your office, but inasmuch as  
you have been ill, I am going to  
wait. We do want you to consider  
this offer however. I will make  
an appointment at your convenience.

Wishing you a speedy  
recovery, I am,  
Respectfully yours,  
Thos Keller

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December 31, 1945

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

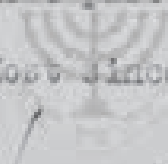
My dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you so much for your very nice letter upon my return to this country, and also for your cordial invitation of November 2nd which I regret my wife and I were unable to accept.

May I also take this opportunity to thank the various organizations of the Temple, through you, for the many remembrances which came to me periodically while overseas. The gifts were most useful; but more than that it was the knowledge that people at home remembered that mattered so much. It was a mighty boost to morale that too easily could sink to glum depths.

We do not expect to settle in Cleveland and therefore will be in no position to accept your thoughtful invitation to resume contacts with the Temple and the religious and cultural activities there.

Will you permit me to again thank you and Mrs. Silver for your nice invitation, and for your good wishes. With warmest greetings to you and yours, and the hope that the New Year will be brighter and better because of the conflicts of these past four.

 Most Sincerely,  


*Arnold J. Seidman*

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