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October 2, 1958

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

Dear Rabbi:

I have had several meetings with two gentlemen connected with the Lakeview Cemetery in reference to the possibility of acquiring some additional land for Mayfield Cemetery.

They are very much interested in the cultural development of the University Circle and I told them what you were doing to improve the area. They seemed quite interested and I thought it would probably be a good gesture for you to send them an invitation to visit the new building when you have the opening. I think they will appreciate the opportunity of seeing it. These gentlemen are Arnold M. Davis and Ralph W. Reed and you can reach them at 12316 Euclid Avenue, the Lakeview Cemetery office. You might mention the fact that I suggested this invitation.

Yours sincerely,



H. D. Koblitz

HDK/gr

October 7, 1958

Mr. Ralph W. Reed
Lakeview Cemetery Office
12326 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Mr. Reed:

My friend Mr. H. D. Koblitz wrote to me and suggested that I send you an invitation to attend the Open House of the new Temple Annex. I am very happy to extend an invitation to you to visit the new addition to The Temple on Sunday afternoon, October 19th, from 3:00 to 6:00 o'clock. I shall be very happy to see you at that time.

With warmest regards, I remain

Cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AMS:lg

October 7, 1958

Mr. Arnold M. Davis
Lakeview Cemetery Office
12316 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland 6, Ohio

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With warmest regards, I remain

Cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:lg

October 8, 1958

My dear Leo:

When I spoke to you yesterday in the Temple office you were not sure whether the matter of the naming of the Social Hall had ever come up before the Temple board. I requested Mr. Bamberger to check and the enclosed are excerpts from the minutes of the board meeting of March 11, 1958. Evidently you did not attend this board meeting.

I also checked on the contribution of George Hayes. He gave nothing to the building fund.

With warmest regards I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS: bfm

Enclosure

Mr. Leo Neumark
2943 South Park Blvd.
Shaker Heights, Ohio

U. S. S. COWELL (DD-547)
CARE OF FLEET POST OFFICE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

October 8, 1958

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Thank you very much for your kind and thoughtful letter. The fact that you took the time out of your very busy schedule to personally write to a lonely sailor somewhere off the coast of Formosa, has meant a great deal to me.

To answer your question; there is no Jewish Chaplain with us on our ship of 275 officers and men. Therefore the task fell on me to attempt to fulfil the religious needs of the three enlisted Jewish boys aboard. Though our schedule makes regular services very difficult, we did observe the High Holy Days in a very interesting manner.

The Protestant Chaplain had previously brought aboard a great quantity of Passover food which had been contributed by the National Jewish Welfare Board, and though Matzos and Gefillte fish do seem a little incongruous with the High Holy Days we had ourselves quite a feast after services. In line with that my training at The Temple has helped me a great deal. You see the other officers saw all of these Passover foods, many of which they had never seen before and asked me about them. I must have told the story of Passover ten different times, but I am sure it did alot to spread understanding and goodwill between religions. In fact, the whole wardroom has been eating the Matzos and with great relish too.

I should like to wish you and your family health and happiness in the coming year and great success with the Temple Annex.

Sincerely,
Howard F. Ruby
Ensign Howard F. Ruby

October 8, 1958

Mr. & Mrs. Max Smith
9128 Wade Park Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear friends:

Miss Leikind informs me that you are about to celebrate your fifty-fifth wedding anniversary. May I join your hosts of friends in extending to you my heartiest felicitations and all good wishes for the coming years in which Mrs. Silver joins me most heartily?

With warmest regards I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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RABBI JULIUS J. NODEL
TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL
1001 N. W. FLANDERS
PORTLAND 9, OREGON

October 8, 1958

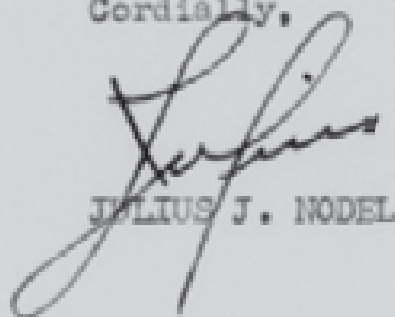
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Congregation Tifereth Israel
East 105th Street & Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This will introduce to you Professor A.J. Kraus whose struggle for academic freedom has become a classic in the annals of the misuses made of democracy. Perhaps I presume too much by assuming that you are not aware of this case. In any event, I take the liberty of putting in the hands of Dr. Kraus this letter of introduction. Dr. Kraus will relate his story to you much better than I could possibly do and will show you whatever documents pertain to his case. He is entitled to a sympathetic hearing and to as much assistance as we can give him. Whatever we can do will be implementation of the Social Justice ideals we preach. I know that I can count on you to do a "tovah".

With kindest greetings to you and Virginia from Ollie and me,

Cordially,



JULIUS J. NODEL

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Oct. 13, 1958.

The Abba Hillel Silver Charitable & Ed Fund
The Temple - Ansel Rd. & E. 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

In the past, the HADOAR benefitted from your generosity.
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continue publishing the only Hebrew Weekly outside of Israel.

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recognized. Being a literary periodical, and in the Hebrew
language at that, it cannot, for obvious reasons, be self-
sustaining.

Your last contribution in 1957 was for \$ 50.00 . May I
ask you to favor us with a check at this time?

Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience, I
remain

Gratefully yours,



David Epstein
Managing Director

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P.S. A contribution to HADOAR is tax-deductible.

In lieu of your contribution, you have been receiving the
HADOAR regularly.

October 13, 1958

Mrs. Charles S. Miller
2228 Harcourt Drive
Cleveland Heights 6, Ohio

My dear Belle:

I thought that you should be apprised of the decision which was taken to rename Mahler Hall and the reasons for it. When we came to plan the new Temple Annex, we realized that Mahler Hall would have to be completely abandoned. The hall was considerably enlarged and everything in the hall - roof, floor, walls, lighting, etc. - were replaced. A completely new kitchen was installed, a new powder room and specialty shops were built for the Temple Women's Association, an air conditioning system was installed. A sum of one hundred thousand dollars was spent upon the new hall. The Board therefore felt that the hall being entirely new should have a new name and so it was decided to call it the Social Hall.

We do intend, however, to have a bronze plaque in the hall to indicate that on the original site of the Social Hall stood Mahler Hall which was established in honor of Barney Mahler.

Whenever you are free, I wish that you would come in so that I could show you both the new Social Hall and the entire new Annex which was built at a cost of over a million dollars and which has been enthusiastically hailed by our entire membership and by the community.

With warmest regards I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

ABS:bfm

cc: sent to: Mrs. D. S. Silver
Herman Silver
Sara Silver
Abraham Silver

Oct. 14, 1958

19200 STRATHCONA DRIVE
DETROIT 3, MICHIGAN

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Rd. at 105th. Street
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was greatly disturbed when word came to me that the name Mahler was to be dropped from Mahler Hall at The Temple. There seems to be much discussion about it in Cleveland.

We have never heard of a donor's name being removed from a college building, hospital room, or public institution, even though generations have elapsed since the original contribution and designation. When my grandfather made his donation, and this I remember vividly, the Temple Board thought it sufficiently generous to affix his name to an important room, and it did indeed help considerably in the erection of your most inspiring Temple.

I can also recall my father's years of dedicated service to The Temple, the time when you came to Cleveland from Wheeling, and many other fond associations, even after these many years of living in Detroit.

Hoping that I have been misinformed about this matter and that I will hear from you soon,

With kindest personal regards,

Very Sincerely,

Jeannette Lewenthal Levine
(Mrs. Isador Levine)

October 15, 1958

Mrs. Isadore Levin
19200 Stratheona Drive
Detroit 3, Michigan

My dear Jeanne:

Thank you so much for your letter of October 14th.
I think that the best way to reply to your inquiry
is to send you a copy of the letter which I sent
to Belle Miller. I think it is self-explanatory.

With warmest regards and trusting that you are well
I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

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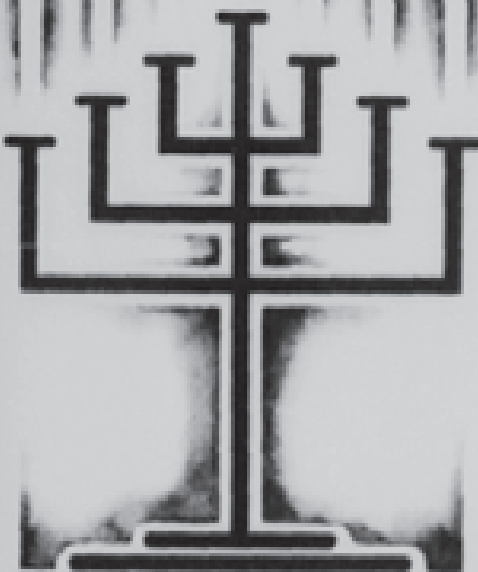
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Orhile Pa.
Oct. 16-1958

Dear beloved Rabbi Silver -

You don't know me personally, although we were members of The Temple in 1939, when we got married there on Oct 1st 1939 by Rabbi Hark, (your then assistant). I was the former Renate Wolf (of Frankfurt a/Main), my parents are co-founders of Temple Gates of Hope - Dear Rabbi we wish you many more happy New Years (L'shanah tovah). A friend just sent us newspaper clippings about The Temple and the Silver Park. Please Rabbi, send us a small photo of yourself; autographed to 'Wally and Renee Mank' and a photo of The Temple so I can keep it in our Holy Scripture - We're members of Chav Shalom Temple in Harrisburg (where I taught Hebrew and Religious Education) Rabbi Dr. Bookstaber, God bless



".... SPEECH IS
THE MESSENGER
OF THE HEART"
THE TALMUD

him, is a good friend of ours. We have 2 adorable daughters, Judy
now 15 and Sandy, now 12. who went to Sunday School at ^{New England}
Ohev Shalom for many years. If you ever stop through
here, stop in and meet your old friend. ~

With our blessed wishes for you and
your family; I say: Shalom in America
Forever

UNIONGRAMS, a project of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, serve the cause of religious education. Their proceeds supplement the Federation's Youth, Education and Sisterhood (YES) Fund or support Sisterhood-sponsored free religious schools. In proportion to monies received, the Fund aids eligible students of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, development of the Sisterhood program, and youth activities of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

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Renee Manola

Mrs. W. F. Manola
1322 Spring St.
Carlisle Pa.

Base Lake Road
Newbury Ohio
Oct 16, 1958

Dear Rabbi Hillel Silver,

To you who are blessed to
the Lord God of Israel and for this sake I
write you. Please know sir that the measure
of the material man of me is of no significance
for truly I have no identity of ^{kind} on this world's
material or social standard. I am blessed to my
husband and loved by our children, God has blessed
us, and sincerely a spiritual millionaire but
beyond that — nothing.)

WRHS  grandmothers
blessed even more. They taught the way
of Righteousness to the Word of God
and carefully admonished to love the souls of
the Jewish people of the world always. For
this reason and in great tenderness and love I
write you, Sir.

The inner man of me is grieved
because of the calamity befallen the Jewish People,
the Jewish People, in Atlanta and Illinois. God
has been gracious and blessed America above
all nations only because it has been a welcome
refuge to all the Jewish people. When it
ever becomes less than this — we can expect
nothing less than God's wrath and judgment.

Please know sir, during my oft communion with God I shall prayerfully remember you all and continue to beseech God's protection in the Jewish behalf. No sir, I myself am not a Jewish girl as my ancestry is Saxon and Irish and I am God's only by adaption.

Now who are so... privileged to be the Lord God's chosen people even from the beginning of time, ^(But I know of the Jewish off. 10:30) could this dual state tragedies be even the forerunner of the Great Tribulation prophecies in the Book of Ezekiel? Dear Rabbi, the prophecies of the Gentile Dispensation are literally at the end of the very end of their fulfillment, ^(Lev. 2:24) and God's Word declares that **WRITIS**  the time of the Gentiles a **Remnant** shall be converted and saved and God **WRITIS**  will finish the work of the Dispensation of Grace and cut it short.

Although the number of the children of Israel be as the sands of the sea — only a remnant shall be saved according to the election of grace (Isaiah 40:3 & Jer. 16:22, 23 & Romans 9:27-28 and Romans 11:5 & 16:35.) and Jeremiah 6:9 & 10?

Many times in the Books of the Old Testament ^(Gen.) the Lord God of Israel admonishes the Jews to return to God and as they do obey His Commandment & Him — He forgives them and heals their calamities (Jer. 18:1-4 & Isaiah 6:9 & 10)

For even in Hosea 6:1, 3, 6 the Lord of Israel declares He desires mercy and not sacrifice. Yea, it is written and thus saith the Lord God surely —

The Very Lord God of Israel knew that His people were obstinate and their necks were as iron sinews and bows of brass — so He declared things to you from the beginning of your History before these things came to pass ^{as} ~~but~~ prophesied it shall be thus and so — for reason that Israel would dare to doubt the magnitude of the Lord God (even yet of Israel) it is written I. saiah 49: 3. 4. And did not it come to pass just exactly as He declared?

And because of this very reason that God revealed many things and secrets and they were brought to pass as undeniable irrefragable reality and yet Israel was WRITHING — even though God gave you all signs and wonders — you did not believe to hear — you did not believe. — Ex. 12: 12.

God of Israel is not going to prolong the proud of the House of Israel — there shall be no more vain visions nor flattering divinations within the House of Israel — for it has been rebellious too long. — Thus saith the Lord God, There shall none of my words be prolonged any more, but the word which I (the Lord God) hath spoken — shall be done. ^{Ex. 12: 12}

Beloved of God — sir, will you not be a part of the gleaning — the remnant of Israel and turn a listening ear to the Holy Spirit of God even now knocking on your hearts door (Jeremiah 6: 12)

You who are surely a branch of the "true-
vine" — which has been cast forth because
of unbelief can truly be grafted back in;
for even such as me — a wild vine has
been grafted in ^{and} this being even against
nature — how much more so the "true-
vine" would graft you in ^{and} heal you ^{and}
your end be yet greater than your beginning. ^{Roman} 11:36
and Joel 2:1, 32.

The Lord God of Israel has promised over ^{and}
over again when you return to Him ^{and} repent — He
will heal your ^{and} deliverance. 1. Isaiah 6:9 & 11
2. Jeremiah 31:8



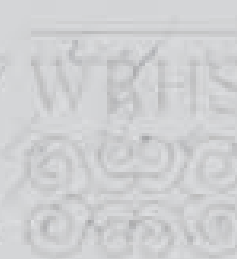
Isaiah 6:1
Isaiah 11:1, 2, 4
Joel 2:1 & 32
Ezekiel 37:13 & 17
7. John 12:37 & 49 (40)
8. Romans 9:27 & 33
9. Romans 10:1 & 21
10. Romans 11:1 & 36

Dear Sir, the Holy Spirit of God desires
to reveal even the mystery which has been hid
from ages ^{and} generations — but now is made manifest
to you — Colossians 1:26 & 27 — Colossians 2:6 & 7
Yes, ^(Jeremiah 23:6) Colossians 2:6 is even, now the Key
of Israel's Salvation ^{and} healing has even more.

Rabbi, I have not declared my own words only, Thus saith the Lord — it is written in the Very Holy Word of God — The Bible ???

Give a receiving heart to the Holy Spirit of God — ask Him to reveal The God of Israel intended truth to you — for the Holy Spirit giveth Life.

Please for the Lord God of Israel's sake and get even your own — be a part of the remnant of Israel reserved unto God according to the election of grace & Romans 11: 5 — Romans 9: 27 and 29

My heart aches for the multitudes who are yet turning  and rebellious hearts. For truth  and as well as reverence and  and  all Israel knows The Lord God of Love and even so of Justice ??? The prophetic tribulation of the Jews recorded in Ezekiel and Jeremiah and Daniel and Matthew and John and Revelation is yet before all of Israel and the heart-breaking calamity then of —

Abs, I myself am preparing to be a part of the Bride of Christ and I shall not be here and I am the generation that literally saw the land of the Jews begin to bloom like a Rose in the desert and it is my God given sign this generation shall not pass until these things be fulfilled — Matt 24: 34 & 36.

ah, I see I am even on the 7th page
writing you and am aware that with
spiritual reference the Bible number of seven
is scripturally referred to as the "Dispensation
of Fulness." (of time) and of this letter.

And am also aware that the duties
of a domestician and mother need my attention
and shall claim. If ever my heart has been
motivated by over-whelming love - surely
this resulting letter to you is evidence of same.

I have written to you, Sir, because the
Very Lord God of Israel has loved even the
likes of me -  your kind and
I know Him as ~~your~~ ^{my} Father and even
soon coming -

(Come and go with me to my Father's House
where there is Peace, Sweet, Peace! - His Word
declares that for the "Believers" a place is
prepared where in to dwell for all the
ages of eternity with Him - The Very Lord God of
Israel and even my Heavenly Father. And if
this is wrought for ~~my~~ ^{me} who is His only
by adoption - what shall it be for you
who are His own. Father's Love and with affection,
I remain,

Mrs. Robert Jos. Williams (Betty June)
His response is answer to one of earth's protocol but
the Lord God of Israel shall require one - now ^(during Disputation) in eternity.

October 17, 1958

Rabbi Jacob M. Rothensid
The Temple
1589 Peachtree Road, N.W.,
Atlanta 9, Georgia

My dear Jacob:

I do not wish to intrude upon you at this time when I know full well how occupied you must be with everything connected with the outrageous bombing of your Temple. It has aroused the American public opinion as few things have in recent years and I hope that it might lead ultimately to much good, not only for your own community in Atlanta but communities throughout the United States. I read your personal statement in the press following the bombing and it was admirable.

My purpose in writing to you this letter is to request you to extend a welcome to a dear young friend of mine who is coming to live in Atlanta. He will call on you, I am sure, in the near future. He is John Efroymsen whom I confirmed and married. He is a gifted young chemical engineer, of fine character and strong Jewish loyalties. He has been active in the Youth circles of the Temple. His father, Abraham Efroymsen, has been an officer of the Temple and is now a member of its Board and has represented the Temple in many of the councils of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

I am sure that you will find the young Efroymsens delightful people. Any courtesies which you might extend to them will be greatly appreciated by me.

With warmest regards and all good wishes I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

CC: Abraham Efroymsen



12708 Kadel Avenue
Cleveland 35, Ohio
October 20, 1958

Dear Doctor Silver:

Thank you for your wonderful words of consolation and the eulogy so aptly expressed by your message upon the recent death of Pope Pius XII.

The Cleveland Press carried a page of such messages, but it was yours that moved me the most.

"Thank you" seems such an inadequate expression ... but ours is an inadequate language with which to convey the thoughts we bear in our minds and hearts.

Please rest assured that your mission to teach the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God has borne fruit even in one of another faith, since you are remembered as a benefactor in my own prayers before the throne of Almighty God.

Respectfully,

Dorothy M. Prizner

Dorothy M. Prizner
(Mrs. Edward Prizner)



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October 20, 1958

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



My Dear Rabbi Silver:

I wish to thank you for your gracious invitation to visit "The Temple" Sunday and see the new Temple Annex.

It was to me a thrilling experience. I enjoyed the architecture, the decore, and seeing so many of my friends including your wonderful son.

I thank you for your invitation.

Cordially yours,

Arnold M. Davis
Arnold M. Davis
Executive Vice President.

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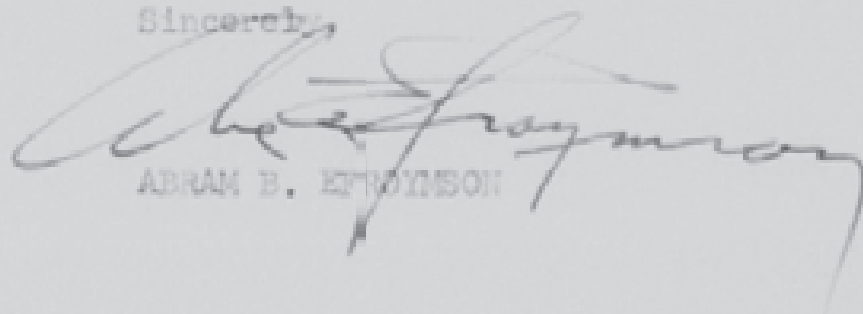
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th at Ansel
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi,

Thank you so much for your kind letter to
Rabbi Rothschild at Atlanta on behalf of
my son, John, who is moving to Atlanta. I
feel certain that John plans to visit
Rabbi Rothschild and I know, through your
thoughtful letter, he will welcome John and
his dear family to that community.

Thanks again for your courtesy in writing.

Sincerely,



ABRAM B. KRAYMAN

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October 21, 1958

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have recently seen copies of the letter which my cousin, Mrs. Levin, wrote to you and your letter to my aunt, Mrs. Charles Miller. I was not completely surprised at the information contained therein because on a recent visit to Cleveland, I had taken my wife through the Temple and, at that time, was told by the gentleman who showed us around that the name of Mahler Hall had been changed to Social Hall.

Speaking for the whole family, I must say that it was hard to believe that such a change would be made. You undoubtedly recall the generous contribution which my grandfather made at the time the Temple was built. I am sure that when he did it, he enjoyed the thought that it would perpetuate his name. Even though most of my generation is scattered throughout the country, there is still living in Cleveland and a member of your Temple, one of Barney Mahler's daughters.

Your reference to the fact that a great deal of money has been spent to refurbish the Hall, hardly seems a reason to change its title. I believe Harvard College was founded by a gift of 50 pounds sterling and a library of 200 books made by John Harvard. In spite of the millions of dollars that have since been contributed to that institution, I don't believe anyone has ever suggested changing the name to Harkness or Widener or Baker or anything else.

It certainly has always been the practice of all institutions that I know, either philanthropic or religious, to retain the name of the donor of a particular building or part of a building as long as that edifice stands.

I recall with mixed feelings, the years that my father served as a Trustee of the Temple, including the time that he went

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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October 21, 1958

to Wheeling, West Virginia, to meet you on behalf of the Trustees. I also recall the many years of service that my grandfather gave to the Temple. I suppose now that this step has been taken by the Trustees and yourself (as I am sure they would not act against your wishes), that there is nothing more to be done. I should like however to express to you and your Board of Trustees, the intense disappointment that I feel and that all of the members of our family feel with me. Even though time passes quickly, I am sorry to see that there is so little place for sentiment in the present state of the world.

Sincerely yours,

Burton M. Strauss

Burton M. Strauss



October 21, 1958

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

Sunday, I saw the new addition to our Temple.

I cannot put into words just how I feel about it....just beautiful, beautiful, is the only word I know to describe it. The color scheme, the decorations are all in excellent taste, and I must admit it gave me a thrill to see what a wonderful job has been accomplished.

Our Temple really has style....Congratulations.....

There is just one question I would like answered. Are we still going to use Severance Hall during the holidays? I hope it can be arranged that between the auditorium and Mahler Hall, and of course the synagogue, the whole congregation can be under one roof.

Again, congratulations.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Weiler,
2335 Scholl Rd.,
University Heights.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mother and Dad Graymson have forwarded the copy of the letter you sent Rabbi Rothschild in Atlanta. John and I want to thank you so very much for taking time out of your busy schedule to do such a thoughtful thing for us.



We will certainly get in touch
with Rabbi Rothschild as soon as
we get to Atlanta, and know
that because of your kind letter.
"the welcome mat will be out for
us".

Again many thanks from John
and myself.

Sincerely,
Donna Efraymson

October 22, 1958

October 22, 1958

Mrs. Robert J. Williams
Bass Lake Road
Newbury, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Williams:

Thank you for your kind letter which I read with
much interest. It was thoughtful of you to write.
I reciprocate all your good wishes.



Very cordially yours ,



ALBA HILAL SILVER

ARS:bfm

HARRY A. BLACHMAN
ATTORNEY AT LAW
1009 SCHOFIELD BLVD.
CLEVELAND 15, OHIO
MAIN 1-7171

October 23, 1958

Dear Rabbi Abba Shalom Selman:

I shall appreciate a response from you regarding the matter of our taking free water, which it is not the right of the City to take away and give away. There is something in the Ten Commandments about this.

Sincerely,

Harry Blachman

P.S. Mother & I have just arrived in town. I know Mrs. Selman and you will be glad to see each other.

October 24, 1958

Mr. Burton M. Strauss
Simon, Strauss & Himmie
The Savoy Plaza
Fifth Avenue and Fifty-eight Street
New York 22, N.Y.

My dear Burton:

Thank you for your letter of October 21st which I read with much interest. I do not know that I have anything more to add to what I wrote to your aunt, Mrs. Charles Miller. I am sorry that the letter did not completely satisfy her or your cousin, Mrs. Levin, nor the action which we took to have a plaque placed in the new Social Hall stating that on this site originally stood Mahler Hall.

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Oct 26.

Dear Dr. Silver

It was a pleasure to hear your voice again.
 Needless to tell you how much I always
 admired you. Every time you came to see
 my performances. It meant great inspiration.

I am leaving tonight for New York
 and will return for rehearsals about the 12th
 of Jan.

I believe that the young people from the
 Drama Center will gain much working
 with them in Yasha Korb. By the way the
 adaptation in English is a splendid one.
 I shall phone you on my return. Please
 remember me to your dear wife and sons.

Yours as ever

Wladimir Scheraga

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MAX M. POMERANTZ, M. D.
UNIVERSITY - CEDAR MEDICAL CENTER
10900 CARNEGIE AVENUE
CLEVELAND 8, OHIO
SWEETBRAN 1-7110

October 27, 1958

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Just a note to thank you for the help and many kindnesses which you showed to Morton this past summer. The inspiration which you instilled in him, I am sure, will live with him the rest of his life.

I will always be grateful to you for this, because as you know, he was very unsettled and did not know where he wanted to turn. For the first time it is my feeling that Morton now has found himself. It is impossible for me to put into words the depth of my appreciation for, as you know, a father wants nothing more than the happiness of his children.

With heartfelt thanks from both Mrs. Pomerantz and myself, I remain

Gratefully yours,

M. M. Pomerantz M.D.

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MMP/amw

October 27, 1958

Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Weiler
2335 Scholl Road
University Heights, Ohio

My dear Mr. & Mrs. Weiler:

Thank you so much for your lovely note. I am happy that you are pleased with the new Temple Annex. The reactions throughout the community have been most gratifying.

I am afraid that we will have to continue the use of Severance Hall during the holidays. We take care in Severance Hall during the two services each - on New Year's Eve and on Yom Kippur Eve - over three thousand people. Our new auditorium can certainly not accommodate any such numbers; besides, the parking problem around the Temple would become altogether unmanageable.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:brm

SAUL S. DANACEAU

18517 WINSLOW ROAD

CLEVELAND 22, OHIO

WASHINGTON 1-3405

October 23, 1958

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
c/o The Temple
Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

Please accept my sincere thanks and appreciation for your generous contribution to my campaign.

Please call on the additional service of contacting your friends by telephone or otherwise and ask them to vote for me on November 4th.

Sincerely,



November 3, 1958

Dr. Max M. Pomerantz
10900 Carnegie Avenue
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Dr. Pomerantz:

Thank you very much for your letter of October 27th. I did get pleasure in teaching Morton during the summer. He is a fine student and applied himself to an exacting schedule with very commendable scholarly discipline. If he follows through at the Hebrew Union College with the same spirit, he will go very far in his studies. I am very happy to have been of service.

With warmest regards and all good wishes to you and Mrs. Pomerantz, I remain

Very cordially yours

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

November 3, 1958

Mr. Efrain Davidson
11 Nordau Street
Ramat-Gan
Israel

My dear Mr. Davidson:

I received this morning your book on "Humor in Israel". I need not tell you I am deeply grateful to you for your thoughtfulness in sending it to me. I have not had the opportunity to look through it but I am sure I will find it both delightful and instructive.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most Cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfn

774 Sheridan Avenue
Columbus 9 Ohio
November 5, 1958

Rabbi Abba Millel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

A pamphlet distributed by "Citizens to defeat State Issue No.2" (Right-to-Work) attributes this statement to you under the heading

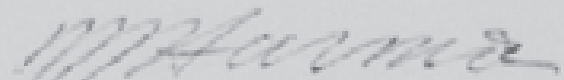
"Same People Fought Job Insurance"

"..... The same group of people now clamoring for the theoretic right to work, in 1930 fought bitterly in this state against the enactment of employment insurance which has proven such a lifesaver "

In connection with this pamphlet, I would like to ask you two questions:

1. Did you make this statement?
2. In a local publicity campaign notable for evasion, misdirection and half-truths, I would appreciate positive and clear identification of the "same group of people" that want the right to work but opposed employment insurance.

Yours very truly,



W. M. Harmon

HARDING COLLEGE

Searcy, Arkansas

SCHOOL OF AMERICAN STUDIES

November 5, 1958

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On October 26 another official of Harding College and I attended the service in the morning in The Temple and heard your sermon. It was a wonderful thought provoking treatise.

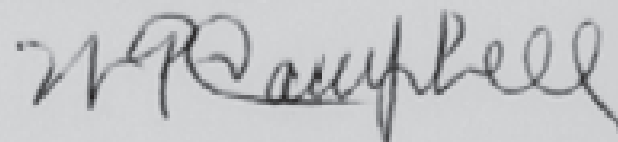
May I thank the various fine people who came up and introduced themselves after the service. It was heart warming to realize how much friendliness two Gentiles found in the Hebrew Temple.

It was my first visit to a Temple and I was surprised at how similar your service is to the service of the Episcopal Church.

I left with the very distinct feeling that Jews are certainly a warm hearted religious people. In fact, if we Gentiles, Jews and Mohammedans, all of whom worship the same God, do not get together, the communistic atheist are liable to take over the world.

May I again tell you how much we appreciated your sermon and the cordiality in your beautiful Temple.

Sincerely yours,



WPC:lm

William P. Campbell
Brig. Gen., USA-RET
Executive Assistant

November 5, 1958

Mr. Sam Kaplan
3420 Kildare Road
Cleveland Heights, Ohio

My dear Mr. Kaplan:

I am enclosing the letter from Israel concerning which I telephoned you yesterday. Please get in touch with the old lady and explain to her what you wish to tell me over the telephone. I am sure that she will be most happy to hear from you.

With all good wishes I remain

Sincerely yours

ABBA FILLEL SILVER

AHS:bsm

Enclosure:
Letter



Hebrew Union College
3101 Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati 20, Ohio
November 7, 1958

Dear Ralbi Silver,

I am again writing to you from Cincinnati to inform you of my progress. I am enjoying my course at the University of Cincinnati very much. My Hebrew, here at Hebrew Union College, is coming along quite well. The thing I am again indebted to your instruction this past summer.

The Board of Governors met last week, and I met some of the members both at the college and later while attending the symphony. I spoke briefly with Ralbi Star, formerly of the Temple.

My parents wrote me about the Temple dedication and sent me a program. I am very pleased to hear of the beautiful new annex and the impressive dedication ceremony. I am looking forward to seeing it at my next return home.

Yours sincerely,
Morton Howard Pomeroy

HARRY A. BLACHMAN
ATTORNEY AT LAW
1009 SCHOFIELD BLDG.
CLEVELAND 15, OHIO
MAIN 1-7101

November 7, 1958

Dear Rabbi Silver:

If you are not interested
in the clippings from the newspaper
re Free Water which I sent you,
kindly return them.

Sincerely,

Harry Blachman

November 10, 1958

Mr. Harry A. Blachman
1009 Schofield Building
Cleveland 15, Ohio

My dear Mr. Blachman:

Please pardon the delay in replying to your communications. These last few weeks have been extremely busy ones for me, as you can well imagine.

Unfortunately I am not in a position to express an opinion on the subject of Free Water, which you raise in your letters. I have not looked into the matter closely enough and I will not be able to do so in the near future. I do not think that it is a very urgent issue to which I should at this time turn my attention. I hope that I will have occasion to talk to you about it when we next meet, and get some more information from you.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILIEL SILVER

AHS:bcm

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Hope this note finds you
and all your dear ones well.

I am collecting materials
pictures, clippings, ^{in the form of} letters and
Tributes about the late

Eddie Jacobson of Kansas
City, Missouri (Hon. Harry S.
Tamm's friend). I would

love to have you write
a short tribute to "Eddie"

Jacobson that I may enclose
in this "Memory Book" on
Eddie Jacobson. Incidentally

Mrs. Eddie Jacobson drove
me to see Eddie's graves

when I was in Kansas City.
I shall deeply appreciate
your writing a few lines
of Tribute.

With Best wishes

Barbara



Miss Laurretta Richard Meyer

[November 12, 1958]

יבולאים כ"ה תשרי תש"ח - 12 באוקטובר 1958

לכבוד,

קבוצת מיקוד ב"ז אורא ב"ז סילבן ובציתו שלח

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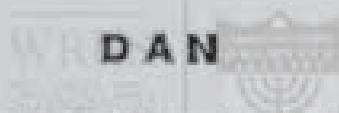
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Mrs. & Mr. CHAYA (ZIMAN) & ZVI PALONSKY
have the honour to invite you to be present
at the celebration of B A R - M I T Z V A H
of their son



on Saturday, November 15, 1958
at 33 Tachkemoni Str., Jerusalem.

Reception: 4—9 p. m.

Jerusalem, 1958

היה וצבי פלונסקי

מתכבדים להזמין את כב' ובני משפחתו
להגיגת הבר מצוה של בנם

ד"ר



שתתקיים בשבת, ג' בכסלו תשי"ט (15.11.58), בביתם,
רחוב תחכמוני 33, ירושלים.

קבלת אורחים משעה 4 אחה"צ עד 9 בערב.

ירושלים, תשי"ט.



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יבולא.ס ת.א. תלמי (פאונסקי אדר 1958)

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אם יושם משהו בפנים תישלח האיגרת בדואר רגיל.

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Jerusalem P.O. B. 7012

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November 13, 1958

Mr. W. M. Harmon
774 Sheridan Avenue
Columbus 9, Ohio

My dear Mr. Harmon:

Let me thank you for your letter of November 5th. The statement to which you refer in your letter is correctly attributed to me. As far as the groups of people who fought unemployment insurance when it was first proposed in Ohio, may I refer you to the columns of The Cleveland Press of February 19, 1931 and The Cleveland Plain Dealer of February 22, 1931 and of March 5th of the same year. You will there read that the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce went on record as opposing all legislation on unemployment insurance, that the Board of Governors of the Associated Industries of Cleveland took similar action, and that representatives of agriculture, business, industry and employers' organizations opened their battle against unemployment insurance as provided in bills introduced etc. etc. You will agree with me, I am sure, that the same groups lined up in favor of the "Right to Work" issue.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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AHS:lg

TEMPLE EMANUEL
1250 BOWER HILL ROAD
PITTSBURGH 16, PA.

OFFICE OF THE RABBI
HAROLD SILVER, M. H. L.

Thursday, November 13, 1953

Dear Uncle Abba,

I hope that this note finds you and Aunt Virginia in good health and high spirits. May I wish you a hearty Mazel Tov upon the completion and dedication of your Temple addition. How grand it must be for you and your Temple family to have those beautiful new facilities at your disposal! Our congregation is burning its mortgage next Wednesday evening at a special dinner in honor of the occasion. Considering the fact that the majority of our Temple membership are young married couples with middle-income means, this mortgage burning represents a tremendous achievement for them. Actually, the original mortgage commitment was for a ten year period and they have managed to write this off in five year's time. We now have an equity investment in the first stage of approximately a quarter of a million dollars. With this equity, we have been successful in arranging for a whopping new mortgage on our forthcoming second stage which will probably run us close to another half a million - with about half of that in actual mortgage with the Mellon Bank people here in Pittsburgh. Our architect is preparing final working drawings and they should be completed by January. We plan to send out bids in February and if all goes well, as far as raising the rest of the cash is concerned, we should start construction in March. Since it takes about a year for building, our target date for completion is the spring of 1960. With our annual rate of membership rolling in the way it has, by that time the congregation should have at least five hundred families and about 700 children in the religious school. So, all in all, Pittsburgh's suburban Jewish population continues at a promising pace. It's slower than in most other metropolitan cities of its size but that has been chiefly due to the peculiar mountainous topography of the city which has prevented a full-scale, major shift of Jewish population. The Gentiles have swamped suburbia here but the Jewish community is far, far behind. Pittsburgh is still one of the few cities in America where you have over a ninety percent concentration of Jewish population in one crowded area of the city - Squirrel Hill. Within this next generation that population will definitely break up considerably and shift again, as it has during this past generation. But the process is still slow.

My chief purpose in writing to you at this time is to inquire of you if you have heard anything about the St. Louis vacancy. I happen to know quite a little about the background of this pulpit because a Pittsburgh Rabbi Burton Levinson was elected two years ago to succeed Gordon who died you recall. When the pulpit became open in 1956 or shortly before, they waited practically a full year before filling it with Levinson. I don't know how many candidates actually were interviewed for the job but I understand they ran a weekly "beauty" contest there for nearly a year before they decided upon Levinson. Finally, after all of their interviewing the committee came to see Freehof in 1956 and consulted with him specifically about Levinson. Freehof was very honest with them. He told them rather pointedly that Levinson was no preacher on the style of Gordon but that he was a capable organizer, administrator, educator et al. After their year of interviewing, the pulpit committee, I guess, was so confused, that upon Freehof's recommendation that voted for Levinson.

TEMPLE EMANUEL
1250 BOWER HILL ROAD
PITTSBURGH 16, PA.

OFFICE OF THE RABBI
HAROLD SILVER, M. H. L.

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Quite a number of very good men, I understand, had also applied for the pulpit. We here in Pittsburgh, who knew Levinson well, were of the opinion that he was going to have some rough sledding out there. Any man following an effective preacher like Gordon was bound to run into some problems of adjustment and integration and especially a man like Levinson who not only was no Gordon but who actually was a very poor and ineffectual preacher with a number of serious personality difficulties to boot. Well, to make a long story short, the inevitable happened and he wasn't there a year before we had reports back in Pittsburgh that the congregation was very dissatisfied with him. The thing came to a head this summer right before the holydays and just about five or six weeks ago, the Board asked him to resign which he did. It's a rather tragic situation for the man because when you're kicked off the top rung of the rabbinical ladder at his age, the problem of future placement is harrowing to say the least. I guess the Boston pulpit with Klausner is analogous. But at least Klausner was in his middle thirties and not in his late forties like Levinson. It's really a shame but I guess it's just another case of the wrong man for the job. He really was out of his depth.

Dr. Freehof asked me several weeks ago if I would be interested in the St. Louis congregation. He said that if I were, he would strongly recommend me for the post. The only problem here is that since he was the one who originally recommended Levinson, I doubt strongly that the committee will consult with him again in this new matter of placement. I have been debating in mind what to do under the circumstances. I am more than interested in the pulpit. The Shaare Emeth Temple in St. Louis is a big congregation. In numbers, I believe it has more members than Isserman's Temple which I understand is the old-line "prestige" congregation. I feel that I am qualified to handle such a congregation, especially in the matter of the pulpit which was Levinson's major weakness. Then, again, personality-wise, I do believe that I have certain basic things in my favor which unfortunately Levinson lacked. My only problem regarding this St. Louis job, outside of getting to meet their pulpit committee or Board, is the problem or understandable hesitation about the type of people they have on their Board. When a big congregation is confronted with a rather ugly rabbinical change, you naturally ~~cannot~~ cannot help but wonder if there weren't other lay factors present in the situation which might tend to make it unpleasant and unrewarding for ANY Rabbi. Maybe, as Freehof says, they have a bunch of "mamzers" there on the board who would be trouble for any new man. All of which raises certain doubts in my mind as to whether I should seriously set my cap for St. Louis. I guess these doubts plague every man in my position who is more or less on the threshold of making a major move in his career.

Taking all factors into consideration, however, I still am very much interested in at least meeting their Board and finding out for myself just what kind of people they are and just what kind of congregational picture is present there. In this connection, I certainly would appreciate your advice and counsel in this matter, and if you feel that it is a worthwhile opening, any efforts on your part to bring me to the attention of St. Louis would be deeply appreciated.

Hoping to hear from you shortly and with love, in which Ruth Lee joins me,

I remain, as ever, Harold

November 13, 1958

Miss Lauretta Richard Meyer
2112 Lennox Road #5
Cleveland Heights 6, Ohio

My dear Miss Meyer:

Thank you for your note of November 10th. I regret that I did not personally know Mr. Eddie Jacobson of Kansas City and am therefore in no position to write a tribute to him. I know of course of his great friendship for ex-President Truman and of the helpful way in which he cooperated during the critical days preceding the decision of our government to lend its aid in the United Nations in the establishment of the State of Israel.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:lg

HARRY A. BLACHMAN

ATTORNEY AT LAW

1008 SCHOFIELD BLDG.

CLEVELAND 15, OHIO

MAIN 1-7171

November 13, 1958.

Rabbi abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

Prior to 1940 the State Examiner made findings that the City of Cleveland was furnishing water free to many institutions, churches, schools, hospitals, cemeteries and charitable institutions, and that this practice was illegal.

Attorneys Ellis R. Diehm, Lester Farber and Harry Blachman instituted numerous actions in the Court of Common Pleas in behalf of Ellis R. Diehm, a taxpayer, to recover for the City of Cleveland the amounts owing. This action was taken after the Law Director refused to bring such actions, on written request of the said taxpayer and his counsel.

Apparently, to frustrate this action, the City Council, at the instance of Harold Burton, the then Mayor, passed a "Free Water" ordinance. I personally requested Mayor Burton to veto this ordinance, contending it was unconstitutional. The Mayor allowed the ordinance to become a law without his signature. (When Burton's name was up for appointment to the U.S. Supreme Court, I sent a telegram to President Harry S. Truman and a copy of said telegram to Harold Burton, asking if the action of Mayor Burton, in refusing to veto the Free Water Ordinance of Cleveland, obviously unconstitutional, was the type of performance we were to expect from a man now to be appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court. To the credit of Harold Burton, as a Supreme Court Judge, his colleagues said of him, at time of his resignation, that no colleague of theirs showed a more profound respect for the constitutional process than retiring Justice Harold Burton.)

After the passage of the Free Water ordinance, Edward Blythin, assistant Law Director to Director Henry Brainard, brought mandamus actions in the Supreme Court of Ohio (State of Ohio ex rel Mt. Sinai Hospital v John Hickey, Director of Public Utilities in Case No. _____, reported in 137 Ohio State Reports, Pages 474, 475, etc in 1940. By a vote of 4 to 3, the ordinance was declared valid and constitutional, whereas the minority opinion of Judges Hart, Matthias and Chief Justice Weygant, was obviously the correct interpretation. Arthur Day, now on our Common Pleas bench, was one of the 4 Judges upholding the Free Water ordinance. He was not returned to the court in the next election, and that may be coincidence, as Judges Stewart and Zimmerman, who also were for upholding such decision, were just returned to office (but certainly not with the help of my vote). Judge Day, at time for reelection said he challenged anyone to find one instance where he had offended the constitutional process while a member of the Supreme Court. So, I sent him a note regarding his ruling and vote in the Free Water case. I never heard from him, but he heard from the voters.

One action which we brought (The City of Cleveland, ex rel Ellis R. Diehm v Lakeview Cemetery Association) was heard by Judge Samuel E. Kramer, who declared unconstitutional the Cleveland ordinance enacted in 1896 granting this cemetery free water forever.

Cleveland, Ohio, November 13, 1958.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and
Members of Board of Trustees
Of the Temple, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

Thank you for your letter of November 10th and your invitation to me to talk about the subject of Free Water, which you state you have not looked into closely enough.

If the City of Cleveland were giving every water consumer, water without charge, we would then have the right to accept or take free water. Supplying water without charge to consumers is not one of the functions of government. The plant actually belongs to the water consumers, because the water payments are the only fund for constructing and operating it.

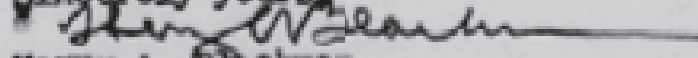
The City cannot give it away because it does not belong to the City. The City obviously cannot give away the property of others. The City Law Director has said the City can give nothing away, not limestone, and I add, not typewriters or furniture from City Hall or water.

Judges Hart and Matthias and Wegandt said in 1940 in the Free Water case, State ex rel Mt. Sinai Hospital et al vs John Hickey, Director of Public Utilities, reported in 137 Ohio State reports, pages 474, 475: "My dissent is on the ground that a gift of free water to the institutions named in this ordinance must be at the expense of other water users without their consent. The city has no right or power to divert surpluses arising from the operation of the Municipal Water Works to the general purposes of the city, or otherwise... much less to private, though charitable or religious organizations. The waterworks is the property of the city paid for and maintained by the water users of the city.-It is not a situation of a proposed discrimination as to rates, but rather a donation of the property of the city to numerous institutions enumerated.- The Giving of free water to these institutions is at least the equivalent to a contribution of cash to their respective budgets.- This is beyond the power of any municipality to do." Section 3959 General Code; Quoted- City of Cincinnati v Roettiger, 105 O.S. 145; Hartwig Realty Co. v. City of Cleveland, 128 O.S. 583; City of Lakewood v Reed, 132 O.S. 399. (Underlining mine.)

I am not filing a brief for a rehearing. The legal matter has become supposedly-"res judicata", and not subject to legal rehearing. Not long ago I appealed by letter to each of Cleveland's councilmen, to repeal this free water ordinance, which required those who paid for water, to pay more, because others get it for nothing; that in this land of ours, where we preach freedom from discrimination, by this ordinance we have violated not only the spirit but the letter of our constitution, which is based on Equality under the Law, the very pillar and foundation of our free government. We should tolerate no deviation from this principle, if we wish to keep our country strong and unified.

Indeed, Rabbi, and Members of the Board, this is a very urgent issue. Any religious or charitable institutions which can only survive by enforced charity, in this instance, the taking of the property of others, the other water consumers, has little excuse for existence. If we want people to return to the church, let's set a pattern which does not leave us vulnerable. We no more need the proceeds of this free water to assist us in our budget than churches need the profits of bingo to do the same.

Sincerely yours,


Harry A. Hochman
3216 Hyde Park Avenue
Cleveland Heights, Ohio

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver-
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Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, who represented Lakeview Cemetery Assn., never took an appeal from Judge Kramer's decision. I'll let that fact speak for itself as to what this group of lawyers concluded on the matter of constitutionality of a separate Free Water ordinance. Lakeview Cemetery has been paying for all water consumed ever since Diehm and Farber and Blachman intervened in this situation.

I have never become reconciled to the miscarriage of justice in the 1940 Free Water ordinance. The principle involved transcends the monies to be recovered for the benefit of the water consumers. It might interest you to know that Judge Kramer also held in the Lakeview Cemetery case that a taxpayer could not recover for the city monies due the city, which were unpaid and owing. Our purpose was not so much to recover past monies due, as to stop the continuance of this injustice and discrimination. The case involving Lakeview Cemetery was N o. 493,868, in which Judge Kramer wrote a very illuminating opinion.

On March 31, 1953 the Cleveland Press carried the following article: "City Council and the administration soon will be asked to abandon their 13 year old policy of giving free water to hospitals, churches, schools, libraries, charitable and city institutions. Legislation to be introduced in City Council at its next meeting by Councilman Klementowicz, will ask for immediate repeal of existing free water ordinances. The move, which threatens to ignite the most bitter controversy in Council in years, followed the submission to Council last night of last year's free water report, which showed that MORE THAN 470,461,000 cubic feet of water-enough to supply 33,604 Cleveland homes for a year-was given away. Cost to other city water users was \$388,350. BIGGEST USERS of free water were private hospitals, \$63,335; public schools, \$78,525; colleges, \$20,149; charitable institutions, \$22,273; Churches, \$11,616; city parks, \$22,100. The report submitted by Stephen A. Ryan, Commissioner of Utilities Fiscal Control, showed there were 1261 metered accounts that received free water last year. Free water costs totalled \$358,441 in 1951 and \$361,584 the year before. Klementowicz said he was "hocked" at these "free-loading" costs, which must be absorbed by other city water users. "If it costs \$10,989 in free water to keep the baseball field green at the stadium, let the persons who pay to see these events there pay the costs," Klementowicz argued. If private hospitals must use \$63,000 worth of water a year, let them pay the bill and not slap it on other water users. Let's make the people who receive benefits from these institutions pay the freight."

Last year I again took up this matter with all councilmen running for election or reelection to council of Cleveland. Meeting Councilman Horwita and talking to Councilman Marshall, they said, "Blachman, you are absolutely right-we have no right to give away free water." So, would either of them introduce an ordinance to repeal the free water ordinance? Again, is it a coincidence that these two, believing in one thing, and staying on the "fence" were not returned to office? It's a sad commentary on conventional politics that this is the accepted standard. There are exceptions. So, here is an additional narrative of events for what it is worth.

Klementowicz never introduced a repeal ordinance. Now he is Utilities Commissioner.
HAB:HAB *well wait and see what's forthright.*

Sincerely yours,

Harry A. Blachman
Harry A. Blachman

November 17, 1958

My dear Morton:

Thank you for your nice note. I was glad to hear of your progress at the University and at the H.U.C. Mrs. Albert Goodman was in to see me the other day about your scholarship and I believe you will hear from her in the very near future, if you have not already.

We are very busy here at the Temple; the new Annex, as you know, has been officially dedicated and is now in full use. It is very beautiful and everybody is delighted with it. Tomorrow the women of the Temple are holding a great big bazaar here in the Social Hall. Our school and high-school are moving along splendidly. Yesterday the members of the confirmation class and their parents met for services in the Temple and after services they enjoyed a luncheon in the Social Hall and a program in the Auditorium.

Mrs. Silver and I will probably leave early in December for two months' visit abroad. We are looking forward to it with a great deal of anticipation.

Let me hear from you from time to time and with all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mr. Morton Pomerantz
Hebrew Union College
Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati 20, Ohio

NORTH SHORE CONGREGATION ISRAEL

DR. EDGAR E. SISKIN
RABBI

840 VERNON AVENUE
GLENCOE, ILLINOIS

November 17, 1958

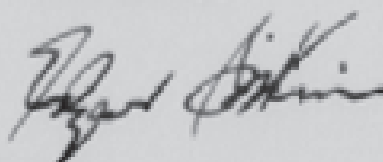
Dear Dr. Silver,

I cannot thank you enough for your coming to Chicago last week in connection with my tenth anniversary. I repeat what I told you then: your presence among us made the occasion for me. Our people were thrilled with your message and no one will soon forget the thoughts and the sentiments you expressed so eloquently.

Lillian and I also enjoyed the wonderful opportunity of speaking with you before and during the dinner. It was a heart-warming experience for both of us to have had this association with you last Tuesday night.

We send you our heartfelt thanks together with warmest personal greetings to Mrs. Silver.

Sincerely,



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
1855 Angel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Cleveland, Ohio
November 18, 1958

Rabbi A. H. Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have great personal problems on which I need help.

I have tried many places, but I believe that only you can help me. I beg that you grant me the privilege of a personal interview with you. I am desperate for help and feel that only you can be of help to me.

Will you please let me call your office and be told when I can see you?

Sincerely,

Henry Buterfas

Henry Buterfas
12704 Woodside Ave.
Cleveland 8, Ohio
PO 1-8762



Ohio Cinerama Corporation
PALACE THEATRE

EUCLID AVENUE AND EAST 17th STREET, CLEVELAND 15, OHIO

Dr. Abba Silver
19810 Shaker Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Silver:

Stanley Warner Cinerama Corporation cordially invites
you to attend a Premiere Performance of their newest
production.....

"South Seas Adventure"

to be held at the Palace Theatre, Euclid Avenue and
East 17th Street, Cleveland 15, Ohio on...

Tuesday, December 2, 1958

8:30 P.M.

IMPORTANT - Due to limited seating capacity, the
enclosed tickets have been registered in your name and
are not transferable. If you cannot attend, please
return the tickets as soon as possible to the Palace
Theatre, Euclid Avenue & East 17th St. Cleveland, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

OHIO CINERAMA CORPORATION

Max Mink
Max Mink
Managing Director

MM:r

November 19, 1958

Mr. Max Mink
Managing Director
Palace Theatre
Cleveland 15, Ohio

My dear Mr. Mink:

Permit me to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me cards of admission to the Premiere Performance of "South Seas Adventure. I regret that a Temple function on that same date prevents me from accepting your kind invitation, otherwise I should have been very happy to attend.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Enclosure:
2 tickets

November 21, 1958

My dear Helen:

I was delighted to receive your letter which conveyed the happy news that you plan to be married on January 31st or February 1st. It was so nice of you to think of me in connection with the wedding ceremony. Unfortunately we shall not be in the country at the time; Mrs. Silver and I are planning to go abroad in December and will be gone for about two months. I need not tell you how many good things Mrs. Silver and I wish you and Lou Seidman. We extend to you our warmest felicitations and we will be thinking of you on your wedding day.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

ABEA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Miss Helen Sarbey
3042 Telegraph - Apt. 2-A
Berkeley, California

VIA AIR MAIL

November 21, 1958

My dear Edgar:

Thank you for your lovely note. I enjoyed the evening tremendously and I was delighted to see the high regard and affection in which you are held by your people.

My warmest regards to you and to Mrs. Siskin, I remain

Most cordially,

Dr. Edgar E. Siskin
North Shore Congregation Israel
810 Vernon Avenue
Glencoe, Illinois

November 24, 1958

My dear Harold:

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter of November 13th. I am away from the city a good bit of the time.

I have heard nothing about the St. Louis vacancy. I know that it is a "tough" congregation which had difficulty in settling upon this election of a Rabbi following the death of Gordon. Perhaps now they are ready to adopt a more proper attitude to their problem. In any case, I would not go "after" this particular congregation; I would wait until they come to you. I do not know any members of their board.

With warmest regards and all good wishes to Ruth Lee and yourself in which Aunt Virginia joins me, I remain

As ever yours,

AHS:bfn

Rabbi Harold Silver
Temple Emanuel
1250 Bower Hill Road
Pittsburgh 16, Pa.

HERMAN P. TAUBMAN

November 25, 1958

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 5, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In response to your kind letter of November 13, Mrs. Taubman and I are most thankful that the Lord has been so good to us and we appreciate the fact that we have been fortunate in being messengers of good will. We are also thankful for being endowed with a heart and mind so that we can remember and help all we can for the betterment of mankind.

Knowing of the wonderful contributions you have made in these many years we have been privileged to know you, and even with your limited resources by comparison, there is no one in this great nation of ours that can boast of doing more or setting a better example than you have.

I recently learned of your wonderful interest in Technion and that you are not only helping them with all your great ability, but that you are also helping them financially, and this is certainly more than any one could ever expect.

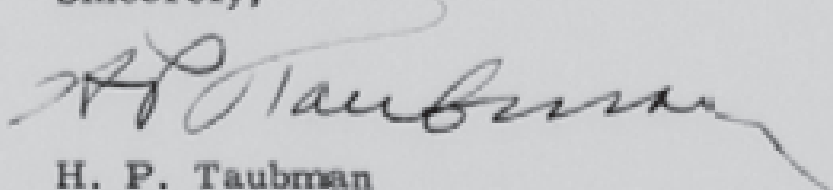
I am enclosing a copy of a letter from our good friend "Cowboy" Charlie Bender which is self-explanatory with respect to my recent contribution to Technion.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Weizmann Institute Annual Dinner on December 2, if you are in New York.

May the Lord bless you and Mrs. Silver and your dear ones with all the good things in life.

Mrs. Taubman joins me in sending our kindest regards to you and Mrs. Silver.

Sincerely,


H. P. Taubman

Encl.

Eugene Friedman



The Shamrock Hilton
HOUSTON, TEXAS

November 25, 1958.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

The publication of
the paragraph of congratu-
lations came as a
complete and heart-warming
surprise. I was very
pleased that you and
Virginia attended the
annual meeting of J. F. S. H.;
I am happy to thank you,
and through you, the
congregation, for the

good writer so generously
expressed in the Bulletin.

I am hoping to be
home by Thanksgiving,
but what with successive
cancellations by
successive air line strikes
I may have to end by
settling in Houston!

With warmest greetings
to Virginia and yourself,
and many thanks,

Cardially,
Eugene.

November 25, 1958

Mrs. Ben Rosker
3920 - 146th Pl. S. W. 2
Alderwood Manor
Seattle, Washington

My dear Jean:

From your mother I learned of your present address in Seattle. I trust that you are well and happy, and I wish that you would convey my best wishes also to your husband, Captain Rosker. I am enclosing herewith a letter addressed to Rabbi Raphael H. Levine. I am sure that you would like to meet members of the Jewish community in Seattle, and Rabbi Levine I am sure will be very happy to introduce you and make you feel at home in the Jewish community circles.

I send you all my good wishes, in which Mrs. Silver joins me most heartily.

Cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:lg

November 25, 1958

Mr. Patrick J. O'Malley
President, Cleveland AFL-CIO
Federation of Labor
Hollenden Hotel
Cleveland 14, Ohio

My dear Mr. O'Malley:

I wish to thank you for your kind letter of November 20th and for the words of appreciation which you express on behalf of yourself and the officers and members of your affiliated Unions. The opposition registered by the citizens of Ohio to the Right to Work Amendment was very gratifying to me. It reflected a progressive attitude and a maturity of judgment in a basic social issue. I am happy if I contributed in some small measure to the results.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, permit me to remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILFEL SILVER

AHS:lg

November 25, 1958

Mrs. William Fertel
13720 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland 20, Ohio

My dear Lillian:

I tried to contact you the other day by telephone, but you were out. The replacement of the large plaque to include the names which we discussed will cost \$100.00. Let me know what you want me to do.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILFEL SILVER

AHS:lg

November 26, 1958

My dear Emanuel:

Thank you so much for sending me the picture
taken with your son, John, at his wedding.
It was very thoughtful of you.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I
remain



Most cordially yours,

ABRA HIMMEL SILVER

AHS:bjm

Mr. Emanuel J. Carson
3440 Avalon Road
Shaker Heights 20, Ohio

November 26, 1958

My dear Emanuel:

Thank you so much for sending me the picture taken with your son, John, at his wedding. It was very thoughtful of you to send me this truly lovely picture.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mr. Emanuel J. Carson
3440 Avalon Road
Shaker Heights 20, Ohio

DIRECTOR OF ARCHIVES: JACOB R. MARCUS, PH. D.

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AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES

CLIFTON AVENUE · CINCINNATI 20, OHIO

November 28, 1958

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

Dear Abba:

Many thanks for the check of \$25 for the Archives from the Religious School Sunshine Fund.

We are deeply grateful for your interest in our work and for your financial aid. It is such help that enables the Archives to further its researches and publications in American Jewish history.

Please say hello to Virginia for me.

With all good wishes, I am,

As ever,


Jacob R. Marcus

JRM:sg

my love to Penny

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28 לבובמבר 1958

לכבוד

מר חייט אורלן,
קליבלנד, אוהיו.

למר אורלן היקר,

תודה לך על הצעתך כדבר השגתו ותרגומו של נאוםו של ד"ר
סילבר על ספרו של פסטרנק כשכיל "הדואר". אני מכקט מאתך לעשות
ואפ כהקדט האפשרי, ויפה שעה אחת קודם.

אקווה כי יא כידך למלא את קצתתי-הצעתך ואכקטך להביע את
תודה "הדואר" לה"ח אכא הלל סילבר על מסירת המאמר לפרסום
כעתוננו.



בידידות וכבדכה,

M. S. M.
מ. ס. מייזלס.

Sunday, November 30 '58

Rabbi Abbe Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ariel Road at East 105
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

I was confirmed by Rabbi Brickner
in 1927.

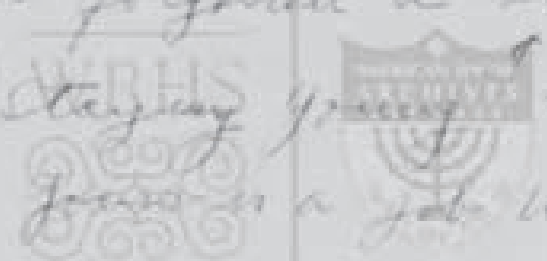
This was followed by a religious hiatus
of almost a quarter of a century during
which I have embraced a naturalistic
philosophy.

Under duress from my wife, Helen,
I joined the Suburban Temple 10 years ago.*

It is, however, your service and
lecture which I attend — occasionally
with my father; today with my sons.

What I wish to say, Rabbi, is that
I have never left your temple without
being stimulated and positively motivated.
Whatever the subject, it is obvious that
you have approached it with scholarship,

tempered it with the wisdom of a full life, and delivered it with force, conviction and frequently courage.

It was your fine talk this morning on "What makes or Breaks The Family?" which prompts this note. I was similarly motivated, and wish to applaud you, for the fine speech of many weeks ago on the subject "Wherein lies America's Security?" I have never forgotten a sermon on the subject of "Staying Young" made several years ago.  Yours is a job well done.

Rabbi Silver, I salute you!

Respectfully,
Richard W. Campen

Please accept the small donation enclosed for some volume or small need of the Temple, as you see fit. — a chamunkoh present!

Perhaps it was entitled "The Fountain of youth"

* a dry run

[Dec. 1, 1953]

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בית ירושלים. ימים כסלו תשנ"ג
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לכבוד ידידנו וידיד מוסדנו
עומד גפרן עמו, מהולל בשערים בנזקתו,
נבאי בן נבאי, החכם השלם,
הרח"ג מוה"ר אבא הלל ד"ר סילבר שליט"א,
ק ל י ב ל ד .

אחדשה"ס,

הננו מתכבדים לאשר בזה את קבלת סכתנו סה-11 לנובמבר העבר, אשר צרף
אליו את השיק ע"ס \$331.73, חרומת חברת "קווין אסתר ליידס אייד סוסייטי"
פנשם סאות הישישים החוסים במוסדנו הננו מביעים לכב' את תודתנו ואת
ברכותינו לאורך ימיו ושנותיו ולכל טוב סלה.

אנו שולחים קבלה ומכתב תודה אל החברה הנז' ע"ש הנשיאה סרת רגינה
שווארץ תחי' כהוראת כב'.

אין סלים בפיונו לתאר כמו את גודל העזרה אשר כב' הושיט לנו הפעם
בעזרה זו, הוא החיה סמס סאות ישישינו בימים קשים אלו למוסדנו, והכנים
בתוכנו רוח של תקווה, רוח של צדוד בחשכת הסוב שבו אנו נמצאים. יתכרך סאדון
הברכות ככל סילי פמיטב, ויזכה לעזור למוסדנו סתוך שסחה וכבוד, ותחזינה עינינו
בעלות לציון מושיעים ועמנו יושע תשועת עולמים.

נבאי סאד נעלה, אם כי אנו יודעים עד כמה הוא שקוע בעניני העם כולו,
ענינים אשר גוזלים סמנו את כל עתותיו, פעולות אשר הביאו לעם ישראל את הסדינה
פעולות אשר הסחישו את סאוייץ עם ישראל לנאולה סזה אלפים שנה, ואם כי יודעים
אנו שסאדור לנו לגזול אשילו רגע אחד מזמנו היקו והקדוש, אבל בידענו את גודל
אהבתו למוסדנו, ואת מסירותו אלינו סזה עשרות בשנים, הננו סרשים לנו לפנות
אל כב' בבקשתנו להסתדל לסען מוסדנו ככל עת סצוא, כי סצבו הכלכלי של המוסד-
עקב פעוט ההכנסה, בגלל סאסור לשלוח כספים לארץ ישראל סרוב ארצות התבל, ומספאת
היוקר הסאסיר, - הוא ססור סאד, וכדי שנוכל להמשיך בעבודתנו הקדושה זקוקים
אנו לעזרה סהירה וסרוכה, וסמי גדול לנו סכב', אשר רק שיחה אחת יכולה סמס
להושיענו, וזכות סצות סקוינ של סאות הישישים תעסוד לו להצליח ככל פעולותיו
הנשגבות לסען כלל ישראל, ולהתברך בחיים טובים ארוכים ומאשרים, ולראות את
כל תקוותיו סתמלאות.

מוקירין ומכבדיו:

[Signature]

נבאי ומנהלי מושב זקנים וזקנות במאוחד.

בני יקירי, אין לי סה לגמסך לדברי חברי נבאי המוסד הנעלה, ידוע ומפורסם
ערכו ומצבו של מושב זקנים, וכסם שכל ימי עשיתי לפענו, בן אעשה אייה גם בעתיד
לפענו, ואותך אבקש אל תצוב ססוך ואסתך סעם סאות זקני ביון וירושלם.

סלומי ביה סוב ביחם לגילי, ואני תפלה לשוכן בסרומיה שסם שויכני לראות
בהקמת סדינתנו, כן יזכנו לראות בביאת הססיה.

אבין אוהבך, אשר דורס בשלומך ונשם כל
בני ביתך היקרים, ובשלום רעיתך הכבודה ומספחתה.

משה סאד

[1 Dec 1958]

י"ט בכסלו, חשי"ס

לכבוד הר"ר אבא הלל סילבר הנעלה והיקר
שלום ויקר רבו

אדוני,

הריני מסלא ברצון וחפץ-לב את בקשתו של עורך „הדואר”
ומביע בזה לכבודו את חוות „הדואר” וכן את רגשי תודתי שלי
על מאמרו החשוב, שכל קורא עברי ישמח בו ויודה עליו.
בהערצה ובוקרה רבה

חיים אורלן
חיים אורלן



December 3, 1958

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It was most kind of you to write and enclose the letter of introduction to Rabbi Levine of Seattle - thanks so much! Since we are 20 miles north of the city we do not get in as often as we would like, but we shall visit him when we are able.

As the folks must have told you, it is rather hectic to be an Air Force family and thus constantly pulling up roots. But as you can imagine, it is also a marvelous education to meet all kinds of people and to get a glimpse of how they live and to learn some of their ways and attitudes. We've learned that there are certain cultural characteristics which are easy to generalize upon - but taken as individuals, people are the same basically. Our closest friends in England were a concert violinist and pianist pair of Swedish-Hungarian background who taught us the proper way to "skoal" and with whom we exchanged ideas on any topic from religion to Maria Callas. And there was the elderly Mayfair couple - he a retired chemist - who delighted in serving us warm sherry and Christmas "pudd" and asking us about the American Negro problem!

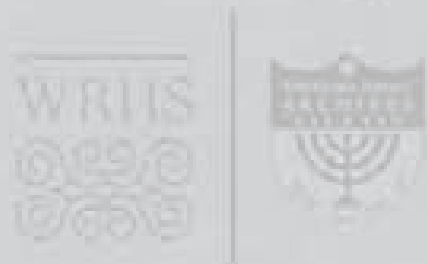
The point I'm getting to is that we have found friends of all interests, and the fact that we are Jewish distinguishes us as much as the fact that we are Ohio born ... circumstances that are respected and inquired about, but they do not restrict us. Perhaps you may think me young and foolish, but I have always thought that since the world is not made up of only Jews, we might as well enlarge our friends to include others - if we in turn want others to accept us. In this respect Cleveland seems to be very narrow to us now.....

I didn't mean to ramble so - Please do send our fondest regards to Mrs. Silver and to Dan and Ray. Did your wife tell you about meeting our blond bombshell at the Rapid stop one day while we were home? Linda is almost three now - a chip off her Daddy's side of the family.

Hope this finds you well. Many good wishes for the coming holiday season.

Fondly,

Sean



Mrs. Ben Rosker
3920 146th Place S.W.
Alderwood Manor
Washington

Dec. 3, 1958

Dear Rabbi Silver,

This note to you fulfills two purposes, a "Thank you note" and an apology.

The apology is for my seeming indifference when you were so very gracious in making the long trip around the table at last night's affair.

The fact is Rabbi, for you to make the long trip to come over and complement me on the decorations, to use a unocular - I was "floored". As a rule I am quite vocal. Arthur said you accomplished what he thought an impossibility - you left me speechless.

After that I wouldn't

Mrs. Ben Rosker
3920 146th Place S.W;
Alderwood Manor
Washington



WRHS



Rabbi Abba . Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland 6
Ohio

Personal

have minded if I had had twenty
times the work.

I didn't feel they were
that good. I tried my best, but
I'm not the best. (you know what
I mean)

It all comes down to my
wanting to thank you, so very
much, for giving me a lift to
Cloud 8. (I haven't come down yet.)

As usual - just to hear
you was a treat. That, to me,
was the evening - listening to
you answering some of those "Curved
balls" was a sheer pleasure.

In closing I would again like
to thank you for your gracious act
to me.

Most Sincerely,
Mrs. Arthur C. (Liz) Friedman

PINE MANOR JUNIOR COLLEGE
WELLESLEY 81, MASSACHUSETTS

DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS

December 5, 1958

Dr. A. H. Silver
The Temple
105th and Ansel Road
Shaker Heights, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Barbara Gay Wilkoff of Shaker Heights, Ohio,
an applicant for admission to Pine Manor next fall,
has given your name as a reference. The Committee
on Admissions would appreciate your estimate of this
candidate's personal qualifications. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

William E. Bridges

William E. Bridges
Director of Admissions

WEB:es

December 5, 1958

Director of Admissions
Cornell University
Ithaca, New York

My dear sir:

May I write this word of recommendation for Jacqueline Rubin, who is applying for admission to Cornell University? Jacqueline will be graduated from the Cleveland Heights High School this June. Her scholastic record is a very good one. She is very personable and pleasant and has made many friends in her school. She attended the Temple Religious School and I confirmed her. Her family is a representative one in the community and her parents have been active in many worthy civic projects. She is very eager to enroll in Cornell University. I think that she would make a fine addition to your student body.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfn

Copy sent to Mr. Rubin

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

ITHACA, NEW YORK

Office of Admissions

December 9, 1958

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you very much for your letter of December 5 regarding Jacqueline Rubin. We have checked the files and do not find that we have as yet received a formal application from her but perhaps one will be forthcoming in the near future. In the meantime we shall see that your letter is kept on file and placed with her papers as soon as they arrive.

Sincerely yours,

Wileen D. Jenne

Mrs. H. E. Jenne
Assistant

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*Phoned Jackie, read this letter
at 11.*

December 9, 1958

My dear Sadie:

I want to tell you how profoundly appreciative I am of your generous contribution to the Temple Museum Fund of \$500.00. I shall try, during my trip abroad, to find some beautiful object for our Museum which will be dedicated to you. You are indeed very generous.

Virginia and I are leaving this evening for our trip abroad. We shall be thinking of you. Stay well, and with warmest regards and best wishes I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mrs. Sidonia L. Korach
13800 Shaker Boulevard
Shaker Heights 20, Ohio

December 9, 1958

My dear friends:

It was indeed very thoughtful of you to send
me your lovely gift which I appreciate very much.

With warmest regards and all good wishes for a
Happy Chanukah, I remain



Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Berkowitz & Kumin Families
1985 South Taylor Road
Cleveland 18, Ohio

December 10, 1958

Mr. William E. Bridges
Director of Admissions
Pine Manor Junior College
Wellesley 81, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Williams:

Barbara Gay Wilkoff was a member of our Temple Religious School and is a Confirmand of our congregation. Her record here was a good one. We always found her to be an attractive, well motivated and pleasant person. Her standards were the highest and it is a pleasure to recommend her to you. Her parents have been members of our congregation for many years and are people of character and probity.

I am writing this letter to you in the absence of Dr. Silver, who would otherwise have answered your letter.

With warmest personal regards, I remain

Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

WALTHAM 54, MASSACHUSETTS

December 10, 1958

Office of Admissions

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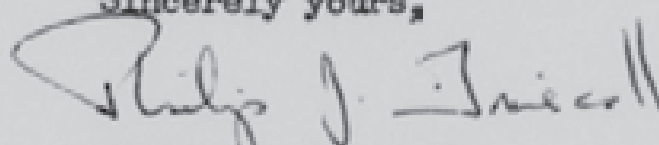
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
% The Temple
Ansel Road & East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Judith Ann Schaul of 3236 Warrington Road, Shake Heights, Ohio, has submitted your name as a character reference in connection with her application for admission to the College for the session beginning September, 1959.

Please be assured that any recommendation that you may wish to make in regard to this candidate will be given every consideration by the Committee on Admissions.

Sincerely yours,



Philip J. Driscoll

PJD:rnt

Enclosures - 2

It is a pleasure to recommend to you Judith Ann Schaul for admission to Brandeis University. Judith is a Confirmand of our Temple school. She has always done excellent work and has maintained a high scholastic average. She has been active in many Temple activities and in these activities she has shown leadership, capacity and warmth. It is a pleasure to recommend her to you for admission to Brandeis.

Rabbi

The Temple - East 105th & Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

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LYMAN G. POTTER, MINISTER

December 17, 1958

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

A week ago Sunday, one of the departments of our Church School visited the Temple, participated in your service, and were shown around the building.

Several of those who attended have told me how much they enjoyed the trip and particularly the gracious hospitality they received from you.

The visit was very educational for our young people and teachers. I trust that also served to develop a friendly feeling between people of two similar and also different traditions.

With kindest greetings to you and your people in the season of Hanukkah, I remain

Sincerely yours,



Lyman G. Potter
Minister.

LGP:ek

TEMPLE EMANUEL OF SOUTH HILLS



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RABBI: HAROLD SILVER, M.H.L.

December 17, 1958

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Dear Uncle Abba -

I deeply appreciate your taking the time out of your hectic schedule to acknowledge my letter to you regarding the St. Louis vacancy. I want to assure you that in no way do I intend to "run after" this pulpit, or any other pulpit for that matter. I fully realize the propriety and the importance of a Congregation seeking out a Rabbi rather than the reverse situation. In the last analysis, this is certainly how I hope it will eventually turn out as far as my being considered for some significant congregational opening. Notwithstanding that fact, my prime purpose in writing to you about St. Louis was merely to ascertain from you whether in the midst of your extensive ministry you had heard anything about the ~~vacancy~~ ^{nature} of congregation St. Louis. The judgment which you expressed in your letter does confirm what Dr. Freehof and I have heard about the Congregation which certainly leaves much to be desired re its attractiveness. Of course, as you mentioned in your letter, Boards of Trustees are capable of acting ~~in~~ utterly differently with each Rabbi. In any event, I do appreciate your comments about St. Louis. And I will continue to esteem your keeping me in mind whenever the proper occasion arises for some outstanding Rabbinical opportunity to present itself across the path of our nation-wide ministry.

Mother and Father recently spent a pleasant vacation with us here in Pittsburgh. After their visit with us, they journeyed to Miami where they are now happily settled - the same hotel where they quartered last year. Both of them are in excellent health and Dad is really thriving in retirement. He hopes to have the completed manuscript for his new book ready by the end of 1959. It looks like a very promising treatment of a very old and classic theme - the problem of human happiness as viewed through out wisdom literature.

Our children are growing beautifully. Marc is in first grade and Jenny is in Kindergarten. And Michael, aged fifteen months took his first solo steps this past week. Congratulations, I understand, are again in order for you and Aunt Virginia regarding Danny and Adele. A hearty Mazel Tov!

May God guide and protect you in your continually inspiring Rabbinate. Ruth Lee joins me in sending love to you and Aunt Virginia and the boys and their wives and children.

Your loving nephew,

Harold

December 24, 1958

The Cleveland Press
East 9th & Rockwell
Cleveland 14, Ohio

Attention: Mr. Louis Seltzer

Gentlemen:

At the request of Mr. A.M. Luntz I am
enclosing a glossy photograph of Dr. Abba
Hillel Silver.

Will you kindly return this photograph to
us after it has served its purpose? Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Beatrice F. May
Secretary to Dr. Silver