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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I called you Sunday afternoon at the Sulgraves Hotel in regard to one of our young Masonic veterans whom I have tried to get into medical school. He comes from an outstanding family and I am sure has the mental, physical and moral background to make an outstanding surgeon. His name is:

Maurice Teitel
34-44 112th Street
Corona, L.I., N.Y.

Mr. Teitel is a graduate of Long Island University, graduating high in his class. I know his family which is one of the finest in the town of Corona, and he has been carefully reared and provided with a fine background. Teitel knows what entering medical college entails and is willing to make the sacrifice. He has been interested in medicine for a number of years and has definitely decided upon the medical profession as a career. There will be no swerving from such a course as far as he is concerned.

Last year and again this year Teitel has sent applications to the list of schools on the enclosed sheet and as yet has had no replies from them, either favorably or unfavorably.

As a rule I would not bother you with a matter of this kind but both the Past Grand Master and the present Grand Master have been interested in Mr. Teitel and they are most anxious to see him in a medical school.

Teitel is especially interested in Western Reserve and would be glad to come to Cleveland at any time to meet with the Board.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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Mr. Teitel's average is 89% and he is now taking a post graduate course at New York University where he has a very high average.

Teitel's father has been very much interested in the Zionist Organization and is a member of the Long Island Zionist Region and has given considerable time and effort to the organization in the past. Mr. Teitel is also a member of the Masada of Corona.

Any courtesies you might extend to him which will assist him in entering medical school will be greatly appreciated by the members of this Committee. I know he is fully qualified to carry on.



Sincerely yours,



M. M. Witherspoon
M. M. Witherspoon
Capt. (ChC) USN (Ret.)
Executive Director

The following is a list of schools to which Maurice Teitel has applied and from which he has had neither favorable nor unfavorable reply:

1. Western Reserve University, College of Medicine
2. Albany Medical College
3. Hahnemann Medical College (Philadelphia)
4. Chicago Medical School
5. Long Island College of Medicine
6. Syracuse University College of Medicine
7. Temple University, College of Medicine
8. Medical College of Virginia (Richmond)
9. University of Virginia, College of Medicine (Charlottesville)
10. New York College of Medicine
11. University of Michigan, College of Medicine
12. Stanford University, College of Medicine
13. University of Chicago, College of Medicine

At Western Reserve, they requested a secondary application which indicates that they are considering his application. He also received a letter to that effect.

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"Parthia."

21st March.
1949.

Dear Dr. Haack,

On leaving
the coast of the United States
I would like you to know
how deeply I appreciated
your kindness in allowing
me to take up some of
your very precious time
while passing through Cleveland.
As I told you, Jews in Palestine
as everywhere else, see in
you one of the most dynamic
and inspiring leaders of new
people, and one who has
contributed much to the
historic advancement of the

State of Israel. I only hope
that you may one day
pay a flying visit to Australia
and give our community
the great benefit of your
powerful influence and
personality.

May I ask you at this
early date to send us for
the Rastafarian fourth Release
a New Year message for

1977-78? It need not be
larger than 500 words and
should reach us by 1st August.
We would be deeply grateful.
The address is: Anti-Jewish Review,
82 Plunk Rd., St. Kilda, MELBOURNE, AUSTR.

Wishing you and all
all your magnificent work
and with warmest personal
regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,
Herman Bakshi

March 22, 1949

Rabbi Samuel Rosinger
Congregation Temple Emanuel
Broadway & Forrest Street
Beaumont, Texas

My dear Rabbi Rosinger:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of February 20th which I read with much interest. I am grateful to you for the sentiments which you express. What has taken place is a skirmish in a larger battle which I think will ultimately be won. I am happy that so many have rallied to support the position which I have taken.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



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ABRAHAM FELT
362 Fifth Avenue
NEW YORK CITY



Member of Committee on George
Washington Shrine at Tappan

March 22nd, 1949

Rabbi Abba Hilel Silver
Cleveland
Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You will recall our little chat Sunday in the
Guests' Room at the Hotel Astor prior to the Consecration
Breakfast, during the course of which I mentioned a poem
entitled "To Mother", a copy of which is enclosed herewith.

With best wishes to you and hoping that you
will be spared for many years to come in your noble work,
I am

Cordially yours,

AF:PK



P.S. Rabbi Silver -- I just want you to know
that your address was so stirring and enlightening and
left such an impression on the audience that really it
ought to be handed down as one of the important state
papers of our Nation's priceless documents.

TO MOTHER

Give me a glimpse of the Wildwood
Take me way back once again
Where I roamed in my innocent childhood
And never knew sorrow or pain
Take me back somehow or other
By magic or jet propelled plane
I just want to speak to my Mother
There're some things I have to explain
I'll confess how I often neglected
To appreciate things she had done
How with silence and love she protected
Her wayward and foolhardy son
I just want to whisper sincerely
How regretful I am of the past
And tell her I love her so dearly
That her memory for ages will last.
I hope that she knows that I'm sorry
For failing to do my full part.
And as long as I toil in life's quarry
She will dwell in the depths of my heart.

- Composed by Abraham Felt
on Friday, January 28, 1949

Recited by the author
in Humanitas Lodge No. 1123,
F. & A. M. on Saturday,
January 29, 1949 in
Masonic Hall, New York City
and dedicated to said lodge.

*With best regards
Abraham Felt*

3/22/49

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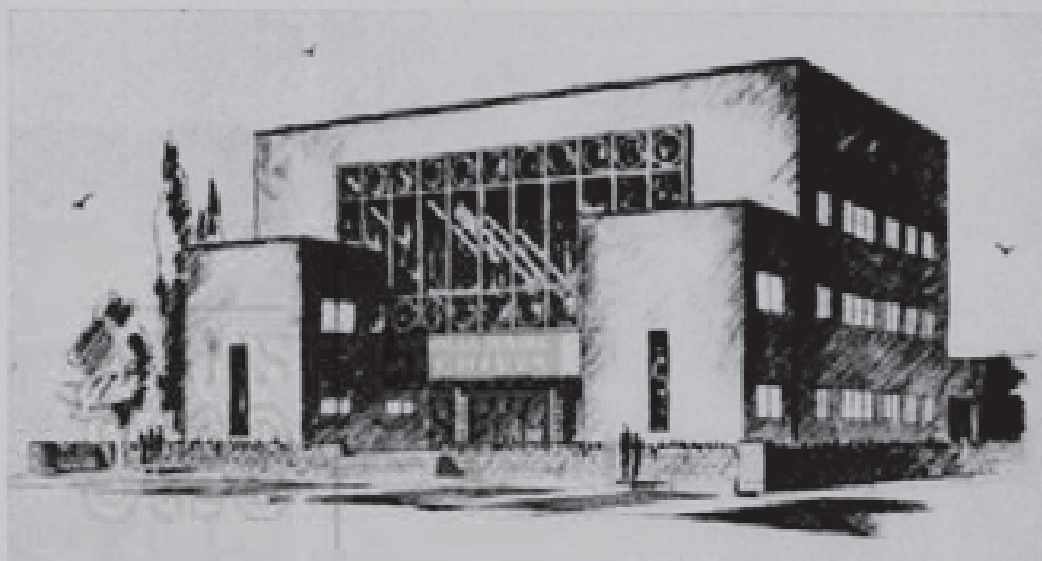
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25 West 45th Street
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March 23, 1949

Rabbi Dr. Abba Hilel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In view of the latest developments in Israel and in this country, it seems to us that there are several points of importance which we should discuss together.

I should, therefore, appreciate it if you would kindly fix an appointment for such a meeting.

Sincerely yours,

S. M. Tamir-Katznelson

Shmuel M. Tamir-Katznelson,
Chairman, Delegation

SMT:cb

March 23rd 19

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I want to take the opportunity to thank you for what you have done - for me.

Rabbi I am still having numbness, clear from my hip down to the toe. I can walk, but not to much & my spine is not altogether well yet in time it will be alright. Rabbi I have used up most of my money to pay my bills, and now I am not in the position to go ahead any more.

Rabbi some day when I
will be able to come
to see you, I will bring
all the bills I have paid.
I will have a heart to
heart talk with you.

Thanking you again
for your kindness,

I appreciate it very much.

I am as ever

Albert Klein,

^{address}
819 Eddy Rd.
Li 4389.



SAUL SPERLING

ATTORNEY AT LAW

BOWLING GREEN 9-5089

61 WHITEHALL STREET
NEW YORK 4, N. Y.

March 23rd, 1949

Dr. Abbah Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The writer had the privilege of being the first one to inform you on the morning of November 28th, 1947, that the Philippine Delegation had instructions to reverse its' stand on the Partition Question.

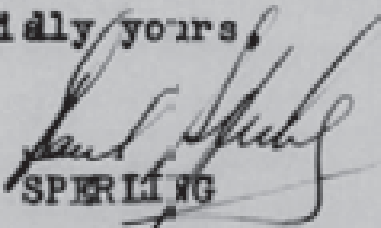
I am now taking the liberty of enclosing what purports to be an endorsement by you of an appeal being made by the Great Palestine Orphan Asylum Diskin, Inc. I am solely interested in ascertaining whether or not there is such an organization in existence.

It seems that the more I respond to appeals made by Palestinian Charitable Institutions, the more Institutions I hear from. In fact, I am now even hearing directly from private individuals who refer to themselves as Rabbis, enclosing endorsements of their appeals for personal assistance by Rabbi Herzog. Rather than turn down a worthy cause, I am inclined to send these organizations and individuals a contribution, even though I am sceptical as to whether or not they are in existence.

Don't you think that these appeals conflict with the drive of the United Jewish Appeal and other worthy appeals? If so, what, if anything, can be done about it? While the American fund for Palestinian Institutions is a step in the right direction, evidently it is an inadequate one.

With assurance of my high regard, I am,

Cordially yours,


SAUL SPERLING

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Encl.

March 23, 1949

Dear Rabbi Silver,

We have returned from our
honey moon and begun our new
life in Chicago. We wanted to
wait till we actually set up our
home before expressing our appreciation
for the fine ceremony you performed
for us. It was serene and most com-
pletely satisfying after the short
notice we had given you - and our
my brother, Eugene, will also
be fortunate in having you consecrate
his marriage shortly. We look forward
to seeing you then. Please extend our
regards to Mrs. Silver and your family.
Our home is always open to you.

Dr. & Mrs. M. Michael O'Neal

March 24, 1919

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kane
Perkins & Will
309 West Jackson Blvd.
Chicago 6, Illinois

My dear Friends:

Permit me to acknowledge your kind letter of March 23rd and to thank you for the check which you enclosed. I shall place it in a special fund for worthy causes.

I am happy to know that you are now established in Chicago and I look forward to seeing you in Cleveland.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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March 24, 1949

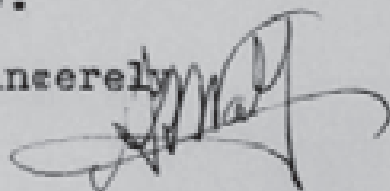
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I just came across in my library
a copy
of the late "JEWISH TRIBUNE", Portland, Oreg.
featuring you on the front page your effort
of raising six million dollars for Palestine
and thought it may be of interest to you,
so, I mailed to you under a separate
wrapper, it is just nineteen years ago
this month, March, 1930.

You see, I am very proud of you
and one of your thousands and thousands of
your admirers, I was born in Neustadt-
Schirwindt, (Wladislawowo), right across
the street were your late parents home
was located, as you will notice from the
enclosed clipping I am Zionist from the
old school and have always admired your
sacrifice for our people.

Sincerely



March 24, 1949

Mr. Abraham Felt
362 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Felt:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of March 22nd and for the enclosure of your poem, "To Mother". It is a beautiful poem and I was deeply touched by it.

Many thanks for your praise of my address which I delivered last Sunday. I was deeply impressed by the meeting. It was unusual in many ways and very uplifting.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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March 25, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,

You may have read the editorials in the Jewish Review and Observer during the past two months, as well as a "Letter to the Editor" in the current issue, which support your interpretation of American Zionism. From afar, this material was the only contribution that I could make. Now that I am back in Cleveland, I hope to be able to do more.

As a resident of New Rochelle, N. Y. until three weeks ago, I worked with Joe Greenleaf Jack Lukashok and others in the Westchester Region, so that I am not a new convert to the cause we espouse.

I shall be happy to participate in any assignment in which I can be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Israel D. Jaslett

March 25, 1949

Mr. Shmuel M. Tamir-Katznelson
521 Fifth Avenue
Suite 2405
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Tamir-Katznelson:

Rabbi Silver is out of the city and is therefore unable to reply to your letter of March 23rd. Upon his return the beginning of next week, it will be brought to his attention.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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~~212 East Green~~
Champaign, Illinois
March 27, 1949

1706 So 3rd St

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I shall be very glad to hold my wedding in the Parlor since that is the room in which my sister was married. I shall make final arrangements for it when I reach home in June.

If it is convenient for you, I should like to be married at 1:00 p.m. on September 4th.

My fiance's name and address are:

Mr. Donald Glassman
7037 Northador Drive
St. Louis, Missouri

His campus address is:
105 East Armory
Champaign, Illinois

My home address is:
2244 Barrington Road
University Heights, Ohio
Fairmont 6248

If there is any other information necessary I shall be in Champaign until June.

Sincerely yours,
Shirley Gloger
Shirley Gloger

March 27

Dear Rabbi Silva,

Some years ago
I was given a book
called "The World's
Great Sermons" by
Frost and in it was
your wonderful sermon
"The Vision Splendid."

I can't begin to
tell you how much it
has inspired me and
I have read it more
times than I can count.

As I learned you
were to be here in
person, I wanted to take
this opportunity to let
you know what a
treasure you have sent
out into the world, not
only to me, but to the
thousands who have read

(inverted)



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and will read it. Most of all it is a challenge to live and live gloriously befitting a member of God's Kingdom.

I only wish that a copy of this sermon could be given to every human being when he is at ebb tide and I'm sure he would find all the hope and faith and strength that I have found.

It is difficult for me to adequately express my deep appreciation to you for writing "The Vision Splendid"; but I assure you, I shall be forever grateful.

Very Sincerely,

Mrs. Eleanor Van Fleet Foreman
(a Presbyterian)

618 Moreland Ave. N.E.
Atlanta, Ga.

HNB

March 28 '49

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It has been my great privilege to receive your recommendation as candidate for the "Mother of Ohio" submitted to the Women's Forum by the Federation of Jewish Women.

The honor of being selected as a candidate was in itself a tribute, but that you so heartily endorsed my candidacy was by far a greater honor. And although I did not win that coveted distinction, I shall always treasure your fine opinion of my family, and shall strive to measure up to it.

Very Sincerely

Henrietta Bloomfield

March 29, 1949

Mr. Ralph A. Melden
General Hospital
Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Ralph:


I have just learned of your illness and hospitalization and I want to send you a word of cheer during your convalescence which I trust will be speedy. I was in Cincinnati this past weekend and had I known of your illness, I would surely have dropped in to see you. However, I shall look forward to seeing you in Cleveland upon your return.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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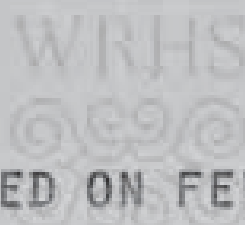
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75, GT. RUSSELL STREET,
LONDON, W.C.1.

31st March, 1949.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
19810, Shaker Boulevard,
Shaker Heights,
Cleveland,
Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver,

I am sending you this letter in order to introduce Dr. Bernard Cinader, a scientist from England who is now on a special mission in Cleveland. Dr. Cinader is very well known to some of our Zionist friends in London and it is rather important that, while he stays in Cleveland, he should be helped to come into contact with other Jews and Zionists.

It would be most valuable if you could receive him.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

A. Baum.

March 31, 1949

Mr. Hyman S. Wolf
915 - 25th Street
San Diego 2, California

My dear Mr. Wolf:

Thank you very much for your note of March 24th. I have not yet received the copy of the "Jewish Tribune" which you sent me, but I am sure that I shall read it with a great deal of interest. Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending it to me, and I hope that I may have the pleasure of meeting you one of these days.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

March 31, 1949

Mr. Israel I. Taslitt
3167 Fulton Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Taslitt:

Thank you so much for your letter of March 25th. I read it with a great deal of interest. Now that you are a resident of Cleveland, I hope that I shall have the pleasure of seeing you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

ARS:er

April 1, 1949

Dr. Gershon G. Scholem
Hotel Park Plaza
50 West 77th Street
New York, New York

My dear Friend:

Please pardon the long delay in replying to your kind letter of March 9th. I have been traveling about a great deal and my correspondence has lagged.

I am very eager to see you. I do not know just when I shall be in New York again - probably not for a few weeks now, but when I do get there, I shall most certainly get in touch with you - or are you perhaps planning to come this way in the near future?

With all good wishes and hoping to see you, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:or

April 1, 1949

Mr. Shmuel M. Tamir-Katznelson
Tenat HaHerut
25 West 85th Street
New York 19, New York

My dear Friend,

Thank you for your kind letter of March 23rd. I do not plan to be in New York in the near future - not before the latter part of April. When I am in the city, I shall be very pleased to see you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SIEVER

AHS:er

ELKAN C. VOORSANGER
1704 EAST KANE PLACE
MILWAUKEE 2, WISCONSIN

April 1, 1949

Dear Abba:

Becoming sixty was not as painful as I thought it would be, particularly since I had such a very lovely birthday to which your letter contributed greatly. Thanks, old dear, for remembering me and making the day complete. I had messages from all of the old friends and it really warmed the cockles of my heart to get all the affectionate greetings. Of course, all the girls came home, and we had a big party in the evening which many of my good friends attended. I must confess I enjoyed having a fuss made over me.

Forgive me for dictating this to you, but right now I am at the end of a bout with the grippe and at the beginning of our fund raising campaign and every moment is taken with that activity, but I don't want any more time to elapse to tell you how good it was to hear from you and how much your message meant to me.

Henrietta and the girls join me in sending fondest greetings to Virginia and the boys. As ever

Affectionately,



I. S. WECHSLER, M. D.
70 EAST 83RD STREET
NEW YORK 28, N. Y.

April 1, 1949

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

Dear Doctor Silver:

On the 26th of this month I
am leaving for Israel to attend the
meeting of the Board of Governors of
the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.
If you plan to get to New York before
that date could you find a little time
for me? Please let me hear from you.

With kind regards, I remain

Yours sincerely,

I. S. Wechsler

ISW:R

April 1, 1949

Mr. Saul Sperling
61 Whitehall Street
New York 4, New York

My dear Mr. Sperling:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of March 23rd. In reply to your question about the Great Palestine Orphan Asylum Diskin, I wish to state that the institution most certainly exists. I have visited it. It is a very large home for orphans and it has been in existence for quite a number of years. As to its present administration, I know very little, and as to why the American Fund for Palestinian Institutions does not take care of it, I cannot say.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

April 1, 1949

Mr. Mendel Fisher
Mount Sinai Hospital
Fifth Avenue at 100th Street
New York, New York

My dear Mendel:

I have inquired from mutual friends and I have learned that you are rapidly recovering from your operation. I am very happy to know it and I am sending you all my good wishes in which Mrs. Silver joins me. I do not plan to be in New York in the near future and so this brief note of mine is by way of a Bikur Cholim. I hope to be in New York, however, towards the end of the month and then I shall have a chance to check up on you.

Get up soon, Mendel. We need a few honest men up and about. Sometimes I think the wrong people are in the hospitals.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

R. S. Yarden
P.O.B. 356
Jerusalem

New York, N.Y. April 3, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
19810 Shaker Blvd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

On the eve of my return to Israel, I decided to send you the enclosed copy of a memorandum, which I submitted recently to Mr. Wm B. Herlands, and the material referred to in it. Its contents may be of interest to you both as religious and as Zionist leader.

I am sending you, under separate cover, also a few additional (mimeographed) copies of the memorandum, should you wish to bring the matter to the attention of some of your friends in Cleveland.

Kindly accept my best wishes for a very pleasant Pass-over and my kindest regards to Mrs. Silver.

Sincerely yours
Rachelle S. Yarden

Debra Waintrup

April 2, 1949

Rabbi and Mrs. Harold B. Waintrup

MEMORANDUM

C O P Y

I. UNITY IS ESSENTIAL TO THE FUTURE OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE

II. THE RELIGIOUS TRADITION - BASIS OF UNITY

III. THE RELIGIOUS CENTER IN JERUSALEM

This memorandum, submitted to Mr. Wm.B.Herlands, President of The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, attempts to focus attention on some past mistakes of world Zionist leadership with a view to the correction of a possible error on the part of religious leaders.

The consequent emphasis on the shortcomings and failures of world Zionist leaders should not be permitted to obscure their merits and achievements which are unquestionable.

I. UNITY IS ESSENTIAL TO THE FUTURE OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE

Unity is essential to the future growth and development of the Jewish people as a whole. It can be safeguarded and strengthened on the basis of the religious tradition only.

The internationally recognized State of Israel does not of itself insure the National Redemption of the Jewish people any more than the internationally approved "Jewish National Home" provided for the salvation of those who were destroyed.

Past errors of world Zionist leadership render the achievement of National Redemption very difficult. An error of a similar nature on the part of world Jewish religious leaders may prevent it altogether.

Past Errors

1. Conflict Over Means Sacrificed End Itself

A generation ago, the same world Zionist leaders who had labored to secure the Balfour Declaration engaged soon after in a conflict over procedural matters such as the mode of financing, qualifications of personnel, type of economy, etc., for the upbuilding of the "Jewish National Home" in Palestine.

a) That conflict and its direct and immediate consequences suppressed for many years the human and economic potential of the great and rich American Jewish community.

b) The absence of the necessary effort on the part of American Jewry - at a time when European Jewry lay prostrate from the ravages of war and pogroms - rendered impossible the speedy and large scale upbuilding of Eretz Israel which had been envisaged.

2. Philanthropic Appeal Replaced Zionist Ideal

Pressed by the need for funds which were not forthcoming from American Jewry, world Zionist leaders resorted increasingly to the philanthropic appeal of "Palestine - a 'Haven of Refuge' for the persecuted Jews of Europe."

The financial response to this philanthropic appeal hardly warranted the replacement of the complete Zionist goal by a partial aim even as a matter of temporary expediency.

a) The omission of Zionist education furthered among American Jews a conviction that Zionism was a charitable enterprise for the benefit of the "unfortunate Jews of the Old World." They began to perceive the value of 'Palestine' as a 'Haven of Refuge' for displaced Jews only after they were more or less convinced that even the generous New World had shut its gates to the overwhelming majority of the Jewish victims.

b) The results of drives for funds became less inadequate only after persecution of Jews in Europe became mass extermination of the victims who were denied everywhere even the elementary right of temporary asylum.

Past Failures Threaten Future of Israel

1. Failure to Prepare The Land For The People

The failure to settle and build Eretz Israel during the first fifteen years of the Balfour Declaration era cost the Jewish people:

- a) Countless more lives in the European holocaust;
- b) Much of the area originally recognized as Eretz Israel;
- c) The exorbitant sacrifices in lives and goods exacted from the small Yishuv in Eretz Israel.

2. Failure to prepare The Jewish People for National Redemption

The failure of world Zionist leadership to initiate and carry out a long range program of Zionist education, especially in the Western Hemisphere, constitutes a double threat to the future of the Jewish people.

a) The condition of a scattered people of Israel deprived for two thousand years of its Homeland was degrading but not devoid of grandeur. While struggling everywhere to assert its human worth and its freedom of conscience, the Jewish people was in reality fighting for the freedom and dignity of all men.

b) But the condition of a Jewish people confronted in the not too distant future with a stunted little state that will have waited in vain for the great Shivath Tsion (Return to Zion), which is the prerequisite to Geulah Haam, would be unmitigated degradation.

Disunity and lack of education in the past brought the Jewish people to this impasse. The gates of Eretz Israel have been opened now by the supreme effort of the Yishuv and the belated assistance of American Jewry. But one half of surviving world Jewry is not free to act, and the other half is not prepared to act.

II. THE RELIGIOUS TRADITION - BASIS OF UNITY

Zionist political endeavors and philanthropic action served in recent years to increase the degree of cooperation and unity of the overwhelming majority of the Jewish people.

But barring a renewed Anglo-Arab assault on the State of Israel, the Jewish communities in the Diaspora are not likely to engage in any political Zionist activities.

And barring a major world catastrophe, philanthropic action is unlikely to continue in the preeminent position it held of late in Jewish communal life.

Unlike the two preceding factors, religious interests are everywhere perceptibly on the ascendant in Jewish life. In addition to the impelling force of deeply rooted religious sentiments, various experiences and influences operate to increase adherence to the religious tradition among ever widening Jewish circles.

a) Jews are increasingly seeking to strengthen their communal cohesion through religious institutions and affiliation - a tendency further accentuated by the mass extermination of Jews in 'civilized' lands.

b) Jewish survivors of the European holocaust - even so-called radicals in collective and cooperative settlements in Eretz Israel - show a new determination to hold on to the Jewish religious tradition. It is their intimate bond with those who wanted them to cherish the religious tradition and who did not live to reach the land of Israel.

c) Jews feel impelled to provide increasingly facilities for Jewish ceremonial life as a means to stem the tide of intermarriage, especially in the small Jewish communities in the Western Hemisphere.

d) The concern about being erroneously considered "godless" impels Jews to develop more and more the congregational set-up even in the smallest communities.

e) Jews in the Diaspora seem to become increasingly aware that the religious bond between them and the renascent Jewish nation in Eretz Israel is the solution to the problem that seems to preoccupy many of them. (See the New York Times, Nov.10,1948 - copy attached).

f) As the teachings of the Torah and the ideals of the prophets become increasingly the daily spiritual fare of the young generation in Eretz Israel, the Jewish tradition is bound to gain in vitality and creativity and experience a new flowering.

g) Though there may be a tendency to "denominationalism of Judaism in this country," the fact remains that Jewish religious leadership is not disrupted by any doctrinal conflict. The three major Jewish religious sectors seem to have evolved some criterion of unity as evidenced by the existence of the Synagogue Council of America which represents Orthodox, Reform, and Conservative Jewry.

The religious tradition of Israel was and is the strongest permanent bond that unites the Jewish people in the Diaspora and can serve as the legitimate bond between the world-wide community and the Jewish nation that will evolve in its own land. This bond can and should be further strengthened and preserved through the creation of a great religious center in Jerusalem. (See memorandum dated Jerusalem, June 20, 1947).

III. THE RELIGIOUS CENTER IN JERUSALEM

A great religious center in Jerusalem would draw some of the best creative forces from the Diaspora. It would help to enrich the spiritual heritage of the Jewish people in the Jewish Homeland. It would serve to radiate the regenerating influence of the Jewish tradition from Eretz Israel to all the Jewish communities in the world. And the unity of the Jewish people thus strengthened and fostered could lead to ever greater achievements on the road to National Redemption.

The very existence of such a religious center in Jerusalem would give peace of mind to the overwhelming majority of the Jewish people.

But to fulfil its great function, such a religious center must be of the Jewish people, for the Jewish people, and created by the concerted effort of world Jewry inspired and guided by a united religious leadership.

A New Error In The Making

The historic necessity for unity is certainly not less urgent today than it was a generation ago when individual and group ambitions, collective prejudices and misconceptions, etc., triumphed under the cover of ideological conflicts.

The cumulative effects of the past errors make a new one so much more dangerous. Yet an error similar in nature to the past replacements of the complete goal by partial aims seems to be in the making.

a) The unwarranted claim* to priority launched in the general press (See The New York Times, Nov.10,1948 - copy attached) is bound to arouse misgivings regarding its intent and purpose.

Remark: The Chief Rabbinate in Jerusalem has been urged for the last few years to initiate the planning of a religious center in Jerusalem. See attached memorandum dated June 20,1947. Other memoranda are available in Jerusalem.

b) The prestige conferred upon one religious group of American Jewry through the presence of a special emissary from Jerusalem and the attendant publicity (See The New York Times, Jan. 27, 1949 -copy attached) is another perilous faux pas. It is bound to conjure up in the minds of too many good Jews the fear of a possible development of authoritarianism and coercion in a realm where inspiration and guidance should prevail.

c) The fatal sequence of priority-prestige-privilege that played such a prominent (though not overt) part in the disruption of Zionist efforts at a crucial moment in Jewish history caused the Jewish people irreparable losses.

d) The substitution of Particularism for unity in the religious realm, if not checked now in its very inception, may rend asunder the Jewish people into a sort of "Catholic" Jewry with a "Vatican" in Jerusalem and a sort of "Protestant" Jewry that will look for its religious personnel and guidance to New York City.

It is too difficult to envisage objectively the possible consequences of such a disruption of the basic religious unity of the Jewish people.

The Religious Tradition And Modern Zionism

Essentially, modern Zionism worked and works for the realization of the age-old religious hope of National Redemption. What is more appropriate than that the religious leadership should now come to its rescue and make the concerted effort needed to insure the future growth and development of Israel both in its Homeland and abroad.

Today, Zionist leaders, especially in Eretz Israel, are engaged in the overwhelming daily tasks of absorbing a large scale immigration for which the land has not been prepared.

The religious leaders, especially in the United States, have before them the twofold task of:

a) Safeguarding and strengthening the unity of the Jewish people - the unity that is rooted in the religious tradition, not ~~in~~ the transitory unity that springs from disaster.

b) Initiating the long overdue program of education for implanting the love of Zion without which we can hardly hope to achieve National Redemption.

The religious leadership of world Jewry can best carry out this twofold task through the medium of a great religious center in Jerusalem.

The very initiation of the planning of such a center by a united Jewish religious leadership would have a most beneficent effect on world Jewry in its present state.

Let the first act of cooperation of Jewish religious leadership of all the sectors be the establishment of the Great Synagogue in Jerusalem.

Stones and mortar help make history for a people. Let us remember what the Kottel Hamaaravi in Jerusalem meant to all the generations of Israel in the Dispersion. And let us ~~also~~ not forget what influence is being now exerted by the Moslem mosques of Old Jerusalem on the very destiny of our Holy City.

New York, N.Y. March 17, 1949

AUTHORITY IN FAITH IS URGED FOR JEWS

The Chief Rabbinate of Israel Suggested for Supreme Rule in Matters of Religion

The initial step toward recognition of the Chief Rabbinate of Israel as the supreme religious authority for Jews has been taken by the Rabbinical Council of America, which says it represents ~~by~~ between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000 Orthodox Jews in the United States and Canada.

This was announced yesterday by Dr. Israel Tabak, president of the Council, at a conference at its office 331 Madison Avenue. He hailed the establishment of close ties between American Jewish communities and the Chief Rabbinate as "epoch-making" and as a stabilizing factor in the interpretation of Judaism ~~in~~ for American Jews.

Dr. Tabak said that "whereas this authority will be similar in some ~~many~~ respects to the authority exercised in Rome upon the Catholic communities throughout the world, it does not envisage the creation of a hierarchy with power to appoint heads ~~as~~ of synagogues outside of Palestine.

For ~~the~~ Authoritative Interpretation

"Judaism is a religion of laws and not of men," he added, "and it is the authoritative interpretation of Jewish religious law contained in the Bible and the Talmud that will be handed down by a competent body of scholars associated with the Chief Rabbinate of the Holy Land. Religious authority centered in Israel would be analogous in Jewish religious law to the Supreme Court of the United States in civil law."

In the first step the 1,500 synagogues associated with the Council have made the first addition to their prayer books in 100 years in America by including a special prayer for the welfare of Israel and the Chief Rabbi of the new state, Dr. Isaac Halevy Herzog. The prayers will become part of the ritual of these synagogues, Dr. Tabak said.

Later, Dr. Tabak said, he will suggest a world conference of Jewish groups to be held in Jerusalem in an effort to stem the denominationalism of Judaism in this country.

Herzog Welcomes Plan

The idea for closer religious ties was first suggested by Dr. Tabak last May at the annual convention of the council. Following adoption of a resolution to this effect, Dr. Tabak expressed the desire in a letter to Dr. Herzog.

In answer to Dr. Tabak's letter, Dr. Herzog wrote:

"I welcome with deep spiritual joy the awakening that has arisen among you, rabbis of Israel in the United States, in the wake of the establishment of the State of Israel, to renew as of old the spiritual ties between the scattered communities throughout the world and the holy city of Jerusalem, the city of the sanctuary, by the reestablishment in Israel of the supreme religious authority to be venerated in Jerusalem."

The New York Times, Nov.10,1948 cont'd

Many American Jews, Dr. Tabak asserted, are now confused and perplexed when they stop to think of their relationship to the new state of Israel. As loyal Americans, he added, they can have no part in the internal political affairs of Israel.

"What character will the strong emotional attachment to Zion, which American Jewish masses have always had, assume in the future? "Our plan furnishes the answer. The relationship will no longer be political but religious and cultural.

The New York Times, Jan. 27, 1949

WO RLD CHIEF URGED FOR ALL RABBINATES

Special to The New York Times

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 26 - As Roman Catholics look to the Pope in the Vatican, the Rabbinate throughout the world should be unified through the establishment of a central institution around the Chief Rabbinate in Jerusalem, the midwinter conference of the Rabbinical Council of America was told today.

The proposal was outlined to the Council, composed of 400 orthodox rabbis ministering in forty states, by Rabbi Jacob Goldman, of Jerusalem, personal secretary of the Chief Rabbi of Israel, Dr. Isaac Halevi Herzog.

"Whatever obedience would be rendered to such a central body would be entirely voluntary," said Rabbi Goldman, who attended the conference as the emissary of Dr. Herzog.

"Obedience," he said, "would not be political but purely religious, much as Catholics look to the Vatican for spiritual sustenance and guidance."

The Rabbinate of the European continent, he reported, seem tremendous possibilities for strengthening the Jewish religion through such a unification. The establishment of the Chief Rabbinate as the central religious authority in Israel for the world Jewry, it was pointed out, was first suggested by the Rabbinical Council.

At a press conference, Rabbi Goldman emphasized that the proposal was not intended to set up a clerical rule in Israel.

THE NEED FOR A SPIRITUAL CENTER IN JERUSALEM
TO PRESERVE THE UNITY OF ISRAEL
TRANSLATION

This is the summary of a talk with Chief Rabbi Isaac Halevi Herzog of Israel, submitted to him at his request on June 20, 1947 in Jerusalem.

I. The Synagogue is the Central Institution of Jewish Life in the Western Hemisphere.

1. The synagogue is the central institution of Jewish life in the Western Hemisphere, especially in the USA. Jews in the New World feel, according to their own statements, that the synagogue - notwithstanding its present limitations - is the main bulwark that stands between them and total disappearance through biological assimilation.
2. Heretofore the synagogue of the New World drew its spiritual sustenance and even its personnel from European Jewry. Even to this day, the foremost rabbinical scholars, the outstanding cantors and the overwhelming majority of those steeped in Jewish learning came to the Western Hemisphere from Europe.
3. The European wellspring that supplied the spiritual nurture for the young and vigorous American Diaspora of six million Jews has been suddenly and cruelly destroyed. And this destruction came about at a time when Eretz Israel has not yet developed sufficiently its spiritual resources. And, indeed, the spiritual center of the Jewish people is now being developed not in Eretz Israel but in the United States of America.
4. Eretz Israel is hardly exerting any direct influence on the spiritual life which is developing in the great American dispersion. Nor is Eretz Israel offering that special assistance that is needed to create a solid foundation for the unity of the Jewish people - a foundation that would be able to safeguard under all conditions and at all times a legitimate bond between Israel in the dispersion and the restored nation in Eretz Israel.

II. Zionism and the Unity of Israel in the Future

1. Zionism as the National Rebirth of Israel has not struck very deep or many roots among the six millions of Jews in the Western Hemisphere. (Witness the limitation of the pioneer youth movement of the entire continent to a few hundred chosen souls and of these many are not natives of the New World republics.)

Jewish National Consciousness is utterly lacking in the overwhelming majority of American Jews. The constitutions of the various republics, from the USA to Uruguay, never regarded the Jews as a national or ethnic minority. The Jew born in the USA, for instance, and even the Jews who came there in their early childhood, consider themselves full-fledged members of the American nation, and not only as citizen of the American State. Thanks to the religious freedom that prevails on the whole American continent and the existence of many religious sects and denominations, the Jew readily identifies himself with his own "religious community."

2. Zionism as philanthropy has found a much greater response, though by far not what it could have been. It is only due to the unprecedented tragedy of the destruction and uprooting of European Jewry that the last two years saw a more adequate willingness to contribute to Zionist funds. Still the number of contributors and the amount of the contributions fell far short of the possibilities.
3. Zionism as political action is limited even to a smaller number of individuals. It is safe to state that even these, in their majority, function in the conviction that their activities are something which is done for the benefit of others, and they are willing to carry them on as long as they are convinced that they are not acting in any way against the will of their government.
4. There is ground to doubt as to whether this sort of Zionism is apt to stand the trials and pressures that may arise in the course of time, especially should the Displaced Persons problem and the political struggle find their solution. There is perhaps something of a warning in what happened in Brazil when Zionism was supposed to have fallen there under a government ban for seven years, from April 1938 to April 1945. A journalist in Rio de Janeiro pointed out: "The gentile Carlos Prestes (Communist leader of Brazil) served some ten years in prison for his adherence to the doctrine of his master. We Zionists, not one of our leaders saw the inside of a prison or paid any fine for adherence to Zionism. We quickly rid ourselves of our Zionism."

III. Only Spiritual Values Can Safeguard the Unity of Israel.

1. The period of transition confronting us is without precedent in our millennial history. Whether the United Nations favor our cause or, God forbid, condemn it, the new reality which may result either way will place the majority of our people in the Diaspora to a test which may endanger the Unity of Israel.
2. The spiritual values, which preserved our people throughout its long dispersion and which led us to the national rebirth of Israel on its own soil, are best adapted to safeguard the unity of Israel also in the future.
3. Jerusalem has been the center to which the eyes and hearts of our people turned in prayer fourscore and more generations. Jerusalem should also in the future fulfill the mission which our prophets

had foreseen for it thousands of years ago.

Jerusalem should be built up as the great dynamic spiritual center capable of attracting the best talents of world Jewry and should be thus enabled to radiate its influence on Jewish life in the dispersion. Such reciprocal influence between the Diaspora and Eretz Israel is indispensable to the development and growth of Eretz Israel and the preservation of the unity of Israel in the future.

4. Naturally, the upbuilding of Jerusalem as the great spiritual center it should be is the work of generations, but the need for a planned beginning is very urgent at this time. The program would have to be worked by a large body of experts whose function it would be to do so. But it is desirable perhaps to indicate in broad outline some of the activities that should be started without delay.

IV. Suggested Initial Activities

1. Organization of a set-up for the creation and publication of illustrated booklets of the story and legends of Jerusalem throughout the ages. The material should aim to implant the love and reverence that past generations of our people felt for the City of David.
2. The selection and earliest acquisition of an adequate area of land in Jerusalem for the erection of the many buildings that the spiritual center will require in the course of time, as for instance:
 - a. House of Prayer of adequate dimensions;
 - b. Rabbinical Seminary;
 - c. Conservatory for the study and research of liturgical music;
 - d. Special Library;
 - e. Museum of Sancta etc.;
 - f. Hall of Prophets with the history unfolding in film and radio;
 - g. Biblical garden with retreats (cottages and rooms) for creative work of resident and visiting scholars and artists;
 - h. Residences for the personnel connected with the spiritual work of the center
 1. Hostels for pilgrims of limited means.
3. Creation of a Commission that will dedicate itself to the education of the inhabitants of Jerusalem for the duty of receiving pilgrims from all over the world.
4. Establishment of an institution for the education and training of intelligent guides and receptionists for the pilgrims.
5. A Commission for promoting the development of housing facilities for the various categories of pilgrims.
6. A world-wide set-up for the promotion of pilgrimages from all lands to Jerusalem.
7. The initiation of broadcasts from Jerusalem to the Diaspora (and rebroadcasts abroad) of regular Bible readings, religious services of special occasions, Selihoth, liturgical music, etc.

Jerusalem, June 20, 1947

131 East Ninth St.,
Plainfield, N.J.
April 3, 1949.

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

Dear Doctor Silver:

Your addresses on India and other parts of the world, and on world affairs in general are still high spots in my year at Western University when I attended your Temple.

The active part you have taken in matters of local interest and world wide, that are so important today, is greatly to be admired, and I have followed with interest your various books and articles.

I am taking the liberty to write for suggestions for a friend who is interested in the co-operative experiments in rebuilding villages in Palestine.

Is there a Foundation where the services of an interested person can be offered in exchange for subsistence pay and traveling expenses, say on a year's leave of absence from a U.S. position, or on an exchange of people from one country to another?

Any information or addresses that you can supply would be greatly appreciated. Please address this information to

Mrs. Ann Yagendorf,
19 Ursino Place,
Elizabeth 1, N.J.

Mrs Yagendorf is an experienced librarian, a normal school graduate, a good business person with store management experience and can do secretarial work and drive a car. She is not afraid of hard work and has an intelligent interest in world affairs.

Sincerely yours,

M. Catherine Gillespie

M. Catherine Gillespie,
Western Reserve University, B.S. 1927.

P.S. Just for fun I went out and voted in Cleveland for City Manager.

M E M O R A N D U M

April 4, 1949

To: Rabbi Julius J. Nodel

From: Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

Please include in the bulletin this week:

1. Hagaddahs may be purchased in the Temple Office.
2. A word about the improved lighting in The Temple as a result of the installation of additional lighting fixtures in the dome.
3. A preliminary announcement of the Annual Meeting of the Temple Women's Association.

AHS:er

April 4, 1949

Dr. I. S. Wechsler
70 East 83rd Street
New York 28, New York

My dear Dr. Wechsler:

Thank you for your kind note. I have no present engagement which would bring me to New York before the 26th of this month. If I do go to New York, I shall most certainly get in touch with you. Otherwise, I would suggest that you write me or telephone me.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

April 4, 1949

Mrs. Eleanor Van Fleet Forehand
618 Moreland Ave., N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Mrs. Forehand:

Permit me to acknowledge your kind note of March 27th.
It was indeed kind of you to write to me and I am deeply
gratified at what you say.

With all good wishes and thanking you again, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Dear Sir,

I beg to report that I can offer you a fine old engraved Armorial Bookplate of the same surname as yours, and bearing the correct Coat of Arms, as granted to the family of your surname.

This old Bookplate is a good impression, well preserved and is framed.

I will accept 20 dollars for it if you or any member of your family would like to have it, and, if desired, I shall be pleased to send it on approval for your inspection.

Yours faithfully,

S. H. Fitch

485 Centr. Pk. W.,

New York, Apr 5, '49.

Rabbi A. Hillel Silver

The Temple

Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Silver,

It has just reached me that an Israeli painter, a Mr. Litwinsky, wrote you a letter in my behalf. I still do not know its exact contents but I would ask you please to disregard it. Mr. L. is a fine painter and a man of good intentions but evidently of poor judgment. He has known me only a short while and takes himself too much for granted. He has not consulted me as his grand plan for me - I cannot ^{even} tell him that I know he has written you and how much I resent his act.

As for you, I have too much regard for your work and consideration for your person to wish to burden you with any personal affairs of my own.

So please forgive the misdi-
rected zeal of this who friend
of mine and accept my own
best wishes.

Faithfully
your old friend
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April 5, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am writing to you about a local UJA problem in the solution of which you can be most helpful.

Mr. David Geffen, a local automobile merchant, has always been an active Zionist, and a pretty good contributor to the United Jewish Appeal (last year he gave \$4,375). He has just returned from Florida, and when I, as the Chairman of Utica's '49 campaign, asked him to go to Syracuse to a Regional Conference—Mr. Geffen told me in no uncertain terms that he wouldn't go—that he wouldn't attend ANY UJA functions this year, and that furthermore, he wouldn't give a cent. His reasons:—Dr. Silver and Dr. Neumann have lost their battle to retain control of the UJA—and he would have nothing to do with a drive headed by such "gangsters" as Henry Montor and Henry Morgenthau.

Thinking that anyone who has always been an ardent supporter of our cause, couldn't possibly put any personal considerations ahead of the welfare of the State of Israel—I visited with Mr. Geffen last evening and after a long discussion, using every argument possible—I obtained nothing except a confirmation of our previous talk, with this significant addition. Mr. Geffen would rather that the UJA raise 50 million this year under the leadership of Drs. Silver and Neumann, than raise 150 million under Mr. Morgenthau and Mr. Montor.

You can imagine my consternation at hearing such a remark—and can only turn to you for help in straightening out this misguided individual. I am certain of your sincere interest in getting the maximum funds for UJA in this all-important year—and I am sure that the case of Mr. Geffen is that of a pupil going much, much further than his teacher had intended. Fortunately for us, his is an isolated case—real Zionist leaders like Archibald Silverman and Dr. Silver, regardless of their personal positions about the leadership of the campaign, are heart and soul in the campaign—and I am sure that a letter from you to Mr. Geffen will help rectify this unfortunate situation. His address is 437 Columbia Street—and may I please have a copy of your letter sent to the above address, so that I can be properly guided as to how best to proceed.

Sincerely yours,

DAVID H. LURIE, Chairman

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April 6, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Congregation Tifereth Israel
East 105th St., and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I was very glad to receive your letter of April 1st. Our plans are to stay in New York until about April 25th and then to go to Chicago where I am expected to give some lectures, and from there to Cincinnati. This would keep us away from New York until about May 15th or even one week later.

I do not know whether it might be possible to go to Cleveland and to stay there for one night, but maybe on the way to Chicago. If you are sure that you will be in Cleveland on Monday or Tuesday, April 25th and 26th, this might be arranged. If you are in New York before this time or during the second half of May, we might have another chance of meeting, although, of course, I understand that you will be much more taken up here than at your own place.

It will be a great pleasure to see you again and have a talk with you about matters of common interest.

Many cordial greetings,

Yours,

Gershom G. Scholem
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GGS:gs

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April 7, 1949

Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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East 105th Street
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Dear Rabbi Dr. Silver:

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I remain, wishing you a Joyous and Kosher Passover.

Sincerely yours,

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return*

April 7, 1949.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
% The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You will undoubtedly be interested in the enclosed editorial by Rabbi Herbert Friedman.

My personal position is expressed in the last issue of the National Jewish Post which you may have read. While I am not an unswerving and blind follower of the administration, I do favor the middle of the road position pursued, and am opposed to the position taken by Rabbi Friedman and the CPZ generally.

Either I, or someone else who represents an opposing viewpoint, will probably debate this matter with Rabbi Friedman. I would therefore like to get a reaction from you concerning the enclosed statement, or such other material as you may care to supply.

You may remember me from Johnstown, Pa. My brother Elvin is still one of your staunch adherents.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Emanuel Teitelbaum
Emanuel Teitelbaum

April 10, 1949

Rabbi Abba Hiller Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

For the first time, a sermon prompted me to write to the deliverer of it.

I always enjoy your sermons, your oratory is marvelous and your sincerity is beyond question. Usually you are right, sometimes you are wrong, and in my way of thinking, the opinions expressed in your sermon this morning are basically wrong. I say "basically" because the facts given by you were truthful, many of your opinions are undeniable, but there is one factor which you seemingly do not take into consideration; namely, the spirit and aims of the U.S.S.R. in general and of the Communist party in particular.

Before coming to the point, I wish to state that I spent 30 of the best years of my life in Russia. In 1905, I took an active part in the Revolutionary movement which aimed to get rid of the Czar and everything he stood for.

I graduated from a Russian high school and have a college degree. While I consider the U.S.A. (my adopted country) the best in the world, and while I love the people and the democratic way of living here, I nevertheless have an affinity toward Russia, the Russian people. At home, with my wife, I speak Russian, read Russian literature including the Moscow newspaper "Pravda".

In 1930, after an absence of ten years, I spent six weeks in the U.S.S.R., met an innumerable number of old friends and relatives, and spent many sleepless nights in the company of either Russian officials, former school mates of mine or people deprived of all rights on account of their political opinions. You can readily see that I had a good chance to study conditions there.

On the way home, I spent five days in Paris in the company

of a high Russian official, Semion Wulfson, a childhood friend of mine who was the U.S.S.R. grain export representative for France, Italy, and the Netherlands. (He is now dead so I can mention his name.) We spent evenings, late into the night, discussing old times and dreams of the future. It is surprising how the dreams developed by him over 18 years ago became so close to actuality: Absorption of the parts in Europe which formerly belonged to Russia (Poland, Baltic States), Communization of the Slavic States and all of Europe, and finally, the triumph of communism all over the world. The world one country: The Union of (all) Socialist Soviet Republics with the capitol in Moscow.

I personally have no objections to one world, but I would rather die than live under a dictatorship similar to the U.S.S.R. You know too well the living conditions (moral rather than physical) in the U.S.S.R. and there is no need for me to expend on the subject.

The "Marshall Plan" and the "North Atlantic Pact" have their very serious shortcomings. You pointed them out so ably in your sermon. I agree with every word you said about the U.N. and how detrimental it is to "stab it in the back". Nobody will deny how undemocratic the new comrades-in-arms, Portugal and Greece, are. However, is it not true that the Marshall Plan prevented so far the absorption behind the "Iron Curtain" of Greece and Italy? While the Atlantic Pact has its evils and shortcomings, will it not act as a barrier against the absorption of all Europe behind the "Iron Curtain"?

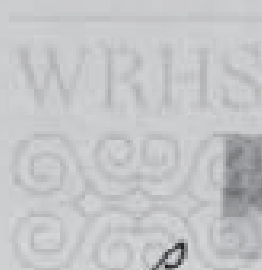
It is true that the U.S.S.R. top officials know that they are too weak to wage a war against the U.S.A. for another decade. But by strongly adhering to the motto: "The end justifies the means", and by gradually absorbing and "digesting" more territory and people, they will get to where my boyhood friend predicted unless stopped before it is too late.

I hate to live over another war. I have even selfish reasons as my son and son-in-law are reserve officers in the U.S.A. navy and army respectively. I hope and pray that the North Atlantic Pact will act as a stop gap only, meantime the people of the world will learn to see the light. It is better to experience a "cold war" for many generations than to have a "hot war" a decade from now.

On the way out of the Temple, I overheard one fellow saying: "If we could live in peace with the Czar of Russia, why can we not live in peace with Stalin?" There is a big difference. The ruthless Czars of Russia, with all of their barbarism, did not aim to conquer the world, while the basic idea of communism and dictatorship is exactly this. In addition, communism is synonymous with fanaticism and has no bounds unless stopped in time.

Tomorrow I may be sorry for writing this letter but I was eager to get it off my chest. In addition, I hate to realize that notwithstanding your knowledge of the world conditions in general, and the U.S.S.R. in particular, you, I am sorry to say, seemingly fail to see the "spirit" of rulers for the U.S.S.R. and of the countries behind the "Iron Curtain".

I wish to convey to you my deep respect and appreciation.



Sincerely yours,

Samuel B. Kraut

I have close relatives in the U.S.S.R with whom I am corresponding. For obvious reasons I prefer not to have my signature on the letter

3506 Tullamore Rd.,
University Heights, Ohio,
April 10, 1949.

Dear Rabbi Silver;

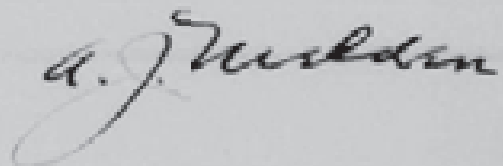
Mrs. Melden and I want to express our appreciation for the friendly and encouraging letter you wrote to our son Ralph during his severe illness at Cincinnati.

You will be happy with us, to know that he has improved sufficiently, so that he has just been taken off the "critical" status at the hospital, and we are now hopeful that in due time he will recover fully.

At a very crucial time, Ralph received a lot of encouragement from your letter, as well as those he received from many other good friends. We know you are very busy, and feel that your gesture in writing him, is just another one of the many fine things that have endeared you to so many members of your congregation.

Thanking you again, and with every good wish, I remain

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. J. Melden".

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

April 11, 1949

Dr. Gershom G. Scholem
Jewish Institute of Religion
West 68th Street
Near Central Park
New York 23, New York

My dear Dr. Gershom:

Thank you for your letter of April 6. I plan to be in Cleveland both, on Monday and Tuesday, April 25 and 26. I should be very happy to see you, and Mrs. Silver and I would be most happy to have you as our house guest during your visit to Cleveland. Please let me know of your final plans.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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The Convention rates, which are on the American Plan are as follows:

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Cordially yours,

ISAAC E. MARCUSON,
Administrative Secretary.

Salvia Hotel
Jerusalem

Monday, 11 April, 1949

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

Dear Dr. Silver,

This has been one of the most exciting experiences of my life. I have had my eyes opened and I find myself standing in awe before these people as I hear their experiences and difficulties of the last year. But no one is dismayed or sad. There is a spirit of enthusiasm and pride that is really inspiring. No one can be here without catching that feeling. ~~They~~ They deserve so much credit and admiration.

The foreign office has been very helpful as a consequence of your letter, although Mr. Charet is in America. They have made it possible for me to visit every part of the country--from Dan to south of Beersheba. I expect to spend the rest of the week in and around Jerusalem and I am scheduled to be at a Seder in a nearby Kibbutz, which should be interesting.

Upon my return to Tel Aviv, I have appointments with some government people, including Dr. Kohn who wrote the proposed constitution.

I want to thank you again for your kindnesses and help. I hope to see you upon my return. With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I am

Very sincerely

L.F. Levenberg

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Dear Dr. Silver

Many thanks to Mrs Silver and you for
your kind invitation. It would have been
really a pleasure to avail ourselves of
this opportunity to see you but
my schedule has been changed and we
will have to go by another way and
cannot come through Cleveland. Therefore,
I hope to hear from you during your
next visit to New York. I shall be there
from May 20th until end of June when
we intend to sail for Europe.

מחכים לראות אתכם בניו יורק

Yours cordially

A. Scholem

MEMORANDUM

April 15, 1949

To: Harry A. Levy

From: Abba Hillel Silver

Many of our Temple Bulletins are smudged by the addressograph. It is a pity to spend so much money to get an attractive bulletin and then to have it defaced by an addressograph machine. Surely there should be some way of correcting the situation.

AHS:er

M E M O R A N D U M

April 15, 1949

To: Lillian P. Miller

From: Abba Hillel Silver

Please remind the Confirmation Class tomorrow morning of the examination which is to take place for the Thursday group on Thursday afternoon, April 21st, and for the Friday group, on Friday afternoon, April 22nd. Also remind the members of the class who have the weekly assignment papers to make up, to bring them in next Thursday or Friday.

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April 15, 1949

Dr. Isaac E. Marcuson
Central Conference of American Rabbis
222 Buford Place
Macon, Georgia

Dear Dr. Marcuson:

In connection with the forthcoming Convention of the C.C.A.R. to be held in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, will you please arrange for a single room and bath at \$15.00 per day for Dr. Silver beginning Saturday, June 25th.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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The Alrae

THIRTY-SEVEN EAST SIXTY-FOURTH STREET

NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

April 17th 1949

Dear Mr. Silver,

I am writing you to
wish you & Mrs. Silver & the
other members of your family &
Sammy in particular NOB in
the occasion of this NOB.

There are many of us who know
full well the merit and quality
of the contribution made by you to
the special significance of this NOB
in Jewish History.

I am engaged in trying to
set my own personal affairs in

order, after 9 continuous years
of work, which I hope has been
of some significance and modest
benefit to Isrl. I am acting
in a consultative capacity for
Pan American Airways with a
view to handling their affairs in
Israel in due course, thereby perhaps
contributing to the development of
a well-organised Tourist-movement
and Industry over there.

"Tourist Dollars" may prove to be
a substantial part of Israel's income
for invisible exports, but unless there
is good organisation and proper
facilities are provided the

flow of visitors may not be as substantial as present trends indicate.

I thought you might be interested to hear what I was doing, and I hope that I can count on your continued goodwille and the benefit of your advice in the future as I have done in the past.

With kind personal regards
and all good wishes,

I am

Yours very sincerely
William L. Allen

April 17, 1949

Hotel Sulgrave
Park Ave. at 67th Street
New York 21, New York

Gentlemen:

Will you please reserve a room for Dr. Silver for Tuesday, April 26th.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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Harry Cohen
Counselor at Law
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April 17th, 1949.

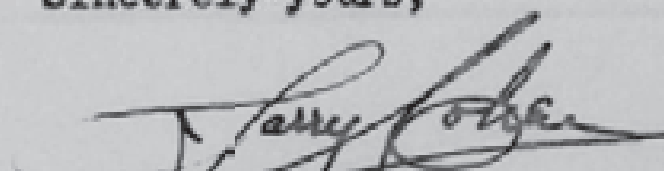
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

The thought has occurred to me
that you might find a perusal of these recent
columns of mine in the "Jewish Review" of this
City of interest.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,


HARRY COHEN

HC; x

ALL THINGS CONSIDERED

By Harry Cohen

MR. TRUMAN'S PENS

I have been thumbing my way through the pages of current issue of the National Jewish Monthly, B'nai Brith's official publication and I am forced to conclude that if any member of the Order fails to note that the pens used by President Truman to announce de jure recognition of Israel were presented by him to B'nai Brith, it will not be the fault of its Editor. He has gone "all out", having omitted only to set the thing to music, for which I heartily commend him. There must be some, I suppose, who wonder how it came about that Mr. Truman selected the B'nai Brith for the signal honor and here is where you discover how fortunate you are to be among my readers and thus receive the exclusive and inside information which I only possess.

The facts, gathered by my secret spies at considerable personal risk, represents the results of months of patient investigation and goes all the way back to those dark days early last year when the Administration at Washington was still uncertain about implementing the United Nations' partition resolution. It was then, you will remember, that our State Department came up with a solution: a "trusteeship" for Palestine—another mandate, with a face-lifting. The trusteeship plan was in good favor in some high places until it met the force of public opinion which blew it higher than the proverbial kite.

All this is known by everyone; but what only my spies know is that when President Truman threw the trusteeship plan into the ash heap, he felt obliged to retain some slight vestige of it, if only as a sop to the bright boys who had authorized it. This is how it came to be that when at last the President granted de jure recognition and wished to make a presentation of the pens which symbolized the act, he thought himself of the old trusteeship idea and put it to use by giving the pens to B'nai Brith—in trust for the Zionist Organization which had earned them.

These are the sort of things you can learn only by reading "All Things Considered". But I should

like to turn my attention to other matters; for instance, to a letter which I just received from London from my friend, Mr. Sydney Moseley, whom you used to hear nightly during the war years over your radio, easily among the best of the commentators. Mr. Moseley used to be President of the British Association of Broadcasters before taking up his post in this country and I am delighted to learn that after covering the continent pretty completely on his recent trip, he is due to return here where his encyclopedic knowledge of Europe from the bogs of Ireland to the steppes of the Ughs is sorely needed.

Mr. Moseley sends me the clipping of a letter of his printed in the London "Daily Mail" in reply to the letter of an anti-Semitic Englishman, who had written in to wonder how it is that "the privileged Jews" seems to occupy "the best hotels abroad even though they are only permitted by law to spend not more than 35 English pounds" while visiting the continent. Mr. Moseley's letter in reply says that after traveling all through Europe, he "came across a number of Jews only once—in Nice."

He continues: "These were American Jews: the very same whose heavy taxes in support of the Marshall Plan makes it possible for such as your soured and envious correspondent to have a holiday at all."

Good shot, Sydney Moseley! Keep it up; we'll be listening.

A Happy

All Things Considered

By HARRY COHEN

MORE ABOUT THESE PENS.

I have a letter from Mr. Edward E. Grusd, editor of B'nai Brith's National Jewish Monthly, who finds my recent column about the gift of President Truman's pens a little less than just to the order of which both he and I are members, in good standing. I am happy to hear from Mr. Grusd, if only for the reason that it enables me to say that he has done some fine things with the monthly he edits and that if he had done no more than to serve up the authentically Jewish biographical studies from the pen of Dr. Max Raisin appearing of late, we should all stand deeply indebted to him.

In the matter of President Truman's pens, Mr. Grusd feels that I might have noted, as the Monthly did, that the President later sent ~~four~~ other pens to Dr. Weizmann, Rabbi Wise and to Messrs. Feinberg and Niles. Also, that of the two pens given to President Goldman and Secretary Biegyer of the B'nai Brith, one of them was presented by them to Mr. Elath, Israeli ambassador, who forwarded it to the National Museum in Israel.

I had hoped that my earlier column would provide some amusement and it distresses me that it did not succeed in doing so—at least, for Mr. Grusd. His letter tempts me to descend from the light-hearted vein in which it was written, though I do so reluctantly and only because there really is a principle at stake.

To begin with, Mr. Grusd must concede that a presentation made to the President and Secretary of an organization can hardly be regarded as personal in nature. Nor do I question the propriety of President Truman's choice of the oldest Jewish organization in

the United States as the recipient of the honor. But I am afraid I am unregenerate in my view that the President of B'nai B'rith lay under a high ethical obligation to make due acknowledgment of the role, not to say the leadership, of the great official Zionist organizations represented in the American Zionist Emergency Council, headed by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

You see I knew Henry Monsky. I knew, too, something of that magnanimity of spirit, that expansive fellowship which inspired his actions and which called out generosity in others, and which would have impelled him in this instance to give recognition where it was so clearly due. And I ask Mr. Grud: Is there another quality in all of Jewish community life in which we stand in greater need than that for which the life of Henry Monsky is at once both sign and symbol?

So I must ask Mr. Grud to be charitable toward me. For I see now that my earlier column was written in nostalgic mood, forgetful of the fact that "there were giants in those days."

18th April 1969

MRS. ERNEST JAMES BISIKER

590 Second Street.

Butler, Pa.

Dear Rabbi Silver;

My wife and I were in

Cleveland yesterday and attended a very beautiful Lyster Service just round the corner from you in Dr. Olsen's Church. I heard in the Cleveland Plain Dealer that your sermon would be on "Passover and Easter and the Judeo-Christian Tradition"; this sounds a most interesting subject, and I wonder if you have a typed or printed copy, which could be sent to me on loan?

Best wishes from us both.

Yours sincerely

E. J. Biker

APRIL 19, 1949

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41 EAST 42 STREET
NEW YORK CITY

MRS. SILVER JOINS ME IN SENDING YOU WARMEST PASSOVER GREETINGS.

ABRA HILLEL SILVER



April 19, 1949

Major Wellesley Aron
The Alrae
37 East 64th Street
New York 21, New York

My dear Friend:

I was very happy to receive your note and to learn of your new activity. It sounds extremely interesting, and I wish you every success.

I send you my warmest greetings for a happy Passover.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

APRIL 19, 1949

MR. & MRS. MOISHE TOFF
11 EAST 70 STREET
NEW YORK

I SEND YOU MY WARMEST HOLIDAY GREETINGS. HOPE ~~THAT~~ YOU ARE
WELL.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



April 19, 1949

Mr. Emanuel Teitelbaum
711 First National Bank Bldg.
Denver 2, Colorado

My dear Mr. Teitelbaum:

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter. I have been away from my desk a good bit of the time. I have requested our friends in New York to send you material on the subject which I hope you have received by now. If not, let me know.

The editorial which you sent me is interesting both for its ignorance of the whole subject and its "chuzpah". The two frequently go together.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

April 19, 1949

Miss M. Catherine Gillespie
131 East Ninth Street
Plainfield, New Jersey

My dear Miss Gillespie:

Thank you for your letter of April 3rd. I would suggest that your friend get in touch with the Israel Consulate in New York. I am sure that they will be in position to give Mrs. Yagendorf whatever information she requires.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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April 19, 1949

Registrar
Smith College
Northampton, Mass.

My dear Madam:

I am writing to you concerning Miss Fern Arlyne Kaplan of this city who, I understand, is applying for admission to Smith College.

Miss Kaplan is well known to me as is her family. She received her religious education here at The Temple and was an outstanding student in every way, not only in her unusual scholastic achievements, but in her participation in the life of our organization.

During her three years at Highland Manor School in West Long Branch, New Jersey, Miss Kaplan has been an officer of the school's Student Government Association, Editor-in-Chief of the school newspaper, as well as an active member of many forums of the school. She is especially interested in English and in History.

Miss Kaplan is a fine young woman whom I recommend to you without reservation as one who will bring credit to your college.

Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

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Fern Arlyne Kaplan - Age 18
2592 Edgerton Rd. University Heights, Ohio

Attended Highland Manor School,
West Long Branch, New Jersey for the past
three years.

Held the following offices:

1 year Secretary-Treasurer of Student
Government Association
Editor-in-Chief of school newspaper
"The Wishing Well"
Assistant Feature Editor of yearbook
"Manorisms"

Participated in numerous forums,
French Club, Spanish Club, and
Drama Club.

I desire to enter Smith College
(Northampton, Mass.) and wish to major
in writing. Am particularly interested
in English and History. Enjoy sports,
reading, lectures and other cultural and
social activities.

Confirmed 1946

April 19, 1949

Mr. Samuel B. Kraut
3519 Cummings
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Kraut:

Let me thank you for your letter of April 10th which I read with much interest. Many of the things which you say are very well known to me. My attitude towards the North Atlantic Pact and generally to our present policy with reference to the Soviet Union is not determined by my failure to recognize the facts which you mention in your letter. The Soviet Union is a dictatorship and I hate every form and phase of dictatorships - of whatever type. But the Soviet Union is here and we must discover an intelligent and realistic way of living in the same world with it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

April 19, 1949

Mr. Harry Cohen
260 East 161 Street
New York 51, New York

My dear Mr. Cohen:

Thank you for your note of April 17th and for the copies of the column which you wrote in the Jewish Review. I read them with much pleasure and a hearty chuckle.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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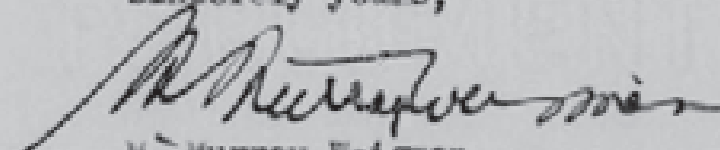
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Angel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We are delighted to confirm the reservation requested in Miss Rice's letter of April 17th. I understand from the front desk that, unless otherwise instructed, we are to assume you will want a living room - bedroom suite. Accordingly, we have reserved Apartment 903, which I believe you occupied on a previous visit.

With cordial personal greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,


M. Murray Weisman

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Dr. Abba H. Silver
19810 Shaker Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We are returning your check No. 1017 dated April 19, 1949 in the amount of \$59.93 due to overpayment.

Our statement enclosed calls for a payment of \$54.93 only. Your check overpays your account in the amount of \$5.00, therefore.

Very truly yours

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Leland Houck
Auditor

Mrs. Herman Bruson
18401 Shaker Blvd.
Shaker Heights, Ohio

April 21, 1949

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you very much
for your kindness in
conducting the service for
my dear wife last Sunday.
We hope to have the
pleasure of seeing you in
the near future.

Sincerely yours,
Jacob Haker

Dear Rabbi,

For years I have gone to your Temple religious school learning and hating Judaism. The hate for it was only hate for the work and effort involved which has passed from me as a childhood illness. Now I am faced with the problem of deciding what religion I really am. Let me tell you what I believe. Maybe you can tell me what I am.

I believe in God, not as a supreme power, but as something to account for the things science and fact cannot tell me. I do not believe in worship, as I cannot worship what I do not know.

You know what I believe. Am
I an atheist? A Jew? Or what?

Sincerely,

Betty Schwartz
2200 West 6th St,
Topeka, Kansas



II I do not believe in Miracles
like the miracles of Passover, of Moses
parting the Red Sea, et cetera; ~~I believe~~
of the Chanukah light burning for
eight days, nor of Moses getting the
ten commandments on Mt. Sinai (He
was a wise and good man-he prob-
ably made them up himself.) I do
not believe in any code of laws
except what a person thinks is right.
I am, myself, a very strong person,
so I cannot tell anyone to follow
my code for they are not like I am.
My beliefs apply only to myself,
as I have to devise my own code to
satisfy my own needs.

I do not believe in an after death, hell,
or heaven.

April 21, 1949

Miss Betty Schwartz
2200 West 6th Street
Topeka, Kansas

My dear Miss Schwartz

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter. It is not possible in the space of a letter to answer all the questions which you raise. I am sure there must be a rabbi in your community. I would suggest that you ask for a conference and talk over with him the problems which you raise in your letter. There are also some very fine books on the subject of the Jewish religion. I would suggest that you read one or two of them. Many of your questions may then be answered.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

April 21, 1949

Hotel Sulgrave
Park Ave. at 67th
New York 21, New York

Gentlemen:

Dr. Silver's plans have been changed and he will be arriving in New York late Sunday afternoon, April 24th and will leave some time late on Tuesday, April 26th.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

or

P.S. Will you also make a reservation for Dr. Silver for Wednesday, May 4th. He will be there for one day only at that time and plans to leave on the morning of May 5th.

April 21, 1949

Mr. Nathan L. Dauby
1610 Oakwood Drive
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Dauby:

Thank you so much for permitting me to see the volume, "This Is America's History" which presents in a very fresh and interesting manner the story of America. Its maps, drawings and illustrations are particularly attractive.

I am also returning the folder on the Antioch Plan and "Advice to Andrew Jackson by his Mother". I made copies of the latter for distribution among the members of the Confirmation Class.

I trust that you are well and I hope that I may have the pleasure of seeing you soon again.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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HAWKEN SCHOOL
LYNDHURST
CLEVELAND 24, OHIO

April 22, 1949

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
The Temple
Euclid Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Sindell have made application for the enrollment of their son, Peter, and have offered you as a reference.

We are interested in your estimate of the boy's home environment and of the degree to which the School may expect the cooperation of the home in guiding the lad's development. If you know the boy himself well, we would appreciate very much your personal comments as to his character, mental capacity and health. Your entire letter will be considered a confidential matter.

A stamped, addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience. May we thank you in advance for your assistance in this regard.

Cordially yours,

Carl N. Holmes

Carl N. Holmes
Headmaster

RICHARD G. HIRSCH
HEBREW UNION COLLEGE
CINCINNATI 20, OHIO

April 25, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
105 St. and Angel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I just completed a long talk with Danny, and it is upon his suggestion that I am writing to you.

I will be ordained in 1951, "in yirtzen hashem," and am anxious to spend at least one year in Israel before graduation. Although I have always been active in the Zionist movement, having been a lecturer-counselor at the National Senior Judaea camp and a leader and organizer of clubs in Cincinnati and Cleveland, I believe that my preparation for the American rabbinate would be incomplete without a first-hand, intimate association with Israel and the Jewish community there.

As Danny has probably told you, I intend to go to Israel this summer to spend a year studying at the Hebrew University, for which I will receive credit at the Hebrew Union College. I had originally planned to make application for one of the scholarships announced by the ZOA. However, when I was in New York this past week, Mr. Carl Alpert informed me that the national ZOA had cancelled the scholarship plan and that the scholarships were now being offered by local districts only. Since the local Cincinnati chapter is not offering a scholarship, I thought that I might be eligible for any scholarships awarded by the Cleveland chapter. I would greatly appreciate any information you might have concerning the Cleveland district or any other organization which provides assistance to students desiring to attend the Hebrew University.

Kindly give my best regards to Mrs. Silver, Rabbi Nodel, and the Temple staff.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Hirsch

M E M O R A N D U M

April 27, 1949

To: Earl S. Stone

From: Abba Hillel Silver

If you have not already arranged a program for the High School for Sunday, May 8th, you might be interested in getting Mr. Levenberg of the Cleveland News who has just returned from a visit to Israel. He is a member of The Temple. (See attached.)

I think that in your article on Citizenship, it would be advisable to be a little more concrete - to suggest, for example, that a good citizen (1) will do his best to insure clean government; (2) will assume offices or hold positions of civic responsibility when called upon and to discharge his duties loyally; (3) to work for the clean, healthy city, the eradication of slums, the establishment of recreational centers for the youth in the community; (4) will stand for the democratic principles of his country and will be prepared to serve his country in peace and in war.

I would combine some of these thoughts with those which you wrote on Citizenship.

AHS:er

April 27, 1949

Mr. Carl N. Holmes, Headmaster
Hawken School
Lyndhurst
Cleveland 24, Ohio

My dear Mr. Holmes:

In reply to your letter of April 22nd, I am pleased to write you concerning Peter Sindell.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Sindell have been known to me for many years as members of my congregation and as active participants in the life of this institution. They have always maintained a very intelligent interest in the activities of their son, Peter, and are most cooperative with teachers, counselors, etc. Peter has attended our Religious School and is a fine boy who, I am sure, would be an asset to any school he attended.

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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April 28, 1949

Cleveland Baseball Club
Cleveland Stadium
Cleveland, Ohio

Gentlemen:

As a former holder of a season pass to the Cleveland Baseball Club, Rabbi Silver has asked that, if possible, one be issued to him for the current season. I shall appreciate anything you can do for him.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

or

M E M O R A N D U M

April 28, 1949

To: Julius J. Nodel

From: Abba Hillel Silver

If you have not already done so, there should be a special announcement in the English press on Saturday of the lecture for next Sunday morning. Included with the announcement, you might include the following:

Dr. Silver, as Chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency and speaking for the World Zionist Movement, announced to the Assembly of the United Nations on May 14, 1948, the establishment of the State of Israel and read the proclamation of independence.

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April 29, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Rd. at East 106th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

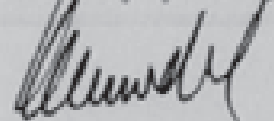
My dear Dr. Silver:

I am genuinely and deeply grateful for your heartwarming note that you were good enough to send to the hospital.

It was a great source of encouragement to have heard from you, particularly during the period when I was very, very ill. I am back home already and now convalescing. I hope to assume normal activities very, very soon.

Please accept my very warm appreciation for your encouraging note. I look forward in seeing you soon.

Cordially yours,



MENDEL N. FISHER

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