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Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Blvd.
Cleveland - Ohio

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Dear Doctor Silver:

On March 26th of this year I addressed a registered letter to your office. I wrote you asking you for a big favor.

I have a signed photograph depicting the Inaugural of our President Eisenhower who signed it for me as did the Chief Justice and our Vice-Presidents.

I would like very much to have in your hand-writing and signed by you and the historic date Jan. 20, 1953 - the beautiful prayer you delivered. That about the President's moving appeal that he desired to deliver a short prayer were the spiritual and emotional high water marks of that great historic day.

I am to you an unknown clergyman, Sir, but I hope my favor for your prayer will be granted me as I would like to frame it with the signed Inaugural photograph of Pres. Eisenhower.

I shall be glad to make a financial gift, Dr. Silver, to the Zionist movement that lies so close to your heart.

Hoping that my favor will be granted me I am,
Sir, yours respectfully Cornelius Greenway.

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DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER
THE TEMPLE
CLEVELAND, OHIO

DEAR DR. SILVER:

I HAVE READ WITH THE KEENEST INTEREST AN EXCERPT OF YOUR ADDRESS
IN THE NATIONAL JEWISH POST OF NOVEMBER 27TH, DELIVERED AT THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE CJFWF IN CLEVELAND.

YOUR INDICTMENT FALLS EQUALLY HEAVY ON THE SHOULDERS OF THE
RABBINIC AND LAY LEADERSHIP. WHAT YOU SAID AT THAT MEETING NEEDS TO
BE BROUGHT HOME TO EVERY JEWISH COMMUNITY IN THE LAND AND THERE IS NO
ONE ON THE AMERICAN SCENE WHO CAN DO IT AS EFFECTIVELY AND FORCEFULLY
AS YOURSELF.

I AM NAIVE ENOUGH TO HOPE THAT SOME DAY A NATIONAL CONFERENCE
MIGHT BE CONVENED, SPONSORED BY THE SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA TO
FURNISH YOU THE PROPER PLATFORM TO EXPAND ON THE THEME OF YOUR ADDRESS
REFERRED TO ABOVE, *and deal with the great problems you so well exposed.*

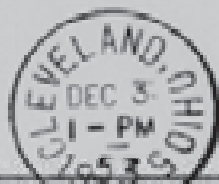
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GRATEFULLY AND SINCERELY YOURS,

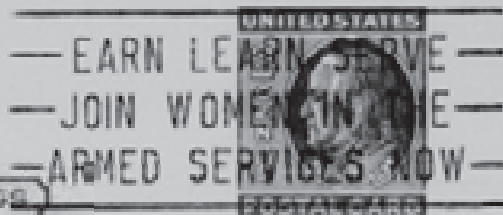
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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



The Temple

Ausel Rd + E. 105

Cleveland, O.

Gentlemen ..

12/2/53

If available, please
send me a copy of Rabbi Silver's
sermon of Sunday Nov. 29th.

In case there is a charge,
please advise and will mail it.

Thank you

Wm. A. Roth
2044 Euclid Ave
Cleveland 15 Ohio

not available

Orig. sent to Daniel Silver
12-8-53

C O P Y

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In reply refer to

ENM/P16-3
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Serial T-1589

2 December 1953

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Chaplain Joshua L. Goldberg, Third Naval District Chaplain, called our attention to your desire to have your son, Chaplain Daniel Silver, presently at ComNavFe, transferred to a station within the continental limits of the United States.

Accordingly, an inquiry has been made of the Senior Chaplain of ComNavFe regarding the present status of Chaplain Daniel Silver. The following excerpt is quoted from the report of the Senior Chaplain: "Chaplain Silver had find services for Jewish Holidays and they were extra well attended. He has a strong program in the whole Far East Area and has contributed heavily to the moral strength, Good Will, and the General Religious Program on all our Naval Activities."

The need for ministering the men of the Jewish Faith in that area is great. The lack of Jewish Chaplains makes it difficult to replace him. The problem was discussed with the Chief of Chaplains, and after due consideration, with the interests of servicemen of the Jewish Faith in mind, it was decided that Chaplain Daniel Silver should continue in his present post.

Should the number of Jewish Chaplains be increased in the near future this decision will be reviewed.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. P. MANNION
Commander, CHC, USN
Assistant Director
Chaplains Division

WRHS



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December 3rd, 1953

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Please pardon the delay in sending you the enclosed check, but due to matters beyond my control the affairs of the estate, as well as my own, were in an unsettled state, and the accounts not released until just this week. For that reason I was unable to issue any checks earlier.

Nevertheless I want you to know how sincerely and deeply I appreciated your personal attention to the services in Cleveland at the time of Bert's funeral. Words fail me to express my real gratitude for the courtesies extended.

Sincerely,

Ethel Green



M. H. TEITEL c/o

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New York, December 4, 1953

Dr. Abba Hilel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

רב יקר ונכבד,
בימי מצור על ירושלים ע"י הלגיון מעבר הירדן, הפצירה בנו,
בי ובאשתי, בתנו היחידה לעבור לניו-יורק עד אשר יעבור זעם. בינתיים
נהרס ביתנו ומקור פרנסתנו בירושלים ע"י פעולות המלחמה, ואנחנו
נאלצנו להשאר כאן ולבקש רשיון להתישבות חמידית בארץ זו. העניין
נמשך וקבלנו ארכה של הוויזה של ביקור בפקדון של ערבון של אלף דולר
בתור בטחון שנעזוב את הארץ לזמן מסוים. לצערנו נדחה המשא ומתן עם
שלטונות ההגירה, ורק כשנה אחרי הזמן המוגבל יכולנו לעזוב את הארץ
הזאת ולנסוע להאואנה שבקובה, ולקבל את הרשיון להגירה חמידית לארץ זו.

ומפני שאחרנו, שלטונות ההגירה מסרבים להחזיר לנו את הפקדון
של אלף דולר. כבר השגנו את הנירות הראשונים של ההזדהות, ובעוד
שנתיים נקווה להשיג אזרחות של הארץ הזאת. אני מתפרנס כאן בצמצום
בהמשכת עסקי של יבוא תוצרת ארץ ישראל לארצות אמריקה, ולעסקי זה
אני זקוק לאיזה אמצעים, ואלף דולר אלה הם ממש כל מה שנשאר לי, וקשה
לתאר במלים את עצם הדוחק שאנו נמצאים בו. בקשתי את חמיכתו של מר
רוזוולט, ציר הקונגרס, בעניין זה, אבל כל עמלו היה לשוא. השלטונות
מחזיקים בכבשת הרש ללא סעם, ואני רואה שאין לגשת לעניין זה במידת הדין
ורק מידת הרחמים יכולה להועיל. וזאת היא הסיבה שאחרי היסוסים של זמן
ארוך אני פונה לכבודו בעניין זה, כי זה אינו עניין של עורך דין, רק
של רב היודע ומסוגל להשתמש במידת הרחמים.

ובאמת אין שום סעם לעונש זה שהשלטונות מעבישים אותנו בו,
כי לא מרצון רק מאונס הוכרחנו לחכות כאן עד ההחלטה הסופית של שלטונות
ההגירה, שסוף-כל-סוף החליטו לסובתנו. לא היו לנו לא אמצעים ולא מקום
לאן לפנות ולחכות. עצם המסרה של כל עונש היא למען ישמעו ויראו ולא
יזדון עוד. אנו בוודאי שלא נהיה עוד במסיבות דומות להחזיר שוב על
עבירה זו, ואחרים, אם יהיו באונס כמונו, מה יועיל נגדם עונש זה? -
וכיוון שמילאנו מה שהיה מוטל עלינו, ועזבנו את הארץ אם גם במאוחר מה,
הלא עשינו תשובה, ותשובה תמיד מכפרת עוון. מדוע זה איפוא לא יחזירו
לנו את האלף דולר? -

רק מידת הרחמים תוכל להועיל כאן. בעזרתו של מר רוזוולט עלה
בידי להוציא את בכדי היחוס מהולנד ולהביאהו הנה. הורי הילד הומתו
ע"י הנצים. אבי הילד, מהנדס לאווירונים בהולנד, הוצא להורג מפני
שסירב להספיק אווירונים לנצים לפני פלישתם להולנד. עכשיו מסופלים אנו
גם בילד יחוס זה שפרנסתו עלינו. אם בשבילנו קשה לבס של השלטונות,
יעשו נא עבור היחוס הזה שלא חסא, ויחזירו את כבשת הרש. אני מוסר את
העניין לידי כבוד, ולבי סמוך ובטוח שכבודו יעשה ויצליח.

בבל רגשי כבוד והוקרה
מִדְכִי צְבִי (מ.ה.) סִיסֵל

PLEASE SEND YOUR REPLY TO THIS LETTER TO OUR NEW YORK BRANCH ONLY.

January 15, 1953

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

This is in further reference to your letter of November 13, 1952, relative to the bonds posted in behalf of Mr. Markus H. Teitel and his wife Fessel Teitel.

This office has been advised by the New York office of this Service that Mr. Teitel arrived in the United States at New York, New York on September 2, 1948, and was admitted as a temporary visitor for pleasure. He received an extension of his temporary admission to December 1, 1949, after a \$ 500 departure bond was posted in his behalf by the Century Indemnity Company on October 1, 1949. He was granted further extensions of stay under bond to May 1, 1950.

Mrs. Teitel arrived in the United States at New York, New York on February 15, 1949, and was admitted as a temporary visitor. She was also granted an extension of stay to May 1, 1950, after a \$ 500 departure bond was posted in her behalf by the Century Indemnity Company on December 1, 1949.

Mr. Teitel's request for further extension of stay was denied on May 26, 1950. His wife's request for an extension of stay was also denied, but she was informed that her departure on or before July 1, 1950, would be satisfactory to this Service. Mr. and Mrs. Teitel both applied for voluntary departure on June 15, 1950, which was after the expiration of the period to which they had been admitted. Their applications were denied on July 6, 1950. In both cases an appeal was taken to the Central Office which office affirmed the denial of the District Director at New York on October 12, 1950. Visa petitions were approved in Mr. and Mrs. Teitel's favor on October 27, 1950. Mr. Teitel departed on July 7, 1951, and his wife departed on July 13, 1951. Both were admitted for permanent residence on July 19, 1951, at Miami, Florida.

The bonds called for the alien's departure from this country on or before May 1, 1950. Instead of departing they applied for further extensions of stay and continued to remain in an illegal status after such applications had been denied. Subsequent action taken in connection with visa petitions filed in their behalf had no effect on the bonds. Their

departures from the United States did not occur until July 1, 1951, or more than one year subsequent to the denial of their applications for further extensions of stay. It was determined, therefore, that the terms of the bonds had been violated. On January 3, 1952, the Central Office entered an order directing that the \$ 500 departure bonds posted in behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Teitel be declared breached. The Century Indemnity Company paid the principal on the bonds on April 10, 1952.

A bond is a contract between the United States Government and the surety and must be construed according to the laws relating to such contracts. Accordingly, when the terms of the bond are violated this Service has no authority to cancel the bond, its only alternative being to declare that the conditions of the bond have been breached.

The matter of the bonds in the cases of Mr. and Mrs. Teitel has been carefully reconsidered, and it is found that the decision of the Central Office declaring the bonds to have been breached cannot properly be revoked or revised.

Sincerely,

COMMISSIONER

Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

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Markus H. Teitel arrived September 2, 1948, after getting in Amsterdam a two-years visa, and was admitted as visitor. Extensions granted to May 1, 1950, after depositing a bond of \$ 500. Teitel was informed that his departure on or before July 1, 1950 would be satisfactory to the Immigration Service.

Mrs. Fessel Teitel arrived February 15, 1949, after having got a visa in Amsterdam for two years, and was admitted as visitor. Extensions granted to May 1, 1950, after depositing a bond of \$ 500. Mrs. Teitel was informed that her departure on or before July 1, 1950, would be satisfactory to the Immigration Service.

On June 15, 1950, both applied for voluntary departure, and after denying of their application on July 6, 1950, they appealed to the Central Office, and this appeal was denied on October 12, 1950.

On June 15, 1950, their daughter, Mrs. Judith Reik, American citizen, applied for an Immigration Visa for them, and this application was approved in their favor on October 27, 1950.

Mr. and Mrs. Teitel tried in the meantime to depart to Canada, but were not admitted.

Mr. Teitel departed on July 7, 1951, and Mrs. Teitel on July 18, 1951.

Both were admitted for permanent residence on July 19, 1951, at Miami, Florida.

On January 3, 1952, the Central Office entered an order directing that the two \$ 500 bonds be declared breached.

The Century Indemnity Company paid \$ 1000 on April 10, 1952, to the Immigration Service.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, JR.
20th District, New York

JUSTIN N. FELDMAN
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT

COMMITTEE
FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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

January 16, 1953

Mr. M. H. Teitel,
c/o Tamar Trading Corporation,
326 East 93rd Street,
New York 28, New York

Dear Mr. Teitel:

Enclosed is the copy of a letter which
I have received from the Immigration and Naturaliza-
tion Service in reply to my communications in your
behalf.

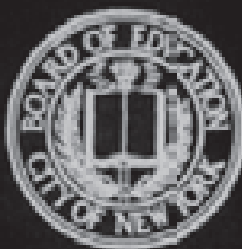
I sincerely regret that the Department's
report could not be more favorable in this instance,
but if I can be of further help in any other matter,
please let me know.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,


Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr.

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TELEPHONE

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

February 9, 1953

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that Robert Teitel of 236 East 93 Street, New York 28, N. Y. is a pupil in Grade 6-2 in this school. His conduct and work are excellent.

Date of Birth - 8-11-1941

Guardian - Markus Teitel

Very truly yours,

Esther M. O'Connell
Esther M. O'Connell
Principal

December 4, 1953

Mr. Shmuel Pershko
370 Columbus Avenue, Apt. 5c
New York 24, New York

My dear Friend:

I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness in presenting me with the folio of the Israeli Songs with your inscription. I know that we shall have occasion to have them played frequently in our home.

I regret very much that due to the indisposition of Mrs. Silver I could not attend the concert last Monday evening but I understand it was extraordinarily fine. Please convey my good wishes to the other artists who participated in the program, Miss Chaya Zahir and Mr. Mort Freedman.

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

Most cordially yours,

AHS:dk

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

Shmuel Feishko

COMPOSER

16 FRISHMAN STREET, TEL AVIV, ISRAEL

370 COLUMBUS AVENUE, APT. 5C

NEW YORK 24, N. Y.

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December 4, 1953

Mrs. Nathan R. Cornsweet
18675 Parkland Drive
Shaker Heights, Ohio

My dear Mary:

From The Cleveland Trust Company I received a check for \$100.00. I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending this generous gift, and in keeping with my practice I shall place it in a charity fund which I use from time to time.

I trust that you are well. I was happy to see you last Friday. I hope that Virginia and I will have the pleasure of seeing you in the near future.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:dk

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

December 4, 1953

Capital Airlines
National Airport
Washington 1, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith Dr. Silver's ticket to Minneapolis and return scheduled for December 8th and 9th, which he found necessary to cancel. I have already cancelled this flight through your Cleveland office.

Kindly credit his account accordingly.

Thank you very much for your courtesy.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Dorothy Koslen
Secretary to Dr. Silver

Encl.

December 4, 1953

Mr. D. Eidelberg
2354 - 82nd Street
Brooklyn 14, New York

My dear Friend:

I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of your book which I know I shall read with a great deal of pleasure.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:dk

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

D. EIDELSBURG

FARLAGE FAMILY

2354 - 82ND STREET

BROOKLYN 14, N. Y.

1559 Elbur Avenue
Lakewood 7, Ohio

December 4, 1953

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Last Monday's Plain Dealer (November 30th) carried your sermon to your congregation at The Temple. I have read it through several times, and I wish to take this means of letting you know that I think this is one of the most wonderful sermons I have seen in print. It is clear and right to the point. I admire you greatly for allowing your sermon to be printed, and I am grateful to you for being a courageous American.

Your idea that the churches of the United States take the leadership in a crusade to defend the American way of life by defending the Bill of Rights is a most admirable suggestion. How often I have hoped for and wished this very thing to take place. So far, I can name on one hand the number of clergymen who have come out for this. Why they don't, I am unable to understand.

I attend the Lakewood Methodist Church and our former pastor, Dr. Harold F. Carr, came very close to sermons like yours, but he just did not put across the same idea that you have. Perhaps the country was not at that time ripe for it. Things have moved fast since he left our church, which will soon be a year.

I heard Bishop Oxnham speak at the First Baptist Church on October 28th, and he was unusually good. He had ideas like yours, and I wish I could hear him oftener.

Enclosed is a letter which I think (and so does everyone else who has read it) is good. After you have read it, it would make me happy if you would pass it on to someone else to read, or else return it to me and I shall pass it along.

Also enclosed is a paragraph on that most un-American John T. Flynn. I have heard him rave like a madman because we have public schools in this country. I wrote him once that the public schools were here long before he was, and that he was privileged to go live in countries where public schools are no longer allowed. He did not answer, and I was not surprised.

Thank you again, my dear Rabbi Silver, for being an American with courage and decent feelings for the rest of the world. I admire men like you!!!

Yours most gratefully,

Bernice Oliphant
(Mrs. S.P.)

December 4, 1953

Dr. & Mrs. William B. Markus
13610 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland 20, Ohio

Dear Friends:

The Temple Museum and I would like to thank you
for the lovely Chanukah Menorah which you have
donated.

I have sent it to the Potter-Mallen Studios for
the slight repairs which it needs and for pro-
fessional polishing, and when it is ready we will
place it in our Museum with a card, of course,
carrying the names of the donors.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:dk

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

206 Summit Avenue
Syracuse 4, New York



Rabbi Abba H. Silver
c/o The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland 6, Ohio

From
Dr Wm B. Mark
13610 Saker 1942

HOTEL



CLEVELAND

CLEVELAND OHIO

Dear Rabbi

12/5/53

Friday evening December
25/53 at 7 P.M., Christmas Night, at
the Hotel Cleveland I am
having a small dinner for my family
and a few friends and I would
be very happy if you and Mrs
Silver could find it possible
to attend. Informal.

Will you please advise if
you will attend

Sincerely

Jack E. BRUM

902 Soc for Sav Bldg
Cleveland

Ma 1-3344

Dec. 5, 1953

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have enclosed a copy of my statement to the Ohio Un-American Commission of last Wednesday.

I would also like to point out that one member of the Board of Education has already called for the investigation of more teachers in Cleveland. (Thursday -
Cleveland
news)

I believe that all community leaders should be aware of the danger of this attack on the public schools in this city.

Respectfully

Edward Rikover

Statement of Edward Likover to the Ohio Un-American Activities Commission,
December 2, 1953.

I am a teacher. I am of the opinion that teachers must be well-rounded citizens, for what other kind of person can help develop our young people into sturdy free citizens of a great land?

As a well rounded citizen a teacher should not face special disabilities in connection with his profession. For long years teachers have been forced to occupy a kind of second-class citizenship status. It is my contention that special restrictions on teachers, such as loyalty oaths, vulnerability to attack by super-patriotic groups, etc. are unfair to teachers as citizens and makes the teaching field less attractive to competent people. It is part of the explanation, along with inadequate salaries, for the present serious and lamentable teacher shortage.

A citizen must not take his responsibilities lightly. He has more to do than merely cast a ballot on election day. The founders of our country fought for the establishment of this great nation but that was not the end of the battle. Subsequent generations could not and did not merely settle back to inherit and easily enjoy these hard-won liberties.

There have always been persons and groups who would curtail or even abolish freedom. There were the Alien and Sedition Acts which put people in jail for voicing opposition to the government. The Fugitive Slave laws compelled people to aid in apprehending and returning escaped slaves no matter how repugnant this horrid institution appeared to them. Both of these laws were opposed and resisted by the American people who consigned them to the ash-heap of history.

I cite these examples to show that neither injustice nor resistance to injustice is new or alien to our history.

A dangerous attack on the basic rights of our people today is made by certain committees of Congress and some of the legislatures in their abuse of the power of investigation. The investigative power is necessary and important, but it must not be abused. It is an intolerable situation when the privacy of political view and thought is invaded. The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which guarantees freedom of speech, press and assembly, forbids such inquiry. People have become silent and afraid to express themselves. Supreme Court Justice Douglas has put it: "More and more people conclude that the only safe thing to do is to conform; either to stand silent or to join in the hunt." (N.Y. Times Nov. 24, 1953)

Many of the people who have appeared before these irresponsible committees have realized the danger that these bodies represent. They have invoked their constitutional rights in refusing to co-operate with the repressive purposes of the inquisitors. This has resulted in another serious development; attacks on the Constitution itself. The attackers seem to think that the protections of the Constitution are fine but that it is wrong to use them.

The invoking of Constitutional rights by so many people is actually the signal that the committees are delving into areas from which they are prohibited.

It is tragic that elected officials have so abused their responsibilities. They would be better occupied with seeking constructive legislation than with practicing intimidation and thought control. Our schools are over-crowded; many of them are worn out; the teacher shortage is a real crisis at present and looks worse for the future. Where is the investigation of this lamentable situation? Steps in solving these real problems will bulwark our freedoms. Instead of good legislation we have been served an assault on our basic liberties. Groups like the Ohio Un-American Activities Commission are "a horrible cancer eating at the vitals of America," to quote former President Truman in his forthright attack upon McCarthyism.

I cite the illegal actions of this commission under Article II Section 8 of the Ohio Constitution which limits legislative committees to gathering information, which function is now being exceeded and abused.

I cite the illegal action of this commission under Article III Section 32 of the Ohio Constitution which forbids exercise of judicial powers by the legislature. This Commission is making charges and accusing people, (especially in the newspapers before hearings take place -- see Cleveland Press November 26, 1953),

I cite the illegal action of this commission in invading the most precious rights of free speech, press, and assembly as put forth in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, and Article 1 section 3, 11, and 20 of the Constitution of the State of Ohio.

I conclude that it is incumbent on the responsible citizen to stand up for the rights of persons assailed by committees. When he himself is called before the inquisitors he has no decent alternative but to stand up for the Constitution and to resist by refusing to answer all questions. In this he stands with the great Albert Einstein, who points out that any consequence must be risked rather than testifying as these committees desire. I spent four years of my life in defense of my country in World War II and I consider the action I am taking here as a continuation of that defense.

Dec 1, 1953

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= SCHWARTZ =

December 8, 1953

Commander J. P. Mannion
Assistant Director
Chaplains Division
Department of the Navy
Bureau of Naval Personnel
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Mannion:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of December second. I was happy to read the excerpt from the report of the Senior Chaplain about the work of Chaplain Silver. I am gratified that he is doing a good job, and I am sure that the experience which he is gaining is greatly enriching him.

I am sure that should Jewish chaplains be available, you will wish to review your decision, the wisdom of which I fully appreciate.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms

December 8, 1953

Mr. Abe Tuvim
Mount Sinai Hospital
New York, New York

My dear Abe:

Harold Manson informed me this morning that you have been operated on. He also told me that you were getting along splendidly. This came to me as a complete surprise because I never associated you with sickness or operations.

I send you all my best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery in which Virginia joins me. I trust that I may have the pleasure of seeing you in the very near future.

With warmest regards and Chanukah greetings, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:ms

December 8, 1953

Daniel J. Silver, Lt., j.g.
Jewish Chaplain's Office
U. S. Fleet Activities
Navy 3923 F.P.O.
San Francisco, California

My dear Dan:

We received two letters from you yesterday, and we were delighted to learn about your interesting visit to the Naval Installations in the Far East. We were particularly intrigued to read about your visit to Hong Kong. You must be getting a very rich experience and acquaintance with that part of the world, the impressions of which I am sure will remain with you.

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I received from the assistant director of the Chaplains Division. Evidently you have been doing too good a job, and you have become indispensable to them. My impression is that you will probably be transferred to the U. S. sometime in the spring. It would have been to all of our liking, of course, to have you in this country sooner, but then such is the nature of service in the armed forces. The experience which you are gathering will be of inestimable value to you, and I am sure that you are putting your time to the best use.

Last Thursday evening I had dinner at the White House with President Eisenhower. There were some fourteen people present. It was a very pleasant evening. We were able to get quite close to the thinking of the President on many of the major questions of the day. I carried away an increased sense of confidence in the President and what he is trying to do.

We have had a busy week here at the Temple in connection with Chanukah celebrations and other activities of which I am sure you read in the Temple Bulletin.

From various sources I am still hearing fine reactions to your Reconstructionist article. You ought to write some more.

With love,



December 8, 1953

Mr. Fred E. Bruml
902 Society for Savings Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friend:

I deeply appreciate your gracious invitation extended to me and Mrs. Silver to have dinner with you on Friday evening, December 25th.

We would have been delighted to come, but we do not go out on Friday evenings. This is our evening at home. Is this some special occasion?

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rmg

December 8, 1953

Mr. Paul Bellamy
Cleveland PLAIN DEALER
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Bellamy:

I read of your retirement from the editorship of the Cleveland PLAIN DEALER, a post which you occupied for so many years with such distinction. I wish to send you all my good wishes for the oncoming years. You have served the best interests of our community with devotion and integrity and you have impressed yourself through your gifted pen and through your direction of a great newspaper upon its life.

I wish to thank you personally for the many courtesies which I enjoyed at your hands and the many friendly expressions which from time to time you voiced editorially and for presenting my views to your reading public fairly, even where there was a difference of opinion.

May your coming years be filled with satisfactions.

Most cordially yours,

ABRAHAM HILFEL SILVER

AHS:mas



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December 8, 1953

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

In accordance with my conversation with you on the phone a few moments ago, I am enclosing my check herewith for \$150.00 for the campaign for the Hebrew Union College at Cincinnati, Ohio.

I recall that Jack Rosenthal sent me a card, but I misplaced it, and I would thank you to see that this contribution reaches the proper channels. I would also appreciate it very much if you would let Jack know that I sent in the check.

Sincerely yours,

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland 6, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I greatly appreciated your fine and generous letter of Dec. 9th concerning my impending retirement as editor of the Plain Dealer. But I can't agree that I was quite as good as you say. Your list of my virtues could fairly be turned back on you, as you possess every one in a large degree, while I have only the beginnings.

I trust that as editor emeritus I shall have occasion to see you frequently in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

P. B.

Paul Bellamy

H. C. KATZ
2552 CHANNING ROAD
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December 9, 1953

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Again I must tell you how grateful my family and I are to you for your splendid service at my father's funeral.

Your words brought peace to a family that was deeply shocked when their kindest and wisest member died so very suddenly.

Thank you a thousand times for lifting the shroud of grief from our minds in order that the memory of the courage and goodness of my wonderful father might come in and remain.

May God bless you and give you a long long life.

Sincerely yours,

Sheldon C. Katz

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Dear Ruth Sison, -
Herewith I enclose
and I tender thanks for your
kindness in the recognition given
you so generously by the
Cleveland Jewish Society
"Je Jaohu Kochacha."

Cordially yours

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December 9, 1953

Mr. Louis Segal
Jewish National Workers' Alliance of America
45 East Seventeenth Street
New York, New York

My dear Friend:

I learned this morning to my deep sorrow of the passing of your beloved son, and I hasten to extend to you my profoundest sympathies. I know what the loss of your son must mean to you, and I also know that words are inadequate to express one's sympathies at such a time. I trust that your sound faith and philosophy of life will stand by you in good stead at this hour and that you will find a measure of comfort in the fine memories which your son has left you.

Mrs. Silver joins me in sending you this word of sympathy.

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:mas

December 10, 1953

Mrs. Ethel Given
206 Summit Avenue
Syracuse 4, New York

My dear Friend:

Thank you so much for your kind note of December third and for the gift which you enclosed. In keeping with my practice, I shall place it into a charity fund which I use from time to time.

I am pleased that I was able to be of service to you even though the occasion was a sad one. I trust that you are well, and I hope that I may have the pleasure of seeing you sometime in the near future on happier occasions.

Mrs. Silver joins me in sending you all our good wishes.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms

Miss Gloria Kyle

9 BEACH AVENUE - LARCHMONT, NEW YORK

December 10, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Congregation Tifereth Israel
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Congratulations on the fine job you did in Pittsburgh at the 50th Anniversary Convention of the Religious Education Association.

We are happy indeed to know that you feel God should not be confined to the Church or Sunday School.

Sincerely,

Gloria Kyle

P.S. For your information, this was brought to my attention by an article in the 11/14/53 issue of the Brooklyn Tablet.

December 11, 1953

Mr. J. L. Jaffe
The Perfeclite Company
1457 East Portieth Street
Cleveland 3, Ohio

My dear Friend:

I have received your generous contribution of \$150 to the Maintenance Fund Campaign of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations which supports the Hebrew Union College and many other activities of liberal Judaism. I want to thank you for your helpful cooperation.

I trust that both you and Mrs. Jaffe are well.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms

P. S. We have notified Mr. Jack Rosenthal of your contribution.

December 11, 1953

Mr. A. J. Kane
13600 Shaker Boulevard
Shaker Heights, Ohio

My dear Abe:

Upon my return to my study yesterday, I found the perfectly beautiful executive clock radio which you presented to me as a Chanukah gift. I need not tell you how grateful I am for your thoughtfulness and your kindness. Short of writing my sermons, this instrument seems to be able to do most everything. It will take me some time to get acquainted with it. I am happy to have it on my desk, and it will always bring me a pleasant reminder of our friendship.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:mas

Lakewood - C
Dec. 12-53

Dear Rabbi:

I would like a copy of your
City club lecture and hope you
will find it convenient to oblige
I am

Yours truly
John J. Buche

Am enclosing stamped addressed
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12/12/53

Dear Rabbi Silver -

It was my privilege to hear
your magnificent talk today
and though not given to
quoting in such matters, I
simply cannot refrain from
telling how moved I was
by your logic, eloquence -
but most of all by your

great courage in speaking
out as you did today.

You rendered our country
a great service - one for
which every believer in true
Americanism should be
everlastingly grateful.

What a wonderful thing
it is to have men like you
around to say such

things as you said today.

God grant you many
more years and strength to
carry on - this world is in
sore need of more men like you.

Sincerely

Herman P. Scharf

Mrs. Scharf joins me in sending
to Mrs. Silver and you our warmest regards
H.P.S.

AIRMAIL

2910 EXETER DRIVE
TUCSON, ARIZONA

DEC. 13, 1953

RABBI HILEL SILVER,
CLEVELAND, OHIO

DEAR DR. SILVER:

I AM GREATLY CONCERNED WITH THE FUTURE OF ISRAEL. I DO NOT SEE HOW THE REPUBLIC WILL SURVIVE IN THE FACE OF ITS NUMEROUS ENEMIES. ONLY BY MILITARY STRENGTH CAN IT RESIST THE EFFORTS THAT WILL SURELY BE MADE IN THE YEARS TO COME TO DESTROY IT.

I KNOW OF NO CASE IN HISTORY IN WHICH INDEPENDENCE HAS BEEN WON AND MAINTAINED EXCEPT BY WAR. SPIRITUAL STRENGTH IS NOT ENOUGH. ALTHOUGH THE JEWS HAVE SURVIVED FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS THE LAST TWO THOUSAND HAVE WITNESSED TERROR SUCCEEDING TERROR, CENTURY BY CENTURY, AND ONLY BY BECOMING STRONG AND AFFORDING A HOMELAND FOR ALL JEWS CAN WE LOOK FORWARD TO ENDING FOR ALL TIME THE HORRORS TO WHICH WE HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED. TO BE STRONG ISRAEL MUST GROW IN SIZE AND IN POPULATION.

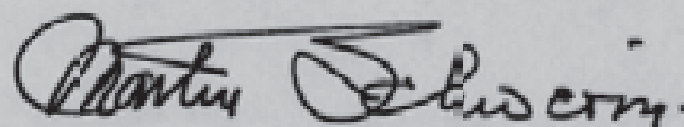
THERE ARE ONLY TWO WAYS IN WHICH THIS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED: EITHER BY WAR OR BY NEGOTIATING THE PURCHASE OF MORE LAND. THE PROSECUTION OF THE EXISTING WAR TO A VICTORIOUS FINISH AND THE CONQUEST OF ONE OR MORE OF THE ADJOINING ARAB STATES, INCLUDING THEIR OIL FIELDS, IS THE FIRST WAY AND NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO THE EXPANSION IS THE SECOND WAY.

AS LONG AS THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CONTINUES IN ITS INIMICAL ATTITUDE TOWARD ISRAEL AND ENGLAND CONTINUES TO ARM AND LEAD THE ARABS, THESE TWO GOVERNMENTS WOULD FROWN UPON ANY SUCH ADVENTURE BY ISRAEL. THERE REMAINS AT PRESENT ONLY THE HOPE THAT A CHANGE OF HEART MAY BE BROUGHT ABOUT IN OUR OWN GOVERNMENT AND THE BEST HOPE OF DOING THIS IS BY THE JEWS OF AMERICA GETTING SOLIDLY BEHIND AN EFFORT TO BRING TO OUR STATE DEPARTMENT A REALIZATION THAT AMERICAN JEWS ARE DETERMINED TO PRESS FOR A FAIR ATTITUDE.

WHAT WE NEED IS SOMEONE LIKE YOURSELF TO LEAD SUCH A MOVEMENT. IF YOU SEE THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION AS I DO, WOULD YOU ORGANIZE THE MOVEMENT TO BRING PRESSURE ON THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND ASSUME THE LEADERSHIP?

WITH GREAT RESPECT, I AM,

YOURS VERY TRULY



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GLICENSTEIN MUSEUM SAFAD, ISRAEL

מוזיאון גליצנשטיין צפת, ישראל

Safad, Dec 13, '53.

My dear Rabbi;

Many years ago I visited you in your study, in the Temple. It was when the Statue of Jeremiah by Glicenstein was placed in Cleveland Public Library. Since then many world shaking things have happened - among them the Rebirth of Israel.

It is from Safad, from this old, lofty city of Safad, that I am writing to you. Six months ago a Museum dedicated to Glicenstein opened its door. Although a small Museum, it is a beautiful one and has already attracted numerous

visitors, not only from Israel, but from many parts of the World. Not later than a fortnight ago. Jean Cassou, the curator in chief of the Museum of Modern Art of Paris viewed it with great interest and pleasure.

Yet what impresses us most is the Love, the eagerness with which the younger generation of Israel looks at the works of art by Glicenstein. The Moshe', the Eternal Jew, the Statue of Myriam, the powerful Barcoelike the illustrations from the Bible are focus of their enthusiasm. It is for these youth that the Museum is created, and it is for them that we dream of enlarging it. To make of it a center of culture, of art of education, of understanding and enjoying the creations of the human spirit.

We, of the committee, wish to enlarge this Museum adding to it an Art School for Children and adults (sculpture, painting

GLICENSTEIN MUSEUM SAFAD, ISRAEL

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graphica, and ceramics.) an Art reference Library - (people must know about the ^{various} schools and directions of art) a Hall or auditorium for Lectures, art films and - why not? Music and poetry festivals.

Perhaps this seems too large a program, too high a goal -- but it is of great importance, and one day our dreams can become a reality.

Perhaps you will give me a hand to make this dream a reality? or if you are hindered by important duties, could a committee of men or women of your Congregation be formed to raise the funds for this project?

I write to you, to a man of great vision, a
man who sees things projected in the future.
We build hospitals - let's build also art schools,
art libraries, auditoriums for music and poetry,
let's enlarge the intellectual horizon of Israel.
The program is not too large; we have a
nucleus in the museum dedicated to G. G. G.
we have the land on which to build; we
have the artists and we have the people who are
thirsty for learning. Let us create a center
in which these people could come and quench
their thirst! Let us open new ~~new~~ vistas
for the new Israeli culture!

If we want - if we want it very much
this too can become a reality, a living
monument to those who have fought
to have yearned toward this beautiful
land!

With devoted friendship
I am most sincerely yours,
Emanuel Romano. (curator)
(painter)

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RABBI RUDDOLPH M. ROSENTHAL
THE TEMPLE ON THE HEIGHTS
3130 MAYFIELD ROAD
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Dec. 14 '53

I listened to
your address last Saturday,
over W. G. A. R. It was a
magnificent re-statement of
the classic ideals of America.

We are all proud of
your stand in these diffi-
cult days. Your eloquence,
logic and courage will
spark others to resist

RABBI RUDDOLPH M. ROSENTHAL
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this headlong rush into
hysteria, panic and abject
surrender.

Again with Every good wish
in which Mrs. R joins.
Cordially
R.

December 15, 1953

Waldorf-Astoria Hotel
Park Avenue
New York, New York

Gentlemen:

Please reserve a room for two for Rabbi and Mrs. A. H. Silver for Monday and Tuesday nights, December 21st and 22nd.

A prompt confirmation of this reservation will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth Sparrow
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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Rabbi Silver,
W. G. A. R.
Cleveland, Ohio,

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Was wondering if it would be possible to secure a copy of your address before the City Club last Saturday. Since there is never any mention of the availability of these talks, thought I would not be 'shot' for asking.

While I am neither a theologian or a college professor, I thought this was the best treatment of this subject I have heard or read. I concur 100% with you in 99% of what you said. I listen to these forums whenever possible, also to all radio and TV programs such as this - Town Meeting, Chicago Round Table, and others of that nature. We need MORE of this, but I have been appaled in my own personal 'polls' of the citizenry to find that so FEW have even heard of them.

I am enclosing a stamped and addressed envelop for your use if my request is possible.

Sincerely,

F. S. Mehollin,
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15 Dec. 53

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Could I possibly acquire
a copy of your address & The City Club
Forum, delivered 12 Dec. 53..?



Very truly,
Shepherd Z. Baum

Dec 16/54

December 16, 1953

Rabbi Rudolph W. Rosenthal
The Temple on the Heights
3130 Mayfield Road
Cleveland Heights 18, Ohio

My dear Rudolph:

Thank you so much for your lovely note, which I received this morning. I appreciate very much your thoughtfulness in writing to me. I was also very happy to see you last evening.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Roth, Attha Hallel Libna
The Temple, City

Dec. 16-53

My dear Roth,-

Mr. Nold, the N. C. C. J. was
thoughtful enough to send me a copy of your Bulletin
with your splendid article "Five Tests of a good Book"
in it. I wish that article could reach every Jewish family
in the Greater Cleveland Area. As chairman of the Back Synagogue
Library Committee I fully realize the need of such articles
to raise our people to greater Book interest.

I also wish to thank you personally
for the most inspiring and statesmanlike address you gave
before the Cleveland A. S. Club. This too should be rebroadcasted
and reprints distributed to every thinking American citizen.

From the early Herzl Club days -
New York - from your first address to the Temple and the
many subsequent years during which you exerted your
energy and great talents I am deeply grateful to you
and realize the great influence of one man.

Sincerely
Robert S. Copelin



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Cable Address, UJAPPEAL, New York

December 16, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105 Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I cannot begin to tell you how sorry I was that the court action in which I was involved went over for an additional day and that I was thus compelled to cancel our appointment. I was most anxious to have an opportunity to talk with you before the meeting which was held last Thursday in connection with the funding of Israel's short term indebtedness.

It so happens that that meeting turned out to be eminently successful. The attendance was excellent, the spirit was good and people came away convinced that the problem could and should be tackled with dispatch. Cleveland was very well represented at this conference and so were many of the other important communities so that I think we have got a good cross section of leadership to consider the problem and to arrive at a program of action.

There are still some legal problems involved which the lawyers are trying to work out within a very short time in order to permit us to get under way with our program. The question, as you know, involves the tax exempt status of the UJA if it engages in a program of this kind. We are hopeful that the lawyers will be able to work that out satisfactorily.

In the meantime, I am still very anxious to discuss this and a number of other matters with you before we become actually involved in the daily grind of executing these programs. I am wondering, therefore, whether it would be possible for you to set aside some time, any day during the week of Monday, December 28th. Unfortunately next week is completely filled up with appointments which cannot be set aside. I would, however, be prepared to come out any time at your convenience during the week beginning December 28th, for a full discussion of this and other matters of great importance to the United Jewish Appeal and, I believe, also to Israel. I would appreciate it very much if you could let me know what day and what time would be most convenient for you.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Joseph J. Schwartz
Joseph J. Schwartz

JJS/etc

IRVING KANE
SHAKER HEIGHTS, OHIO

December
Seventeenth
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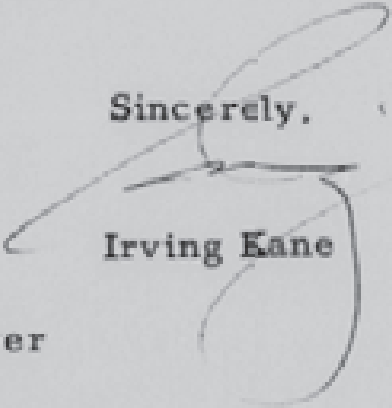
Dear Rabbi:

I was out of the city when you spoke at the City Club, but I have heard much about it and Adeline saved for me the Cleveland Press editorial of December 14th. I have sent it to the office of the NCRAC, with the suggestion that it be duplicated and circulated to our national and local member agencies.

I want you to know how greatly I admire and how deeply indebted I and my many friends and colleagues feel for your courageous utterances, on a number of occasions now, in the cause of preserving our basic American freedoms.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,



Irving Kane

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

Carol

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510 N. Roxbury Dr.
Beverly Hills, Cal.
Dec. 17th, 1953

Dear Rabbi Silver,

When my family moved to Beverly Hills nine months ago, my main regret was that you wouldn't be able to marry me. A few days ago we changed our plans and are going to be married in Cleveland on the evening of January 31st at the Wade Park Manor Hotel. I would be very honored and thrilled if you would officiate for us!

Since time seems to be slipping by so rapidly, we would appreciate your reply as soon as possible. Thank you so much.
Carol Rinfeld



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December 17, 1953

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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My dear Dr. Silver:

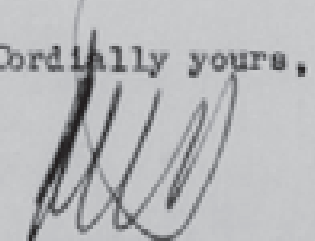
I shall be leaving for Israel tomorrow. Please accept my good wishes and warmest greetings.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I am transmitting to you under separate cover a tree certificate, representing a grove of 1,000 trees planted in your honor by our good friends in Mexico. Should you wish to acknowledge it, you might drop a note to Mr. Ted Resnikoff-c/o the Keren Kayemeth office, Apartado 2700, Mexico.

I am also sending to your lovely wife, Virginia, a note that you will be good enough to transmit to her, since we have received a Golden Book certificate in connection with yours and her visit to Mexico. The certificate is being forwarded under separate cover.

Please accept for Mrs. Silver and yourself our warmest and affectionate greetings.

Cordially yours,


MENDEL N. FISHER
Executive Director

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December 17, 1953

Mrs. Virginia Silver
c/o The Temple
105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Silver:

First of all, greetings from all of us. I am happy to tell you that our son, Marshall, is on the road to recovery. God has been good to us.

It is my privilege and honor to transmit to you under separate cover the Golden Book certificate that the Keren Kayemeth in Jerusalem has sent on to us, indicating that your name has been inscribed in the Sefer Hazahav by our friends in Mexico, in connection with the memorable visit that you and Dr. Silver made to that great community.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

MENDEL N. FISHER
Executive Director

MNF:d1

December 17, 1953

Mr. Eleazer Livneh
Hotel Park Crescent
150 Riverside Drive
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Livneh:

Thank you for your kind note. I shall be in New York on Tuesday, December 22nd, stopping at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Please contact me there and we shall set a time for our meeting.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:ras

air mail

December 17, 1953

Dr. A. J. Heschel
Jewish Theological Seminary of America
Broadway at 122nd Street
New York 27, New York

My dear Dr. Heschel:

Please pardon the delay in answering your kind letter, but I thought I would wait until such time as I plan to come to New York before I wrote to you.

I shall be in New York on Monday and Tuesday of next week, stopping at the Waldorf Astoria. Please telephone me on Monday and we will appoint a time for our meeting.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:mas

air mail

December 17, 1953

Mr. Manuel F. Goodman
2859 Hampton Road
Cleveland 20, Ohio

My dear Mr. Goodman:

Permit me to thank you for your kind note and for your generous gift which you enclosed. In keeping with my practice, I shall place it into a charity fund which I use from time to time.

I was pleased to have been of service to you even though the occasion was a sad one.



With warmest regards, and trusting that you are well, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rmc

FANNIE GOODMAN
2859 HAMPTON RD.
CLEVELAND 20, OHIO

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Dear Rabbi -

Unfortunately, I did not have the pleasure of hearing your address at the Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Federation. However, through the thoughtfulness of Max Friedman I have just received a copy -

I have just finished reading it - That much abused word "magnificent," in this case, is truly applicable -

Appreciatively -
Harold

12/17/53

7:30 p.m.
12/29

December 18, 1953

Mr. Joseph J. Schwartz
United Jewish Appeal
165 West 16th Street
New York 36, New York

My dear Friend,

Thank you for your letter of December sixteenth.
I shall be very happy to see you on Tuesday,
December 29th if that is convenient for you.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:mas

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December 18, 1953.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Perhaps if you will glance at the bottom of this letter, you will recall the person who has been for a number of years, (including the period of your Presidency of the Z.O.A.) the director of the Bronx Zionist Region.

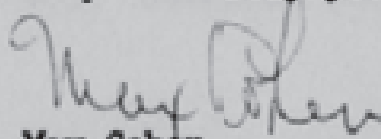
A great pride has come to me. My son-in-law, who married my only child, has been so inspired by your personality as a leader and orator that when he heard of the Kfar Silver, he convinced his brother to join with him in a \$1,000 contribution to the project in memory of their late father. Both brothers appeared formally at a dinner of the Region and made the pledge in the presence of Rabbi Irving Miller.

Naturally, as their mentor in many matters including Jewish living, I am most anxious that they will always have the spirit of giving, even beyond my own days.

If you can favor me with a letter to them that will serve the above purpose, I shall be most grateful. Their address is listed below.

I trust that this finds you in the best of health.

Very sincerely yours,


Max Cohen,
Regional Director.

Messrs. Robert P. and Morton Roberts
108 Amherst Street
Brooklyn, N. Y.



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The WALDORF-ASTORIA

PARK AND LEXINGTON AVENUES / 49TH AND 50TH STREETS / NEW YORK 22 /

December 18, 1953.

Mrs. Ruth Sparrow,
Secretary to Rabbi Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Sparrow:

We are pleased to confirm the following reservation
as requested in your letter of December 15:

Rabbi and Mrs. A. H. Silver - arrival December 21 -
departure December 23 - a comfortable double room
with bath.

May I bring your attention to the enclosed card regard-
ing Arrival, Departure and Cancellation? Due to our
continuing capacity business we do not hold rooms beyond
6:00 p.m. unless we have prior notice and we would
appreciate your cooperation in this respect.

We look forward to the pleasure of welcoming you
to The Waldorf-Astoria.

Sincerely yours,

Anthony M. Rey
ANTHONY M. REY
OFFICE MANAGER

AMR:
VC

December 18, 1953

Estate of Philip Turberg
24 Endover Road
Rockville Center, Long Island, New York

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me
a copy of The Writings of Mr. P. Turberg, which
I know that I shall read with a great deal of
pleasure and profit.

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rmc



N O T I C E . . .

WE RESPECTFULLY CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING
AND YOUR CO-OPERATION WILL GREATLY ASSIST US IN PLANNING
RESERVATION ASSIGNMENTS.

ARRIVAL... ROOM ASSIGNMENTS ARE USUALLY MADE AFTER 3 P.M.
OUR DEPARTURE HOUR. RESERVATIONS FOR ARRIVAL AFTER
6 P.M. REQUIRE DEFINITE ADVICE.

DEPARTURE... IT IS NECESSARY TO ASK OUR PATRONS ON DAY OF
DEPARTURE TO VACATE THEIR ROOMS BY 3 P.M. SO THAT THEY
MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR OTHER PATRONS WHO ARE WAITING.

CANCELLATION... IN THE EVENT YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO USE
YOUR RESERVATION, PLEASE CANCEL IT PROMPTLY. YOU WILL BE
HELPING YOUR FELLOW TRAVELER.

The WALDORF-ASTORIA

December 18, 1953

Mr. Sheldon E. Katz
2552 Chenning Road
University Heights 18, Ohio

My dear Sheldon:

I want to thank you for your kind note of December ninth and for the generous gift which you enclosed. In keeping with my practice, I shall place it in a charity fund which I use from time to time.

I trust that you are all well. I am pleased that I was able to be of service to you and to the members of your family even though the occasion was a very sad one.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:ms

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ESTATE OF PHILIP TURBERG
24 ENDOVER ROAD
Rockville Center, Long Island, New York

To

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER
THE TEMPLE
E. 105TH ST. AT ANEEL ROAD
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December 18, 1953

Telegram to Mr. Carleton Bullis, 86 E. Bridge
Berea 4-7366

OUR ORGANIST, MR. WILLARD, IS ILL. WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE
YOU HELP US OUT IN THE EMERGENCY AND PLAY THE ORGAN THIS
SUNDAY MORNING. I WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU WOULD CONTACT
ME HERE AT THE TEMPLE BEFORE 5:30 OR LATER IN THE EVENING
AT MY HOME. WILLARD IS AT THE HANNAH HOUSE AND WOULD TELL
YOU ABOUT THE MUSICAL SERVICE.

WARMEST REGARDS,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER





Sent crate of
gifts
12/1/53

Joe & Marie gas to



Holly Formal

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Season's
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H. S. SUBRIN

SAMUEL GOLDMAN

*Autographed
& sent
12/24/53*

December 21, 1953

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Euclid Avenue Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Would you be kind enough to autograph this picture of you and my son, Stephen Subrin, who was on the same program with you the evening of the Temple Israel dedication on Sunday, December 13, 1953, at the Mayflower Hotel, Akron, Ohio.

Steve was so thrilled and inspired by your address (this being the first time he heard you) that I would like to give him the picture autographed.

Rabbi, I have worked for many years doing Jewish communal work of every description. Once in a while one gets a bit weary. However after listening to you I cannot help but feel re-inspired and renewed with fresh vigor and enthusiasm. I was at the last UJA conference in Cleveland a few months ago. We who came from Akron all feel the same way after hearing your address.

I know you are a very busy man and trust you will forgive the indulgence of this note.

With kindest personal regards and with best wishes for the good health of you and your loved one, I remain

Sincerely yours,

H. S. Subrin

H. S. Subrin

HSS/gfm

P. S. I am enclosing the envelope, etc. to return the picture.

December 24, 1953

Mr. Harold Fallon
Rosenfeld, Palay & Fallon
230 Leader Building
Cleveland 14, Ohio

My dear Harold:

Permit me to thank you for your gracious note of the seventeenth and the things which you say about the address which I delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Federation. I am glad that you enjoyed reading it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:mas

See letter to Ted Resnikoff

December 24, 1953

Mr. Mendel N. Fisher
Jewish National Fund
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

My dear Mendel:

Thank you for your letter of December seventeenth. I appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending me the tree certificate as well as the Golden Book certificate.

Both bring to mind the very pleasant days which Mrs. Silver and I spent in Mexico City and the fine people we met there.

With warmest regards in which Mrs. Silver joins me, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:mas

December 24, 1953

Mr. J. Weingarten
J. Weingarten, Inc.
600 Lockwood
Houston, Texas

My dear Joe:

Again your lovely gift of fruit brought to mind your gracious friendship through the years. I need not tell you that I am very grateful to you for your thoughtfulness and that Mrs. Silver and I reciprocate most heartily the greetings of the season.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rne

December 24, 1953

Mr. Irving Kane
3139 Kingsley Road
Shaker Heights 22, Ohio

My dear Irving:

Thank you so much for your lovely note of December seventeenth. I appreciate very much the kind things which you say about me.

There has been a gratifying response to the City Club address, and I think that some good has been done.

With warmest regards to you and Adeline, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rmz

See letter, 12/17/53
from Mendel N. Fisher
of Jew. Nat'l Fund

December 24, 1953

Mr. Ted Resnikoff
c/o The Karen Kayemeth Office
Apartado 2700
Mexico

My dear Friend:

I received today the certificate representing a grove of 1,000 trees which was planted in my honor by the Jewish National Fund of Mexico on the occasion of my visit to your fine community. Mrs. Silver likewise received a Golden Book certificate, indicating that her name had been inscribed in it by our friends in your city.

Will you please accept my profound appreciation for these lovely acts on the part of your organization. Please convey to all our friends in Mexico City our gratitude and all our good wishes.

With personal regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:mas

ROCKAWAY PARK HEBREW CONGREGATION
445 BEACH 135TH STREET
BELLE HARBOR, L. I., N. Y.

DR. ROBERT GORDIS, RABBI

December 24, 1953

Dear Doctor Silver:

I hope this note finds you well.

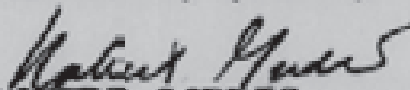
I have been receiving your superb Temple Bulletin regularly, and my entire family finds its contents an intellectual delight.

You may remember that several years ago your Temple Bulletin published an extensive review, with excerpts, of my book, KOHELETH - THE MAN AND HIS WORLD. I have now issued a companion work on the SONG OF SONGS. It gives me great pleasure to send you a copy, with my compliments, under separate cover.

I must confess that, over and beyond the extraordinary admiration and friendship I bear you, I have an ulterior motive in mind. I am hoping that you will find it possible to have the book reviewed in an issue of your Temple Bulletin by a competent critic, and thus bring the work to the attention of the vast number of readers of your Bulletin.

With all best wishes on the New Year, and warmest personal greetings, I am

Cordially yours,


ROBERT GORDIS

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cong. Tifereth Israel
E. 105 Street and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland 6, Ohio

December 30, 1953

Mr. Leonard S. Labowitch
8937 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Leonard:

I received this morning the beautiful monogrammed handkerchiefs which you sent me. I need not tell you that I am very pleased with the gift, which I value greatly as a mark of friendship.

I trust that you are well, and with warmest regards to you and Edith in which Virginia joins me, I remain,

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rmg

December 30, 1953

Miss Carol Reinfeld
510 N. Roxbury Drive
Beverly Hills, California

My dear Carol:

I was pleased to receive your note of December seventeenth. I should, of course, be most happy to perform your marriage ceremony on the evening of January thirty-first, but unfortunately, I shall be away on a short vacation for about ten days beginning on the twenty-fifth.

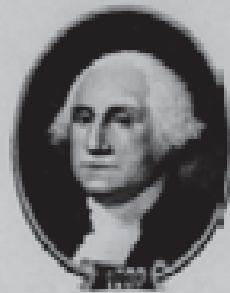
If you wish me to, I will ask my associate, Rabbi Stone, to officiate.

With all good wishes for much happiness, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rmc



Providence Washington Insurance Co.

of Providence, R. I.

FIELD OFFICE
1881 UNION COMMERCE BUILDING
CLEVELAND, OHIO
TELEPHONE: TOWER 1-0847

December 30, 1953

Rabbi A. H. Silver
1981C Shaker Blvd.,
Shaker Heights, Ohio

Policy No: PPF 2 4539
Date of Loss: 12/3/53
Kind of Loss: Theft

In connection with your above mentioned claim, we are enclosing herewith the following paper(s) (indicated by a (X) mark), with the request that you kindly furnish us with the required information stated on the enclosed. PLEASE NOTE THAT YOUR SIGNATURE IS NECESSARY ON ALL PAPER(S).

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()	BILL OF SALE		
()	OWNERS AFFIDAVIT		
()	RELEASE AND AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENT		

When you have properly signed and completed the above would you kindly return the document(s) to this office so that we may proceed with the settlement of your claim.

Yours very truly,

John N. Wilshire, Jr.
JOHN N. WILSHIRE, JR.
Staff Adjuster

JOE WEINGARTEN
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Dec. 30, 1953

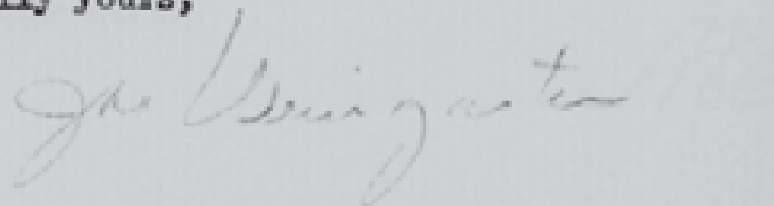
My Dear Rabbi:

It is always a pleasure to hear from you and your good wife and I trust that this finds both of you in the best of health. I have not seen you or Mrs. Silver in a mighty long time and do hope that we may have the pleasure of seeing you one of these days before too long.

For quite some time, I have not been attending any of these Zionist get-togethers, as frankly, between you and me, I am just a little bit fed up on them and all the politics that seem to be going on, and I feel that maybe we would be better off if we just simply concentrated on being "friends of Israel", rather than Zionists, non-Zionists, etc., all of which has the same objective, not counting, of course, the real enemies of Israel, which are not only the Arab States, but that misnomer "The Council for Judaism".

Hoping that the New Year will bring Health and Happiness to both of you and with fondest regards from Malvina and myself, I am

Cordially yours,



Rabbi Abba Millel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

December 30, 1953

Messrs. Robert P. and Morton Roberts
108 Amherst Street
Brooklyn, New York

My dear Friends:

Through my good friend, Max Cohen, I learned of the generous contributions which you made to Kfar Silver in memory of your father. I want to tell you that I profoundly appreciate your generosity and your tribute.

The Agriculture School which is being built in Kfar Silver will, I believe, be an important contribution to the developing life of the country insofar as it will train through the years many young men and women in the many branches of scientific agriculture which is so basic to the upbuilding of the new State.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms

December 30, 1953

Mr. Marshall Fine
2839 Winthrop
Shaker Heights, Ohio

My dear Marshall:

It was indeed very thoughtful of you to send me a season pass to the Associated Theaters. I need not tell you that I am very appreciative of your kindness. I do hope that I will find time sometime during the year to see some movies at the Shaker Theater.

With all good wishes for the New Year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms

December 30, 1953

Dear Denny:

It is a long time since I wrote to you. Not that I have been so busy, but that so many routine things have consumed my time.

We did go to New York last week for two days, Mother and I. I had some meetings there, and we had an opportunity to see Raphael and to visit his diggings. He seems to be very comfortable, and what is far more important, he seems to be enjoying his work very much. He came back home and spent about three days with us here in Cleveland. It was nice to have one of you boys home again.

Mother and I have been greatly impressed with the visit which you took to the Naval Installations and with your description of the places which you visited and the communities. We got a real feel of being with you on your trip. I know that it must have been very enriching. It is a part of the world where I have never been and should very much like to visit some day. That and India.

We heard this morning from Agren, who saw you in Japan, and he conveyed to us your greetings.

Since writing to you, I had my meeting at the City Club where I spoke on the present status of civil liberties, etc., in the United States. The address evoked considerable favorable comment. You may be interested in the enclosed clipping reporting my address last Sunday morning.

I have been at my desk in recent months more than I have had the opportunity previously, and I have been enjoying it a great deal. Mother is fine. We are preparing to have a quiet New Year's celebration tomorrow evening. We shall be attending the concert of the Cleveland Symphony. Otherwise there is no news.

MR. ROBERT R. OPPEL
1602 Clinton Avenue
Belmar Gardens
Belmar, N. J.

[December, 1953]
Autograph sent
12/30

DEAR RABBI:

SOME TIME AGO I WROTE TO YOU
ASKING FOR YOUR AUTOGRAPH. I DIDN'T HAVE
MUCH SUCCESS - SO HERE I AM AGAIN. WILL
YOU PLEASE SEND ME YOUR SIGNATURE.

SOME OF THE MANY WHO HAVE OBLIGED
ARE: ROOSEVELT, HOOVER, TRUMAN, EISENHOWER,
MACARTHUR, EINSTEIN, RABBI WISE, CHAIM WEISSMANN,
FRANCO, POPE PIUS, THOMAS MANN, CHIANG KAI
SHEK, NEHRU, PATTON, MARK CLARK, EDEN,
HENRY FORD, ORVILLE WRIGHT, MAYO BROTHERS. ETC.

I HOPE YOU WILL ALSO OBLIGE.

YOURS TRULY, Robert R. Opper

December 31, 1953

Dr. Abraham Heschel
3080 Broadway
New York, New York

My dear Dr. Heschel:

I wish to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me reprints of your articles. I know that I shall read them with a great deal of pleasure and profit.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rmg

Herschel
2080 Broadway

December 31, 1953

Mr. Jacob Sapirstein, President
American Greetings Corporation
Peres Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Jacob: *Mr. Sapirstein,*

I received the enclosed letter. You may be in a position, perhaps, to advise the writer of the note.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

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enclosure

*Letter from Harold H. Baugh
forwarded*

December 31, 1953

Mrs. George Furth
13700 Fairhill
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Jessie:

I am sending you under separate cover the mezuzah for your new home. It is a very attractive one. The letter at the top is for the name of God. The lion crouching at the bottom of the pillar is of course the lion of Judah.

The mezuzah is to be affixed to the door-post about two-thirds up from the ground.

With warmest regards, I remain

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:ms

Sent under sep. cover

December 31, 1953

Mr. Saul Danaceau
Criminal Courts Building
1560 East Twenty-first Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Danaceau:

You will find a more legible text of Rabbi Silver's
City Club address in the enclosed copy of our bulletin.

I think the Rabbi would appreciate some copies of this
address when you have it printed. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth Sparrow
Secretary to Dr. Silver



[December 1952]

Dear Rabbi:

I hope you like them
in December as you might have in
September.

Sincerely,

L. G. G.



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