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October 16, 1950

Miss Edith & Mr. Joseph Benson  
1657 East 115th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friends:

I want to thank you for the beautiful set of Festival Prayers which you have presented to me. I shall treasure them very highly. They will occupy a prominent place in my library.

I have shown your "New Moon Prayer" which you donated to The Temple Museum to quite a number of people over the weekend, and they were all as impressed and delighted with it as I am. We are hanging it this week in the Museum.

Again thanking you for your generosity and thoughtfulness, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

JOSEPH RAUCH

LOUISVILLE, KY.

bro. Alta:

In glancing through the many announcements and invitations to the National Planning Conference for Israel and Jewish Rehabilitation your name, which in my opinion should head the list, is not there. This strikes me as passing strange. No one in this country has done as much as you have in the last two decades for Zionism in general and toward getting our Government to recognize the new State of Israel and yet at

this most crucial situation where you could contribute mightily you were not there. I hope and pray it is not because of illness.

I can't help but feel that you were asked to participate, if not to lead. If not the invitation what conditions that made it impossible for you to accept - then the Powers must be held deprived of America's great inspiring force in slavery.

Always with good wishes to you  
Joc.

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A. A. WYN, INC.  
23 WEST 47TH STREET  
NEW YORK 19, N. Y.

October 18, 1950

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

A week or so ago we sent you a set of galleys for Ruth Gruber's forthcoming book, ISRAEL WITHOUT TEARS, to be published November 28. Have you had a chance yet to read it?

We feel that a favorable comment from you about the book would be invaluable in bringing it to the attention of a wide audience. If you could get us some word in the near future, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

A. A. WYN, INC.

*Lawrence Hill*

Lawrence Hill  
Sales Manager

LH:ef

[October 7, 1950  
Attached to letter  
October 18, 1950]

For Rabbi Silver.

1. I attach a letter just received from Kimball. It looks as though we would have to take care of the organ repair ourselves. I believe with them that Shewring is capable of doing this. The organ seems to have reached its exact breaking age, for there are now more of these small bellows broken, so I shall ask Shewring to give us a price for doing them as they occur, as they give quite a bit of trouble. For instance if the bellows which draws off a loud stop breaks, then this stop remains on for the next quiet passage, and makes a blob if I do not see it in time, and push it off by hand, which cannot always be done.

2. Cantor Rickel's 2 Vols. of Sulzer. I stopped in to see Cantor Meisels yesterday, and looked carefully at these books. One is well bound, but the other has no cover and is almost loose in condition. What is more serious on comparing with Cantor Meisels's Sulzer, these books seem to contain only supplementary compositions, and do not contain the great body of material for the Sabbath, Three Festivals, and the High Holy Days, which makes the main volume so valuable. I therefore do not think we are interested. (Cantor Meisels has an Akron party with books to sell, and will advise me of the name and address, as soon as he can lay hands on their letter again.)

3. After Monday's auditions, I phoned Cantor Meisels early Tuesday morning, and he said that he saw no reason why we should not use Herbert Abrams, as our services did not conflict with their use of him at any time, except as Herbert said for the High Holidays next Fall. I afterwards received a message relayed through Miss Rice that he had severed his connection with The Temple on the Heights, so wanted to know the circumstances at first hand. They seem to be as follows. Abrams was paid \$275 for singing the two High Holydays last month. He then was asked to sing for the young peoples evening services (Friday) in Spira Hall twice a month all winter, and to hold himself available for the High Holy Days as mentioned. For this he was offered \$350. After much dickering, mostly by his mother, the fee was finally set at \$425, and all was thought to be settled. After he sang for us Monday (as I understand it) his mother called the president of the Young Peoples Congregation (They have an entirely independent set of officers and Rabbi the financed by the parent congregation) and said that the previous sum was not enough. When they asked her to come down so the matter could be talked over, she said there was nothing to discuss, that the fee would be \$650. When this fee was rejected as being too high, then we were called and told that Herbert was entirely free. In all of this Meisels did not figure, as he has nothing to do with the Young Peoples Congregation. He has however trained this boy for the last five years and feels keenly about his kicking over the traces as he has. He told me that he could use Herbert in his own choir Friday evenings, and offered to pay him if he would sing the services in between those for his cantorial job. But that Herbert does not like choir work, only solo cantorial singing. Now this begins to sound familiar, as for the last two years I have looked up in the choir again and again when they were singing their hardest on some number, and you cannot possibly know what it meant to see Bamkhurst standing there looking around, and evidently waiting for the next Bor'chu or whatever solo number he had coming along. Nor the effect on the choir morale to see him getting away with such failure to do his choir work. I also have had one very unpleasant experience with a mother, so Abram's mother being so largely in the picture (she was at the audition, you may remember) does not look good - to me. Also, as we pay our choir members a \$250 top, I don't believe we shall meet his terms. He is to see me this evening after the service, and

OVER.

after that I shall know more what is in his mind. I put this down so you can perhaps read it, and may then want to see him at the same time, so as to have a first hand idea of the direction the talks take. Frankly all of this does not ~~task~~ well to me, in spite of the way the boy does his cantorial work, which is understandable after five years of coaching by such a man as Meisels.

A.R.W.



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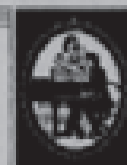
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October 18, 1950

Mr. Alfred R. Willard  
1829 Burnette Avenue  
East Cleveland 12, Ohio

Dear Mr. Willard:

Thank you for your letter of October 11th  
and I am glad to be able to answer as follows.

The leather bellows that you referred to  
will start to give out in 25 or 30 years time normal-  
ly, and the thing to do is as Mr. Shewring suggests  
and that is to completely re-leather them. It is not  
too difficult a job technically, and I feel sure that  
Mr. Shewring would be entirely competent to do the  
work. However, he would have to more or less have to  
take the console out of service for the period of time,  
and so, as you say, the best way to handle it would be  
to do it next summer.

For some reason which is not entirely clear,  
the finest grades of leather, such as used in organs,  
give way sooner when exposed to normal air than they  
do when inside the chest. This is true of almost all  
organ builders without exception.

Answering your point #2, while it is entirely  
possible that the chest pneumatics may begin to give  
way now I would say that it is very unlikely that you  
would have trouble here for at least another ten years.

Answering your point #3, the Kimball Company  
as such is not doing any maintenance work on our organs.  
When we have a request we turn it over to those competent  
field men who had installed our organs for us in the past



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and who are operating their own businesses. If you should desire we could give you the name of one of our very best outside men who resides in the Chicago area, and you could make any satisfactory arrangements to have him inspect the organ. However, as I said above, I doubt very much if you need to consider any chest difficulties at this time, and Mr. Shewring is, no doubt, entirely competent for such problems as you are having at the present time.

No doubt Mr. Shewring will be able to give you a quotation on the cost of re-leathering the console.

If this does not answer your questions fully please write again as I am very glad to hear from you.

Very truly yours,

W. W. KIMBALL COMPANY

*Georgell W. Stanley Jr.*  
G. W. Stanley, Jr.  
Chief Engineer

GWS:gh

MRS ARCHIBALD SILVERMAN  
210 BLACKSTONE BOULEVARD  
PROVIDENCE 6, RHODE ISLAND

Oct. 20, 1950.

Rabbi Abba Liffel Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear friend,

Knowing you to be a terribly busy person, I am writing weeks ahead to ask you to reserve Sunday evening (Oct. 3rd) for Archie and me, if at all possible.

We are celebrating our Golden Wedding on that date. Please God, and we would deem it an honor, as well as a pleasure, to have you and Mrs. Silver with us on this happy day.

A proper invitation will be sent out within a fortnight. This is merely "advance notice," as I told you.

Best wishes from Archie and me.

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Sincerely yours,  
Isa D. Silverman.



9514 Kirkwood Ave.  
Cleveland 2, Ohio  
Oct. 23, 1950

Dear Rabbi Silver—

It is  
with a deep feeling of  
gratitude that I write this  
note - gratitude for having  
had the opportunity of being  
the guest bass soloist at  
the Temple during the past  
summer season and the  
two harvest holidays.

I was very much im-  
pressed with the spiritual

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beauty of your service. A stranger, regardless of faith or belief, certainly can find rest, peace and the spirit of God in the quiet calm of your worship service.

It is indeed wonderful to realize that even though our religious faiths vary somewhat, we are all serving and worshiping one God and can give praise in our own way, to whom praise is due.

It was a wonderful religious experience to be able to contribute in my own small way, to your

service and to be permitted  
to sing with such a fine group  
under such excellent direction.

My only regret is that due  
to a bad cold, I was un-  
able to sing better at the  
audition. I had cherished  
hopes of possibly being  
with you permanently.

I will always trust that  
it might be my happy ex-  
perience to again serve Him,  
and worship with you.

Sincerely yours

Kenneth C. Robinson

October 23, 1950

Bloch Publishing Company  
31 West 31st Street  
New York 1, New York

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith is a check for \$32.20. Under separate cover we are returning "The Jews of Medieval of Germany" since Rabbi Silver found that he already had a copy.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

Enc.

October 26, 1950

Mr. Lawrence Hill  
A. A. Wynn, Inc.  
23 West 47th Street  
New York 19, New York

My dear Mr. Hill:

I read Ruth Gruber's Book, "Israel Without Tears", in one sitting. I found it delightful and spirited - full of the life and light and buoyancy of the remarkable little country and its amazing people. Every lover of Israel will enjoy reading this book.

Very sincerely yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

A/S:er

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

October 26, 1950

My dear Abba:-

You have breathed new life into me yesterday when you told me that you will not forget me when it will come to the selection of delegates to the Zionist Congress.

At long last I will, with my own eyes live to see the realization of my dream of 45 years dating back to the struggle (sub) days of 1904, and with my own feet will tread on the soil of the Jewish State. It could have never happened to me but for you.

15 S. St. 7th p. 13010 To 1567  
I shall never be able to repay you even in a small measure for all the kindnesses you have shown me thruout our friendship period since boyhood. And this last deed to enable me to see Israel with my own eyes towers above everything.

I am enclosing clippings from to-days Herald Tribune and The Day. Kindest regards to Virginia and the boys. Anna wishes to be remembered. As ever yours, Sol.

October 26, 1950

Zionist Organization of America  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, New York

Gentlemen:

On Wednesday, October 19th, Dr. Silver flew to New York, returning on October 20th, using his ZOA air travel card. Enclosed is a check in reimbursement.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

Enc.

October 26, 1950

Mrs. Archibald Silverman  
210 Blackstone Boulevard  
Providence 6, Rhode Island

My dear Friend;

I received your gracious note informing me that you and Archie are to celebrate your golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, December 3rd. I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your gracious invitation to me and to Mrs. Silver to attend the anniversary celebration. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately, on December 3rd I shall be addressing the American Association for Jewish Education Dinner at the Astor Hotel in New York. This deprives me of the pleasure of being with you. Please be assured, however, that we shall be with you in spirit on that glorious occasion.

Hoping to see you in the near future and with all good wishes for continuing happiness and wellbeing, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ARBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

October 27, 1950

Rabbi Julius J. Nodel  
N.W. Flanders at 19th  
Portland 9, Oregon

My dear Julius:

I trust that you will forgive the long delay in answering your kind letter. I have been enormously busy here, as you may well imagine, working with a reduced staff, and I have also been out of the city a good deal of the time.

I am very pleased to know that you are enjoying your new position and that you are adjusting yourself to the life in your new community. I am sure that Portland will afford splendid opportunities for interest and work and service. It is some years now since I visited Portland, but I recall it as a fine, progressive community.

I trust that you, Ollie and Larry are well. We have been moving along here at The Temple and the season's activities are now in full swing. There has been a decided increase in new members this year as well as in the School enrollment. Considerable development has taken place in our new Temple Museum. We have been acquiring many lovely items.

Cleveland is getting ready for the Union Convention during the second week of November. Judging by the number of reservations which have already come in, it promises to be the largest Convention in the history of the Union. Are you planning to attend? If so, let me know.

I trust that you are receiving The Temple Bulletin. It may interest you to know that Raphael, who is connected with the Bing & Haas agency, has been editing the Bulletin, to which agency we have turned over the job to relieve us here a bit.

Sunday evening the women of The Temple are bringing Charles Laughton in a program of dramatic readings from the Bible, Shakespeare, etc. It looks like a very largely attended meeting.

With all good wishes to you and Ollie in which Virginia joins me most heartily, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

Oct. 29, 1950

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

My dear Dr. Silver,

Following is the text of the cable from Chaim Levanon,  
secretary of the General Zionists of Israel:

telegraphic

"Please obtain/appeal from Dr. Silver citizens Israel help  
also good wishes for our party's success municipal elections stop please  
endeavor appeal be cabled immediately Levanon"

As I told you over the telephone from Washington this morning  
I inferred that they ask you to appeal to the citizens of Israel to help, i.e.  
to vote for their candidates, and also that you wish them ~~success~~ success in the  
elections. At any rate, I can well understand your hesitation or reluctance as  
an American citizen to intervene in an election in Israel by asking the citizens  
to vote for a certain party. However, since I am sure that you will not let their  
request go unanswered entirely, may I suggest that you send them a message  
wishing them good luck and expressing hope that they will emerge from the elections  
with great success so that they can play the great role in the upbuilding of Israel  
that they merit and that will mean so much for the future of the State.

Surely I need not tell you how to phrase it, and I merely  
offered a suggestion which I hope you will pardon.

The main point that I want to make is that a message from you  
will encourage them very much. And while I don't want to rush you, I want to  
stress though that time is of essence, since the elections are to take place in  
about two weeks.

May I ask you, when you send the message to send me a copy for  
my files. Or, if you prefer, send it to me and I will cable the message to them.  
But please don't let them down.

Respectfully yours

*M. Rivlin*

M. Rivlin  
3913 Laurel Ave.  
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October 30, 1950

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road and East 105th Street  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Friend:

We consider that we enjoyed a very special privilege in having you as one of our participants at our Fiftieth Anniversary dinner October 6th. So many people have spoken of the fact that your beautiful prayer was the most fitting climax to a really stirring and inspiring evening.

As you heard that evening, we are undertaking to raise a Fiftieth Anniversary Fund of several thousand dollars to be used for special projects that cannot be covered by our modest annual budget. We are so grateful to receive from you each November your generous gift of \$50.00. If you find you can, we would, of course, love to have an additional amount this year to include in our Fiftieth Anniversary Fund.

With heartfelt thanks for all your help in service and contributions during these many years, believe me,

Cordially yours,

*Marie R. Wing*  
Marie R. Wing  
Finance Chairman

MEW/lr

October 30, 1950

Bloch Publishing Company  
31 West 31st Street  
New York 1, New York

Gentlemen:

On October 23rd I wrote to you, advising you that "The Jews of Medieval Germany" was being returned to you. This book was included with those included in Invoice #2879, and therefore, \$3.50 was being deducted from the total of \$35.70. I assume that by now the book has reached you and that you will make the proper credit to Rabbi Silver's account.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver



*Acknowledging  
with grateful appreciation  
your very kind and thoughtful  
expression of sympathy*

Dear Rabbi Silver:

[October?  
1950]

We shall cherish the  
memory of the comforting  
and beautiful service you  
conducted for our

beloved Mother.

Sincerely  
The Family  
of  
Rosa Kline

2622 N. Moreland

[ October? 1950 ]

Mr. Leonard Kravitz  
3472 Meadowbrook Blvd.  
Cleveland 18, Ohio

Dear Leonard:

Rabbi Silver has just been advised by Miss Evans of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods that you have been awarded a \$4.00 scholarship.

With best wishes to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

For Rabbi Silver:-

For your attention, study and comment.

1. You spoke last spring of another Psalm afternoon with the quartette, similar to the one we had some years back. I'd like to talk this over with you and set it up in some sort of shape. The monthly visits of the Cantor bringing new music, is going to keep us busy all the year, for the choir in singing with a stranger has to know its music much better than when singing under its usual directions to which it has been accustomed. Other plans also (see following) make us want to conserve the rehearsal plan and use every minute of it to best possible advantage. I feel our quartette is now one of the best balanced one we have had for several years, so such an afternoon with the Psalms is worth putting work on, as work with the present personnel will be worth while and show results.

2. The Bloch Sacred Service. I do not intend to let this drop, or get out of the choir repertory. The next visit of the cantor I hope to use the Yihyu lerozon from it to go on the air with, instead of a solo voice. I'd surely like to do it during Jewish music month, this time with organ. A performance with orchestra later on, similar to the one last year I feel would be most desirable, but at present I do not know or imagine the occasion. I'd also like to do special numbers from the service, such as the 'Toras adonoy & Etz Chayim' for the space after the scripture reading. What is your thought on this Sacred Service?

I have written To Temple Isaiah Israel in Chicago and asked them for a copy of the Bloch Festival just concluded there, with an especial request for details of their use of The Sacred Service. I hope I am able to get the Festival programme.

A. R. W.

[October 7, 1950]

For Rabbi Silver:-

The suggested program for the Sunday night of the Dedication of the Park Temple and its organ, and also our own program last year at the musical evening in connection with the Temple Museum, has given rise to the following thoughts on the subject of Jewish music. They may not be in the best possible shape, but they will at least give you some idea of what is in my mind regarding program making.

'Jewish Music' Has always been a most difficult subject. The music of Bloch for instance contains no Jewish elements in it; none of the traditional scales or inflections, none of the old cantillations, and no folk tunes or melodies of any kind; yet there is no mistaking at anytime that it is Jewish. The best definition I have heard is that the music "must be Jewish in feeling and content." With this in the back of my mind I offer the following as a set of classifications.

1. Jewish music by Jewish composers. In our considerations of programs it would help if I could refer to this classification, with the understanding that music marked 1A was good music, 1AA, great music (Bloch's Sacred Service, for instance.) 1B, 1C, would carry their meanings, and anything marked 1C would be very poor indeed.
2. Jewish music by non-Jewish composers. Also graded as above.
3. Good music, classical type, by Jewish composers, of which there is any quantity, Hebrew words and all, as well as much with English words.
4. Classical music by non-Jewish composers, which is the largest pool of all literature (Sacred music, I mean) Also graded as above.
5. Music for The Temple service, which is neither sacred, nor even good music, even tho in many cases Hebrew words are used. (Much of Schlesinger comes under this heading, as well as many so-called arrangements from operas and other sources that I consider unsuitable for use - except in very rare instances.

I intend to annotate the program for the Sunday night program at The Park Temple, just as a matter of curiosity, and if you are there I would like to have your reaction to my classifications. (My organ program is all from classes 1 & 2, though I could have made a much better impression as to myself and also the organ had I ranged over the whole field of organ music.)

This is for a better understanding of what is in my mind as I make the programs for The Temple choir. It looks as though we were going to have a very interesting winter, both from a more capable quartette of soloists than we have had for some years, and also from Cantor Mills' visits. (Incidentally annotations of to-day's programs might be interesting, if desired.)

A. R. W.

12-3-1950

P.S. I am adding another class, on second thought  
6. To contain music that is obviously unsuitable for Temple use no matter how fine it is as music. This will contain all Ave Marias, numbers from Masses, songs with New Testament words, music from The Messiah, etc. In short all music obviously non-Jewish in words, content and association.

# Psalm List

Psalm	Text	Hebrew	English	Composer
Numbers 24-5	Heb.	Mah tova	-	Moses Spicker Saminsky Grine Rogers Lewandowski Block Federlein Weinberg
92	H.	Tor l'hodos		Drinkley
92	"	"		Spicker
92	"	"		Rogers
92	H.	"		"
97	H	Adonay Moloch		Zilberts
97	H	"		Thatcher
97	H.	"		Adler
98	H	Mizmor Shiru		Zilberts
98	H	"		Thatcher
98	H	"		Adler
95	H.	Lihu Neranu		Zilberts
95	H	"		Thatcher
95	H	"		Adler
122	H	Somach tve		Thatcher
122	H	"		Zilberts
122	H	"		Adler
Poem	H	Anene Z'Mecros		Thatcher
"	H	"		Zilberts
Hymn	H.	Shachar Avakeshcho		Zilberts
"	H	"		Thatcher
121	H	Eso Enal		Bieder
121	H	"		Rogers
121	H	"		Saminsky

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# Psalm List (No pericardial Psalms or others)

Psalm	Text	English	Composer
27	E	The Lord is my light	Parker
29		Give unto the Lord	Milligan
30		I will Extol Thee	Costa
36		How excellent (other words spoil)	Federlin
46		God is our life	West
61		I will sing of Thy power	Sullivan
81		Hear O my people	Stevens
84		How lovely are Thy dwellings	Spicher
84		" " " "	Brahms
84		" " " "	Spohr
95		O come let us anshup	Mendelssohn
121		I will lift up	Songby Matthews
150		Praise ye Jehovah	Bullis
57		Awake up my glory	Rogers
		Righteous art Thou O Lord	West
		Behold God is great	Naylor
		How goodly are Thy tents	Macfarlane
		I praise Thee O Lord	Mendelssohn
		I will mention thy loving kindness	Sullivan
		Praise ye the Name of the Lord	Tschankersch
		The eternal God is the refuge	West
Job		Seek Him that maketh the stars	Reyes

unsited to open Service)

Music

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DR. MAXWELL SILVER

227 RIVERSIDE DRIVE

NEW YORK 25, N. Y.

November 1, 1950.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Abba:

I trust all is well with you and yours, to all of whom my little family and I send our sincere wishes for a happy New Year. I'm at a loss to understand, Abba, your complete silence since your return home from Europe. I wrote you several weeks ago about some friendly, intimate matters, recalling to you also your yet-unanswered letter of mine which I forwarded to you shortly before your departure for abroad last July. Is there anything wrong, about which I'm utterly unaware? If so, the proper thing, of course, would be to let me know of it as soon as possible, so that it, whatever it may be, may be corrected.

To close with the usual intimate note, I'm enclosing copy of a very unexpected letter from Dr. Morgenstern, written from Atlantic City recently, in reference to Harold, which is self-explanatory, and, of course, most gratifying. I'm sure that you, his uncle, will also derive ~~the~~ from much *na'amat ruach*. Harold, by the way, officiated, as student-rabbi, for the High Holy Days, at Rabbi Reichler's Reform temple at Brooklyn, the *Mosh Moshonoh* services of which I also attended. I haven't heard him conduct services or preach since he started his *studies*, except the one time at the end of last August at Atlantic City, the week before Dr. Morgenstern was present. As his severest critic and teacher, I agree substantially with Dr. Morgenstern's observations. Harold, by the way, at my long-standing suggestion, plans, after his graduation next June, to spend a year in Israel, to do some post-graduate studies at the Hebrew University. I was delighted to see the letter he received from the president of the Brooklyn congregation recently, in which, among other heartening sentiments, he writes that "fortunate will be the congregation which will someday have *you* as rabbi."

It will also please you to know that only yesterday, I received copies of three more reviews on "The Way to God", which appeared in three important non-Jewish publications, all very, very gratifying: last issue of *Review and Expositor*, *Unity* (July-August), and *Christian Century* (Sept. 6), the last a bit, as it appears to me, self-defeatingly critical of my *reaction* of the Prophets' approach to the God-vision, but otherwise very, very good.

Looking forward to an early word from you, I am, with my usual love to you and Virginia and the boys, As ever,

*Max*

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THE SHELBURNE  
Atlantic City, NJ.

Dear Maxwell:

I had the pleasure of hearing Harold conduct services last night and this morning and of preaching this morning. It was a pleasure indeed. I was most favorably impressed with his appearance, personality, pulpit technique, content of sermon and preaching ability. He gives splendid promise. You and your dear wife will have steadily increasing cause to be proud of him. I shall follow his career with interest and solicitude.

My hearty greetings and best wishes <sup>to you</sup> and yours for the new year. May it bring to each of you unending happiness and abundant blessing.



Sincerely,



Julian Morgenstern

Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof (In Jewish Bookland, published by the Jewish Book Council of America):- "This book is one of the most persuasive and moving books published in recent years in behalf of the faith inherent in Scripture...The book is clear in its reasoning, eloquent in its expression, and will leave a deep impression upon the reader."

Rabbi Bernard J. Bamberger, President of the Synagogue Council of America, (Congress Weekly):- "Dr. Maxwell Silver has done a most useful service by his forthright, mature, and tolerant discussion of the fundamental problem - belief in God...This book will be read with profit both by the convinced believer and by the hesitant seeker after faith. Its intellectual honesty, deep earnestness, and philosophic breadth are profoundly convincing."

Dr. John Haynes Holmes, Minister Emeritus of the Community Church, New York (Community News):- "...so simple, so clear, so sensible and yet so fundamental, as to bring conviction. Seldom have I read a book on the profounder aspects of religion so completely satisfying as this. It is a little masterpiece of its own."

Review and Expositor: "This is a novel book, intriguing and provocative... It is reassuring to note that as this enlightened Jewish thinker grapples with his son's haunting doubts concerning the validity of the theist's faith in God he sounds a note of victorious affirmation... Here is, while sceptics sigh and fools mock and rant, manna for man's spirit..."

The Christian Century: "The book stands therefore as a personal record, warm and sensitive, with its farewell word, "God be with you my son!" reaching to every father's heart; yet at the same time it is a lucid, critical presentation of theistic faith."

Crozer Quarterly: "The reader, whosoever he may be, will find the discussion stimulating, with food for prolonged reflection and digestion...a very worthwhile volume on the problems of religion...All readers will be stimulated and many convinced... Dr. Silver has made a worthy contribution."

Jewish Advocate, Boston (David Schwartz, J.T.A. Columnist):- "...after reading the book...something will probably light up your heart."

The N.Y. Times Book Review: "To restate the prophetic religion of the Hebrew prophets in modern terms is the aim of Dr. Maxwell Silver in this thoughtful volume...The chapters are varied in form...and offer persuasive argument for the special validity of the prophetic Hebrew tradition."

The Rev. Dr. A. Lichtigfeld, Germiston  
From his article, entitled "The Doctrine  
of Man in Recent Thought" (The Judean  
September, 1950, Johannesburg, South  
Africa.) (Recent books reviewed in this  
article include those of Albert Einstein  
and eight other works of prominent  
philosophers.)

... "There is only one adequate explanation of this  
moral world and of this sense of moral obligation.  
It is to be found in man's personal relation to  
God. The compelling power of the ideal comes from  
Him, as Dr. M. Silver, in "THE WAY TO GOD" (Philo-  
sophical Library, New York), lucidly makes clear.  
Dr. Silver, a well-known author, begins with the  
existence and nature of God. According to him,  
we are obliged to infer God as a creative  
Intelligence, working with a purpose. Purpose  
is revealed in nature, in history, and in life,  
but the plan of God in its whole scope is  
necessarily hidden from our limited intelligence.  
"Job's full realisation of this great truth, of the  
infinite wisdom of God and of man's utter inability  
owing to the finiteness of his reason, to grasp  
the ultimate principle by which the Infinite God  
functions in His universe, that realisation inex-  
orably directed his mind to the further religiously  
fruitful recognition of man's inability to pass  
final judgement on the ultimate wisdom and right-  
ness of Creation." A truly inspiring and  
fascinating book which merits the consideration  
of all who long for a quickening of the spiritual  
life of the community. It appears from this study  
that the human intelligence can never rest in any  
account of the universe that declares that it has  
no meaning. In a world so concerned the age-long  
problem of the "MEANING IN HISTORY" has to be thought  
out afresh. Professor K. Loewith, in his  
"MEANING IN HISTORY" (The University of the  
Chicago Press), has given us a critical analysis  
of historical thought in Burckhardt, Marx, Hegel,  
Voltaire, Bossuet, Turgot, Augustine, J. Pico,  
Comte, Condorcet, Broudhon and Crocius, and,  
finally, the Biblical view of History..."

From Dr. Julian Morgenstern's letter to  
me of 10/19/50:

"With regard to your book, it was my sincere intention to read it at my first opportunity. I had put it aside for that purpose. But I had not gotten to it by the time your letter arrived. Since you requested it particularly, I put aside my other reading and took up your book. I have practically completed it. I am happy to tell you that I enjoyed it; that I found it stimulating and eminently worth while both in the manner of presentation and likewise in the content. I was proud of the fact that you are the author. I congratulate you sincerely upon this. I called Professor Cohon's attention to it, only to learn that he, too, had read it carefully and has a high opinion of it. I imagine that he will recommend it to his students.

I was delighted to know that the book has been so favorably reviewed not only by Freshhof, but by others. It merited this happy evaluation."



BERTRAM J. KROHNGOLD  
339 ST. CLAIR AVENUE, N.W.  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

November 1, 1950

Rabbi and Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver  
19810 Shaker Boulevard  
Shaker Heights, Ohio

My dear Rabbi and Virginia:

I want to again express to you a feeling from my heart of appreciation for your kindness, for your helpfulness, for the very beautiful services, and for the lovely picture you painted of Hilda with words.

I also want to express my thanks to you for bestowing such a signal honor upon Hilda in offering the beautiful Temple for her services. Hilda loved The Temple, she loved everything and everyone connected with The Temple, and I know that she loved both of you, so I know she would be happy if she knew that her last rites were offered at The Temple.

You have both been kind and so very helpful to both Hilda and myself during her long ordeal. Your many visits gave both of us a tremendous lift. You have been generous in your praise to Hilda and your beautiful services for her will always be remembered. I am grateful to Virginia for her kindness and helpfulness, and for her own personal touch that I know was hers at the services.

I feel deeply grateful that both of you are our friends and that you, Rabbi, are our spiritual leader.

With love,

BJK:MR

Bert.

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November 1, 1950

Dr. Abba Hilell Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver.

The resolution introduced by you and adopted by a vast majority at the last meeting of the Zionist Executive Committee, that the Zionist Organization of America identify itself only with the General Zionist Organization of Israel, urging the so-called Progressive Zionist Party to come back to the General Zionists folds, — prompts me to write this letter.

I, for one am very happy that this finally happened and I congratulate you heartily upon your great vision. I am sure it will make history in the Zionist movement of America and all over the world and will especially serve as a source of encouragement to our Chaverim - General Zionist in Israel. Also in the final analysis, will greatly help to mould and stabilize the future of Israel.

It is high time that the General Zionists of America woke up to the realization that the fifty years or more of their hard, devoted and unselfish labor for the rebuilding of Eretz Israel were mostly utilized to build up a strong socialist party to the detriment of the middle class and the rest of the Yeshuv.

The emergency conference held in Washington with the participation of high government and agency officials of Israel (all of MAPAI) where Zionists were ignored and played second fiddle should serve as an eye opener to some of our leaders and make them realize that something drastic must be done without further delay in order to avoid losing whatever influence it is possible to have among the Jews of America and in the future shaping of Israel.

You, Dr. Silver who, in the opinion of thousands and thousands of Zionists here and abroad had the greatest share in the establishment of Israel as an independent state, must in this crucial hour, in our movement, our people and our land, reassume supreme leadership in General Zionist Organization of America which will eventually lead to your World Zionists leadership. I am sure that the great Zionist masses will follow you at this time as they did in the past.

Now, permit me to close with a personal note. From the day of my arrival in the United States, about twenty-eight years ago, I was an active Zionist in the ZOA. Many times I was very much aggravated by the luke warm attitude of our leaders, rank and file as well, towards the ideals of General Zionism. At every convention and at meetings I was fighting for these ideals to the best of my ability, but to no avail.

November 1, 1950

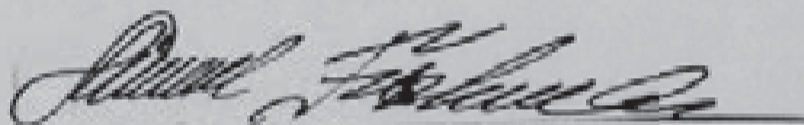
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In a few months (by Passover, please God) I and my wife are to settle permanently in Israel to join our three children who live there. On my arrival I will undoubtedly become an active member of the *W.R.H.S.* as I feel that now is the time to build in Israel a strong General Zionist Party and the American Zionists should and could play the greatest and most important role in it. I would like to meet you at your convenience on your next visit to New York and discuss some matters with you. I will greatly appreciate it if you will be good enough to drop me a line the next time you are in New York as I am very eager to see you before I leave for Israel.

I wonder whether you noticed my letter in "The Day" (clipping enclosed) printed last week before the Washington conference. I only regret that my words of appeal fell on deaf ears which is more proof of the uncompromising and antagonistic attitude of our opponents . . .

Awaiting your kind reply, I am with best wishes,

Most respectfully yours,



SF:EL  
ENC.



RABBI LEON I. FEUER  
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TOLEDO 10, OHIO

November 2, 1950

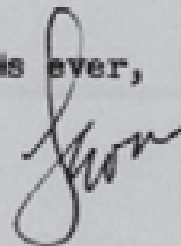
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th & Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

Under separate cover I am sending you something out of which I thought you might get a kick. I did it from an old banquet photograph I found around the house. I thought it came out rather well and that you might like it.

All of us send our love.

As ever,

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

November 2, 1950

Miss Ruth Kline  
2622 North Moreland  
Cleveland 20, Ohio

My dear Miss Kline:

I am deeply grateful to you and the members of your family for your kind note and for the check which you enclosed. In keeping with my practice, I shall place it in a small fund which I use from time to time for charitable purposes. I am glad that I was able to be of service to you.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

November 3, 1950

Mr. Morris Silverberg  
Wood County Packing Co.  
Northern Ohio Food Terminal  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Silverberg:

I was very glad to have been of service to you and to the family of Mr. George Cohen. Thank you for the check which I am placing, in accordance with my custom, in a small fund which I use from time to time for charitable causes.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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November 4, 1950.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

General Klein suggested that we send to you  
the attached material which will undoubtedly  
be of interest to you.

We are also attaching a list of our various  
offices, all of which are connected with direct  
wire service and General Klein can be reached  
at a moment's notice.

Sincerely,



M. Jacobson  
Administrative Assistant

MJ:rm  
Encl.

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November 6, 1950

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

My dear Rabbi:

I am sorry I was unable to get to see you yesterday after services to say goodbye, since I am leaving tomorrow morning with Sam Friedman for a two weeks' rest in Florida, and I did want to say goodbye and thank you personally. Virginia told me what a rush you were in to catch a plane within the hour. I hope you had a pleasant trip.

I am herein enclosing a check to be placed in the Hilda Krohngold Memorial Fund at The Temple.

With all good wishes,

Cordially,

BJK:MR  
ENC.

*Bert*

\$250



110 South Dearborn Street  
Chicago, Illinois

November 6, 1950.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

This is the first opportunity I have had to sit  
at my desk since my return from Cleveland and  
I hasten to express to you my most sincere  
thanks for the splendid reception you gave me  
last Monday.

I value your friendship very highly indeed and  
I hope you will let me know if there is anything  
I can do for you.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Julius Klein  
Brigadier General  
JK:Jrm

A handwritten signature of Julius Klein, written in dark ink with a stylized, cursive script.

November 7, 1950

Rabbi Leon I. Feuer  
2335 Collingwood Blvd.  
Toledo 10, Ohio

My dear Leon:

I returned this afternoon from the East and found on my desk the very interesting sketch which you made of me. It must have been discouraging for a developing artist like yourself to work on a theme such as my portrait, but you seem to have done a pretty good job. I wish I felt and looked as young as your portrait presents me to the world.

How are you and Hortense? We here are all fine and we send you our best.

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

November 7, 1950

Dr. Emil W. Leipziger  
4238 St. Charles Avenue  
New Orleans, Louisiana

My dear Dr. Leipziger:

I feel that the case of Rabbi Landau should be considered  
a closed incident since the claim has been withdrawn.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

November 7, 1950

Probation Officer  
United States Penitentiary  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

I am writing in behalf of Nathan Stein who was a member of my congregation and whose children are enrolled in our Religious School. I understand that Mr. Stein is applying for parole.

Mr. Stein served in the United States Army during World War II as a Corporal. He spent 18 months in Europe and was wounded while engaged in combat in France. I believe he had a fine war record.

Mr. Stein is the father of three children and his absence from his home is working great hardship on his family.

Very truly yours,

ABBA HILIEL SILVER

AHS:er

November 9, 1950

Brigadier General Julius Klein  
110 South Dearborn Street  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear General Klein:

I was very happy to hear from you. I am sure that you are as gratified as I am with the reelection of our good friend, Senator Taft, and with such a tremendous majority.

You may recall that my son, Raphael, discussed with you when you visited our home, the matter of his enlistment in the army. You suggested the National Guard, and you said that you would obtain some information about it which might guide him in his decision. He is eagerly waiting to hear from you. You were also going to get information about the Logistical Command Reserve Unit.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

Nov. 9, 1950

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

My dear Dr. Silver,

Thank you for your letter of November 7. It's too late to reach them by air-mail, since the elections will take place next Tuesday. But I may wire them your advice to make use of the Z.O.A. statement.

I believe that in case the General Zionists, as we all hope, score appreciable gains in the elections, you should wire them a message of congratulations. I know it will be greatly appreciated by them.

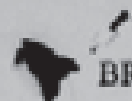
Enclosed here you will find a copy of the official letter sent by the General Zionists Organization in Israel to the Z.O.A. here, the original of which has already been received, according to Dr. Sidney Marks.

Now that my appointment has been made official, I expect to put the work which I have been doing into higher gear. And I would greatly appreciate it if you could arrange to meet me on your next visit to New York.

Respectfully yours

*M. Rabin*





## CHAS. KRAMER and SONS

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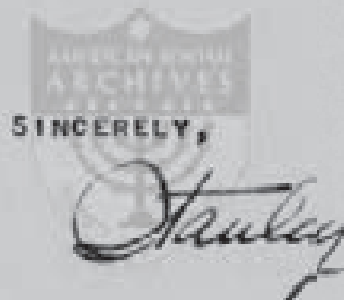
NOVEMBER 10, 1950

DEAR RABBI SILVER,

MOTHER, AND THE GIRLS, WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW MUCH WE DO  
APPRECIATE THE WONDERFUL SERVICE YOU CONDUCTED YESTERDAY  
FOR DAD CHESSIN. IT WAS TRULY A FITTING CLIMAX FOR A  
SWELL PERSON,

I KNOW THAT IT IS NOT YOUR HABIT TO ACCEPT ANYTHING FOR  
OFFICIATING AT THE FUNERAL OF ONE OF YOUR MEMBERS;  
HOWEVER, WE ASK THAT YOU ACCEPT THE ENCLOSED, AND FORWARD  
IT TO ANY NEEDY CHARITY THAT YOU WISH.

AGAIN, MANY THANKS.



הסתדרות הציונים הכלליים בישראל  
GENERAL ZIONISTS ORGANIZATION IN ISRAEL

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יום י' ז' כסלו תשי"א  
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לכבוד  
ד"ר אבא הלל סילבר,  
בני-יורק

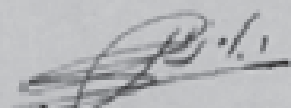
ד"ר סילבר היקר,

רצוף בזה הננו מתכבדים להמציא לכב' קטע,  
מאמר-נאצה ובלע בשם ירוקח - סילבר - בגין שהופיע  
ב"הדור" - בטאונה הרשמי של מפא"י - מן יום ו' ט"ו  
כסלו (24.11.50).

אנו חייכים "להבין" לרוחם של אנשי "הדור"  
אשר אבדו את עשתנותיהם למראה תוצאות הבחירות העירוניות,  
כי כבר אפרו קרפונים של אוטות העולם: "יופיסר" אתה  
כועס, סימן שחרה לך.

אנו מצדנו מבטיחים, כי גם להבא נעשה  
כמיטב יכולתנו להעלות את כעסם ואת חרון אפם של אנשי  
"הדור", לטובת העם, המדינה והתנועה.

בכבוד רב,  
הסתדרות הציונים הכלליים בישראל

  
י. יונגורד - מנהל  
ועדת הקשר לעניני חוץ והכנועה הציונית

יו/סט

SOLOMON COHEN  
ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR  
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—  
PHONE LONGACRE 5-6880

November 12, 1950

My dear Abba:-

It is just as important  
who should not go as a delegate  
to the Congress as who should go.

Last Thursday night, at a  
meeting of the Executive Committee of  
the Long Island Zionist Region, our  
president Rabbi Kischkurn, in  
reporting on the Washington Conference  
went out of his way to attack you  
by stating that ~~you~~ he not have  
to leave the meeting of the National  
Executive Committee earlier, he  
would have risen to speak  
against your resolution, for this is  
not the way of uniting the General  
Zionists in Israel. He further  
went on to say that the friends  
of Silver should tell him to stop  
~~playing~~ playing <sup>3/1/52</sup> with the  
government of Israel. Of course it  
immediately answered him that  
Dr. Silver does not have to be

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advised what is in the best interest of the Zionist movement and Israel, and cited your statement that very evening that when the Bond drive starts you will throw yourself in the work and that all Zionists would do likewise.

You have no doubt heard that at the meeting of the Interim Committee two or three weeks ago this same Kirschbaum came out for Montor as head of the Bond issue. I am told that Dr. Margoshes, there and then, gave him a דפוס דפוס דפוס.

This is the same דפוס דפוס דפוס Kirschbaum who so disrespectfully and insultingly spoke to you at the meeting of the Administrative Committee at which Dan Frisch presided. On my experience with him in the Region, I found this individual a liar of the first order, a דפוס דפוס דפוס who will stop at nothing in order to attain his ambitions, for being in the limelight and high office.

He knows that at this time he will fare much better with Oldmann and Montor, who he feels have now the upper hand, and when he got up to speak for Montor he must have received assurances beforehand that he

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will receive his reward.

I was at a meeting of a Zionist District <sup>in Long Island</sup>, where he promised them that they would be the first to hear his report from the Zionist Congress, taking it for granted that he is going as a delegate. Of course I realize that as President of a Region he has the inside track, but it would be a misfortune if he went as a delegate. One way of easing him out would be the fact that by the time the Zionist Congress will be held <sup>in August</sup> he will not be President of the Region any more, as his second term expires in June, and we have a two term limitation.

From our experience with him in the Region we know that when it will come to any vital issue, you will find him on the side where it will be to his own best interests. And no matter what he will promise, he will double-cross anybody as long as his insatiable thirst for 3 1/2% and personal advancement to higher office will be fulfilled. You will no doubt be on the lookout. Kindest regards to Virginia, Anna wishes to be remembered, as ever yours, Sol.

RABBI SOLOMON B. FREEHOF, D. D.  
RODEF SHALOM TEMPLE  
FIFTH AND MOREWOOD AVENUES  
PITTSBURGH 13, PENNSYLVANIA

November 16, 1950

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

Dear Abba:

When I came home from Cleveland, I found some books that I had ordered. I bought them from Abraham Reines, an old Rabbi in New York, the son of the Reines who founded the Mizrachi. He made a mistake which can be to your benefit. He mistook a book for responsa which was not responsa at all, but the letters of the famous 17th century Cabbalist, Moses Zacuto. It is a beautiful edition, published in Livorno. If you do not have the book, I shall bind it in leather for you and send it.

If I need an excuse to send a book to you, which I do not, it will be because you made so fine an address on the matter of placement.

When the role was being called, Bernstein, the C. C. A. R. President, asked me what to do in case the amendment wins. In other words, what the Conference shall do. The Conference will have to meet to decide whether it will accept our gradualist plan which has now been passed by the Union. I told him to use his influence to have the Conference accept it, that if it works well it can always be strengthened. I hope I convinced him.

Lillian joins me in best wishes to Virginia and yourself.

As ever,

SB

SBF/rsw

P. S. Be sure to write and tell me whether you want those letters of Zacuto. They are referred to at the end of the article about him in JEWISH ENCYCLOPEDIA, Volume XII, p. 268, near the bottom of the first column.

November 16, 1950

Mr. Stanley Kramer  
3690 East 93rd Street  
Cleveland 5, Ohio

My dear Stanley:

Thank you so much for your kind note of November 10th and for the check which you enclosed. In keeping with my practice I shall place it in a fund which I use from time to time for worthy charitable causes.

With all good wishes to you, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

November 17, 1950

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

My dear Sol:

Thank you for your kind note. I shall be very happy to receive the copy of Zacuto's volume.

I think the advice that you gave to Bernstein is good advice. I hope that he will follow it.

It was nice to have seen you and Lillian in Cleveland. I am sorry that we did not have enough time to be together. I regret that you were unable to attend the Banquet Tuesday night. Ambassador Eban gave a splendid address and Mr. Broide from New York made a very moving appeal for support of the Union.

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

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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HISTORIA JUDAICA  
Professor Guido Kisch, Editor  
415 West 115th Street  
New York 25, N.Y.

11 - 27 - 57.

*My dear Dr. Silver,*

For several years you have been a faithful subscriber to our journal for Jewish history, Historia Judaica.

By this time, I trust, you have become familiar with its contents and well aware of the specific scholarly features offered in it to the scholarly-interested reader. As a matter of fact, Historia Judaica becomes more and more recognized in scholarly and lay circles as an important source of information in all fields of Jewish history.

It has been called to my attention that in the last few years several reminders were necessary to obtain from you the annual subscription fee of \$5.00. Historia Judaica is not supported by any of the great Jewish organizations and must rely entirely upon the subscribers to be able to continue publication. The annual subscription fee is actually much below production costs. Among several hundred subscribers we find most understanding cooperation. I am sure that you, too, want to be cooperative and thereby help in the continuation of this journal.

May I therefore beg of you to remit the subscription fee promptly so that it may not slip your mind in the future and will ensure for you uninterrupted delivery of each new issue.

A self-addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed herein.

Thanking you for your cooperation,

Sincerely yours,

*Guido Kisch.*

Guido Kisch  
Editor

הסתדרות הציונים הכלליים בישראל  
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In reply please quote  
No. 5456/50

the 28th November 1950 י"ד

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed please find another clipping of an article named "'Habrogez' beamerica vechaopositziah baaretz", which was published in "Hador" of November 26th.

Now that "Hador" has published for two consecutive days abusive articles both against you and our Party, I should like, with your permission Dr. Silver, to comment on it, as follows:-

1) The more these people try to "bite", the more they prove that not only are they inefficient administrators and poor rulers, but bad-sports, who "can't take it".

2) On the other hand, one must admit that the mere "storming" of the "Histadruth" fortresses was an act of sheer impudence committed by those reactionary General Zionists of whom even their own next of kin - the "Progressives" - have lately complained that "...they now desire to attract private initiative circles in order to imprint upon them the stamp of social reaction..."

3) The fact that thousands of labourers have forsaken the "Mapai" list and have voted "Tzadi" proves that the Israeli working people no more see in the leaders and officers of "Mapai" friends in need, but leaders of a despised ruling class.

4) It was bad enough for those General Zionists, in the first place, to dare wage for two long years a relentless war against "Mapai" and its undertakings (to which undertakings the General Zionists have, by the way, maliciously stuck the tag: "Histadruth Monopolies").

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5) But when on November 14, the day upon which the match took place in open field, with practically the whole world looking on, these quiet refined Gentlemen whom, as we had believed, we have known for over three scores of years, put up a heroic fight beating and defeating "Mapai", making her thereby the laughing stock of the whole Jewish world, the General Zionists have surely acted like "Criminals".

6) In closing, may I add, Sir, that for those meek General Zionists, to cause the walls of "Mapai's" stronghold to fall down flat, was really a thing no human being could stand.

I, therefore, entreat you to "forgive" their violent reactions in form of abusive articles here and there, for as time marches on, we feel sure they will come to learn the truth and be wiser to it.

Most sincerely yours,  
GENERAL ZIONISTS ORGANIZATION IN ISRAEL

*I. Vinograd*

I. Vinograd, Director.  
Contact Committee for Foreign " Zionist  
Movement Affairs.

iv/mk

November 29, 1950

Zionist Organization of America  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, New York

Gentlemen:

With reference to the attached invoice, Dr. Silver's trip on October 5th from Cleveland to New York was to attend the ZOA Congress Committee meeting. The item of October 19th was paid on October 26th by Check #1379.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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December 6, 1950

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you so very much for sending your fine  
generous annual contribution of \$50.00 for the League.

In the turbulent condition of the world today, I  
am sure you agree with me that the Consumers League has a  
special responsibility to hold to its constructive goal in  
helping maintain standards that mean so much to our democracy.  
You will be glad, I know, to have made possible a vigorous  
continuance of our efforts as we start our second fifty years.

Many, many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

*Marie R. Wing*

Marie R. Wing  
Finance Chairman

MRN/lr

December 6, 1950

Mr. Samuel David  
Service Director  
City of Cleveland  
City Hall  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friend:

I am deeply appreciative of your efforts in removing the snow from Ansel Road and East 105th Street in the neighborhood surrounding the Temple. These areas were entirely clean by Saturday night and enabled our members to find ample parking space for the Sunday Morning Service on December 3rd. I am aware of the severe handicaps under which your department was working, and I am therefore, doubly grateful to you for your cooperation. Please extend my thanks to the men who did such a fine job.

With all good wishes to you, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

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# The Consumers' League of Ohio

A corporation not for profit, organized to improve the conditions  
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341 Engineers' Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

December 6, 1950

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



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Dear Rabbi Salton, -

Thank you so much  
appreciative of your courtesy.

Very sincerely,  
Al



Dec. 7, 1950.

Prof. Albert Einstein,  
Princeton, N.J.  
U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Einstein:

With fear and trembling, I write this - and with much humility.

Recently, I heard quoted a statement that I had used for a long time in talking of Israel. It was a statement you had made to me - long ago. Now I wonder whether I should have asked your permission to quote you and whether I have the statement - particularly the names of the Prophets, correct - as you gave them.

Many years ago, in Cleveland, Ohio, on your first visit to the United States, in 1922, you were the speaker at perhaps one of the very first appeals for the Hebrew University. At that time, during the question period, I asked what now seems a very foolish question.

I asked you whether you would have been able to do the kind of thinking you have done in a temperate zone, in a sub tropical one, such as then - Palestine - and I think you said - "I would not worry about the kind of thinking that can be done in a country which could produce an Isaiah, a Jeremiah, an Amos."

Please be good enough to have your secretary write me whether I may continue to quote it, and whether I have the correct names of the Prophets, as you used them.

With much humility, I am,

Respectfully,

Bess B. Spinner,  
C/O The Y.M.C.A.  
Jerusalem,  
Israel.

December 18, 1950

Dear Miss Spanner:

Professor Einstein wants me to thank you  
for your kind letter of December 7th and to tell  
you that your quotation is quite correct. He has  
no objection against its use.

Sincerely yours,

*Helen Dukas*

(Miss) Helen Dukas  
Sec'y to Prof. Einstein.

Miss Bess B. Spanner  
c.o. Y.M.C.A.  
Jerusalem, Israel

112 Mercer Str.  
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**AIR LETTER**

**VIA AIR MAIL  
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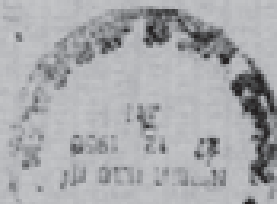
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Harold Silver  
227 Riverside Drive  
New York 25, N. Y.

December 7, 1950

Dear Aunt Virginia and Uncle Abba,

Next Sunday, the 17th of December, my engagement will be announced in the Times - and another Silver goes the way of all flesh...

My young lady is originally from Chicago, Oak Park, Illinois, to be exact. Her family resides in Trenton, New Jersey now. She will graduate from Elmira College For Women this June. And I must say she's quite a gal. She's extremely active in College life and has made quite a mark for herself there. Outside of making me a very contented husband, I think that she will make an ideal Rebbitzin.

If the world doesn't blow itself up by next June, our plans are pretty well organized. June 7th, I shall be ordained in New York. June 11th, she will graduate in Elmira. June 24th, at 1:30 PM, we shall be married at the Free Synagogue here in New York. Knowing what a terribly busy month June is for you, I am writing to you way in advance, Uncle Abba, so that you will be able to marry me off with Dad. I haven't forgotten my Bar Mitzvah, when you and Dad and Dr. Wise did the honors. I do hope that you can make it. Naturally, Dan and Ray are invited. I've been wondering all along how Ray is affected by the Draft! Let's hope he'll be at the wedding in mufti.

June 26th or the 29th, we sail for Israel - probably, the latter date. We plan to spend a full year there. I will pursue post-graduate studies at the Hebrew University. I'm in line for the Guggenheim Fellowship. If I get it, it will help considerably to defray part of the year's expenses. My most immediate problem is to secure an apartment in Jerusalem for the winter and Spring of 51-52. I have a couple leads. Before long, something will turn up. Living over there, at this time, leaves much to be desired - what with a "mishooge" inflation and serious food shortage. But, when you're our age, and you know what the score is, so to speak, it shouldn't be too bad. As a matter of fact, I'm sure it will be a perfectly wonderful year for both of us. I can't think of a more exciting place in which to spend our honeymoon. For me, Israel will be a dream come true. I know it will be a rewarding experience. When we return, God only knows...it's too far ahead to think about or plan. I definitely want congregational work. But where - I'm still undecided. I'll worry about it when I get back.

Harold Silver  
227 Riverside Drive  
New York 25, N. Y.

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That's the big news from this member of the family. At the moment, I'm swamped with my thesis. It is due in about four to six weeks, and I'm burning the old oil. I changed my topic, Uncle Abba, since last I saw you in Boston. I'm still working in the Midrash, but my subject is: The Doctrine Of Man as Revealed Mainly in Bereshit Rabba. If nothing else, it drove me to the Midrash.

Alvin's wedding was quite nice. He has a very lovely wife. We all missed you there. Dad and I tied the nuptial knot.

I hope you're all in good health and fully dug out of the last ~~XXX~~ big snow. Give my best to Dan and Ray.

Mother and Dad send you all their love.

Warm Hanukah greetings from everybody here.



Love,

Harold

December 8, 1950

Mr. Nathan Lifson  
720 Woodhill Road  
Mansfield, Ohio

My dear Mr. Lifson:

I wonder whether on your next visit to Cleveland you may not find a moment to drop in and see me in my study. Your daughter-in-law, Mrs. Burton Lifson, was in to see me. I was, of course, in no position to give her any advice until I have discussed the situation with you. Please let me know when you can come in. Perhaps you can telephone before you come to make sure that I will be in.

I trust that you and Mrs. Lifson are well. With all good wishes to you for a very happy Chanukah, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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December 8, 1950

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing herewith my check in the amount of \$25.00  
as a contribution to your Temple.

My family and I wish to thank you most cordially for the  
manner in which you officiated at the wedding of my daughter to Robert  
Manheim.

Should the occasion present itself that you are in Louisville  
I hope that I may meet with you.

Sincerely yours,

*Max Waldman*

MW:ELM  
Encl.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Sunday, December 10, 1950

The first time I had the occasion to listen to you, last Friday night, was an auspicious one. Aside from the importance of the dedication, it was the stress you gave to the one aspect of Judaism which too many American Jews have neglected for so many years that attached great meaning to the evening.

My principal connection with Park Synagogue is that I attend Services there each Saturday morning, and each Saturday morning it is particularly discouraging to see only fifty regular worshipers of the congregation's 1100 families appear. Probably more members attend the Friday night Services regularly, but it seems to be more important to be present when the Torah is read because the scroll contains all the ramifications of Judaism within its folds. One can read it in English (as I do) if he does not understand the Hebrew.

Perhaps as a result of your plea that we devote more of our time to prayer, approximately 150 men women and children attended Services yesterday morning. Yet the synagogue looked glaringly empty compared with the throng that attended the dedication services on the previous night. As a result of the great contrast in attendance, I begin to wonder if the great majority of the people present on Friday night listened to you with the feeling that you would fill them with a religious feeling that they themselves do not take the trouble to develop.

Permit me, after having heard you, to make a guess as to why you are a Reform Rabbi. Some years ago you may have come to the conclusion that there are a great number of American-born Jews who are balanced on the outer periphery of Jewish life, and as such decided to make an attempt to apply as much centripetal force as you could to turn them toward a more Jewish existence. If that be true,

one can have only great respect for you because it is apparent how much difficulty Rabbi Cohen has with his conservative congregation.

To return to the poor attendance on the Sabbath, it is evident that God is competing with the American way of life in the sense that Jews, like other Americans, find it enjoyable to take full advantage of the many luxuries afforded to those who have financial means. It is only human that they do so, but unfortunately too many Jews do not practice the discipline required of a true Hebrew. Many ages ago when the prophets vocally scolded and reprimanded the followers who strayed from the fold, they were dealing with Hebrews who did not have the long background of Jewish tradition possessed by Jews today. True, we are more civilized now, but in that sense the straying we do is even less excusable. In line with our greater intelligence today, most Rabbis evidently try to reason with their members as a means of cajoling them to attend Services. I am not aware of the overall attendance throughout the country as a result of this line of attack, but here at Ark Synagogue the sparse attendance on Saturday mornings indicates a dismal failure.

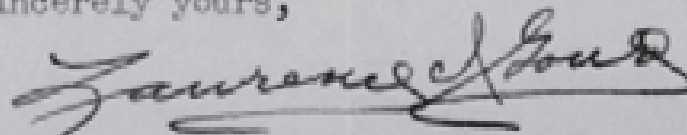
on Friday night

Rabbi Silver, you indicated a fundamental failure of many Jews today and appealed to them to devote more time and thought to prayer. What was the result? Only 150-200 people (including about 50 children, thank God) thought it sufficiently important to come to the temple the next morning.

Perhaps someone has to put a burr at the base of the spine of Jewry here in America as the prophets did ages ago in the Middle East. If more worship is necessary, and all Rabbis seem to think it is, then some new methods must be tried. All the eloquent sermons are fruitless if they do not inculcate Hebrew men and women with the desire to do their own praying.

Please excuse the typewriter, Sir; it permits recording of thoughts in a faster manner than the human hand.

Sincerely yours,



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505 W 183 St.

New York 33 - N.Y.

Dear Rabbi Silver G'S

Just a week ago, upon arrival  
to this country I conveyed Rosa's  
and my own kindest regards to you  
and concluded saying that I was  
looking forward to seeing you at your  
convenience, preferably in New York.  
I hope that you received that letter.

As my stay here is drawing  
to an end in about two weeks from  
now I would like to take this oppor-  
tunity again to send you my best

compliments, together with expressing  
the hope to see you, if only for a  
short while, on one of your occasional  
visits to New-York.

With Rosie and my best  
regards I remain



Sincerely Yours.

J. Bidson.

December 11, 1950

Mr. M. Rivlin  
3916 Laurel Avenue  
Brooklyn 24, New York

My dear Friend:

I shall be in New York next Monday, stopping at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, and I shall be very happy to see you some time in the morning. Please telephone me before you come.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

December 11, 1950

Mr. Alfred A. Benesch  
Citizens Building  
Cleveland 14, Ohio

My dear Al:

Thank you for your note and for your generous contribution which, in keeping with my custom, I shall place into a small charity fund which I use from time to time.

With all good wishes and trusting that Helen is getting over her accident rapidly, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL STEVER

AHS:er

December 11, 1950

Mr. Samuel Fishman  
225 Fifth Avenue  
New York 10, New York

My dear Friend:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your kind letter. I have been traveling about a great deal and my correspondence has lagged.

I was very much interested in your comments on General Zionism. Since your letter was written, the municipal elections in Israel have revealed how strong the General Zionists really are, and I am hoping that before very long their influence will be felt in the political and economic life of the country.

I am very pleased to learn that you and your wife plan to settle in Israel soon. Congratulations! This is indeed a privilege and for you, the fulfillment of a life-long ambition.

I shall probably be in New York a few times before you leave for Israel, but I do not know at the moment exactly when. My coming will probably be in connection with some public meeting and there will be mention of it in the press. Please get in touch with me.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

ABH:er

December 11, 1950

Mr. I. Winograd  
General Zionists Organization  
33, King George Street  
Tel-Aviv, Israel

Re: No. 5127/50

My dear Mr. Winograd:

Thank you for your letters of November 26th and 28th and the enclosures. I read the two articles which appeared in the Hadoar with much interest and with a good hearty chuckle.

Please remember me to all our friends.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

December 11, 1930

Mr. Max Waldman  
Marion E. Taylor Bldg.  
Louisville 2, Kentucky

My dear Mr. Waldman:

Thank you for your kind note of December 8th and for the check which you enclosed. In keeping with my practice, I shall place it in a small charity fund which I use from time to time.

With all good wishes and hoping to have the pleasure of meeting you again, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Dear Dr. Silver,

I am the daughter of a rabbi and I went to visit my parents in Israel 18 years ago. That visit turned into a stay which ended temporarily with my first visit back in all that time. 18 years residence in Israel qualifies one a little I think to speak about conditions and reactions in that country and I believe you may be interested in these things since you have devoted so much of your brilliance and energy to Israel and have won the hearts and respect of so many rank and file Zionists here and there.

First, let me repeat what you probably know: that conditions there have never been so bad - worst of all in that it should never have been so, since we had no foreign masters stifling our efforts. Now we have <sup>our</sup> own doing that. They have brought

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economic ruin and depression of spirit because of their "selective" collective and cynical pursuit of party control of all phases of our life. The story is disheartening <sup>and</sup> many-faceted and I won't go into it here because it would take far too long.

When I was in Israel my friends and I didn't understand why the Americans who hold the purse strings and without whom Israel would fall - allowed themselves to be led by the nose and let you be accented from your so well deserved and so fitting place at the helm of American Zionism. But my stay here has opened my eyes.

In the minds of American Zionists everyone from Israel is holy and sinless - partaking of the holiness of the land. He can do no wrong and is compounded of hero, sage and saint. Therefore any criticism of them by an outsider is blasphemy.

3) The only Israelis - for practical purposes - coming here and capitalizing on this unquestioning devotion have been the shrewd, astute Mapainiks. These are Israel to the Americans. Where, where in heaven's name have been the Israel General Zionists? To leave this vast reservoir of support and intelligence to the ploughing of the Hirstadnut? How short-sighted and how dangerous for the good of the country. They have been building the country there and the Mapai has been milking and hood-wink-ing the Jews here. No one from Israel possessing the same sanctity as they has been around to show them up. I always defended the American Jews' blind support of their class enemies by saying that they didn't know what was going on. I didn't know how right I was until I got here. Whether it is a quiet complex or hero worship, the big names

of Israel can do whatever they want with the Jews here. and you, the "Lion" they have deposed and silenced - you - who have done so much and who know so much.

I believe that only fellow Israelis can, with the authority the others command. tell the truth and must come here to unmask the intents and methods of our "leaders". Such men as Mr. Rokach, Mr. Kivritzi, Dr. Ramels, Prof. Matuleky, Dr. Leon Roth, Mr. Levanon and tens of other General Zionist figures - knowing English - who could help inform the public here.

So many people are fleeing the country (those who can) people who loved it and weren't daunted by English curfews or Arab bullets - but who can't stand this terrible constant control and discrimination and arrogance and police state methods which allows no new general elections and seeks only to tighten and extend its hold.

Please help us -

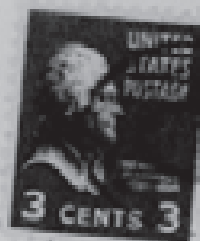
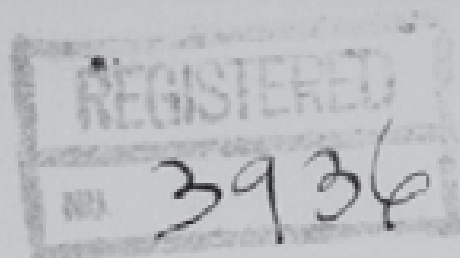
I am returning soon and I would  
be very happy to hear from you be-  
fore I do because as you know  
our letters are censored.

Very sincerely yours,  
Sarah Shapiro

c/o Levey  
131 Levey St  
Newark, N.J.

Dec. 12, 1950.





Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
19810 Shaker ?  
Cleveland, Ohio

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Personal

Please forward.

MRS. BURTON S. LIFSON 122 MARLOW PLACE MANSFIELD, OHIO

December 12, 1950

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I want to thank you for being so kind...and giving me so much of your time last Friday. I am indeed very grateful no matter what the outcome may be and I must say that the prospect is not too bright, because when a rather strong (in some ways) man has an "obsession" (to use the words of our local rabbi) to do something and his son apparently does not

MRS. BURTON S. LIFSON 122 MARLOW PLACE MANSFIELD, OHIO

have the strength to stand up  
for his own rights or as he  
puts it "the guts" to go on  
his own the outlook cannot be  
too bright.

However, I appreciate any  
effort on your part which might  
help the situation.

Sincerely,

Joan Lifson

P.S. I would appreciate knowing if  
Mr. Lifson does get in touch  
with you.

December 12, 1950

Mr. Samuel David  
Service Director  
City Hall  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friend:

It was nice to see you Sunday evening at the Banquet which was a very pleasant affair.

This morning Mr. Isadore Morris Freilich, a member of The Temple, came in to see me. You had helped him procure work in your department earlier in the year. Prior to that time and for 12 years between 1921 and 1933, he was foreman in a street cleaning district in Cleveland. He has recently taken a civil service examination for foreman and he has obtained a good grade, nearly 85%. He is a family man. His children have been attending our Religious School and they are very bright children. He finds it quite difficult to manage on his present salary. If you can be of any assistance to him, I shall appreciate it very much.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We wish  
to thank you for your  
kind expression of  
sympathy of our great  
loss, Lorne Green Brown.

Your services did much  
to enlighten our burden  
of grief; and your  
words will ever remain

with us, - as everlasting  
as the memory of our  
dearly beloved Lanore.

Ben Brown  
and the Rosen family.

3290 Warrenville Center Rd.  
Apt 407  
Shaker Heights, Ohio

Dec 15, 1950

December 15, 1950

Mr. Harold Silver  
227 Riverside Drive  
New York 25, New York

My dear Harold:

I was delighted with the good news contained in your letter that you are engaged. You say quite a bit about the young lady, but you forgot to mention her name, but a man in love does many strange things. Aunt Virginia and I send you our heartiest felicitations. I hope that we shall have the opportunity of seeing you and your intended soon. I shall jot down the date of your wedding - Sunday, June 24th. I hope that I shall be free on that day. If so, we shall be delighted to be with you. Please extend to Dad and Mother our congratulations.

I believe that you are wise in planning to spend a year after you graduate in Israel for a post-graduate course. It will mean much to you, I am sure, and will pay dividends in many ways throughout your career.

Again, let me congratulate you, and with warmest regards, I remain

As ever,

AHS:er

CITY OF CLEVELAND  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE  
Cleveland 14, Ohio

SAMUEL F. DAVID  
DIRECTOR  
FRANK M. CUNNINGHAM  
SECRETARY

December 18, 1950

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
THE TEMPLE  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 5, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This is in reply to your letter of December 12th.  
I too, had a very pleasant time at the banquet  
Sunday evening.

You also make mention of Mr. Isadore Morris Freil-  
lich, a member of the Temple.

Civil Service lists for foremen will not be out  
yet for at least ten days. Mr. Freillich, with a  
grade of 85% should be in a pretty good position  
for early appointment. I will, of course, do  
everything possible for him.

With kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,

*Samuel F. David*

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE

SFD/k

ARTHUR P. KORACH  
200 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK 10, N.Y.

December 19, 1950

Dr. A.H. Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road and E. 105th St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor:

My sisters, Mrs. David G. Skall and Mrs. Alfred B. Stotter, and I would like to contribute \$200.00 to be used for the new Museum. We would like this gift to be in memory of our Father, Sigmund Korach, and also in honor of our Mother's 70th birthday.

You will receive this donation shortly after the first of the year.

I want to tell you how much I enjoyed your sermon Sunday morning, and if you have any extra copies I would greatly appreciate your sending several of them to me.

Looking forward to seeing you in the near future.

Sincerely,



APK/sd

December 19, 1950

Mr. Ben Brown  
3290 Warrensville Center Road  
Cleveland 22, Ohio

My dear Mr. Brown:

Thank you for your kind note and for the check which you enclosed. In accordance with my practice, I shall place it in a small charity fund which I use from time to time.

With all good wishes to you and to the Rosen family, I am

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

December 19, 1950

Mr. Isadore M. Freilich  
11805 Tuscora Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Freilich:

I enclose herewith copy of a letter to Mr. Samuel David in response to my letter to him. I hope that your appointment will come through in the very near future.

With all good wishes to you, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er  
Enc.

December 19, 1950

Mr. J. Weingarten  
600 Lockwood Drive  
Houston, Texas

My dear Friend:

Your lovely box of fruit has just arrived, and I hasten to thank you for your thoughtfulness. I know that we shall all enjoy it.

I trust that you are well and that you will be coming East one of these days so that I shall have an opportunity of thanking you in person for your kindness.

With all good wishes to you for a very Happy New Year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

J. Goldblatt

505 W; 183 St.

New York 33. N.Y.

N.Y.

12.20.50

Dear Mrs. A.M. Silver or

I am writing to you, since after  
being addressed 2 letters to your car.  
husband and having remained without  
reply I now tend to think that Rabbi  
Silver has not received them.

My wife, nie Rose Mickin, would  
never forgive me - nor for that could I  
forgive myself - were I not to try my  
utmost to communicate to you her  
affection, her thanks and appreciation

for your generous gift to our wedding  
and her kindest wishes for you and  
your est. husband's well being.

Lending these previously mentioned  
letters to Rabbi Aba Hillel Silver I  
cherished the hope to see him on an  
occasional visit of his to New York. -  
Since I shall be returning during  
the first week of January 1951 - may  
I again express that hope?

I am looking forward to hear  
from you and Uman, with Rosa's and  
my own best regards.

Sincerely yours

Feldman

THE ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF ISRAEL PIONEERS

by David Tidhar, New York

December 20, 1950  
271 Central Park West  
New York 24, N. Y.

Mr. David Tidhar, author and publisher of THE ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF ISRAEL PIONEERS, has come to this country with several hundred sets of his publication, in order to secure funds through their sale for the purchase of paper and other expenses in connection with the issuance of the remaining volumes of the series. This ENCYCLOPAEDIA is in Hebrew, handsomely printed and illustrated, and is a monumental contribution to contemporary Jewish history. It is indispensable for every library, whether personal, in a synagogue, a Jewish center, a university, a home, or a city institution. It has the commendation of Israel's leaders, including Prime Minister Ben Gurion. It has already been purchased by a number of the foremost personalities in American Jewry.

We are writing to inquire whether we can have your cooperation in this matter. Each volume costs \$10 a copy, and the set of four, at present available, \$40; the complete series of ten, \$100. Would you care to take a set for your own Library and arrange also for the purchase of a set for at least one other, to be sent to any recipient you may designate? Moreover, could you speak to persons in your community who by their gifts would make possible the sending of a set to the universities in your area, as an indication of the literary contributions of Israel?

Mr. Tidhar is one of Israel's outstanding men, and amply merits our cooperation in this country. We earnestly hope you will wish to send your check to us in accordance with the circular we are enclosing. Please make out checks to Mr. David Tidhar, and send them c/o Louis I. Newman, 271 Central Park West, New York 24, N.Y. The volumes will be sent you on receipt of your check. Thanking you in advance for your helpfulness, we are

Sincerely,

Rabbi Louis I. Newman  
Prof. Pinkhos Churgin  
Dr. Azriel Eisenberg  
Rabbi Leo Jung  
Rabbi Theodore N. Lewis  
Prof. A. S. Yahuda

December 21, 1950

Mrs. Michael Klein  
11611 Tuscora Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Klein:

Upon my return from New York, I learned of the passing of your beloved husband, and I hasten to extend to you my sincere condolences in which Mrs. Silver joins me. I regret that I was unable to attend the funeral service, but I am sure that Rabbi Stone conveyed to you the deep sympathies of The Temple, its Board and its members, as well as my own.

Mr. Klein rendered many years of faithful service to our Temple and he had a host of friends in our fellowship. The knowledge of his death will bring a sense of sorrow to them. I pray that you may find strength in your bereavement, and that you will be comforted.

Hoping that I may see you in the near future, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

INVOICE No 11134

# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42nd STREET • NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

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

Date December 21, 1950

Order No. \_\_\_\_\_

ZOA Req. No. J 233

Dept. Accounting

TWA Bill of 11/30/50

Travel - Dr. A.H. Silver

10/25/50 - New York to Cleveland  
10/7/50 - New York to Cleveland  
10/2/50 - Norfolk to New York

28.87  
28.87  
25.36

\$83.10

CLEARANCE

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA  
AND RETURN COPY OF BILL WITH YOUR REMITTANCE

December 26, 1950

Zionist Organization of America  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, New York

Gentlemen;

I believe there must be some error with reference to the enclosed. Dr. Silver was not out of Cleveland on October 2nd or 7th; his trip on the 25th was in connection with the Congress Affairs Committee of the Z.O.A. I note, too, that this is a TWA bill. Dr. Silver always flies United Air Lines.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

December 26, 1950

Mr. Arthur P. Korach  
290 Fifth Avenue  
New York 10, New York

My dear Arthur:

I was very happy to receive your letter of December 19th, and I want to thank you and through you, your sisters for the generous gift of \$200 to The Temple Museum in memory of your dear father and in honor of your mother's 70th birthday. The officers and members of The Temple are grateful to you for your thoughtfulness, and I need not tell you that I personally am very appreciative.

It was a beautiful and memorable evening - the occasion of your mother's birthday party, and both Mrs. Silver and I shall long remember it for the warmth and happiness of the family reunion. I was delighted to see your mother looking so well and feeling so well.

I am sending you herewith a few copies of the address which you requested. It is just off the press.

With all good wishes to you, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er  
Encs.

December 26, 1950

Mr. J. Eldsott  
505 West 183 Street  
New York 33, New York

My dear Friend;

I regret that I have been unable to communicate with you. I have been away from the city a great deal of the time and my correspondence has lagged. I do hope that I shall have the pleasure of seeing you before you leave. I hope to be in New York on January 4th for one day, stopping at the Ritz Carlton Hotel. If you are still in the city at that time, please telephone me and we shall make an appointment to see each other. If you leave before then, please take with you my sincere good wishes and remember me to your dear wife, for whom both Mrs. Silver and I have the highest regard and warmest affection.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

# Beth Zion Temple

700 Indiana Street

JOHNSTOWN, PA.

H. Goren Perelmutter, Rabbi  
Manfred F. Kuttner, Cantor

Dr. Louis A. Finkelstein, President

Dec. 26, 1950

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I cannot resist the temptation of sending on to you this little gem which deserves to be added to the archives of Silveriana. Maybe it should be filed under the sub-heading "Derlebbt!"

This past ~~past~~ week-end at an NFTY Youth Conference on the HUC Campus, Rabbi Cook happened to be chatting with a young delegate from the Ohio Valley region, and in the course of the conversation, he mentioned your name.

Said the bright young lassie to whom he was speaking: "Abba Hillel Silver? Oh, is that ~~Benny~~ the father of Danny Silver?"

With all good wishes,

Cordially,

*H. Goren Perelmutter*

H. Goren Perelmutter

*which I  
he intended  
to send*

December 27, 1950

Dr. Morton J. Robbins  
273 Main Street  
Nashua, New Hampshire

My dear Friend:

I appreciate very much your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of the letter which you received from your friend in Israel. I read it with great interest indeed. I have heard from quite a number of our friends in Israel that they would like to have me come over. I am myself eager to revisit Israel since I have not been there for some time now. Perhaps I shall be able to arrange things here so that I might be free to get away before very long.

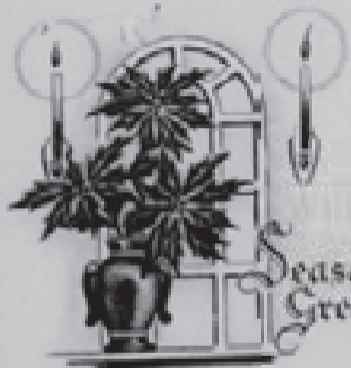
With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILIEL SILVER

AHS:er  
Enc.

December 28, 1950



Season's  
Greetings

Happy New Year  
L. L. L.

December 28, 1950

Mr. Joseph W. Greenleaf  
312 Hawthorne Terrace  
Mt. Vernon, New York

My dear Joe:

I received this morning your lovely gift of a desk paper cutter and scissors. It is a beautiful gift and I want to tell you how much I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

I trust that you and your dear ones are well. It is a long time since I have seen you and I hope that I may have the pleasure of seeing you in the very near future. In the meantime, please accept my warmest good wishes for the coming year.

Most cordially yours,

ARBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

December 28, 1950

Rabbi H. Goren Perelmuter  
Beth Zion Temple  
700 Indiana Street  
Johnstown, Pennsylvania

My dear Rabbi Perelmuter:

Thank you so much for your lovely note. I am sure that you must realize how much pleasure it afforded me. Nothing could please the heart of a father more.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILIEL SILVER

AHS:er

MORRIS SAKS

3504 Bendemeer Road

Cleveland 18, Ohio

Yellowstone 1511

Dec. 28/50

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

I am informed that  
one of the programs close to  
your heart is the Museum  
Collection of The Temple.

I would indeed appreciate your adding the enclosed check to the Museum Fund, so that I might help in this undertaking.

Sincerely  
Morris Saks

December 29, 1950

Rabbi and Mrs. Paul Corin  
560 Trinity  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

My dear Friends;

It was indeed thoughtful of you to send us the lovely silver candy dish, and Mrs. Silver joins me in expressing our deep appreciation to you both. I know that we shall enjoy using it in our home.

Thank you, too, for the beautiful words expressed in your card. It was a great pleasure to me to have officiated at your wedding.

With all good wishes to you both, I am

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

HERMAN P. SCHARF  
12467 CEDAR ROAD  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

12/30/50

Dear Doctor Silver -

It has been my pleasure  
through the years to hear you make many  
fine addresses - but the best of all, by  
far, was your magnificent sermon of today -  
"Taking Stock Of 1950".

What you said - particularly  
of our foreign policy - needed saying so  
badly - and I greatly admired and silently  
applauded your courage in speaking out  
when so many others holding similar  
views were too intimidated to do so.

HERMAN P. SCHARF  
12467 CEDAR ROAD  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

I only wish your address had gone  
out on a national network - that  
every natural man and woman in  
America might have heard your  
appeal to sanity and reason. Perhaps  
something can be worked out to give  
wider scope to your magnificent address.

Thanks you! God bless you!

And may the New Year bring good health  
and happiness to you and your family -  
and a return of sanity and peace to  
our beloved country. Sincerely  
Herman P. Scharf

December 1950

MORTON J. ROBBINS, M.D.  
873 MAIN STREET  
NASHUA, NEW HAMPSHIRE

דער דאקטאר, גוטע נאכט

אירע שטימונג, דאס האט זיך געווען, ווי אזוי האט ער זיך געפילט!

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