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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

Enclosed you will find a copy of questions and answers in regard to the Indian Jews of Mexico. I had quite a number of additional copies made. If you want to send them to some people who are interested, we will be glad to supply copies to you. Other visitors to Mexico City may care to visit the synagogue, especially for the Sabbath services. They may also wish to contribute to these people to help them carry on their work, which I feel should be supported.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely,

M. A. Kane

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Enc.

MARVIN A. HANE
1666 East 40th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

During my visit to Mexico City on March 2, 1953, I had an interesting experience meeting and talking to the chief of the Indian-Jews of Mexico -

Senor Laureano E. Ramirez
Donceles 98,
Mexico, D. F.
Mexico

I felt this experience would be of interest to others. I asked Senor Ramirez a number of questions to which he replied in writing. The following are the questions asked and Senor Ramirez' answers:

1. Does your synagogue have a Rabbi?
2. If it does have a Rabbi, is he himself of Jewish-Indian lineage?
3. Where did he receive his theological training?
4. How are your services conducted?
5. Does your synagogue conduct a school for the religious education of your children?
6. How many Jewish-Indians are there in Mexico at the present time?
7. Is your synagogue building in Mexico City the only one of its kind for persons of Jewish-Indian stock?
8. When was the Jewish-Indian community of Mexico founded, and what is the history of your people in Mexico?
9. Are the people of the Jewish-Indian community engaged in the same occupations as the general Mexican Communities in which they live or are they in specialized occupations?
10. Is your synagogue a member of the Jewish Community Center in Mexico City which is known as the Comité Central Israelite de Mexico?
11. What prayer book does your congregation use, and is it in Hebrew or Spanish?
12. Was the late President Madero Jewish by religion or just by ethnic background?
13. Is it true that his wife was a practicing Jewess?
14. Are a great majority of your people adherents of Zionism?
15. Please let me have the name and address of your synagogue.

SENOR LAUREANO B. RAMIREZ
Donceles 98,
Mexico, D. F.
Mexico

1. Yes
2. Yes
3. In Mexico City between the years 1917-1922, by a Jewish-Spanish professor, the late Francisco Rivas, a teacher of Greek, Hebrew, Latin and French in the University. He was our first President in our General Committee of Congregation.
4. The services in the synagogue are conducted in both languages, Hebrew and Spanish. All the "Bersjoth" are in Spanish; "Shema" in both languages and chanted with organ music; "Kadish", "Michamocho", "En Keloheno", "Ma Tovu", "Eli Eli", "Yigdal", "Kol Nidre", are chanted in Hebrew with the organ. There are 35 songs in Spanish written by me, but chanted with Hebrew music. These beautiful songs are chanted on high holy days.
5. Our synagogue conducts a school twice a week for religious education of our children. This preparation is in the Spanish language. Besides this education, every child attends Hebrew schools in town.
6. We count at present 3,000 persons in all the Country. We have, in Mexico City, 50 families.
7. In Mexico City is the only synagogue of its kind. In other towns in the country, services are held at private homes.
8. During the penultimate decade of XVI Century, our so much mourned Don Luis de Carvajal y de la Cueva was commissioned in Spain to enforce peace on the natives who were in revolt against the Spanish Crown. These natives lived in a vast zone along the Gulf of Mexico, which comprised the territory from Tampico up to New Orleans. He fought the Indians; he took the children away from their mothers, and their husbands were sent to the South of the country.

It is well known that during the XVI Century, the Israelites were continuously persecuted. Forty-thousand families of the tribe of Juda, and ten-thousand of the Tribe of Benjamin settled in Spain in the times of Adriane, and founded synagogues and magnificent schools in the country which sheltered them, thus contributing to the intellectual development of the Spanish people. The people of this country could hardly be called warriors and had consequently even forgotten the use of weapons.

The envy and selfishness of the Roman-Catholics soon plotted nigh the throne of Fernando and Isabel, and obtained from the Spanish Court, the publication of the famous Decree of March 31, 1492. Said Decree warned the Israelite families to abandon the kingdom immediately and intensified the persecution in such a way that the expelled people from Spain could not enter the territory of the Indies without previous permission from the high authorities of the Roman Church.

Notwithstanding the difficulties and prohibitions established in New Spain, many Israelite families went to the World of Columbus and there lived an isolated life, hiding their religion, concealing their own relatives and, in many cases, disclaiming their own parents on account of the peculiar conditions prevailing in New Spain.

In 1580 Lorenzo Suarez de Mendoza, Conde de la Coruna was named Viceroy of New Spain. On June 14, 1579 Don Luis de Carvajal de la Cueva was appointed, through a royal decree signed by Felipe II at Toledo, to go to New Spain to appease the aforementioned region which had risen in rebellion. A fleet was therefore ordered by the Catholic King to leave Spain at once, transferring the new Viceroy, accompanied by Don Luis Carvajal de la Cueva.

This brave man, considering that this commission offered him a magnificent opportunity in favor of his persecuted people, obtained from the Spanish authorities, a special permit to transfer one-hundred Israelite families, who did not travel surreptitiously, since they were on the same ship as the Viceroy de Mendoza and Carvajal de la Cueva. The royal decree stated the agreement with the Spanish authorities, that when Carvajal went to New Spain with the one-hundred Israelite families, he found a special territory where the said families would be accommodated. To this effect he was granted an area of 702,244 square kilometers; that is, eight hundred and thirty-eight kilometers on each side. It was Senor Carvajal y de la Cueva's aim that those Israelites who had left Spain should settle down in these lands, since he undoubtedly foresaw the persecution of which his brothers were going to be the object of in some other parts of the planet. He wanted to maintain his people united, providing for them a new way of living that would protect them and contribute to the development of the family of Israel. The area comprised what is now the States of Tamaulipas, Nuevo Leon, Coahuila, part of Zacatecas, part of Durango, northern part of San Luis Potos, Nayarit, Sinaloa, Chihuahua and the State of Texas.

The appointment given by the King of Spain to Senor Carvajal y de la Cueva empowered him to become Governor of the New Kingdom of Leon (the City of Monterrey) and at the same time to name as inheritor whomever he pleased. It must be stated that the one-hundred families who were immediately to be transferred, did not have to prove whether they were Jews or not, or recently converted Moors. This appointment as Governor is strange enough when considering the cruel stubborn times and the fact that one had to deal with such a frantic monarch as Felipe II. In said appointment, it was clearly specified to conduct one-hundred families without proof of whether they were Israelites or not.

Don Luis Carvajal y de la Cueva was born in the year 1537 of Israelite parents, and was a native of Villa de Mogodorio, Portugal, having landed in New Spain for the first time in the year 1567. In fact, it is known that Senor Carvajal came to New Spain several times, therefore, he knew the land where he devoted his life in the breeding of animals in a small ranch near Panuco, Veracruz, by the name of "Santa Lucia".

With a profound knowledge of the place he was going to conquer for his people, and with two-hundred soldiers which were furnished him by the city of Mexico, from Tampico he penetrated the territory he had dreamed of as a land for his brothers of Israel. He went so far in his wanderings as to found the city of Leon, New Cerralvo; then he founded New Almaden, New Monclova in the State of Coahuila, and finally he founded San Luis in commemoration of his birthday in the midst of the jungle of the hot country. The place was later called Monterrey, in honor of the Count of the same name who was viceroy of New Spain.

In all of the aforementioned places he settled Jewish families, for which reason there are, even today, in the northern part of the country, people by the name of Perez, Montemayor, Soriano, Lopez, Moreno, Rodriguez, Carvajal, Luna, Nunez, Trevino, Medina, etc. Diagonde Montemayor was the first mayor Mr. Carvajal named in the city of Monterrey, and he was an Israelite of direct lineage.

When Don Luis de Carvajal y de la Cueva left Spain, his old country, he brought with him nephews and many other relatives. Having left his wife, Guiomar de Rivera, in Seville, he settled his nearest of kin in the City of Panuco, Veracruz.

At this time, and prior to it, there were two merchants living in Mexico City who, upon being informed that Mr. Carvajal's relatives had arrived in Tampico, made haste to go to that city for the purpose of inviting the Carvajal's family to come to Mexico City because of social environment and furthermore, because there was a better guarantee for continuing the practice of their Israelite religion. The Carvajal family consented to move to Mexico City, and very soon Don Luis' two sisters contracted matrimony with said two rich merchants in this Capital. On the occasions of the betrothals and marriages, metropolitan society learned that the family, together with the aforementioned merchants, was Israelite, and immediately denounced them to the Inquisitions Tribunal. The several trials against the Carvajal family are very well known; so much so, that we can say with entire frankness that it amounted to a real tragedy in which the greater part of the members of this unfortunate family lost their lives.

The Governor, Don Luis de Carvajal y de la Cueva had already had some serious difficulties with the viceroy provoked by jurisdictional competence, since Carvajal himself had started a suit before the Courts of Mexico.

The Count of la Coruna, Lorenzo Suarez de Mendoza, resentful at having lost the suit Carvajal had brought against him, and taking advantage of the circumstance of denunciation made at the time of the marriage which was celebrated by the Governor's relatives, investigated the genealogy of Carvajal with the help of a Jewish prisoner who had been brought at this time from the Huasteca el Potosi, and the necessary steps were taken to have the Tribunal receive the official denunciation; it being immediately ordered that a judge set out instantly with one-hundred and fifty soldiers to seize the Governor of the New Kingdom of Leon on the charge of being "judaizers". It was known that Don Luis de Cervajal was in Tampico, instructing the Israelites as to what they should do in the event that he be seized by order of the Tribunal of the Holy Office. These instructions, in as far as we know about them from tradition, were that they (the Israelites) should concentrate in Monclova. That is to say, in New Almaden, or finally in Monterrey, because in these two places Don Luis had the most friends and, they judged, he would be safer from probable religious persecution.

The judge, with his retinue of soldiers, arrived in the city of Leon (Cerralvo) where the lieutenant Diego de Montamayor received him, and having seen the commissions and the severe order he carried, accompanied the judge and his men to the village of Santiago del Saltillo, and from there, guided by Captain Morlette, they went to the village of New Almaden (Monclova) where they found Mr. Carvajal y de la Cueva who, upon being informed of the order of which they were bearers, allowed himself to be seized. He was then taken to the jail of the court and later to the secret jails of the Inquisition of Mexico. A long trial, accompanied by torture, condemned him to six years banishment from the Indies, but he could not leave because of another trial against him resulting from differences he had with the Viceroy over jurisdiction. He was condemned on the 24th of February, 1590, and the possessions of his sisters, nephews and other relatives were all confiscated. He died of grief while still in jail.

Another trial was instituted against Carvajal's nephew, also named Luis de Cervajal, charging him and all his relatives with being backsliders, and delivering him and them to the stake. We venerate Luis de Cervajal (the younger) as the first martyr in America. His memory is sacred to us even to this day, and we believe that eternal honor and glory are his for having died in the glorious faith of Adonai.

After the imprisonment of Carvajal y de la Cueva, the Jews of Panuco, Tampico, some places in Tamaulipas, sought refuge in the city of Monterrey in accordance with the instructions of their chief. Almost all of them changed their names to evade, in this manner, persecution from the Tribunal of the Inquisition, but in spite of these measures the number of these tried was one-hundred and twenty. Very soon the settlers of the New Kingdom of Leon, New Almaden (Monclova), Ciudad de Leon (Cerralvo) abandoned their lands, and most of them found generous refuge in the city of Saltillo, Coahuila, but the Inquisition, in its work of persecution, found them even there, whence they headed toward the river "El Salado" lead by Castano de Sosa.

They then followed the "Los Cedritos" river until they reached the great cities such as Aguascalientes, San Luis Potosi, Guadalajara, Morelia and some others in the South, touching in their voyage the principal gold mines. In said places they settled for a long time.

There exists the special circumstance that in those places that Don Luis de Carvajal pacified, many of the aborigens became converts to Judaism, thus engrossing the families and forming the different communities in the places where they found themselves.

Another special circumstance which exists is that after having dispersed from the places where they lived so long, we gradually find that it was necessary that new routes be followed in order to evade the persecution of the Tribunal of the Inquisition. One of the measures adopted and which yielded magnificent results was to arrive at the larger towns passing as Christians, attending Mass every Sunday, and some of them had to appear to be such thorough Christians as to receive Holy Communion from the hands of the Catholic Priests.

After the Inquisition was ended by decree in 1821, on the occasion of the consumation of Independence, the descendants who had kept the faith in spite of the thousands and thousands of persecutions, started to organize each Saturday, the former gatherings to extol the Creator of the universe, only God of Abraham, Isaac and of Jacob, and again they were persecuted without anyone being held to an inquisitional trial or his case being consigned to any competent authority. Under these conditions this period became completely unfavorable because the victims were deprived of life, and their women and children were delivered to Roman Church elements to be indoctrinated in the ways of Christianity. It is a truly difficult task to find out exactly how our people lived and how they developed later their stay in larger cities. The general condition of the country made them adopt in the different groups, some special measures in their faith, in the training of their children, some special proceedings in their private life and some peculiar manners in their exterior life. The fact is that, in spite of the difficulties, in spite of all their persecutions, in spite of all the debasement to which they were subjected, the descendants of Israel conserved more than vestiges of the religion of our forebearers. The language (Hebrew) was lost because of the poverty to which the group was subjected, being reduced to an infinitesimal number and placing it in the lowest social condition.

Our luck changed in the last 40 years, helping the revolution headed by one of our brothers, Don Francisco I. Madero, the magnificent contingent to the revolutionary forces given by our group, moved the directors of revolution toward the expedition of laws which should effectively bring out the liberty of conscience which had been proclaimed by the President of the Republic, Benito Juarez, in 1857.

In 1830 they called a general meeting with a good part of their members. This meeting was held in Mexico City. In that assembly was discussed a kind of platform which was submitted to the liberal government of that epoch, in such platform they proposed to the Federal Government, freedom of conscience, freedom of speech, civil marriage and some guaranties in penal proceedings. When the catholic people knew all about the decisions of such convention, they said that our people were "crazy". In spite of such things they met again in 1833, elevating their petitions to Federal Congress, and in 1857 they obtained all that they had been asking before. Until today, these high principles are in our Federal Constitution of the Country. We consider this task as an inheritance from our forefathers to the Mexican people.

For the past 95 years our fathers have been suffering to obtain a complete organization of all our people in different parts of the country, having succeeded in the year 1917 in organizing our first committee in Mexico City and having celebrated in the city of Saltillo our first convention honoring the fact that that city sheltered our fathers in the time of trial and pressure. This meeting took place in 1925. We consider Saltillo as a place blessed by the Most High in virtue of having enabled our forefathers to recover, make new decisions to prosecute their pilgrimages through the country, banished from humanity only because they carried within their hearts a jewel a thousand times precious and sublime THE RELIGION OF ISRAEL.

The festivals of Israel, such as New Year's Day, Day of Forgiveness, Sukoth, Purim, Hanuoca, Passover, have been preserved among us with rigorous scrupulousness. We are familiar also with the day of mourning called Tishabeab, though we do not observe it on any determined day because, for us in this country, our "Tishabeab" has not ended and we are mourning in our hearts the blood of our forefathers infamously shed exactly 345 years ago.

In the year 1925 we obtained a lot in Colonia Vallejo. Then we acquired from one of our already deceased sisters, the means to erect the synagogue as it stands today. It is just to say in passing that the condition of the few elements that remain standing need special preparation in the intellectual sense. We lack the indispensable elements to again incorporate them in Israelite life just as it has been in the past. We fight for the present generation, so that we can form them within the grounds of Hebrew philosophy. That is to say, the problems we have upon us are so numerous and so complex that anyone who comes to live among us will be taken aback to think of the enormous load that has been deposited upon our backs by our fathers.

Our general committee is in charge of watching over the moral necessities of our people who are scattered over the various districts of the country. We help them with advice and moral indications, and in our struggle for organization, we stumble against endless obstacles. In spite of everything, we have won so far.

In the last 18 years which have elapsed, we have maintained relations with groups that have been established in this country, even when we have received no moral encouragements from said groups. Nevertheless, the facts regarding our own existence have been publicized by means of radio and the press throughout the world. The consequences are that, while some have admired us, others have criticized our way of being, making demands upon us which we have ignored because of the facts which we have mentioned.

At present we have in our group, Lawyers, Medical Doctors, Public School Teachers and Engineers, besides the young people of whom we expect something in the near future.

9. Our people in the country are small merchants, farmers and cattle raisers.
10. We don't belong to "Comite Central Israelita" and the reasons are in my exposition of question eight.
11. Our prayer book is in both languages, Spanish and Hebrew, according to the custom of the Spanish Jews. It is in one page the Hebrew and in the opposite page the Spanish.
12. The late President Madero was of Jewish ethnic background.
13. Sara Perez, the Madero's widow, is in New York, but we ignore if she is a practicing Jewess.
14. All my people in the country consider the Zionism as our second religion. We know very well the teachings on the matter of Theodore Herzl.
15. The name of our synagogue in Mexico City is a Hebrew name, "Kahal Kadosh Bene Elohim", 254 Caruso Street, Colonia Vallejo, Mexico, D. F.

(signed) Laureano B. Ramirez

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Mr. Milton T. Daus
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My dear Mr. Daus:

Thank you for your letter of April 29th and for the enclosed contribution for funeral services performed on behalf of Isaac Nathan. Please thank the members of Mr. Nathan's family for their thoughtful gift, which I shall, in keeping with my custom, place into a charity fund which I use from time to time.

Very sincerely yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

May 1, 1953

Rabbi J. S. Gallinger
Temple Beth-El
P.O. Box 9
Bessemer, Alabama

My dear Rabbi Gallinger:

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing to me about Elaine Becker who married Roger Bercu and at whose wedding you officiated. I have already had the pleasure of meeting the new Mrs. Bercus, and I am sure that our people will welcome her warmly into our community and that the Bercus will identify themselves actively with the life of the congregation. My son, Daniel, is a close friend of Roger. At the moment, however, he is away - a Chaplain in Japan.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

May 3, 1953

Mr. William A. Ferguson
360 Central Avenue
East Orange, New Jersey

My dear Mr. Ferguson:

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter. I have been away from the city a good deal of the time.

You will find herewith a prayer book which you requested. I trust that you will find much strength and comfort in it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
Enc.

May 3, 1953

Mr. Mesanel Lawkowitz
44, rue de l'Est
Brussels, Belgium

My dear Friend:

I received today the copy of Baba Kama vocalized and translated into Yiddish which you graciously inscribed and sent me. I need not tell you that I appreciate your thoughtfulness in remembering me on my anniversary and in sending me such a lovely gift. I shall find an honored place for it in my library.

Wishing you every success in your fine scholarly undertaking,
I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

May 3, 1953

Congressman George Bender
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

My dear Friend:

I am enclosing a letter from Dr. Salamon Faber, Rabbi of Beth Israel Congregation in Warren, Ohio. It is self-explanatory. I do not know the family, but the case seems to be an appealing one and deserving of help, and I know that Dr. Faber would not have written to me unless he felt that such a request was prompted by humanitarian interest and was justified. Anything that you can do in the matter will, of course, be greatly appreciated.

With warmest regards and hoping to have the pleasure of seeing you before long, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
Enc.

May 3, 1953

Professor Paul Link
Entre Rios 926
Olivos, F.C.M.G.B.M.
Argentina

My dear Professor Link:

Thank you for your kindness in sending me copies of your HAGADA and the BASES DEL JUDAISMO. Under separate cover I am sending you my four volumes, "Messianic Speculations in Israel", "Religion in a Changing World", "Vision and Victory", and "World Crisis and Jewish Survival".

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

May 3, 1953

Rabbi Salomon Faber
Beth Israel Congregation
2138 East Market Street
Warren, Ohio

My dear Friend:

In reply to your letter of April 17th, I have written to Representative George Bender, and I am sure that he will investigate the matter.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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May 3, 1953

Mr. Isaac Evans
Master Mechanics Company
2097 Columbus Road
Cleveland 13, Ohio

My dear Friend;

Please pardon the delay in answering your kind letter. I have been away from the city a good deal of the time and my correspondence has lagged.

I want to thank you for the interesting photographs which you sent me. I shall be very pleased to receive the master record of your WMAR recording. I did not personally see the article about you which appeared in LOOK magazine, but friends have told me about it and I was very happy to hear of your recognition which your fine work so richly deserves.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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May 6, 1953

Mrs. Helen Allen
4101 Indian Creek Drive
Miami Beach, Florida

Dear Mrs. Allen:

Maxine Levin just telephoned me this morning to give me the information concerning the lovely manuscript which you sent to The Temple some time ago via Mr. Meshorer. She told me that it is given in memory of your parents, Joseph and Jennie Goodman. I am glad to have the correct information concerning it, and I shall appreciate any further information that you can give us concerning the origin of the manuscript, its age, etc. The Temple wishes to express to you its deep appreciation for this lovely gift.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Elisabeth Rice
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

May 6, 1953

Mr. Joe B. Bloomfield
3171 Indlow Road
Cleveland 20, Ohio

My dear Joe:

Please extend to all of the members of your family my profound appreciation for your generous gift. In keeping with my practice, I shall place it into a fund which I use from time to time for worthy charitable purposes.

I am glad that I was able to be of some assistance to you, even though the occasion was a very sad one. Please remember me to all of your brothers and sisters, as well as to Mrs. Bloomfield and Ted. I trust that you will all find comfort in the days to come.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Zach Gellman (or Zechariah Gellman) of Charleston, South Carolina, son of our beloved and mutual friend, Mr. Leon Gellman, has been proposed for quite an important position with the United States government.

When he presented his credentials and references and upon indication that he is a graduate of Yeshiva University and served for some time as a rabbi, they inquired of him as to whether he knows Dr. Abba Hillel Silver. He stated - and I have seen it thus officially recorded in the record - that while he is not personally acquainted with Dr. Silver, the latter has been a dear friend of his father, President of the Mizrachi Organization of America since 1935.

It is very possible that they may inquire of you as to whether this fact is correct, and I hope that the name Zach or Zechariah Gellman will not puzzle you and that you will be good enough to indicate what is the fact, namely that you have been associated with Mr. Leon Gellman, the father, in Zionist work.

Mr. Leon Gellman, as you well know, sacrificed a great deal of his personal comfort and material interest, by settling in Israel and giving of his leadership there and I have a feeling that we ought to try to help in such family matters as he would have well been able to handle it himself were he to remain here.

Thanking you wholeheartedly for your cooperation and with kindest regards and best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Mordecai Kirschblum
President

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EDWARD KAUFMANN

ATTORNEY AT LAW
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May 7, 1953

Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
105 East and Anselm Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

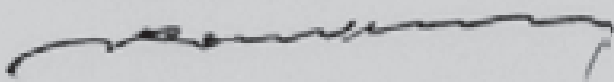
I take the liberty of sending you the American German edition of my book "OH HOERE". This form had to be selected in order to assure the copyright protection in the U.S.A. The book will be published in Austria and the translation into English will follow.

It would be of unestimable value to me to learn your personal impression of the book.

With friendly good greetings ,

I am

Very sincerely yours



DR. GISELLA PERL
890 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK 21, N. Y.
—
BUTTERFIELD 8-5452

May 7, 1953

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I hope you have read my book, and through my book came a little closer to me and our cause. I can assure you that it was a deep experience to meet you. I thank you again for giving me the opportunity.

At your suggestion we wrote to Mr. Max Friedman (president of the Jewish Welfare Committee of Cleveland) for an appointment. However, until today we haven't received any answer. In the meantime our friends in Cleveland are preparing for a big rally because they took our cause to heart. They are very decided to help us build the "Social Center" for the Hungarian Descent Jews who are the last western jews and the most deprived jews in Israel.

I remember how you sympathized with our aim in our conversation, therefore I ask you again to help us by using your valuable influence in obtaining an appointment for us with Mr. Max Friedman.

At this time I would also like to repeat my personal request you open our rally in Cleveland which will take place any time during the end of May or beginning of June that is convenient for you. I hope my request will be fulfilled.

Shalom, with my deepest devotion,

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Gisella Perl

5/10/53

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver-

Dear Sir-

It is with deep gratitude and humbly that I acknowledge receiving the prayer book that I asked for. I fully appreciate, that you are a busy man, hence the delay. It was nice, also, for the inscription you penned inside.

It is just what I wanted. I shall take advantage of its deep meaning and digest it to the best of my ability. May "God," bless your house and give you the strength to continue your good work in a troubled world, torn with strife and needless misery. You are a man of great compassion and fortitude (so I have read and heard)

So - in closing, let me thank

again, for my wife, my son and myself.

Respectfully

William A. Ferguson

360 Central Ave.

East Orange, N. J.



May 12, 1953

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

My dear Maxwell:

I cannot give you any advice about your Pound balances in Israel. I have no debts to pay in Israel at the moment, and therefore, I am unable to use your Pounds there. Perhaps you can find some people in New York connected with the Zionist Organization who may help you in this regard. I think the quicker you convert your Pounds into something substantial in Israel, the less will be your losses.

We are all well. We have been hearing regularly from Dan who is in Japan, and from Raphael who is finishing his work at the Harvard Business School. I am sorry that I did not get a chance to see more of you on the occasion of the Union Convention. Perhaps we shall see each other before long on my next visit to New York.

With all good wishes to you and Jane in which Virginia joins me, I remain

~~Respectfully~~ you

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

FRANK FUNKHOUSER

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May 13, 1953

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Jewish Temple
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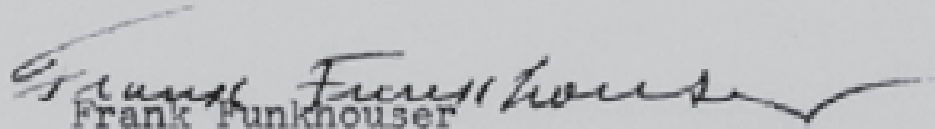
Dear Doctor Silver:

Your remarkable work to make this a better world is appreciated by us all. I wonder how I could get your sermons if you have them printed.

I am president of the Junior Livestock Show of Spokane, thereby coming in contact with the FFA and 4-H Club boys and girls of this great Northwest continually, and can use your sermons to great advantage.

I would appreciate hearing from you.

Respectfully,


Frank Funkhouser

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Calvary Presbyterian Church

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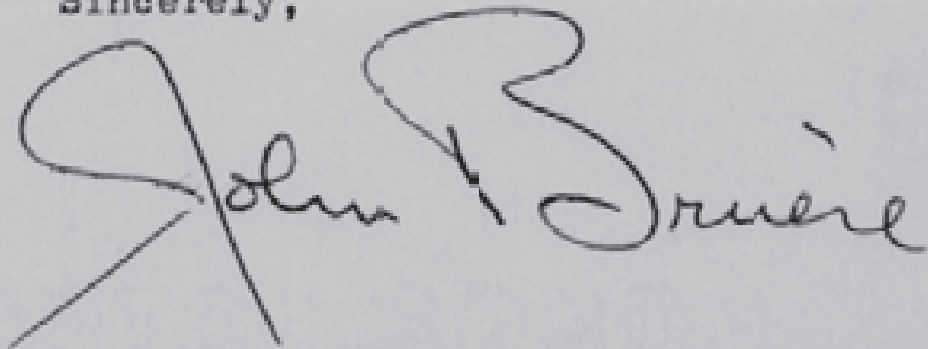
May 14, 1953.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I want to thank you and the Temple for your
generous contribution to the Addison Road YMCA.
Those of us who continue to minister to the inner
city rather than to the suburbs are being welded
into a new and wonderful fellowship in sharing
the responsibility of making of the city of Cleveland
the City of God.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John B. Swine". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "S" and "B".

May 14, 1953

Mr. Marvin A. Kane
1666 East 10th Street
Cleveland 3, Ohio

My dear Marvin:

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of the questions and answers concerning the Indian Jews of Mexico. I am sorry that during my last visit there, I did not have the opportunity of visiting them. I do hope that when I am next in Mexico, this opportunity will not be missed.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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19th May, 1953.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Esq.,
The Temple,
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,
Cleveland 6,
Ohio,
U.S.A.

Dear Sir,

As promised in our letter of 9th April we have now sent you a set of Tawney's Ocean of Story which has just come into stock. We hope it will reach you safely and give satisfaction.

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May 19, 1963

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Weiskopf, 1128 Gufford Drive, Cleveland, Heights, Ohio have applied at this office for a child to care for in their home and have given your name as reference. We are, therefore, writing for information regarding this couple and the type of home they maintain.

Any information you may be able to give us that will help us to evaluate Mr. and Mrs. Weiskopf as prospective foster parents and their home as a possible foster home, will be appreciated and held in confidence.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

ERIE COUNTY INSTITUTION DISTRICT

Gladys F. Lund

(Mrs.) Gladys F. Lund, Supervisor
Children's Division

gfl/k

May 19, 1953

My dear Rabbi Silver:

In this letter I shall try to state as briefly as I can my need for seeing you. I am well aware of the fact that you cannot be concerned with the problems of each individual in our community. When I called you to make an appointment to see you your secretary stated that due to the fact I was not a member of your congregation it would be almost impossible for me to see you and she further suggested that I write to you, consequently here is that letter.

Ever since I was a very small child whenever I heard the name Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver mentioned it was with high esteem and much respect. It is no secret to anyone what a great man you are. Even those who are not a part of your congregation. One day not too long ago I had occasion to be in the Wade Park Manor and as I glanced across the room I saw you sitting there in the dining room. My Mother saw you too and she looked at me and said "My dear, there is a wise man, God bless him." It was then I decided if anyone could guide my unsteady hand it would be you.

About six months ago I was married in a Civil Ceremony. My husband was on furlough and we had so little time we thought it best to elope. But when we returned home my Parents were so hurt that we were married again four days later by a Rabbi. When I was taking my religious vows I looked at the Rabbi and hoped he hadn't guessed how unsure I was as I said-I do. Mine was a "hurried wartime marriage." Three days later my husband left for Korea. It has been six months now since I promised to love, honor and obey and I am no more sure today than I was then. Perhaps there are others like myself--young women who have disregarded the wise teachings of their Parents only to find themselves confused individuals floundering around in a world of adults.

There is no one to whom I can go for advice. For I don't know what advice I am seeking. I am certain of one thing and one thing only. I don't only want to live with my husband but for him and I cannot do either when I can no longer understand my feelings for him. Perhaps to other people this is just another story of a young girl not taking life as serious as she should but on the contrary, it has become so serious to me that I have sought out the wisest person I have ever known to guide my unsteady hand.

If you cannot find time to see me I shall understand for I know there are many people who need your time much more than I. But if it's at all possible for me to see you it will ease my worried mind a great deal.

Sincerely,

Rhoda Vogel
Rhoda Vogel

4109 Verona Road
South Euclid 21, Ohio

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5/29*

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1953

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at a Reception

in honor of their

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חלשני כי פדיונים באלו פם חלוצים אכן וסלח לו מ
לזלמ זמיר מזה.

הבאנר רב

מ. טאכא
WRHS



May 21, 1953

Mrs. Max Rosen
3290 Warrensville Center
Cleveland 22, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Rosen:

Thank you for your kind note and for the check which you enclosed. In keeping with my practice, I shall place it into a fund which I use from time to time for worthy charitable purposes.

I am glad that I was able to be of some service to you, even though the occasion was a sad one.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

May 22, 1953

Mrs. Rhoda Vogel
1109 Verona Road
South Euclid 21, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Vogel:

Thank you for your letter of May 19th. If you are free to come in next Friday afternoon, May 29th, I shall be able to see you at four o'clock.

Very sincerely yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

May 22, 1953

Mrs. Gladys F. Lund, Supervisor
Children's Division
Erie County Institution District
409 State Street
Erie, Pennsylvania

My dear Mrs. Lund:

In reply to your letter of May 19th regarding Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Weiskopf of this city, they are members of this congregation, and to the best of my knowledge, they maintain a fine reputation in this community and should be able to offer a good home and proper care to any child whom you might place there.

Very sincerely yours,

ABBA HILLEL STIVER

AHS:er

May 22, 1953

Mr. Frank Funkhouser
Old National Bank Building
Spokane 8, Washington

My dear Mr. Funkhouser:

Thank you for your letter of May 13th. I very much appreciate the kind things which you say. I regret that my sermons have not been printed. However, I would refer you to my book, "Religion in a Changing World", published by Richard R. Smith.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILIEL SILVER

AHS:er

May 22, 1953

Mr. Herbert Abrams
3118 Berkshire Road
Cleveland 18, Ohio

My dear Herbert:

Thank you so much for the lovely records which you sent me,
and which I enjoyed listening to. It was indeed thoughtful
of you. I hope that I shall have the pleasure of seeing you
soon so that I may thank you personally.

With warmest regards and all good wishes for a successful
career, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

Mrs. Samuel Ely Liebow
27 Duncan Avenue
Jersey City 4, N. J.

May 25, 1963

Dear Virginia + Abba,

I have received a letter from a man in Israel who is writing on biography of you, Abba. He asks permission to read my book and to use pictures I have. I enclose his letter. If you wish me to give him the information and permission, please let me know. Also, please return his letter.

We are all well here
and hope you are too.

Ely and our family send
our love to you.

Affectionately,

WILLIAM
BESSIE

How is Daniel making
out in Japan? Will
Raphael be home this summer?
we would be glad if you could
visit us this summer in Hunter

Virginia. Thank you very
much for giving Naomi the
bed she needed. It was
a big help to her. I am
sure she will be happy
in her new surroundings.

I hope she gets married
from there!



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

May 25 '53

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Please accept
the enclosed as a small
token of our appreciation
for your words of comfort,
and the gracious manner
in which you helped
us, in our hour of
sorrow.

Gratefully,
The Family of
E. J. Korach

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BERTRAM J. KROHNGOLD

339 ST. CLAIR AVENUE, N.W.

CLEVELAND, OHIO

May 26, 1953

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

My Dear Rabbi:

I must let you know how beautiful and comforting
your words expressed in Walter's eulogy Sunday
were to both the family and myself.

The services were so beautiful, and your eulogy
was so genuine, and so true of Walter. I surely
miss him. Many thanks for your kind and comfort-
ing words.

With all good wishes.

Cordially,

BJK:GE

By

Bert

May 27, 1953

Family of E. J. Korach
c/o Mrs. Sam Bruck
13409 Buckeye Road
Cleveland 20, Ohio

My dear Friends:

Thank you for your kind note and for the check which you enclosed. In keeping with a long-standing custom, I shall place it into a fund which I use from time to time for charitable purposes.

I am glad that I was able to be of service to you even though the occasion was a sad one.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

ERNEST L. KLEIN

221 NORTH LA SALLE STREET · CHICAGO 1, ILLINOIS · FRANKLIN 2-9014

May 28, 1953

Dear Dr. Silver:

Under separate cover, I have had Dr. Philip Warsaw send you a copy of his book "Genesis, Mother of Sciences".

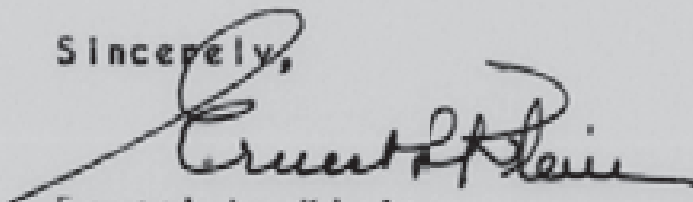
This is a masterly piece from a scientific standpoint. Dr. Warsaw is, I believe, a genius in his particular sphere of understanding.

Obviously the material does not have a general appeal, or comprehension by the average individual. However, I do feel that there is a level of appreciation for this type of writing and it would be good of you if you know of any way of furthering the circulation of the book, to direct your suggestion to Dr. Warsaw. Additional copies may be secured through Dr. Philip Warsaw whose address is -

3745 North Pine Grove Avenue
Chicago 13, Illinois

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Ernest L. Klein

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Boulevard
Shaker Heights, Ohio

May 28, 1953

Mr. Nathan L. Dauby
The May Company
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friend:

I have read in the newspapers that you refuse to celebrate your 80th birthday. I do not blame you. I cannot imagine you as 80, and I conclude that the report is but idle gossip.

I do want you to know, however, that my good wishes are with you at all times, regardless of the calendar. You have meant very much indeed to the life of Cleveland through the years, and I pray that our community may be privileged for many years to come to enjoy your leadership in so many significant fields. Your sound philosophy of life will keep you young, and your good deeds will keep you interested and happy.

Virginia joins me in sending you affectionate greetings and felicitations.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

May 28, 1953

Mr. Ralph Erehngold
339 West St. Clair Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Ralph:

I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing to me. I am happy that I was able to be of service to you and the members of your dear family, even though the occasion was a very sad one. The great outpouring of men and women at your Dad's funeral service was an eloquent tribute to the affection and esteem in which he was held in the community. He has left you a proud heritage of which I am sure you will prove fully worthy in the years to come.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ARBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

RALPH KROHNGOLD
339 WEST ST. CLAIR AVENUE
CLEVELAND, OHIO

May 28, 1953

Dear Rabbi Silver,

For me to put into a written word or group of words the feeling I have regarding your eloquent talk on Sunday is not possible. I am sure you can understand this. I do want you to know that I shall never forget those words - They were, I believe, spoken from your large heart. You gave to us all some amount of comfort which is needed so much. To render a 'thank you' seems so inadequate, but knowing me as well as you do I feel you can read between these lines and understand what is in my heart.

Sincerely

Ralph Krohngold

PROFESSOR PAUL LINK

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May 29, 1953.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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CLEVELAND 6, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

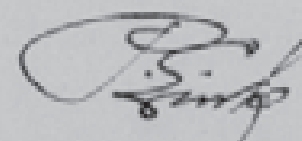
Many many thanks for your thoughtfulness
in sending me your four books which together with your letter of
May 3, have safely arrived.

You have more than retributed the proposed
exchange of books. Please accept as a token of my gratitude a
copy of my MANUAL EXCICLOPEDICO JUDIO which I mailed you with
equal post. I am sure that you will approve of what I wrote
of you on page 319.

If you ever propose to visit this country
consider my house ~~as a~~ ^{your} home for your stay here.

With warmest good wishes, I remain

Yifan, 27 9/1253
Most cordially yours,


Paul Link

New York May 29th 53

Dear Mr. S. Pocr,

First let us say that
we are not trying to convert
you (it's God's work) but
as like Enoch and Elijah
was en-lee-d to be taken
to Heaven at any time
we would love you to
accept this book that
was written by a man
who did love God's
People (Israel) and
pray for them every
day for over 50 years and
is now very much at
Home with a great crowd
of them in Heaven.

Please do us a favor and read this
book. Truly yours
— Quincy. —
A. J. CHOICE
235 West 75th St New York
Apt. 33-3 New York

May 30 - 1953

Dear Rabbi Silver: -

Words of
Thanks are not adequate to
express to you my gratitude.

I want you to know
you have given me courage
and comfort.

I will long remember
your association and
friendship with my beloved
Walter and me,

Gratefully
Ester

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June 2, 1953

Mrs. Walter L. Krohngold
15818 Parkland Drive
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My dear Esther:

I deeply appreciate your gracious note and the generous contribution which you enclosed. I am happy that I was able to be of service to you even though the occasion was such a sad one for everyone. The passing of Walter has been deeply felt in the community, and I have heard from so many sources, expressions of the highest regard and tributes to him.

Virginia joins me in sending you all our good wishes. The contribution which you sent me I shall place in a charity fund which I use from time to time.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

June 2, 1953

Mrs. Samuel Ely Liebow
27 Duncan Avenue
Jersey City 4, New Jersey

My dear Bessie;

Thank you for your note of May 25th. I am returning the letter of Mr. Vinograd. He has been in touch with me about my biography which he has been writing. I have sent him some material myself. He is a reliable man and I think you can give him permission to use some of the material in your book and some of the pictures.

On last Thursday we had a perfectly delightful party to celebrate Irving's 40th birthday. It was a stag party and a host of his friends met for dinner in a downtown restaurant and had a lovely time. Some of the leading men in the medical profession here were present as well as Irving's relatives. I was pleased to see in what high esteem and affection he is held by his colleagues in the community.

Naomi was over for dinner the other day and she looks fine and is very happy with the new apartment into which she has moved. I hope that she will not stay there for long.

Raphael is back home, having finished his studies at Harvard and he will soon start on his business career. We hear good news from Daniel in Japan. He seems to be enjoying his work. Nemen was here the other day and we were delighted to have him for lunch and to get reports about the family.

With love to you and Ely, I remain

As ever,

AHS:er
Enc.

June 2, 1953

Mr. Ernest L. Klein
221 North La Salle Street
Chicago 1, Illinois

My dear Friend:

Thank you for sending me a copy of Dr. Philip Warsaw's book, "Genesis, Mother of Sciences". I hope that I shall find time during the summer to glance through the volume.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

June 2, 1953

Mr. R. J. Chouffet
235 West 75th Street
New York 23, New York

My dear Mr. Chouffet;

Thank you for your note of May 29th and for the book which you sent me. It was kind of you to think of me and I know that I shall read it with a great deal of pleasure and profit.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

June 3, 1953

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am sending you herewith a copy of a letter which I have received from the Bureau of Naval Personnel in reply to my further intercession in behalf of Jerome Kahn.

In view of your interest, I very much regret that my efforts in behalf of this young man and his family have not been successful. I have sent Mrs. Kahn the original of the enclosure, and have sent Rabbi Faber a copy thereof.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

George H. Bender
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June 3rd, 1953

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th and Ansel Road
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Dear Rabbi Silver:-

This Committee has taken upon itself the sponsorship of the sale of the recently published book on the Kabbalah, and has deemed it timely and appropriate to send you a copy of this work; wherein is presented in simple and readable English the basic thought of the Jewish religion.

The publication in England lately of an English translation of the Zohar testifies to the renewed general interest in Jewish mystic lore.

Scholars and all who are interested in the inner significance of the Jewish religion should therefore welcome this systematic outline of the mystical teachings of the Zohar.

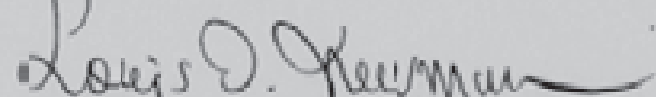
We urge you with all the sincerity at our command to avail yourself of this volume.

Your patronage will not only assist a great scholar in Israel, Rabbi Levi Isaac Krakovsky, who has devoted his life to the study of the Zohar and the Kabbalah and who is in great straits; but will also enable us to bring to light his three other works.

The interest evinced by you toward attainment of this end will be deeply appreciated, not only by us, but by all lovers of Jewish learning and thought.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Louis I. Newman, Rabbi

P.S. Please mail your check payable to

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June 3, 1953

Mr. I. Jack Martin
Senator Taft's Office
U.S. Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Friend:

This will introduce to you a dear friend of mine,
Mr. Robert Morris, who has just returned from Paris
and Rome, where he has done an outstanding job in
very important positions with the M.S.A. He would
like to talk to you and to Senator Taft, and I would
appreciate any courtesies which you might extend to
him.

I trust that you are well and I hope that the Senator
has fully recovered.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
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My dear Mr. Bender:

This is in reply to your letter of 21 May 1953 concerning the discharge by reason of hardship of Jerome Stanley Kahn, Seaman, United States Navy.

Kahn's request for discharge because of hardship was received and carefully reviewed by a Board of Officers established to consider requests of this nature. It was the Board's recommendation that his request be disapproved, which recommendation was approved on 13 March 1953. In view of the additional information furnished with the second application submitted by Kahn, his request was reconsidered and it was the opinion of the of the Board that no change in the original decision was warranted. The Board again recommended, therefore, that his discharge not be authorized and the recommendation was approved. Accordingly, his commanding officer was advised on 6 May 1953.

This case was also carefully reviewed by a Board established to consider requests for shore duty for humanitarian reasons. However, it was not believed that the hardship presented was sufficient to justify such a transfer.

Upon receipt of the additional information forwarded with your letter all facts in this case were again very thoroughly examined by the Board authorized to consider such requests. However, it was again decided that the hardship, as presented, was not sufficient to warrant Kahn's discharge at this time.

In reviewing requests for hardship discharge, the Board must take into consideration numerous factors such as an enlisted person's length of service, rating held, and comparable pay levels in naval and civilian life, as well as the actual hardship the dependents are experiencing because of his absence. Each decision is strictly impartial, based on the facts presented, degree of hardship shown, and the needs of the service.

Since the enclosures to your letter were used in reconsidering this case they will be retained in Kahn's file in the Bureau.

By direction of Chief of Naval Personnel:

Sincerely yours,
/s/ Donald W. Todd
Captain, USN, Director
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Hon. George H. Bender

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Signature of Passenger _____

Date _____

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I declare that I have made true answers to the questions recorded above which were asked in a language understood by me; that my/our condition of health, both physical and mental is good and that I am/we are not otherwise inadmissible to the United States under Section 3 of the U.S. Immigration Laws.

Signature of Passenger _____

Date _____

GUIDANCE ON COMPLETION OF QUESTIONS OVERLEAF

QUESTION 3. Age. The answer in this column should be expressed in years or months, the latter applying only to those under 1 year of age.

QUESTION 5. Married or Single. The answer should be M., married, S, single. All persons presently married to a living spouse will be shown as "M"; all others will be shown as "S".

QUESTION 6. Particulars of Travel Documents. U.S. citizens should state the number of Passport, if any, and (in Question 8) place of birth, showing the city and State or Territory if born in the United States, or city and country if born outside the United States. A national of the United States is a person who though not a citizen, owes permanent allegiance to the United States and persons in this category should indicate that they are U.S. Nationals by the letter "N".

Non-U.S. Citizens—Residents of the United States, should state:—

1. Red Number of Re-Entry Permit issued by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service prior to the passenger's departure from the United States.

2. Returning U.S. residents not possessing Re-Entry Permits should show the Service Number (black) of the Foreign Service Form 256 (Non Quota Visa) issued by the U.S. Consul.

Non-Residents of the United States should state:—

The Service Number (black) of Foreign Service Form 256 (Quota or Non-Quota Visa) or Service Number (red) of the Foreign Service Form 257 issued by the U.S. Consul with Non-Immigrant Visa.

These documents are required to be surrendered by the passenger to the U.S. Immigrant Inspector at port of arrival.

It is important that the date of issue of all the above documents is shown.

Passports of temporary visitors to U.S.A. must be valid for at least sixty days beyond period of intended stay in the United States.

QUESTION 10. Head Tax. Head Tax is not collected from passengers possessing non-immigrant visas under Section 3 (2) who at the time of booking declare definitely that they will remain in the United States less than 60 days.

Such passengers will be interviewed by the United States Immigrant Inspector at the port of arrival to confirm that Head Tax is not to be assessed (his decision being final) and when visitors who have not paid Head Tax are unable to satisfy the Inspector that they intend to depart from the United States within 60 days the Head Tax will be collected at port of arrival and cannot subsequently be refunded even though passengers may ultimately leave the United States before the expiry of the 60 day period.

QUESTIONS 14 & 15. Permanent residence. Actual or an intended residence of one year shall constitute permanent residence. The last country in which passenger resided with the intention of remaining one year or more shall be the last permanent residence regardless of length of actual residence therein.

Country of last permanent residence of aliens who are permanent residents of the United States and are returning from a visit abroad should be recorded United States.

The answer to question 15 shall show the intended future permanent residence. An intended residence of one year shall constitute permanent residence. The entry should show definitely the place city or town of intended future permanent residence, if within the United States; enter name of country only, if outside the United States.

QUESTION 16. Smallpox Vaccination. In reference to this question all passengers are reminded that on arrival in the U.S. from Europe, they must present to the U.S. Health Authorities written and satisfactory evidence of having been vaccinated against smallpox not more than 3 years nor less than 14 days before. Certificate must show that vaccination either was successful or showed immunity. A certificate of "No Reaction" is not acceptable. Possession of the "International Certificate" is recommended.

UNITED STATES LITERACY TEST

United States laws prohibit the entry of any passengers over 16 years of age who are unable to read, with the following exceptions:

United States Citizens and the undernoted relatives, if otherwise admissible, of a United States Citizen, or of a person already legally admitted to the United States:

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Wife
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Daughter, unmarried or widowed

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Undeviatingly he stood by the political vision of Theodor Herzl and was its eloquent spokesman and defender in the national and international assemblies of our movement. In the decisive years which led to the triumph of our case in the United Nations, Neumann was among the key men who planned strategy and tactics both in Flashing Meadow and in Washington. He was the keen analyst, the sound scholar, the gifted draftsman of our vital statements and pronouncements.

To whatever office he was summoned - and he occupied the most exalted and responsible in our movement, whether as president of the Zionist Organization of America, Member of the American Zionist Emergency Council and the Executive of the Jewish Agency or other important commissions or bodies, some of which he himself established - he brought rare gifts of heart and mind, sound judgment, responsibility, courage, and utter selflessness which inspired confidence and built strength for our cause.

It is not given to many lives to be all of one piece as has been the life of Emanuel Neumann, without sharp breaks, detours or sudden shifts and conversions. His was the steady unfoldment of a rich, creative personality around a single, central, dynamic ideal. This ideal still directs his splendid career, for at sixty Neumann - his spirit vibrant, his mind luminous, his enthusiasm undiminished - is still advancing from strength to strength. He is continuing unabated his invaluable services to his people in Israel and to the new tasks of arranging the mosaic of its life in the Diaspora in conformity with the new pattern which the establishment of the state of Israel is steadily evolving.

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June 5th, 1953

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

My dear Rabbi:

As you probably know, Rabbi Gittelschn is accepting the pulpit of Temple Israel in Boston, and we must choose his successor.

Rabbi Albert S. Goldstein is among those who have been recommended to succeed Rabbi Gittelschn, and I am given to understand that you might be in a position to give us some word on the qualifications of Rabbi Goldstein for the consideration of our pulpit committee.

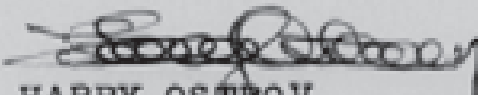
You may rest assured that your statements will be greatly appreciated, and of course, held in confidence.

Please address your reply to Harry Ostrov, 323 Erower Avenue, Rockville Centre, L.I., N.Y.

With word of kind regard, I am

Sincerely yours,

HO:JF


HARRY OSTROV
President

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P.O.B. 1313, Haifa, 18.6.53.

Rabby Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th St.
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Ohio.

Dear Rabby Silver,

I am interested in the National Jewish Post. Would you be good enough to let me know your opinion on the paper, its editor and its contents and, if your opinion should be favourable, to let me know whether I might use your statement for advertising purposes.

At the same time I would like to know (for my own information only) not for advertising purposes:-

- (a) whether you peruse sometimes the free copy of my paper airmailed to you as a birthday gift, (Re 6.3.53 & 11.6.53)
- (b) whether you agree or disagree with the contents and the basic attitude,
- (c) whether you think that circulation of the paper in the U.S.A. should be pushed or whether it affects fund raising etc. too badly.
- (d) Any other comments you might have to make.

Truly yours,

(A.A.)

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

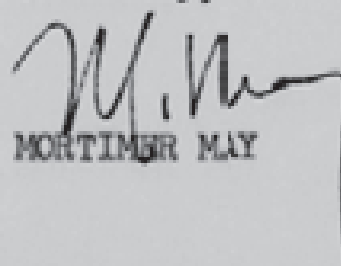
I had a few more stops to make after I left Cleveland and just returned to my desk a few days ago. Among the many pleasant duties I have is that of thanking those who were so kind to Mrs. May and myself when we were in the various communities. Particularly, our visit to Cleveland was made quite enjoyable by the kindnesses that Mrs. Silver and you showed to us.

Since we saw you the meeting of the Actions Committee has, as you know, been postponed until sometime in the fall. I had anticipated that this would probably occur, because it is a rare thing that a meeting is ever held without at least one or two postponements. I would rather be in Israel in any case in the fall. I'm wondering if you are planning to go to Europe this summer and whether you expect to be at the convention in August. I am told that Rabbi Miller plans some changes in the constitution and in the structure of the Regions. I have not heard anything from him personally on this, but some of my friends who attended a recent meeting of the Presidents of Regions told me about this.

As soon as I get something more definite on this, I would like to consult with you to have your opinion. Please let me know what your travel plans are.

Once more, warmest regards and thanks in which Mrs. May joins.

Sincerely,


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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I want to thank you for your very nice letter of congratulations upon my birthday. I thought only the Irish handed out blarney, but I see you do also about my 80th birthday being idle gossip. I also appreciate yours and Mrs. Silver's call last Sunday. It was very nice of you knowing how busy you are.

With kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

Nate
N. L. Dauby

NLD:FCS

June 9, 1953

General and Mrs. Julius Klein
3172 North Sheridan Road
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Friends:

I trust that you will accept my belated felicitations on the occasion of your 25th wedding anniversary. Through some unfortunate oversight, the date of your anniversary escaped me, and it was only upon my return to Cleveland yesterday that I discovered my regrettable failure to remember your anniversary. I am sure, however, that my good wishes coupled with those of Mrs. Silver will be no less welcome although they are belated. I trust that many more years of happiness and well being will be yours, and that you will find rich contentment in life as the years move on.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

June 9, 1953

The Kabbalah Foundation
588 West End Avenue
New York 24, New York

Gentlemen;

We are returning herewith a copy of "Kabbalah" sent to Rabbi Silver by Dr. Louis I. Newman. Rabbi Silver already has a copy of this book in his library, as does The Temple Library.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

June 9, 1953

Congressman George H. Bender
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman Bender:

Thank you for your kind note of June 3rd and for the interest which you took in the case of Seaman Jerome Stanley Kahn.

Trusting that you are well, and with all good wishes I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Abraham Cahane, President of the Tel-Aviv-Jaffa Chamber of Commerce and Vice President of this Chamber, has asked me before his return to Israel to send you a set of pictorial albums that he brought with him from Israel as a gift to you. I trust that these albums are already in your hands and that you will find in this pictorial story of Israel added inspiration for your Zionist work which we in Israel so highly regard.

Mr. Cahane also asked me to inform you briefly of our Chamber, its set-up and purposes. The Chamber was sponsored by the Manufacturers Association, the Chambers of Commerce and The Farmers Federation of Israel and Mr. Joseph Saphir, Minister of Communications, is the Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee in Israel.

In addition to the accepted functions of a bi-national Chamber of Commerce in trade promotion, business information, etc., our Chamber was set up as a result of a desire on the part of the business community and mainly private enterprise in Israel, to implement economic assistance to Israel through a new approach - a business approach which would put stress on production, employment, exports, investments - rather than philanthropic help, which is very important but could never really help Israel to become economically self-supporting.

The Chamber has been established as an American membership association with an American Board of Directors on which certain representation is assured to the Israeli economic organizations. The first members of our Board of Directors and the officers of the Chamber are listed on this letterhead and you will no doubt note that they include Jews and non-Jews alike. While being an independent organization, we maintain the closest possible contact with the Zionist Organization of America, and its national administration has pledged to us its full support.

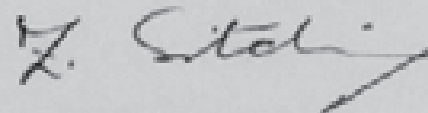
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Knowing how close to your heart are the problems and needs of Israel, I trust that this new effort on the part of private enterprise in Israel will have your interest and blessing.

Respectfully yours,



Z. Sitchin
Executive Secretary

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ד"ר סילבר היקר,

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העברי.

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היהודי לחג יובלך.

אשמח לקבל דברי-אישור שלך על קבלת התעודה.

ואני יוצא מאח פניך בכבוד ובברכה

י. הפסמן
העורך

June 10, 1953

Mr. Harry Ostrov, President
323 Brower Avenue
Rockville Centre, L.I.
New York

My dear Mr. Ostrov:

Replying to your letter of June 5th, I should like to say that I have known Rabbi Albert Goldstein for some years, and I feel that I could recommend him very heartily to your pulpit. He has had a rich experience in the rabbinate and whether in the capacity of preacher, pastor, chaplain or educator, he has evidenced unusual ability and fine qualities of leadership. He is a gifted writer and has worked efficiently with many religious bodies, both Jewish and non-Jewish. He is highly regarded by his colleagues. I have always been impressed by his complete dedication to his calling, his sincerity, and his pleasant way with people.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

June 10, 1953

Mr. Z. Sitchin
American-Israel Chamber of
Commerce and Industry, Inc.
521 Fifth Avenue
New York 17, New York

My dear Mr. Sitchin:

Thank you for your kind letter of June 9th. I have received the set of pictorial albums which Mr. Abraham Cahane has graciously sent as a gift to me. Please convey to him my sincerest thanks for his thoughtfulness and for the beautiful albums. They will make a welcome addition to my library.

I want to thank you for the information which you have given me about the organization of the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry. I have in a way followed up the process of its organization and I am happy that this much-needed agency has now been established and is functioning. I wish you every success.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

HOWARD E. WISE • 16180 ALDERSYDE DRIVE • CLEVELAND 20, OHIO

June 10, 1953

Dear Rabbi Silver;

Little did I think when I asked the executor of my Father's estate to give me the enclosed check, that I would be snarling either you or myself in a bouquet of red tape, but I did want you to know how much his family appreciated the conduct of the service which you so graciously performed.

In view of the legalities, will you please sign the Probate Court Receipt and send to the Cleveland Trust Co. in the enclosed envelope.

Again thanking you,



Sincerely yours,

June 10, 1953

Mr. Ralph Joseph
2839 South Park Blvd.
Cleveland 20, Ohio

My dear Ralph:

I understand that you are leaving town today to make your permanent home in San Francisco. I want to send you this note for two reasons. Soon after the tragic news of the passing of Mary reached me, Mrs. Silver and I tried to contact you at your home, but you were not in. Since then I have been away from the city in connection with Baccalaureate addresses out West. I need not tell you how profoundly shocked and saddened Mrs. Silver and I were and how deeply we sympathize with you in your bereavement. I hope that you will find a measure of comfort in the days to come. Mary was greatly loved and admired by a large circle of friends and her passing will be keenly felt.

I would like you to know that all my good wishes go with you in your new home in San Francisco. I hope that you will find in that fascinating city a pleasant environment and interesting pursuits. Your Dad found much happiness in San Francisco, and I hope that you will, too.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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June 11, 1953

Dr. Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

I've heard so much about the speech you made before the U.N. (which, unfortunately, I missed because I was in Israel at the time) that I wonder whether the speech was ever recorded? If so, could you tell me how I can get a record of it?

Or, if it wasn't recorded, do you happen to have a reprint of it that you could send me? I'd be ever so grateful.

Don't know whether you recall it, but I had the pleasure of spending a very delightful evening with you some years ago in Cleveland at the home of Dr. Emil Brudno.

Sincerely,

J. W. Greenberg
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Cleveland Ohio
June 11, 1953.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your prayers and
Eulogy for our beloved sister
Esther were a great comfort and
consolation to us in our sorrow
and the loss of our dear one
and we deeply appreciate the
loving thoughts that you
expressed.

In appreciation of which,
would you kindly accept this
small token of our gratitude.

The kindness of your visit
with Mrs. Silver meant more to
us than we can express.

Sincerely,

Anne Heiger +
Fannie Grossman

June 12, 1953

Mrs. W. J. Geiger
2412 Euclid Hts. Blvd.
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Geiger:

I am deeply grateful to you and Mrs. Grossman for your kind note of June 11th. I am happy that I was able to be of service to you even though the occasion was a sad one.

Thank you for the check which you enclosed. In keeping with my practice, I shall place it into a fund which I use from time to time for worthy charitable purposes.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

June 12, 1953

Collector of Internal Revenue
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir,

According to my records, a check was sent to you in February of this year for the first installment of my 1953 Estimated Tax in the amount of \$1,586.04. The statement showed a credit of \$913.96 which, deducted from the quarterly payment of \$2,500, left a balance due of \$1,586.04. Accordingly, the unpaid balance is \$7,500 and the second quarter of \$2,500 is now due and I am herewith enclosing my check for this amount.

Very sincerely yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
Enc.

SOLOMON COHEN
ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR
11 WEST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK 36, N. Y.
TELEPHONE LONGACRE 9-8880

June 14, 1953

My dear Abba:-

I just read in the Long Island Jewish Herald, the publication of the Long Island Jewish Review, an excerpt from your address "The American Century" delivered at the Biennial Convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations on April 21st. It is a gem. The words of a prophet.

I had hoped to see you in New York at the Convention but I was then just recuperating from a serious illness. I had been taken to the hospital in a semi-unconscious state toward the end of February and my son Emanuel, the Physician, had to fly in from San Francisco to be at my bedside. Thanks God I am feeling much better now and can tell the story.

Saw Emanuel Neumann last Thursday. He told me he would visit you within a few days. He addressed that day a specially convoked meeting of leading New York Zionists.

SOLOMON COHEN
ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR
11 WEST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK 36, N. Y.
TELEPHONE LONGACRE 5-6880

How are you and Virginia?
How is Daniel faring in the
chaplaincy? And Raphael?

It feels good to be able to
be in communication with
you again. Anna wishes to
be remembered.

As ever yours,
Sol.

June 15, 1953

Mr. Howard E. Wise
16180 Aldersyde Drive
Cleveland 20, Ohio

My dear Howard:

Thank you for your kind note of June 10th and for the enclosure. In keeping with my practice, I shall place your gift into a charity fund which I use from time to time. I was pleased to have been of service to you, to your dear mother and to the other members of your family, even though the occasion was a sad one.

Trusting that you are well and with all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

June 15, 1953

Messrs. Albert & Eugene Goodman
275 East 131 Street
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friends;

Upon my return to the city, I was profoundly shocked to learn of the untimely passing of your brother, Philip, and I want to extend to you my deepest sympathies, in which Mrs. Silver joins me. He was a fine citizen of our community and he will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him. Please extend my sincerest condolences to all the members of your family.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

CONGREGATION
TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL
ADKINS AVENUE
EASTON, MARYLAND

June 16, 1953

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland
Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver;

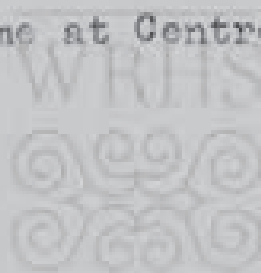
Your cousin Rabbi Dr. Sholom Silver of Brooklyn is being considered
by for a Rabbinical appointment.

We would appreciate any recommendation you care to make in the matter.

Thanking you, I remain,

Sincerely yours
Herbert Goldstein
Herbert Goldstein, Chairman
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P.S. Please address me at Centreville Md.



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Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

Persuant to call from Mrs. Silver, we have cancelled your reservations to Europe, and are awaiting refund of deposit from the French Line.

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With many thanks for bringing this matter to our attention
I remain

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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ENGLAND . Telephone 58351

June 18, 1953

Mr. Solomon Cohen
11 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York

My dear Sol:

I was sorry to hear from your letter that you have not been well, but I am glad to learn that you have recovered. Emanuel Neumann was here day before yesterday and spent the day with me, and he mentioned his visit with you. I hope that I may see you before long.

Our plans for the summer are indefinite. We are not going to Europe but we don't know exactly where we shall spend our summer - perhaps a good part of it will be spent right here in Cleveland.

We are all fine. Danny is in Japan as a Naval Chaplain and seems to be enjoying his work. Raphael has finished his work at Harvard School of Business Administration and will start his business career before long.

With all good wishes to you and Anna in which Virginia joins me, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

June 18, 1953

Miss Helen W. Hanchette
Family Service Association
1001 Huron Road
Cleveland 15, Ohio

My dear Miss Hanchette:

I am enclosing a letter which I have just received concerning the family of John Riga, who I am sure is known to you. I should appreciate receiving information about the situation involving his wife so that I may reply to Mr. Mitchell's letter.

With many thanks and with warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

P.S. Will you please return Mr. Mitchell's letter?

LAW OFFICES
PAUL J. GAISER
KEITH BUILDING
DAYTON 2, OH IO

June 18, 1953

The Honorable Frank J. Lausche
Governor, State of Ohio
Office of the Governor
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Governor Lausche:

I have just returned from an educational trip to Europe and Israel to find your kind letter dated April 7, 1953 relative to my application to fill the vacancy which has been created in the Common Pleas Court of Montgomery County, Ohio. Although I was not the successful candidate, I was happy, nevertheless, to note your wise selection of Judge Robert L. McBride, who is able and indeed worthy of your consideration.

I take pleasure in communicating with you again, and respectfully submit herewith my application for appointment to fill the vacancy of judgeship which has now been created in the Municipal Court of the City of Dayton, Ohio by the appointment of the Honorable Robert L. McBride to the Common Pleas Court Bench of Montgomery County, Ohio.

Having longed and aspired for a judgeship appointment for many years, I take the liberty in applying to you again in hope that you may consider me for an appointment on the basis of my experience and qualifications. I seek the endorsement of no political party or group excepting that of the people on the basis of merits and qualifications only.

I have resided in Dayton, Ohio since 1928. My wife and two daughters were born and reared in this community.

I was admitted to the Ohio State Bar in 1935 and have been engaged in the general practice of law in this community since that date. Immediately after my admission, I received my early training and legal experience in the law office of S. G. Kusworm and Robert M. Brumbaugh; was also admitted to the Federal Bar, including the Southern District of Ohio, the Southern District of Indiana and the United States Supreme Court.

I received my academic training and legal education at the University of Dayton, Ohio State University, University of Minnesota and St. Thomas College, affiliate of Notre Dame University; have graduated with the degrees of B.A. and L.L.B. I am a member of the local and state bar associations; have also had some experience, from time to time, as Acting Judge, both on the criminal and civil bench of Municipal Court.

The Honorable Frank J. Lausche
Governor, State of Ohio

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In addition to my legal training and experience, I have had the great fortune and the opportunity to acquire extensive knowledge in the field of Social Science, including sociology, philosophy, psychology, Biblical philosophy and interpretation, on which subject, I have written and lectured in many parts of the country.

In the field of jurisprudence and legal education, in addition to my formal training and experience, I have also studied extensively and gained deep knowledge in the development of the law and jurisprudence, including Ancient and Talmudic law, as well as Roman and Common law. I have written, taught and lectured on these subjects for many years before various educational groups and schools, and on several occasions, before the Dayton Bar Association.

I look upon the law as the logical interpretation of human relations and the guardian of rights in human conduct.

If appointed, I pledge to discharge my duties with honor and dignity. Being mindful of the great responsibility connected with this office, I will exert every effort to prove worthy of this important trust.

I thank you for your kind consideration and trust that I may hear from you at your convenience.

Respectfully,

Paul J. Gaiser

PJG:mmm

June 19, 1953

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to recommend for your consideration Mr. Philip Wasserstrom who is applying for a commission in the United States Navy.

Mr. Wasserstrom has been a teacher in The Temple Religious School for the past few years and has proved himself to be not only a conscientious and well-qualified teacher, but a young man of high ideals and fine character. He is very well liked by colleagues and pupils for his understanding, his intelligence and his warm and friendly personality. I am confident that any assignment which is given to him will be fulfilled in accordance with the highest standards of the armed services of the United States.

Very sincerely yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

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June 19, 1953

Rabbi Aba Hillel Silver
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My dear Rabbi Silver:

We are referring your letter regarding the
above mentioned man and his family to the Jewish
Family Service Association, 2073 East 9th,
as they are already known to them.

We have no record of this man and his family
ever having been known to us.

Very truly yours,

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June 19, 1953

Mr. Herbert Goldstein
Centreville, Maryland

My dear Mr. Goldstein:

Thank you for your letter of June 16th. I do not recall any cousin of mine by the name of Sholom Silver. However, the fact that he is no cousin of mine should not prejudice his application for the rabbinical position with your congregation.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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June 21, 1953

Dear Rabbi Silver:

My Brother Harold and I
wish to thank you sincerely
for the simplicity and beauty of
your words, at services for our mother
Bessie Emanuel, which fitted her
life so well.

It was most precious of you and
Mrs Silver to visit us that morning
and my wife joins me in extending
to you and Mrs Silver our heart-
felt thanks for this interesting little
visit and your kind expressions
of sympathy.

Gratefully Yours
Alfred Emanuel

3161 Essex Rd
C.N.

June 22, 1953

Mr. J. W. Greenberg
201 East 57 Street
New York 22, New York

My dear Mr. Greenberg:

In reply to your kind letter of June 11th, I am sending you a copy of my book, "Vision and Victory", wherein you will find on page 125 a copy of the address which I delivered before the United Nations.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er