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JOSEPH GROSSMAN
436 GUARDIAN BUILDING
CLEVELAND, OHIO

May 1st 1949

My dear Doctor Silver:

Here it is.

"Let the punishment fit the crime"
-- Mikado

In case you are poetically inclined, you
can no doubt improve on the enclosed.
I did the best with the material at hand.

Having been obliged to devote my time
to commercial pursuits, my literary
education has been shamefully neg-
lected. We can't all be Weizmanns,
Sillers, Wises, Roosevelts, Trumans --
only to name a few. It takes all
kinds of people to make up the world.
The main thing is to try. Results
inevitably follow.

Very Sincerely,
J. S. Grossman

WHERE IS MAN? -- by Joseph Grossman

Man has been here for many millions of years,
Though increased into billions - he still fears;
What is to become of him, if he does not believe,
Whether he is wise, or simple, or merely a knave.
What is it that causes him to fear for his life,
While working and striving to avoid strife,
Is it because he is not quite sure of himself,
Or because he has been trying to accumulate pelf?

Men and women high in learning and such
Gather in conference to find out how much
Effort it will require to reach their cherished hopes,
Only to learn that their deliberations are ghosts.
One says that science CAN and Will save most,
Another suggests that spiritual aim kills a ghost;
It seems that they are all floundering about
Like those lost in a fog and are much in doubt.

Most of us agree that there was a purpose,
For Nature to put us here, for better or worse;
Yet fundamentally who are most enlightened agree,
That if we break Nature's laws, we cannot be free.
It has been proven beyond a shadow of doubt,
That those who become perverse are counted out.
Teaching and capping seems to impress them least
So they go about and make of life a continuous feast.
There is a limit to all such riotous feasting,
Since flesh and bone can endure limited beating;
Yet there are those who claim unbounded strength,
And claim that in so living, they will acquire wealth.

Granted that wealth can buy what poverty prevents,
The wealthiest find that Nature strongly resents,
Continuous struggling to accumulate fortune and power,
That in the long run topples like a weakened tower.
With all our knowledge of life's multitudinous demands,
Why have we failed to acquire such sought-for talents,
To harness our energies for the good of all mankind
And thereby keep a safe balance -- as well as peace of mind?

It is time that with all the tools available for destruction,
We should put more emphasis on such forms of education,
That those who have the talent of leading the less endowed,
Shall secure a share of God's gifts for those who are in doubt.
Then the earth will be used for the purpose of --- good will to all here,
As was intended by HIM who created our revolving sphere;
Known as our dwelling place that can produce all we require,
And stop all the hateful wars that have placed us in deep mire.

Cleveland
Ohio,

Special copy prepared for
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver - great leader
who has devoted his life to enlightening
humanity of its responsibilities on earth.
Very sincerely, Joseph Grossman

May 1st
1949

May 2, 1949

Mr. Joseph Grossman
436 Guardian Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friend:

Permit me to thank you for your kind note of May 1st
and for the lovely poem which you wrote in my honor.
Your words are most heartening to me and the thoughts
which you express in your poem, most meaningful.

With all good wishes to you and again, with many thanks,
I remain

Most cordially yours,

APBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

May 2, 1949

Mr. Jacob Haber
18401 Shaker Blvd.
Shaker Heights, Ohio

My dear Friend:

Permit me to acknowledge your kind note of April 21st and your check which I am placing in a fund which I maintain for special charitable purposes.

I am glad that I was able to be of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

MAY 2, 1949

MRS. DANIEL MORGAN
2605 EAST OVERLOOK
CLEVELAND, OHIO

PLEASE ACCEPT MY PROFOUNDTEST SYMPATHIES ON THE OCCASION OF THE
PASSING OF YOUR BELOVED HUSBAND. MR. MORGAN WAS ONE OF THE
LEADING SPIRITS OF OUR COMMUNITY AND A LEADER IN EVERYTHING WHICH
CONTRIBUTED TO THE SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ADVANCEMENT OF OUR CITY.
UNFAILINGLY HE CHAMPIONED AND DEFENDED THE FUNDAMENTAL DEMOCRATIC
IDEALS OF OUR COUNTRY FREEDOM EQUALITY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. WE SHALL
GREATLY MISS HIM.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

NOTE TO P.L.M.

RE. "IT'S A WONDERFUL WORLD"

On Friday evening, April 29, 1949, you gazed from our bedroom window across Jerome Park Reservoir, looked up at the starlit sky and said aloud, "It's a wonderful world." As you left the window you added several other thoughts. Through my mind flashed, "That's fit material for a poem or song, even though others have expressed the same ideas in poetry and song from time to time." I decided then and there to surprise you with a new poem using your thoughts, plus some of my own on the same subject. As I found it difficult to put all you said in quotes, because I was interweaving my own thoughts with yours, I only put, "It's a wonderful world" in quotes. You will no doubt recognize your own thoughts as you read the poem.

At lunch on Saturday, I told Joyce about the poem and recited the first five lines of the first stanza to her. She reminded me that "when it rains or skies are gray, it's a wonderful world too." For this reminder she received a kiss and I told her I would use that thought in the first stanza.

On Sunday, when you found me dreaming over the breakfast dishes, I was really composing mentally.

By Monday afternoon, the poem was almost complete - that is to say, it was complete except that I was not satisfied with the second line in the second stanza. I therefore made three notations for that line and was trying to choose between them when Rochelle came along and asked me to read to her. "After I finish this surprise poem for Daddy," I promised. She said, "Let me hear it now." I read from the notes all I had written, even the three notations. Then asked her which one of the three she liked best. She said, "The one about the beautiful bouquet." Suddenly, I agreed with her and having settled the line in its proper place, I gave Rochelle a hug and kiss, and for reward read, "April's Kittens," "Smudge" and "The Red Carpet" - more than she had bargained for. When the last book was finished, I transcribed my shorthand notes on the typewriter. This poem really and truly turned out to be a family affair. As a reward, we'll celebrate with the family's favorite dessert -- strawberries -- and cream.

M.E.M.

New York, N.Y.
May 2, 1949.

*By Clare Turley Newberry
#By Red Parkin

Joyce - age 12 years
Rochelle - age 6 years



To
Rabbi Silver
Most sincerely,
Thollie E. Miller
5/17/49

Copy

Picture
Rose

SONG
FOR F.L.M.

"IT'S A WONDERFUL WORLD"

"It's a wonderful world,"
Each night, when Heaven is ablaze with light.
"It's a wonderful world,"
Each day, when the sun casts his golden ray
On City, Town, Mountain, Ocean and Bay.
And even when there's snow, wind, rain or skies gray,
"It's a wonderful world."

"It's a wonderful world,"
When each tree is a beautiful bouquet.
"It's a wonderful world,"
When flowers display colors hard to portray:
And when leaves, like gold Canaries, soar in flight,
As we gaze at them, we say, with delight:
"It's a wonderful world."

"It's a wonderful world,"
When everything is clothed in Ermine white.
"It's a wonderful world."
And if Peace and Good-will would reign on earth,
All mortals could gaze from their homes, with mirth,
And sing, night and day, like Bluebirds on a spray:
"It's a wonderful world."

"IT'S A WONDERFUL WORLD."

Thollie E. Miller

New York, N.Y.
May 2, 1949.



Rabbi Irving Mandel
Temple Israel
Boston, Mass

Rabbi Joseph S. Shulman
B'nai Mithel
Boston, Mass.

Rebbi David B. Alpert
Jewish Aims Cong.
Boston, Mass.

Reb ~~David~~ ~~B.~~ ~~Alpert~~

Temple Sinai

Boston, Mass

May 3, 1949

Rabbi David B. Alpert
Jewish Aims Congregation
44 Waverly Street
Boston 19, Mass.

My dear Friend:

This will introduce to you Miss Joyce Chabler, a confirment of The Temple, who is in Boston to continue her musical education.

Miss Chabler is interested in a choir position. She has a lovely contralto voice, has sung in our choir and others in Cleveland. Should you have an opening for a contralto during the coming season, I should appreciate your bringing her to the attention of your musical director.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

May 4, 1949.

Dear Dr. Silver:

For generations we waited
For Dr. Herzl,
For Max Nordau,
For the Haganah
And for you.

At a moment
of great Evil and much despair
You've appeared - out of the darkness
A beacon of light,
A messenger of God.
To those who languished
In the death camps of Europe
You offered hope.
To those of us over here
Who could not sleep in the nights
You gave reassurance and vision.

And your voice reached out
To the indifferent and estranged of our people
And brought them back to the fold,
To feel the pain and to lift the burden.
To the unorganized and the bewildered
You gave purpose and direction.
You have brought out
The latent forces of a people
When you taught
How to put dreams into words
And words into deeds
And how to forge them all
Into weapons of victory.

As history will record
The events of 1943-1948
The years of Horror and Betrayal,

It will assign you a place of honor
As the undaunted warrior
Who led American Jewry
And the Jews of the world
In the battle for life and dignity,
And for a national survival.
The record will resound with the words you said
As you spoke the hearts of millions;
Of the millions living
Of the millions dying
And of those millions long since dead.

It will follow the arduous struggles
Against outside and inside opposition
At meetings, conferences and interventions
That led you and us by inevitable stages
From National Home
Through Jewish Commonwealth
To the glory that is "Israel".
It will note how
In the process of this struggle
You won for us the attention of the enemy
Who expected a "walkover",
How you unearthed, nurtured and galvanized
The support of many friends.

In this hour of triumph
Most of us
Who have been with you in battle
Are with you in victory.
The young whose imagination you have fired-
Adore you.
The old whose hearts you've warmed -
Bless you.
All of us are grateful to you,
That you helped us redeem
Our souls and our consciences
And that you made us partners
To the great work of Jewish Redemption.

Yours - at all times,

Rabbi Noah Golin Kim
Meriden, Conn.

The Mount Washington Hotel

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May 4, 1949

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cong. Tifereth Israel
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Rabbi:

We wish to extend to you a most cordial invitation to the Mount Washington Hotel for the meeting of the Central Conference of American Rabbis to be held June 23 to June 28, 1949.

We feel sure you and your family will enjoy the many attractions the hotel offers, as well as the beauty of the surrounding country. Doubtless you already know the Mount Washington was the scene of the now famous Monetary Conference in 1944 and has since been the choice vacation spot of discriminating travelers throughout this country.

An experienced social staff will be on hand to arrange for your amusement. Physician and nurse are in residence at the hotel. A governess will supervise your children's play hours at no extra charge and arrangements can be made for baby sitters at night.

We operate a modern 250-car garage on our premises, and have modern barber shop, beauty salon, valet service, drug store, our own telegraph office, telephone exchange and post office. The house has sprinkler system throughout, a modern heating plant in the event of chilly weather so that every room in the house is comfortable. In our arcade on the terrace floor we have many attractive shops. A photographer will be on hand to take and develop pictures on short notice. Newspapers are delivered daily to the hotel. Rain or shine, our spacious deck porch affords the opportunity for daily exercise. The temperature during June is around 72 in the daytime with slightly cooler breezes in the evening.

We have an 18-hole Donald Ross championship golf course on our grounds, teeing off at the door, five tennis courts, indoor and outdoor swimming pool, full orchestra for dinner music and dancing every evening at no extra charge.

Our cuisine is the finest with menus of complete variety.

The hotel is easily accessible by train out of New York

(Grand Central Station); from Boston (North Station). Also by plane to Berlin, N.H. Train schedule is as follows:

New York, New Haven and Hartford leaves from New York at 9:10 A.M., arriving at Whitefield, N.H., at 6:55 P.M. Boston and Maine "Mountaineer" leaves from Boston 12:15 P.M. and arrives at Bretton Woods at 4:28 P.M.

These train schedules are on Daylight Time.

A special train out of New York will be arranged for providing we can meet the minimum requirement of 125 persons. This will, of course, be a great convenience as the train will go direct to our Bretton Woods Station about five minutes drive to the hotel. We have until June 1 to arrange for this special train. If you wish to come up on this train, will you please, therefore, so state on the enclosed postcard, bearing in mind that we must receive your request before June 1.

For plane service to Berlin, N.H., please inquire at your local air terminal. Our cars meet all arriving guests.

Our special convention rates on daily basis, American Plan, are:

\$13 per person two in a room and bath;
\$15 single room and bath;
\$12 per person double or single room with running water;
Children up to 12 years of age \$6 daily in room with two adults;
Greens fees \$2;
Tennis and swimming pool free of charge

So that you may note the advantageous convention rate over our regular guest rate, we enclose rate schedule, as well as booklet outlining the various facilities at your disposal. We sincerely hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to visit the Mount Washington Hotel and join in the festivities incident to your meeting. An atmosphere of informality will prevail and informal dress will, therefore, be quite in order. Be assured we shall do everything possible to make this one of the most memorable Conventions of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

If you have already sent in your request for reservation, no doubt you will be interested in having the above general information.

Yours very truly,


John J. Hennessy
Managing Director



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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I saw your program over the television Monday evening, and I am writing to let you know that I thought you were magnificent. I think the questions you answered were things people did not know, and I am sure you made the whole situation much clearer to the public. Your mild manner was very impressive.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Nate Dauby
N. L. Dauby.

NLD:PCS

May 6, 1919

Mr. Bill Veeck, President
Cleveland Indians
Municipal Stadium
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Veeck:

Permit me to thank you for your kindness in sending me a Season Pass. I am deeply appreciative of your thoughtfulness, and I know that I shall enjoy watching your fine team.

With all good wishes, and again, with many thanks, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

New London, Ohio.
May 7, 49.

Dr. Abba Nihil Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir: Tomorrow
you are speaking on
"The Villains of the Bible".
Sounds most interesting.
When we like Dr. Lockman's
sermons we send re-
quests for copies. Is
there any way I could
obtain a copy of this
sermon? I am an
instructor in a Methodist
Sunday School.

If it were possible I'd
come in to hear you -

Sincerely,
Zac Powers.

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Indians during the regular season . . . We hope you will
attend the games frequently . . . CLEVELAND INDIANS

Bill Lee
PRESIDENT

May 8, 1949

Mr. Sidney Rosenbaum
17929 Sherrington Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friend:

I thought you would be interested in seeing the enclosed letter which I received from Miss Ruth Wilcox.

I regret that I have not had an opportunity as yet to call on the members of the family. The weekend of the passing of your dear sister I had four funerals and thereafter, I left for New York. As soon as Mrs. Silver is well, we hope to come over and see you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
Enc.

May 9, 1949

Mr. Jack Skirball
c/o Goldwyn Studios
1041 North Formosa
Hollywood 46, California

My dear Jack:

Please pardon the delay in sending to you felicitations on the occasion of your marriage. I have been away from Cleveland most of the time, and many things were unfortunately neglected - one of the most pleasant, that of sending you the heartiest felicitations of Virginia and myself on the occasion of your marriage. The thing took much more time doing, however, than I am taking in congratulating you.

I need not tell you that Virginia and I are delighted, and we are looking forward with real pleasure to the moment when we shall be able to extend our congratulations in person to you and your wife, whose acquaintance we have not as yet had the pleasure of making. You know that we wish you fulfillment of the dearest wishes of your heart.

Please let me know when you plan to come to Cleveland. Wishing you joy abundant, I remain

As ever yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:ar

May 9, 1919

Miss Zoe Powers
New London, Ohio

Dear Miss Powers:

Thank you for your kind note of May 7th requesting a copy of Dr. Silver's address on "The Villains of the Bible". Unfortunately, there are no copies available of the Sunday morning sermons.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

May 9, 1949

Rabbi Alvin I. Fine
Temple Emanu-El
Arguello Blvd. and Lake St.
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Rabbi Fine:

Please accept my heartiest felicitations on your marriage in which Mrs. Silver warmly joins me. I have not had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Fine, but I hope that this opportunity will not be long delayed. I hope that the future will hold in store for both of you fulfillment of the dearest wishes of your hearts.

Most cordially yours,

ADDA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

Mr. Ernest E. Straus

announces the marriage of his daughter

Elizabeth Straus Ackerman

to

Rabbi Alvin I. Fine

on Sunday, the first of May

Nineteen hundred and forty-nine

San Francisco, California

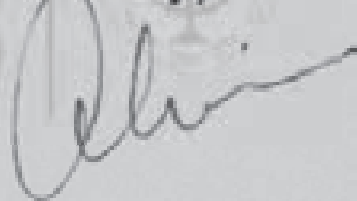
Rabbi Alvin I. Fine
The Congregation Emanu-El
Arguello Boulevard and Lake Street
San Francisco

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Elizabeth joins me in expressing our deepest gratitude for your wonderful message of congratulations and your good wishes.

We hope that somehow we will be able to see you in the not too distant future.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alvin", written over a faint background watermark.

May 10, 1949

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The beautiful services which you conducted, and the personal visit of Mrs. Silver and yourself at the time of my bereavement, have made my daughters and me eternally grateful to you. We can never forget the comfort you gave

us when we most needed
it.

It is with deep appreciation
that we thank you for your
kindness and thoughtfulness.

Sincerely
Mrs. Irving J. Siebert



May 10, 1949

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

Gentlemen:

Will you please reserve a room for Dr. Silver for Thursday,
May 19th, for one day only.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

er

May 10, 1949

Dr. Chaim Chernovitz
30 Canal Street
New York, New York

My dear Friend:

It was indeed very gracious and thoughtful of you to send me a copy of your newly published work, "Travail of Redemption", which I shall cherish. Quite a number of the articles contained in the volume I have had the pleasure of reading before, but I shall re-read them all and with deep profit, I am sure.

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

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

You are no doubt planning to travel to Israel some time during the coming summer months. Since our agency officially represents all air and steamship lines, for foreign as well as domestic travel, we wish to offer you our facilities in arranging for your reservations.

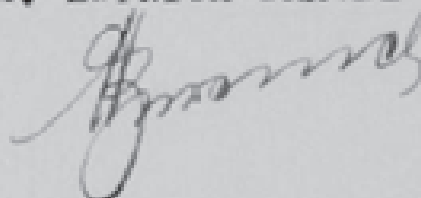
It may interest you to know that an improved air service has recently been inaugurated using Constellation equipment from New York to Lydda. Non-stop flights are scheduled to leave Paris Wednesday evenings at 10:00, arriving at Lydda the following day at 6:45 a.m. There are also non-stop flights available from New York to Paris.

Regardless of the type of travel you prefer, we are in a position to complete all the arrangements for your trip to Israel in a most satisfactory manner.

We wish to assure you of our very sincere appreciation if given the opportunity of arranging your booking.

Very truly yours,

H. ZUPNICK TRAVEL SERVICE



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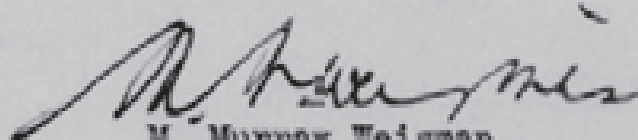
May 12, 1949

Miss Elizabeth Rice
Secretary to Dr. Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Rice:

This will confirm your
reservation for Dr. Silver for Thursday, May 19th,
for one day only, as requested in your letter of
May 10th.

Yours very truly,


M. Murray Weisman
President

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CHARLES WOLF
580 FIFTH AVENUE
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May 13, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Temple Cleveland
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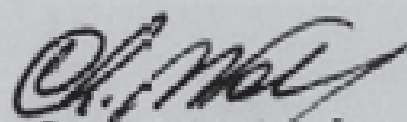
My Dear Friend and Leader;

In a few weeks my son Jacques will be married in the Plaza Hotel in this city. Considering you as one of my closest and most revered friend and leader, I would like to extend this personal invitation to Mrs. Silver and to you to join us in our "simcha".

For me you are the outstanding Leader of our movement. Without your devotion and sacrifices for our cause we would still be knocking and begging at the back doors of the governments. If we rejoice today Israels' admission to the U. N. O. it is greatly due to your work and activity.

Although I know that your schedule is a heavy one, I do hope that Mrs. Silver and you will be able to be our guests.

Respectfully yours,


Charles Wolf

CW:R

Passover Piggyet

I BELIEVE IN MIRACLES

A PASSOVER REFLECTION

As read at the Beth El Pittsburgh Community
Seder, April 13, 1949, by Arthur I. Zeiger

I believe in miracles. It is through miracles that the ETERNAL speaks to man.

Specifically I believe in the miracle:

The blade of grass whose mystery science may explain but never fully understand.

In the miracle of an Egyptian Israeli, stammering in speech, standing before Earth's then greatest potentate demanding, "LET MY PEOPLE GO."

In the miracle of escape from Egyptian bondage against overwhelming odds and Israel's wandering for forty years on an area now traversed in so many minutes.

The choosing of Israel to receive the Torah for itself and act as the custodian of this Holy Bond between man and his Maker not only for the children of Israel but for the whole world.

The miracle of the First Commonwealth, its Sanctuary and splendor. The carrying of the Torah into the Babylonian Exile; the Second Commonwealth; the destruction of the Temple by a heinous tyrant. In all this destruction, shame and humiliation, the miracle of the survival of the Israeli spirit and the spread of the law to the remnants of Israel and through them to the nations of the world.

The miracle of carrying the torch of enlightenment in the mist of the DARK AGES so that the continuity of the law may not be interrupted. The miracle of ten thousand score, over 200,000 Spanish Israeli, rather than to change the faith of their forefathers, like one man, left their centuries-old Iberian domicile.

The miracle of escaping the inquisition and the auto-da-fe in a land which they inhabited for centuries and which by their learning, industry and love they helped reach the highest state of prosperity. The miracle of an Italo-Spanish convert, but secretly and at heart a true and devout Israeli, discovering America in the very year when his brethren were compelled to take the wandering staff in search of friendlier shores.

The miracle that every nation that maltreated the Children of Israel, from Egypt down to the present day, went down into oblivion or has lost its erstwhile power and prestige.

The miracle of the SEDER ceremony; its survival and observance by the Children of Israel throughout the world, NORTH, SOUTH, EAST and WEST, from the time of deliverance from bondage to this day and for the ages to come. This observance is not by fireworks; not by rockets in the sky; not by compulsion of a hierarchy or civil obedience. It is by a spiritual impulse voluntarily manifested to celebrate the BIRTH OF FREEDOM and of DEMOCRACY.

The miracle that ancient Israel was reborn as a nation on its own soil as a homeland after two thousand years of wandering and yearning. The miracle that the language of their forefathers after serving for two thousand years only in writing and in letters, in literature and compendia, removed from the lips of the people, became as if overnight a spoken, living, throbbing language of a renewed nation.

The miracle of the prophesy that the two great Democracies, America and Israel, will enter into an inseparable bond and covenant with one another. The spirit of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Roosevelt may entwine with that of the Prophets of yore that SHALOM PEACE and HARMONY may reign on this Planet for evermore.

773
5/13/49

Dear Doctor
Silver

I wish you well
and am
sending
you a
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my
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May 14, 1949.

20 South Front St.
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

If only I had the opportunity
of being in the Temple tomorrow morning to
hear you speak on a topic which I
believe will be outstanding and ultimately ^{one}
entitled "What are the Marks of a
Cultured Man".

I am terribly sorry that I will
not be able to listen to you speak, as
therefore I appeal to you if you have any
articles, these dates, etc. in which
you have your talk upon, I would
greatly appreciate if you would send
them to me, so that I could read
them over merely for my own library
and future notes for myself to know
just what are the Marks of a
Cultured Man. Many thanks to you
Rabbi Silver. With kindest regards
Rudolph C. Glaser

[May 15, 1949]

אברהם הברוך נ. א. ב. סילאוו

פאריז, 15 למאי 1949

אדון מאד נכבד

שלחתי לו את החלק השני של ספרי ,,געשיכטע פון ציוניזם" ובטח נחקבל כבר חסר חזק.

בהקדמה לספרי זה אני מזכיר את הקושי הרב, אשר הוצת לפני, לא קבלתי שום עזרה חסרית מאת הסופרות והחשטריות הציוניות. בהקדמה לספרי, יכולתי אודות זה להזכיר רק במלים בודדות ובלשון מאד נזכרה, מה שאין כך בסכתבי הפרטי זה, אשר בו אוכל לכתוב דברים ברורים ולגלות בו את כל לבי.

לפני שנתים, הפצירו בי מנהלי ההסת. של הציונים הכלליים בצרפת, לחוציא כאן בייריש את ,,געשיכטע פון ציוניזם" בשני חלקים. נתנו לי הבטחות מסוימות, אני את עבודתי בשלמות עייתי. אבל הציונים הכלליים את הבטחותיהם לא שמרו כלל וכלל. עסקים הם יומם ולילה בדברים העומדים בדומם של ,,כיוזנעס ציוני" ומי זה ישים לב לדברי הכל כספר וסופר ציוני. אמנם נתנו הבטחות לאותו סופר חסר-ציה את ,,געשיכטע פון ציוניזם" ובאה עליו צרה, מפני שהבטחות נשכחו, אבל כך יאה לו, לאותו בשלן העוסק ב,,געשיכטע פון ציוניזם" במקום לעסוק ב**האקט**, גע-סעפן פון ציוניזם.

בין אותם האפוסטרופטים של הציוניות הכללית בצרפת אק ובאירופא, מקום בראש תעט מר טאט סענאל. גם הוא הרבה לי הבטחות ולסוף עשה לי, שוכח, לקח אצלי 100 ספרים בשביל דרום-אפריקה ועד היום (עברו 15 חדשים) לא שלט אף פרוטע. זו חיתת כל עזרתו לי ולעבודתי. כמובן **אין** לא חסרתי לו להודיע באמצעות (המרגשת אותו) בדבר כל מעשים הגדולים שהוא עושה וביניהם גם לשוכח ספרי, לאסתו של דבר חיה זה אחד השקרים, הנוסף אל תפלוף הגדול, שנעשת כאן על ידו.

אותם האנשים גם סענאל בראש החריכו את התנועה באירופא, אשר עסקן אחרי הסלחמה לפני אפשרויות ענקיות. הרעמורליזציה גברה והציונים גרש כל רגש ציוני אמתי. כל הסופרים והעתונאים הכלל-ציוניים שבאו לכאן מסורח איירופא, עזבו אותנו, כי בתנועה לא שם להם אף גיש לב, מי זה זקוק לסופרים, כשעה שיותר כדאי לרוץ אחרי יחורים עשירים חנותנים טכונים גדולים? זו חיתת **כאן** תורתו של טאט סענאל.

אחר לגמרי חניחו יחס טעלגות אחרות אל סופריהם. כשהוציא כאן דר. דווארסעצקי את ספרו: ,,ירושלים ולישא אין קאמף און אומקום" ^{1/2} חבריו מפועלי ציון עשו לו פר-סום, סברו את ספריו זה, נאציאנאלער ארבעער-טארבאנר" בניו-יורק קנא אצלו ושלם מחיר רב בעד 1200 (אלף וסאתים) אקוספלירים. אבל, אוי ואבוי לו לסופר ציוני-כללי, ~~הוא לא חוצא בדמו ספר יחידי בידי אודות קורות הציוניות, איש לא יחננין בו ולא ישים לב לו,~~

לפני כמה חדשים הדפסתי ב,,מארגענוסורנאל" רומן אודות הרצל ומזה חיתת לי פרנסה ברוח ובכבוד. והנה מוכרח הייתי להפסיק את הדפסת הרומן, כי חליתי באופן רציני וחרופאים אסרו לי לכתוב זמן ירוק. כזה אחד המקור היחידי של פרנסתי. כל זה בא לי, כי הרביתי לעבוד אצל ספרי, געשיכטע פון ציוניזם" וכזבתי את כוחותי היגיעים. (אני חיום בן 76 שנה). חיום מצבי סמט **סרגי**, אני חלש וחולה ואין לי שום יסוד חמרי למרגשתי ולעבודתי.

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ח ט ד ס י ל נ ש ר ו פ י ואני דורס, שהחשטריות הציוניות תמלאנה את חובתן ותקנינה אצלי את ספרי הנחוצים והיחידים ב י י ד י ש. פרוע לא תקח אצלי הקוג-

פרציה העולמית הכלל-ציונית מינימום 100 (מאה) אקז. של ספרי? וה"סוכנ"ח
 החתירה מדוע לא תקח לכל החפות 300 (שלוש מאות) אקז. ?
 כאן, הסוכנות היהודית בפריז לקחה אצלי, אחרי מטא ופתח ארוך, 40 (ארבעים)
 אקז. ולא בוש לחגיר לי, כי ^{לעצמי} הסוכנות עניה ולא הוכל לה להרשות לקנות יותר
 ספרים ציוניים ויהיו אפילו הספרים ביותר. באותו זמן הסוכנות בפריז ^{אז} -
 אח על ספר אחד 1 מיליון וחצי פראנק (, מעפילים''), כי "עם סויג צום ג'ורנל" -
 בסביל אנשים מעונינים. אני אחראי בעד הידיעה הזו. בזכור סכספים ציוניים 1 וחצי
 מיליונים על ספר שאינו נחוצ וסונח זה חדשים אצל ספרים, סוף-כל-סורק
 "הדמויות" הפריזאי חלק מן הספרים האלה בעד מיליון פראנק. לזה יש כסף! אבל
 כאשר בא אל הסוכנות סופר ציוני אשר הסקיד את שאריה כוחותיו בספר כל כך
 חשוב ונחוצ, עונים לו בלגלוג ציני: "אין כסף!"
 אלה הם פסטי רי פ א ר י ז. ואנוכי פה אומר וסח ארבר? לו הייתי חבר
 למפלגה ציונית אחרת, כשה היו דואגים לי לכל החפות בזה שהסוכנות "א"ר"
 אחי (סיסטינס-געזאנט) בקניה מאחית או שלוש מאות אקז. אבל לבאי-כוח של
 הציוניים הכלליים כאן אין ראש לדברי בטלנות כאלה, יש להם עסקים יותר טובים.
 גם בלי ,,געשיכטע פון ציוניזם" אפשר לעשות ,,געשעפטן פון ציוניזם"!
 את המכתב הזה אני כותב מתוך ההתרשמות גדולה. אפשר יואיל מכתבי, אפשר
 יספיק על אדוני הנכבד לתקן את הטעב, אפשר יעזור לי במצבי הקשה.
 ובתקותי זו אני משים את מכתבי ושחכה לתשובה בהקדם האפשרי.
 בכבוד רב ובדרישה שלום

יצחק ז'בוטינסקי

כבוד רב:

Jacob ZINEMAN
 9, Rue Guy-Patin, 9
 PARIS-X.

Jacob ZINEMAN
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 PARIS-X.

May 16, 1949

Mr. Arthur I. Zeiger
1225 Carnahan Road
Pittsburgh 16, Pa.

My dear Mr. Zeiger:

Permit me to thank you for sending me a copy of your
Passover "Piggert". I enjoyed reading it very much,
and I appreciate your thoughtfulness in thinking of
me.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

May 16, 1949

Mr. Rudolph C. Binder
20 South Front Street
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Mr. Binder:

Thank you for your kind note of May 14th. Unfortunately, Dr. Silver was indisposed yesterday and was not able to deliver his sermon on "The Marks of a Cultured Man".

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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May 17, 1949

Mr. Charles Wolf
580 Fifth Avenue
New York 19, New York

My dear Friend:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of May 13th. I was delighted to receive the announcement of the forthcoming marriage of your son. I appreciate very much your thoughtfulness in inviting me and Mrs. Silver to attend the wedding ceremony on Sunday, June 5th.

I should like very much to attend the ceremony, but I must occupy my own pulpit on Sunday morning, and there is no way of flying to New York from Cleveland in time to attend the ceremony which is at four o'clock.

Please convey to the young people my sincerest good wishes. I hope the future will be very bright for them and that they will be very happy. I send you a hearty "Mazel tov".

With all good wishes and hoping that I may have the pleasure of seeing you in the near future, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

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*Mr. and Mrs. Max Eisenberg
request the pleasure of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Charlotte*

to

Mr. Jacques Wolf


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May 17, 1949

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

Dear Rabbi and Mrs. Silver:

The untimely passing of Dr. Henry J. Berkowitz, Rabbi of Congregation Beth Israel, Portland, Oregon, was a grievous loss to the community, his congregation and his friends whom he served with devotion and deep understanding.

To permanently memorialize the memory of this outstanding leader and servant of God, the Board of Trustees of the Temple he served for over twenty years, have established the RABBI HENRY J. BERKOWITZ MEMORIAL FUND.

The Committee in charge deemed it appropriate to notify some of his friends, associates and colleagues of the existence of such a fund so that they could participate if they desired in making a contribution to this memorial. Because we know of your long standing friendship with Rabbi Berkowitz we felt that you would want to know of this project. The fund will be used for the purpose of erecting a fitting memorial in connection with the new Temple House which was a plan dear to his heart and for which he labored for many years.

Should you desire to make a contribution, please make it payable to Memorial Temple House for the RABBI HENRY J. BERKOWITZ MEMORIAL FUND, N. W. 19th and Flanders, Portland, Oregon.

Cordially yours,

RABBI HENRY J. BERKOWITZ MEMORIAL FUND

BY

Mason Ehrman
Chairman

Mrs. Frank L. Miller
3319 Sedgwick Avenue
Bronx 63, New York

May 17, 1949.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
c/o The New Palestine,
41 East 42nd Street,
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Doctor Silver:

First of all I wish to say MAZEL TOV on the events of the past week ... Israel's readmittance to the family of Nations of the World.

This morning, when I read your article, "Until her triumph go forth as brightness", in The New Palestine, and came to the part where you say, "And you poets and seers who sustained the tired hearts of our people on the long road. Gather round with us of this generation and together, let us salute this wondrous day, " my Mother (God bless her, she is 73 years of age) suggested that I send you a copy of the poem, "It's a wonderful world", which I wrote for my husband on May 2nd. Mother thinks it should be of interest to the United Nations either as a poem, or song, if set to music.

Poetry writing and Gardening have been my favorite hobbies for many years. From time to time, I have shared my poems with relatives and friends, and even with strangers I've never met - save through newspapers, if they have done something I particularly appreciated.

That is how it happens I sent Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt a copy of "It's a wonderful world" on May 5th as a Mother's Day gift from my family and myself. (For to my mind, Mrs. Roosevelt is the one American Mother who has done more to try to bring about Peace and Good-will among all Nations than any other American Mother.) But, it never occurred to me that my poem might also be of interest to the United Nations until my Mother mentioned it.

A copy of "It's a wonderful world" is enclosed herewith. I will consider it a great honor if you will let me hear from you Dr. Silver. Please do not think me presumptuous for writing to you. My family and I are quiet and unassuming Peace loving American Jews. It will make us all very happy to share the poem with ALL THE WORLD, as our contribution towards Peace and Good-will.

Most sincerely yours,

Mollie E. Miller

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5/23/49

May 19, 1949

HOTEL DE CAP D'ANTIBES
ANTIBES (S.M.)

Dear Rabbe —

We are enjoying a perfectly
wonderful honeymoon among
the French, Swiss and the
Italians. Right now we
are listening to the inhabitants
of the Riviera tell us the rainy
weather is very unreasonable,
making us wonder if California
learned from them or vice versa.

Still apparent in our
minds is the beautiful ceremony
you conducted. Kathryn and I
both wish to thank you.

We trust this finds all
well in Cleveland and hope to see
you on our return.

Sincerely
Gen & Kathy

Herbert Sprinker
CLEVELAND
OHIO

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

You were indeed inspiring
and comforting to all of us in our
recent bereavement and we want you
to know how very grateful we are
for everything you did and said to
lessen the burden of our grief.

The enclosed remittance expresses
only in a very small measure our
sincere appreciation for your helpfulness.
Thanks so much for everything.

Most cordially

Herbert Sprinker & family

May 20, 1949

May 20, 1949

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

My dear Max:

I received this morning a set of box seats for the opening session of the Z.O.A. Convention which will be held in Carnegie Hall next Saturday evening, May 28th. Please distribute them among the members of our family, who may wish to attend.

With all good wishes I remain

As ever yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
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6/20/49

To:.....

The Temple - Harry Levy.

From:.....

H. G. GOULDER

Dear Harry

The amount Enclosed is to be
used in memory of Dr
Silvers parents from Edna
& Herbert Goulden.

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Regards

Herbert Goulden



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May 20, 1949

Mrs. Frank L. Miller
3319 Sedgwick Avenue
Bronx 63, New York

My dear Mrs. Miller:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 17th and your lovely poem, "It's a Wonderful World". It was indeed kind of you to share it with me.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

May 22, 1949

Mr. & Mrs. Harbert Coulter
2915 Fairfax Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friends:

I am deeply grateful to you for your contribution to The Temple in memory of my dear parents. It was indeed most thoughtful of you.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

AHS:er

ARBA HILLEL SILVER



May 23, 1949

Mrs. Bert Keller
15515 South Moreland
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friend:

Among the cards which were sent to me by the Jewish Welfare Fund of Cleveland for solicitation was your own. Please send me whatever your heart prompts you to contribute. The Campaign closes on Thursday. The goal this year is of necessity considerably higher than last year because of greater needs.

I trust that you are well, and Virginia and I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you in the near future.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILJEL SILVER

AHS:er
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LOUIS I. NEWMAN
NEW YORK

271 Central Park West
May 25, 1949

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Congregation Tifereth Israel,
East 105th Street and Ansel Road,
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

My dear Abba Silver:-

Lucile has told me of her conversation with you last Thursday evening. I am sorry indeed I could not remain to hear your address at the Union Dinner. I was prevented from coming early by an unavoidable appointment, and I had to leave early in order to make a train for Chicago where I was to speak at the induction of Wendell Phillips as Rabbi of the Washington Boulevard Temple.

Lucile and many others have told me of their deep appreciation for your address.

I have submitted a report as Observer at the United Nations to the C.C.A.R., in which I have, of course, mentioned your role in the sessions leading up to November 29, 1947 and thereafter until the declaration of the State of Israel. Needless to say, we are grateful that you were our representative on the Jewish Agency at these crucial meetings.

I trust an opportunity may come when we can meet for a chat on a number of matters which I should like to bring to your attention.

With cordial regards and regretting indeed that I could not hear your message in full on Thursday evening, I am

Sincerely,

Louis Newman

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May 27. 1949

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof
1915 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh 13, Pa.

My dear Sol:

I had already read your article, "Song of Songs" in the Jewish Quarterly Review. I think you've got something there.

Trusting that you and Lillian are well and hoping to see you at the Convention of the CCAR, I remain

As ever yours,

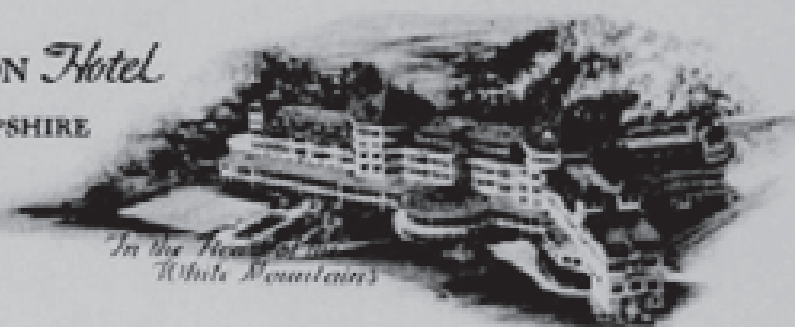
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May 28 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

We are in receipt of your recent card, and we are pleased to enter your reservation for a single room with private bath for occupancy during the Central Conference of American Rabbis, for arrival on June 25th.

Thanking you for the reservation, and looking forward with pleasure to having you with us during the Conference, I am

Very truly yours,

John J. Hennessy
Managing Director

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "John J. Hennessy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping "H" and a long, trailing flourish at the end.

JACOB RASSEN

18 Walnut Street
WORCESTER, MASS.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Rabbi A. H. Silver
105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friend:

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We have mailed you, on the recommendation of your friends, a copy of Jacob Rassen's new Yiddish book "MIR WILLEN LEBEN" with the English introduction "We Will Live".

This book created a real sensation with its most effective, very interesting and picturesque descriptions of our Jewish life, struggles and wanderings in Europe and on the highways to the new Israel. It is a remembrance book of the great miracle of our faith, regeneration and eternity.

A good book is a dear friend for a Jewish cultural family. Knowing of your deep interest in Jewish life and culture, we are sure that you gladly accepted your friend,—the book "WE WILL LIVE",—for your home.

May we ask you to remit the cost of the book at the name of:

*Dear Rabbi A. H. Silver:—
The book was sent January 3.
Please remit its cost or
return the book.*

Thanking you, — Rassen

JACOB RASSEN
18 Walnut St., Worcester, Mass.

Cordially yours,

The Committee for Jacob Rassen's book
"MIR WILLEN LEBEN"

Verband jüdischer Studenten
in der Schweiz

Zürich, den 30. Mai 1949.
Müscherstr. 36 VUK/N.

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Sehr geehrter Herr Rabbiner Dr. Silver,

Anlässlich der Tagung des Jüdischen Weltkongresses im Juli vergangenen Jahres in Montreux, hatten Sie die Freundlichkeit, mit unserem Herrn Sigi Feigel über die Lage der Stipendiaten in der Schweiz zu sprechen. Sie versprochen uns damals, in Anbetracht unserer sehr prekären finanziellen Lage, bei der Jewish Agency um eine finanzielle Hilfe zu intervenieren.

Da wir bis heute ohne einen Bericht Ihrerseits geblieben sind, gestatten wir uns höflich, Sie darauf aufmerksam zu machen, dass sich unsere finanzielle Lage nochmehr verschlechtert hat, und wir gelangen deshalb nochmals mit der Bitte an Sie, die Jewish Agency um Hilfe zu ersuchen.

Wir danken Ihnen für Ihre Bemühungen zum Voraus bestens, und zeichnen

mit vorzüglicher Hochachtung

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A. Feigel

(Dr. A. Feigel)

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(Dr. H. Guth)

Edward E. Gelber
42 Austin Terrace
Toronto

May 30, 1949.

Dear Dr. Pilver.

As usual, I find you giving effective expression to thoughts that have been exercising my mind as well. Your latest views (and I trust no progressive Committee will be set up to combat them) concerning the need for fostering a healthy Jewish life in the Galah, and that Israel is not the complete answer for that standing by itself, are, it seems to me, a healthy expression of a proper understanding of Judaism. It is most important, during this transition period in Jewish life, to reassert our obligations to Diaspora life and emphasize the potentialities that inhere in it if properly fostered.

I would be grateful to you if you could furnish me with a copy of your remarks containing the above sentiments, which you delivered at the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues on May 19th as reported in the JFA. I am sure perusal of your paper will be a stimulating experience for me.

I have just returned from a two months' visit to Israel. My feeling was that those who can rise above party levels and who see

the problem of Israel in all its complexity, are
deeply troubled by your resignation from the
Agency executive. These are days when we can
ill afford the luxury of liquidating one or
the other of our top flight leadership.

Orla Jussel 22/11 23/11. We should
join forces on a healthy and sane basis. May
I express the hope that you will soon return
to the position where you naturally belong.

With kindest wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Edward S. Allery

June 1, 1949

Mr. Edward E. Gelber
142 Austin Terrace
Toronto, Canada

My dear Friend:

I enjoyed hearing from you, and I trust that you are well. I do not have available a copy of the address which I delivered at the meeting of the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues, but I am sending you the abstract of the address which I sent on for press purposes, parts of which were used in the public press.

I have just returned from the Zionist Convention in New York, and I was greatly heartened by what took place. I think the action of the Executive of the Jewish Agency which led to my resignation and its unwarranted intervention will not be repeated in the future.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
Enc.

June 1, 1949

Rabbi Noah Colinkin
Meriden, Connecticut

My dear Friend:

May I tell you how profoundly I appreciated your beautiful poem and how deeply I was moved by it. So was Mrs. Silver. We were both greatly heartened by a word of appreciation so beautifully phrased in the moving lines of your poem.

It was a pleasure to see you at the Convention which I thought was a very good one.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

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342 Madison Avenue
New York

Dear Dr. Silver:

Prof. Brodetsky was kind enough to suggest
that I should ask you for an interview.

I would appreciate it if you could make an
appointment with me some day next week.

Very truly yours,

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

Dear Abba:

I want you to know how much I appreciated your good wishes. I feel as though I had been married quite a long time even though it is barely two months.

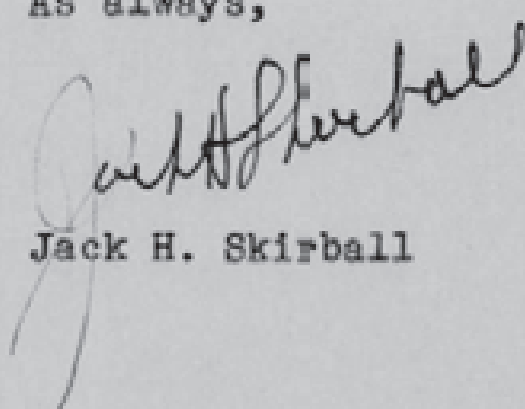
You met my wife and you may recall it, when you were here about eight or nine years ago and we spent the day driving up to Lake Arrowhead and later on coming back by way of the ocean. If I recall correctly, we tried to get to Coronado and couldn't.

I have been busy -- just completed a picture with Claudette Colbert, Robert Young and George Brent, a rather light comedy entitled "BACHELORS BEWARE", which title is, of course, subject to change.

If you are coming out here, please let me know because I would love to see you.

My best to Virginia and yourself.

As always,


Jack H. Skirball

jhs/ms

June 5, 1949

Mr. M. Eliash
P.O.B. 433
Jerusalem, Palestine

My dear Mr. Eliash:

In checking with my local bank, I find that the \$1,000 sent to you in my letter of February 4th to cover expenses involved in connection with the disposition of my father's affairs, has never cleared. I would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience as to whether you received this check and whether it has been deposited.

I trust that you are well and I look forward to hearing from you.

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

June 5, 1949

Rehavia Synagogue
Rehavia, Israel

My dear Friends:

On January 25th I sent you a check for \$500 in memory of my father. As yet, this check has not cleared through my local bank and I would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience as to whether it has been deposited or whether, for any other reason, there should be this delay.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILIEL SILVER

AHS:er

June 5, 1949

United Aged Home
P.O. Box 888
Jerusalem, Palestine

My dear Friends:

On January 25th two checks were sent to you - one for \$100 from Mr. Edgar Hahn of this city, and one for \$500 from me in memory of my father. Neither of these checks has as yet cleared through my local bank, and I would appreciate hearing from you as to whether they have been deposited and whether there may be any reason for the delay.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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החכם השלם, עוסד נפרץ עמו,
הרב אבא הלל ד"ר סילבר שליט"א,
קליבלנד.

ידידנו המרופס,

הננו מודיעים לכב' כי בתום השלשים לפטירת מר אביו זצ"ל ערכנו
הספד במוסדנו, והרוננים הראשיים הרב ד"ר הרצוג והראשון לציון הרב עוזיאל
שליט"א, והנבאי הראשי של המוסד ד"ר פרדכי עליאש הספידו את אביו ז"ל, וספרו
בשבחו ובריו היוצאים מן הלב, תארו את מסירותו למוסדנו ואת אהבתו, אהבה כנה
בלי פצרים למוסד ולכל התלויים בו, לזקנים ולפעליו ופקידיו.
בית הכנסת הגדול במוסדנו היה מלא מהסון מוקירי שמו של אביו זצ"ל,
ומתוך הקהל עלו באי-כח הפקידים והזקנים ואף הם תארו את יחסו של אביו זצ"ל
להם, אשר עשו רופם נצום על קהל הנוכחים.

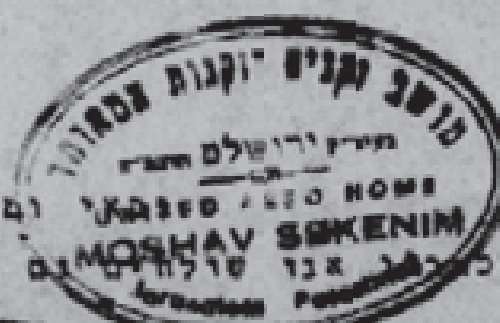
מוכיר מוסדנו מר פישל ריבלין פרסם כמה דברי הערכה למר אביו זצ"ל
בעתונים "הבקר" מב' אדר תש"ט מס' 4061, "ביהארץ" מכ"א שבט תש"ט מס' 8969
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לכב' את העתונים וכן את נוסח הסודעה שפרסמנו ליום ההספד, במעטפה מיוחדת.
זכרו של אביו זצ"ל יסאר בתוך מוסדנו לנצח, ונשמחו תהא צרורה בצרור
החיים, ויהא פליץ יוסר למשפחתו הכבודה ולכל בית ישראל.

אנו מחלים את פני כב' להמשיך את מעשי אביו הכבירים לסובת מוסדנו
ולהנציח בזה את שם המכובד של משפחתכם במוסדנו, כך שחבל הכסף (סילבר) לא
יבתק (קהל י"ב ו').

מצבו הכלכלי של מוסדנו, עקב פעוט ההכנסה ומפאת תנאי המלחמה, קשה מאד
ועזרה רבה ומהירה זרושה לנו כדי שנוכל להמשיך בעבודתנו הקדושה למען סבות
הישישים, ובטוחים אנו בכב' - אם כי יודעים אנו כמה עסוק כב' בענייני העם
כולו - שיעשה למעננו כל מה שיהיה לאל ידו, וזכות סבות פקו"ט ורבים תעמוד לו
לכב' להתבונן בכל טוב ולהנחם בנחמת ציון וירושלים,

מפקידיו ומכבודיו,

א. ו. י. א.



נ.ב. התקף סכך י"ג אנו שולחים גם כדאר הרביל.
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42ND STREET AT LEXINGTON AVENUE, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.
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June 6, 1949.

Dear Dr. Silver:

On the eve of my departure from this country, I wish to extend to you my sincere thanks for the chance to remain in the United States until now.

Owing to the advanced stage of the season, I was only able to cover a limited area of this Continent, but judging by the wonderful reception and profound interest extended to me everywhere, I cannot help but feel in all modesty that it must have done the ZOA some good.

I am now returning to London and expect to meet our friends at the end of the week. I shall take the opportunity to send you a few short impressions from there.

It is my intention to leave for Israel in two weeks' time, but from there Jacques Torczyner will bring you the latest news.

I need hardly add that I shall always be glad to be of service to you. No matter where I happen to be, mail will reach me at:

20 Arkwright Mansions,
London, N.W.3., England.

May I once more thank you for everything and send you and Mrs. Silver the best of good wishes.

With kind regards,

Cordially yours,

Hannah Stein.

June 7, 1949

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

Gentlemen:

Will you please reserve a room for Dr. Silver for Thursday,
June 16th.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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June 8, 1949

Pullman Tick Agent
New York Central Railroad
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

The enclosed ticket was cancelled in New York on May 30th.
Will you please send reimbursement to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
at the above address.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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D.D., M.E., Ph.D.

Cleveland, Ohio, June 9 th 1949
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The Reverend Rabbi
Abba Hillel Silver
18910 Shaker Boulevard
Shaker Heights, Ohio

Dear Reverend:--

Having read the report about Mr. Charles P. Taft's talk last night at the Temple I just had to write to him and send him my complaint about another failure of the churches. Thinking, that it might interest you as well, I am enclosing a copy of that complaint of mine.

In 1850 a German philosopher, Ludwig Feuerbach, first coined the expression:--MAN IS WHAT HE EATS.-- But long before that, a French philosopher, Brillat-Savarin, in his book:--THE PHILOSOPHY OF EATING--1825-- expressed the much greater implication of that saying very aptly with the words:-- The DESTINY of NATIONS DEPENDS UPON WHAT AND HOW THEY EAT.--

What is the destiny of this country of ours? A hundred years ago our manifest destiny was, to unite and consolidate from coast to coast. Fifty years ago it was industrialization.

To-day it is HOSPITALIZATION, next it will be EXTINCTION due to FOODLESS FOOD FROM A SICK SOIL.

In case you should be interested to know, just what can be accomplished with healthy food from a healthy soil, I shall be glad to send you a brief review of ten or twelve peoples or races, who are free from malignant disease, free from insanity and practically free from crime.

24 centuries ago Socrates stated, that nothing takes you nearer to the Gods, than to bring health to your fellow man.

Where is the church, that will make a beginning ?

Sincerely yours for
BETTER HEALTH,

Joe. Schaeffers

June 9, 1949

Mr. Sidney M. Weitz
Leader Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Sidney:

I thought it was a very nice Annual Meeting which we had last evening. Everyone seemed to be very much pleased with it. I believe that we should send Mr. Taft a check for \$100 to cover his traveling expenses and incidentals. There is no other honorarium involved.

Before next Tuesday you should give some thought to the matter of the Vice-President who is to be elected at this meeting since Mr. Luntz is no longer on the Board. I should be very glad to discuss it with you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Ra bbi Abba Hillel Silver
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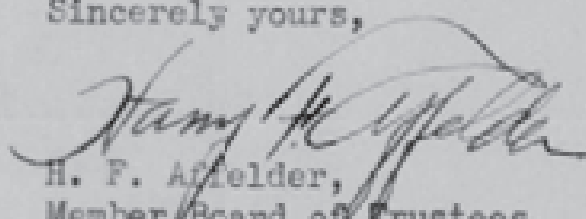
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mrs. Gledhill, our membership secretary has told me of the receipt of your check for \$10 covering membership in the Health Museum.

I want you to know that your generous response to our appeal is very much appreciated.

We hope you will take an early opportunity to visit the Museum. The hours are from nine to five every day except Wednesday, when they are extended to ten in the evening, and Sunday from two to five in the afternoon.

Sincerely yours,


H. F. Affelder,
Member/Board of Trustees.

Los Angeles, California
June 13, 1949

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

Dear Rabbi:

On September 7th I expect to celebrate my 90th birthday in Cleveland, so I wish you would please send me a list of all worthy charitable and religious institutions, also my hobbie the Yeshiva's. If you recall, when you first organized the Bureau of Education, I contributed \$1,000 a year.

While I do my share of giving here, Cleveland I expect will soon again be my permanent home. I cannot neglect them.

They tell me you cannot take it with you but I have found a way to get it up there. I smuggle it up there by the Yeshiva and United Jewish Welfare and all other charitable institutions and you have no idea what pleasure it gives me to see the smiles of the recipients.

It really gives me more pleasure than the recipients. And to be free from poverty, yes from hunger through our God (blessed be He) has enabled me to not only be free from want but to also help others.

How beautiful it is to go along life and leave a trail behind of smiles and blessings.

After taking care of my family and income tax collector what good is the money left over--like toys given a child, so I am going to give it where it is needed, and from my experience in my young days, I am a good judge.

Now, Rabbi, I want to ask a favor of you. I would appreciate it very much and it would give me and my family untold pleasure if you and Mrs. Silver would honor us with your presence at the party. I think there will be upwards of fifty present--my children, grand children, nieces and nephews, brothers and a few dear friends. You have confirmed all of them and I am sure it will be a most happy surprise for them. When I come to Cleveland I will let you know the time and place. Please say you will come.

Sincerely yours,

L. Sands
L. Sands

[June 14, 1949]

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י"ז סיון תש"ט

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לכבוד ידידנו וידיד מוסדנו
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החכם השלם הרב אבא הלל ז"ר סילבר שליט"א,
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אחדשים

הננו מתכננים לאשר בזה את קבלת מכתבו מהחמשי ליוני דנא, אשר
בו הודיענו כי שלח אלינו עור ב-25 לינואר שני שיקים, אחד ע"ס 500 דולר
תדומת כב' לעי"ג אביו הרה"ג משה סילבר זצ"ל, ועוד \$100 גדבת מר האהן מעירו,
וצר לנו מאד להודיעו כי לא קבלנו לא את מכתבו ולא את השיקים הנזכרים,
ומסערים אנו כי נפלו לידי הצרבים, מכיון שעל המעטפה רשום הכתובת "פלסטין"
במקום "ישראל", וקרו כבר סקרים שמכתבים בכתובת כזו נפלו לידיהם.

אנו שלחנו לכב' היום סלגוסה ובסלגוסה הודענוהו כי לא קבלנו
את השיקים ולא את המכתבים, ובקשנוהו לבטל את השיקים הנז' ולשלוח לנו אחרים
במקומם, וכן העתקה ממכתבו הנ"ל.

צר לנו מאד ידיר יקר להודיעו כי מצבו הכלכלי של מוסדנו חסור הוא
מאד, ואם כי אסור לנו להטריד את כב' העסוק כולו למען כלל ישראל, אבל גידענו
את אהבתו ואת מסירותו למוסדנו, ובהעריכנו את מסירות ששפחתם ובזכרנו את
פעולותיו הגדולות והנצורות של מר אביו זצ"ל למען המוסד במשך תקופה של
למעלה מעשרים שנה, אנו מעזים לפנות אל כב' ולבקשו לעמוד לימין מוסדנו בכל
מאי ואפשר ולחלצהו ממצוקתו, וכסוחים אנו כי השפעת כב' תביא עזרה עצומה
למוסדנו ולמאות ישישין, וזכות מצות מקו"ג דרבים תעמוד לו לכב' ולכל אשר
אתו להתברך בחיים טובים ארוכים וטאוסרים, ולראות בהתגשמות כל מאוילסען
הגוי כולו.

מוקיריו ומכבדיהם כערכו הרם,

מנהל מושב זקנים וזקנות המאוחד.



נ.ב.

העתקה אחת ממכתב זה יאמר לנכחים בדואר הצוירי.

June 14, 1949

United Aged Home
Jerusalem, Israel

My dear Friends:

In accordance with the information contained in your cable, I have stopped payment on the two checks issued to you on January 25th and I am herewith enclosing two new checks to replace them. The check for \$100 is from Mr. Edgar Hahn, National City Building, Cleveland, Ohio, as a contribution, and the other, in the amount of \$500 I am sending you in memory of my dear father. I shall appreciate hearing from you immediately upon receipt of this letter.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
Enc. 2

June 11, 1949

Cleveland Trust Company
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Very truly yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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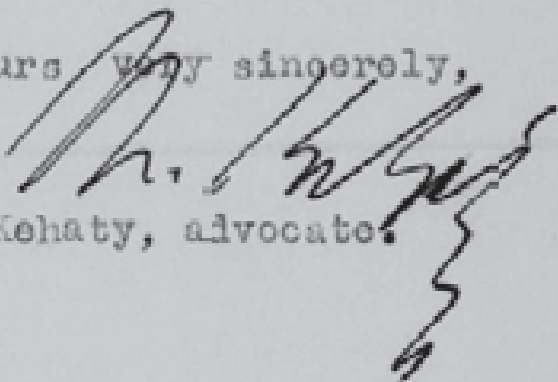
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D.D.
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 5th inst. addressed to Mr. Eliash. Mr. Eliash has entrusted me, as his principal associate, with the matter of the estate of your late father, and, therefore, your letter came to my hand.

In reply to your letter, I have to inform you that no letter dated February 4th enclosing a cheque for \$1,000, has been received by our office.

Yours very sincerely,


M. Kehaty, advocate.

June 15, 1949

Mr. Louis Sands
3198 West 7th Street
Los Angeles 5, California

My dear Mr. Sands:

I was very pleased to receive your letter and was delighted to learn that you will be celebrating your 90th birthday on September 7th. I wish to send you my heartiest felicitations in advance and to express the hope that I shall be able to be with you when you celebrate the event in September. Both Mrs. Silver and I would be honored to be present on such an occasion.

As far as worthy charitable and religious institutions are concerned, there are, of course, many. In Cleveland there is the Yeshivath Adath B'nai Israel, 14298 Superior Road and the Hebrew Academy, 1860 South Taylor Road. Among the religious institutions in Cleveland of which you are aware is The Temple itself which is this year celebrating its 100th anniversary. The Temple is raising an endowment fund to expand its religious and cultural activities in the future and to cushion the institution against any economic recession.

I am at the moment collecting a fund to enable the Hebrew University of Jerusalem to publish the recently discovered Hebrew manuscripts, the oldest and most valuable manuscripts in existence, including a complete copy of the Book of Isaiah dating from the time of the Maccabees. You may be interested in making a contribution to it.

I enjoyed reading very much your reflections on the deep satisfactions which one derives from contribution to worthy causes.

With all good wishes and looking forward with pleasure to seeing you when you come to Cleveland, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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(Signature)

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ESTIMATE AND SPECIFICATIONS

We are pleased to submit our estimate as follows:

June 15, 1949

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The following is a budget which has been developed in collaboration with engineers to develop and furnish a room on the lower level of The Temple, in accordance with the general plan which was outlined to you and several of your friends. Our blueprint of this is enclosed.

This room is to have an atmosphere of dignity, lending itself to museum purposes. It will be sparsely furnished and is to be used for lectures, musical recitals, Tele-video programs, and art exhibits.

FLOOR: Because of the concrete floor being beneath the earth's surface, it is not possible to have a wood floor, so we recommend that an asphalt tile be used and developed into an interesting pattern to conform with the general design of the room.

CEILING: There are to be various structural changes in the ceiling. The major plan of the ceiling is to be lowered to approximately a height of 9 ft. 11 in. and is to have various indirect lighting fixtures and spotlights flush with the ceiling, designed in accordance with their particular area. The ceiling also is to be covered with acoustical material, the color to harmonize with the general appearance of the room.

WALLS: New wall partitions will form the following:
Foyer - Storage area - Lounge area - Phonograph library
Additional storage area behind phonograph library
Corridor behind bookcases - Tele-video area - Filing room
Corridor screening off small windows on west side of room

HEATING: It is our plan to build out a wall on the west side, forming a corridor which will house grills at top of wall and cold air returns at bottom of wall, so that the present radiation for the heating of the room can be used. We are also installing a ventilating fan in the northwest corner of the room.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

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June 15, 1949

FURNITURE: Our estimate includes furniture in small lounge room, built-in glass cases and tables surrounding center column as shown on blueprint, with glass case built around column; also four built-in bookcases per blueprint and four portable display cases on east wall.

ENTRANCE DOOR: The entrance door to Mahler Hall is to be remodeled and lengthened and is to have a panic lock installed.

We propose to furnish and install the foregoing according to these specifications for approximately \$25,875, which includes designing and supervision time. This of course is exclusive of Tele-video. We have discussed the Tele-video with engineers and they informed us that they could develop and install at the time of construction, six or eight speakers at the various points in the ceiling, which would equalize the sound in the entire room. They also suggested that we could use a reflected screen, size approximately 48 inches wide by 36 inches high. They stated that the entire set can be installed for approximately \$2,200 to \$2,500, including the necessary electrical work. This could be handled directly with them, under our supervision. We would much rather handle it that way because it would save you money.

Respectfully submitted,

RORIMER-BROOKS, INC.


Robert A. Boone
President

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JACOB BILLIKOPF

Associate Chairman, Finance Committee

805 Bankers Securities Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Abba:

Few persons whose friendship I value more than yours and I appreciate more than I can say your kindness in sending me VISION AND VICTORY.

Not now because my convalescence is so slow, but later when I manage to get away to a quiet spot, I shall certainly read your collection of wonderful Addresses.

Abba, on quitting office Lord Roseberry declared:

"There are two extremes in life. The ideal is when a man receives the seals of office and the real one is when he hands them back."

And Sir Robert Peel, returning the seals to Queen Victoria begged with tears in his eyes never to ask him to accept office again as he feared another spell might undermine his sanity.

Apparently you felt, and perhaps Virginia even more so, that to have accepted the Presidency of the Z.O.A. again might have undermined your sanity. So, I am glad that, for the time being at least, you will take a much needed rest. Which prompts me to inquire what are your plans for the summer?

Some years ago there appeared in the New Yorker a brief Profile of Judge Samuel Seabury who, as you recall, was active in prosecuting Jimmy Walker and later headed the Fusion Movement, which resulted in the election of Fiorello LaGuardia as Mayor of New York. As Seabury's name did not appear in the press for some time, the writer of the sketch inquired: "What are you doing these days?" The answer was: "I am leading an obscurely good life."

Wish I could say the same, but I shall have to modify Seabury's comment by saying that I am trying to lead a good life obscurely. As a matter of fact, not since January 1, 1946 have I held a paying job. How long I will be able to continue living on my modest and diminishing income, I do not know, but I have been devoting all of my time and energy to causes - pro bono publico and, yes, pro bono Judaico - though my activities happily do not lend themselves to public notice. Thus, for instance, I am a member of the Executive Committee of the American Jewish Committee. Have been quite active

on the Board of the Palestine Economic Corporation virtually since its inception. Am Chairman of the Finance Committee of the New School for Social Research and from my desk have been raising at times as much as \$60,000 to \$70,000 a year.

Bear in mind that at least from 75% to 80% of the eight thousand students are Jews. The Graduate Faculty is almost entirely Jewish and the New School is still doing wonderful work for refugee scholars.

But, why catalogue my activities, ~~my~~ reference to a few of which is prompted by a letter which I received from you a few months ago in which you assumed that I had withdrawn from participation in Jewish ~~activities~~ *life*.

Yes, I ought to mention also that over a period of years Louis Levinthal, Emanuel Neumann and others have asked me to perform one service or another for Palestine and many a message from me to Charles G. Ross who has been a life long friend. So much for that.

And now let me relate an episode with which only one or two other persons are familiar. First the prologue.

What with my strenuous activities in behalf of the Federation of Jewish Charities which, when I assumed the directorship in 1920, was in a fearfully demoralized state and was finally brought up to a premiership in the country; what with my Impartial Chairmanship in the Men's Clothing Industry in the City of New York, where I spent one and two days a week; what with a variety of other causes - sponsorship of unemployment relief, old age pensions, unemployment insurance, etc. - my health became so impaired in 1933 or 1934 that Ruth made me give up the Directorship of the Federation. Parenthetically, I ~~may~~ add that even then I had gastronomic difficulties and consumed large quantities of carbonate of soda.

Ruth wanted to return to New York and for the time being live on a modest income - this until such time as something would turn up which would not tax my energies so heavily.

What did Ruth think of offering my services to the Zionist Organization of America as Director of its activities and without remuneration? Fine! If that was the thing I wanted to do. Mind you, eight or ten years previously I declined Samuel Untermyer's offer of \$25,000 a year to take charge of the Keren Hayesod.

I spoke about this to Morris Rothenberg who, if my memory serves me and I think it does, was President of the Z.O.A. at the time. Morris

was enthusiastic. Almost lyrical in his expressions of admiration, etc. He was going to submit this to his fellow Directors and I would hear from him immediately. But never a word from Morris and I, in turn, naturally dropped the matter.

Years later I happened to be spending the weekend on the Campus of Howard University. The Z.O.A. was holding its annual Convention in Washington. I forget the exact year but the stellar attraction was Duff-Cooper. Lou Levinthal attended the Convention and on Sunday morning, while we were strolling up and down Pennsylvania Avenue, Lou said: "Billie, you never fail us when we ask you to do something for the Cause, Why don't you throw yourself into it with your characteristic energy and vigor?"

When I told him of my offer to the Z.O.A. through Morris Rothenberg years previously, he was astonished that advantage was not taken of my invitation. Incredible! There must be some misunderstanding. As we walked through the lobby of the Mayflower on our way to luncheon to hear Duff-Cooper, whom should we meet but Morris. Did I object to Lou's saying something about it to him? Not at all. And, what do you think Morris' comment was? "What Billie says is absolutely true, but at the time there was so much dissension and bitterness in the Organization that I was afraid it would break his heart to become involved in the picture." A pretty lame excuse, Abba, but I did want you to know that there was an occasion when I felt I could have been of great service, but at no time would I have accepted compensation and had the point been reached, as it may well have been, where I required a salary, I would have sought some other position. You see, I wanted to be just as free in the Z.O.A. as I was in 1917-1918 when I served as Executive Director of the American Jewish Relief Committee which raised \$25,000,000 for Jewish War Relief and, mirabile dictu, my salary was paid anonymously by a non Jew in Kansas City.

Well, here is another episode. Shortly before Lou Levinthal returned from Germany, where he served as Advisor on Jewish Affairs to General Clay, John Slawson called me on the phone and inquired: "When will you be ready to go to Frankfurt to succeed Lou Levinthal?" An inquiry which surprised me. I told Slawson I could not give a definite reply; many personal factors to be considered, but if the invitation came from the five agencies on which the Secretary of War depended for recommendations, I would give the matter serious consideration. He pressed me for an affirmative answer which I could not give him. However, I did add that under no consideration did I wish to be considered as a candidate.

* It is possible that with my vast experience in the field of negotiation, & with no axe to grind I might have been able to compose differences, etc.

An hour later I received a call from Judge Phillip Forman, Trenton, one of my closest friends. The same sort of inquiry as came from John Slawson and a similar response.

During the afternoon Charles G. Ross tried to reach me on several occasions. Finally he succeeded and inquired: "Billie, we would love to have you succeed Judge Levinthal as Advisor to General Clay," etc. I repeated to Charlie what I had said to Slawson and Forman.

Several days later Forman called to say the representatives of the five organizations met. John Slawson spoke for the A.J.C. and Moses Leavitt for the J.D.C., suggesting my name and stating that they had authority to speak for their respective organizations. The other representatives "were delighted beyond words" but they would have to submit the recommendation to their principals.

In the meantime, of course, I discussed the matter with Esther and we concluded that, with the doctor's permission - and he was agreeable - we would go to Frankfurt if the invitation ^{came}. Two or three weeks elapsed and then I heard that at the second meeting Louis Lipsky appeared and registered a protest, though he assigned no definite reasons.

In passing, let me say that I have known Lipsky for nearly forty years and I do not recall ever having a conversation with him lasting more than three or four minutes. Whatever the reasons for his opposition, I am truly delighted that Bill Haber was appointed. I don't know what you think of him but I admire him tremendously and am sure he did a great job.

Abba, you have gone through so many ordeals lately: know you are desperately in need of a rest and here I am burdening you when all I started to do was to tell you how much your friendship means to me and how much I appreciate your collection of Addresses.

Affectionate regards to you and Virginia. As ever

Yours,

Billie

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Do write about your charters!
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April 9, 1949

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From: Professor Albert Einstein

To: Jacob Billikopf

I was very happy to receive yesterday the fourth batch of checks. You cannot imagine how much good you are doing. Someday when you are in Princeton I will tell you of the plight of some of these distinguished refugee scholars and mathematicians and how, through the action of yourself and friends, their plight, which is the result of old age and illness, is being alleviated.

Again my heartfelt thanks and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

From: Miss Helen Dukas, Secretary to Professor Einstein

To: Jacob Billikopf

It is truly marvelous how you and your friends are celebrating Professor Einstein's 70th birthday. As you may surmise, the cablegrams, telegrams, letters and messages run into the thousands. It is humanly impossible to acknowledge all of them, particularly as he is still recovering from his recent operation. But the Professor is so happy to meet some of the heart rending appeals for help which come to him that he has written to everyone who has contributed to the Fund expressing his deep appreciation.

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THE PROBLEM OF EDUCATIONAL BIAS

By Alvin Johnson

The State of New York has pioneered in attacking the problems of discrimination in employment on grounds of race, color, religion and national origin. No employer in the State can feel easy if his employment practices run counter to the law. Everyone recognizes that the law is slow-footed; but the law is on the move. Discrimination is incompatible with democratic principles, and American democracy is slowly but surely advancing toward translating its principles from the condition of pious wishes to the condition of effective realities. It is to be noted that in the overwhelming body of opinion marshalled in support of the New York antibias law the most dynamically democratic groups, the labor organizations, were the most uncompromising.

It is known to all that an ever widening range of employments is accessible only to those who have the appropriate education and training. If the citizens of New York are to have equal opportunity in employment they must have equal opportunity in education. It is absurd for the great State of New York to declare solemnly that discrimination in employment shall cease, while permitting autonomous educational institutions, enjoying the vital privilege of tax exemption, to bar the road to education on grounds abhorrent to State policy.

Discrimination in education must go. The only pertinent question is whether the educational institutions will recognize the drift of the times and clean house themselves, or will await the passage of a law with teeth in it. It can be no secret that if a bill withdrawing tax exemption from institutions that discriminate were introduced in Albany it would pass. And the discriminating institutions would be wise in investing no hopes in their ability to evade the law. Legal dentition improves year by year.

One still hears the sage argument that if our educational institutions give up their secret but effective quota systems they will be swamped with Jews. They are now swamped with Gentiles and still keep their heads above water. But what has the distinction Jew and Gentile to do with education, scholarship? Can any honest educational institution profit by preferring the less able to the more able student, the less able professor to the more able?

Almost every week an eager and promising student consults me about his educational career. He'd like to go to College X, but the Jewish quota is al-

ready filled. It is the same with Colleges Y and Z. I've known this lad from childhood. I know his parents and grandparents. I know that he would be a credit to any institution that admitted him. What can I say? I can only say: Go to one of the great Western State Universities, where you may not enjoy, perhaps, the prestige of century old tradition, but where you will be treated as an American among Americans, not as a semi-American to be controlled by a quota.

It is agreed by students of education that the most desirable system of educational regulation is self regulation by the institution. The college or university should determine for itself the qualifications of Faculty members and of students seeking admission. But this priceless privilege will be lost unless the educational institutions adopt promptly the principle: No discrimination on grounds that are an abomination to any honest democracy.

A BRIEF NOTE

By Jacob Billikopf

The Graduate Faculty of the New School—which I still like to call the "University in Exile"—is very dear to my heart. Ever since its launching in 1933 I have anxiously watched it develop and for the last five years I have accepted the trying job of financial chairman in spite of the fact that I was already overburdened with commitments to good causes.

Let me say a word which will reassure those who have followed the remarkable history of the University in Exile and Dr. Johnson's relation to it. To Alvin Johnson years ago but a harvest which he is confident of bringing in. He remains Chairman of the University in Exile and of the Institute of World Affairs. He retains his office in the New School where he carries on business as usual with the friends of man.

Some of us have twitted him good naturedly on his choice of a successor, Dr. Bryn J. Hovde, like himself, a Scandinavian. Has Alvin Johnson turned racist? we ask him. Sure, he replies: human racist. A Scandinavian is a dyed in the wool enemy of racial discrimination. No true Scandinavian says, "Some of my best friends are Jews, but—" As Dr. Johnson sees it, America is still far from the point in civilization in which racial and religious prejudice will take their place among other forgotten delusions and superstitions. The New School and its University in Exile are harbingers of that day when it shall be universally accepted that a man's religion and racial origin are his private affair.

(Quoted in part from "Letters to the Editor,"
Jewish Advocate, Feb. 14, 1946)

WHY THE NEW SCHOOL HAS GROWN

(From a Letter to a Friend)

To Mr. George W. Bacon, President of Ford, Bacon and Davis, one of the leading industrial engineering concerns in the country and an old friend of the New School.

My dear Friend:

You asked me to write you a summary of what has happened to the New School since that meeting at your house nearly a quarter of a century ago, when our group assembled to decide whether the New School was to be abandoned as a failure or kept going with a definite program. We decided to go on and you drafted me as Director.

We had at the time about 250 students. Now we have 5,500. We had three graduate students. Now we have 412. We had a Faculty of nine persons. Now our Faculties have more than 200 members. We had one professor working on a book. Now we put out so many books, I suppose between fifteen and twenty a year, that I can't possibly read them all; but I read enough in them to be very proud of our contribution to scientific literature. We had our dream of developing international studies, and we induced one English scholar to give us a course of lectures. Today we have scholars from almost every country in Europe, and one country, France, recognizes our position so definitely that the French Government proposes to supply us with \$74,000 a year to support a French Faculty. We had a good little course on the social place of the drama, now we have a Dramatic Workshop that draws students from every state in America, from Canada, Puerto Rico and Austria. Then we stood so ill with the State Department of Education that we had to seek a charter with the District of Columbia, which charters anything. Now we are a sort of favorite child of the State Department of Education and have been chartered to give the Bachelors, Masters and Doctors degrees, and put on their registered list, something our State Department of Education does only after the most meticulous examination. We were so unimportant that a three line notice of something at the School in the least important newspaper in New York was to us an event to crow over. Now we are news, and get almost as much space in the New York press as any other educational institution. Indeed, we get today more attention from the press of Paris, Prague, Rio, Santiago, de Chile, Melbourne, Ottawa, than we could get in the New York Press twenty years ago.

We agreed at that meeting that we would build an institution to supply the educational needs of

people twenty-five years old and upward, the most neglected educational group in America. We agreed that we would eschew all partisanship, and select our teachers solely on a basis of competence, leaving them absolutely free, to be liberal, radical, conservative, reactionary, as long as they followed the truth according to their lights. On no other principle can you build a student body of persons of intellectual maturity.

But what ultimately gave the New School its astonishing vitality was our adoption at that time of the principle of absolute freedom from racial and religious bias.

What did this decision do for us? It brought us, in the early years, many brilliant lecturers. You and I always hated anti-Semitism for its injustice, for the barriers it erected between man and man. What we saw, in those early years, was that anti-Semitism is sand in the gears of honest scholarship and sound teaching.

It follows naturally that immediately upon the expulsion of Jewish and liberal professors from their chairs in Europe, we had to proceed to make places for as many of them as we could. Hence our University in Exile, promptly organized as a Graduate Faculty, and an extremely able one, which in the course of a few years gave a seriousness and solidity to our teaching program that brought us ever increasing numbers of serious students. On the fall of France we repeated our exploit of bringing over scholars in danger of their lives. Out of the hundred or more we rescued we were able to set up the Ecole Libre, in effect a French university, the only French university that was free, which is now developing into a permanent French faculty.

If we had not based our policy on complete racial and religious impartiality we could never have achieved the position of intellectual distinction we had already achieved before Hitler came into power. Like other institutions of equal financial power, we might have been able to make a place for one or two refugee professors. We could never have set down to our credit the 167 fine scholars we brought over, with their families, to breathe the free air of America. We could never have attained to our present high educational position as an institution of learning known throughout the world.

My letter has become too long; but ours is a long friendship.

Sincerely,

ALVIN JOHNSON

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PLAIN FACTS

By Bryn J. Hovde (Dr. of School)

To one who has seen Israel, even much too briefly, observed a little of what the Jewish people have accomplished there, and sensed the indomitable spirit of young and old alike, the delay of the American government in recognizing the full legal stature of this new state and the international higgling over its boundaries are hard to understand.

Let us be coldly rational and disregard the sentimental claims, though based on ancient prophecy that so many Jews have long advanced to the land of their fathers, a sentiment that is also a fact. Let us admit only the most incontrovertible physical realities. There are almost a million Jews in Israel. They have within our generation created an ultra-modern economy upon land that was desert. They have done this in a *civilized* manner, paying the Arabs decently for their land and their purely voluntary labor, aiding and not subjugating them. They did in the war prove their devotion to democracy by excessive contributions, especially to the British from whom they themselves sought freedom. They have for this freedom successfully defied both the apparatus of the British Empire and the apparatus of the Arab League. They have established a democratic state which, in the words of Dr. Ralph Bunche to the United Nations, was "a fact from the moment of its birth". They did in the interest of peace accept the U.N. partition plan giving them the crazy boundaries of a paper torn at random. These are the facts.

What possible grounds can now exist for denying them? Jefferson would have admitted them. Perhaps President Truman wants to arrange simultaneous *de jure* recognition with Great Britain. Upon the record that is idle. Perhaps he wants to follow the lead of the United Nations. That would be laudable, but the Charter does not invest the United Nations with the right to determine the recognition policies of its members. There can be no ideological reason to delay full recognition, for none of the Arab states are so genuinely democratic or so strenuously anti-Communist as Israel. Perhaps the President delays because he fears that the Arab chieftains will retaliate by shutting the oil valves or diverting the flow to the Soviet Union. This fear he can safely dismiss, for the Arab rulers cannot dispense with their oil revenues nor can they afford to power the war machines of their most near and certain enemy. Finally, if full recognition is being withheld to be used as a club to make Israel accept the loss of the Negeb, the policy is wrong as well as a miscalculation.

Israel deserves immediate *de jure* recognition and must have adequate boundaries.

of late people seem to be afraid of the word "fact". It is a word which is used to make Israel accept the loss of the Negeb.

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Alvin Johnson

What do you think

of the Graduate School?

Has it a research staff

What are the scientists mentioned

by A.J. are

just

September 14, 1948

Dear Mr. Friedman:

Last year you were a generous contributor of \$250 to the New School. And on the principle that one good turn implies another, I am appealing to you to contribute again this year.

Probably we exhausted all our arguments last year. But I want to add a point.

You know of the work of Szent Gyorgyi, Nobel Prize winner at 33, one of the livest biochemists in the world, who had in Hungary a group of research workers that were going places. They made the muscles, a neglected province, their chief interest, and they have already found out a lot about muscles, including the muscles of the heart, by whose failure you and I are to die before our time.

But the Communists came, with their ultra Un-American Committee suspicions. Some of these biochemists had corresponded with British biochemists. An international spy ring? They subjected one of them, Dr. Rath, to an examination, as a result of which he still has a big blood clot at the base of his brain and bleeding kidneys.

Szent Gyorgyi and his colleagues are sensitive scientists and didn't cotton to the search for red herrings in their kidneys. They made up their minds to come to America, as a group, and continue their group researches here.

Every university would have been glad to take Szent Gyorgyi. I know of at least three of our greatest universities that offered him highly paid professorships. But no institution was flexible enough to take him with his group. No institution but the New School.

We have them - not all, because out of the seventeen there are still some who have to climb the two barbed wire fences of Communist inclusiveness and American exclusiveness. But we will get them all. We have laboratory facilities at Woods Hole, and our group are already working there like Trojans.

Any lectures they give are to be given at the New School. Szent Gyorgyi will open a series October 15th at 7:30. Will you come? He is a fascinating lecturer.

I had all but forgotten my primary object in writing you: to beg a contribution. Don't you think an institution so flexible and free, and so intellectually enterprising, is worth a contribution?

Sincerely,

Alvin Johnson

Dr. Harry G. Friedman
25 East 86th Street
New York City

Robert Hiss

Letters to

Palestine Policy Discussed

Russia Is Said to Be Reason for Our Government's Changed Stand

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES:

Like every one else, I am shocked by our Government's about-face on Palestinian partition. It would give me satisfaction to add my small voice to the chorus of denunciation of Truman and Marshall and Austin. But there is no place for a small voice like mine alongside of the earth-shaking voice of the Rabbi Wise, lion of Judah. I have only breath to ask, why?

The answer is short. Russia. The answer to our whole nest of international problems is the same: Russia. Because of Russia we are preparing to spend billions on the Marshall Plan, an item of international altruism that makes small change of the whole aggregate of international subsidies since the beginning of the world. Because of Russia we are reorienting ourselves on the Trieste question, and it is because of Russia that we propose furiously to rearm.

But what has Russia to do with the Palestine problem? Everything. The United Nations has no military force of its own, and will never have so long as Russia can veto it. To implement Palestine partition requires a military force. The only form of military force possible is an international force, a contingent of Americans, British, French, Chinese and a contingent of Russians, Poles, Rumanians, Hungarians and hogtied Czechs.

Eighty thousand Russians and Russian satellites camped solidly at Armageddon in the Vale of Jezreel, that is what faced us. Eighty thousand there to stay, for the U. N. could never order them out, under the veto. Eighty thousand making propaganda in the Arab world, since of old totalitarian, Hitlerite in the last World War, as Stalin was before Hitler went mad and attacked Russia.

This is the nightmare that broke the sleep of Truman, Marshall and Austin and made them throw the Palestine problem back to chaos. It is of no use to denounce them. The Republicans would have behaved in just the same way.

What, then, is to be done? Leave the Jews of Palestine to the Arabs? Not at all.

Absolutely the only Near Eastern redoubt of democracy, of Western civilization, is the Jewish community of Palestine. Its survival is vital to American interests. Oil, a Communist friend will say. Oil be switched: What is at stake is the whole Near Eastern world, rotten ripe for Russian penetration.

We are bucking up a corrupt Greek Government, a dictatorial Turkish Government, to check the drift of Russia toward the Mediterranean. Why should we not extend the Truman Doctrine to the one democratic possibility in the whole Eastern Mediterranean, the Jewish state in Palestine?

We did not ask the blessings of the U. N. to send men and munitions and money to Greece and Turkey. We did not give Molotov or Gromyko a spot to lodge a veto. We do not need any U. N. permission to declare "The Jewish state in Palestine is our particular one hundred per cent American interest. We are prepared to defend it with men, munitions and money."

Someone may say there is no Jewish state in Palestine. What in the name of common sense is a state, but a body of people lawfully occupying a territory not covered by prior political rights, and able to organize and conduct civilized government? The Arabs had a prior right? They have no right at all. They remained abject slaves under the Turks until the British, backed by American force, liberated them. There was no political entity in conquered Palestine except the British mandate. The British mandate is coming to an end without legal succession. What remains is a Jewish community, ripe for statehood and an Arab community not yet ripe.

When our souls are sated with denunciation, let us join in a mighty chorus: Extend the Truman Doctrine to the Jewish state in Palestine.

ALVIN JOHNSON.

New York, March 22, 1948.

Seeking Good-Will of Arabs

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES:

Your editorial "The Switch on Palestine" of March 21, deserves comment. It is regrettable that a great newspaper like THE TIMES has to show such unmistakable bias in the treatment of this world problem of the Holy Land. The readers of THE TIMES are entitled to less partisan and more objective views than those expressed in the editorial. With you I bemoan the fact that the fate of Palestine is being decided by expediency and "without a sign of the spiritual and ethical considerations." Nor is this something new, for international politics has dogged Palestine for the last thirty years.

Now, let us reason together and face the issue squarely. Let us honestly ask ourselves whether it has been the Jews or the Arabs who have been able to pull wires, exert pressure in high places, lobby, exploit political expediency to the full, and spend fabulous sums for noise and propaganda in order to achieve their aims. It is well known that the Balfour Declaration, the Mandate and the lamentable U. N. vote to partition Palestine were all the result of deals, understandings, pressures and political expediencies of the most sordid sorts. The Zionist high command stands discredited before the whole world. Zionist policy is bankrupt because it is based on high-pressure salesmanship and misleading propaganda. The Zionists have overplayed their hand.

The United States was to be the "sucker," "the goat" or what you will. The Zionist battle was to be fought by American arms, American troops as

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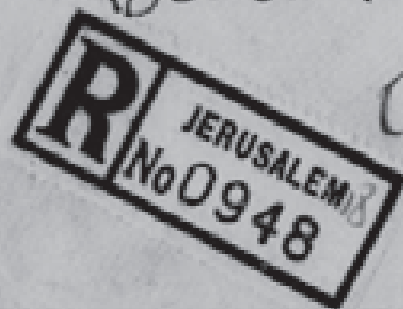


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MEMO TO Dr. A. H. Silver

DATE June 17th 1949

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FROM A. R. Willard

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For your information ☐

I'd like to discuss with you as soon as possible the following.

Please furnish data ☐

1. Next year's choir, with special attention to a solo alto, Mrs. Vegso having resigned on account of press of work on her job at Laurel School. We have several fine voices in sight, but should make an early decision as other contracts are being made also.

Please investigate and advise ☐

2. This summer's choir. Do we retain the winter quartette (except Bankhurst who will be at Tanglewood) or do we try soloists from other quartettes as we have in some previous summers.

Please express your opinion ☐

3. The Chorus choir for next year. —

4. Plans for Centennial. If we try a contest, or if we commission works to be written, the summer is the time most musicians compose, so we should get an early publication of our plans.

If discussion is necessary please set time ☐

5. The new Prayer Book, Part II. I have carefully looked this over, and would like to have my work checked as to new music required, so that this can be ordered at once.

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(Mrs) Ilona Herman Strosser

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Notes for Rabbi Silver.

To bring about the large plans we have for next year, it will take much casting about and thinking along various lines before we shall begin to head in along any particular objective. To assist this thinking I make the following notes. In the case of our commissioning a service or other work the following names occur to me.

Julius Chayes. Of Detroit, but director of the Cleveland Jewish Singing Society. Young, talented, and energetic, he has many compositions to his credit, but no services. If he came across with something, he would be on hand to conduct or assist at its first performance, and might of course contribute the Society to help our own choir.

Maurice Goldman. Now Music Consultant of the Jewish Board of Education in Los Angeles. Has at least two services to his credit, the last one having just received the Paul Discount prize. A former Cleveland, he might produce something we could use.

Isadore Freed - I consider one of the most promising Jewish composers now working. We have one fine morning service from him, that we have not sung recently, for various reasons, one being the difficult cantor part. He should be kept in mind by all means.

Lazare Sabinsky, of Temple Emanuel, another name of prominence, tho he is no longer one of the young ones.

Grimm of Cincinnati, has several fine services, and I know he is composing steadily all the time, in the midst of a very busy professional life.

Dr. Peter Gradenwitz is Israeli Correspondent for the NJMC. A letter to him might put us in touch with the outstanding Israeli composers, from which we might expect compositions.

As I mentioned last night, the work that would make the biggest splash for The Temple would be a number with soloists, chorus, and orchestra. This last feature would almost make it automatic that it would not be suitable for general use. The rewards of a composer writing a Temple Service for the Reformed Prayer Book are almost nil. Therefore may Temples have underwritten or published such services for their musicians. The sale is not only limited, but alas too many writing such services have spread themselves, and by making them scholarly have made them unusable by the average choir, and difficult listening for the average congregation. Same as in talking, the musician who can say a little and say it well, is scarce.

Not much down above, but I am sending it to you for study. My idée fixe for some time to come, I'll be at it again.

A.R.W.

June 17, 1949

Mr. Paul Bellamy
Cleveland Plain Dealer
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Bellamy:

Dr. Silver has just returned from New York, and I cannot tell you how delighted he was with the editorial which appeared in yesterday's Plain Dealer. You may be assured that he was deeply moved by it.

I should like to send copies of it to a few of his friends in New York, and I would very much appreciate your having 3 or 4 copies sent to me for that purpose.

With many thanks, I am

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

or

L SANDS
3126 W. 7TH ST.
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Sunday

Dear Rabbi

I am reading your wonderful Book which my son Joe sent me.

I have no use for the British 2 Scoundrels.

And I blame General Marshall who I remember sided in with them at the time. I am very glad your hard work was not in vain. The enclosed will show my feeling.

I am am glad you and Mrs Silver will be at my birthday dinner.

With kindest regards

I am yours

L Sands

June 20, 1949

Mr. Jacob Rotman
118 Corey Road
Brookline 45, Mass.

My dear Mr. Rotman:

Thank you so much for your kind letter which I read with much interest. I have been going over some of the papers which Raphael brought back, and I have noted his progress. I am also taking up with him some modern Hebrew during his summer vacation.

I am deeply grateful to you for the instruction which you gave him, and I hope that you will be able to continue during the coming school year.

With all good wishes for a pleasant summer, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Jacob Rotman
118 Carey Rd.,
Brookline 46, Mass.

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Los Angeles, California
June 21, 1949

Mr. Atlee and
Mr. Bevin

Gentlemen:

I see you are again on the Beggar's List for four hundred and ninety million dollars.

I think our country should demand a list of what the money is to be used for.

You are paying your Princess 250,000 dollars a year. Why? \$240,000 of this \$250,000 could be more useful to our crippled soldiers and unemployed poor families. Why should I give up one-half of my income and give it to an English Princess?

You have spent several million to help Arabs. You have had soldiers in Palestine to let Arabs into Palestine and to keep poor Jews out. Why you have had war ships laying for distressed Jews who wanted to enter Palestine, forcing them on your ships and took them to already prepared concentration camps. Why? Were you afraid they were going to attack England? Did they owe you anything? You should be ashamed. A country like yours to persecute thousands of poor helpless already persecuted. You know damn well what Hitler did to them. You really committed murder because they were already so weakened that they could not stand another Hitler and why?

I have been in Palestine twice. The first time I saw mostly beggars, labor 50¢ a day was the top pay. The second time 10 years later,--no beggars, labor living wages, land values 200% higher. The fields were all in full bloom, in fact prosperity was everywhere. And you know, and unless you are dumb you must know the Jews did it. The Arabs have plenty of land but they make no use of it.

It is impossible to believe that a supposed civilized nation for no reason at all should persecute a poor helpless people without any excuse. Especially when you know they were on their way to their brethren who were waiting with open arms to welcome them.

Well, I could fill many pages, but I know we have God - blessed be He, from whom we will have to appear and to whom you will have to give your reasons for your atrocities and cowardly acts.

Very truly yours,

L. Sands

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3198 West 7th Street
Los Angeles 5, California

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THE JEWISH PUBLICATION SOCIETY OF
AMERICA

June 22, 1949

Dr. Maxwell Silver
227 Riverside Drive
New York 25, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am returning your manuscript, THE STILL SMALL VOICE. I consider it a courageous and intelligent effort to answer a basic problem both of religion and of our day.

Unfortunately it deals with a subject of which the Jewish Publication Society has until now justifiably fought shy. It is both controversy and theology. The Society has to pay for its neutrality in a number of fields by depriving itself of the opportunity of publishing such a book as yours.

With many thanks for turning to us, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Solomon Grayzel
Editor

SG/nf

6/23/49

My dear Abba: Following up my letter to you of yesterday, am enclosing, above, copy of Dr. Grayzel's letter which arrived this morning. I'm sure you'll find it surprisingly interesting. The explanation, if sincere (as it on the whole appears to be) is surprising indeed! A Jewish Publication Society fighting shy of theology - even when combined with controversy!
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Outside of the supposed unmentionable
precincts of olam ha-bo, who, pray, ever
heard of the former (as a vital philosophy)
sans the latter! This Society's policy
of "neutrality," no doubt, explains
much - among other things, ~~the~~ perennial
aroma of putrefaction which has often
been my reaction to it.

As per my last letter, I'm planning
next week to explore further the side of
of the Philosophical Library. Any further
advice you may have in its matters, will
of course be gratefully welcomed.

Kind regards. As ever

Max

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June 22, 1949

Mr. Isaac Evans
The Master Mechanics Company
2097 Columbus Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Evans:

Your kind letter of June 9th to the Embassy of Israel in Washington, has been forwarded to this office.

We accept with deep appreciation your generous offer to the State of Israel of three registered young dairy bulls, a gift which will help a great deal in the development of cattle breeding and raising in Israel, a problem of much importance to us.

We take the liberty to draw your attention to the fact that cattle breeding in Israel is based on Holstein cattle only. A few years ago we tried some Brown Swiss cattle but without success. We would, therefore, be very grateful to you if you would present us with pure-bred Holstein bulls only.

A delegation of cattle breeders in Israel is expected to visit this country in the very near future for the purpose of procuring about one thousand registered Holstein dairy cows and about two thousand young calves.

We shall use the occasion of this visit, to call on you for advise, based on your experience; to acquaint you with the progress achieved in the branch of cattle breeding and raising in Israel and to discuss the transportation of your gift, which can be executed together with the transportation of the cattle to be purchased by the above delegation for Israel.

We shall be pleased to contact you as soon as the cattle breeders' delegation arrives in this country, in order to fix a mutually convenient time for a meeting. We look forward to meet with you soon and remain, until then, with kind regards and good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

David Stern

DS:ms
cc. Embassy of Israel

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June 22/49

Dear Dr. Silver:-

Kindly accept my resignation
as a member of the staff of the Religious
School of the Angel Rd Temple

Yours truly

Anna B. Wolf

[Jun 23, 1949]

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סוקיריו ומכבריו כערכו הרם,

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נ.נ.

את הקבלה אנו שולחים בדאר הרגיל יחד עם העתקה סכתב זה.

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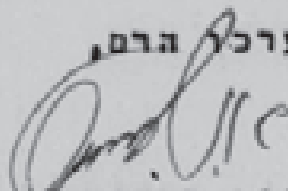
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סיום ליום, כי סכל הארצות שמחוז לארה"ב אסור לשלוח כסף לא"י, ואפילו סארה"ב
גומא, עקב הסגירת המסועות של הסגירת היהודית המאוחדת - נכסלה סגביתנו, ולתסוך
אין הסגירת תומכת במוסדנו במאומה, וכאן היוקר טבהיל סמס את הרעיון, ולכלכל
מוסד גדול כמוסדנו במצב כה ספור - מאד מאד קשה.

והשם הגדול של סשפחת סילבר אשר ליוה את המוסד למעלה מעשרים שנה, ואשר
עמד לו בכל עת, ואשר הצילו תסיר סספוקתו, בסוחים אנו יעמוד לנו גם להבא,
וזכות הסגורה הרבה הזו תעמוד להם להוריו זצ"ל לנות כשלוס כגן העדן ולהיות
סליצי יושר עבור סשפחתם הרומסה ועבור כלל ישראל, כי מי לנו גדול באהבת ישראל
מהרב משה סילבר זצ"ל?

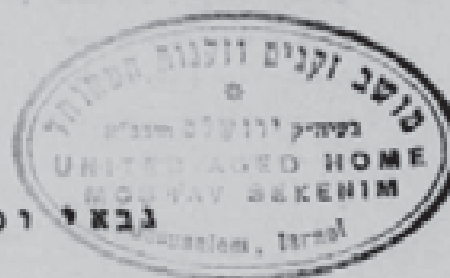
והננו בברכות מאוג הישישים לאורך ימיו ושנותיו, לאושר והצלחתו כל

הימים,

מוקיריו ומכבדיו כערכך הרם,



נבא יוסנהלי מושב זקנים וזקנות המאוחד.



נ.ב.

את הקבלה אנו שולחים בדאר הרגיל יחד עם העתקה סכתב זה.

June 23, 1949

Mrs. Anna B. Wolf
3230 Bradford Road
Cleveland 18, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Wolf:

I received your letter of June 22nd tendering your resignation as a member of the teaching staff of the Temple Religious School. I know of the many years of faithful and distinguished service which you rendered to our School, of the high devotion to the cause of Jewish religious education, and of the many young people in our congregation who have been influenced by your instruction. It is, therefore, with the keenest regret that I accept your resignation. The Temple will remain forever indebted to you for the great contribution which you made to the cause of Judaism as a faithful teacher in Israel.

I am bringing your letter to the attention of the Board of the Temple at its next meeting, and I am sure that they will take appropriate action to express their deep appreciation to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

June 23, 1949

Mrs. William B. Schwartz
5622 Greenspring Avenue
Baltimore 9, Maryland

My dear Sybil:

We were delighted to hear of the arrival of your young son. We hope that when you come to Cleveland, you will bring him out to see us. Mrs. Silver joins me in heartiest congratulations.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



ROSEN TOURS

1196 BROADWAY
NEW YORK 1, N. Y.

PASSENGER DEPARTMENT

June 24th, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I beg leave to confirm my wire to you yesterday that I have been successful in obtaining for you reservations in the first class of the Queen Elizabeth on July 15th and I am now awaiting word as to your return passage arrangements.

There is no space available here in New York for your return journey. I have cabled my agent in Paris to secure the necessary reservations for you in the Ilde France which is sailing from Havre to New York on August 31st. I will no doubt receive word within the next few days as to the definite advice and confirmation of the space for the above mentioned westbound sailing.

I am writing the above to you so as to keep you posted in connection with your trip also to avail myself of this opportunity to wish you kind regards and the best of health to you, Mrs. Silver and the children.

Sincerely yours,

ROSEN TOURS

Assuredly

AR/pm

June 24, 1949

Hotel Washington
Bretton Woods, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

Will you please cancel the reservation of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver in connection with the Convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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TEMPLE ISRAEL
POPLAR & MONTGOMERY
MEMPHIS 4, TENNESSEE

June 25/49

Dear Abba: I read with much interest the account of the J.O.A. convention as reported in the Jewish Post and was gratified that you held your own so splendidly against the Opposition. Let's trust that the Cause itself will prosper in ever larger measure.

It must be some change from the stormy sessions you've just left to the comparative calm of the C.C.A.R. meetings, tho I understand there may be some controversy over the "Placement" issue. Be glad having to miss the Conference and its fellowship.

However, it's not in relation to any of the above that I'm writing in on your vacation with this air-mail special. I'm writing with reference to something belonging to the realm of the more or less personal. I'm wondering whether you can give me some information ~~so~~ about a family that I understand was formerly affiliated with your Congregation but now living East. The family is the Stotter family - ~~the~~ the Herbert Stotters. Do you

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recall them? Did you have any close contacts
with them? What impression have you of them?
I'll appreciate greatly your letting me know
"Confidentially" what you know of them, - their
standing, back ground and the like. This will be
strictly between us, of course.

Thanking you for letting me hear from you
at your early ~~business~~ convenience and trusting that
you won't consider this an imposition, I am
with very best to you & yours from me & mine,
As ever Harry W. Ettebon

257 Hawthorne

Memphis, 12, Tenn

Joined in 1925
Resigned - 1946
had no seats

official of Peerless Paper Box Co. some years ago
later years ~~as~~ mfg. representative - made
money & moved to N. Y. and understand he
is doing well. Nephew is J.P. Stott & Henry Stott
nice family connections.

June 27, 1949

Dr. Maxwell Silver
227 Riverside Drive
New York 25, New York

My dear Maxwell:

The reply of the Jewish Publication Society does not entirely surprise me. The type of book which you have written is considerably away from the type of book which the Society has been publishing. I should be very much interested in seeing what the Philosophical Library will do about it. It is not an easy matter to place the kind of a book like "The Still Small Voice", but once you get it published, it will make its way, I am confident, and will fill a need.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

June 27, 1949

Mr. Aron Chajuss
Synagogue Rehavia
13 Ibn Gabirol
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Mr. Chajuss:

Thank you for your letter of June 17th. I am sorry that my check for \$500 did not reach you, but I am here with enclosing a duplicate made out to Beth Ha-Kenesset, Rehavia, in memory of my dear father. I shall appreciate your informing me as soon as you receive this letter.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
Enc.

June 27, 1949

Mr. M. Kehaty
P.O.B. 433
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Mr. M. Kehaty:

In reply to your letter of June 15th, I have cancelled payment on my check of February 4th for \$1,000 to Mr. Eliash, and am herewith enclosing a duplicate. Please express my sincere regrets to Mr. Eliash for this delay in reimbursing him for expenses incurred in connection with settling the estate of my late father. I shall appreciate your notifying me immediately upon receipt of this letter.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILIEL SILVER

AHS:or
Enc.

H. L. GREENFIELD
2756 EUCLID HEIGHTS BLVD.
CLEVELAND HEIGHTS 6, OHIO

June 27, 1949

Dear Rabbi Silver;

Your afficiations at
the funerals of my mother and father
were a great a comfort and much
help to my sisters and me.

We all thank you and want you
to accept the enclosed check to help
us show our appreciation.

Sincerely
Harry L. Greenfield

June 27, 1949

Cleveland Trust Company
Euclid & East 105 Street
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Gentlemen:

Will you please stop payment on check #916, issued January 25, 1949, to Behavia Synagogue, and on check #928, issued February 4, 1949, to M. Eliash.

Very truly yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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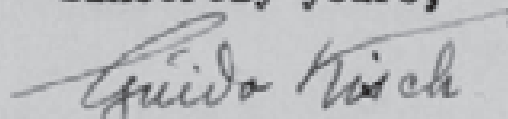
Dear Dr. Silver:

On April 22 I took the liberty of asking for your kind advice and/or action in behalf of our journal for Jewish history, Historia Judaica, in which you had been interested for several years and for which you had obtained an annual subscription to twenty-five copies from the Jewish Welfare Fund of Cleveland several years ago. At the end of 1948 we were informed that the Contingent Fund Committee decided to terminate this subvention because all its funds will go from now on exclusively to Israel and to Palestinian institutions. I need not explain further that the loss of \$125 for our annual budget puts us in a very difficult situation in the present period of constantly rising production costs. I thought that you would find a way to send us some contribution from the Funds available at your Temple to enable us to continue the work to which I have been devoting unselfishly much time and effort during the past years (Historia Judaica is now in its eleventh year of publication).

I am sure that it is your desire to aid in the continuation of this scholarly undertaking and that it was only an oversight or accumulation of work which kept you from replying to my first letter.

Hoping to hear from you and with all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,



Guido Kisch
Editor

June 27, 1949

Mr. I. Heftman, Editor
Habokar
Ra Anan Street, 23
Tel Aviv, Israel

My dear Mr. Heftman:

Thank you so much for your kind note of June 12th and for the enclosure of the editorial which I read with great interest. I was also very pleased to receive your earlier letter and enclosure.

You have thoroughly grasped the situation here and all the political maneuvers which were involved in the recent controversy. I trust that you have received a copy of the full address which I delivered at the Convention of the Zionist Organization of America a few weeks ago. I entered into some of the phases of the general situation in greater detail in that address. I am happy that you had an opportunity to meet and to talk with the two splendid gentlemen, Greenleaf and Torcsyner, who are among the most able and devoted Zionists in our country.

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of my book called VISION AND VICTORY which the Zionist Organization of America has published and which contains the addresses which I delivered in the last few years on Zionism in connection with the political struggle. You may find them helpful in understanding the line which we here in the United States have tried to follow in the hard struggle to achieve the political objectives of our Movement.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

Cleveland Ohio
June 25, 49

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Only because I have come to the conclusion that it would be a friendly act on my part to do so ^{as I think many others may} want to let you know that I hope you will not go through with the idea of autographing your book at the Higbee Company - (not that I want to deprive people of the pleasure I had of obtaining one of the two last copies that you autographed on the night of the Annual meeting at the Temple.

Sincerely Yours

Blum H. Rosenbaum

P.S. - For my reason. I do not think that your generous intentions in the idea will be serving the cause of Torah in the truest sense.

B. H. R.

June 28, 1949

Mr. Harry L. Greenfield
2756 Euclid Hts. Blvd.
Cleveland Hts., Ohio

My dear Friend:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your note of June 27th, and for your check which I shall place in a fund which I maintain for worthy causes.

I trust that I shall have the pleasure of seeing you soon again under more pleasant circumstances.

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILIEL SILVER

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June 28, 1949

Dr. Abba Hilel Silver
The Temple
Anselm Road & 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

We are pleased to enclose a copy of our letter to Mr. Isaac Evans in reply to his letter to the Israel Embassy, dated June 9th, a copy of which you may have received some time ago.

Very truly yours,


David Stern

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enc.

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

B. SINABER

INSTITUTE OF PATHOLOGY
2085 ADELBERT ROAD

28th June 49

Dear Dr Silver,

Please find enclosed a letter from Dr. A. Baum. I hope you will forgive the long delay in forwarding it. I would be very happy if could meet you at some time convenient to you, during my stay in Cleveland. I am

Yours very sincerely

B. Sinaber

June 29, 1949

Mr. Sidney M. Weitz
Leader Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Sidney:

I thought that you would be interested in the enclosed report of Dr. Hertz on the teaching of Hebrew in reform schools, and his statement that the proportion of children who take Hebrew in reform schools has nearly doubled in the past 25 years.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:or
Enc.

2737 Devonshire Place, N.W.
Washington, D.C.
June 29, 1949

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It is, I imagine, quite a compliment to me that Ambassador McDonald thinks that my impressions of Israel would be of interest to you, since you must surely have seen more of that country and its people than I, in every way. I note that you are leaving this country for Europe on July 15. I too am leaving the country, on July 3. On my return in the Fall, if you are still interested, I shall be glad to talk with you any time you are in Washington; I have no business in Cleveland and visit New York only infrequently.

Sincerely,

Samuel Klaus

11 WEST 81ST STREET, APT. 8-A
NEW YORK 24, NEW YORK

June 29 th.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Both Leo & I appreciated
your kind services, the last ones you were
able to render to my dearest Father, and
for which I herewith wish to express our
heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

As a token of our gratitude
to you, we are enclosing a check for your
appropriation.

Again be assured of our
deep gratitude and with kind regards
in which Leo joins me, I am,

Cordially yours,
Florence Forchheimer

June 30, 1949

Miss Shirley Gloger
1106 South Third Street
Champaign, Illinois

Dear Miss Gloger:

Rabbi Silver's vacation plans are now complete, and unfortunately, he will not return to Cleveland before the 7th or 8th of September. As I wrote you on March 17th, either Rabbi Stone or Rabbi Nodel will be available to perform your wedding ceremony, and I shall appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible so that definite arrangements can be made.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

er

June 30, 1949

Dr. Bernard Cinader
Western Reserve University
Institute of Pathology
2085 Adelbert Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Dr. Cinader:

In reply to your note of June 28th, I shall be very happy to talk with you. I suggest that you telephone my secretary for an appointment some time before July 11th when I am leaving for Europe.

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

June 30, 1949

Dr. Jossef Kratzenstein
Agricultural Training Centre
42-57 Phlox Place
Flushing, Long Island
New York

My dear Dr. Kratzenstein:

In reply to your note of June 2nd, I do not plan to be in New York before I leave for Europe on vacation. I would, therefore, suggest that you write to me concerning the matter you wish to discuss.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

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MAXWELL SILVER
Assistant Vice-President

June 30, 1949.

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

My dear Abba: Thanks for your recent
letter.

I have good and definitive news
at last in re my new book. I have
completed satisfactory arrangements yesterday
with my friend Dr. Dagobert Runes,
publisher of the Philosophical Library, Inc.,
to publish my book.

It's already in the hands of the
printer, and will be out by the end of
(over)

September or beginning of October.

D. Lums promised faithfully to do a thorough publicity job on it. He will advertise it in all important newspapers (such as N.Y. Times) and periodicals, and give it extensive circulation. He expects to send out 250 Review copies. He will print 7,500 copies to sell at \$3.00 retail. He places usually 300 ^{of his publications} copies with the libraries.

He claims that the job will cost him (plus publicity) about \$2,500. He at first insisted on a outlay of \$1,800, I to get 600 copies, but I finally knocked him down after much effort, to \$1,250, I to obtain 400 copies, with no royalties on the first 1,800 copies. Even though the \$1,250. figure is quite expensive for a poor man, I expect somehow to manage it.

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Assistant Vice-President

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It will also please you to
know that my publisher prefers the
title which you favored originally —
"The Way to God" In fact, as
a publisher, he immediately became
ecstatic over it — as the best
"selling" title for the book. And on
the principle that the publisher
knows best, I, too, finally, succumbed
to the new title.

I am of course planning to
dedicate the book to the memory of
our sainted parents.

June and I are planning to leave
for my summer vacation in Canada
(Four Seasons Lodge, St. Agathe, Quebec,
Canada). We have vacationed in Canada
so this will be a new experience. Canadian
summer resort rates, we suspect, are quite
reasonable in comparison with U.S. A. Harshes
Haddad is staying in her file for the
summer, as he will take some summer
courses at Columbia - one Union Theological
and also some private lessons in Hebrew.
What are your summer plans? A good
rest is expected in a sec.

Love regards to Virginia and the boys
from us all

As ever

Max

THE LAWRENCEVILLE SCHOOL
LAWRENCEVILLE, NEW JERSEY

OFFICE OF THE
DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS

July 1, 1949

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

We have received an application from Mr. Sydney N. Galvin of Shaker Heights in support of the admission of his son, Peter, to Lawrenceville this coming September.

Mr. Galvin has given your name as personal reference in support of the application. Would you be good enough to let me know whether or not you feel this boy would be a desirable student and a good associate for Lawrenceville boys? I should be grateful for information about his home influence, his character, and his standing among the boys of the city.

Sincerely yours,

Fred A. Eichelberger

Fred A. Eichelberger
Director of Admissions

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170 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

Date.....July...1,.....1949.....

Dear Friend:

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B. W. HUEBSCH, *Treasurer*

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

BERNARD B. GIVEN

KEITH THEATRE BUILDING

SYRACUSE, N.Y. 2

July 2, 1949

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

My dear friend Rabbi Silver:

Just returned home after an eight day confinement to a Buffalo Nursing Home and my secretary called my attention to the letter she received from you on June 28th relative to the check I sent you as well as the letter of June 17th that went astray.

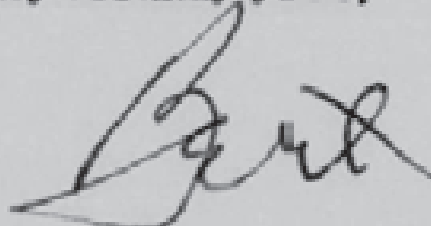
As I said before, I'm sorry for the error in the mailing of the letter but glad that it finally reached you with check enclosed.

I wish you continued success in your endeavor and hope it materializes far beyond your fondest dreams.

Many thanks also for your kind wishes towards Mrs. Given and myself. I'm glad to be able to report that we're back home now and feeling some better.

Wishing you and your family a truly enjoyable summer, I am

Very friendly yours,



BERNARD B. GIVEN

bbg/cmc

Sunday July 2nd.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your kind letter. Now if I could only plant that first orange tree, I would be very happy.

I hope you have a very restful summer with many hours to spend with your family and friends.
With sincere appreciation.
Pearl Katowitz

July 5, 1949

Mr. Fred A. Eichelberger
Director of Admissions
Lawrenceville School
Lawrenceville, New Jersey

My dear Mr. Eichelberger:

In reply to your letter of July 1st, I am happy to recommend Peter Calvin to you.

Peter is well known to me as a student in the Religious School of this institution. Mr. and Mrs. Calvin are well known and highly respected members of this community, and are active participants in its civic, social and cultural life. They have provided a fine background for their son, and I am sure that Peter would bring credit to your school.

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

1511 Union Street
Allentown, Pa.

July 5, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
105th Street & Ansel Road
Cleveland

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have resigned my post here, after six years.

I had hoped to see you at the CCAR in Bretton Woods. I trust nothing untoward kept you and Virginia from attending.

Not being able to see you there, I am writing you in this way to ask you for your help. Do you know of any post that is available to which you might be willing to recommend me? Or do you know of anything in the cognate fields of Jewish service that is now available and to which you would recommend me?

I shall be very deeply grateful for your helpfulness.

Gladys joins me in all good wishes to you and Virginia and the boys. I hope all of you are passing a very pleasant summer season.

Very sincerely yours,

Rancho

DR. BARUCH BRAUNSTEIN



Baruch Braunstein has become a familiar figure on the American lecture platform. He possesses two qualities above all else that make him a captivating speaker: (1) he is authoritative in his fields of discussion and (2) he knows how to share his knowledge with his audience.

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Knowledge alone does not make the inspiring speaker. Dr. Braunstein possesses that unusual

quality enabling him to share his knowledge with his audience through the media of fine voice and diction, grace and platform manner, making him the warm and vibrating speaker that he is.

Dr. Braunstein, a native Pennsylvanian, is the Rabbi of Congregation Keneseth Israel in Allentown. He holds degrees from Ohio State University, Jewish Institute of Religion and Columbia University, on whose staff he served for over five years. He was special lecturer at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon, Syria, and lectured in hundreds of colleges in this country. He directed the "World Affairs Forum of the Air," and appeared as consultant and commentator in numerous broadcasts. His writings appeared in many newspapers and magazines, including the *New York Times*, *Saturday Review of Literature*, *Opinion Magazine*, *Fact Digest*, *Journal of Religion*, etc., etc. His book, "The Chuetas of Majorca", the story of the thousand families of Jewish stock converted to Catholicism on the Spanish Island of Majorca, received acclaim on both sides of the Atlantic. Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick described it as "able, competent and fascinating as well. I congratulate you upon your ability to put scholarly matters in a popularly enticing form."

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DR. CECIL ROTH,
in The London Jewish Chronicle,
London

July 5, 1949

Miss Florence Forchheimer
11 West 81st Street
Apartment 8-A
New York 24, New York

My dear Friend:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your kind note of June 29th and the check which you enclosed. I am placing it in a special fund which I maintain for charitable purposes.

I was happy to be of service to you and your family, and I look forward to seeing you soon again under more pleasant circumstances.

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

a.H.S

RECORD OF MARRIAGES



Name of Groom

Donald Glassman

Name of Bride

Shirley Blazer

Address of Groom

St. Louis, Mo.

Address of Bride

2244 Barrington Rd.

Groom's Telephone No.

Bride's Telephone No.

7a. 6248

Date of Wedding

~~Sept. 4, 1949~~

Time

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Where Held

Parlor

Organist

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Yes

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No

Member

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Yes

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No

Remarks

See correspondence filed with a.H.S

1106 South Third Street
Champaign, Illinois
July 6, 1949

Miss Elizabeth Rice
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Rice,

I am very sorry that Rabbi Silver will not be in town on September 8th because I do feel it necessary that he officiate at my wedding.

I have never had the pleasure of meeting either Rabbi Stone or Rabbi Nodel and do not feel that I would like to have a Rabbi who is entirely unknown to me perform my ceremony.

Since you have given me ample warning it is still easy for me to change my plans. My fiancée and I are still undecided about a substitute date, but I shall write you our tentative dates as soon as possible so that we may know which time is convenient for Rabbi Silver.

Meanwhile, we both feel it best that we cancell the September 4th arrangements.

Sincerely yours,
Shirley Gloger
Shirley Gloger

July 6, 1949

Rabbi Harry W. Ettelson
257 Hawthorne
Memphis 12, Tennessee

My dear Friend:

I regret that there has been a delay in replying to your letter. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the CCAR Conference.

The family of Herbert Stotter is quite well known here. Mr. Stotter was a member of The Temple from 1925 to 1946 when they moved East. He was an official of the Peerless Paper Box Company some years ago and later on was a representative of a manufacturing concern. He then moved East where I understand he has done quite well. He was very well regarded in the community and so was Mrs. Stotter. They were friendly and social people, and had a large circle of friends. Mrs. Stotter was active in the Temple Sisterhood. Their family connections here are good.

If there is anything more that you would like to know about them, I shall be very happy to make further inquiries. I have sounded out a few people in the community whose judgment I value, and they have spoken very well of the Herbert Stotters.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

July 6, 1949

Dr. Abraham J. Feldman
701 Farmington Avenue
Hartford 7, Connecticut

My dear Abe:

I am sending you two letters, one to Foreign Minister Sharet, and one to the Chief Rabbi of Israel. I believe that they will put you in touch with all the people and the institutions which you would wish to contact. I trust that you will enjoy your visit to the utmost.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

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Enc. 2

To: Chief Rabbi Herzog

July 6, 1949

Mr. Moshe Sharet
Foreign Minister
Tel Aviv, Israel

My dear Friend:

This letter will introduce to you Dr. Abraham J. Feldman of Hartford, Connecticut, of whom you have undoubtedly heard. Rabbi Feldman was until last month the President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. He is one of the outstanding members of the American Jewish rabbinate, and he has been a Zionist very active in the field ever since his early youth. He has been tremendously helpful in recent years in Zionist work in his community and in the country. Any courtesies which you may extend to him to enable him to profit most from his visit to Israel will be deeply appreciated.

I trust that you and the members of your family are all well. With warmest regards, I remain,

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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ABRAHAM J FELDMAN=

REV. DR. HARRY W. ETTELSON

257 HAWTHORNE

MEMPHIS 12, TENN.

Dear Colleague & Friend: July 10/49

My warm thanks to you for the kindness and promptness of your reply. It was indeed good of you to take the time and trouble to get the information for me. I appreciate very much your expressed willingness to make further inquiry. That however is unnecessary as what you already communicated fully covers what I desired to

know. Again my thanks for the favor.

Trusting that you and yours will enjoy a
most pleasant summer and with cordial
greetings to you all from us all, I am
as ever yours
Harry

July 11, 1949

Mrs. Eli Liebow
27 Duncan Avenue
Jersey City, New Jersey

My dear Bessie:

Mother requested me that upon her death and that of Father, I transmit to you \$100 which she wished you to have. I am enclosing herewith a check for this amount.

Virginia and I are leaving this Friday for a few weeks' stay abroad. I trust that you and Eli are well. Virginia joins me in sending you our love.

As ever yours,

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AHS:er
Enc.

July 11, 1949

Mrs. Jack Matlaw
9403 - 68th Avenue
Forest Hills, L.I.
New York

My dear Rose:

Mother requested me that upon her death and that of Father, I transmit to you \$100 which she wished you to have. I am enclosing herewith a check for this amount.

Virginia and I are leaving this Friday for a few weeks' stay abroad. I trust that you and Jack are well. Virginia joins me in sending you our love.

As ever yours,

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Enc.

July 11, 1949

Mrs. Philip Bernstein
7017 Ingram
Forest Hills, L.I.
New York

My dear Florence:

Grandmother requested that upon her death and that of Grandfather, I transmit to you and Alvin the sum of \$50 which she wished you to have. I am enclosing herewith two checks and I shall appreciate your giving Alvin his.

Aunt Virginia and I are leaving this Friday for a few weeks' stay abroad. I trust that you and Phil and the children are all well. Aunt Virginia joins me in sending you our love.

As ever yours,

ANS:er
Enc. 2

July 11, 1949

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

My dear Maxwell:

Mother requested that upon her death and that of Father, \$100 be transmitted to the widow of Nathan Silver. Since I do not know her address, I am herewith enclosing a check for this amount in the hope that you will be able to locate her.

Virginia and I are leaving this Friday for a few weeks' stay abroad. I trust that you are all well. Virginia joins me in sending you our love.

As ever yours,

AHS:er
Enc.



ROSEN TOURS

1196 BROADWAY
NEW YORK 1, N. Y.

PASSENGER DEPARTMENT

July 11th, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I take pleasure in sending you herewith your Cunard Line ticket for your passage from New York to Cherbourg also labels and tags to be attached to your baggage for identification.

I have cabled Paris today giving them the necessary information to enable them to issue your return ticket in the Mauretania on August 31st. I hope it will reach me before you leave New York.

I pray that you and Mrs. Silver have a very pleasant trip and a good vacation in Europe and with best regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,

ROSEN TOURS

Anna Rosen

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Enc.

NEW YORK CENTRAL SYSTEM

East Cleveland, Ohio
July 13, 1949

Miss Elizabeth Rice
The Temple
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Miss Rice:

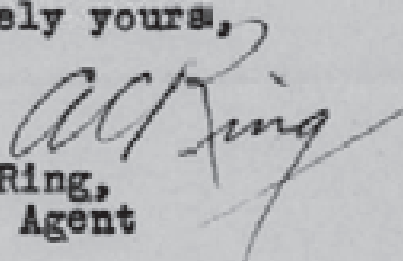
Enclosed is Cleveland Trust Company official check
No. 2340 and payable to Rabbi Silver for \$11.⁹⁴
to cover balance due on New York to Cleveland Clergy
ticket No. 12505 and card ticket No. 29571.

This with the original refund of \$23.37 will correctly
total \$35.31.

We regret the unintentional error and I am glad to
rectify same in this direct manner.

Appreciative of the Temple's patronage and with best
regards to you and Rabbi Silver, we are,

Sincerely yours,


A. C. Ring,
Ticket Agent

ACR:eh

July 13, 1949

Senator John Foster Dulles
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

May I join your host of friends in congratulating you upon your appointment to the Senate of the United States, and to congratulate the Senate upon having added to its ranks a statesman of world vision and a great American.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

M E M O R A N D U M

July 11, 1949

To: Harry A. Levy

From: Abba Hillel Silver

1. Please be sure to have the entrance to the office lobby washed, the floor thoroughly scrubbed, and the ceiling painted as we discussed it; also the adjacent outside alcove and the outside of the windows of your office where the dirt has accumulated.
2. The marble columns in the front of the Temple should be polished again.
3. Include in your September billings a note calling the attention of the Temple members to the new prayer book which we shall use for the Holidays, requesting them to provide themselves with books before the Holidays.
4. Consult with Rabbi Stone and make sure that all Religious School textbooks are in prior to the opening of the School.
5. Keep checking back frequently with Mr. Lester Colbert on the Raise your Dues Campaign, and make sure that every card is covered and reported on, and that future meetings of the committee, if necessary, are held.
6. The Pageant will probably be held around Purim time. Severance Hall is the likely place for it. Please take an option on Severance Hall for Monday and Tuesday, March 6 and March 7, 1950.
7. Please arrange for Shofar blowers for New Years. Last year we had Howard Ruby in Severance Hall, Sheldon Rabb in the Temple and David Speck for Children's Services.

AHS:er

M E M O R A N D U M

July 14, 1949

To: Julius J. Nodel

From: Abba Hillel Silver

Before leaving, I thought that I would jot down four of the things that I spoke to you about.

1. The Holiday booklet should be completed and given to the printer before you leave for your vacation as the booklet will have to be mailed soon after Labor Day. You may be able to correct the proofs of it on your vacation. Please give a copy of the proofs to Miss Rice to send to me to France.
2. The Centennial article for the Plain Dealer and for Liberal Judaism.
3. The Hakofot service which we discussed. Please make sure that Mr. Willard has provided himself with the music before you leave.

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Barclays Bank (Dominion, Colonial and Overseas)
New York Agency

120 Broadway
New York 5, N.Y.

July 15, 1949

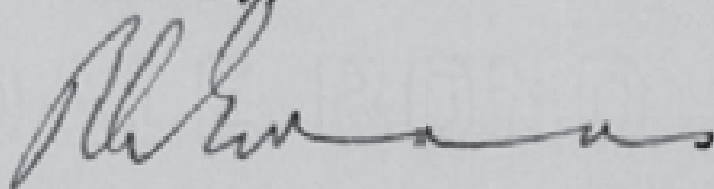
Dr. Aba Hillel Silver
The Temple,
Ansel Road & 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

We have today received from our Jerusalem Western Branch an advice that they have opened a blocked account in your name to which they have credited the sum of £3,159.040mls which they received from Advocate Kehaty. Our branch inform us that the funds are not transferrable outside Israel, but can be invested in local securities in accordance with the information contained in the enclosed circular.

In this connection we have forwarded to the National City Bank of Cleveland a specimen signature card and an opening account form which need to be completed by you, and we shall be glad therefore if you will call on this bank taking with you some suitable means of identification such as your passport, or naturalization papers.

Yours faithfully,



Pro-Agent

R.L. EVANS
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BARCLAYS BANK (DOMINION, COLONIAL AND OVERSEAS)
JERUSALEM WESTERN BRANCH.

For Information of Holders of Blocked Accounts

Blocked accounts are kept under the control of the Controller of Foreign Exchange and any movement therein must have his approval.

Blocked accounts bear no interest and are not eligible for transfer abroad but may be invested in certain securities issued in this country. The income from such securities is transferable to the country of residence of the account holder.

Hereunder are listed some of the loans in which blocked funds may be invested:

- 1) Popular Loan (1949 - 1969) Premium Bonds.
- 2) $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ War Loan (1954 - 1959) which can still be subscribed at par.
- 3) 3% Jewish National Loan (1948-1953) issued by the Jewish Agency for Palestine.
This loan was fully subscribed but we may be able to buy limited amounts at the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange at about par.

Blocked funds may also be invested in all ordinary shares of Israeli Companies, such as:

The General Mortgage Bank of Palestine Ltd.
The Palestine Land Development Co. Ltd.
The Palestine Electric Corporation Ltd.
The Palestine Potash Ltd.
The Jerusalem Electric & Public Service Corp. Ltd.
"Ata" Textile Company,

as well as in Debentures or Preference Shares of Israeli Companies provided they are not redeemable before ten years from date of investment.

We shall be pleased to furnish you with further particulars should you desire to invest in any of the above loans or company shares.

July 16, 1944

Dear Sir:

I informed Mr. Hart Statter of your very kind gesture in refusing to accept payment for conducting his wedding ceremony.

We're very appreciative of your consideration, but we would be most happy if you would accept the enclosed check and dispense with it as you see fit.

Thank you again for the lovely ceremony and for your consideration.

Yours very truly,

Arthur E. Mayers

July 19, 1949

Mr. R. I. Evans
Barclays Bank
120 Broadway
New York 5, New York

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of July 15th to Dr. Abbe Hillel Silver concerning the blocked account in Israel, I wish to inform you that Dr. Silver is at present out of the country on a brief vacation. When he returns early in September, your letter will be brought to his immediate attention and I am sure that he will attend to the matter at his earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

cc: National City Bank

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Jerusalem 19th July, 1949.

ירושלים

Rabbi A_bba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland

Dear Dr. Silver,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ult. together with a duplicate of a cheque for \$1000.- . It now transpires that the statement of account sent by me on 15.6.49 to your brother Dr. Maxwell Silver includes all sums owing to Mr. M. Eliash in connection with the estate of your late father. I have, therefore, cancelled this cheque and it is now kept with Messrs Alexander Eliash & Co. As a matter of fact I followed their advice. Being a private cheque, they advised me to have it cancelled instead of sending it back to you, and thus to avoid the trouble connected with the obtaining of a permission from the authorities for ~~the~~ sending it back. You may also inform your bank to treat the cheque as cancelled. Should you, however, for any reason wish to have it back, I shall obtain the necessary permission and return it to you.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Most cordially yours,

M. Kehaty, advocate

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MR STRAUSS OUT OF TOWN PLEASE HAVE MAUCHEL WRITE IN ADVANCE
FOR APPOINTMENT

ERNST A LEWIN=!

July 21, 1949

Mr. Adam Rosen
1196 Broadway
New York 1, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Rosen:

I have just heard from Dr. Silver in Paris that he has not yet received his return passage. He is at present at the Hotel Maurice in Paris, and is leaving on Saturday, July 24th, for Aix-les-Bains, France, where he will be staying at the Hotel Splendide. Will you be good enough to get in touch with Dr. Silver at once and advise him as to when he will receive the tickets.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

or

ק"ק שארית ישראל

Melbourne Hebrew Congregation

TELEPHONE: WINDSCR 225

Rabbi H. Stransky
Chief Minister

Priv. Windsor 0180

Synagogue Chambers,
Toorak Road, South Yarra, S.E.1

1136.

21st July, 1949.

Rabbi Aba Hillel Silver,
c/o Zionist Organisation USA
NEW YORK, USA.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I would appreciate your kind assistance in the matter of saving the life of the Jewish child Ivan TOMAN in Prague, Czechoslovakia.

The short story of the case is this:

Dr. Volan Toman was a high ranking official in the Czechoslovak Ministry in Prague after the liberation of Czechoslovakia. I understand, his last position was that of Chief of the Intelligence Service and also of second to Dr. Nosek (Communist Minister in Benes Regime), Minister of the Interior. Toman was close to the Benes circle.

In February 1948, after the Communist coup in Prague, he was arrested and succeeded later on to escape to Venezuela. His wife committed suicide and left behind a boy-child whose whereabouts cannot be established. He is most probably kept as a kind of hostage by the Czechoslovak authorities in order to exercise pressure upon the father to return because of his valuable knowledge of the political material.

This child, Ivan Toman, 18th months of age by now or a few months more, is our serious concern. The late Mrs. Toman (nee Grossmann) has a sister in Melbourne, namely Mrs. Stiller. Mr. & Mrs. A. Stiller, 25, Clarke Street, Elwood, Melbourne have been very staunch Zionist, traditional and charitable members of the Melbourne Community since their arrival 12 years ago. They have no children. They do not know Dr. Toman at all and were never politically exposed neither here nor anywhere else.

They took up the fight for this child more than a year ago through international channels. The father of the child has agreed to give up the child in order to save his life and signed papers of adoption at the British Consulate in Venezuela in favour of Mr. & Mrs. Stiller. This was done in the legal way through the offices of this country. All these papers were forwarded to the Czechoslovak Ministry of the Interior but no reply was received neither could the British and International representatives (Red Cross in Prague) achieve any progress in this matter.

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re: Ivan Toman letter 21.7.49.Melbourne.

My latest move was to put the whole case on the denominational basis and to plead on general religious lines(my name was not connected with the previous moves). I asked in my official capacity Rabbi Dr. G. Sicher, the Chief Rabbi of Prague, to make strong representations at the Ministry of the Interior on religious grounds, and to demand the release of the child.

They presented in Prague ~~IMMEDIATE~~ a memorandum on the advice of the authorities themselves through the secretary of the Chief Rabbi, Dr. Jan Randa in which they demanded;(i) information on the whereabouts of the child,(ii) the immediate release in order to place the child under the care of the Jewish Community in a home for Jewish children until the Government has made its decision,(iii) the permission for the child to leave the country and to join its foster parents in Australia.

Dr. Randa's continuous reports to me prove that the authorities have not refused the demand as yet. Interventions are made without interruption at the highest officials. I personally have the impression that the approach through the Rabbinate is the only way still open with a chance of success because in his last letter Dr. Randa asks me to let Dr. Sicher have further demands from

After 21/7/49 21/7/49 1978 At the same time he warns strongly not to take any public action and also not to connect any letter with his name.

Permit, me therefore, to suggest to you and to ask you to exercise the power and weight of your esteemed position and to write to Rabbi Dr. Sicher, Chief Rabbi, Praha I, Veleslavinova 10, that the case of the child of Ivan Toman has been brought to your knowledge through Mr. A. Stiller. Please, notify him of your extreme concern about the fate and upbringing of this Jewish child which has to be brought into the fold, of the Jewish people, and demand his release and handing over to his foster parents, on whose behalf you plead. This or a similar note will strengthen the courageous stand of Dr. Sicher and Dr. Randa, unless you find another way more advisable. However, a swift action is required. Dr. Randa received in the meantime a permit for his immigration to Australia, and we are most anxious to have the child released before his departure for three reasons;(i) no one would be able to carry on the action in the fearless manner as he did,(ii) the Jewish population in Czechoslovakia is dwindling away and Dr. Sicher himself, an aging man, is preparing for his departure and (iii) Dr. Randa would be in the position to bring the child with him to Australia.

I wish also to add that Mr. and Mrs. Stiller have lost all their people in Poland. Mrs. Stiller suffers so much that she is near to collapse. I am very much in fear of the deterioration of the health of both of them as well as consequent actions to which they may take refuge in despair.

This letter was sent in copies to Rav Herzog, Israel and Rav Unterman, Tel Aviv, Rav Brodie, Chief Rabbi British Empire, London, Rav Jung and Rav Abbah Hillel Silver, USA.

re: Ivan Toman letter 21.7.49.Melbourne.

I appreciate greatly your helping action in anticipation.

With every good wish,

respectfully and sincerely,

Yours,

H. Stransky

H. Stransky(Rabbi)



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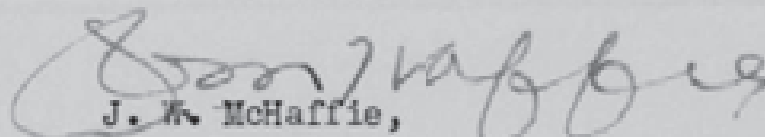
Secretary to Dr. A. H. Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road & East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Madam:

Referring to your letter of July 19, 1949,
addressed to Mr. R. L. Evans, Barclays Bank, 120 Broad-
way, New York 5, New York.

We are pleased to advise you that we have
now received from the above bank the papers requiring
Dr. Silver's signature, and would appreciate your hav-
ing him call upon us at his convenience upon his return
to the city.

Yours sincerely,


J. M. McHaffie,
Vice President

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July 26, 1949

Mrs. Lillian Miller
14140 Superior Road
East Cleveland 18, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Miller,

I have read with your letter of July 24th. While I do not want to enter any controversy that will leave a sore spot after twenty-five years of association, nevertheless I want you to know that when I referred to the fact that you did not render service in the month of June, this was not an impression but was a statement based upon inquiry of the various employees who had any knowledge on the subject. It is quite clear that except for an occasional visit you were, to all intents and purposes, enjoying a vacation in June.

May I also repeat that even though you had a right to regard your term of service on a yearly basis from September to September, the fact is that you voluntarily resigned before the expiration of the year.

As stated at the outset, I do not want any controversy. I, therefore, asked Mr. Levy to give you a check covering your salary up to July 15th. This is enclosed herewith and I trust will result in a satisfactory feeling upon your part. I assure you that The Temple wants to be fair with you.

Cordially yours,

Sidney N. Weitz

Stratford Court

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OPPOSITE BOND STREET

27th July, 1949.

Mr. A.H. Silver,
Hotel Splendide,
Aix-les-Bains. France.

Dear Mr. Silver,

I gladly remember the pleasant conversation I had with you on the "QUEEN ELIZABETH". I do hope I will have an opportunity of meeting you again in France, and should this not be possible, I would be glad to receive a letter from you full of news.

As I told you before, I will always be at your disposal; if there is anything I can do for you, please do not hesitate to tell me so.

I should be very glad if the idea we discussed will be materialised or at least developed in our country.

Wishing you and Mrs. Silver a pleasant holiday, I am with kindest regards,

yours sincerely,

J. GRUNBLAT

P.S. I will be staying in London for another 8-10 days.