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THE SALONS

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
THE TEMPLE
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your letter meant a great deal to Joel. We, too, appreciate it more than I can tell you.

It seems that at this stage of his illness, he needs spiritual uplift more than anything. The Lutheran (Missouri Synod) Chaplain comes in daily but not the Jewish Chaplain. He probably is ill himself.

If, by any chance, you should have ten minutes to peep into Joel's room when you are in Washington, I believe it would mean a great deal to him, to the Greens and to us.

Again, our appreciation for taking time out of a very busy schedule to write Joel.

Sincerely yours,

Eva and "Nate" Salon

Dr. & Mrs. N.L. Salon

P.S. Did Aunt Sadie tell you that we heard your son preach the last time we were in Cincinnati. We usually manage to go to services at the Chapel at H.U.C. when we are there.

He is a fine young man--you must be very proud of him.

Our best to Mrs. Silver and your boys

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Wm. Aron
894 Riverside Drive
New York, 32, New York City

Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I should like to have your kind
reply regarding the following matter:

The HEBREW UNION COLLEGE MONTHLY,
of 1914, includes an editorial "In Defense of
Spinoza". Inasmuch as you have been the editor
of the said monthly, I wonder whether you have been
the author of the said editorial? Your few lines
which refer in that editorial to the "STUPENDOUS
WORK of CONSTANTIN BRUNNER, "DIE LEHRE VON DEN
GEISTIGEN UND VOM VOLKE", are of importance to my
work regarding a first biography and bibliography
of Brunner and his works. Please let me know whether
you have written otherwise on Brunner.

Respectfully yours,

W. Aron

אלא האנשים האלהים אשר בזה
 שנת אשכול בקטעיהם הן העשר שנה
 היוהם של כלום אלה והכלל - השנה
 אמן מן ה' אלהים, אלו הכולה הנמצא כח
 מאלו מאלו אנוסיה ה' = האלמו. אף-א-בי-בן
 כלל וכן אהאמן בי צדק אלה, צד סילגה הוקה
 ומלוא הד גלגלה, אהמנה הספלה - המצוי אלו
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Dear Rabbi Silver -

I read with great joy of
your return from Israel. I
have wanted to write to you
for several months.

Your great interest in the
Genocide Convention and your
endeavors to secure its
ratification are well known.
I think perhaps, you will
agree that the majority of the
Jewish organizations have not
done a sufficiently good job
with the Senate in this matter.
On the other hand, I hear from
an authoritative source, that the
State Department is in
agreement with the British
Government not to ratify

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the Genocide Convention and
to let it go by default. As
you know, the British have
fought the Convention con-
sistently in the U.N.

I am convinced that only
a man of your stature,
courage and vision can break
the deadlock on this vital
issue. The Jews of America
cannot afford the shame of
helplessness in this matter. You
were so successful in obtaining
American decision for the
creation of the State of Israel,
for which every Jew throughout
the world, is grateful. If you
renew, promptly, American

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ratification of The Genocide Convention, you will earn the lasting indebtedness not only of your fellow Jews but all persecuted peoples known to the world.

Would you be kind enough to let me know at your earliest opportunity, what you can do to help, before the Senate starts packing for home?

Please don't think it presumptuous on my part to write to you. I am so deeply concerned - and disturbed.

Most cordially,
Elsa R. Tow
(Mrs. Abraham Tow)

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Mrs. Reuben Glickman
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

Dear Sir:

As secretary of The Women's Group
for Jewish Rehabilitation I was
authorized to convey our appreciation
of your Sunday broadcasts in regard
to world peace.

As Jewish women and mothers we
are grateful to you for your courageous
approach on this most burning issue
of our day.

We want you to know that we
are fully in accord with your views.

Please feel free to call on us,
if you think a small group
as ours can do anything to further
the cause of peace.

Sincerely

Mrs R. Shickman



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SATURDAY

Dear Abby -

Mollie and I are on our way back to my. from Los Angeles where we went special ^{attached} to their annual Brandeis Dinner. We are making a brief stop in Oberlin just to say hello to our son.

Being so close to Cleveland it is only natural that I should think of you. I am therefore taking the liberty to impose on your time and to burden you with a few impressions about Brandeis in its Los Angeles habitat.

Shlomo Bardini has often described to me in the most glorious terms the effect of Brandeis on the L.A. Community but I was inclining to accuse him of exaggeration - until I saw with my own eyes. And that I saw there told promise and meaning for every American Jewish Community. That's why I think you will find interest in my impressions and that's why I decided to share them with you.

The Dinner was held at the Ambassador Hotel where some 700 people were crowded in. The attendance was limited only by the walls of the hall, and hundreds of would be guests were turned away for lack of physical facilities. The people who were there made up the finest who is who of the Jewish Community of L.A. and Evident. This was no place where people came or stayed away because of their particular ideologies.

And what leadership Brandeis has attracted to its fold. The very top in the Community. Men like Louis Boyas, Yolande Markson, Julius Hegelman and their wives have become Brandeis zealots and have given unstintingly of their time, energy and substance. At this point I cannot help picking out for special mention Mrs. Louis Boyas. She is an invalid and is bedridden part of the time. But she is all soul and devotion. From her bedside she ran a good part of the show, calling people, giving direction and doing it practically around the clock.

I also like the way they do things in L.A. All the pledges were gotten in advance - over \$100 - so that the dinner was merely

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a get together for those who gave. There was an air of complete informality at the Dinner. No lais or Special tables for the top Echelon - not even a Special table for the Chairman. Even husband & wife were often separated to improve the jumbling up process.

And what a unique program. No outside talents and no celebrated speakers. Max Helfman and the Brandeis boys and girls furnished the artistic part of the program which was on the highest level of Jewish art. A new type of *Yiddish* which contained some finer musical touches. A Skit about a Jewish girl resisting her parents' pleas to go to Brandeis Camp "because it is too Jewish" and the Metamorphosis that takes place after a short sojourn in Camp - all this to the beautiful echoes of typical Brandeis singing and dancing. A beautiful extravaganza based on Bialik's lofty poems *Yiddish*. A talk by a very intelligent boy who attended Brandeis Camp (his mother is gentile) and

and who 4pounded on what Brandeis did for him. Last but not least a short talk by Yaland Markson on what Brandeis means to the youth of America, which impressed everybody with its sincerity and clarity.

The day following the Duquesne was devoted in its entirety to a business session of the Brandeis Board. Picture these people of affairs who are often hard to reach on the telephone giving an entire business day to discussing future plans of Brandeis. and these plans are not limited by local or parochial considerations. They are as wide and as deep as the whole problem of Jewish Survival in America. They include a plan for an annual round Institute to experiment with Jewish living and to develop the highest type of youth leadership.

I am convinced that something new is being fashioned here which holds the secret to Jewish Survival and which will negate the theories of the negators of Galuth. It is being done in the crucible of trial and error and is not fettered by inherited ideas and beliefs.

It offers a challenge to every Jewish Community and every Jewish leader in America which cannot be ignored.

Mallie and Morris join me in sending our warmest regards to you and Virginia.
Abe Goodman

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מנחם ריבולוב, עורך

יום ה', 13 במארטש, 1952.

ד"ר אבא הלל פילדור היקר,

שמחתי לשמוע שנתח ידך לחברינו שבעירך בהוצאת גליון-קליוולאנד של "הדואר". יודע אני שבזכותך, ובכח השפעתך, תקל עליהם העבודה, ויזכו להגיע להצלחה.

לפי דעתי יהיה בו בגליון זה לא רק משום תרומה לתנועה ולעיתונות העברית פה. כי אם גם לחקר חיי ישראל בעולם החדש ולעריכת דמותה ותפיסת מהותה של אחת הקהילות הגדולות והחשובות ביותר שבארצות-הברית.

יש בדעתנו לתת בגליון הזה מאמרים ומחקרים, שיסקרו וישקפו את חיי קליוולאנד היהודית, לכל גילוייה וגווניה: את חברות הצדקה, את מוסדות החינוך והתרבות, את התנועות הרוחניות והחברתיות, הדתיות והלאומיות התוססות בה, ונותנות לה פרצוף-פנים משלה.

ומאוד, מאוד הייתי רוצה שגם אתה תשתתף בו בגליון זה במאמר משלך.

לתגובתך ולתשובתך אצפה.

שלך,

ביקר,

מנחם ריבולוב

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... the incisive, absorbing critique of the specious reasoning of a Jew who has been converted to Catholicism

EPISTLE to AN APOSTATE

BY BERNARD HELLER

With an Epilogue by Pierre Van Paassen

Under the direction of a very able and ingenious prelate, The Roman Church has stepped up its campaign to induce Jews to adopt the Catholic religion. Tracts are written specifically for Jews and a series of articles and books have been published narrating "The Pilgrimage from the Synagogue to the Church" by Jewish converts. The most recent of such accounts has been Karl Stern's "The Pillar of Fire". This book has been much touted and given the \$5,000 (Catholic) Christopher award.

EPISTLE TO AN APOSTATE by Dr. Bernard Heller is a reply to "The Pillar of Fire". Dr. Heller critically examines the credo of Dr. Stern, who is a teacher of psychiatry at McGill University, and those of other converted Jews. He points out the shallow understanding of Judaism of these writers, their specious reasoning and, above all, their subtle defamations of the faith of Israel. Dr. Heller, in his *EPISTLE TO AN APOSTATE*, expounds the distinctive philosophy of Judaism and shows wherein it differs from the tenets of Christianity and its practical bearing on the everyday life of the faithful Jew.

EPISTLE TO AN APOSTATE is neither an anti-Catholic or anti-Christian book, but Dr. Heller considers it not only his right but his duty to come to the defense of his faith.

The publication of *EPISTLE TO AN APOSTATE* is intended to enlighten but not to counter-proselytize. The author's aims are:

- (1) To announce to missionaries that, while their right to convert Jews is unchallengeable, they will not be exempt from refutations when they indulge in distortions and defamations of Judaism.
- (2) To make available, not only to rabbis, a volume which they can place in the hands of uninformed Jews who are beguiled by the specious reasoning and arguments of the converted individuals, but also to Jews and non-Jews who are interested in having an authentic exposition of Judaism.
- (3) To show non-Jews that, while Judaism and Christianity have many things in common, there are also vital differences between their teachings and outlooks.

Comments on Dr. Heller's New Book

"Dr. Heller has well deserved of Judaism with his 'Epistle to An Apostate' by so forcefully, logically and tactfully challenging the tortuous allegations and subtle half-truths about Jewish religious ways and beliefs. Dr. Stern has met more than his match. It is a fortuitous circumstance that Dr. Heller took up the gauntlet where others did not even see a challenge to Judaism. His learning is overwhelming and I admire his self-control.

"Judaism needs more defenders like Heller."

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