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Personal correspondence, 1947 January-June.

15, Beistan-el-Khass,
Baghdad, Iraq.

January 5th, 1947.

Dear Sir,

I hardly know how to begin my letter. I have something to tell you and hope that you may spare me a few minutes of your time.

To begin with, I am an 18 year old Jewish student, a high school graduate, whose only wish is to continue his studies in the field of aeronautical engineering. I have met the requirements of several universities in regards to scholastic standing and studies, including the University of Minnesota. But the obstacle which is blocking the way to the realization of this ambition is the lack of financial assistance. My parents are unable to pay for my tuition. There is no adequate institution over here; and even if there is, I would have been unable of attending it for no simpler reason than I am a Jew. I can't study abroad at the expense of the Iraqi Government for the same cause. The governing body for our Jewish Community won't help in such matters. I do not need money because in the United States I can obtain a part-time employment and earn something sufficient both for living and tuition fees. I could secure neither a passport nor a visa if I am not sponsored by someone or some organization in the state. I must not hold that the employment I am going to have is my only

resource. I have to prove to the governments of both the United States and Iraq that there is someone to give me financial support.

I have stated my need clearly and directly and as to my qualification I am prepared to give ^{you} ample assurances. Enclosed herewith are copies of letters of recommendation by my former teachers together with one from the University of Minnesota. My photo is also included.

My last hope stands in your hand. Should you think my case worthy of notice and try to assist me, I may become a scientist at least, if not a great and famous man.

Sorry to have bored you with this letter.

Thanks in anticipation,

I am Sir,

Respectfully yours.

Akram H. Fattal.

AKRAM HARON FATTAL

Dr Abba H. Silver,
246 E. 105th Street,
Cleveland, O., U.S.A.

P.S. I have passed the London University Matriculation Exam before my class-fellows. Usually students leaving the Alliance School sit for this exam 2 years after graduation. I have been the first one who ever attempted to pass this exam while still in the Alliance School, and in the beginning of the last school year.

Copy of the original.

University of Minnesota
Minneapolis 14

Office of admissions and records

October 31, 1946

Mr. Akram H. Fattal
c/o N. Moshé
Metro-Goldwin-Mayer of Egypt
Rashid St., Roxy City, Baghdad
IRAQ

Dear Mr. Fattal

I have examined the papers which have been submitted on your behalf and find that you have met our requirements with respect to required scholastic standing and studies, so that under ordinary circumstances an admission certificate would be issued to you for study in our Institute of Technology for a course in aeronautical engineering. However, at the present time our registration is so unusually large that we must restrict the number of foreign students who will be accepted.

Under the present regulations, therefore, we can admit only those who come under one or the other of the following groups:

1. Those who are sent by their respective governments.
2. Those who hold scholarships in this country.
3. Those who are sponsored by some recognized educational organization or agency.

If you can show evidence of such sponsorship we shall be glad to send you an admission certificate, upon its receipt.

Very truly yours

(Signed) Clara H. Koenig, Assistant to the
Dean of Admissions

CHK:na



James H. [illegible]

Copy of the original.

September 26th, 1946.

Director of Admissions,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota.

Dear Sir,

The bearer Akram Haron Fattal, asked me to furnish him with a letter of recommendation that might introduce him to the University of Minnesota as a student for higher studies. I feel quite pleased to do this.

While still in the Alliance School with both French and Arabic examinations before him, he intended to pass the London University Matriculation. He approached me to coach him in Physics and to have special lessons required for this exam. I did so, and found him to be a persevering student, a hard and clever thinker, with a good memory for Mechanics, a genuine capacity for Mathematics and Mathematical Physics which shows a good promise for development, and a persistent reader for scientific books. He is never disappointed from failure and is sincere and honest to his companions as he is to his teachers and studies. He is very ambitious, and wants to work for high degrees and intellectual pursuits.

Perhaps, I have put too much praise in my words; and in case you accept him in your institution, you will no doubt find out for yourself to what extent all these fine virtues I attached to him are true and that he deserves them.

Hoping that you will try to do something in his favour.

Sincerely yours

(Signed) Isaac Baraaymon,
Instructor of Physics,
Alliance School,
A. D. Sassoon College,
Bagdad, Iraq.

Copy of the original.

Rahain Sion,
Instructor of English,
Alliance School,
A.D. Sassoon College.

The Director of Admissions,
Massachusetts Institute of Technology,
Cambridge, Mass.

August 25, 1946.

Dear Sir,

I have known Mr. Akram Haron Fattal, since my return from the States in December 1945, after having remained there for twelve years studying and lecturing.

I am writing of him on the assumption that I am fairly well acquainted with the requirements of various universities and also what makes good students.

My first impression of him was at the beginning of the school year when I gave him an assignment and came with it excelling in it the work of any other student, by way of quantity and quality. His English essays, were on many occasions read in the class as a model, not only as a good English Composition, but also because of its common sense, and constructive thinking. At times I was really astounded at the force of his logical and systematic arguments, and also the sincere appeal which at times seems to be challenging.

His ability to grasp and absorb is remarkable. But what is really more remarkable is how he endeavours to make use of what he had already absorbed. He is very energetic, and no task appears to be too difficult to perform. Very obliging, "anything else, Sir?" you always hear him inquiring, after finishing what he was told to do.

To put it consisely, he is brilliant, industrious and creative; he is also congenial, sympathetic and well-behaved. I am sure he could easily adapt himself to the environment of New England. On one hand he displays a puritancial attitude, while on the other he is athletic enough to be a potential material for the rigours of football training.

I admit that I probably painted a picture of Mr. Fattal too perfect to be true. But then of course, I relied upon your discretion and wisdom to deduce the person who has no flaw whatsoever, hasn't yet arrived. When all is said and done, Mr. Fattal however will undoubtedly later on not only be a credit to his alma mater, but he will probably render yeomanly service in alleviating the backward conditions existing in his native country upon his return from your institute fully equipped with the tools of building up.

Yours very truly,

(signed) Rahain Sion.

Copy of the original.

Saleh S. Shebairou,
Asst. Professor of Mathematics,
College of Architecture,
Baghdad, Iraq.

The Director of Admissions,
Massachusetts Institute of Technology,
Cambridge, Mass.,

25th August, 1946.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Akram Haron has been studying under my supervision for the last two years. He first came to see me, to take up additional Mathematical courses and explained his reason at that time. He said that he was preparing himself when he is to graduate from his school to study at M.I.T. He intimated that it would be advisable for him, if he could take such sciences that are not given in the Alliance School. So when he is ready to write to you he should be fully prepared.

Therefore, I have been coaching him in these subjects steadily, and I am definite that he will have no difficulty in following his lessons:-

- 1) Plane Geometry
- 2) Algebra
- 3) Solid Geometry
- 4) Trigonometry

Some of these courses, such as Algebra and plane geometry he studied at two different places independently. He took them in his school, as part of the curriculum, and he studied them under my tutorship. My duty towards him was to fill in the gap between his school studies and the requirements of both the London University Matriculation and to what you may required of him when he is to seek admission.

I want to reiterate and emphasize that in my estimation he is a good material for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Yours truly,

(Signed) S.S. Shebairou,
B.Sc., C.I.



My dear Mr Levy, — I have not made
my mind up to leave the Temple precipitously.
I have given it a good deal of thought &
have come to the conclusion that I could
no longer affiliate because of the
Palestinian policy of Rabbi Silver.
Previously my membership really only
represented a gesture as I am not a
believer in dogmatic religion.

With kindest regards

Lt. A. S. Maser



PO# 1467
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Cleveland Ohio.

I hereby tender to you my
resignation as a member
of the Temple.

Ch. A. S. Masorke

Jan. 6, 1947.

The first thing I noticed
 when I stepped out of the car
 was the smell of the sea.
 It was a salty, sweet
 smell that I had never
 experienced before. The
 sun was shining brightly
 on the water, and the
 waves were crashing
 against the shore. I
 felt a sense of peace
 and tranquility that I
 had never felt before.

January 6, 1947

Mr. Ezra Shapiro
Attorney-at-Law
Guardian Building
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Ezra:

I read the public statement about the Zionist Convention in the Cleveland News the other day. I regard the statement as most unfortunate for a number of reasons, but what most surprised me was your failure to observe what the Community Council has so strongly preached regarding sound community relations.

The damage, no doubt, has been done, but, even so, recognition of the error might perhaps tend to prevent further unfortunate occurrences of similar character.

With best personal regard, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Alexander Mintz

AM:pm

Sevitz

1/8/47

Rabbi Abba Heller-Klone
The Temple
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

It is at the suggestion of your secretary Miss Kline that I am writing you this letter explaining the predicament I now find myself in, hoping you will find (after reading my letter) that my problem merits your attention. Also, if it was at all possible, I would sincerely appreciate the opportunity to speak to you personally.

To state my problem as briefly as possible, it is this. After four years of ~~very~~ undergraduate work, four years of medical school and approximately two years of hospital work I find myself in the unique position of being a physician who has no place to practice.

After receiving a B.A. degree from Ohio State University I applied to degrees at medical schools and was turned down by all but two, Huddley University school

of Medicine in Boston and Chicago Medical School both classified as unapproved by the American Medical Association. Realizing that attending an unapproved school presented certain limitations I hesitated, but wanting to be a physician I decided to go to Muddley with the hope that the school would be recognized by the A.M.A. - Also, at the time, I went to Muddley with the knowledge that at least, I could practice in Massachusetts.

But after a short while in school I discovered that unless the school became recognized I would not even be able to practice in Massachusetts. - The future therefore not being very bright and thus being a war on, several of the students decided to enlist but we were told by school authorities that we as medical students should remain in school for we were essential to the public welfare.

I remained in school and after graduation in April 1945 began my internship at the Beth-El Hospital Brooklyn N.Y. (an internship approved by the A.M.A.) While at the hospital I performed all the duties of a regular intern, delivering babies, performing

operations, setting fractures, diagnosing and treating etc. - I completed my internship in June 1946.

Now, today, although I and men (physicians) whom I have worked with feel that I am capable to practice medicine I find myself in the position of not even being able to take an examination which would prove to my capability. However, through a peculiar set of circumstances, my classmates and other graduates of Middlesex can practice medicine. They can practice medicine in New York, Massachusetts and my home state Ohio.

You may well wonder Why now they can do this and I can not. Well, the school is now closed - after the closing of the school the New York Board of Regents passed a ruling which permits Middlesex graduates to take the State Board Examinations if they were residents of New York prior to their entrance into medical school. The Massachusetts legislature passed a similar bill for their residents.

Unfortunately I can not qualify in either
instance as yet, the Legislature passed
a bill which allows veterans to take
the State Board Examination, but through
no fault of mine, I am not a veteran.
When I was ~~eligible~~ ^(I thought) for a commission
in the Army the war was over and
I was informed by the Surgeon General's
office that I was no longer eligible.
During the war several young graduates
did receive commissions as medical
officers.

So here I am in the unique position
I believe of being an M.D. who has no
place to practice. - Realizing full well
my position, and after numerous attempts
to try to remedy it, I decided that perhaps
my only chance was to try to get into
an approved medical school. - For you
see Bobb Silver I want to be a
physician badly enough that I would
be more than willing to spend another
four years in medical school. - But, for
example in attempting to gain permission

to enter the freshman class at Ohio State University I was turned down again. - I was informed that there were too many veterans applying for entrance into medical school for them to consider my application.

So now Rabbi I am appealing to you (as a perfect stranger, I realize) for advice and any help you might be able to give me. - The Rabbi if you could possibly find the time during your busy day to see me personally I would appreciate it to no end. I realize you are now involved in matters of world wide importance, but to me, my little problem seems to merit some attention. - Actually it not only ^{involves} the future of myself but there is my wife and child to consider.

I want to thank for your indulgence in a perfect stranger and hope again you will find time to see me.

Sincerely yours,
Irvin Levitz M.D.

January 9, 1947

Miss Ruth Calvin
71 Old Field Rd.
Fairfield, Conn.

My dear Miss Calvin:

Please pardon the long delay in replying to your kind letter of December 18. I have but just recently returned from a month's stay in Europe.

It is indeed most gracious of you to contribute the prize money which you won in the contest to some cause which would help the displaced persons and refugees in Europe. I am taking the liberty of forwarding your gift to the United Jewish Appeal, 342 Madison Avenue, New York, which has been raising money to assist Jewish refugees all over the world and also in the reconstruction of the Jewish National Home in Palestine. I am sure that you will receive direct acknowledgment from this Fund.

With all good wishes, and again thanking you for your generous and thoughtful gift, I remain

Most sincerely yours,

AHS:BX

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January 10, 1947

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

May I extend my congratulations to you upon your recent election to Zionist Leadership, and wish you Godspeed in bringing our holy struggle to its desired culmination.

As a layman interested in the question of Palestine, may I humbly suggest that in addition to other means of planning and acting in favor of attaining our goal, you concentrate now more than ever, upon calling for help from the *And all of us*, from the non-Jewish friends of Zion.

Men like Sumner Welles, and James Byrnes, who is soon becoming a private citizen, can help us tremendously, if they are, as they claim to be, real friends of our cause. Besides their wisdom and great prestige, the latter two know the intricacies of political string-pulling, and are familiar with the dirt and hypocrisy of English diplomacy. They may be willing to help.

If at all possible, I would suggest that you make an effort to get an audience with Secretary Byrnes while he is in Cleveland (it would not hurt to see other notables too while they are here). Mr. Byrnes may be friendlier while he is in our city, may be more attentive, and more frank now.

I sincerely believe that this effort is worthwhile,

*Very truly yours,
A. D. Abrams*
A. D. Abrams

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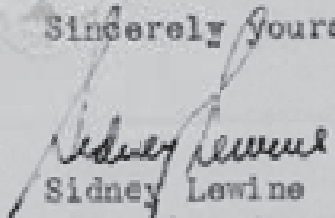
January 10, 1947

Miss Klein
The Temple
East 105th at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Miss Klein

I am returning the letter from David Tannonbaum as
you requested by phone today.

Sincerely yours


Sidney Lewine
Executive Secretary

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January 10, 1947

Mr. Sidney N. Weitz
Leader Bldg.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Sidney:

I understand that the matter of Miss Kline's salary has not yet been adjusted and that she has not been receiving the increase that we agreed upon before I left for Switzerland. I hope that you will give the office the instructions at your earliest convenience.

I am today checking over the information which Mr. D'Ascenzi requested in connection with the breast-plate of the High Priest. I will send it on to him.

You will recall that you undertook to write to him with reference to the lighting behind the windows.

You also undertook to follow up the matter of the air conditioning in the Chapel.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK

January 15, 1947

Dr. Eric Werner
Professor of Jewish Music
The Hebrew Union College
Cincinnati 20, Ohio

Dear Dr. Werner:

In your letter of November 29 you stated that you were going to send me two copies of the "En Kelohenu," without harp arrangement, just for voice and organ. To date I have not received it. I would be pleased to hear from you.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

ARW:K

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CONDITIONS. WILL APPRECIATE IMMEDIATE REPLY:

=MAX. I

Silver

January 16, 1947

Mr. Ernest Schwartz
505 Williamson Bldg.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Schwartz:

Thank you for your courtesy in sending
me a season pass to the theatres owned by the
Cleveland Motion Picture Exhibitors Ass'n., Inc.
I appreciate very much your thoughtfulness in sending
it to me.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:DK

ERNEST SCHWARTZ
Attorney and Counsellor-at-Law
505 WILLIAMSON BLDG.
CLEVELAND, O.



January 16, 1947

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

My dear Max:

I received your telegram asking me whether the present period is comparatively safe enough not to cause you to postpone your contemplated trip to Palestine and whether in my judgment more settled conditions will prevail a month or two later. I am inclined to believe that there is no point in waiting. No one can foretell what the conditions in Palestine are likely to be. The pending Anglo-Arab conference in London may affect the situation favorably or unfavorably. No one knows what Great Britain has up her sleeve. For the moment there seems to be a relative lull. It may be worse later on. My advice would therefore be that you go.

I am not able to give you a clear answer on the financial matter. Perhaps it will clear up later on.

We are all and we send you and yours our best wishes.

As ever yours,

AMS:BX

January 18, 1947

Mrs. Herman Moss
10305 Lake Shore Drive
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Florence:

In connection with the matter of Mr. Heller which you brought to my attention, I am enclosing herewith a letter which I received last November from the Economic Bureau of the Palestine Foundation Fund to whom I wrote about Mr. Heller after having been approached by Mr. Sidney Lewine. I don't know whether Mr. Lewine heard from Mr. Wunsch. You may wish to inquire from him about it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX
Enc.

The Skyscraper Hotel On The Ocean



1220 Ocean Drive - Miami Beach, Fla.

Sunday June 19th 1947

Dear Rabbi Silver.

I received the Jewish Independent
Which Announced your home coming.
Thanks God that you had strength to come
home well to your dear family & to us all.

While you were away, I attended
Bishop Hobans silver jubilee, while
there, I heard many telegrams read
and much to my regret, I did not
hear any messages from our own sec.

I walked out immediately & took the
liberty, and send a message for the
occasion. I hope dear Rabbi that I
didn't make any error by doing so.

Enclosed you will find the answer
that the Bishop sent me.

The Skyscraper Hotel On The Ocean



1220 Ocean Drive - Miami Beach, Fla.

I hope & trust, that it meets
with your approval.

God bless you and your
entire family

Sincerely
Mrs Herman Stein

10630 Orville Ave.,
Cleveland 6, Ohio,
January 19, 1947.

Dear Rabbi Silver;

It was with great pleasure that
I listened yesterday on the radio to your masterly
address before the Cleveland City Club.

Your address provided me with
further justification --if such be necessary-- for
my voting the ZOA ticket in the last election, in
spite of my life-long adherence to the Histadruth.

So, it was a source of immense
satisfaction to me to hear your impassioned and
scholarly appeal on behalf of our suffering people.

Very sincerely yours,


Joseph David Seide
Joseph David Seide.

The Rev. Dr. A. H. Silver, D.D.,
19810 Shaker Drive,
Shaker Heights, Ohio.

January 20, 1947

Pullman Company
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

At the last moment Dr. Silver's trip to New York on January 12 was cancelled. As you will note on the back of the pullman ticket, the space was cancelled. I would appreciate your sending Dr. Silver a refund for the enclosed ticket.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

RJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

January 22, 1947

Mrs. Herman Stein
1220 Ocean Drive
Miami Beach, Fla.

My dear Mrs. Stein:

Thank you for your kind letter and for the enclosed letter of Bishop Hoban which I am returning herewith. I was pleased to know that you sent the message of congratulations.

I trust that you are well and that you are enjoying your rest in Miami. With all good wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

ANS:BX

33 EAST 62ND STREET
NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

C O M P L I M E N T S O F
Rabbi Jonah B. Wise

Anthony Edman

January 22, 1947

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise
35 East 62nd St.
New York 21, N.Y.

My dear Jonah:

I received today a copy of the centenary edition of the Reminiscences of your father and I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending it to me.

I hope that you are well and trust that I may have the pleasure of seeing you in the near future. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially,

AHS:EK

Handwritten: Hillel Silver
227 Riverside Drive
New York 25, N.Y.
January 22 1947

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

Dear Uncle Abba:

One whole year has elapsed since I wended my weary way homewards from Japan. The war years are but poignant flash-memories at this stage of the game. As you already know, I immediately returned to my college studies, and I expect to receive my degree this August, when I shall have reached my twenty third year.

Psychologically and emotionally, as they say, I feel that I am properly "adjusted" to our absorbing pattern of civilian life. I have definitely reached that point in my young life where I must make my decision concerning my future career, and that decision has been reached.

As suffering is the badge of our people, so is a life of public service peculiar to the Silver blood. I have cast my "Yarmelke" into the Rabbinical Ring - not because I feel it is dutiful to carry on the proud heritage of our family, which is naturally an important consideration, but because I am resolutely convinced that this is the kind of life's work I can cherish as my own. Perhaps, deep in my heart, I knew long ago that my dubious talents would be ultimately attracted to this field. This choice, incidentally, is not a sudden one. I have been weighing my decision over and over again - especially during the past year.

Dad and Mother are delighted at this, as you would probably imagine. I have a problem, however, and I am writing to you, at Dad's suggestion, for your own gracious counsel and advice.

As I previously mentioned, I shall graduate College this summer. For obvious reasons, I would prefer to go to Cincinnati. However, I will not be prepared to enter the Collegiate Department of the Hebrew Union College until the fall of 1948. That three year military hiatus in my studies naturally set me back a good deal. But, since my return, I have been assiduously striving to make up for lost time, with Dad's wonderful assistance. (What a prodigious Jewish background your generation of Rabbis was heir to!)

And here's my problem, concerning which I earnestly solicit your advice.

Dr. Wise has been anxious for many years to have me enter the Jewish Institute of Religion. I had a conference with him last week, during which he confided to me that if my decision was to remain in New York, instead of going to Cincinnati, I could, with due preparation, enter the Institute this Fall of '47. As you know, we have been members of the Free Synagogue for a great number of years. I graduated from their Sunday School and High School departments. I was Bar Mitzvah'ed there. Before the war, I was head of the Junior Youth Organization; and since my return, I have been elected President of the Senior Youth Group. As a matter of fact, since my return from the service, I have been even more active in the various activities of the Synagogue - Zionism, Inter-Faith, etc., for the very simple reason that I am very fond of this work. Naturally, it's very gratifying for me to have Dr. Wise take this deep, personal interest in me.

Recognizing the fact that I would have to wait until September, 1948, in order to be ready to enter the Collegiate Department of HUC, do think it advisable and appropriate to start here in New York in September, 1947, with an eye towards transferring a year or two later to Cincinnati? Should I then actually decide to transfer to HUC, do you think that there would be any difficulties in effectuating that transfer? And, as to the long-range view, what do you think of the comparative opportunities in the rabbinical field upon graduation as between the two schools?

That's a load of questions, Uncle Abba! May I nevertheless hope that at your early convenience you will want to find the time to kindly answer them for me.

I feel sure that your worthy advice will prove exceedingly helpful to me on the above. Needless for me to assure you that whatever my ultimate decision will have to be, I will feel deeply grateful to you for it.

With love to yourself and Aunt Virginia, I remain

Sincerely,

Arnold

January 23, 1947

Mrs. Herman Stein
1220 Ocean Drive
Miami Beach, Fla.

Dear Mrs. Stein:

I neglected to enclose the letter of
Bishop Hoban in Dr. Silver's letter to you
dated January 22. I am enclosing it herewith.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK
Enc.

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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January 24, 1947

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

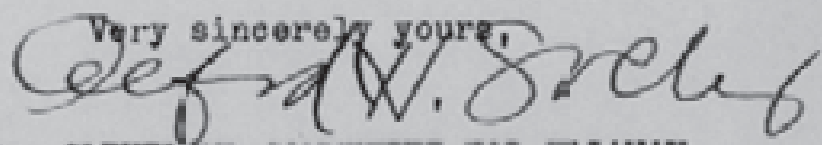
About a year ago, you contributed the sum of \$1,000.00 in support of the work of Haganah. During the last year, the organization has strengthened and augmented its efforts many-fold, and has been, in the main, responsible not only for the defense of the Jewish Settlement in Palestine, but also for at least some flow of refugees from the DP camps in Europe to the Jewish Homeland in Palestine.

A group of responsible Jews in New York and other parts of the country have been continuing a steady, but informal, campaign to raise the funds necessary for the purchase or lease of ships and other materials. At the call of the leaders of this group, several of us in Cleveland have undertaken to raise up to \$100,000.00 within the next thirty days, through private solicitation and without any city-wide campaign.

The life and death struggle conducted by Haganah in the transportation and defense of refugee immigrants deserves unusual sacrifice. I have volunteered to act as secretary of the Cleveland Committee, and have also, for myself and Mrs. Sachs, pledged \$2,000.00 for this work, payable \$1,000.00 with the first \$50,000.00 raised, and \$1,000.00 with the balance of the \$100,000.00 collected. To date we have received checks totalling approximately \$8,000.00.

Will you please help and encourage us in this effort by (a) sending your own check promptly in an amount at least double your last year's contribution, and (b) obtaining three to five checks from your personal friends ~~and business associates~~, also as promptly as possible. All checks received at this office will be promptly forwarded to the appropriate authorities in New York, who will acknowledge same directly to the donors.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

for CLEVELAND COMMITTEE FOR HAGANAH

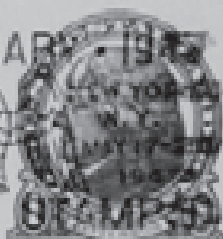
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The Temple Women's Association

Jan. 26th, 1947.

Dear Rabbi Silver.

The members of the Temple Women's Association join with your own dear family, and your many good friends, in extending to you their greetings and very good wishes upon this Happy Birthday occasion.

We wish you continued good health. We hope this year of your life will witness the fruition of your tireless and monumental efforts in the prophetic and historic

task of bringing about the restoration of their ancient homeland to the Children of Israel.

Cordially yours,
Irene W. Roth, Pres.
Bertha L. Livins, Secy.

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Temple B'nai Abraham

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January 30, 1947.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, O.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

The leading New Jersey newspaper, The Newark Evening News, has a column each day called "Their Birthdays," mentioning the birthdays of distinguished Americans. In Tuesday's issue they mentioned your 54th birthday, and I take the liberty of sending you the enclosed clipping, showing that they even take notice of you deservedly in this provincial town. Mrs. Silberfeld and I send our congratulations.

I wish you would let me know when you will be in New York, as I should ^{like} to see you for a confidential chat.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Silver, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

Julius Silberfeld

אני שמעתי בקולך, הרי סלבו: למה לא אהיה לך. אני חסד ואמת, בן
 לאבי, באהבה ורחמים — אהבתי את אבי אהבה רבה.
 בראש-השבוע, ביום-החורף, בבית-אבי, בבית-אבי, בבית-אבי,
 וזהו בית-אבי.

Jan. 1947

For Dr. Silver

Notes on the New Prayer Book.

Quite a few composers have written numbers to correspond with the opening numbers of the Sabbath services of the new prayer book. I have no less than four such sets, of decidedly varying merit. For the week-day services however, I have found nothing, which leaves us decidedly in a hole. I am therefore suggesting that for the time being we try the following expedients to get by until something better can be arranged.

1. Use the Psalms we now have in our library.
 - I. Mah Tovu. we have plenty of these, and good music
 - II. Tov L'Hodes. ditto.
 - III. I will lift up (I can't think of the Hebrew title, but it will be sung in Hebrew) We have at least 3 of these, all good music.Use the above for opening numbers, and rotate, until we can find good music for the week-day numbers.
- 2. Is there any money left from the Prayer Book gift, to apply on the choir-books necessary to have the music to match the prayer books.
3. I am very dubious about finding numbers for the week-day opening psalms. The commercial element enters into the picture, in that while composers can get a return from the Sabbath psalms, there is probably very little possibility of many Temples using the week-day music. I have seen none advertised.
4. It must also be kept in mind that most of the outstanding services - old as well as new - are written with the Mah Tovu for the opening number, so the other numbers have almost invariably been written as commissions, and it is not always easy to write to order and have it click. It would be a decided mistake I think, and a step backwards to sing numbers that would be jiggered in music, simply because the words were right.
5. If it is agreeable to you, I would like to schedule Mendelssohn's great cantata "Hear my Prayer" for Sunday, Jan 19th. I will arrange the rest of the service so that we arrive at the address by 11:10 or sooner.
6. Do you wish to retain the use of the Etz Chayim after the scripture reading, with the use of the new prayer book.
7. Where will the Kyma come, after the "May The Words" as at present?

(If mine)

I will try to see you on the above Saturday or when mutually convenient, and you can pencil your comments on the margin as has been your custom in the past.

A.R.W.

The music referred to above.

Silberts - Music for new Prayer Book, very good, 1st purchase \$3 x 15, \$45
Thatcher " " " " " very good, but in ms. will have
to be copied and printed. This is the set I spoke to you
as having been sent to me from the Eutaw Place Temple in Baltimore
Grim - Numbers for the New Prayer Book, good, \$2 per copy x 15
Adler - " " " " " good but modern, i.e.. discordant
at times, do not think the congregation would like them entirely.

[300/204 1947?]

ALFRED R. WILLARD
1829 BURNETTE AVENUE
EAST CLEVELAND 12, OHIO

For Doctor Silver:-

The month of Feb. 7th to March 6th has been set aside a Jewish Music Month this year. At a meeting of the sub-committee of the Jewish Welfare Board yesterday handling the various events intended to mark the week, (a radio program, an all-Jewish concert and pageant at Severance Hall, etc.) it was agreed that each synagogue devote one service to a special program. It was suggested that Sunday, March 2d, would be a good date for us, though as all the other programs are going to be on Friday evenings we can take any Sunday in that month that may suit us better. The only thing asked of us right now is the date, so that they all can be featured in literature that they want to get out. I attach one of last years sheets.

What do you think of this? We gave an all-Jewish program last year, if you may remember, for the morning of Sunday during Jewish Music Week. It would not necessarily conflict with our regular service, as I could do a characteristic service, and some outstanding anthems by Jewish composers.

A.R.W.

Our father high above,
Fill our hearts with truth and love,
For everything that's fine and good
Let us do everything we should.
Watch over our parents, teachers,
friends,
And our brothers in far off lands.
Take care of our Rabbi very dear,
When he is either far or near.
Make us fine and pure and true,
In everything we say or do!

Marcella Seligman. Amen. 62

Jan. 1949

*The family of
Adolph Rosenberg
acknowledges with grateful
appreciation your kind expressions
of sympathy*

(over)



My dear Mrs. Silver:-
Many thanks
for your beautiful
letter.

Gratefully,

Stella S. Rosenberg

CURT ROSENTHAL

~~1798~~ ¹⁷⁹⁸ East ~~101st~~ ^{101st} Street Cleveland 6, Ohio

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o. The Temple
Rusel + E. 105th St.
Cleveland - Ohio

Jan. '47

Dear Dr. Silver:

With gratitude I express my thanks
for your presence and officiating
the services for my Uncle Julius
Klefeld. In the name of my family
and myself

respectfully yours

Curt Rosenthal

Jan 1949

Harvard-Epworth Methodist Church

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38 LANGDON STREET
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS
TELEPHONE, KIRKLAND 5350

My dear Rabbi Silver,

I am very eager to see you for about fifteen minutes before you leave Cambridge. I had written you to this effect at your home, but apparently my letter missed you.

Would you be so kind as to call me at the above number so that we can make an appointment, or failing that, talk on the phone? I shall be preaching between eleven and twelve on Sunday morning, but ought to be home by 12:30.

Thank you kindly.

Faternally yours,

Earl H. Furgeson
Dr. Earl H. Furgeson

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[February 1977]

For Rabbi Model:-

Attached to this is a letter from Rabbi Singer of Chicago. In it he recommends that I get in touch with Dr. Eric Werner regarding the music for the Three Holidays as well as that for the High Holydays. Passover will be on us before we know it, hence my wish to get action in the matter, for there is quite a bit of new music for Passover that we will not only have to order and wait for after that, but which the choir will also have to learn; and I would like to get it in hand as soon as possible. I think you know that I tried to get an En Kelohenu from Dr. Werner that Rabbi Silver wanted, and that to date while I have had four letters saying that the En Kelohenu was available, yet I have not seen the music. So you can understand why I am asking that you contact Dr. Werner in the Name of The Temple, leaving me out of it altogether. I believe that you know him, hence will have a line of approach that I do not seem to have.

Now we have the supplementary music to the new Prayer Book issued by The American Board of Rabbis, and written by Grimm, Zilberts, and Adler, and also a small supplementary book to the Hymnal which I shall show you. The main thing we want is as follows.

1. Settings of the opening Psalms for the 3rd & 4th Week day morning services. (You will note that Rabbi Singer is vague on this)
2. The music for the three festivals, which Rabbi Singer says Dr. Werner has gotten together and published (?)
3. The music for the High Holydays. This last is not as immediately important as we do not yet have this prayer book, and there is still plenty of time.

I realize that I am asking a good deal of you, but I hope you can get your secretary to write the letters, and also depend a great deal on the fact of your personal acquaintance with Dr. Werner. It is a large contribution you can make to the music of The Temple, though I shall take it as the greatest of personal favors if you can help me out in this matter.

A. R. Willard

Underlining in red in Rabbi Singer's letter is mine.

DR. JACOB SINGER
RABBI
TEMPLE MIZPAH
1815 MORSE AVENUE
CHICAGO 26

February 4th, 1947

Mr. Willard R. Willard
1829 Burnside Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Willard: I am in receipt of your favor. I note with interest
in

the problem you pose, for the revision of the Prayer Book was made without reference to the available musical material. Some of these Psalms were never in the Cantor's repertoire, for they were used originally for private devotion and not for the chanted parts of Public Worship. This departure imposed the task of creating new material in line with Jewish musical tradition.

Our Committee has issued Vol. II of the Union Hymnal to meet the additional settings for the High Holidays. This collection will appear in permanent form to supply the needs for the coming Holy Days.

[We have another Collection for the Three Festivals (Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles) edited by Dr. Eric Werner of the Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati. Wherever possible, we have used traditional material adapted for modern use. ~~xxxx~~ For the Memorial Service, there is more material already available. I have set the El Mole Rahamim (chant) for organ, Choir and Solo (Cantor) published by Bloch Publishing Co. 31 West 31st St. *this very good*]

[I would suggest that you get in touch with Dr. Werner of the Hebrew Union College for further information.]

If I can be of further service to you, please advise me.

Very truly yours,

Jacob Singer

February 4, 1947

Mr. Nat Wolf, Zone Mgr.
Warner Bros. Theatres
2300 Payne Ave.
Cleveland 14, Ohio

My dear Friend:

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me a 1947 Season Pass to Warner Bros. Theatres. I
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With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:HK

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Season Pass.

It is our hope that this pass will afford
you great pleasure throughout the year.

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Nat Wolf, Zone Mgr.

February 6, 1947

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New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

The Temple Organist would appreciate receiving from you a catalog of your Hebrew liturgical music as well as other Hebrew songs suitable for religious services.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

Jerusalem, Israel

2/7/47

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February 9, 1947

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I do hope that the appended saying is not
as apt for the times as current dispatches make
it appear. It reads: וְכִי תִּהְיֶה בְּלֶקֶט כִּי
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כִּי בְּיָמָיו לֹא בְּיָמָיו.

You will find it in Midrash Tehillim 80:6,
(Buber ed. In other editions, on the verse וְכִי תִּהְיֶה בְּלֶקֶט כִּי)

You may have been told during your
visit in Providence that I am in Florida
וְכִי תִּהְיֶה בְּלֶקֶט כִּי. Recovery is slow. But this
enforced vacation gives me a chance to work
on the revision of my manuscript which,
when published, will I think be one of
the few rabbinic texts to appear in
readable and intelligible English.

I wonder whether I may impose
on you for advice. I have never been
in Palestine, and, am very anxious to go
this summer. The trip for me
will be in the nature of פִּיקֻס. Now
in view of present circumstances

what is the best procedure ~~for~~ ~~in~~
in applying for a visa? I should add that
my wife and a young friend of ours
will want to come along.

I am With most friendly greetings

Cordially,
Bill Branch



February 11, 1947

Mr. Charles Rosenbloom
Union Trust Bldg.
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Charles:

Because of my moving about the country so much and my failure to read the press carefully, it was only this morning that I learned of the passing of your dear mother, and I hasten to send you this belated word of sympathy and condolence.

As you know, I knew your mother well and greatly admired her. It was my privilege to meet her on many occasions and I was always impressed by her charm, her fine mind and her devotion to the cause which is so dear to our hearts. She was a leader among the fine group of women in the United States who devoted themselves lovingly and with deep understanding to our national renaissance.

I know that you will find in the many beautiful and cherished memories which she has left you, a source of deep pride and devotion.

Mrs. Silver joins me in sending you her heartfelt sympathies.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:EK

February 12, 1947

Mr. S. Tenenbaum
23 West 93rd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Tenenbaum:

Permit me to thank you most heartily for the copy of your book, "The Light on the Horizon" which you so graciously sent me. I know that I shall read it with a great deal of pleasure as I have read some of the other books which you wrote.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ARS:RE

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יש לנו כל היסוד לקוות שתראו את פניתנו זו בעין יפה ותעשו את הכל בכדי למלא את בקשתנו.

נחכה לתשובתכם המהירה.

ברגשי כבוד,

ב. שורץ

העתקים:

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לכבוד
ד"ר א.ה. סילבר
חבר הנהלת הסוכנות היהודית
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א.ס.נ.

הננו להעביר בזה לכב' אח העתק של המכתב אשר שלחנו
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בארץ.

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יעשה את הכל שפניתנו תסתדר בחיוב.

בכבוד רב,

2.2.47

ב. שורץ

Feb. 15, 1947

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Please accept our thanks for the message you brought us in Harvard Chapel last Sunday. And for the impressive dignity with which you delivered it.

During the past week we've thought of it frequently and I doubt not that we shall all (including our 21-year old daughter) remember it for many years to come.

Appreciatively yours,
Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Fitzgibbon

העובר הציוני

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הרב ר' אבא הלל סילבר

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אדון מאוד נכבד,

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ובחירת מוסדות.

נכבוד רב,

ד. מ. א. ג.

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הכתובת למכתבים ולסלגורמות:
העובר הציוני, ת.ד. 1935, תל-אביב

Prof

February 18, 1947

Dr. Eric Werner
Hobbes Union College
Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Dr. Werner:

I am writing this letter for Mr. A. R. Willard, the musical director of The Temple, requesting certain materials from you which are necessary for the proper musical portions of our service. It seems that Mr. Willard had written you in the past and has not, as yet heard from you.

The music library here at The Temple contains the supplementary music to the new prayer book written by Grimm, Zilberts, and Adler and also the small supplementary book to the hymnal.

The main thing we want now is as follows:

1. Settings for the opening Psalms for the third and fourth week-day morning service. In reply to a letter which we wrote to Dr. Jacob Singer of Chicago, he says that the revised prayer book was made without reference to the available musical material and therefore, some of the Psalms which open the services, in this particular case, namely the third and fourth services, contain Psalms which were never in the Cantor's repertoire and they were used originally for private devotion and not for the chanted parts of public worship. This departure imposes the task of creating new material in line with Jewish musical tradition. I am sure you know whether such material is available. Musical settings for Psalms 5 and 36.
2. The music for the Three Festivals which Dr. Singer says you have edited. Is this published and is it available?
3. The music for the High Holy Days.

This last is not as immediately important as the rest since we do not yet have this prayer book and there is still plenty of time.

I would appreciate whatever assistance you can give us in creating a well-balanced musical service to go along with the newly-revised prayer book. Naturally, the fact that we are one of the few temples which has its main service Sunday morning, does create some problems.

Dr. Eric Werner

February 18, 1947

Do you expect to be in Cleveland any time in the near future? Ollie and I and Larry would certainly extend you and your dear wife our warm welcome and would open wide our doors and our board for one whom we have felt has always been a dear and close friend.

Please extend our regards to Mrs. Werner and let's hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

JULIUS J. NODEL

JJN:lmk



February 18, 1947

The Pullman Company
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

I did not use the space on the enclosed two tickets, one New York to Cleveland and the other Cleveland to New York. As you will note they were cancelled. I would appreciate your sending me a check to the above address.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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c/o The Temple
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver: *Wife*

This is to advise you that under separate cover I have sent you an extra copy of the catalogue of the unique Hebraica library of the late Rabbi Emanuel Eckstein of Cleveland.

As far as the technical form of this catalogue is concerned, it is a curio, but at the same time it is a feat of irony that this great cultural treasure of our lamented friend should be catalogued in such a crude manner...

Today I spent an hour at the auction sale which was attended by practically every bookdealer as well as many librarians and selected laymen. Listening to the bids of the auctioneer I was amazed to see the high, prohibitive prices which were paid by laymen. In fact, some prices were so ridiculous that booksellers could only avail themselves of a small part. *I had no intention of buying.*

While it was a consolation to know of the eager buying of Hebrew books by so many individuals, I felt heartsick to see this library go to pieces...

With greetings and best personal regards, I am

Cordially yours

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Hotel President
West 48th Street
New York, N.Y.

February 21, 1947, N.Y.

Rev. Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker.
CLEVELAND, Ohio.

Dear Sir,

With reference to our telephone conversation,
may I, herewith write my address to you.

I came to this country on behalf of the Hungarian Government wherein I hold the position of Chief of Department in the Ministry of Public Supply. My purpose in coming here is, to study the social and political life in the United States.

I come from a very religious Jewish family being a direct descendant of the world-famous Rabbi Chasam Szoffer, and so I cannot help but follow the fate of Jewry with the greatest attention. Unfortunately the fate of Hungarian Jewry causes me much anxiety, because antisemitism did not cease to exist after the fall of Nazism.

Thus you will understand that I do not want to miss the opportunity of meeting a man who fights for a better future of the " Sheerith Hapleta ".

Hoping to hear from you very soon as to when you will permit me to visit you.

I am very truly yours

THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

CINCINNATI 20, OHIO

Febr. 22, 47.

ERIC WERNER, PH.D.

Professor of Jewish Music

Dear friend J.J.:

the kashes which you asked me in your letter of Febr. 18, have never yet been posed to me by Mr. Willard. To the contrary! Mr. Willard urged me to make the En kelohenu in my arrangement available to him, which I, after some hesitation, did, since the piece is being copyrighted, but not yet printed. I asked him to return the manuscript immediately after having made photostats. Please urge Mr. Willard to return the manuscript immediately, since I shall need it for a solemn service on March 7th and want to have it sometime before.

What do you suggest?
Now as to your questions. You put me on the spot with the first question, since Dr. Singer's reply is perfectly correct. These psalms, belonging to tachanun or to private devotion, were in medieval times not sung by the chazan. I would suggest to you to have a good composer, but not a super-modern one, to compose music for these passages. Since they have to serve for Sunday services, they should be composed in a somewhat splendid style.

Yes, I have the manuscript of the music for the three festivals. It was approved enthusiastically by the music committee, but since there were no funds appropriated and the demand is not too strong, the work has, up to now, remained manuscript. If you want it, I shall be glad to lend it to you for a moderate compensation.

The music for the High holydays has been edited by the Music committee under my leadership last year already, and I cannot understand that you have not received it. It was edited in a nice experimental form and contains some good material. If you write to Dr. Marcussen, you will surely receive it.

I was very happy to learn that you and your family have adjusted yourselves so well to the new congregation; and I may add that I have heard only very complimentary remarks about your work. If you want me to give a short lecture on any of my subjects (you ought to know them) Music of the Church and of the Synagogue, The Song of New Palestine, the Eternal Bridge, etc., I shall welcome the occasion of seeing you, Ollie, and the baby. I am speaking on March 20 in Pittsburgh in Freehof's temple; the next three days after that event I am free; later on early in April. I would love to see you again and tell you a few stories of the old alma mater.

With kindest regards, in which Mrs. Werner joins ,

I am yours fondly

Eric Werner.

DANIEL FRISCH
300 CENTRAL PARK WEST
NEW YORK CITY

February 25, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Pursuant to our conversation, I wish to remind you of your promise to write to Dr. Magnin of Los Angeles pertaining to the admittance of my son to the University of Southern California.

My son, Larry Frisch, who is a gifted and successful radio actor, age 17, desires to attend that school because of its excellence in cinematic and drama departments.

He applied to the school and was advised that he will have to go through quite a bit of red tape.

You and I know, however, that while they say that the admittance is on a competitive basis, under present circumstances a personal approach is what is necessary to effectuate affirmative action. I know Dr. Magnin can do it if he would put his heart to it.

Larry is graduating from Cherry Lawn School at Darien, Connecticut, one of the outstanding private schools in the country.

Thanking you most kindly for your efforts in the matter, I am

Cordially yours,



Daniel Frisch

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed you will find a letter from Mr. Truman H. Cummings, who was one of my guests at the Temple Men's Club Fellowship Night last week.

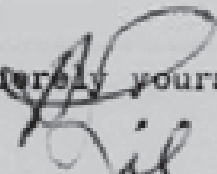
What Mr. Cummings says merely echoes what I heard from each of my seven guests of that evening. I am sure that no more constructive affair was ever promoted by the Men's Club.

The most important feature of the evening was your participation in the discussion and especially your closing remarks. The men who heard you should never forget what you said on that occasion.

If you care to do so, the attached letter may be passed on to Clarence Fishel.

Believe me,

Sincerely yours,


P. L. Steinberg

PLS:EH

Box 59 C Route 1
Carmel, California
February 27, 1947

Dear Rabbi Silver :

I have followed with interest and admiration your position on the Zionist issue these past few months. The Basel Congress seemed to me to mirror just about all the confusions of our time, spiritual and political . This is true of every major issue, as I see it, increasingly so.

As you may possibly have noticed in leafing thru the lecture folders, a certain Allen is not lecturing this year. Why ? I would not know what to say about anything and, what's more , I do not think that audiences are either very rational or very perceptive (I suppose they have to be more or less rational to be at all perceptive) in this year of Grace. I am working on a book on 19th century Spain which calls, happily, for a lot of research.

However, I have made one exception to my no lecture rule, and that is to speak for the Jewish Welfare Society in Seattle on March 17th. I was born there. My Father, a lawyer, had many good Jewish friends most of whom I have fortunately inherited. I couldn't renege and my hope is that for at least this one lecture I will know what to say where I would, if I were trekking about the country.

It occurs to me to ask you two things. First, to be good enough to advise me briefly on what the Zionist lineup, or the lineup on the Palestine issue, might be in Seattle, something I suppose you will know--so that I will avoid certain pitfalls. I haven't been around enough up there to have any idea as to who stands where. Second, I am speaking of course for free, not being under contract. I usually think this a mistake as people never seem to like what they get for nothing, especially when it is a home-grown product. I am sure you won't think it odd of me if I ask you if you would be good enough to write some friend of ours, or simply the secretary of the Welfare society, Miss Ann Kaufman 207 Court Bldg, 408 Marion Street, some sort of endorsement, that I have spoken for you etc. I am sure you will understand this. I want them to feel that they aren't doing me a favor, as some groups are apt to

when they provide you with a platform. I would really appreciate this as I can see any number of my Seattle friends wondering whether they shouldn't have got some more impressive platform figure. You know the reaction, I am sure.

You are aware of my interest in things Spanish. I should like to call your attention, if you have not already seen it, to a book on Laynez by an S J named Richter wherein it is admitted that Laynez was originally of Jewish faith. As you surely know, the Jesuits have long denied this, doubtless thinking that Saint Ignatius should have known better than to choose as his right bower a man whose past was rotten in the "heresy" they most feared. As you have surely seen, today most Jesuits are inclined to doubt the sincerity of conversions in that period--with some reason, I believe.

I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you again some day. In the meantime, let me wish you strength in the fight you have undertaken.

Sincerely Yours

Jay Allen

STATEMENT

RICHARD R. SMITH

120 EAST 39th STREET



NEW YORK, N. Y.

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Feb. 28, 1947

Dear Dr. Silver,

The Sgolds, wherever you find them are all related, members of two branches of a Hungarian family.

David Silenthals' maternal grandmother was a Sgold. David, like most of the members of his generation in the family, was born and reared in a small town in the land west, the only Jewish family, reared no formal Jewish training for two or more generations, observed no Jewish ritual or ceremony.

These children, however, were taught to keep alive the spark of their Judaism. None ever denied his faith or was "converted" despite attendance at church and the contagion of revival meetings. Most of the generation (ninth and first cousins, Silenthals and Sgolds) married non-Jewish childhood friends (of good family and well educated), reared families, were

well adjusted, loyal and useful citizens.
David's high school valedictory address
was subtitled "Why I am a Jew".

I knew Henrietta S. Gold, her mother and
sisters since my fifteenth year, loved & ad-
mired them. Henrietta understood and
appreciated the reasons why these young
people were sympathetic to Zionism but
could not believe in active Zionism. (She did
influence others of the S. Golds, Robert & Jeff, to
active Zionism, & they who were reared as
we were, through conversion and not because
of family tradition, became observing Jews
and active Zionists.

Professionally, I should think most
Habbis might be opposed to backgrounds,
passive beliefs, mixed marriages, and non-
affiliation such as ours. - I do not know
your "slant" on the subject of David's ap-
pointment. However, I have chosen to pre-
sent these facts to you because they seem
to counter-indicate the background of dis-
position towards communism leveled at
my cousin's level head.

The urgency to inform you of this came
just to-night, so I haven't had a chance to
ask David's consent. I hope he won't mind.

Sincerely yours,
(Mrs. H. G. Byfield) Olga S. Gold Byfield

P.S. - The information enclosed is
at your disposal. However, I do not wish to
be quoted. After this is over, I shall
tell Dave.

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Cletter from February 27, 1947,
follows

THE AMERICAN LAWYERS COMPANY

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CLEVELAND, OHIO
March 1, 1947

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
East 10th St. & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am taking the liberty of sending you a letter received from Mr. Charles P. Lucas, Executive Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

I call your attention particularly to the second paragraph thereof. Somehow Mr. Lucas, like many others, was laboring under the impression that only members of the Congregation are permitted to attend the services.

I straightened him out on that and urged him to pass the word along to others.

Sincerely yours,

P. L. Steinberg
P. L. Steinberg

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Mr. Phillip L. Steinberg
1712 N. B. C. Building
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Steinberg:

It was both a privilege and a pleasure to be your guest at the "Temple's Mens' Group Meeting" and to enjoy the fellowship. The entire evening was a credit to you and the men of your Temple.

It is my hope that in the very near future I may have the opportunity to attend your services in company with my family.

Cordially yours,

Charles P. Lucas, Executive Secretary

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March 1st, 1947.

The Temple
Ansel Rd - E. 105th Street
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Attention: Miss B. Klein

Dear Miss Klein:

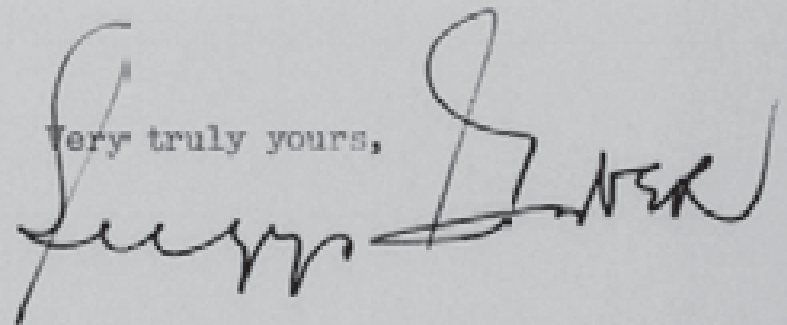
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- (1) Letter from a member of Mr. Julius Klefeld's family in which they express their thanks for participating in the services of the late Julius Klefeld.
- (2) Executors check in the sum of \$75.00 payable to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

Please deliver the letter to Mr. Levy and the Check to Rabbi Silver.

Also, please acknowledged the enclosed bill and return in the enclosed self addressed stamped envelope, so same may be available for the records of the Estate.

Very truly yours,



SG:f
encl.

ALEXANDER H. GLICK
ATTORNEY AT LAW
CHICAGO 1, ILL.

4 March 47

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland,
Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Please accept my heartiest congratulations upon the splendid and ideal answer which you have submitted to the Chicago Daily News in response to Mr. Deuel's article.

Words are inadequate to express, not only, my appreciation, but that of my associates in your unrelenting and courageous stand in this matter.

With best wishes and our sincere thanks for your noble work in this cause, I am

Sincerely yours,

Alex. H. Glick

AHG:es



CHICAGO DAILY NEWS

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March 3, 1947

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your letter commenting on Wallace Deuel's articles reached here in the absence of Mr. Knight, who is at Miami. Mr. Knight's secretary gave it to me, however, and we are printing it tomorrow on the editorial page, with a note on page 1 calling attention to it.

It is good to hear from you, even though the occasion for your letter is a controversial one. When you are next in Chicago, I hope you will give me a ring so that we can renew the acquaintance which I valued so highly while I was in Cleveland.

I myself am considerably disturbed about some of the aspects of Zionism, and I should like to talk them over with you.

Sincerely yours,

A. T. Burch

A. T. Burch
Associate Editor

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March 6, 1947

Mr. A. T. Burch, Associate Editor
Chicago Daily News
400 West Madison Street
Chicago 6, Ill.

My dear Mr. Burch:

Thank you so much for your kind note of March 3. I appreciate the kindness of the Chicago Daily News in printing my statement commenting on Mr. Wallace Deuel's article on Zionism.

I shall be most happy to see you when I come to Chicago. I recall with pleasure the contacts which we had while you were in Cleveland and I shall look forward to an opportunity to renew them and to discuss with you the subject of Zionism which has come to hold such an important place in the affairs of the world.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ANS:EK

March 6, 1947

Mr. Abraham Krumbein
986 Sixth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Friend:

On the eve of Purim I send you my earnest Holiday greetings and many thanks for your lovely Purim gift which you had someone smuggle in surreptitiously into my room in Pittsburgh last Sunday. But then, after watching you at cards, I can readily understand the many tricks that you are capable of.

Upon my return from New York, Mrs. Silver informed me that she had received a beautiful gift from you and Mrs. Krumbein. We are indeed most grateful.

With the best of all Holiday cheer, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:EK

March 6, 1947

Mr. Jay Allen
Box 59 C Route 1
Carmel, California

My dear Friend:

Thank you for your kind letter. I am very happy that you will go to address the Jewish Welfare Society in Seattle. I have this written to a friend in Seattle, Mr. Max Silver (no relative of mine) of the Hudson Bay Fur Company, who is active in the Welfare Society in Seattle. I apprised him of your coming and told him also other things which I am sure will not be detrimental to a cordial reception for you.

On the subject of Zionism - I am sure a sympathetic treatment of the subject would be welcome by an overwhelming majority of those who will hear you. There is no disagreement among Jews as to the justice of opening Palestine to Jewish immigration and of Great Britain's obligations to fulfill the terms of the Mandate under which she governs Palestine. The plight of the DP's in the refugee camps is becoming increasingly more desperate, and the situation in Palestine due to the policy of the closed door, has reached an explosive point. Bevin's recent outburst, has received an almost universal condemnation in the American press.

I trust that you are well and I hope that I may have the pleasure of seeing you in the near future. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

March 6, 1947

Mr. Max Silver
Hudson Bay Fur Co.
Seattle, Washington

My dear Friend:

I learned from Mr. Jay Allen that he is to address the Jewish Welfare Society of Seattle on March 17. We have had the pleasure of having Mr. Allen with us here at The Temple. He is an excellent man and will deliver a very impressive and stimulating address. I am sure that you will be delighted with him. He is sympathetic to the cause of Zionism and it would be very fine if a large audience would be in attendance to receive his message.

I trust that you are well. I send you my warmest greetings. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

March 6, 1947

Mrs. Herman Stein
1220 Ocean Drive
Miami Beach, Florida

My dear Mrs. Stein:

Mrs. Silver and I are deeply grateful for the lovely basket of fruit and confections which you send us. We enjoyed your gift very much and hope you are having a delightful vacation in Florida away from the ice and snow in Cleveland.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



March 6, 1947

Mr. Charles S. Vactor
2995 Brighton Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Charles:

I received your note which I appreciated very much. I was very happy to hear from you and trust that both you and Barbara are well.

I was surprised to receive a check from you which I take the liberty of returning. I accept no honoraria for services which I gladly render to families of The Temple.

Do come in to see us whenever you are free. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BX
Enc.

March 6, 1947

W. Jack Bashfield, Agent
Travelers Insurance Company
Wheeling, W. Va.

Gentlemen:

I would request you to change the name
of my beneficiary on my policy No. XD 16593 from
Dinah Silver to children, Daniel Jeremy and Raphael
David Silver, share and share alike.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

March 8, 1947

Mr. Joseph P. Parris
Norwood Building
Austin, Texas

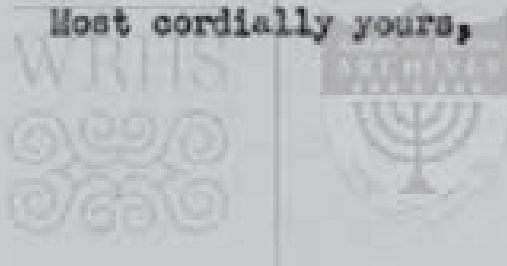
My dear Friend:

Again this year we have enjoyed the delicious box of fruit sent from Texas by you. Early this winter, Mrs. Silver told me that she had received a note that some time later, when the fruit was at its best, such a box had been ordered shipped. You are very thoughtful and I deeply appreciate your kindness.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BX



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March 8, 1947.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
% The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver;

Enclosed please is A \$50.00 Dollar bill
of which I am sure you will remember that I have spoken
to you about it at the Purim party when we met in the
kitchen. You can turn this sum over to what ever you
think is best.

I am also going to take this opportunity
to wish you a very good journey, May The Lord be with
you and watch over you for a successful trip and for
you to return safe and in good health home.

Sincerely yours

Richard D. Zipp
Richard D. Zipp

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March 11, 1947

Pullman Company
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed pullman space was cancelled by Dr. Silver because the trip was not made. I would appreciate your sending check to Dr. Silver at above address.

Thank you for your courtesy.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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March 11, 1947

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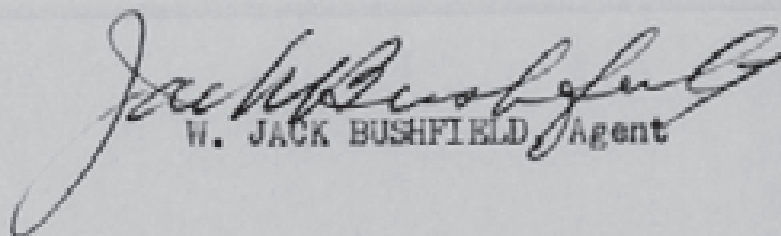
Rabbi Abba H. Silver
The Temple
E. 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

As per your request, I am enclosing Change of Beneficiary forms for your signature. Kindly sign both forms in the presence of two disinterested witnesses. The two forms are to be returned to this office for completion of the Company's records, after which the original will be returned to you to be attached to your Contract..

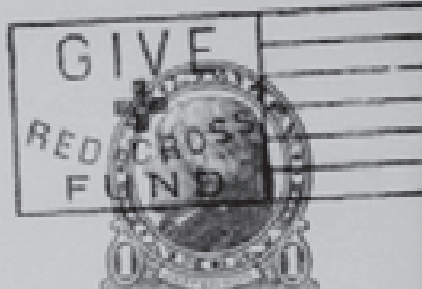
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Very truly yours,


W. JACK BUSHFIELD Agent

WJB:MMH

Enc.



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Receipt of your application for refund is acknowledged.

The investigations of claims frequently necessitate the obtaining of additional data from records; however, your claim is receiving attention and we will advise you regarding adjustment as promptly as possible.

If you should have occasion to write us further on this case, please refer to our file number as shown below.

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H. Lowder,
General Passenger Agent