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Personal correspondence, 1961 July-December.

July 6, 1961

Mrs. Julie Krawitz
2560 Traymore Road
Cleveland 16, Ohio

Dear Marie:

I am enclosing herewith a sample of the souvenir program contract which has the advertising rates. I am also sending you a list of the advertisers and also of the anonymous advertisers.

It might be necessary to consider whether it would not be advisable to reduce the advertising rates somewhat.

I am delighted that you are taking hold of this. With warmest regards to you and Julie, I remain

Most cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver

AHS:lg

[July, 1951]

My dearest Rabbi.

Altho my heart is terribly
sad I want to write a
few lines to you to let
you know how much I
appreciate your thoughtfulness.
My only regret is that you
are so very far away in
that I pray that I know you
are not, however.

Barry is such a sick
little fellow that now only
God can help him, and
the doctors give me no
encouragement now much.
I miss you, Rabbi and the
Temple - Temple Emanuel
has not yet become a part
of me.

• Somehow I feel God can
hear you better than He
hears any one else. I know
you'll continue to pray for
Barry's recovery. I only wish
I had enough religion
without your help, to believe
that everything happens
for a reason. In secret
I'd ~~deeply~~ ~~wish~~ to find an
answer to Barry's illness.
I guess he was too good
to be true.

Again, Betty dear, thank you
for your prayers - please say
them over & over again.
My fondest love to Virginia
and to you Always

Anta

July 7, 1961

My dear Barry:

I have been informed that you have not been well -- in fact, that you have been operated on. I hope by the time this letter reaches you you will be rapidly recovering. I am sorry you are so far away from Cleveland that I cannot see you personally but I will be thinking of you and hoping that we might soon see each other again. Please convey all my good wishes to your mother and your sisters. Mrs. Silver joins me in sending you our love.

With all good wishes, I remain

Your friend,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfn

VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. Barry Burnley
129 Elm Street
Denver, Colorado

July 10, 1961

My dear Yank:

I am returning herewith the two letters of Professor Sternberg. Frankly, I do not know what to write to him. The problems which are troubling him are not the kind of problems which you can solve through the medium of a letter. I am writing to him today just a word of greeting and I am sending him my book "Where Judaism Differed". Perhaps he will find some answers to some of his questions in this volume.

Is he in need of some financial assistance? I should be very glad to send him some. I asked him to send me a list of the more important books which he has. The Temple Library would be interested in acquiring some of them.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mr. J.M. Wilmer
1130 B.F. Keith Building
Cleveland 15, Ohio

*Sent Hebrew Trans.
"W.S.D." to Dr. Sternberg
9/13/61*

~~Handwritten signature~~

July 10, 1961

My dear Dr. Sternberg:

Through our mutual friend, J.M. Ulmer, I have learned of your illness. I send you my best wishes for recovery. Yank tells me that you have an extensive library of Hebrew, Yiddish and English books. The Library of the Temple would be interested in procuring some of them. Would it be possible for you to send us a list of the more important books which you have? I am taking the liberty of sending you, under separate cover, a copy of my book, "Where Judaism Differed".

With warmest regards, permit me to remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Dr. I. Sternberg
3312 Idaho Avenue South
Minneapolis 26, Minn.

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Art Book Department

July 25, 1961

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

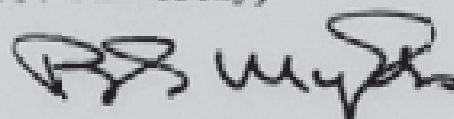
Dear Dr. Silver:

There is no reason in the world why you should remember me personally, although I can claim the honor of having met you a certain number of times through my father, the late Louis Myers, who worked with you during the thirties on the Anti-Nazi League. I myself took part in its activities as a member of the Speaker's Bureau.

After many years of teaching, I have recently taken on the job of developing an Art Book program for the McGraw-Hill Book Company, and one of the projects which we have recently completed is a book on Jewish Art. As you perhaps know, there is no existing book on the subject which is becoming of increasing importance as witness the recent establishment of the Department of Jewish Art and Archeology of the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati under the leadership of my friend, Dr. Joseph Gutmann.

It gives me great pleasure, therefore, to send you a copy of this still unpublished book which appears officially on August 15 since I feel that you are one of the few people in this country who would really appreciate its contribution.

Most sincerely,



Bernard S. Myers
Editor in Chief
Art Book Department

BSM:lmk



GEORGE FLESCH

REPRESENTATIVE FOR NORTH AMERICA
LIBERAL PARTY OF ISRAEL

15 EAST 40TH STREET
SUITE 800
NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

August 9, 1961

Rabbi Dr. Aba Hillel Silver:
"The Temple"
105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

On my return from Mexico today, where I visited on behalf of the Liberal Party, I take the liberty of contacting you immediately with reference to my communication of June 9, 1961, a copy of which is enclosed herewith.

I am sure you remember our most interesting conversation we had in New York together with my friend Abramov.

When I phoned you a few days after having sent you above mentioned letter, you told me that it would not be necessary for neither me or Mr. Abramov to visit Cleveland and that we could rest assured that you will do whatever needed to be done with regard to this campaign, and that you then would let us know the results in due time.

Just before I left for Mexico two weeks ago, I called Cleveland again but was told that you were abroad.

In the meantime I have learned that you have been on a very interesting trip and I naturally am most eager to learn more about your impressions, especially with regard to one specific country.

Of course I would like to know as well if you have had any chance to do something about our campaign and I need not tell you that now in these decisive last few days they need in Israel every penny that we can raise and mobilize and put at their disposal. They even communicated with me urgently in this respect over the phone from Zurich.

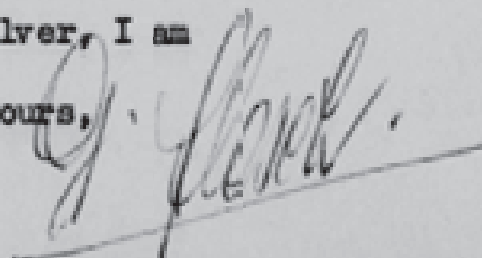
This is why I once again contact all our friends and appeal for a last minute effort so that we should be in a position to transfer within the next few days all the funds that can still be raised.

I am sure that I can rely as always on your kind cooperation and am thanking you very much in advance.

Should you by any chance contemplate a visit to New York I would love to meet with you, dear Dr. Silver, and if not I would naturally be ready to come and call on you in Cleveland at any time convenient to you.

With warmest personal regards to you and Mrs. Silver, I am

Sincerely yours,



GF/gf



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER *36
THE TEMPLE
ANSEL RD & E. 105TH ST
CLEVELAND 6 OHIO 37

THE JOURNAL OF THE NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
1201 Sixteenth Street, Northwest, Washington 6, D.C.

August 14, 1961

For some time you have been receiving complimentary copies of the NEA Journal. If you wish to remain on the mailing list--which we are now bringing up-to-date--please let us know by October 1 and we'll see that the Journal continues to go to you.

However, if we do not hear from you, we'll assume you have no objection to our removing your name from the list.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred S. Fenner
Editor

15.8.1961

לכבוד

מר מנחם

Shaker Savings Association
16800 CHAGRIN BOULEVARD
Shaker Heights 20, OHIO

אין

באשר קבלתי את אשר כתב שמתי בהמשכתי עבורי
ושני ילדי. מבטוחי הקצונה הכבידה שבטיג וגנא בהפגעה
הקדושה בחיוביך אלי. מבקר בישראל וגבס לביתנו עם
הקדושה הנכבדה. אלמתי הבטחה הטוב לא המשמה למה
אמרו? עד כמה אנא מחכים בכליון עינים. אבקט את כח
לחוביךני ממי זה יבוצע למצואו אנחה את נבוצכם כאלוהים
מביבים על לבבנו. ואז נכבד שאנא אלמתי ללוחינו המכבדים
כא שאלתי לבן. אלא יאליצני בלתי פגט את, רבקה בת בנאלי.
בא ברוך יחודי, למה תעמד בחוץ:

היצי מלמ לכת את ממי מלשי הגור הקדושה
במלן עברתי עתיד, שאלוניג: ככב. שיהיו הספרים האלה לזכרון
אל עם ספרי ספריו הקדושה. כי הוצאתי הטוב את
המבדחה הטוב ואלמתי ממנה לכל ודפי. הנקטוים במלמ
מלמן המלמ יודיעים. דהי טא את ברכי אמנתי יחד. עם
בקטתי מכב שילדיךני על באכס לאלי ישיט.

בבוא רב אבידול

רצון אביה רבקה

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NEW YORK 1, N. Y.

August 16, 1961

Mr. Solomon Kerstein
Vice-President
Bloch Publishing Company
31 West 31st Street
New York 1, New York

My dear friend:

I want to thank you for the two volumes, "The Authentic Jew and his Judaism" and "The Story of Modern Israel", which you sent me. Please convey my thanks, also, to Mr. Bloch. It was a pleasure to see you in New York and I hope that I will have the opportunity before long again.

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

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

ד'תשנ"ה

אני קורא בזה אתכם, שאתם תהיו
בני חלקי ה' ויהי לכם חלק
בכל אשר יעשה ה' ויהי לכם
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חלק באלה הברכות.

August 16, 1961

My dear Mrs. Keller:

The Temple office informed me of your generous contribution of one thousand dollars to the Temple. I need not tell you that I personally profoundly appreciate this additional evidence of good-will and helpfulness which you have always manifested toward our beloved institution.

With warmest regards in which Virginia joins me, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bft

Mrs. Bert Keller
15825 Van Aken Blvd.
Cleveland 20, Ohio

August 16, 1961

Mrs. Mildred S. Fenner
Editor
The Journal of the
National Education Association
1201 Sixteenth Street, Northwest,
Washington 6, D.C.

My dear Mrs. Fenner:

In reply to your postcard of August 14th, I shall
be happy to have you continue to send me complimentary
copies of the NEA Journal.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Monticello, N.Y. August 20/61

Dear Dr. Silver !

Your prompt and gracious acknowledgment of the two books reached me on Thursday afternoon before leaving for my vacation week - End here.

It will interest you to know, that no more than 10 minutes after your departure, a carton of books from Israel was delivered to us - and lo and behold your Hebrew edition was included among latest publications. From perusing a few pages, I found the Hebrew translation by an excellent rendition.

Of course, the book has been displayed on the counter and will call attention to it (listing and note) in the Fall-Winter issue of the Brook Bulletin.

It was a honor and delight to have had the (wonderful) opportunity of your visit, to see you -

With warmest wishes to you and your dear ones for a happy New Year !
As always, most cordially,

Enclosed in RM 10 25 7 10. (JMS) August 24 1961

Enclosed



PRAY
FOR
PEACE



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland 6, Ohio

August 21, 1961

My dear Ed:

That was a beautiful wedding last evening. I enjoyed the occasion very much and so did Mrs. Silver. I hope the young people will be very happy.

I am enclosing herewith the new Bulletin of the Temple which contains the announcement of the establishment of the Harry K. Fox and Edna R. Fox Fund at the Temple. I thought that you would be interesting in seeing it.

With warmest regards to you and to Harlorie, I remain

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mr. Edward J. Schweid
17300 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland 20, Ohio

RABBI LEON I. FEUER, D. D.

COLLINGSWOOD AVENUE TEMPLE

TOLEDO 10, OHIO

August 22, 1961

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

I was delighted to get the Hebrew edition of your work and I can imagine what a thrill it must have been for you to see it in print.

I want to come to Cleveland to discuss some things with you. Some time around the middle of next week would be convenient for me if it is for you. Would you please drop me a note and let me know what day you will be free and when you would like to see me.

Hortense and I just returned from a very pleasant trip to the Carribean.

I know that you and Virginia must have had an exciting trip to Russia and I am looking forward to hearing all about it.

As ever,



Rabbi Leon I. Feuer

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August 25, 1961

Dear Rabbi Silver,

In your generous letter to

The Synagogue League, I am deeply grateful.
"Ela na anan dire."

I am sure that you intimate that
the record of our school has earned the
public almost "by accident" and
"surprising" you ought to speak for itself.

I am sorry that you cannot visit for us.

Thank you for the warmest greetings to
you & Virginia.

Sincerely yours,
W

August 25, 1961

My dear Leon:

I shall be glad to see you any time you come to Cleveland during the coming week. I am leaving for New York on Saturday.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Rabbi Leon I. Feuer
Collingwood Avenue Temple
Toledo 10, Ohio

August 28, 1961

Westheimer and Company
East Ohio Gas Building
Cleveland, Ohio

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find check in the amount of \$483.50 which is the debit in my account. Please deliver to me the thirty-six (36) shares of American Telephone and Telegraph Company stock which you are holding in my account. My account number is 82200.

Very sincerely yours,

ABRA. HILLEL SILVER

AHS :bfm

Enclosure :
check #3970

RABBI LEON I. FEUER, D. D.

COLLINGSWOOD AVENUE TEMPLE

TOLEDO 10, OHIO

August 28, 1961

Dear Rabbi:

Unless something like a funeral service intervenes, I will be in Cleveland on Thursday and will deeply appreciate it if you will save a little time for me some time Thursday afternoon.



As ever,
Leon

Rabbi Leon I. Feuer

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

DR. STUART E. ROSENBERG

RABBI
BETH TZEDEC CONGREGATION
1700 BATHURST STREET
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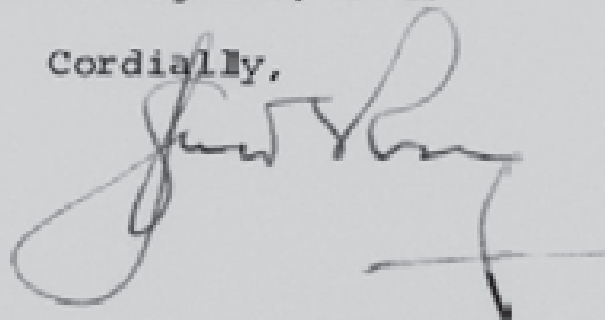
29th August, 1961
17th Elul, 5721

Dear Dr. Silver:

I thought you might be interested in seeing
this enclosure.

With best regards, I am

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Stuart Rosenberg", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.



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News from Abelard-Schuman

What is the relationship between Christianity and Judaism?

And what are the differences?

These are questions that Stuart E. Rosenberg endeavors to answer in his new book, *BRIDGE TO BROTHERHOOD*, which will be published September 13th.

As rabbi of the largest Jewish congregation in Canada, Dr. Rosenberg welcomes many Christians to his weekly services, and he has often been amazed at the gap in the religious training of the churches.

He points out that not many Christians realize that their religion and basic traditions have emerged from Judaism. Knowledge of these basic roots could give Christians a clearer perspective of their own religion and a deeper appreciation of their own rituals.

Also, many Jews are equally ignorant of the way in which Christianity is related to their own faith. Therefore, they tend to view Christians from a distance - a distance which can create a chain of total apartness.

BRIDGE TO BROTHERHOOD is an attempt to bridge this gap between Christianity and Judaism. In a clear and readable analysis of their individual forms and patterns, Dr. Rosenberg shows the many-sided relationships between them, thus making both religions more comprehensible and meaningful to the individual layman.

Dr. James Parkes, a prominent Anglican theologian, has written the introduction for *BRIDGE TO BROTHERHOOD*.

Stuart E. Rosenberg is rabbi of Beth Tzedec Congregation in Toronto. He has previously published three books, and writes a weekly newspaper column, Lines Of Life.

BRIDGE TO BROTHERHOOD
by Stuart E. Rosenberg

Sept. 13, 1961
\$3.95

Abelard-Schuman, Ltd.

For further information, contact Alda Lee Boyd

MEMO -
FROM THE DESK OF
C. B. HERSHIK

15515 Van Allen St

Dr. Silver -

Enclosed find photo -
I hope you like it.

Kindest regards

Clifford B. Herschik

August 30, 1961

Mr. Clifford B. Hershik
15515 Van Aken Boulevard
Cleveland 20, Ohio

My dear Mr. Hershik:

Let me thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending
me the photographs which I appreciate very much.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ANNA HILLEL SILVER

AHS ibfm

*Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Cooper
announce the marriage of their daughter
Annetta*

*to
Dr. Lee S. Newman*

*on Saturday, the nineteenth of August
Nineteen hundred and sixty-one
Fort Lauderdale, Florida*

August 30, 1961

My dear Annetta and Lee:

Mrs. Silver joins me in sending greeting and felicitations upon your marriage. May your years together be filled with happiness. Please convey our congratulations to your parents also.

With warmest regards and all good wishes for a Happy New Year to you and to your families, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS :bfm

Dr. and Mrs. Lee S. Newman
2708 N.E. 35th Drive
Fort Lauderdale, Florida
c/o William E. Newman

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On page 9 of the
enclosed magazine you will
find the article on Russia
written by my son, Neil Cohen,
that we talked about today.

Thanks again for your
note to Rabbi Zaroni in Paris.
Sincerely,
Mary Nathanson

August 30, 1961

Mrs. Louis Nathanson
19906 Van Aken Boulevard
Cleveland 22, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Nathanson:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in sending me the magazine "The New Idea" which contained the article of your son on his visit to Russia. I read the article with a great deal of pleasure. Your son kept his eyes and ears open and what he saw and heard he interpreted wisely.

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

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS :bfm

Schweid, Rini, Torbet and Foote
Attorneys and Counsellors at Law

Bulldog Building
Cleveland 15, Ohio
Cherry 1-1010

August 31, 1961

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
c/o The Temple
East 105th Street & Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

This is the first opportunity I have had to thank you for your letter of August 21, 1961, and your very kind comments on Nancy's wedding. It was very thoughtful of you to write.

We have heard from many people since the wedding who told us how much they enjoyed the way in which you conducted the entire ceremony. In fact, there were quite a number of our non-Jewish friends who were so impressed by the entire procedure, that they would like to come to some of the temple services again. There were a few very good and intimate friends of ours of long standing who never saw a Jewish ceremony, and less than that, they were never in a temple, and they liked it.

Thank you again for your interest, and with warmest personal regards from all of us, I remain,

Yours, as ever,



Edward J. Schweid

EJS:rm

DR. MAXWELL SILVER

227 RIVERSIDE DRIVE

NEW YORK 25, N. Y.

September 4, '61.

Dear Abba:

Received with delight your warmly autographed copy of *132, 2 132 2 132*. It is a handsomely executed little volume, and its external attractiveness will enhance the Hebrew reader's pleasure in delving into its rich contents. As soon as leisure allows, I hope to treat myself to the pleasure of reading this last book of yours again in its Hebrew translation. It will be an extra joy then to realize that another Silver publication (the first being Dad's) will be read in the spoken language of Ha-Aretz.

Just completed the difficult work of revising or correcting Chapter II of my new book. Before the present year is over, hope to have done the same on the rest of the typewritten manuscript. As agreed, I shall then send the whole book on to you for your leisurely perusal and comments or suggestions - before the typing of the final draft. In the meantime, my other family critics will be studying same chapter by chapter, as per their preference.

Have been recuperating nicely from a case of anemia, of the existence of which I have been unaware for some time, resulting in loss of weight and general weakness. Several weeks stay at a local hospital after our recent return from Florida, injection of couple pints of blood plasma, plenty food, and cessation of smoking, have thus far done wonders to appetite, looks, and weight -- have since put on 20 pounds. There is still a little job to be done on the usual "old men's" troubles ~~hernia~~ (hernia), which is awaiting further general physical check-up. Needless to say, my regular total preoccupation with my literary work leaves no time for foolish worries -- just enough time for following the doctors' orders and counsel.

The High Holy Days are upon us again! My heartiest Rosh Ha-Shanah greeting and sincerest wishes for a new year of good health and serenity to you, to Virginia, and your entire great family, in which Jane is pleased to join me. As ever,

I cannot locate my old reference on the fine Rabbinical concept of *an as shutof kamaase bereshit*, nor is Jostrow of help. Can you locate it for me?

MS

TODROS BOOK EXPORT

J. T. HANTKE

P.O.B. 556, Jerusalem, Israel

September 11, 1960.

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

Dear Dr. Silver,

For the New Year I wish you a hearty לשנה טובה לשנה טובה

True to your promise you placed an order with me in March 1959. For this I am very grateful to you.

Please permit to tell you that I am engaged on a hard struggle for my business. You would do me a great favor if you would continue to send me orders.

It seems to me that my late father helped thousands of people, hundreds among them were children of Zionists. I remember he twice said to me that that was what the Jewish people were used to do, to help also the children of their leaders. I am nowadays sometimes wondering whether my father was one of few who believed in that and practised it.

I am not asking for much: I do not want to sell you anything dearer than you would pay for it in Cleveland or New York. Just tell me what discount you receive from others and I am sure I could charge you the same amount if not less.

As to the distance: As you experienced with that solitary order, I am always airmailing an advice of despatch so that you know within a fortnight whether the particular book is obtainable and when it will arrive.

Please try!

I always sent you all my catalogues and I hope that they are being kept somewhere.

Thank you!

Yours very sincerely

Jonathan Theodor Hantke

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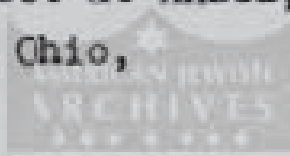


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Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street at Ansel,
Cleveland 6, Ohio,
U.S.A.

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September 12, 1961

Rabbi Akba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street & Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

I appreciate your kind invitation of September 8 but unfortunately that is the day set aside for National Conferences for the U.J.A. This is a special meeting of great importance in view of the problems arising from the increased immigration and leaders from all over the country are being asked to attend--and among them are a group from Cleveland.

I would hope perhaps you would be able to switch this meeting to a later date; however, for this reason I must decline your kind invitation.

Sincerely,

Edward Ginsberg

EG/ims

Dr. Silver

*Please see me
about this MTH.*

September 13, 1961

Dear Ed:

As requested, I am enclosing some copies of Dr. Silver's poem "America", one of which is autographed.

Best wishes to you and yours for good health and happiness during the coming year.

Fondly,

Mr. Edward J. Schweid
Schweid, Rini, Torbet and Foote
Bulkley Building
Cleveland 15, Ohio

[13 Sep 1961]

ירושלים, יום ד' 13 בספטמבר 1961.

לכבוד
ד"ר אבא הלל סילבר,
קליבלנד, אוהיו.

אבא הלל היקר - שא שלום וברכה שנה שנה !

קודמנו כולנו לבואך בישראל לאחר מסעך על פני אירופה ובכללה גם
בברית המועצות (כפי שנודע לנו מעל דפי העתונות).

אולם תקוותנו היתה לשוא, לכן הנני מרשה לעצמי לבדך אותך, את קציתך,
בניך היקרים ובני ביתם בשנה טובה ומאושרת, שנת שלום וגאול ישראל.

על ביקורך בברית המועצות (וכפי שנכתב נפגשת גם עם פר חרוששוב) נודע

מעל דפי העתון "על המשמר" לפי כתבה פר ויכרד יפה בארצות-הברית. אני
מוצא לחובתי הנעימה להמציא לך את הקטע מהעתון הנ"ל. יש לציין שכתבה זו
עשתה וישם חזק בחוגים רחבים בציבוריות הישראלית. ביחוד ואייתך המציאותית
והנכונה את פני הדברים הויחסיים בין ברית המועצות למדינת ישראל ולשאלת
היהודים בברית המועצות בכללה.

אני מקווה רק שעוד נתואה בישראל ושחגא לי האפשרות לשפוע מפין
דברים מעניינים על חיי יהודית ברית המועצות. לו ניתן הדבר שתכתוב מרשמיך
מסיורך זה, הייתי מודה לך מאוד מאוד.

רחל שלי היתה קייץ לביקור באירופה לפני 5 שבועות. שיוול זה נתאפשר
לה על ידי שיוול מאורגן של עובדי הסוכנות היהודית בתנאים נוחים ובמחירים
זולים. בשבילה שלחה לפני 24 שנה - באניית מעפילים, בדרך ללא דרך, היה
ביקור זה באירופה חויה גדולה. רחל חזרה מלאה ושמים וחיות. ואני שמח
שנתאפשר לה דבר זה.

אצלנו בדרך כלל אין חדשות. הקופת הבחירות חלפה. המאבק היה קשה
אולם שום דבר לא הישתנה באופן יסודי. אפנס הליבוליים עלו בשלושה מנדטים.
מפאי יורה ב-5, שאר המפלגות נשארו באותם הכוחות (וצר שהקומוניסטים עלו
ב-2 מנדטים!) - כך שמפא"י נשארה גם כיום המפלגה הגדולה בכנסת ובן-גוריון
יחזון עד הסוף, כמנהגו, עד שישיג רוב בממשלה, למרות היותם פיעוש בכנסת.
חבל היה רק על הפיליונים שבזכור בבחירות אלו (בחירות שאף מפלגה, פרש
למפא"י לא וצו בהן).

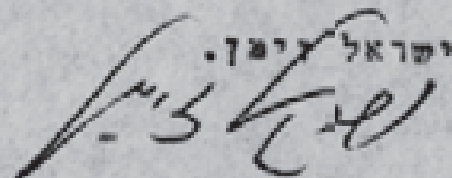
אני ממשיך בעבודתי כרגיל. אפנס הועליתי בדדגה ואף משכורתי עלתה ב-50
לירות לחודש. רחל שלי, אף היא ממשיכה בעבודתה.
כיום קבלתי מגיסך, פר יעקב משלאו מכתב קצר וברכה לראש-השנה. הוא כותב
לי שממחכוננים כבר לביקורם בישראל. בודאי שנשנח לראותם ולקבלם בקרובים
וידידים יקרים ומכובדים.
גם מאהותך בסי קבלנו מכתב וכו כותבת בין השאר שאף היא מתכווננת לבקר
בקייץ שנת 1962 בישראל.

מסיים הפעם בחקור לקבל חשובה ולו גם קצרה.
רחל שלי דורשת בשלומכם העוב ומברכת את כולכם בשנה טובה.

בכל וכבוד ובחוקרה

שלכם

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September 13, 1961

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We wish to thank you for thinking of the Home and its residents and for bringing us the lovely cookies for their pleasure.

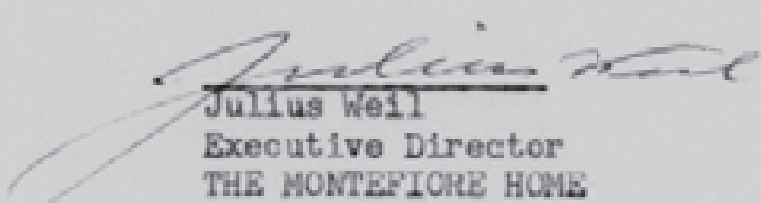
They join me in thanking you for this treat.

With kind regards.

Cordially yours,

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JW/lm


Julius Weil
Executive Director
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MORRIS ABRAMS
PRESIDENT

September 13, 1961

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street & Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Your article in the Cleveland Plain Dealer on your return from Russia, was in my judgment, extremely accurate and to the point. I spent eleven days in the Soviet Union last year, and my experiences and observations coincided exactly with yours.

The attached article by Mr. Neal on Berlin, is most interesting. I would greatly appreciate your judgment of its contents.

Cordially yours,

Morris Abrams

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15 EAST 40TH STREET
SUITE 600
NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

September 15, 1961

Rabbi Dr. Aba Hillel Silver
"The Temple"
105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

This is simply to inform you that I tried in vain to contact you and meet with you.

I tried both, the Waldorf and the Statler but somehow could not reach you and the morning following your address, I was told at the Waldorf that you already had checked out.

After listening to your most interesting speech I am even more anxious to see you and discuss with you the major problem involved.

Would you be good enough and inform me if you plan by any chance to come to New York again soon, otherwise I would make it a point to call on you, at your convenience, in Cleveland.

Let me take this opportunity and wish you and yours a happy New Year.

May it be a good year for our country and our people.

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Sincerely,

G. Flesch

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September 20, 1961

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On this solemn Yom Kippur Day, a day filled with reverence and awe, a day of fasting and contemplation, a thought occurred to me that prompts this letter to you. I am filled with the beauty of our solemn services, the liturgy, the hymns and the thought provoking message of your beautiful sermon and I can't help but feel that the underlying theme of all that is said and done is built upon the message of "Peace"; the importance of peace within ourselves, within our families, our homes, our communities, our country and the entire world.

The world is on the brink of a totally destructive atomic war. The leaders of the most powerful nations in the world are determined that coexistence cannot be accomplished and that war is inevitable. Our government has committed itself to war to keep Germany divided. We are rebuilding our armies, renewing atomic tests, advocating the evacuation of our cities and preparing the people to accept the catastrophe of an atomic attack on our country. We are smug in the knowledge that we have the ability to retaliate.

As Jews, are we to accept this fate? Does our heritage and religion tell us to be silent? Or, do I recall the passage from the Prayer of Peace, "Grant us peace, Thy most precious gift, O Thou eternal source of peace, and enable Israel to be its messenger unto the peoples of the earth". Is it enough that we enter our temples and synagogues once a year to pray to the Almighty for peace? Where are the "messengers of peace"? Are we waiting for the Messiah? Are we in agreement with the leaders of the world that destruction is inevitable, as indicated by our silence?

Our country has become immoral; it is wallowing in vice, greed and corruption. Values have become completely distorted. Sense and decency no longer prevail. Our leaders have defeated bills that would improve aid to education, aid to the aged, medical assistance and other social reforms which are so necessary to our country today if we are to show the rest of the world that we understand what is necessary for the pursuit of happiness and contentment. Instead we are a nation in strife with increasing unemployment, segregation, prejudice, strikes, delinquency, crime and vice. The front pages of our papers scream of violence and death. The radio, television, theaters, books and magazines are full of corruption and terror. Are we becoming another Gemonrah? "Is such the fast that I have chosen?"

Rabbi Silver, I am just an individual responsible for the happiness, contentment and welfare of my home and family. I want my sons to appreciate true values, to understand their purpose in life, to become law-abiding citizens and to enjoy the peace, serenity, happiness and contentment

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that life offers. I am being challenged all the way. There are millions of other individuals like myself who, I am sure, are not content with conditions as they are. As individuals we cannot be heard, but as a group, inspired and organized by our religious leaders, perhaps we can turn the tide of pride and prejudice.

As I mentioned previously, "Our silence indicates our approval". Are we to remain silent? Do we approve of this moral degeneracy? Or do we make ourselves heard? Through you, Rabbi Silver, and other religious leaders we can make ourselves heard. Let us take the initiative and organize all God loving men who seek truth, peace, justice, love and contentment.

I am proposing that we invite the leaders of all denominations, Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Conservative, Reformed and Orthodox to a convention here in Cleveland for the purpose of organizing a Peace Program. Let us forget the petty differences between religious sects and denominations and join together as "Children of God". At this convention we can bring together all of the great minds of the religious world and draft a resolution of peace that would be heard throughout the world. It should be sent to every world leader entrusted with peace and security of his people.

We should choose a "Petition for Peace" day in which every member of every religious organization in America would sign his name to this resolution. Each church and synagogue leader would be responsible for collecting these signatures and send them to a central committee. With 150 million signatures we can ask to be heard in the United Nations and the world will know that the people of America want Peace, Happiness, Contentment and Justice for all the world. We can create new moral standards and save the world from destruction.

As Jews, entrusted with teaching God's laws, we must take the initiative now before it is too late. Men of religion must organize and be heard, otherwise we are failing God's trust. As an individual layman, I can only turn to God but God wants to hear the voices and prayers of all of his children in these troubled times.

Please give this suggestion your serious consideration. It is just a simple proposal on which can be built a tremendous and effective program. With your great analytical mind you can elaborate and organize this plan and with God's help make it succeed.

Is not this the fast that I have chosen? "To loose the fetters of wickedness, to undo the bands of the yoke, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? - And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places, thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called: The rebuilder of the ruins, the restorer of paths to dwell in".

Sincerely yours,

Herbert M. Walker

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RELIGIOUS BOOK DEPARTMENT

GUY BROWN
DIRECTOR AND EDITOR

September 21, 1961

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
THE TEMPLE
East 105th St. and Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

It is best that I write to you at this time with the information relating to my resignation as the Director of the Religious Books Department here at Macmillan. It will take effect as of October the second. Although I have not yet relocated in another position, it is most likely that I shall continue in editorial work as it relates specifically to religious books. Meantime, I am making plans to go abroad for about six weeks.

May I take this opportunity to express my great admiration for you as one of America's outstanding religious leaders, as a top-rate author, and a congenial friend. It has always been my joy when you have taken the time to stop at our offices for a brief chat. I shall certainly miss those friendly visits.

When I relocate I shall, of course, let you know. Meantime, your contact person here at the Macmillan Company is Mrs. Astrid Hansen who is thoroughly familiar with the procedures of the department and the Company as well. She will be in a favorable position to channel any requests that you may make so that it will reach the proper person or persons. I am sure that you will find her to be prompt and courteous in every instance.

With all good personal wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

Guy Brown.
Guy Brown

GB:lc

AKRON BEACON JOURNAL

Friday, September 22, 1961

Red China In UN? FBI Hopes Not

By EDWIN LAHEY
Chief Of Our Washington Staff

WASHINGTON -- The FBI has more than a passing interest in the debate over admission of Red China into the United Nations.

As the most populous nation on earth, Communist China would be entitled to a large number of the 4,400 jobs in the secretariat of the UN, 3,000 of which are in the home office in New York.

Thus, the inclusion of Red China in the family of nations would mean that many more people for the FBI to tail.

The FBI has the names of everybody on the UN payroll. Every employee of the UN secretariat must be cleared through the Department of State, and the FBI gets the names there.

September 22, 1961

My dear Rabbi Rosenberg:

Two of your books have reached me within the last two weeks -- "The Bible Is For You" and "Bridge to Brotherhood". Considering how busy a man you are, it is quite remarkable that you could publish two books in one year. I know that I shall read them both with a great deal of pleasure.

I send you all my good wishes for the New Year. With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AMS:bfm

Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg
Beth Tzedec Congregation
1700 Bathurst Street
Toronto 10, Canada

September 22, 1961

My dear friend:

It was indeed gracious of you and very thoughtful to send me a New Year's greeting. I need not tell you that I profoundly appreciated it. I trust that you and yours will have a wonderful year. I send you all my best wishes in which Mrs. Silver joins me.

We are looking forward with pleasure to your coming to Cleveland in December.

Most cordially yours,

ABRA. HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mr. Josef Gingold
University of Indiana
Bloomington, Indiana

September 22, 1961

My dear friend:

Thank you for your letter of September 15th. I want to thank you for your good wishes for the coming year which I reciprocate most heartily. I should be very happy to see you but unfortunately, I do not plan to be in New York before the latter part of November.

With warmest greetings, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS :bfm

Mr. George Flesch, Vice President
World Council of General Zionists
15 East 40th Street, Suite #600
New York 16, New York

September 22, 1961

My dear friend:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of Mr. Neal's article on war and peace and the problem of Berlin. I read it with a great deal of interest. I am pleased that you liked my article in the Cleveland Plain Dealer on my recent visit to the Soviet Union.

With warmest wishes for the New Year, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mr. Morris Abrams
Curtis Industries, Inc.
1130 East 222nd Street
Cleveland 17, Ohio

September 26, 1961



Russell Sage College
TROY, NEW YORK

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I cannot thank you enough for the kind letter you wrote to Rabbi Gutmann. Since he received it, he has gone out of his way to be helpful in getting me acquainted with the Jewish families in Troy.

I was invited to dinner before Kol Nidre and also after the concluding service the following day. It really made a difference, for as you know I've never been away for the holidays.

Please thank Mrs. May also for taking the time to send me a copy of your letter.

Thanks you very much!

Sincerely,
Laina Goodman

9-26-61

Rabbi Abba Silver

Dear Rabbi I wish to
apologize for neglecting
to send these snapshots
of our fishing trip in
Florida

For me, it was
a most enjoyable day,
and am looking forward
to see you again this
coming winter so we
may be able to go
fishing again

God give you
good health

Yours truly

Joe Aronovitz

1060 - 98th St

Miami, 54 Fla

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September 27, 1961

My dear friend:

I need not tell you that I was very much surprised, indeed, at the news that you have resigned as Director of the Religious Books Department at Macmillan. I had come to associate you so completely with the Macmillan Company and to look upon you as an integral and inseparable part of that organization. I know that they will miss your experience, wisdom and fine insights.

I hope that you will find deep satisfaction with the new organization with which you will identify yourself and that we will have many occasions to meet and to chat. I hope that you will enjoy your vacation abroad before you settle down to your new duties. Upon your return, please let me know where you will be located. I should want to keep in touch with you frequently.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mr. Guy Brown
The Macmillan Company
60 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

September 27, 1961

My dear Mrs. Kyman:

I wish to thank you for your lovely note. I was pleased to have been of service to you although the occasion was a very sad one.

I am placing your contribution into the Abba Hillel Silver Charitable and Educational Fund which we use for good purposes from time to time.

With all good wishes for the New Year, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mrs. Sidney Kyman
4090 Carroll Boulevard
Cleveland 18, Ohio

September 29, 1961

My dear Mr. Aronovitz:

It was very thoughtful of you to send me the snapshots of our fishing trip and I wish to thank you. I do hope that we shall have the pleasure of seeing each other again soon and going on a fishing trip again.

With warmest regards and all good wishes for the New Year, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ANNA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfn

Mr. Joe Aronovitz
1060 - 98th Street
Miami 54, Florida

September 29, 1961

My dear Bill:

I suppose that it was through your suggestion that Mr. Joe Aronovitz sent me the snap-shots of our fishing trip in Florida which I received yesterday. They are very lovely and I want to thank you.

I do hope that we shall have the pleasure of having another fishing trip in Florida. With warmest regards and all good wishes for the New Year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mr. William J. Bass
19220 Van Aken Blvd.
Cleveland 22, Ohio

October 3, 1960

Mr. Jonathan T. Hantke
Todros Book Export
P.O.B. 556
Jerusalem
Israel

My dear Mr. Hantke:

I would appreciate if you would send me
"Iyunim biSefer Yehoshua". I am enclosing
herewith a check for \$5.40.

With kind regards, I remain

Very cordially,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Enclosure

October 4, 1961

My dear Mr. Taslitt:

I want to thank you for your kindness and thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of the book, "Faith Walks The Land", which you edited. It is a very attractive volume, intelligently compiled and edited and I think will do a great deal of good toward spreading an understanding of the position of the Christian communities in Israel and the practice of religious freedom and tolerance in that ancient land. I hope the book will receive widest distribution.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

ANS:bfm

Mr. Israel D. Taslitt
c/o Antiquities Of The
Holy Land, Ltd.
Jerusalem, Israel

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
c/o The Temple
Cleveland. Ohio.

October 6th 1961

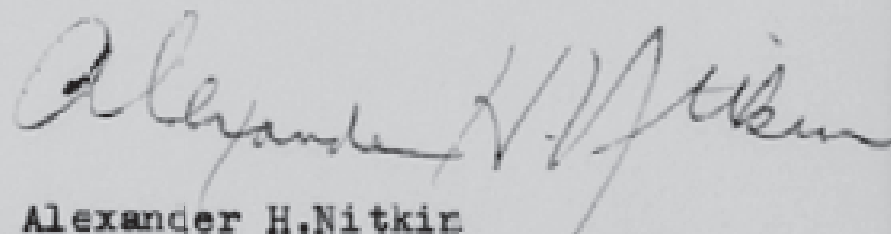
Dear Rabbi,

Mr Stephen Kayser, Curator of the Jewish Museum in New York, to whom I have supplied objects of Jewish interest in the past suggested that I send you a photograph of one of a matched pair of Menoreth which I acquired on a recent buying trip in England. Mr Kayser says that these are very interesting and he is sure that you might acquire one or the pair for your own museum. The dealer in England from whom I purchased them thought that they had originated in Russia but my own belief is that they are Dutch.

I am enclosing a photograph for your consideration. Without the candles the height to the top of the center holder is approximately 37 inches. The price for the pair is \$700 or \$350 for one.

This photograph was made by one of my clients who is associated with Random House, publishers, with the intantion of using it as a frent cever on a forthcoming book.

Yours very truly,


Alexander H. Nitkin

AHN/gn

October 9, 1961

My dear friends:

I am sorry that I am compelled to miss the happy occasion when your good friends are meeting to celebrate with you your forty-fifth wedding anniversary, but I want you to know that I shall be with you in spirit, and shall rejoice that a kind providence has favored you with so many years of beautiful companionship and that you now find yourselves surrounded by a happy host of children and grandchildren who love and adore you.

I pray that the coming years will be as rich for you in well-being, contentment and peace.

Your devoted friend,

Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Luntz
18975 Van Aken Boulevard
Shaker Heights 22, Ohio



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DAVID L. ZIELONKA, D.D., L.H.D.
RABBI

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o The Temple
East 105th Street & Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Many thanks for writing me concerning Miss Gayle Suzanne Jacobs, a student at the University of South Florida. Though I have not yet met Gayle, I know that she has contacted and been in the home of the Millard Newmans, formerly of Cleveland; and has met a number of Tampa people. I have tried to contact Gayle but so far our paths have not crossed. I can assure you, however, that I will be most happy to do anything possible to extend her the courtesy of our Temple and of our community.

With warmest greetings to you and yours,
I am

Very cordially,

Rabbi David Zielonka
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DLZ:bm

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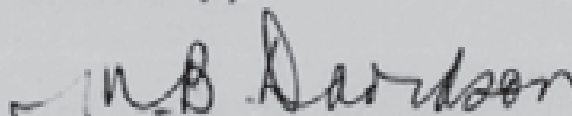
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I noticed in the Temple Bulletin today that you have given one lecture and will be giving another on October 22nd on your visit to the Soviet Union.

Rabbi Feinberg is presently in Russia and I know will be deeply interested in your reports, upon his return. Would it be possible to receive copies of each of your lectures? I am sure he would deeply appreciate this.

Thanking you for your courtesy,
in this matter.

Sincerely,



(Miss)

Margaret B. Davidson
Secretary

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
CLEVELAND, Ohio.

October 13, 1961

My dear Luke:

You may recall that in our exchange of views at the Oberlin Retreat on the subject of the selection of Israel, I referred to my Yom Kippur sermon where I discussed the subject. I got the impression that you had not heard the lecture. I am, therefore, enclosing it herewith. Please read it and return it to me as I have only this one copy.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AMS:bfm

Mr. Louis N. Gross
20977 Shelburne Road
Cleveland 22, Ohio

THE RATNER, MILLER, SHAFRAN FOUNDATION
17903 ST. CLAIR AVENUE
CLEVELAND 10, OHIO

October 16, 1961

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street & Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed is a check from our Foundation to Universal
Yeshivah of Jerusalem, Inc., in the amount of \$250.00.

I am very sorry that your letter in reference to this
worthy cause was lost among the papers in my office;
nevertheless, I am pleased to be able to contribute
toward their new building in Jerusalem.

I hope to see you soon.

Yours truly,



Leonard Ratner

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LEONARD RATNER

Secretary

ALBERT B. RATNER

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NATHAN SHAFRAN

P.S. I would appreciate your forwarding this
check to its proper destination.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER
CLEVELAND, OHIO

October 16, 1961

Dear Ely and Bass:

We received your nice invitation for June twenty-third. It does not seem possible that anyone can have an engagement so long ahead except Abba, but he has already a wedding scheduled for that evening.

I am writing you immediately because we cannot change this date and I thought, inasmuch as your party is not on your actual wedding date, we might be able to get together. However, if you cannot change it, we will understand. It does not seem possible that you could have been married fifty years, you both seem so young.

We are all fine, Adele awaiting the birth of her baby. I will let you know when it comes.

Dearest love,

(signed) Virginia

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Mr. and Mrs./Ely Liebow
1112 Garfield Avenue
Jersey City, 4, New Jersey

VIA AIR MAIL

This Silver dictated over phone

The L.N. Gross Company



Makers of Bradley Knitwear
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NEW YORK OFFICE
1497 BROADWAY

October 18, 1961

Dear Rabbi Silver,

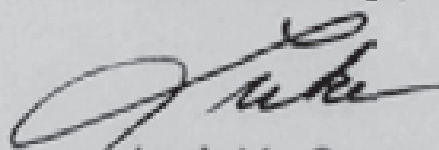
It was a very wonderful treat for me to receive your thoughtful letter of October 13th and the copy of your Yom Kippur sermon.

Often times I have wanted to ask a question or request some clarification concerning a statement made during a sermon. It almost always happens that I have forgotten the point by the next time I see the speaker. You have given me a rare opportunity which I do appreciate and I shall take advantage of your kindness in two small ways.

You have requested the return of your sermon. It is enclosed. I did, however, take the privilege of copying it as I would like to study it further. In addition I shall use my advantage to ask one question. Even though all that you say in your sermon is completely true for you, for me and for most Jews, if it is not the truth for the vast majority of the rest of the people in the world is it in reality a practical truth?

Elaine joins me in sending you and Mrs. Silver our very best good wishes on the birth of your new granddaughter. For myself, I want to again express my appreciation and thanks for the consideration you have given me both at Cberlin and at home.

Most cordially yours,



Louis N. Gross

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enc:



636 Fifth Avenue - New York 21, N. Y. - Regent 7-8200

Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, President

October 19, 1961

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Tifereth Israel, The Temple
East 105th Street & Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Abba:

It was good to talk to you today and I do welcome the opportunity of talking with you at greater length and leisure in Cleveland.

I have consequently made arrangements to arrive early this coming Wednesday morning and will call you when I get to Cleveland, hoping to see you some time that morning.

Looking forward with much anticipation to being with you, and with fondest from Rosa and myself to Virginia and you, I am

As ever,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Maurice".

Maurice N. Eisendrath

MNE:b

אברהם יצחק בן ארר ופזמונאי -
יחי אברהם בן ארר !

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October 20, 1961

My dear friends:

I am enclosing herewith a contribution of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) from the Ratner, Miller, Shafran Foundation towards your new building project. Please acknowledge it to:

Mr. Leonard Ratner
17903 St. Clair Avenue
Cleveland 10, Ohio

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Universal Yeshivah in
Jerusalem, Incorporated
Jerusalem
Israel

VIA AIR MAIL

Enclosure - Check #1173

October 20, 1961

My dear Leonard:

Thank you so much for your letter of October 16th and for the check which you enclosed from your Foundation to the Universal Yeshiva of Jerusalem (Rabbi Kook's). I am this day forwarding it to Israel and I am sure that the Heads of Yeshiva will be grateful to you for your contribution to their new building project.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mr. Leonard Ratner
The Ratner, Miller,
Shafran Foundation
17903 St. Clair Avenue
Cleveland 10, Ohio

October 20, 1961

My dear Mr. Ostrowsky:

I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me the lovely record. I played it more than once and I enjoyed it tremendously. You have a fine way of interpreting these poems of Hassidic life.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

ANS:bfn

Mr. Chaim Ostrowsky
1153 North Formosa
Hollywood 46, California

Columbus Evening Dispatch

OHIO'S GREATEST HOME NEWSPAPER

COLUMBUS 16, OHIO, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1961

U.N. Seen Linked To Red Agents

**Charge Espionage
Training Given
On Way to U.S.**

By CARL DeBLOOM

*Dispatch Washington Bureau
807 National Press Bldg.*

WASHINGTON — The United Nations not only acts as a convenient headquarters for Soviet espionage work but serves as an "advanced training school" for Red agents as signed to this country.

This charge came from a high government official who is engaged in exposing espionage by foreign governments.

"RED AGENTS receive their advanced schooling at the U.N. and then move onto Washington," he declared.

This same official defended "tailing" of Soviets assigned to the U.N. by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

However, he denied that any of the FBI shadowing occurs on U.N. property since "the FBI isn't even allowed on the grounds."

HE FRANKLY admitted that for the protection of the United States that "the minute one steps off the grounds we are on his tail."

ONE REPORT to the Department of Justice by the FBI says this about U.N. representatives of the Soviet:

"They are guests of the United States and are supposedly dedicated to the cause of international peace but they are, in fact, carefully selected envoys of the international Communist conspiracy, trained in trickery and deceit and dedicated to the concept of fully exploiting the freedoms of the countries they seek to destroy."

SOLOMON COHEN
ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR
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TELEPHONE LONGACRE 5-6880

October 2, 1961

My dear Abba:

Recently there appeared
in the *Nador* a feuilleton by Daniel
Persky about the 70th Anniversary
of the Educational Alliance. In
this week's *Nador* there appeared
reminiscences by me about that
Institution in connection with
the Herzl Club. I am enclosing
this article herewith. I think
you will find it of interest.
A number of Herzl boys
already phoned me that they
read and enjoyed my column.
I was pleasantly surprised
that quite a number of Herzl
boys are subscribers to the *Nador*.

How are you? And how
is Virginia? and the boys? I
had undergone surgery in August.
I feel much better now.
Anna joins me in best
wishes to you and Virginia.
As ever yours
Sol

ביקר בביתו לפרקים. בבלי הזכירנו, כי ד"ר לאון קופילוביץ היה משמש מנהל בית-ספר עברי בעיר רוסטסטר בשנת הרצ"ה. הבטית לשלוח אליו זכרונות על המנוח במכתב פרטי...

(ו) המוסד אדיוקייטונאל אליאנס לפנים והיום

העסק הציוני שלום כהן מלונגאיילאנד של גידיוק סעלה זכרונות מענינים על "מוסד מרכזי שהוצע ויוזם, שהאחריו ב.הדוארי, גיליון ל' שנה זו:

ברוב ענין קראתי פליטונג על-אודות אדיוקייטונאל אליאנס. החינן בעת יובל שבעים שנה לסיום היווסדו. בימינו מוסד חשוב זה מרשה אסילו הצגת מחזות אידיים באולנו ושוב אינו אותו המוסד האמריקאי, שהיה בשנות 1904-1916, בעצו קאזית מתאסף שם. ד"ר הרצל ציון קלובי בכל מוצאי שבת אגודה זו היתה אגודה הנער העברי - הראשונה באמריקה, שחבריה מניל 12-16 היו מדברים עברית באסיפותיהם. אתה התעניינת הקבץ באגודה זו, ביקרת באסיפותיה, הסבת אותנו וכתבת בעדנו קצת-אליאנס בעברית, שהעגנו באסיפותינו וכן גם באסיפותיהן של כמה אגודות ציוניות. בעזרת ד"ר דוד בלושטיין, שהיה המסקם של האגודה אליאנס, כי שהיה ציוני מעצור, הרשו לנו להתאסף אגודה יוצאי שבת באחד החורים של המוסד הזה. הד"ר דוד בלושטיין על-אגודתו סמשרתו - ואו החלו צורותינו. פעם בלוצאי שבת האגודה באסיפותינו המסקת החדש עם אחד מן הדיקטורים של המוסד - ושובו שמים! לא האמינו למראה עיניהם: איך יל-הימים יאעזרום לשבת כשנבועים מכסים את ראשיהם (הרבה אנשינו) ויחלי ישיבת. עץ חיים וואלווין, שנהסבה אחריו ליישיבת ה-יחיד אלחנן ואיך זה מרשים לומר בשפה זרה זו (עברית): לחזור האדיוקייטונאל אליאנס...

הדיקטורים התרו אז בנו, שאם תפצינו אנו להתאסף ב- נצטרך להשמיט את השמות. הרצ"ה ו-ציון מתוך שם האגודה.

ואסור קתית לנו לומר בשפה זרה זו (עברית) באסיפותינו, למען דעה, כי האדיוקייטונאל אליאנס הוא מנפז אל-ריקאי. אלה שהיו נוכחים באותה אסיפה לא ישמחו את תשובותיהם של אבא הלל פיללור, נשיא האגודה ואחד מפייסדות, ושל בארנט בריקטר. תשובתנו היתה, כי לעולם לא נשמיט את השמות. הרצ"ה ו-ציון, וכי השפה העברית יקרה לנו ובה נדבר. לאס לאס עזבו הדיקטורים את החדר הפייסדאש והחלו להביך, כי עם קשה-עורף אנחנו...

חקרית שנית היתה לנו עם מנהלי האדיוקייטונאל אליאנס בשנת 1916. תפצנו לחוג יובל שהיפעסרה שנה לקיומנו. החלטנו להציג את המחזה העברי "דוד בבל-שה", שאבי התיאסרון היהודי אבירם גולדסאדן כתב בעדנו עברית בשנת 1905. ביקשנו רשות ממנהלי המוסד להרשות לנו להציג את המחזה באולם הגדול. מנהלי המוסד השתוממו על חוצפתנו להציג חזיון עברי במוסד אמריקאי, היה לא תהיה: מר יעקב ספירשטיין, המוציא-לאור של הקתון היום "מגזין ושורגאל" ואחד מתומכינו, בא אז לעזרתנו. הוא ביקר במוסד והתרה במנהלי, שאם לא ירשו לנו להציג מחזה עברי, אז יופיע מחז מאמר ראשי ב-"מגזין ושורגאל" נגד האדיוקייטונאל אליאנס. בעלזבורחם ענו מנהלי המוסד אמן וביום 15 ביוני, 1916, נישע מעל בימת המוסד צלצול השפה העברית. כדאי להקיר, כי זה קרה לפני חמישים שנה. האדיוקייטונאל אליאנס של היום אינו המוסד האמריקאי של שנות 1905-1916. היום מצינים שם תיאסרון אידי.

גם חברנו המשורר אפרים א. ליסיצקי מניו-אורלינס כתב אלי: "באסר, מוסד חשוב, שהוצע ויוזם מציון - פמיטב פליטונג הוא. העברת לפני הקורא תקומת-חיים, שהלשה לכלי שוב. קראתי באסר מתוך המיית-לב וכיסופים: אותו קיץ, שנת 1916, שלמדתי בישיבת רבי יצחק אלחנן, הייתי מבקר לילה לילה "קדימני, פעמים בחברתו של הלל רונניץ (עורך "מגזין-קדש")

כיום, ומהנה נפשי ברוח דקדורה שנושבת והמינה חומו של לילה לאחר יום קיץ לוהט, ובקראת עתונים.

על המוסד הפופולארי הזה כבר נתפרסמו מאמרים שונים ליובל שנת השבעים בעתונות האידיים והיהודיים-אנגליים. אף על אגודת-הנוער העברית-הציונית הראשונה, ד"ר הרצל ציון קלובי, שעשתה היסטוריה והוציאה מקרבה כמה מחשובי המנהיגים והעסקנים הציונים, נכתבה ספרות שלמה, למלאות שישים שנה (1904-1964) ראוי לפרסם קובץ אנגלי, שיתאר את תולדותיה, פעילותיה והשפעתה.

(ז) שאלה לשוניות בנוסח התפילות

העסק העברי כמה סילוורסאן מברוקלין פונה אלי בשאלה לשונית:

בסידור, מיד לאחר ברכות השחר, כתוב: ויהי רצון מלפניך, א' אלוהינו ואלוהי אבותינו, שתרגילנו בתורתך ודב'קנו במצוותיך ואל תביאנו לא לדי חטאי וגו'. מכיוון שכתב "תרגילנו" ו"תביאנו" - האם אין צריך לכתוב "ותדב'קנו"? במקום התלמודי (ברכות ס' ב' כתוב: "ודבקני ביחודי"), אבל מצאתי ב"סדר התפילות כפי מנהג הספרדים", בהוצאת הרב דייסולה פול, הנוסח: "ותדב'קנו". לפי חוקי הדיקדוק והמינגון איוה נוסח הוא נכון?

בכל הסידורים היהודיים, שמצאתי בביתי (הסידור השלם מהדורת פליטאל בירגובים, "תפילת ישראל" עם פירוש הרב יעקב צבי סקלנבורג, "שירה חדשה" מהדורת ה. רונשטיין, ועוד) כתוב: "תרגילנו... ותדב'קנו". אולם נוכל לסמוך על בעלי התלמוד, שחושם ודק בלשון לחש להם: "ודבקני קשה למיבטא שפתים, שכן האזת תי או תי מתנגשת עם האזת ד', ששתיהן דומות בדיבור. הפעל, דבק' (ולא הפעיל "ודבק") מצוי בסידור, כגון: "ודבק לבנו" (בתפילת "אתה רבתי").

פבל מקום אסור לשנות מסבצ התפילות, שטבעו חכמים...

הגדולה הוא, שריר וקיים בלי שום צל של ספק, זה עתה נודמן לידי הספר האנגלי על־דבר ילדותה של הגרויסה מולד, שהופיע זה לא כבר בשם „הסולדים של רחוב לומבארד־” והי מולדס אוף לומבארד סטריט) זאת אלכסנדרה ל. לורין, בוצאת דזשואיס פובליקיישון סוסיאטי, 1960, פאולולסיה, ושם בעמוד 33 כתוב לאמר: „חיה־לה, השם של התינוקת, נקראה על שם האם העדינה של בנימין, אבל סופיה, בנוצעה את החיים החדשים בנורעותיה האוהבות, קראה לה הגרויסכן — הגרויסה זעירה.”

מכיוון שהמילה „חיה־לה” נכתבה באנגלית „טיילת”, רציתי לודא, שזוהי באמת חיה־לה ולא קיילת, פניתי איפוא אל החברת בבקשה לברר לי את הדבר, אנה, החברת שייכת למשפחת הסולדים: היא כלתה של אחות הגרויסה, וזוהי תשובתה:

„לקחתי את מיכתבך אל גיסי בנימין מולד לורין, שהוא תלמיד־חכם ומלומד מצויין, תחת ידו נמצא ספר־התפילה שבו כתב רבי בנימין מולד את תאריכי ההולדת של בנותיו. גיסי העתיק בשבילך בדיוק מה שרשם רבי מולד ביחס לבתו הגרויסה, וזוהי הרישומה בסיוורו: „בתי הילדה חיה־לה נולדה שנת תרכ״א, ערב שבת, פרשת ויגדה, 21 בדצמבר 1860.”

תשובת החברת רצופה בה בשביל המסן הביוגראפיהביולרי גראסי „גנויס” בתל־אביב.

בגראה, היה סיוס־הקסנה האדי „לצי” (דיה־לצי, שרה־לצי, אינגלעל ועוד), הנהג בפי יהודי רוסיה, מקובל גם בתוך ביתו של רב, שבא מהונגריה.

(ד) לזכר ד״ר ליאון קופילוביץ

הסופר והמתרגם ישראל גולבקיין מווסט־קובינה של קאלי־פורניה יש לו מה להעיר על אישיות טראגית וחביבה: „בפיליפון, אנשי־שלומנו (הדוארי ב״ס) נכתב על ד״ר ליאון קופילוביץ ד״ל, הייתי בין המעטים, שהכירוהו גם בשנות הארבעים והחמישים למאה זו, כשגם אישם בשכונה שגרתי בה,

בטיורח ברונס, בימי האביב והקיץ היה בא לעתים קרובות, לנן ברונס המפורסם, יושב לו בין משוררים שם ומסביר להם את המתרחש בעולם הכללי והיהודי, הקומוניסטים היו מקוטרים אותו בדבריהם, אבל כמעט תמיד יצא תמונה מוויכוחים, שומעיו ביופם תמכו בו והמביטו לדבריו, אף שלפעמים לא ירדו לדעתו בלל, היה כמעט בדברים על עצמו, אבל מן הכנס ששמעתי ממנו נדמה לי, שד״ר ליאון קופילוביץ לא העמיד את עצמו מתוך למחנה רק מרצונו החמשי, כפי שהנך סבור, וגם הספרים והפילוסופיה גרידא לא אכלהו, היו לו, כגראה, סיוטות מצינויות על מנהגים שונים — ובמובן מסוים, הורחק והועמד מתוך שחנה, אדם תוקפן וחזק יותר באימו מד״ר קופילוביץ היה מתוסק ונלחם ולא היה מתרחק מהנצחיות, ציבוריות ותרבותיות כשל העומדים בראשן: אבל איסמים היה האדם — וכשתחתיו, הניע למה שהניע, חבל שאדם נעלה, מלומד ותלמיד־חכם שבו לא הובר ולא הוערך כראוי לו, ושלל חומצא לו מקום להוראה באחד מבת־המדרש העליונים שלנו, רבים היו שותים בצמא את דבריו ומתעשרים עושר רוחני מתורת מדי.”

(ה) תלמיד־חכם, שלא הוערך

באותו עניין דן גם משה דולגין (אחיו של הסופר יוסף אריבא) בברוקלין:

„לא רק ששמעתי את שמו של ד״ר ליאון קופילוביץ, אלא היה לי הכבוד להיות אחד מידידיו בשנות בדידותו, יום יום היינו יושבים על סטל מיוחד בבוסתן קרוסונה שבברונס (סטל זה היה מיועד לתלמיד־חכמים, שישבו ושקעו תורה מפיו), קרוב לגבורות היה אנו האיש, אף כי מנענו לא היה כל־כך בדרה, בכל זאת חשק מיו מרבוליות, ישה היה כוחו בפוליטיקה, הוא ידע להעריך את כל המנהגים — וכל מה שניבא ביחס לפוליטיקה נתקיים, שינאה יחירה היתה בלבו למטאלין ולרוזוולט, האדישות, שהראו רוזוולט להשמדת היהודים באירופה, לא נתנה דמי לו.

כשתופיע ספרו של בן הכס „בי דור” ובספר הזה יש פרק מיוחד, הן בשינאתו של רוזוולט ליהודים, הצטער ד״ר ליאון קופילוביץ על יוקר מחירו של הספר, שלל יהיו לו הרבה קופצים...”

„ככל מעריצו הייתי אני בחבים עליו ביותר, אלו התחם כאב לבנו, הוא היה אז על סף הגבורות — ואני התקרבותי אז לשנות בינה, הוא האני שבתבורה ואני, אחד משש־סידעם, היינו משותחים על ספרות כללית בכלל והספרות הצרפתית והרוסית בפרט, מחירי המוד היה מזה אתי בקוריוזם ספרותיים — ואני מצדי המצאתי לידו עתונים, מלונות וספרים ובריים מן החדשים ביותר, תביבים היו עליו סיפורי אחי יוסף אריבא ולא פעם העיר את אונני, כי רק הצרפתים מסוגלים להעריך כשרון שנות, כל זמן שהיה לו עוד חירו המיוחד, לא אבד ערכו האיש, בכמה מצינויות, שרציתי להושים לו עזרה כל־שהיא, לא עלו בידו, הוא התחמק בזה שהמצאתי לו ספרים עבריים, פעם מצאחי איזו אמתלה של יומ־הולדת שלי והמנתי למיסעדה רומינית במדד העיר, ישבנו בקרדוזיות והיטבנו את לבנו בארוחת טעימה על מקבוק יין לבן — נוסח צרפת, הוא היה שקוע בעתונו יותר מהאכילה, בכל השולחנות ביוזנו מנשים תוחים לשולחננו, סקרנות אכזה את כולם, שכן רצו לדעת מי הוא הזקן הוורידפנים, שנים הלפני, במשך הזמן עקרתי את דירתי מברונס לברוקלין — והוא תלש מחדרו והועבר לבית מושב וקנים, ההספר שלך הרעיד את כל גופי — וצר לי, שמשולל הייתי מלחלוק לו את הכבוד האחרון יהירצא דברי אלה, שמזכירים על ימים, שהייתי יושב במחיצתו, למזכרת־נחמה על מסירת ד״ר ליאון קופילוביץ.”

מצדי אוכל להוסיף, כי בשמחתי הטילוסונית האחרונה עם הילל בבלי ד״ל ביום ה׳, היו בתפוז, שבוע ימים לפני מסירתו, הרבה לשוחח אתי בנעימות, למרות מאוביו, על ענייני המישפחה העברית בניו־יורק, ביחוד הביע הילל בכלי את קורת־רוחו, כי הספדתי ב„הדוארי” את ד״ר ליאון קופילוביץ, שהיה לו יריד נאמן, אף

מפה ומשם

(שאלות ותשובות)

צאת דניאל פרסקי

(א) לזכר הילל בבלי

בהרבה איגרות, שקיבלתי בזמן האחרון, מביעים חברינו המוסרים והמתנבים במדינת ישראל רחשי יגון ואבל על פטירתו הפתאומית של אחד מראשי היוצרים העברים באמריקה, המשורר הילל בבלי, שהלך לעולמו ביום כ"ב בתמוז, ה'תשי"א, ונסמן באדמת הקודש על הרי ירושלים. כך, למשל, כותב המשורר הוותיק ש. שלום מחיפה: "גודעזקתי עד תהום הנפש לשותו הפתאומי של הילל בבלי ז"ל. משורר נזיר אחי, כהן מלל ליצירה העברית בגבר, ידיד ורע נפלא היה האיש, העליתי בת זכרו בלילי-שבת, בבית ברנד בתל-אביב ובמועדון המוסרים שלנו בחיפה, לצערי, הנוער, לרבות המוסרים שבחוכו, רחוק מלדעת להבין את השליחות של ספרות עברית בגבר וראיתי מישהו חובב לשחוח לבו להערכת האבידה".

הנמר היקר שלנו היה אחד מראשי חבורה המוסרים והעסקנים הצעירים, כגון: ב. ג. מילקיני, אבי גולדברג, ת. א. פרידלנדר, שמעון גינזבורג, ש. ב. מקסימון ז"ל, יחד עם ישראל אפרת, אפרים א. ליסיצקי, כותב הסורים האלה, אברהם שפירא-גולד (אחר כך נוספו מ. ליססון, מנחם ריבולוב ועוד), ועוד פתיסיספר, שכולם האמינו בכל לב בנחיצותה ובתפתחותה של ספרות עברית חיונית וחרישה באמריקה. האמינו ושיהמו כוחותיהם לעשות ולבנות בימה ציבורית פועלת ומשפיעה בשפתנו, אמנם יודע ידעו, כי המיכשולים רבים, וכי קהליהצרכנים מועט; אף-על-פי-כן השיגו משהו, שבמרוצת הזמן הריחו תוסס מקום כלשהוא בתוך הסכום הכולל של מערכות ספרותנו במקומה-חיתה הלשוני: בארץ-ישראל, לדיומ, כיבוש ספרותי מה בארץ, ולוא היא בלתי-מספיק, היו ערכו בו בעצמו, שכן הוא מעיד על כוח-יצירה עברי, ההולך ומשתרש

אף באדמת-ישרים זו. עתון עברי קטן, הנכתב והנדפס והמופץ בניו-יורק או בשיקגו, יש בו משום תוצרת הארץ — וצנועה בו אמנם בעתיוות היהדות המקורית והסורית בעולם החדש הזה הילל בבלי, אישיות תרבותית כהנכת ויוצרת, הרבה לעשות למען ביסוסה ופריחתה של ספרות עברית אמריקאית. לא רק שהוציא לאור וערך בעצמו שלושה מאספים רבי-תוכן "ניספים", "מסרי" (שני חלקים) והתכונן לערוך רבעון בשם "פנסי" יחד עם חיים גרינברג ז"ל; אלא עוד יתרה, עמד בראש קלוב פארן (איגוד סופרים) עברי ושימש חבר בוועד "עונן", המיד היה נתון יד לכל יזמה והישג בשדה היצירה העברית מה במדינה, ביוחד השתדל, בכוח עמו ובקסם פיו, לתת יד ושם טוב לרבים מכוחותינו הספרותיים הוותיקים והמיומנים כאן אצלנו.

מותו הוא אבידה כפולה: גם כיוצר ספרות וגם כבונה ספרות. לאור חייו ויצירתו נוסף-בא ונמשך הלאה ליצור ולבנות בכוחות פשוטפים!

(ב) חיי היהודים בתורכיה

מי שהיתה תלמידתי בבית-המידש למורים "הרצלית" בניו-יורק, גברת מרים רובינשטיין, שוהה בעת בתורכיה יחד עם בעלה, המכהן כרב צבאי במחנה ארצות-הברית התונה שם, והנה היא מתארת קצת את חיי היהודים באותה מדינה:

"בילינו כבר שנתיים באנקרה, בירת תורכיה, אנו נהנים כאן, אבל למרות הבול אנו מתגעגעים לשוב לארצות-הברית ולחיות שוב בקרב אחינו בני-ישראל, המתנאים ביהדותם. בנוגע לרוח בין החילים היהודים בצבא — אין על מה לדבר, לולא היה רב צבאי מה, לא היו פרגישים בחפיונו, כמובן, בעלי משה מצערה, כי אין לו הזדמנות ללמוד או ללמד, ומה שהוא משתדל לעשות.

כדי לעודד רוחם — הריהו מצליח במידה מועטה, רק לשבת יש לנו אורחים תמיד — ולפחות, ביום זה סרגישים כיהודים.

לדאבוננו הרב, הקהילה היהודית בתורכיה אינה מצליחה כלל, לזנוגמה, אספר לך מעטה, שקרה לפני ימים מיספר, אצלנו בבית-הכנסת הצבאי אין ספר תורה ביקשנו מאת גבאי בית-הכנסת המקומי להשאיל לנו — והמכינו, נחץ היה להבנים את ספר התורה לתוך המכונית הצבאית שלנו, כדי להביא אל בית-הכנסת הצבאי שלנו. הם פחדו לטעיא את ספר התורה לרחוב אפילו לרנעים מיספר, שמא יסתגלו התורכים המוסלמים ויביאו ביזיון לתורה, מה עשינו? במהירות רבה שמנו את ספר התורה במכונית — ומיד נסענו בחיפזון הביתה, ליהודים התורכים יש כל מיני חששות, שאין להם יסוד, יש כאן חופש מלא ליהודים לעשות כחפץ לבם, הממשלה אינה מפריעה כלל, הרב של הקהילה, הקרוא "חכמי", אינו משר את המצב, כי אין בו הכוח וגם אין לו הרצון, וככה נמשך הדבר ליום ליום: רבש של פחד וחשש מפני התורכים.

"עוד דוגמה אחת — פוזת אסיים הפעם, לכל יהודי כאן יש שני שמות-מישפחה: אחד יסמרי — ואחד תורכי, במיוחד הם משתמשים בשם-המישפחה התורכי, כדי שלא יכירו, שהם יהודים, ובבית, בקרב מורים ובדי-המישפחה, משתמשים בשם העברי, הבול בלי סיבה ובלי יסוד, מה נאמר? אלה שגרים בניו-יורק אנ בעיר גדולה אחרת בין יהודים, והם מבקרים בבית-הספר עברי, ומשתתפים בחוג עברי, ואי-כלים במיסעדה פשרה — הם באמת מאושרים, בעוד שנה נטעם עוד פעם מן המתיקות הזאת.

(ג) מה שגמה העברי של הגרייטה סולד?

המתוך והמוסר שמשון קרויסון מגרייצי של ויסקונסין מברר משהו ביחס לאישיות דמולה: "אתה משתדל זה כבר למצוא את השם העברי של הגרייטה סולד, ובכן הגני מביא אליך שי: השם העברי הנכון של היהודיה

חוקה, אף נמל זה הצטרף למורדים. הניסיון הראשון של נאצר להחזיר בכוח את המצב לתיקונו, משלוח 120 צנחנים שיחזיקו בנמל לודקיה — ניכשל, והצנחנים נכנעו על נשקם ליחידה סורית קטנה. מייד זנח נאצר את עמדתו התוקפנית הראשונה והתחיל נסוג קמעה קמעה מעמדותיו, עד שבסופו של דבר הודה בתבוסה. הדבוסנות גברה בו עד כדי כך, שהתחיל להתוודות על טקיותו החמורות. האמיתיות והמדויקות, שנתפס להן בהשתלטותו על סוריה, אף הבטיות, שלא יוסיף לעמוד למיבטול על דרכה של סוריה, אם תבקש להיספח כחברה לליגה הערבית ולארים. הוא חדל גם לאיים על המדינות הסמוכות, אם יכירו בממשלה הסורית החדשה, דבר שעשה בימים הראשונים לאחר ההפיכה. כאשר ירדן, תורכיה, ולאחריהן גם פרס, הכירו בסוריה (אותה שעה גם נקט אמצעים פסולים לפגוע באוניות התורכיות והפרסיות העוברות את תעלת סואץ). בקיצור — נאצר נכנע ללא תנאים. יש אומרים שהוא עשה זאת מתוך ראיית הנילוד עתונות לעתיד, להביא לידי התקרבות מחודשת בין מצרים לבין סוריה, משנוכח לדעת באמת, שההפיכה מתחילתה לא נתכוונה לניתוק גמור בין שתי המדינות.

ההפיכה וישראל

עמדתו התקיפה והנועזת של נאצר במזרח התיכון נחלה כישלון מביש. עצבנותו הרבה של נאצר בימי ההפיכה מעידה, עד כמה הוא חושש לעזו בעתיד הקרוב, יריביו בליגה הערבית יסמכו מעליו את עור בשרו. ירדן

ממשיך להתנארגן. הוא גם מבטח בחירות לפרלמנט הסורי תוך ארבעה חודשים! אבל אותה שעה הכריז אימור על כל פעולת מפלגתית בפנים המדינה, דבר זה הוא למורת רוחם של ראשי המפלגות הסוריות בעבר, שחשבו שעתה באה תקופת-שפע חדשה בשבילם. ביחוד זועמות על כך מפלגת „בעאת“, המוציאליסטית-לאומית, והמפלגה הקומוניסטית, שמיהרה לשבח את המהפכנים הסורים בעתונה היוצא בבירות.

תגובתה של ממשלת ישראל היא — זהירות ועמידה על המשמר. שאלת ההכרה במישטר הסורי החדש אינה עומדת לפני מדינת ישראל. שהרי עדיין מצב של מלחמה שורר בין שתי המדינות. עם זאת צופה ישראל בשבע עינים על המתרחש מעבר לגבולה הצפוני. בישיבת המס' שלה האחרונה נמסר דין-וחשבון על המתהווה מעבר לגבול וגם הרמטכ"ל השמיע את דבריו הערכתי למצב מבחינת ההגנה.

בעלייה וקליטה — הכל נושאים בעול

לפני ימים אחדים קיבלה הכנסת את הצעת-החוק של הממשלה על מלווה-חובה בסך 25 מיליון ל"י (קרוב ל-14 מיליון דולר). שיהא נגבה ממשלמי מס-ההכנסה בישראל בתקופה של שש חודשים בצורת תוספת של 12 אחוזים בקירוב מהכנסותיהם. המלווה יהא נושא ריבית בשיעור 4 אחוזים לשנה, והקרן תוחזר למלווים במשך עשר שנים משנת 1968 ואילך. פוטרו מן ההשתתפות

מפלגה זו בשעת הוויכוח על הצעת החוק. לשיכון עולים בסכומים גדולים. אבל חישובי הממשלה על שיעורי העלייה לא נתקיימו. עלו רק כ-16,000 נפש, שהן המחצית מן המשתער. אם-כן, מה עשתה הממשלה בכספים שנתרו בידה מהקצבה זו? היא בלעה אותם בתקציב הפללי, ומן הראוי שכבולענה כך פולטת, ועליה לצמצם עתה צרכים אחרים ולהחזיר את הכספים ההם לייקודם. מלווה-חובה עשוי לנרום נזק למשק כולו, הואיל והוא יספוג כספים הדרושים לצרכים אחרים, ואף זו, שאילו קימצה הממשלה את תקציב הוצאותיה באותו אחד, היה הסכום של 25 מיליון ל"י נמצא לה על נקלה.

„אגודת ישראל“ הסבירה את הימנעותה מן ההצבעה כאות מחאה על „הכפייה הדתית“ הנהיגת, כביכול, בעליית הנוער, השולחת ילדי חדרים דתיים למשקים חופשיים. אף האגודה דרשה קימוצם במנגנון הממשלה.

המפלגה הליבראלית, שהצביעה בעד הצעת-החוק, הזהירה את שר האוצר, שלא זו הדרך שיש ללכת בה לעתיד, מן הראוי להשיב ועדה, שתבדוק את מצב התקציב, ובכלל זה את ההקצבות לשיכון בעבר ובהווה, אפשר, שהכנסות הממשלה משכר-הדירה בשיכונים שבנתה בעבר יספיקו למלא את צורכי השיכון להבא.

מכל-מקום, טוב הדיח הרוב של המפלגות בכנסת, שעל אף כל החיכוכים והסכסוכים שבינן לבין המפלגה השלטת, הן מוכנות לשאת עמה בעול הצרכים החיוניים לעם ולמדינה.

The Editor,
The Plain Dealer,
Cleveland, Ohio.

October 22, 1961

Sir,

With all the talk about the wall in Berlin we are forgetting another wall which the Germans built around the Jewish ghetto in Warsaw less than 20 years ago. Nobody in the free world at that time did anything to break that wall down and liberate the Jews in Nazi Germany. It must not be forgotten that the present situation is an outcome of the barbarious atrocities committed by Germany under the Nazis and may be considered to some extent as a fruit of the evil which they themselves have planted. God's mill turns slowly, but it grinds extremely fine. It would indeed be ironical if the same Germans who are now trying to escape from their prison in East Germany are the same who were responsible at least in part for preventing Jews and other victims of the Nazi persecution to seek asylum in the free world.

Those Germans who now so avidly assert that they had been forced to be members of the Nazi party should remember that 30 per cent of Germans voted for Hitler in a free election in 1933. Had it not been for that support and the admittedly small number of SS he would not have been able to assume power and lead Germany to a road of evil and subsequent military defeat. We are talking about an unified Germany, forgetting that a strong Germany might again become a menace to the rest of Europe, as she did already twice in this century. It is extremely doubtful that Russia would like to see an united Germany, even under communist rule. We are assuming that a free and united Germany would always be on the side of the free world, forgetting again the German-Russian pact of 1939. Germans' first loyalty is to Germany, and they will think twice before committing fratricide where Germans fight Germans, even for the sake of freedom.

We are asked to put up a strong fight in Berlin, even if it means a nuclear war. It will certainly not be Berlin or even the rest of Germany, which is too close to the other side, but Paris, London, Moscow and New York which will feel the effect of the atom and H-bombs. The nationalistic elements in Germany would like nothing better than that their former vanquishers destroy each other, so that they might reap the benefit of what might be left after another holocaust.

We certainly must safeguard our freedom of communication in West Berlin and guard the freedom of the Western world, but not become an instrument in the upbuilding of the Fourth Reich.

Yours sincerely,

Gerald E. Tauber

2003 East 40th St.
Ashtabula, Ohio
October 23, 1961

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing this only because I wish you to know that I am grateful that there is in the troubled and confused world of today one man great enough, wise enough, fair-minded enough and courageous enough to express what he feels to be the truth - that only through a peaceful co-existence can we be spared the fearful holocaust of war.

I am not a Communist; in fact, I know very little of what the tenets of Communism are; but I

do not think that they
can be suppressed or
destroyed by war.

To me it seems dreadful
that there are so many
people in our country
who use their time and
their talents to spread
hatred and fear. There
will, no doubt, never be
a Utopia here nor else-
where, but if people would
use their reason
instead of allowing
themselves to be controlled by
emotion, we need not
have the direct opposite
of that ideal state.

What I write can make
very little difference to
a man so great and
influential as you; but
I wish you to know that
many simple people feel
as I do and are grateful
to you.

Very sincerely,
Selma P. Sandberg.

October 23, 1961

Mr. I. Malkin
789 West End Avenue Apt. 12-A
New York 25, New York

Dear Mr. Malkin:

Rabbi Silver requested me to return the enclosed to you.
This really is not within his scope.

Very sincerely yours,



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

Enclosure

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Dear Rabbi Silver,

*Thank you very much for your
manuscript.*

*I regret the editorial in yesterday's
Plain Dealer. It was not warranted.*

Yours sincerely,

Richard Wager

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With hearty thanks and Torah Blessings from 250 and Jerusalem,

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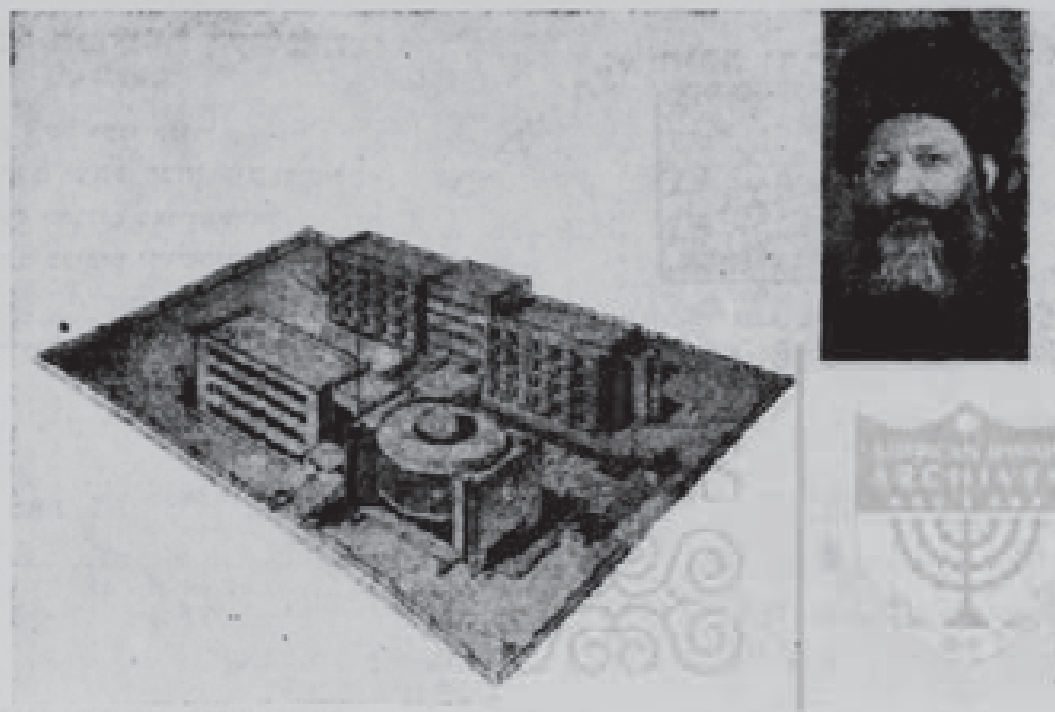
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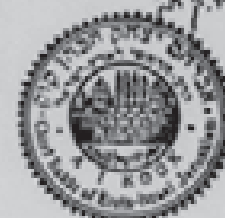


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Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. & Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Our dear Rabbi Silver,

We are in receipt of your kind letter of the 20th instant, for which we deeply thank you.

It was indeed very generous of you to send us a check for \$250.00 (Two hundred & Fifty dollars), from the Ratner, Miller, Shafran Foundation towards the new building project of the Yeshivah, and an acknowledgement is being sent by even mail to Mr. Leonard Ratner 17903 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, as per your instructions.

The above amount has been handed over to the care of the Building Fund Committee of the Yeshivah and they too will write to Mr. Ratner of its acknowledgement.

We know that it will please you to learn, dear Rabbi Silver, that the main wing of the New Building has now been completed. It is a building of four storeys and contains 60 rooms as dormitories besides the spacious dining hall and kitchen etc. As soon as we have sufficient funds we shall go ahead with the work of building the Yeshivah proper, the Library, etc. etc. so that when entirely erected this beautiful modern Edifice will be a credit to Jewry and a pride to Israel - a true tribute to the saintly memory of its great founder, the late revered Chief Rabbi A.I. Kook, of blessed memory.

With kindest personal regards from the Dean, Rabbi Zvi Yehuda Kook, the Faculty, the Students and myself, we remain, with Torah blessings from holy Zion and Jerusalem,

Very sincerely yours,
Rabbi Kook's Universal Yeshivah
Jerusalem, Israel.

Sh. M. Rabinovitch
Principal.



October 27, 1961

My dear friend:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your letter. These have been extremely busy days around the Temple. I am in full agreement with you as to the sentiments which you express on the dangers of our times and on the need for doing all we can to preserve peace.

The specific recommendation which you make, that a convention of all denominations be held in Cleveland for the purpose of organizing a peace program, has been discussed by our national religious bodies time and again. Efforts have been made to bring about such an assembly -- so far without success. The important religious bodies in the United States have, time and again, passed resolutions on the subject of the world crises and each, in its own way, is carrying on an active program in behalf of the ideas contained in your letter. The possibility for such a convention is not foreclosed but it will take much time and planning to bring it about.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

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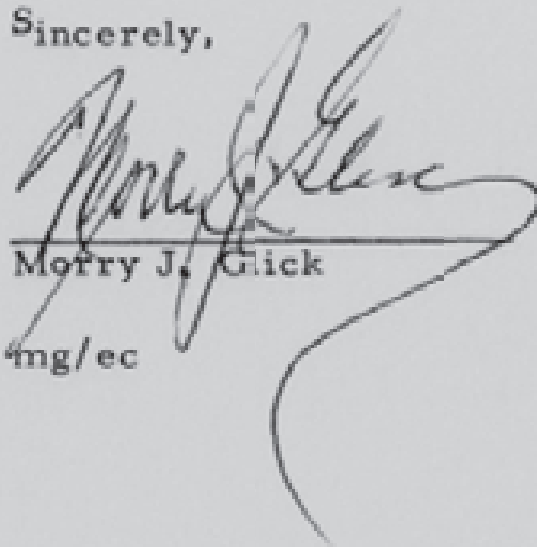
Rabbi Abba Silver
The Temple
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Dear Rabbi:

As per our phone conversation, I am happy to mail you a photo in color of the picture you were interested in as well as the negative. As you know, we three are former Clevelanders. My wife was Della Blumglick and her sister, Mrs. Leona Schlessinger. We now reside in Miami Beach.

On our trip to Israel just three weeks ago, we drove by the camp which is named after you. We stopped and saw this camp. However, we felt that taking a picture of the plaque that is at the entrance would be of interest to you, so, here it is.

Sincerely,



Morry J. Glick

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Dear Friend:

I have been out of the office for about a week and therefore was delayed in writing to you until today. I hope that things are better for you and trust that you will not wear yourself out with worry. I know that you have had great difficulties and I have urged you to have a stout heart and that what you are going through you will have an understanding that this is the way of life. Many of us have harder times than others and you I know are having a very hard time. Let us hope that conditions will improve and soon you will be your own good self.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

J. M. Ulmer

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November 1, 1961

My dear Mr. Glick:

I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me the photo which you took of Rfar Silver in Israel. It is indeed of much interest to me. I send you all my good wishes.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Mr. Morry J. Glick
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FROM THE DESK OF

J. M. ULMER

Dear Rabbi :-

I thank you very much
for your check of \$500.00 to
help Dr Stenberg - In this
way we try to lift the
dark clouds a bit which
surround a sick and
dying soul - I have
endorsed the check and
sent it on to the wife
of Dr Stenberg •

Sincerely
Yank Ulmer

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November 5, 1961

Dear Rabbi Silver;

A few days ago, we mailed you a book called "Struggles of a Generation", by Mr. Benjamin West, a very close friend of ours. The book describes the struggle of the Jews and the Zionist Movement in Russia. I think it will be of interest to you.

Best regards from Ann, Roy and myself to you and Mrs. Silver.

Sincerely,

Israel Shenkar
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לכבוד
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כבוד הרב סילבר,

הננו מתכבדים להמציא לכבודו,
לפי הוראת ח"כ פרץ ברנשטיין, את הספר הר"ס
שחופיע לרגל מלאת 70 שנה לנשיא מפלגתנו.

בכבוד רב,

מרקוביץ
פ. מרקוביץ

בשם וועדת היוזבל

November 6, 1961

My dear Mr. Nitkin:

Thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending me the photograph of the Menorah for our consideration. Our Museum has already a sufficient number of Menorahs of one kind or another so that we must forego the pleasure of acquiring your attractive Menorahs.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bkm

Mr. Alexander H. Nitkin
County Gallery
Sawmill River Road
Elmsford, New York

Returned photo.

November 6, 1961

My dear Mrs. Sandberg:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 23rd and to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing to me. I deeply appreciate your sentiments.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,



ARBA HILLEL SILVER

ANS:bfm

Mrs. Selma P. Sandberg
2003 East 40th Street
Ashtabula, Ohio

November 6, 1961

My dear Mrs. Reich:

Please pardon the delay in answering your query. The page manuscript which you gave me contains, after an introduction, the date of the birth of the children:

- 1) Solomon, who was born on the 15th day of Adar in the year 1868.
- 2) Daughter Hannah Leah, who was born on the first day of Heshvan in the year 1868.
- 3) Daughter Mindel, who was born in the month of Kislev in the year 1869.
- 4) Daughter Rebeccah, born on the 20th day of Kislev in the year 1872.
- 5) Daughter Eluna Esther, born in the month of Kislev, 1876.
- 6) A son, Zevi Zev, born on the 2nd day of Adar in the year 1875.

There are other names which I have not been able to decipher. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:bfm

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Mrs. S.W. Reich
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Nov. 6, 1961

Dear Mr. Abba Hillel Silver -

Without you last
night, the tribute to the 5 (only one of whom
fully merited any recognition - Sam Wahl
who is off to Israel) would have been a
pathetic affair. You lifted it - as you always
do - to heights of glory!

I write to thank you
for coming - and to remind you of your promise
to send me a copy of your address on
your New York - Moses - ... I have been asked
to write the review for the Esquire - but since

they pin me down to about 200 words —
it will be at least a bare notice!

I'm still puzzled about your point
condition of ... ! Wouldn't probability
be implicit in ... ?

(A small matter) — but wouldn't your
book will throw a bright light on Moses
our Master who makes Sinai small when he
stands upon it?

I enclose a little phantasy on ...
that I hope you will enjoy reading.
Show it to Daniel!

Again, my thanks for honoring us
with your presence last night.

בית שמואל
למנוחה ב' כ"ב שבט תש"ז
[Signature]

November 7th 1961

Dear Father John:

This is to let you know I
have met Rev. Father John
Hague. On October 22nd Sunday
Amsterdam and The Father
Schuette. Both Fathers were
very cordial and asked the

recommended to you + send you
warm greetings. As for meeting
Jewish people or what is left of
Jewish life in both communities
is not very likely to be seen by me.
Since both Fathers only suggested
seems to see them again anytime
I had something I wanted to
talk over.?

However the Portuguese
Synagogue took me through
the Centuries and I shall be
very disappointed if I can not
attend a service there.

In the Hague there is a
Jewish Anglo-American Church
that WELCOMES Americans.
You don't care if I go to

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that do you??
It wouldnt being here and
to have a front row seat in seeing
what is going on under the
classification order thing??
Thank you for your nice
letter. What a great story and
I'll have all the good stories for
you. all the best, Dave Katowitz

November 8, 1961

Dear Miss Davidson:

As requested in your letter of October thirteenth to Dr. Silver, I am enclosing a copy of each of his sermons on his visit to the Soviet Union.

Sincerely yours,

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

Enclosures (2)

Miss Margaret B. Davidson
Secretary
Holy Blossom Temple
Bathurst Street and Ava Road
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

DR. MAXWELL SILVER

227 RIVERSIDE DRIVE

NEW YORK 25, N. Y.

November 8, 1961

Dear Abba:

As per our understanding, I am pleased to forward to you herein --with great relief-- tolerable typewritten, pre-final new copy of my entire new book for your leisurely perusal and suggestions. You should have no difficulty in following the manuscript, despite ink corrections.

I recall that you have already read the first three chapters of an earlier draft. Since additional work has been put on the latter -- both in content and above all in diction--^{typewritten} may I suggest, for the benefit of the final/draft to be done after I am favored with comments by my family critics, from different viewpoints, that you/^{kindly} read through the present draft in toto?

Trust you and yours are faring well. Our present plans are to spend a week in Pittsburgh with Harold and his ~~last~~ family over the Thanksgiving period, and thence to go direct to Miami for the winter season. What are your plans for the Winter season?

Am hoping to obtain an al' hesbone publisher for my new book, and see it published sometime beginning coming year. Do you have any idea for a likely publisher for the same-- one entirely new to me?

My usual love to yourself and Virginia, the boys and their families, in which Jane joins me.

As ever,

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Maxwell

Will appreciate greatly your early acknowledgment of receipt of enclosed.

Incidentally, when is your new book coming out?

November 9, 1961.



My dear Rabbi Silver,

First and foremost, I thank you for complying with my request.

I am the only remaining one of twelve children, and wanted particularly to get the date of the oldest one. He was only thirteen years old when he came to this country, all alone. He worked for my uncle, whom you no doubt remember (Mr. Mittler of Youngstown). When my brother had earned enough money, he sent for my parents and the rest of the family.

My brother Herman (the doctor) also went to Youngstown, and he was the first Jewish boy from there, who graduated from the University of Pennsylvania



Brother Henry, after graduating from Central High here, also went to Youngstown where my uncle called him, as there was an opening of a good position waiting for him.

Uncle and Aunt Mittler lived in Youngstown as long as Dr. Gersman was the rabbi there, but when Dr. Philo was elected, my uncle and aunt would not remain there and came to Cleveland, and as you know joined the Temple here.

Now that I have written a whole megillah, and thanking you again.

I am

Sincerely

Sabra P. Reich

November 13, 1961

My dear Rabbi Reichert:

Please pardon the delay in sending you the copy of the book review which you requested. We have been terribly rushed here and this is the first opportunity my secretary has had to type the address. Please bear in mind that this was a popular review given to the congregation, not a scholarly analysis of the book.

It was nice to have seen you in Cincinnati. I trust that you are well. With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

ARS:bfm

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November 13th, 1961.

The Temple,
East 105th St and Silver Park,
Cleveland 6, Ohio,
U.S.A.

Gentlemen:

We would appreciate receiving from you -- if available -- the text (two copies, if possible) of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver's report on his return from the Soviet Union, within the last year or year and a half I believe. It was delivered as a sermon to his congregation, we understand.

We would indeed be grateful if you could comply with this request.

Sincerely,

B.C. Kayfetz.

BCK:ds

Dear Mr. Kayfetz:

As requested in your letter of November 13th, I am enclosing herewith two copies of Dr. Silver's sermons which he delivered on two successive Sundays, October 19th and October 22nd.

I'm sorry I was so late getting these to you but we have been unusually rushed with requests for copies and I had to make up additional ones.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

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

Mr. B.G. Kayfetz
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

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Cleveland, Ohio.

My dearest Friend Rabbi Silver:

Please forgive^{me} for the delay of this letter.

First of all I owe you great thanks for the books I received from you with your compliment. I read the original edition in English "Where Judaism Differed". I was fascinated by every line, by every sentence, by each word. It is truly a masterpiece of inestimable value. I read this book before I submitted to my second operation called "Cordotomy".

You were then on your visit to the U.S.S.R. I was so enthralled of your book that I intended to order at least 50 copies and distribute them among my best friends with my compliments. However, there were obstacles in my way. First, it was my severe pain in my foot that I suffered for 18 months.

Secondly, I met Dr. French at the Minn. Univ. Hospital who definitely advised me to undergo the "Cordotomy" operation. This doctor gave me great hopes. Now it is already 78 days after the operation and I have to use crutches to walk from one room to another and I still have pain in my heel from the operation which consisted in a cut of my nerves above my heel. over!

For 6 weeks I took physical therapy in order to regain the use of my right hand to be able to write and the use of my legs to be able to walk on crutches.

In reading your book in original it reminded me of Moses Hess and his important work "Rome and Jerusalem", which I read in German some 35 years ago.

In 1930 I wrote a thesis of 205 large pages on "Judaism in Heinrich Heine". I wrote it in German. Many ideas of yours coincide with my ideas about Heinrich Heine's Judaism. After 30 years I read my thesis a second time and I must humbly say it is a masterpiece. I wish I had it written in English, Hebrew or Yiddish. The Northwestern University in Evanston multiplied my Manne script in 40 copies and mailed them to various universities in Europe and the U.S. + Canada.

If you read German, I'll send it to you. Since this is the only copy I have I can only lend it to you, because I want to leave it to my daughter, who is my only child.

Coming back to your great book I am reading now the Hebrew edition "ה'תקפ"ח עד ה'תש"ח" and am enjoying it tremendously. I have learned a lot from both editions and I want to join

ה'תש"ח עד ה'תש"ח who
says somewhere in the book
"ה'תש"ח עד ה'תש"ח"
over 300 pages

and I feel entitled to call you

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though to me you remain

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the man who has contributed so much to our struggle for the establishment of Israel.

Lastly I want to express my sincere thanks to you for your generosity in helping me with your check I received from my dear friend J. M. Hlmer.

For almost 70 years I lived on my own. For almost 50 years of my life I contributed my very life to the upbuilding of our Jewish National Homeland Israel and now at the end of my career and life my God has decreed for me such a life. All my philosophy that expressed itself in

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came to naught.

I must end this letter now and say:

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May God Jehovah reward you and bless you for your good heart and guard over your precious health.

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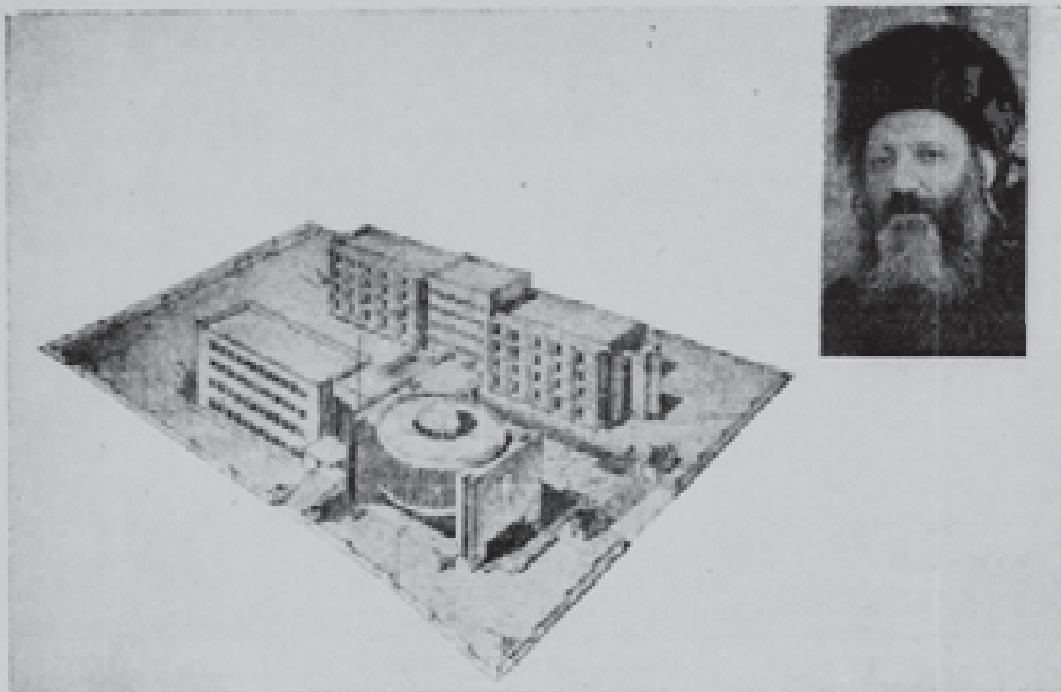
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לכבוד

הרה"ש רבי ד"ר אבא הלל סילבר נ"י

קליבלנד

ידידנו ומכובדנו מאד בעלה,

קבלנו מכתבו מיום 20 לאוקטובר 1961, ובו צ"ק ע"ס 250- דולר, תרומת ה"ה לאונור רסנר, לפונד הבנין הח"ש של ישיבת רבנו הראי"ה קוק זצוק"ל. שלחנו אל מר רסנר קבלה על הסכום הנ"ל.

הרינו מודים למע"כ על טרחתו, המהווה תשובה למכתבו מר"ח אדר תשכ"א.

בעת שבקרה באחד מבקוריו האחרונים בארץ הקודש אצל מע"כ בשלחת בראשותו של ראש הישיבה ורה"צ ר' צבי יהודה הכהן קוק שליט"א, ודברה איתו אודות הבנין החדש, התייחס אז כבודו בכובד ראש, והביע רצונו וכוונתו לעשות למען מפעל קדוש וחשוב זה.

לצערו, לאחר שהיה קבלנו את הסכום הנ"ל שהננו מקוים שזהו רק התחלה מצערה, לגבי הסכומים הגדולים שהננו נזקקים להם (הבנין יעלה מליון ורבע ל"י), וכב' ימשיך לפעול לזה בכוחו ובמעופו הגדול בדברים נשגבים.

בטוחים אנו כי כבודו שהנו בעל השפעה גדולה ורואים אנו לא פעם את מעופו הגדול בעניינים צבוריים רבים, השגתו תהיה בהחלט לאותו מהלך הדברים, הגם, שהפעם הייתה אולי טודת הזמן הגורם בסכום אשר כזה, לבנו מלא תקוה כי התעוררות מע"כ, תביא למילוי בקשתנו לגמר הבנין.

מע"כ ואיתו גם אנו רואים נכוחה חוכמה של הישיבה, ורוחו של הרב זצוק"ל בחופף עליה, בה השקיע כל כוחו, כי ראה בה תל תלפיות של צנוך תלמידים ברוח אהבת ישראל ללא גזון, אהבת ארץ-ישראל ללא גבול, והאהבה הגדולה לתורה, מה שאנו רואים היום את הפרי של חנוך זה.

יכולים אנו לאמר היום הזה למע"כ, שאותה רוח חלוצית של בנין הארץ והמדינה שהרב זצוק"ל ראה אותה לפני רבות בשנים, ולאורה העמיד דורות של תלמידים, כבר מפעמת כיום בכל החוגים, והתלמידים היוצאים מישיבה זו, ממשיכים רוח זו, שמע"כ אם ישים בה פסו - יהפך קולמות להקים מפעל קדוש זה. יש עוד לאל ידו רבות לעזור לנו, אנו באמצע הבנין - ופע"כ יכול לפשול גדולות ונצורות בהשפעתו הגדולה, מחוץ רצונו הסוב שהמשלחת קיבלה בביקורה אצל מע"כ.

מע"כ כמנהיג ציבורי דגיל, צידני נלהב, עושה ועשה רבות לפען א"י ובניינה, חוב קדוש לנצל השפעתו הרבה בעדן גדול כדרכו בקודש, ולעשות דבר חשוב לטובת מפעל זה, ע"י השפעה על החוג שלו לתרום סכומים ניכרים לטובת הבנין החשוב הזה, לתפארת עמנו וארצנו.

בכל רבשן הכבוד והתקווה
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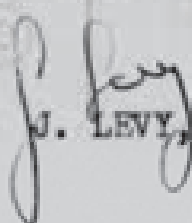
November 14, 1961

Rabbi Atba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street and Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your cooperation in connection with communications relating to a waiver of visa for other members of my family who are presently in Cuba. While I am very sorry that no successful procedure was brought about, I am appreciative for your efforts involved in trying to do so. However, I shall continue to make request and inquire in their behalf and would certainly appreciate any assistance you can give me at any time concerning a waiver of visa for them.

Sincerely yours,


J. LEVY, M.D.

JL:jcc

November 15, 1961

My dear Maxwell:

I was pleased to receive your manuscript and I shall read it, as you suggest, leisurely. It may take some time because the next few weeks are very crowded ones for me with meetings and lectures out of town. I am glad that you finally completed your study of Ecclesiastes.

A few days ago I forwarded you a copy of my new book, "Moses and the Original Torah", which I think you will find interesting.

We are all well. Daniel and Adele had a little girl born to them and they and we are very happy. Virginia joins me in sending our love to you and Jane.

As ever yours,

AHS:bfm

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

The Boston Globe

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BOSTON, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1961

Robt. Kennedy

DALLAS, Tex., Nov. 15 — Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy said today he has no sympathy with right-wing groups, defeatists, and those who would rather be Red than dead.

Kennedy blasted the John Birch Society, the National Indignation Convention and other right-wing organizations as a tremendous danger to the United States.

He told a press conference that such groups are doing nothing to combat the principal danger of Communism. He said espionage by Iron Curtain diplomats in the United States is the major threat, not the Communist Party.

RABBI JULIUS J. NODEL
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November 20, 1961

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th and Silver Park
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Dear Dr. Silver:

I regret that you were not in Washington at the 46th General Assembly of the Union. I would have enjoyed very much seeing you again or at least giving you a "sholem". I did have occasion to spend a few minutes, very briefly, with Daniel.

I was interested to note in your Temple Bulletin that a new volume "Moses and The Original Torah" written by you has just been published. Would you please advise your office to send me an autographed copy of this book and to bill me accordingly. I want to have a complete "Silver service" on the shelves of my library. I trust you and Mrs. Silver are well. Else and I send our personal greetings to you all.

Sincerely yours,


JULIUS J. NODEL

JJN: jr

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DR. MAXWELL SILVER

227 RIVERSIDE DRIVE

NEW YORK 25, N. Y.

Novemebr 20, 1961

My dear Abba:

Ticked over the great news of the arrival of a little girl to Danny and Adele. Jane and I indeed share in their and your and Virginia's new happiness.

Thanks for your prompt acknowledgement of your receipt of the typewritten manuscript of my new book. When you finally get to reading it, please ^{use} your good pencil ad libitum for your marginal notes, as you go along, including such "mundane" ones as "sentence too long", "simplify", etc. The entire thing must, before publication, flow like shemen tob. As for myself, the draft which you now have, still has to be gone over by me for a final look, especially along the above lines. Please give a little thought as to its definitive title. Am anxious to learn of your reactions to the final chapter as the most appropriate ~~chapter~~ final chapter of the book. Its thesis on Spinoza, can, of course, be transposed to the chapter on Job (before Dewey), if deemed by you as advisable. Did you have occasion to check on the Midrash or Talmud locus of the rabbinic doctrine of man as partner in creation? Am also awaiting your suggestions as to a likely publisher.

Your new book on "Moses and the Original Torah" gave me great nahat. I received your copy a few days after I last wrote you. Spent three and half days in reading it, immediately upon receipt. Aside from one's critical reactions to its specific thesis on Moses, I have found it a most inspiring presentation of the message of Judaism as a whole. Its superb literary virtue is the fine simplicity of its style - something to be read with ease and pleasure by the average intelligent reader. And as for ^{its} special thesis regarding Moses, I find it persuasive enough to compel new thinking on the subject on the part of the "critical" sinners (among which the undersigned is one). It may very well start that counter-revolution on that estimation of the greatest name in Judaism - so long hoped for by the Jewish traditionalists. The latter will "eat up" your message, though ^{they} may at the same time get a little "tummy-ache" over your (I believe) needless over-emphasis on Moses' all-out "prophetic" discounting of ritual or ceremonial in religion, particularly at such great distance in time from the Great Prophets. All in all, your comparatively small book, with its weighty message should add to those Keatsian things of beauty that are joys forever.

My sincere congratulations, ^{and} love to you and yours,

As ever

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Maxwell
(over)

Monday morning

Dear Abba:

I thank you so much for sending us your latest book. Max has been absorbed in it and has finished reading it without letting up. It is now in the hands of Marion and then she will send it on to Florida, so I can get it. Needless to say, I shall benefit greatly by it.

We'll be off to Pittsburgh tomorrow to see our new little granddaughter, Molly Anne, born Oct. 18, and the rest of the family. You can imagine how much we are looking forward to it.

We rejoice with you ^{and Virginia}, Danny and Adela on the baby's birth. A real mazeltov to you all!

How is Virginia? Our love to her and you - and the rest of the family -

As ever,
Jawe.

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SAMUEL H. SILBERT
CHIEF JUSTICE

November 20, 1961.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
19810 Shaker Boulevard,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi: -

Your Sunday's talk was, in my opinion,
one of the greatest and one of the most courageous
ever made in your entire illustrious career.

It is too bad that we did not have a
sell out audience on hand to hear and to appreciate
it.

A Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving to you and
yours for years and years to come.

Yours most cordially,

Samuel H. Silbert

SHS/h

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

November 21, 1961

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th and Silver Park,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver,


I have read with great interest the account of your recent sermon in yesterday's Plain Dealer. It is gratifying to hear voices raised in protest against the dangerous "befuddlement" which may lead to complete destruction. It is to be regretted that most of our religious leaders remain silent thus indirectly sanctioning and contributing to the universal hysteria.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing a letter to the Plain Dealer, only the first paragraph of which was published October 29th, 1961. (I suppose the editor found the rest to be too different from his editorial policy). In our desire to befriend Germany we - including the Jews - seem to have forgotten already what happened not so long ago under a free and united Germany. I for one share your sentiments and would not want us to become the instrument of creating an united and powerful Germany.

It might interest you to hear that about 200 members of the faculties of Western Reserve University, Case Institute of Technology, and other institutions of higher learning in Cleveland have signed an open letter to President Kennedy, which is a copy of a similar letter signed by members of the faculties in the Boston area, and which will appear as a paid advertisement in Wednesday's Plain Dealer.

I believe that public opinion and through it our leadership can be influenced if there would be more persons, such as yourself, who would raise their voice in the wilderness. If any copies of your sermon are available, I would appreciate receiving one.

Yours sincerely,



Gerald E. Tauber
Professor of Physics



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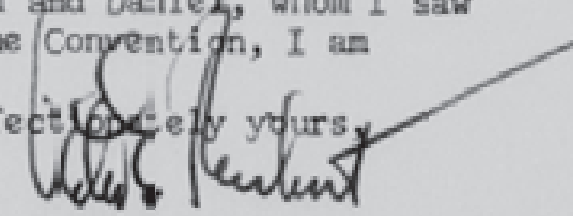
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for sending me your review of your new book on Moses. I have read it with tremendous interest. It is a superb statement. I know I will find it of great use as I write the review of your book for the Enquirer. Unfortunately I am constrained to keep my statement down to the barest minimum so that I will probably only be able to give a notice rather than a true review of your book. I believe it will mark a new landmark in Biblical scholarship.

Thank you again, and forgive the delay in acknowledging this. I have just returned from the Union meeting and there was an immense pile on my desk.

With fondest regards to you and Daniel, whom I saw fleetingly in the commotion of the Convention, I am

Affectingly yours,


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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER
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DEAR RABBI SILVER:

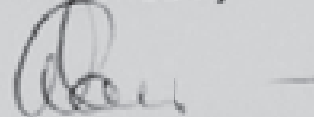
WOULD YOU PLEASE AUTOGRAPH YOUR NEW BOOK FOR YOUR MUTUAL FRIEND (AND MY PRESENT SPIRITUAL ADVISOR), RABBI HAROLD SALZMANN. I BOUGHT THIS IN OUR BOOK DEPARTMENT FOR MY OWN LIBRARY BUT I KNOW HAROLD WOULD LOVE A COPY INSCRIBED BY YOU SO I WILL ORDER ANOTHER ONE FOR MYSELF, (AND HE WILL PROBABLY MAKE ME ORDER ANOTHER ONE FOR THE TEMPLE LIBRARY!) I AM ENCLOSING A RETURN MAILING ENVELOPE ALL STAMPED SO THAT ALL YOUR SECRETARY HAS TO DO IS STAPLE THE ENDS.

ROSE & I WERE IN CLEVELAND A FEW WEEKS AGO VISITING CADDY AND WE SPENT ALMOST ALL OF OUR TIME WITH HER AND NEVER GOT WEST OF SHAKER SQUARE. HOWEVER, KAY & BOB KEEP ME INFORMED AS TO ALL THE THINGS IN CLEVELAND THAT INTEREST ME-INCLUDING THE TEMPLE. ON ONE OF OUR TRIPS I WILL HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE TEMPLE TO SEE THE WONDERFUL IMPROVEMENTS I HAVE READ & HEARD ABOUT.

IN THE MEANTIME, WE HAVE RAISED SOME MONEY AND PRACTICALLY COMPLETED THE DETAILS ON THE PLANS FOR OUR NEW TEMPLE HERE (OUR ARCHITECT WON A PRIZE FOR THIS DESIGN). AS YOU CAN GUESS, EVERYONE HERE IS EXTREMELY HAPPY WITH RABBI SALZMANN.

BEST WISHES TO YOU AND TO YOUR FAMILY FROM ROSE & ME UP HERE IN THE SNOWY BERKSHIRES.

SINCERELY,



ALAN J. BLAU

AJB:SC

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November 25, 1961

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I hope you find the two books which accompany this letter of interest. "Muntu" is an attempt to describe evolving African culture and is written by Professor Jahn, a German anthropologist. "Facing Mount Kenya" is by the famous, or notorious, Jomo Kenyatta, describing the tribal life of the Cikuyu. It was first published in England in 1938, and then republished in 1959 because of Mr. Kenyatta's current prominence in Kenya affairs.

Please keep these for your personal library.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Alexander Mintz

AM: fmh

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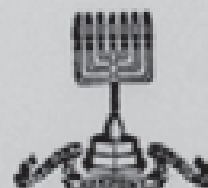
Many thanks for your courtesy in sending
us the 2 copies of Dr. Silver's sermons on Russia

Yours in appreciation

WRHS

B. G. Kayfetz

26-11-61



on Nov 28 Lachish: A 'Pilot

ZOA Work for Bonds Spurred

Following the ZOA National Convention, Regions and Districts throughout the country have been pressed to step up action on behalf of Israel Bonds.

Many groups have reported arrangements under way for their own Bond functions in addition to participation in their community Bond drives.

In a recent message to all Districts, Rabbi I. Usher Kirshblum, ZOA national Bond chairman, called attention to the resolution adopted at the Convention pledging 100 million dollars in Bond sales in the next seven years.

"The ZOA, which so splendidly fulfilled its commitment for 100 million dollars during the first ten years of the Bond campaign, felt it could joyously undertake this second obligation, looking to

the 20th anniversary of the State of Israel," the communication states. "We should immediately set dates for ZOA Bond functions in this coming year, and participate actively in the community drives."

ANNOUNCEMENT

David E. Hirsch has been appointed editor of *The American Zionist*, succeeding Ernest E. Barbarash.

For the last nine years Mr. Hirsch has directed the Program and Education department and was editor of *The ZOA Reporter*.

Mr. Barbarash, after 25 years in the post of editor, will devote himself to the Publicity and Public Information departments.

December 4, 1961

My dear Ann and Israel:

This morning I received the book which you sent me, "Struggles of a Generation" by Benjamin West. I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending it to me. I have not yet had a chance to read it but I am sure that I will at the earliest opportunity. I am very much interested in the problem of the Jews in the Soviet Union, especially since our recent visit to it.

We are all well and are busily engaged at the moment in Chanukah celebrations and activities. I am taking the pleasure of sending you, under separate cover, my recent book, "Moses and the Original Torah", which appeared a few weeks ago. I think that you will be interested in the subject.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

ABS:bfm

Mr. and Mrs. Israel Shenkar
P.O.B. 2798
Tel-Aviv, Israel

Via Air Mail

December 4, 1961

My dear Professor Tauber:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of November 21st. Please pardon the delay in answering. I have been away from the city a good bit of the time. I want to thank you for enclosing the letter which was printed in the Plain Dealer in abridged form. I read it with great interest and I am in full agreement with you. I was delighted to read the statement of the two hundred members of the faculties from the institutions of higher learning in our city which appeared in the public press. More power to them and to you.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ANNA HILKEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Professor Gerald E. Tauber
Western Reserve University
Department of Physics
Cleveland 6, Ohio

December 4, 1961

My dear Julius:

Thank you for your note of November 20th and pardon my delay in answering it. I have been out of the city a good bit of the time. I have requested my secretary to send you a copy of my book, "Moses and the Original Torah". I hope that you will enjoy reading it. It presents a rather radical approach to the early history of our people and Judaism.

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

Very cordially yours,

ABRAHAM WILLEL SILVER

AWS:bhm

Rabbi Julius J. Nodel
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December 4, 1961

My dear friends:

It was most thoughtful and generous of you to remember me with such lovely ties and the writing portfolio. Thank you very much for the gifts and for the good wishes.

With warmest regards and Chanukah greetings to you, I remain



Very cordially yours,

ABRAHAM WILDELL SILVER

AW:ibfm

The Berkowitz and Kumin families
1985 South Taylor Road
Cleveland 18, Ohio

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3700 Collins Avenue
Miami Beach 40, Florida.

December 7, 1961.

Dear Abba:

The ~~above~~ is our permanent Winter season address, until May 1, '62, for your future reference. Arrived here a week ago, and are quite comfortably settled here. Weather is nice and warm for this time of the year, even excellent for ocean bathing. We ourselves broke "the ice" on the latter yesterday.

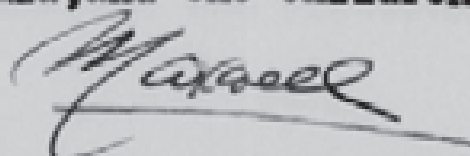
Enjoyed greatly our week's visit with ~~Harold and his~~ ^{Harold and his} family before arriving here. Also met Sol Freehof and Lillian at the united Thanksgiving services, at Harold's Temple, in which I was pleased to participate. Harold's congregation's new Temple is really a dream. It is practically ~~exactly~~ completed, and will be entirely so by next Spring, when, I understand, they plan to have its grand Dedication. Heard with delight that the trustees, ~~as~~ ^{themselves} through Harold, did ~~through~~ the honor to invite you to be the speaker for their great event. ~~Thank~~ I'm confident that you will leave a ^{for} date open for the same/during that distant period, and thereby make them, and especially Harold, happy by your early advice.

As I have by now located my references on the Rabbinic concept of man as partner in Creation, please disregard my earlier request in this matter.

Trust you will give yourself a "break" by spending a month or so in Miami ~~shortly~~ shortly.

Love to yourself, Virginia, and the children and their families,

As ever



Trust your new book is enjoying an early good sale. Am looking forward to early reviews.

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December 8, 1961

My dear Bill and Peggy:

It was so gracious of you to think of us and to send us the lovely gift for Chanukah. I need not tell you that both Virginia and I appreciate it very much. I trust that you are both well and with warmest regards and warmest greetings of the season, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AMS:bfm

Mr. and Mrs. William Loveman
2846 Montgomery Road
Cleveland 22, Ohio

From the desk of
Bea Stadler

Date 12/10/61

Dear Rabbi Silver:

May I congratulate you on the recent publication of your new work, Moses and the Original Torah. I am anxious to read it, but it is constantly out here at the Bureau. I know I would have learned much had I worked on this manuscript, as I did on your last book.

I have been attending Reserve part-time and working full-time, the former to acquire a more formal education; the latter to fulfill a lifelong dream--going to Israel this coming summer. At that time, I should like to visit Kfar Silver.

The next time you speak on Sunday morning I hope to bring my daughter and son to hear you. They should have the privilege of listening to one of the world's greatest orators before they grow too much older.

Kindest regards to Mrs. Silver,

Sincerely,

Bea Stadler

3324 Ven Aken Blvd.,
Shaker Hts. 20, Ohio

December 12, 1961.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Though I am not a member of the Temple I am most gratified that I did attend services last Sunday, December 10. It was also satisfying to see quite a group of young men in the congregation, for I believe they can be enriched by the knowledge, wisdom and ideals which you impart. It is particularly to the groping, questioning minds of the young that your words may bring some answers. Those of us who have passed the peak do not question so much. We know there are things we do not know and shall never know, that there are things which perhaps no man will ever know.

Among the many questions about Jewish Law to which I find no modern significance is that of the orthodox taboo on mixing meat with milk. The Law says "Thou shalt not boil the kid in its mother's milk." Ostensibly this was from a humane point of view. But what my children ask--is there also some health or sanitation rule behind this law? Also what explanation, if any, has ever been offered for the sun and moon standing still when Joshua so commanded.

Sorry to trouble you but if a concrete answer has been advanced, could you possibly let me know?

Respectfully,

Viola R. Saunt
(Mrs. Zolten Saunt)

December 13, 1961

My dear Leonard:

I read in the press of the honor which was bestowed upon you at the National Conference of the United Jewish Appeal. I was very happy to read the news because I know of no one who is more worthy of having honors bestowed upon him. Your deep Jewish loyalties and your great generosity have been an inspiration not only to our own community but to the entire country. We are all very proud of you.

Most sincerely yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mr. Leonard Rattner
15700 Van Aken Boulevard
Cleveland 20, Ohio

December 15, 1961

My dear friend:

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of my new book, "Moses and the Original Torah". I hope that you will enjoy reading it.

I was very happy to see you and your children at one of the Sunday morning services at the Temple. With warmest regards and all good wishes for the New Year, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mrs. Bea Stadler⁺
Institute of Jewish Studies
2030 South Taylor Road
Cleveland 18, Ohio

December 15, 1961

My dear Mrs. Saunt:

Thank you for your note of December 12th. I am pleased that you were at the Temple services. Please come again.

With reference to the questions which you raise which concern matters of Jewish law, I would suggest that you drop in at the Temple Library some time. Miss Leikind, our Librarian, would make available to you considerable literature on each one of the subjects that you raise. They are too long to be treated in a letter which I would have the time to write.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mrs. Zoltan Saunt
3324 Van Aken Boulevard
Shaker Heights 20, Ohio



With
warmest wishes
for
happy holidays
and a very
fine New Year
Joe

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December 15, 1961

My dear Joe:

Again I am the recipient of your generosity. A lovely case of Texas grapefruit arrived which reminded me, as always, of your consideration and friendship. Mrs. Silver and I thank you and we both send you our warmest greetings for the New Year. I hope that I will have the pleasure of seeing you before long.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mr. Joseph Weingarten
Joe Weingarten, Inc.
Houston, Texas

December 15, 1961

My dear Joe:

I want to thank you for your 1962 calendar which you sent me. Would you care to suggest where in my study I should hang it?....

With warmest regards to you and Mrs. Tyroler for a Happy New Year. I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mr. Joseph Tyroler
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כבוד הדי"ר אבא הלל סילבר
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די"ר נכבד מאד,

אנו, שני זוגות צעירים בישראל, סטודנטים בתכניון העברי
בחיפה, מתכוננים לנסוע בקרוב, לזמן מסוים, לאר"ח לבס המשכת לפורינו.

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נרשה לעצמנו לפנות אליו בהגישולאר"חב.

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בברכה ובכבוד רב

נ' ? מאיר

Dec. 17, 1961

Dear Rabbi:

The article I told you
about begins on page 432.

If you think you
would like a subscription to
this magazine, I would be
happy to have one sent to
you.

Sincerely yours,
Kennard E. Goodman

Judab

Halevi

December 18, 1961

My dear Kennard:

Thank you so much for letting me read the Atlas Magazine. I read the article to which you referred and also glanced through the magazine which seems to be very interesting. Please send in a subscription in my name and have them send the bill to me.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

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19 December 1961

Dear Abba,

That was a fine, a powerful
sermon you preached on walls &
shelters.

Readers of the bulletin and
admirers of your mind have enjoyed
a bonus in the inspiration which
the sermon provided.

May good health and much
satisfaction be your escorts in
1962.

Yours cordially,



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ERNEST E. BARBARASH, *Director*
PRESS AND PUBLICITY DEPT.

December 20, 1961

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105 Street & Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your kind note of December 18 with reference to your newest book "Moses and the Original Torah".

I was under the impression that you were aware that I was impelled to relinquish three months ago, for reasons of health, the editorship of THE AMERICAN ZIONIST after twenty-five years of association with this publication (as per attached announcement published in the October-November issue).

It was too heavy a burden for me to carry, particularly inasmuch as I had to do the job single-handedly in addition to my full-time duties as Public Relations Director of the ZCA.

Very truly yours,



Ernest E. Barbarash

EEB:es

P.S. I have turned over your letter to Mr. David Hirsch who has assumed the editorship of THE AMERICAN ZIONIST.

December 20, 1961

My dear Max:

I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending us a lovely Chanukah present. You never forget, do you? Whenever we drink of this lovely tea we shall be thinking of you.

With warmest regards to you and Ruth from Virginia and me,
I remain



Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

APS:bfn

Mr. Max Freedman
16700 South Woodland Road
Cleveland 20, Ohio

December 21, 1961

Mr. Martin S. Hayden, Editor
The Detroit News
615 W. Lafayette
Detroit 31, Michigan

Dear Martin

First of all, I want to compliment you on the new pamphlet sent out by The Detroit News, "Picture of the Detroit Market 1960."

I took it home and read it very carefully and, was very much impressed. If I may, however, I'd like to comment on a few items. One of minor significance, and the other of importance to me, and probably many other Detroiters of the Jewish faith.

On page two you list item number "4" as the "First National Bank Building." It's just the "National Bank Building," not "First."

The other item is on page seven, under the caption of "Racial Origins in the Detroit Area." You list a group of nationalities, or ethnic groups, and you include the Jews in this category. The Jews are neither a racial group, nor a nationality group. The Jews are members of the Jewish faith. We are a religious group, the same as Catholics, Protestants, etc. I think it's out of order to list us, as the News has, as part of a racial or nationality group.

I don't object to the information you have about the Jewish population in the Detroit area, but why single out the Jewish faith? Why not also include information about Catholics, and possibly the various Protestant denominations ... if you are going to mention the Jews.

I'm not being unduly sensitive, Martin, I'm trying to correct the record, so that the next time The Detroit News gets out something similar they will not make the same mistake of including the Jewish people as part of a "nationality" listing. The Jews who live in the United States consider their nationality as being American; the same as Catholics and Protestants believe. We call ourselves American Jews. Jews, because of our religious beliefs; Americans, because of our nationality.

December 21, 1961

I thought you'd like to have this information, and I hope that you will see that this letter gets to the person, or persons, who had the responsibility of getting out these Detroit Market statistics.

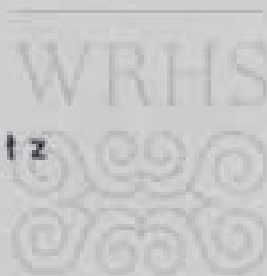
I hope this letter finds you in the best of health, and wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Cordially

Leonard N. Simons

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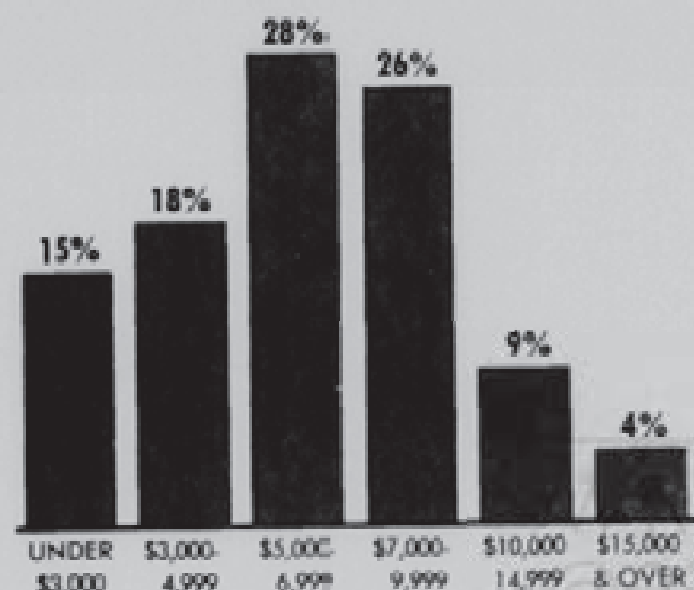
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\$6,900 AVERAGE FAMILY INCOME

The average family income for Metropolitan Detroit families is \$6,900, according to the Sixth Quinquennial Survey of the Detroit Market for 1961. This represents a 10% increase over the Fifth Quinquennial Survey of the Detroit Market for 1956 which indicated an average family income of \$6,300. The current survey also shows: 67% of the Detroit area's families earn \$5,000 or more; 54% earn between \$5,000 and \$9,999, 13% earn \$10,000 or more.

Family Income Groups in the Detroit Market⁽¹⁾



⁽¹⁾ Source: Quinquennial Survey of the Detroit Market, 1961.

RACIAL ORIGINS IN THE DETROIT MARKET

	DETROIT CITY		METRO DETROIT (1)	
	Population	Percent of City	Population	Percent of Market (1)
TOTAL	1,670,144	100.0	3,762,360	100.0
British	407,000	24.4	1,175,000	31.2
French	80,000	4.8	238,000	6.3
German	202,000	12.1	650,000	17.5
Italian	77,000	4.6	161,000	4.3
Jewish	52,000	3.1	80,000	2.1
Negro	482,229	28.9	958,876	25.5
Polish	177,000	10.6	386,000	10.3
Other Slavic	40,000	2.4	109,000	2.9
Scandinavian	32,000	1.9	113,000	3.0
Other European	76,000	4.5	204,000	5.4
Other American	22,915	1.4	51,484	1.4
Asiatic	22,000	1.3	47,000	1.3

(1) Detroit SMSA—Macomb, Oakland and Wayne Counties of Michigan

Sources: 1960 Census of Population for Total and Negro

Sixth Quinquennial Survey of the Detroit Market, 1961, for all other origins

MAN BEST TOILETRIES CUSTOMER

The man of the family is the drug store's most loyal toiletries buyer, rather than his wife or daughter. This is established by consumer surveys conducted by Sports Illustrated Magazine and Fawcett Publications. Sample findings: nearly three times more men than women buy bath talc in drug stores . . . dentifrice—men 67%, women 31% . . . mouth wash—men 76%, women 43% . . . deodorant—men 74%, women 37% . . . shampoo—men 65%, women 33%.

RECORD U.S. LIQUOR CONSUMPTION

Americans consumed a record 241,000,000 gallons of distilled spirits in 1961, reported Thomas J. Donovan, president of Licensed Beverage Industries, Inc. The 1961 intake represents a 3% gain over the previous high of 235,000,000 gallons in 1960. The upward trend is expected to make 1962 production 246,000,000 gallons.

Donovan noted that per capita consumption remained at 1.31 gallons during 1961. This is about the level of the '50s. Federal, state and local taxes now account for 55% of the retail price of liquor. The Federal excise tax of \$10.50 a gallon is five times the cost of production, he said.

BREWERS SET NEW RECORDS IN 1961

The 15 largest brewers sold a record 56,736,618 bbls. last year, according to figures compiled by Brewing World and the National Beer Wholesalers Assn. as reported in Advertising Age. Anheuser-Busch set a new record of 8,500,000 bbls. while Pabst chalked up the greatest gain over 1960 to move from fifth to third position. Schlitz, in second position, snapped a three-year streak of slumping sales. All but two of the top 15 showed increases. Total industry sales of 87,878,905 bbls. in 1960 will be up about 1,000,000 bbls. in 1961.

SALES OF 15 LEADING BREWERS: 1961 VS. 1960

Source: National Beer Wholesalers Assn. and Brewing World

(Figures in parenthesis indicate number of breweries operated.)

Name of Brewery	1961 Sales in Barrels	1960 Sales in Barrels
1. *Anheuser-Busch (4)	8,500,000	8,477,000
2. **Jos. Schlitz Brewing Co. (5)	5,775,688	5,680,000
3. †Pabst Brewing Co. (4)	5,210,000	4,466,000
4. Falstaff Brewing Corp. (8)	5,200,000	4,940,000
5. Carling Brewing Co. (7)	5,040,000	4,872,000
6. P. Ballantine & Sons	4,210,000	4,409,000
7. Theo. Hamm Brewing Co. (4)	3,714,000	3,907,000
8. F. & M. Schaefer Brewing Co. (2)	3,252,000	3,101,000
9. Liebmann Breweries (3)	2,807,000	2,730,000
10. ††Miller Brewing Co.	2,700,000	2,376,000
11. Adolph Coors	2,308,000	1,907,000
12. Lucky Lager Brewing Corp. (4)	2,340,000	2,168,000
13. Stroh Brewery Co.	2,046,000	2,102,000
14. C. Schmidt & Sons (2)	1,968,000	1,802,000
15. †Drewrys, Ltd. U.S.A. (2)	1,445,930	1,638,000

*Includes Busch Bavarian and Regal; **Includes Old Milwaukee but not Burgermeister; †Includes Blatz and Eastside; ††Includes sales of Getteman; †Excludes sales of Hampden-Harvard Brewing Co., a subsidiary.

DETROIT NINE MONTHS RETAIL SALES

Retail sales for nine months of 1961 in the Metropolitan Detroit Market were 10% under those for the comparable 1960 period. A table showing individual classifications accompanies this issue.

	9 Months 1961	9 Months 1960	PERCENT CHANGE
DETROIT MARKET	\$3,244,326,325	\$3,613,149,966	-10
MACOMB	296,980,629	317,094,833	-6
OAKLAND	616,008,200	669,483,533	-8
WAYNE	2,331,337,500	2,626,561,600	-11



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Dear Uncle Abba:

I was reminded recently of a magnificent passage in one of your previous books I have long cherished. It is in "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival" and I believe that it would be most pertinent for our Federations to use with their members and contributors. It is a most appropriate motivation for their basic commitment and for their giving.

A copy is enclosed and if we have your permission I should like to circulate it throughout the country.

I am enjoying greatly, too, your newest book. It is most lucidly written and is fascinating.

All is well with the family. Florence is concentrating on her graduate study at Rutgers, Joel is completing his senior year at Cornell and plans to go on for his doctorate in chemistry -- possibly at Yale, Wisconsin or Illinois, and Paul has applied to Harvard -- he had his interview last week and now will keep his fingers crossed for several months until he gets the decision, Judy is a sophomore in high school -- but in her own quiet way brought home an 'A' report card.

We had a lovely note from Adele and all seems well in Cleveland. Our best to Aunt Virginia and the children.

As ever,

Phil

P.S. I read with great interest, too, your sermon on bombshelters which was reprinted in the Temple Bulletin.

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THIS IMMORTAL BAND

I stood with Abraham in his lonely vigil and read the destiny of my people in the stars. With Isaac I built the altar of a patriarch's stern faith and ultimate sacrifice. At Jabbok's ford I learned to wrestle through the night with the dark angel of despair and to wrest a blessing at the break of dawn. With Joseph I dreamt the dream of sheaves and stars and climbed the steps from the dungeon's pit to a prince's throne. I wandered with Moses, an alien prince among an alien people. Unshod, I knelt with him before the vision in the wilderness, and from within the inextinguishable fire of God I heard the Voice summoning to duty and freedom. I saw the lightnings and the clouds and heard the thunder roll around Mt. Sinai, and witnessed the everlasting covenant between my people and its God. I learned how to suffer and hunger in long and weary marches to reach a promised land.

I was with Joshua fighting at Gibeon, and with Deborah by the waters of Megiddo, when the stars in their courses fought against Sisera. I stood with the blind Samson in his agony, and heard the wild cry of his desperate courage as he pulled down the temple over the Philistines. I heard Samuel admonish his people to remain free, and not to reject God by enslaving themselves to a king.

I listened to the harp of the shepherd king, David, and saw the great king bow before the righteous wrath of the prophet, and before the majesty of the over-arching Law of God. I prayed with Solomon in the Temple which he dedicated as a House of Prayer for all peoples, and I learned of a God Whom Heaven, and the Heaven of Heavens, cannot contain, and Whose compassion extendeth to all, even to the stranger who cometh out of a far country.

I marched with the resolute band of the prophets who came to destroy old worlds and to build new ones. I shuddered at the wrath of their spirit as they lashed out against oppression and injustice, against false gods and gilded idols, against blind leaders and lying prophets. I warmed at their infinite compassion for the weak, the denied, and the wronged. From them I learned the nature of mission and what a raging fire within one's bosom an unfulfilled mandate of God may become.

I wandered with my people by the slow-moving rivers of Babylon, and I heard their oath of deathless loyalty "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, may my right hand forget her cunning." I entered their humble and improvised synagogues, and I discovered that prayer and devout study are beautiful, and as acceptable to God as the sacrifices of the priests in the Temple, and the songs of the Levites.

I returned from captivity, and standing with those who rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem, I learned how a people can build upon ruins. I sat with the sages and scribes who piously taught and interpreted the word of God, and molded a people's reverence for its spirit enshrined in a timeless Book. I moved among the mountains of Judea, pulling down the heathen altars, with the lion-hearted sons of Maccabees. I saw the miracle of a single cruse of spiritual oil inexhaustibly illumine the rededicated temple of their faith. I was a companion of the gentle Hillel who revealed to me the whole of the Law in the single kernel of neighborly love; and of Akiba who knew how to inspire a revolution, defy an empire and die a martyr.

And then into the long dark exile I wandered with my people, into many lands over which cross and crescent reigned, and I walked with them the weary highways of the world. I was with them when they drank deep out of the bitter chalice of pain, humiliation, and hate. But never did I fail to sense the stress of their imperious vision, their pride of a great past, their hope of a greater future, their superb courage, their unflinching faith. Philosophers, poets and saints never failed them in the lands of their dispersion, and the light of their Torah was never extinguished.

And then I saw the night lift and the dawn break; and into a reborn world, drenched with a new light of freedom and justice, I marched with them exaltingly. I heard the shackles fall from off their limbs. I saw the radiance of their emancipated minds and hearts. I beheld them, mounting as on eagles' wings, rising to bless the world with matchless gifts of heart and mind in every field of human creation.

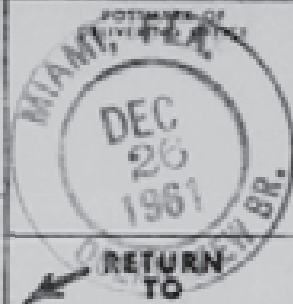
And now . . . into the dark and the storm my people are wandering forth again. Shall I leave them now? Can I leave them now? Shall I part company with this immortal band?

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

from: "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival"

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December 22, 1961

My dear Maxwell:

Under separate cover, I am returning to you the manuscript of your book, "ANOTHER LOOK AT THE PROBLEM OF HAPPINESS". I read it with great interest and close attention. The numerous corrections and long-hand insertions made the reading quite difficult. I would suggest the manuscript be copied at once. You might wish to show it before publication to other people and it would be an imposition to request them to read the manuscript in the condition in which it is now.

Your treatment of the basic theme of happiness is comprehensive and penetrating and frequently illumines the subject with original insights. Your discussion of Kohelet is especially good. At times, I found your writing to be too discursive, and too much time is spent in arguing with what other people said on the subject -- MacDonald, Gordis, Dewey, James, etc. I find your style at times uneven. You pass from the formal to the chatty too often for a work of scholarship. The first person is used, I believe, a little too often, and "asides" are introduced and disconcerting colloquialisms.

Your comparison between Kohelet and Spinoza intrigued me very much. I had not come on that comparison before.

I don't know that the "Harvest Gleanings" in Chapter six, the "Ponce de Leon", "The World's Illusion" and "The Passing of the Third Floor Jack" add much to the strength and progress of your argument.

By the way, have you read Torzhyner's book on Job? It might be worth your while to check through it. He is a great scholar.

I find too many words underscored and in quotes and parentheses. In many instances they are unnecessary and they interfere with the flow of the writing.

Your book which represents, from every indication, much thought and study, is a definite contribution to the field of Biblical studies. When you are ready, I suggest that you submit the manuscript to a stylist in English for polishing. Most writers do that as a matter of course. When that is done, we can then take up the practical question of its publication.

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

As ever yours,

P.S. -

I found page 122 of Chapter 5 duplicated.

A.

AHS:bfm

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December 22, 1961

Dear Rabbi Silver!

I thought the enclosed
clipping would be of interest
to you. Wishing you and all
of you the best, I am

Very sincerely yours,
Hugo Hecht, M.D.

RUSSIA TO-DAY

BY EDWARD CRANKSHAW

COMPLEX KEY TO ANTI-SEMITISM

THE uneasy position of the Jewish communities in the Soviet Union has been very much in the news. Synagogues have been shut down: in Leningrad Mr. Pechersky and two other Jewish leaders have been arrested for "anti-State activities"; there have been virulent attacks, above all, in the provincial Press, accusing rabbis of corruption and subversion and representing the Jewish communities as hotbeds of sedition.

Until a few months ago Russian Jews were glad to meet in their synagogues their co-religionists from outside the Soviet Union. Now they are afraid to do so.

The natural assumption is that a wave of anti-semitism is sweeping the Soviet Union. But it is not so simple as that.

Anti-semitism there is, and it is sometimes virulent, above all in the Ukraine and Byelo-Russia. It is possible to meet with sickening examples.

Mass grave

Thus, three or four years ago, when I was in Kiev, I wished to make a pilgrimage to Babi Yar. Babi Yar has been in the news lately because of the controversial poem by Yevtushenko in memory of the Jews who were murdered there. It is one of those arid ravines on the outskirts of the city, made famous because one of Heydrich's intellectual thugs, SS Colonel Paul Blöbel, organised the shooting and mass burial of 33,771 Jews on September 29 and 30, 1941.

I asked the head of Intourist in Kiev how to get there. And I should say at once that he was one of the most unpleasant young men I have ever had to meet in the Soviet Union. He asked me what I wanted with Babi Yar; and when I told him he made it clear that my request was both offensive and suspicious.

Finally he said: "I don't know where Babi Yar is, and anyway you can't go there. Why do you want to look at a lot of dead Jews? There are still far too many live ones in the streets."

I found my own way to Babi Yar; and, of course, there was nothing at all to indicate what had happened there.

Again, last year the Daghestan *Kommunist* printed an obscene libel in which the old, old story of the ritual drinking of blood was once more trotted out, in this case Muslim blood. This looked very sinister indeed, appearing in an official Communist Party journal. But in fact the editor of this sheet was almost at once removed from his post (though not disgraced).

Both these incidents illustrate

two truths, which should be kept distinct and separate. The Intourist creep in Kiev and the Daghestan editor were both rabid anti-semites. They found support and encouragement in the general Party line, which is to make things hard for the Jews. The facts that there was no memorial at Babi Yar, and that the Daghestan editor would not have dared attack the Jews without a general directive from Moscow (which he misinterpreted in his own simple way) indicate the complicity of authority. But it would be wrong to say that authority is anti-semitic in the normal sense of the phrase.

What the Soviet authorities cannot bear is the thought of an active Jewish community existing as a coherent foreign body in the midst of the Soviet Union, and having ties with co-religionists outside, above all in Israel and the United States. This is an exhibition not of anti-semitism but of simple paranoia.

Religion of all kinds is under constant assault in the Soviet Union; but for reasons of State certain religious organisations are permitted and supplied with an official niche. This applies above all to the Russian Orthodox Church, which, through the ages, has known so well how to render unto Caesar. But it applies also to Baptists and Buddhists. It even applies to Muslims, who form a majority in Soviet Central Asia and an attractive force for Muslims outside. But it has never applied to Jewry.

Split loyalties

The formal communities of Russian Jews, the *kehilot*, were abolished in 1919 and never restored. There is no tolerated State-wide organisation of Soviet Jews. Thus Mr. Pechersky (and others like him, who have lately been frowned on) had no formal position: he was simply recognised as the head of the religious community attached to the Leningrad synagogue.

After a lull since Stalin's death, the authorities are now trying to frighten these unofficial communities out of existence. They were showing signs of becoming too

strong and too self-conscious. Thus in Leningrad, with its 250,000 Jews, on the recent festival of Simchat Torah, 12,000 young Jews, with their own band from the Leningrad Conservatoire, gathered round the main synagogue and sang and danced into the small hours.

What Soviet authority is worried about is split loyalties among the Soviet Jews. They form the one element in the population which has close ties with the outside world, which can look, moreover, to the Government of a foreign Power. What Soviet authority is trying to do (having failed to canalise Jewish consciousness into Binobidzhan) is not to exterminate Jews but to kill Jewish consciousness.

Vicious circle

The trouble is that it lacks the courage of its own convictions. Even those Jews who would gladly allow themselves to be assimilated completely, who think of themselves as Soviet citizens first, are not allowed to do so. They are not trusted. They have to call themselves Jews on all their papers. They are thus for ever labelled, and, except in the case of outstanding individuals (Ehrenburg, the Oistrakhs, for example), they are treated as second-class citizens in consequence; and this has driven many to discover in adversity a new pride in their race and their religion.

It is a vicious circle. There will be no end to it until the immense, proud State of Soviet Russia feels strong enough to take a chance with a minute fraction of her tiny Jewish minority (officially 2,800,000 strong)—to allow those who want to go to Israel to go, to allow those who want to practise their religion to practise it in peace, to allow those who want to forget they are Jews to forget.

I think it is true to say that Party and Government frown on anti-semitism (which once flourished under Stalin); but until Mr. Khrushchev ceases to care whether an American Jewish tourist slips a pamphlet about Israel into the hands of an Odessa Jew, the conditions which allow and encourage anti-semitism will persist.

The Observer, London, Dec. 3/1961

DR. MAXWELL SILVER
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December 25, 1961

My dear Abba:

Your letter of December 22 afforded me spiritual pleasure, in fact, elation. Considering, among other things, the great complexity of the subject and my unconventional manner of its treatment. Now it may be told, that I have been in doubt of its ultimate results, to the extent that several years ago I was thinking of dropping the whole project. It was that doubt indeed that prompted me to have you look into the thing while still "in process" -- something, as you know, I have not done before.

I was sorry indeed that you found difficulty in following my long-hand corrections, which I took great pains to make legible. Apparently, one forgets that though one's own handwriting appears quite legible to the writer, it may prove otherwise to the reader, occasionally at least.

As to your strictures on style: In regard to the minor ones mentioned in the last two sentences of the fifth paragraph of your letter, these will of course be readily taken care of in my contemplated final draft of the manuscript. Concerning your criticism as to my habit of too frequently passing from the "formal" to the "chatty" style and your belief as to the ~~inappropriateness~~ inappropriateness of this procedure in works of scholarship: As to the said procedure, may I say that it has not engaged in un-awaredly. In following this procedure, I have of course been having in mind the general, unspecialized, intelligent reader, ~~who~~ to whom uninterrupted formal style on a difficult theme does not appeal; he will simply not read it. These frequent changes of pace, I believe, afford him the required "breaks," besides helping to simplify the argumentation of the thesis in question for him, not to mention its lending thereto more convincingness. And does, Abba, this passing from the formal to the chatty style really affect the quality of scholarship of a book?

In my final going over of the manuscript, I shall check that matter of "too much" arguing with what other people ~~people~~ have said on the subject, in order to eliminate some of the same. Generally speaking on this matter, you no doubt agree with me on the proposition that answering the counter opinions of respect^{ful} authors on a thesis in question helps to establish one's own thesis on the same.

From your highly gratifying comment on my comparison between Kohelth and Spinoza (a comparison, by the way, which I, too, have not come across before), I am led to infer that you may have found my discussion of Spinoza as a suitable close for the book. In that event, the last chapter would be entitled, "To do well and rejoice". The "Harvest Gleanings" can readily be omitted, with perhaps the exception of "In the Presence of Mine Enemies," which you have not specified in your fourth paragraph. Should appreciate

your definite word thereon.

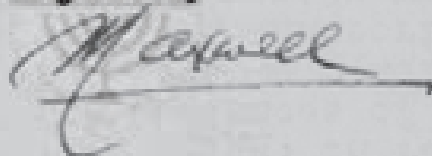
You strongly suggest my reading Torczyner's book on Job. Before getting thereto at this late date, I would be thankful for your brief statement from memory what special significance you have found in that book on the Book of Job, in connection with my theme, which I have omitted taking into account in my own treatment of the latter in my Chapter IV. ~~From~~ The brief reference or two to that book in Freehof's Job (pp. XIV, 199) do not suggest ideas of crucial import. The latter by themselves may not, of course, tell the whole story. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~

I note your repeated suggestion in regard to the advisability of a "stylist in English for polishing." Perhaps my own final going-over of the manuscript, after all the criticisms on the book's style are in, may make that job unnecessary. However, if same will be needed, it shall be done.

In conclusion, let me thank you profoundly and sincerely for your faithful study of my text, and to repeat my elation over your high commendations of its contents. An author on a basic human theme can hardly wish for a more precious spiritual reward than this.

With my usual love to yourself, Virginia, the boys and their great families, in which Jane warmly joins, I am

As ever yours,



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

P.S. I have been missing that "duplicated" page 122, which belongs to another copy of mine of Chapter 5. As I am not in the habit of losing manuscript pages, I had a hunch that the same was by oversight left in your copy.

M.

Edm's office

December 27, 1961

My dear Mr. Comiskey:

Confirming our telephone conversation of this morning, I am enclosing the information concerning Rabbi S.L. Silver.

This was taken from the 1932-39 "Who's Who in American Jewry" which is the latest volume we have here. He is not related to Dr. Silver.

With greetings for the New Year,

Cordially,

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

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