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Personal correspondence, 1962 January-March.

CLARENCE FISHEL

Dear Rabbi Silver

Often throughout the years,  
I have called upon you for personal  
service in sad and joyous  
experiences. Invariably, I have known  
a feeling of gratification for the  
lovely manner in which my Rabbi  
rose to the occasion.

As it was again, last week,  
as I listened to your lovely sermon  
at the service for my dear Carolyn,  
I am truly pleased to do not  
consider it an overstatement a measure  
of my appreciation.

I do trust you, Virginia and  
the family know only good health  
and contentment in the year  
ahead.

Sincerely

Clarence

January 2, 1962



Dear Rabbi Silver,

Jan Fifth -

In so many instances at this  
time I find my self incapable of  
defining my feelings and emotions  
though I should have been prepared  
for the death of my beloved. This is  
somehow in total lack of confidence  
that despite all the doctors' opinions  
that he would recover - he would  
be the one to prove them all  
wrong. When he was so terribly  
ill he said, 'Dear, I hope I won't  
fail you at this most crucial time  
of our lives! Always concerned with

his loved ones still.

Of one thing I am sure and sure are persons that the beautiful service which you made possible would have been just as he would have wished it.

Of course he'd be the first to say the praise was not deserved.

All who knew him know his modesty and complete selflessness. He was so glad to be well-energized enough to take his place in the communal and religious life of this fine city.

At this time I'm not certain such  
extreme dedication and givingness  
of self and substance is a virtue  
but he couldn't have been otherwise.

As you need know he has always  
loved and admired you & and  
when I told him that beautiful son  
of a Chapel spent his marriage. And  
I know when the initial pain is  
assuaged, I shall find a serenity  
and comfort & experience over the  
years with him.

Please know Sue and Anne and I  
are very grateful to you for  
your comfort and sympathy.  
We're sorry you were ill - but know  
through experience that you'll be again.  
Love to Virginia and you & Anna

January 8, 1962

My dear Alex:

One of the consolations of being forced to spend a week in bed was the pleasure which I derived from reading the two books which you so thoughtfully sent me -- "Muntu" and "Facing Mount Kenya". I gained a great deal of fresh knowledge and information from both of these well written books.

Voodoo was never so scientifically and intelligently presented as in Professor Jahn's book. With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mr. Alexander Mintz  
President and Counsel  
Shaker Savings Association  
16800 Chagrin Boulevard  
Shaker Heights 20, Ohio



Mr Mordechai Ch Stern  
"Russo"

יום ו' 1/3/50:

Rehov ~~Admon~~ Har Sinai 1  
Tel-Aviv

אני צוהר אתך פאר אירעם פארשטאנד, אדער קאפאן, זאל איר אירעם  
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הינדעל

איר צוהר אירעם פאר אירעם  
אירעם פאר אירעם



January 8, 1962

My dear Dr. Hecht:

It was very thoughtful of you to send me a clipping from the LONDON OBSERVER on the "Complex Key To Anti-Semitism" in Russia today. I read it with extreme interest.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS: bfm

Dr. Hugo Hecht  
714 Schofield Building  
9th Street and Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland 15, Ohio

Yousuf Karish

130 Spence St.

Ottawa

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January 9, 1962

Mr. Yousuf Karsh  
130 Sparks Street  
Ottawa, Canada

My dear Mr. Karsh:

In honor of my seventieth birthday, my friends are publishing a Festschrift, a volume of essays, studies, etc. by a number of eminent scholars both at home and abroad. The Board of Editors of this volume would like to have a new photograph of me to be used as their frontispiece. They suggested that I contact you in the hope that you would photograph me. I would appreciate if you would let me know whether you are in a position to do so and how we may go about making the necessary arrangements as to time, place, etc. Would it be necessary for me to come to Ottawa or would you be free to come to Cleveland? I would appreciate hearing from you.

With kindest regards, I remain

Cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:lg

**KARSH**January  
11th, 1962.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th and Silver Park,  
Cleveland 6. Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

During the absence of Mr. Karsh on assignments in various parts of the United States, I should like to acknowledge and thank you for your letter to him of January 9th.

I know that Mr. Karsh would be most happy to make your portraits whenever it is possible to decide upon a mutually convenient meeting place. However, upon his return from Washington, at the end of his current programme, about mid-February, he leaves for work in London, Paris and Rome, and will not be back in Canada until about mid-March. So it would be at least that time before an appointment is possible.

Approximately every three weeks, in the normal course of events, Mr. Karsh is in New York, where he has a studio-apartment, and goes down on a pre-arranged schedule of appointments. I am wondering whether from time to time you do have occasion also to be in New York? Ottawa sees Mr. Karsh but seldom - and when he is here for a few days here and there each month it is usually to complete the technical side of his work. So New York is really the most likely locale for a sitting. Perhaps you would wish to let him have your thoughts on this suggestion.

130 Sparks Street, Ottawa, Canada

Telephone Central 6-7181

In the meantime, for the information of those concerned, I thought I would include a schedule indicating the charges for a sitting and finished prints therefrom. And if there is any further information you wish to have, please do not hesitate to contact me again.

Sincerely,

*Joyce Large*

Joyce Large (Mrs)  
Secretary to Yousuf Karsh

Encl.



[14 Jan 1962]

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המבצעת

The Executive of the Jewish Agency  
P.O. Box 92 Jerusalem

בית המדרש החדש  
יבנה

לכבוד מר א.ב. קרן  
יום 3.1.62

ב.נ. גולדמן בע"מ. אפרו זכרון יזרעאל

הגדלת המגורים  
הוא הסכם אמר כי החלטת האו"ם  
בגלל צורם שנתקנו שיהיה ניתן בהם  
הקושרים, והקניין האזרחי. שכלל את האפשרות  
למכור את.

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אצורה

ד"ר האלמן גלן

I. Venograd  
P.O.B. 14835  
Tel-Aviv, Israel.

חבר מליד 2/12/71

כ"ד

ב.נ.ו. השבוע פ"ד אב"ד ה"ל. ס"ל.ו.

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ה"י ס"ל.ו. ה"ק.ו.

קצת אחרת איננו מקבלים את "הכח" של  
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January 15, 1962

My dear Mrs. Large:

Let me thank you for your letter of January 11th. I note that Mr. Karsh will be out of the country until about mid-March. My present schedule calls for my attendance at conferences in the East during the week-end of April 14th through the 17th. I wonder whether Mr. Karsh will be in New York during that week-end. If so, we can arrange for a sitting on any day except Sunday.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mrs. Joyce Large  
Secretary to Yousuf Karsh  
130 Sparks Street  
Ottawa, Canada

January 15, 1962

My dear Phil:

I trust that you will pardon the long delay in replying to your kind letter of December 21st. I have been traveling quite a good deal and I have also been down with "flu" for a week or ten days.

You certainly have my permission to circulate "THIS IMMORTAL BAND" to the members of the Council of your Federations. I am delighted that all is well with your family. Aunt Virginia and I plan to leave the end of this month for a few weeks abroad. Please give our love to Florence and the children.

As ever yours,

AHS:bcm

Mr. Philip Bernstein  
Executive Director  
Council of Jewish Federations  
and Welfare Funds, Inc.  
729 Seventh Avenue  
New York 19, New York



January 17, 1962

Dear Mr. Weitz:

Dr. Silver thought the sermon you wanted was the one he gave on December 10th: "IS THERE ANYTHING YOU HAVE OMITTED FROM YOUR LIFE?", copy of which I am enclosing as well as a copy of the sermon "BUILDING WALLS AND SHELTERS".

Since you seemed to be in a hurry for the sermon, I typed it up this afternoon rather rapidly because I won't be in the office tomorrow. Therefore, if there are any errors, I hope you will pardon them. I didn't have time to edit the sermon copy. Is this the one you want?

All good wishes.

Cordially,

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

Enclosures (2)

Mr. David Weitz  
Zupnick Travel Service Inc.  
1011 Huron Road  
Cleveland 15, Ohio



COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS, INC.  
729 SEVENTH AVENUE • NEW YORK 19, N. Y.

January 17, 1962

Dear Uncle Abba:

I was very pleased to receive your letter. Lee Neumark was here this past weekend and told me you had been ill. I hope all is well now.

I know you will be happy to learn that Joel has been accepted for a summer placement at the Weizmann Institute. He will be doing work on an isotope project in the Chemistry Unit. (He has also received a teaching assistantship for his final semester at Cornell this Spring.)

Florence and the children join in warmest good wishes.

Cordially,

*Phil*

PHILIP BERNSTEIN

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

January 17, 1962

My dear Mrs. Steinberg:

I am enclosing several copies of the tribute which Dr. Silver delivered to your dear husband, as requested by you.

I'm sorry to be so tardy but I'm sure you understand that I have been very busy and this is the first opportunity I have had to copy the eulogy.

All good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

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

Enclosures

Mrs. Phillip L. Steinberg  
19622 Winslow Road  
Cleveland 22, Ohio

*Called  
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replied*

*Allyne M. Gottlieb, General Agent*  
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*introducing the*

*Georgia International*  
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*Tuesday, January twenty-third*  
*twelve-thirty o'clock*

*Mid-Day Club*

*Union Commerce Building*

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*621-8415*

*G. Albert Lawton, President*  
*Guest Speaker*

BY APPOINTMENT



**KARSH**

January  
23rd,  
1962.

Rabbi Abba Millel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th and Silver Park,  
Cleveland 6. Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you very much for your letter of January  
15th.

It is a little too early to foresee whether  
Mr. Karsh is likely to be in New York during  
your projected visit April 14th through 17th.  
However, please be assured that I shall keep  
these dates in mind and as soon as I have a  
better idea of Mr. Karsh's programme, a little  
nearer to that time, I will be in touch with  
you again.

Sincerely,

*Joyce Large.*

Joyce Large (Mrs)  
Secretary to Yousuf Karsh

January 24, 1962

Dear Rabbi Marcus:

Rabbi Daniel Silver has asked me to send these ten tickets for the Seminar to you with his compliments.



Very sincerely yours,

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

Rabbi Benjamin Marcus  
Hillel House  
11409 Bellflower Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Enclosures

Miss

January 24, 1962

My dear Miss Klein:

It was very thoughtful of you to honor me with  
"The Doctor of Divinity Retells an Interfaith Anecdote".  
I read the poems with a great deal of interest -- they  
are lovely.

With warmest regards and a'l good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



AMS:bfm

Miss Charlotte Klein  
2741 Euclid Heights Blvd.  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

THE DOCTOR OF DIVINITY RETELLS AN INTERFAITH ANECDOTE

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WRHS  
DOCTOR ABBA HILIEL SILVER



January 28, 1962



## THE DOCTOR OF DIVINITY RETELLS AN INTERFAITH ANECDOTE

"I met with earnest leaders of  
The varied faiths one day,  
Exchanging views and seeking clues  
Somehow to find a way  
For humans all to show respect  
Toward anyone's belief,  
When a participant's bold words  
My heart brought nigh to grief.

He offered this distressing thought  
Which could to no good lead;  
'Why can't the world's inhabitants  
Accept the one true creed?'  
He added an idea strange,  
This oracle self-styled,  
'By practising my creed, each soul  
Will known be as God's child.'

I pondered somewhat on his words,  
Then rose as I had planned,  
Addressing myself to him who  
Seemed not to understand  
That God shows no partiality  
To any here below,  
With love He inundates us all,  
No bias will He show.

'To you who advocates one creed  
I wish to make reply  
To your thoughts unacceptable  
And I shall show you why  
Your words cannot be justified.  
By what authority  
Does any human take the right  
To claim seniority  
With God? God plays no favorites  
With just one creed of man,  
All sincere pray'rs lead straight to Him,  
A part of His great plan  
To hearken to His children's cries  
To heal, not one, but all  
Who in their hour of dire need  
Can straightway to Him call.

If God cared only for one creed  
 By Him to be held dear,  
 He would not have allowed the creeds  
 Of others to appear;  
 And does it not sound logical  
 If just one faith would rate,  
 It would not take long for this faith  
 To aim to dominate  
 Inhabitants of our whole world,  
 Them rob of freedom's right?  
 God has not let it come to pass,  
 It would not Him delight.

In nature there is also proof  
 That He for all does care,  
 The tens, yea, thousands species seen  
 Of blossoms, fowl of air,  
 Of trees, of beasts of field, of fish,  
 Of things which creep or crawl,  
 They each get His attention, for  
 He loves not one, but all.

If you believe that Adam was  
 The first soul God created,  
 Then certainly you must admit  
 That we are all related.  
 Thus, I, a relative of yours  
 Some truths recall to you,  
 I hope some effort you will take  
 And time to think them through.

Now ages before you or I  
 Did spy the light of day,  
 Man worshiped God by diff'rent paths  
 And honor Him did pay;  
 They thanked Him for the manifold  
 And wondrous blessings here  
 Without which life can't be sustained;  
 The very atmosphere  
 Which you and ev'ry living thing  
 Breathes in without a thought,  
 One miracle of myriads  
 Which God for us has wrought.

Without sunbeams and rain we'd have  
 No food to ripeness grown.  
 The love we feel within our hearts  
 Was by His own hand sown.  
 God's imprint is found ev'rywhere,  
 No nook by Him forgot,  
 Nor blade of grass nor bleakest cave,  
 Pray tell, where is God not?

Your attitude needs be improved  
 A wee bit ev'ry day  
 Till kinship with mankind is felt  
 For all who homage pay  
 To God who loves each child of His  
 And to whom each has worth,  
 For into each He breathed life's breath,  
 Each one upon His earth.

Then cherished peace of heart will seem  
 Only a step away,  
 Performing little kindnesses  
 To light up someone's day;  
 A cheerful smile extended or  
 A word of comfort brought  
 To make his whole world brighter who  
 In life's dark web was caught.

How long will you refuse to see  
 That your own fetters bind  
 God's loving, outstretched hand to you?  
 When will you free your mind  
 Of unreal thoughts so dangerous  
 Which only lead to harm?  
 When will you banish cold response  
 For open heart and warm  
 Toward ev'ry color, race or creed  
 Whose own convictions strong  
 Have lasted through the centuries?  
 We all to God belong!

You added contradict'ry words  
 Which shook you with emotion,  
 You said God never walked with us,  
 Though we give true devotion  
 We never can turn to Him for  
 Our spiritual need,  
 He dwells too far away from us  
 Our thirsting souls to feed.

Now if you care to meditate  
 Upon my questions few,  
 You'll come to the conclusion that  
 Your thoughts will prove untrue.  
 Who formed you and gave gift of speech?  
 Who put warmth in your heart?  
 Who nourishes your soul each day  
 Its insight to impart?  
 Who blessed you with intelligence  
 To think, to feel, to do  
 The work of helping suff'ring souls,  
 With faith their lives imbue?

Who gives a bird its instinct to  
Take care of and protect  
Its young ones? It is only He  
Who no one will neglect.

You must have heard it somewhere that  
God did this world create  
And He completely governs His  
Productive, huge estate.

He spins His earth around, thereby  
Dividing dark from day  
For allocation of our time  
To work, to rest, to pray.

He whips up weather range as He  
Rolls earth in circling lane,  
Now frost, now perfumed Spring, now heat,  
Now Autumn's gentle rain.

Each mortal a phenomenon  
He intricate designed  
Of flesh and spirit, soldering  
The body, soul, and mind.

He favors you with precious sleep  
Throughout the still night's length,  
His power inexplicably  
Replenishing your strength,  
While dreams unfold in slumberland  
The angels now stand guard  
To bring you quiet respite from  
Your problems pressing hard.

Your burdens He will carry, of  
His presence have no fear,  
I promise you that He will help,  
He is the List'ning Ear.

No earthly force can snatch God's might,  
Performs that which He wills:  
Bestowing life, instilling hope,  
Developing our skills.  
He surely dwells within our hearts  
But hearts must open wide  
And listen to His still, small voice  
Which can become our guide  
In daily toil, in trials, in joy,  
As we live each day through,  
Regaining confidence as we  
Our faith in Him renew.

Oh man misled, why do you cause  
 A heaviness of heart?  
 What can I further say to make  
 These narrow thoughts depart?  
 Until the last soul entrance finds  
 To everlasting peace,  
 Man's deepest love and praises of  
 His God will never cease.

Now lastly give ear to some lines  
 I was obliged to write  
 To one who firm believes his creed  
 To be the one true light;  
 And may discernment aid you as  
 The truth emerges here  
 That God loves ev'ry child of His  
 And He to each is near.

### THOU LOVEST EVERY CHILD

Thou lovest ev'ry child upon Thy earth;  
 His creed, his nation's origin, his birth  
 Of high or low estate Thou dost ignore,  
 Into each human breast Thy love dost pour.  
 Not yet has one been pointed out by Thee  
 Who has received Thy gifts exclusively;  
 Nor carest Thou what tongue each to Thee speaks,  
 Requesting only he Thy presence seeks.

Relieving pain, again reviving hope,  
 Thy wonders stay unmatched, how wide their scope  
 From spheres where sun and moon and stars abide  
 To depths of raging seas, high ocean tide,  
 All governed by Thy great and mighty hand,  
 Their strength subdued at only Thy command.

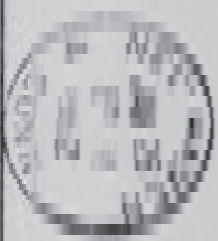
Thou lovest all, but all have not yet sought  
 Thy guidance in this trouble-drenched world fraught  
 With dangers compassing us all about,  
 Too many of Thy children dared to doubt  
 The wisdom of Thy laws of ancient days,  
 If only they had followed in those ways.

If they for ev'ry soul had shown concern  
 The flame of freedom would for all now burn  
 To cause the reign of terror to take flight,  
 But they have only added to the plight  
 Of man whose wish is freedom to pursue.  
 May they soon turn their steps to start anew  
 And walk in paths upright prescribed by Thee,  
 Thus by Thy own laws set the whole world free!"

*Charlotte Klein*

Rabbi Abraham Hefterman  
385 Winthrop Avenue  
New Haven, Connecticut

5/29



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Rabbi: Abraham Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

ד' כ' ט"ז תמוז

ד' סוף תמוז

אני את היום אלך אלך אלך

יך רש"י ורש"י ורש"י ורש"י

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ד' כ' ט"ז תמוז

ד' כ' ט"ז תמוז



January 26, 1962

Dear Dr. Friedland:

I am enclosing the copy of the sermon which Dr. Silver gave on January 14th, as you requested. This sermon is not for publication and has not been edited. I am sorry to be so late but we have been very busy here.

Cordially yours,

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

Enclosure

Dr. L.A. Friedland  
2765 Hampshire Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio



January 26, 1962

Dear Mrs. Udelson:

I am enclosing the two copies of Dr. Silver's sermon of January 14th which you requested. I am sorry to be so late but this is the first opportunity I have had to copy the sermon.

Cordially yours,

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

Enclosures (2)

Mrs. Alvin Udelson  
3849 Grenville Road  
Cleveland 18, Ohio

January 26, 1962

Dear Mr. Binder:

I am enclosing the copy of Dr. Silver's sermon of January 14th which I promised you and have marked the two quotations. You know of course that the date of the SATURDAY EVENING POST issue which contained the Gallup Poll was the combined December 23rd and 30th one.

The enclosed has not been edited and is not for publication. Sorry to be so tardy but I have been terribly rushed, and this is the first opportunity I have had.

Warmest regards.

Cordially,

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

Enclosure

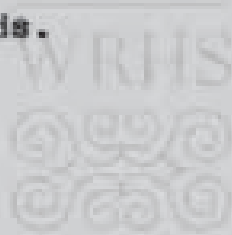
Mr. Rudolph Binder  
2255 South Taylor Road  
Cleveland 13, Ohio

January 26, 1962

Dear Mr. Campen:

I am sorry to be so late in sending you the copy of Dr. Silver's sermon which you requested but this is the first opportunity I have had to make copies of it. Dr. Silver always asks me to advise that it has not been edited and is not for publication.

Warmest regards.



Cordially,

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

Enclosure

Mr. M.J. Campen  
c/o Shaker Savings Association  
13109 Shaker Square  
Cleveland 20, Ohio

COLLECT WIRE SENT TO:

MISS ELCY KOSSER  
763 ARTHUR GODFREY BLVD.  
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

1/28/62

FOUND MARRIAGE LICENSE TAKEN OUT MEDINA OHIO  
FIFTH SEPTEMBER NINETEEN FIFTY TWO ABRAMS MEYER  
INITIALED BY RABBI STONE SEPTEMBER TENTH

MRS. LEE J. MAY  
SECRETARY TO RABBI SILVER  
THE TEMPLE

LAW OFFICES  
EDWIN MARGER  
763 ARTHUR GODFREY ROAD  
MIAMI BEACH 40, FLORIDA

JANUARY 29, 1962.

EDWIN MARGER  
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JACK LOW  
B. SAUL JACOBS  
DONALD A. POLLACK  
JOSEPH BERNUN

TELEPHONE  
JEFFERSON 1-0839

CABLE ADDRESS  
"LAWMAN"

DEAR MRS. MAY:

I RECEIVED YOUR TELEGRAM EARLY THIS AFTERNOON GIVING ME THE NECESSARY DETAILS REGARDING THE MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE WHICH I ASKED YOU ABOUT.

I WANT TO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR CONCERN AND COOPERATION IN THIS AND CANNOT BEGIN TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE YOUR KIND EFFORTS.

LET ME ONLY ADD THAT SHOULD YOU REQUIRE ANYTHING FROM ME, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO DO SO. I SHALL NEVER BE TOO BUSY AND NOTHING WILL BE TOO BOTHERSOME.

KINDEST REGARDS.

SINCERELY,

*E. Marger*

*Rabbi Leon Kronish*

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MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

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February 2, 1962

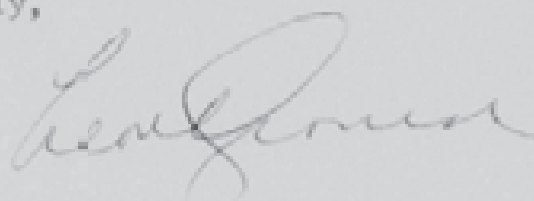
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Tifereth Israel  
East 105 Street & Silver Park  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In one of the congregational bulletins, I saw a  
reference to a recent sermon "Building Walls and Shelters".

The excerpt, which I read, dealt only with the wall  
in Berlin. I would be interested in reading the entire  
sermon, if a copy is available.

Sincerely,



LK:jh

*Mailed copy 2/5/62  
R. H.*

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# Panim el Panim

**WEEKLY PICTURE MAGAZINE FOR THE JEWISH FAMILY**

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February 5, 1962

Rabbi Aba Hilel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi A. H. Silver

Some time ago we have sent you a reminder about your past-due bill of \$ 15.00 . We are sorry to note that our letter has probably been overlooked and we have not heard from you yet.

We continued to send you our magazine regularly and do hope you enjoy reading it. Unfortunately, however, we cannot do it without receiving your payment. Just the mailing- by Air Mail- is costly and, being an independent magazine, "Panim El Panim" depends mainly on its subscribers-readers.

Please respond now.

Send us your subscription money or, at least, return the enclosed card.envelope.

Thanking you for your cooperation, we are,

Sincerely yours,

*S. S. Shoham*  
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*L. Diamantstein*

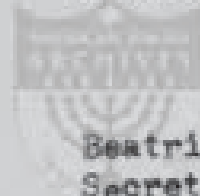
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Circulation Department

February 5, 1962

Dear Rabbi Kronish:

As requested in your letter of February 2nd, I am enclosing a copy of Dr. Silver's Sermon: "Building Walls and Shelters". Dr. Silver is out of the country.

Sincerely yours,



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

Enclosure

Rabbi Leon Kronish  
4144 Chase Avenue  
Miami Beach, Florida  
Temple Beth Shalom



Office of the Rabbi  
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Telephone LA 4-7508

## Temple B'rith Shalom

1004-1008 South Fourth Street  
Springfield, Illinois

February 7, 1962

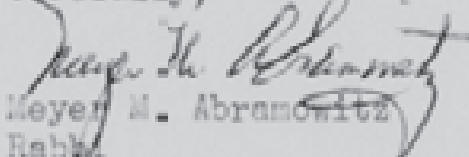
Dr. Abbe Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street and Silver Park  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have read about your magnificent sermon on "Building Walls and Shelters". May I have a copy, if it is available for distribution, and any other materials which have been distributed?

With kindest personal regards and sincere thanks, I am

Sincerely,

  
Meyer M. Abramowitz  
Rabbi

NMA:dk

Mailed copy 2/9/62

February 9, 1962

Dear Rabbi Abramowitz:

Dr. Silver is out of the country to be gone until some time in March. Your letter of February 7th will be called to his attention upon his return to his study. In the meantime, I am enclosing a copy of the sermon you requested, "BUILDING WALLS AND SHELTERS".



Sincerely yours,

Faestrice P. May (Mrs.)  
Secretary to Dr. Silver

Enclosure

Rabbi Mayer M. Abramowitz  
Temple B'rith Sholom  
1004 South Fourth Street  
Springfield, Illinois

THE Ambassador

ON THE BEAUTIFUL SOUTH ATLANTIC

2730 S. OCEAN BOULEVARD

PALM BEACH

TELEPHONE JUSTICE 3-3511

Feb. 14, 1962.

Dear Dr. Silen:

I was confined with a bit of tummy trouble when you took on Moses around - & I have come here to convalesce. I have made excellent progress, the weather here being most cooperative, & I therefore expect to derive much pleasure, as well as working value, from this trip.

I have not previously written because I wanted to do it personally & this is about

my first opportunity.

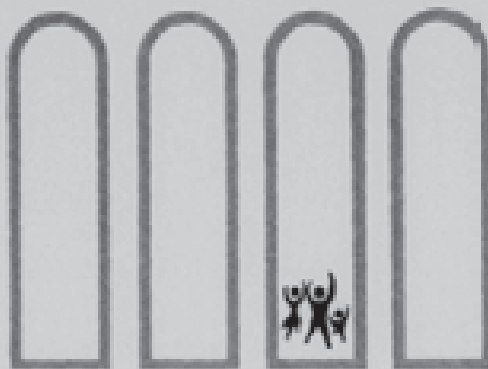
I deeply appreciate  
your kindness in sending me  
the book, which I shall read  
as soon as I return home.

I am confident I shall find  
it most instructing & stimulating.

I still have fresh recollection  
of a sermon you delivered before  
the Jewish Student Congregation at  
the University of Michigan. I believe  
I was President of that organization  
at the time. I never heard any  
sermon that made a more profound  
impression on me.

I hope I shall have the  
pleasure of seeing you soon - if not sooner,  
at the wedding of my niece, Betsy. Kindest  
regards in which Doris joins. 200 - Sincerely - Charles B. Kaufman

Temple Oheb Shalom



7310 Park Heights Avenue • Baltimore 8, Maryland

February 15, 1962

Dear Colleague,

Your Temple Bulletin has been of interest to me. I have been receiving it for the longest time and have appreciated the opportunity of knowing what is happening in your congregation.

As of April 15, 1962, I will be associated with Temple Beth Shalom in Montreal. Would you be kind enough to send your bulletin to us there? My address will be:

Rabbi Leonard Poller  
6666 Terrence Street  
Montreal, 28, P.Q., Canada.

Thanks very much.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Leonard Poller

## NORTH SHORE CONGREGATION ISRAEL

DR. EDGAR E. SISKIN  
RABBI

840 VERNON AVENUE  
GLENCOE, ILLINOIS

February 16, 1962

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
University Circle at Silver Park  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,

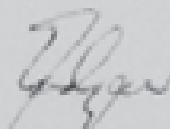
In two recent issues of our Temple Bulletin we took the liberty of quoting excerpts from your sermon on "Building Walls and Shelters." This was done without receiving your express permission, but I took for granted that you would have no objection. I trust that I did not miscue.

I thought that the address was a tremendously moving utterance and I wanted as many people as possible to read it. Numerous comments have come in from members of our Congregation and all agreed with my own judgment on the powerful truths enunciated in the sermon.

I am reading your "Moses and the Original Torah" and find it very persuasive. Congratulations on writing so lucid and scholarly a work. But then, all your writing partakes of these qualities.

Lillian joins me in warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,



EDGAR E. SISKIN

EES:yw

ALBERT WEINSTEIN

2720, Wooster Road

Rocky River 16

OHIO

17<sup>th</sup> February 1962

Rabbi Silver Abba Hillel

19810, Shaker

Cleveland

Dear Rabbi,

The undersigned: Albert Weinstein, has the honour to submit to your kind consideration the following:

I am a refugee coming from Cairo (Egypt), where I was born & lived all my life. After the Suez crisis in 1956, matters have so deteriorated in Egypt, for all the Europeans in general and for the Jews in particular, that we (my wife and myself) decided to leave the country where our lives were endangered every day.

After a short sojourn in Paris (France), we came to Cleveland four months ago, in order to join our son who also immigrated to the States since three years.

Being anxious to get some work to enable me to lead, together with my wife, an honest and independent life, I took the liberty to address myself to you, Dear Rabbi, hoping that you will help me achieving my goal. I would like to add that I have already contacted to this effect, many personalities and organizations among which the "Jewish Vocational Service" and the "Jewish Community Federation" of Cleveland, but, unfortunately, none of them have so far given me the chance to get a job.

Enclosed please find copy of my "Curriculum Vitae" and I shall be very happy if you will kindly give me an opportunity to meet you and give you any information or reference you might request.

Looking forward to your favourable reply, I remain, Dear Rabbi,

Yours very sincerely,

Albert Weinstein



*Rabbi Leon Kronish*

4144 CHASE AVENUE  
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

*Temple Beth Sholom*

February 18, 1962

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

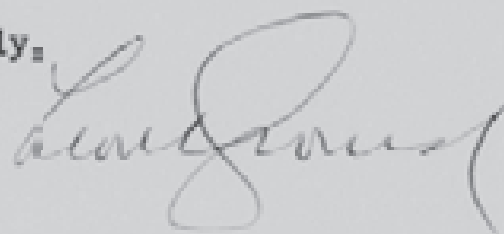
Dear Dr. Silver:

Your secretary, Mrs. Beatrice May, was kind enough to send me a copy of your sermon "Building Walls and Shelters".

I circulated the sermon among several of our staff members and several of my congregants; they were very moved by it.

The letter dated February 5 indicated that you are out of the country and I am not at all sure when you will receive this letter. If your secretary receives it, I would very much appreciate receiving two more copies of the sermon (I noticed that it was dittoed).

Sincerely,



LK:jh

*Mailed 3/5/62*



RABBI PHILIP PHYVLE ROSENSWEIG

169 LYDIA STREET  
KITCHENER, ONTARIO

742-8471

STUDY

BETH JACOB CONGREGATION  
SHARWOOD 3-8422

February 20, 1962.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
E. 105<sup>th</sup> St. & Arund Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Dear P.P.R.

I returned in "To Our Colleagues"  
that your sermon "Building Walls and Shelters"  
is available and I would greatly appreciate  
receiving a copy of this.

With sincere appreciation and  
best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,  
P. Rosensweig, R.H.

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NEW YORK 33, N. Y.

MEYER MACHLIS

RABBI

STUDY PHONE

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February 21, 1962

The Temple

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
E. 105<sup>th</sup> Street and Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Kindly send me a copy of your  
bulletin which includes the sermon,  
"Building Walls and Shelters." I  
shall be most appreciative for your  
kindness.

With many thanks, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Meyer Machlis

Mailed 3/2/62

RABBI DAVID P. PRINCE

29 EVERETT AVENUE  
NORWOOD, MASS.

Feb. 22/62

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I would appreciate it greatly  
if you could see your way clear  
to mail me your sermon "Building  
Halls + Shelters". Thank you.

David P. Prince

Mailed 3/2/62

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Feb. 22, 1962

Rabbi Abba H. Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

I would deeply appreciate  
it if your office could send  
me a copy of your sermon  
"Building walls and shelters"  
together with any other of your  
sermons that are available.

I have read with much  
profit your most inspirational  
"Moses and the Original Torah"

psn !

All good wishes -  
Gratefully yours,

David Beunt

ps. I would also appreciate  
having my name put on your mailing list.

Rabbi Alex J. Goldman

Study:

West Oak Lane Jewish Community Center  
Thouren and Sedgwick  
Philadelphia 50, Pa.

Dec 23/62

LI 8-8000

Dear Rabbi Selzer

I read in "Do Our Callings" that  
you have copies of your sermons available.  
I would appreciate a copy of the  
sermon "Building Walls and Shelters"  
and others you might be able to send.

Many thanks

Sincerely,

Alex Goldman

Mailed 3/2/62



Telephone  
HAMILTON 1-5635

Temple Office  
660 PARK AVENUE

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Maurice H. Schatz, Rabbi

February 23, 1962

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
East 10th St. & Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Colleague:

I would appreciate receiving a copy of your sermon  
"Building Walls and Shelters" which Sam Silver tells us  
is available.

Thanking you in anticipation, I am

Cordially yours,

*Maurice H. Schatz*

Rabbi Maurice H. Schatz

MHS:lp

*Mailed 3/2/62*

# TEMPLE ANSHE SHOLOM

15th St. and Scott Ave.  
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Dr. Frank F. Rosenthal, Rabbi

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RABBI'S RESIDENCE  
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SOCIAL HALL  
Skyline 5-9767

February 23, 1962

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I heard of your discussion on "Building Walls and Shelters",  
and I wonder if you could let me have a copy of the bulletin  
in which it appeared.

With kindest personal regards, I am

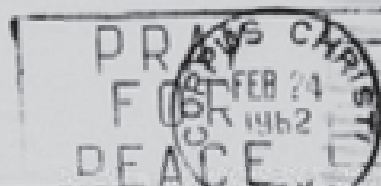
Cordially yours,



Dr. Frank F. Rosenthal,  
Rabbi

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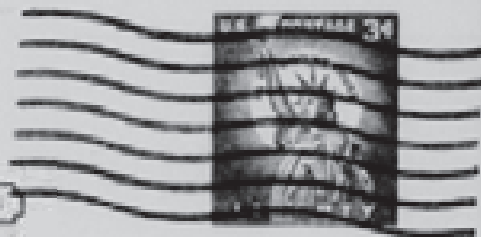
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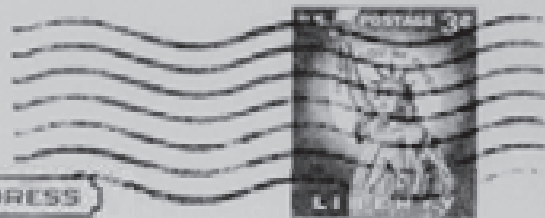
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Cleveland, Ohio





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E. 105th Street and Ansel Rd.  
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Rabbi H. Silver  
East 105th Street and Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio



Dear

Would you kindly send me Rabbi Silver's recent sermon,  
BUILDING WALLS AND SHELTERS.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

*Sidney W.*

Rabbi Sidney Wolf  
1315 Craig St.  
Corpus Christi, Texas

*Mailed 3/2/62*

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I would appreciate having a copy of your sermon  
"Building Walls and Shelters" that was mentioned  
in the "February issue of To My Colleagues".

Thank you

Rabbi Albert B. Schwartz  
314 Madison Avenue  
Perth Amboy, N.J.

*Handwritten:*  
11/16/62  
3/2/62

VASSAR TEMPLE  
140 Hooker Avenue  
Poughkeepsie, New York

Dear Sirs:

Please send me a copy of Abba Hillel  
Silver's sermon "Building Walls and Shelters".

Thank you.

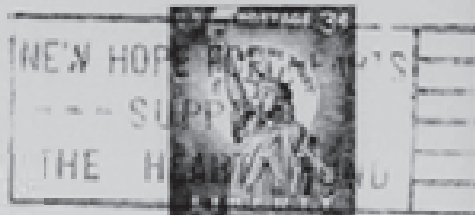
Sincerely,



*Abraham Ruderman*

Abraham Ruderman, Rabbi

*Mailed 3/2/62*



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Ansel Road & E. 105<sup>th</sup> St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

2-25-68

Gentlemen -

In his publication, "To Our Colleagues"  
Rabbi Samuel Silver made mention of the person,  
"Building Wall & Shelter" by Rabbi Abba Heller  
Silver. I would appreciate receiving a copy  
if it is available.

Mailed  
3/2/68

Sincerely yours,  
Rabbi Samuel Cooper  
1706 QUARRIER ST  
CHARLESTON, W. VA.

*Beth Sholom*  
EAST MEMPHIS SYNAGOGUE

ARIE BECKER, Rabbi  
Phone MU 3-7625

482 S. Mendenhall Road  
Memphis, Tennessee  
Phone MU 3-3591

February 25, 1962

*Handwritten:* *Handwritten:* *Handwritten:*  
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
East 105 St. & Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver;

I would like to have the privilege of receiving  
your sermon on Building Walls and Shelters which was printed  
in your recent Bulletin. Also, if possible I would appreciate  
putting my name on your mailing list for the Bulletin.

*Handwritten:* mailed 3/2/62  
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With best regards and wishes for continues  
health and influence



Sincerely yours  
Arie Becker  
Rabbi Arie Becker



1094 Myron Street  
Uniondale, L.I., New York

25 February, 1962

Mr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Silver,

The undersigned, a former bank teller and a graduate of The American Institute of Banking, currently attending evening classes at the Long Island University, desire to introduce myself to you and make a personal request for your kind assistance with a hobby of my five children -- STAMP COLLECTING.

I recently learned that you are a member of the Board of Directors of The American Society for Technion. It comes to mind that you may be in receipt of considerable correspondence originating throughout Israel and other countries.

It would be very much appreciated if your kind secretary may find it convenient to accumulate these picturesque stamps and share some of them with our family from time to time. Each group of stamps will be very gratefully received, appreciated and acknowledged. Around this area we not only seldom see foreign stamps, but the higher denomination American airmail and commemorative issues.

Hoping to have the pleasure of hearing from you, or your kind secretary, whenever it is convenient, I remain

Very truly yours,

*Sargent Goen*  
SARGENT GOEN

*This is an excellent  
sent him some stamps.  
RTH  
2/28/62.*

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February 26, 1962

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
E. 105th Street & Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver :

I was wondering if you could tell me how I  
would go about obtaining one copy of your  
sermon "Building Walls and Shelters" ?

Thanking you for your kind cooperation,  
Sincerely,

*Jack Bloom*  
Jack Bloom  
Rabbi

JB/lis

*Mailed 3/2/62*

United States Army Training Center, Infantry  
Office of the Chaplain  
Fort Dix, New Jersey

26 February 1962

Rabbi Hillel Silver  
E. 105th Street & Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Would you please send me a copy of the bulletin in which the sermon "Building Walls and Shelters" appears.

Sincerely yours,

*Abraham B. Eckstein*


ABRAHAM B. ECKSTEIN  
Chaplain (1st Lt) USA  
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*TT/aled 3/2/62*



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WITH   
The Temple,  
105th & Busch Road,  
Cleveland,  
Ohio.

2/26/62

Gentlemen:

Will you please send me  
a copy of Dr. Loe's sermon,  
"Building War's Shelters,"

2/26/62 Thank you very much.

Wheeler

Charles B. Lessey,  
506 Park Ave.,  
Florence, S. C.

RABBI DR. LEON KATZ

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269 BOULEVARD  
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Feb. 26, 1962

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

Dear Dr. Silver,

I would greatly appreciate it  
if your secretary would mail me a copy of your  
bulletin in which appeared your sermon, "Building  
Walls and Shelters".

With many thanks, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Leon Katz*  
Dr. Leon Katz, Rabbi.

bg.

*Mailed 3/2/62*

February 27, 1962

Dear Rabbi Poller:

I have been on vacation for the past two weeks and your letter of February 15th was awaiting my attention. Dr. Silver is out of the country to be gone until March sixth. I am sure he will be glad to know that you are enjoying our Temple bulletin. Your letter is being held for his attention upon his return to his study. In the meantime, I have placed your name and new address upon our mailing list so that you shall receive the bulletin in Montreal after April 15th.

Very sincerely yours,

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

Rabbi Leonard Poller  
Temple Ohev Shalom  
7310 Park Heights Avenue  
Baltimore 8, Maryland

*Rabbi William K. Herskowitz*

February 27, 1962

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
E. 105th St. & Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver;

I would appreciate receiving a copy of your article  
"Building Walls and Shelters" if it is available.

Very truly yours,

*William K. Herskowitz*

172 Union St.  
Everett 49, Mass.



*Mailed 3/2/62*



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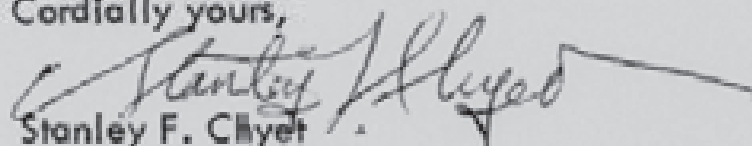
Dear Rabbi Silver:

In the February, 1962, issue of To Our Colleagues,  
Rabbi Samuel M. Silver mentions your sermon, "Building  
Walls and Shelters."

May we have a copy of it for our collection here  
at the Archives?

With every good wish, I am,

Cordially yours,

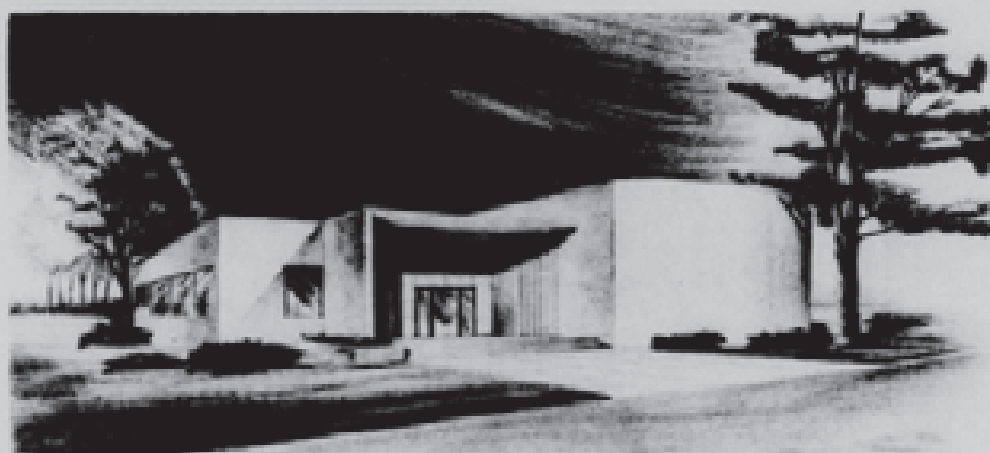
  
Stanley F. Chyet

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ISRAEL GOODMAN  
Rabbi

CHARLES JACOBS  
President

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2/22/62

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
E. 105 St. + Arund Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio,

Dear Rabbi Silver,

If your "Building Walls & Shelter" is available  
I would appreciate a copy.

Sincerely,  
Rabbi Israel Goodman

Mailed 3/2/62

*Rabbi Simon L. Eckstein*

151 CHAPEL STREET

OTTAWA 2, CANADA

February 27th, 1962.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
E. 105th Street and Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver,

שלומו של רבי

Shalom and kindest greetings to you.

I would greatly appreciate receiving  
a copy of your incisive sermon "Building Walls  
and Shelters" which appeared recently in your  
Temple Bulletin.

בברכה רבה

Sincerely,

*Simon L. Eckstein*

Simon L. Eckstein,  
Rabbi.

SLE:rr

Mailed 3/2/62

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*Filed 3/5/62*

*February 27<sup>th</sup> 1962*

*Dear Rabbi Silver,*

*I read in the February issue of "To Cope With" your sermon "Building Walls and Shelters". I would appreciate very much if you could send me a copy. Enclosed you will find a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Thanking you in advance I am*

*Sincerely,*

*Rabbi Harry A. Silverstein*

February 27, 1962

Panin el Panin  
1133 Broadway  
New York 10, New York

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge your letter to Dr. Silver dated February 5th. Dr. Silver has been out of the country for over a month. As soon as he returns to his desk I am sure your bill will be taken care of. I expect him home the second week in March. I have also been on vacation for two weeks which is the reason your letter has not been acknowledged sooner. However, I do not sign Dr. Silver's checks.

Sincerely yours,

Beatrice F. May (Mrs.)  
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
E. 105th St. & Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Feb. 28, 1962

Dear Rabbi:

Please send me a copy of your sermon,  
"Building Walls and Shelters" as mentioned  
in - To Our Colleagues - for Feb., 1962.

Thank you.

Rabbi Joseph Rudavsky

Mailed 3/2/62

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FROM THE STUDY OF  
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FEBRUARY 28, 1962

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER  
EAST 105TH STREET AND ANSEL RD.  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

DEAR RABBI SILVER:

I HAVE READ OF YOUR NEW BOOKS, "LOSSES AND  
THE ORIGINAL TORAH", AS WELL AS YOUR SERMON  
"BUILDING WALLS AND SHELTERS" AND WOULD  
APPRECIATE RECEIVING A COPY OF EACH. I  
WOULD BE GLAD TO REMIT A CHECK TO DEFRAY  
THE COST.

SINCERELY YOURS,

*Norman Shapiro*

RABBI NORMAN N. SHAPIRO

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RABBI ALLAN MIRVIS  
155 ALGONQUIN ROAD

March 1, 1962

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
E. 10<sup>th</sup> St. and Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I would greatly appreciate your sending me  
a copy of the sermon, "Building Walls and Shelters".

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

*Allan Mirvis*

Rabbi Allan Mirvis

*Mailed 3/2/62 ✓*

March 2, 1962

My dear Rose:

I just returned from a five weeks visit abroad. Virginia and I had a very enjoyable vacation which we spent in Morocco, Mallorca and France.

Upon my return, I learned from your letter that you and Jack are planning to go to Israel for a holiday. I need not tell you that I am delighted. It is many years since you have been in Israel and I know that you will be thrilled and excited by what you will see there.

I am happy to learn that all the members of the family are well. Our children and grandchildren are also well. Virginia said that she is writing to you.

With warmest regards and be sure to have a wonderful time,

As ever yours,

AMS:bfm

Mrs. Rose Matlaw  
9403 - 68th Street  
Forest Hills, New York

March 2, 1962

My dear Mr. Goodman:

I have just returned from a trip abroad and find a card from "Atlas" magazine advising me that you have taken out a subscription to that magazine as a gift to me. I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity and I am sure I shall enjoy reading the publication.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ANNA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

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Dear Rabbi Silver  
I have heard of your  
inspiring sermon "Building  
Walls + Shutters."

Also, please send a copy  
of your new book: "Moses + the  
Original Torah." Bill me personally.

Sincerely

Morris A. Kipper

Bill

Mailed  
3/2/62  
L.H.D.

Congregation Sons of Israel

P. O. Box 2

Palmdale Park, New Jersey

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Could you please send me a  
copy of "Building Walls + Shelters"

Thank you

Rabbi Block

Filed 3/2/62

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Rabbi Bernard Devine  
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WILLIS  
The Temple  
105th St. & Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio



Temple  
Cleveland Ohio

Dated 3/2/62

Dear Sir:

I would greatly appreciate  
receiving a copy of the sermon  
"Building Walls & Shelters,  
Thank you very much,

Rafael Isadore Fink  
1651 E. 13th St.  
Brooklyn 29 N.Y.

Filed 3/2/62

Dear Dr. Selver:

I would exceedingly appreciate receiving a copy of your sermon "Building Walls and Shelters," which I am told might be available to those who write in for it.

Thank you for your kindness.

Sincerely,  
Albert M. Tracy for  
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Abba:

The Manuscript, since you have read it several months ago, is now being re-typed by a local professional typist. She is doing a slow but conscientious job on it. The first three chapters will be done by end of next week, and the balance by end of this month. In addition to many changes in diction, there have been added (and subtracted) brief items, both in the body of the book and in the Notes, as a result of last-minute reading which I brought along here from New York. Despite the fact that not all of your thoughtful suggestions have been "covered," I believe that you will find the new, clean draft pleasant reading. Taking my life in hand, as it were, I am therefore asking whether you would not mind giving the thing another reading. This will enable me, among other things, to learn whether you still think that it needs the services of a "stylist." You suggested, if I recall correctly, the name of Marvin Lowenthal.

I have written this week to Sol Freehof and Nelson Glueck, inquiring whether they would like to peruse the manuscript and offer their critical comments. Expect to hear from them shortly. So as to have the comments of a prominent non-Jew, I have been thinking of writing to Bishop Oxnam in this matter. If you recall, he addressed to me a lovely letter after "The Way To God" appeared. Do you know whether he is still publicly active? I have not his letter here, and do not recall his first name. I would therefore appreciate your information thereon.

My last letter must have reached the Temple after you had left for abroad. Trust you and Virginia ~~enjoyed~~ <sup>found</sup> the trip enjoyable and rewarding.

Heard from sister Rose recently the sad news of the <sup>recent</sup> passing of our very well-thought-of cousin, Maxwell Seamon. I have written a letter of condolence to his sister Diana Seamon about a week ago, and received from her a highly appreciative and touching reply. Her address is - 2421 Webb Avenue, The Bronx 68, New York City.

Love to yourself and Virginia and to Danny and Raphael and their families.

As ever yours,

*Maxwell*

March 5, 1962

My dear Mr. Orlan:

It is indeed very thoughtful of you to send me a re-print of your article and your lovely translation of George Elliott's "Death of Moses". I read it once with great pleasure and I shall read it again.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mr. Hasyim Orlan  
3214 Yorkshire Road  
Cleveland 18, Ohio

March 5, 1962

My dear Mr. Chyet:

As requested in your letter of February 27th, I am enclosing a copy of our Bulletin in which Dr. Silver's sermon, "Building Walls and Shelters", appeared.



Cordially yours,

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

Mr. Stanley F. Chyet  
Clifton Avenue  
Cincinnati 20, Ohio

March 5, 1962

Dear Mr. Berent:

As requested in your letter of February 22nd, I am enclosing a copy of our Temple Bulletin in which Dr. Silver's Sermon "Building Walls and Shelters" appeared.

I'm sorry we don't have copies of other sermons available -- this one was printed in the bulletin because we had a great demand for copies. I have, however, placed your name on our mailing list and you will receive our bulletin each week.

With all good wishes,

Very cordially,

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

Mr. David Berent  
12 Bardwell Street  
Lewiston, Maine

P.S. Dr. Silver just returned from abroad and I was on vacation when your letter arrived which is the reason this has been delayed.

B.F.M.

March 5, 1962

My dear Irving:

Upon my return from abroad, I found this letter on my desk. I thought you would be interested in seeing it.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mr. Irving Konigsberg  
2972 Edgerton Road  
Cleveland 18, Ohio



March 5, 1962

My dear Rabbi Becker:

Dr. Silver has just returned from a trip abroad and I was on vacation when your letter of February 25th was received which is the reason it wasn't answered sooner.

As per your request, I am enclosing a copy of our Temple Bulletin which contains Dr. Silver's Sermon "Building Walls and Shelters" and I have placed your name on our mailing list for future Bulletins.

With all good wishes,

Cordially yours,

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

Rabbi Arle Becker  
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East Memphis Synagogue  
482 S. Mendenhall Road  
Memphis, Tennessee

RABBI EMANUEL EISENBERG  
116 GRANDVIEW AVENUE  
CHAMBERSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

March 5, 1962

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland , Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I know that you are a very busy man, but hope that you will find time to answer my letter with my problems.

I just finished your Book "Moses and the Original Torah" and found it very interested. Yet at the same time while I read your book I received the impression, that you do not believe in the Revelation of Mt. Sinai, that G-d gave the Torah himself to Moses, as well as all the Laws of the Torah. According to your book it seems that Moses was the one who ordained the Laws, and established the people of Israel as a chosen people.

As a young Rabbi, I am a bit confused about your book, and hard to accept. Yet I would like to know what is your theory and your basis of the writings that you have put forth in your book.

I would greatly appreciate very much if you would clarify your point of view in short, in regards to the believe of the "Revelation" Kabalah Torah Me Sinai-. Do you believe that the Torah "Five Books of Moses" were written by G-d, and handed to Israel through Moses his servant, and what connection has the Oral Law with the written Law?

How do you explain the Prophetic teaching as well as the mission of the Prophets.

Would appreciate very much hearing from you, and also ask your humble forgiveness if I have offended you in any matter by disrespect. I have known your father in Jerusalem, as a holy man, and I used to pray with him together in the synagogue in Rechaviah and I have great respect for you as a scholar, and therefore I am seeking your explanation, to learn and to seek knowledge from my elders.

Sincerely Yours

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Dear Abba -

I am having one of the most pleasant experiences of my life teaching here, counselling with the students, lecturing - in classes, etc.

I am also impressed by the calibre of the boys - at least those I met. There are some promising men here.

However, I am disturbed by the fact that Theology, qua Theology, is not taught here. There are courses in "philosophy" and "religious thought"; But under the guise of "liberalism" and "academic freedom" there is philosophy not theology - and the undersound words are not just figures of speech.

I am shocked to my innermost!

Now the purpose of my writing to you, Abba, is this I understand that Nelson has asked you to accept his invitation to be the "Distinguished Alumni Professor" next season and that you might teach in the field of theology. From the bottom of my heart I say! Yes and urge you yes to do so. What you would give the men here is sorely, desperately needed. I sincerely hope that you will find it possible to make

(over)

this contribution to our cause.

I've been here since Feb 11<sup>th</sup> and I'll will  
return home on March 14<sup>th</sup>. It has been a  
great experience.

With fondest greetings to you, Virginia  
and Daniel, in which Helen joins me, I am  
Yours as ever  
Abe (Feldman)



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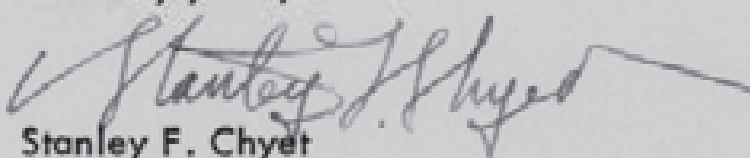
Dear Mrs. May:

Many thanks for your kind and prompt response  
to my request of February 27.

The Archives is very grateful to you.

With every good wish, I am,

Cordially yours,

  
Stanley F. Chyet

SFC:sg

*Building Walls + Shelters*

My dear - Wynne and Ada Miller,

3/1/02

We would like to thank you for the kind interest that you showed in my request to you, to write to the State regarding James's appointment with Reese.

Your letter appears to have had a

very good effect.

Although there has been no decision

yet because of evidence submitted

therein, we hope to have a positive

reply within the next couple of

weeks, and we will, of course, inform

you the moment we hear from them.

Both Deborah and soon be

live and we would like to have this

opportunity of wishing you and your

family a very happy New Year!

We hope that during the coming year

you will be able to pay us a visit here

in Israel

How are you? How did you spend

the summer holidays?

Here it was very warm, and we are

looking forward to the winter.

We are all well and send you our  
fondest regards

With love  
Jaime

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March 8, 1962

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi,

I would appreciate very much if you  
would please send me a copy of your sermon entitled  
"Building Walls and Shelters". Thank you very much  
for this consideration.

Sincerely yours,

*Seymour Fenichel*  
Rabbi Seymour Fenichel

SF/ks

*Filed 3/12/62*

\* DECEASED



March 9, 1962

My dear Marshall:

It is with pleasure that I read in this morning's Plain Dealer that you have been named to fill the Louis D. Beaumont Chair in Pediatrics at Mount Sinai Hospital. I wish to extend to you my heartiest congratulations. I hope that I will have the pleasure of seeing you and congratulating you in person before long.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Dr. Marshall Klaus  
c/o Mount Sinai Hospital  
1800 East 105th Street  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

237 Oleaner Avenue  
Palm Beach, Florida  
March 12, 1962

Dear Abba Hillel:

I learned only the other day here in Palm Beach that you have been ill, but that you are now better. It is with a very full heart that I express the hope that you may proceed rapidly in your recovery, and are soon restored to complete good health. You are too badly needed by your community, your people and your country for any right thinking person not to be saddened by the thought that poor health may restrict your activities.

I have just finished reading your latest book, "Moses and the Original Torah". As in the case of your earlier books, I was fascinated by the subject and your treatment of it. It happens that I do not altogether agree offhand with some of your conclusions - e.g., as to when sacrifices came into the Jewish religious practices; but regardless of whether you are right or wrong on this and perhaps one or two other doubtful points, your book as a whole is not only scholarly and beautifully put together but is very badly needed in the present state of confused ignorance which prevails among Jews and non-Jews alike as to the nature of pristine and pure Judaism. Very few people - even learned people - realize how many alien and pagan concepts and notions have crept into and corrupted the pure religion of Judaism in the course of the ages.

Anna joins me in expressing pleasure at your recovery and in hoping that you will soon be restored fully to your usual vigorous self. We have been here now since the middle of December and expect to be back in New York on March 30th.

Yours cordially,

*Abraham*

Abraham Tulin

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

March 14, 1962

My dear Abe:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of March 12th. I am very appreciative of your inquiry about my health. I had been ill for a time two years ago, but I am fully recovered and I have been active in my professional work ever since. Mrs. Silver and I have just returned from a visit to Morocco and Majorca which we enjoyed very much. Perhaps "enjoyed" is not the correct word for a close view of Jewish life in the Mellahs of Morocco.

Last July and August we were in Russia. I am regularly in my pulpit, and I travel about from time to time in behalf of Bonds for Israel, The Hebrew University, etc. I am also visiting a number of American universities, but I have tried to reduce my out-of-town speaking engagements to a point where I can spend more time at my desk.

I am glad that you enjoyed my "Moses and the Original Torah". I can appreciate that not everyone will agree fully with everything I said in my book, but I believe that the essential thesis is correct -- and if correct, much of what goes by the name of Higher Biblical Criticism, covering the origin and the early development of Judaism, will have to be revised.

With all good wishes and hoping to see you before long, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mr. Abraham Tulin  
238 Oleander Avenue  
Palm Beach, Florida

March 14, 1962

My dear Rabbi Hefterman:

This will acknowledge receipt of your postal card  
and your book which I will read with great interest.  
I am enclosing my check in the amount of \$5.00.

With warmest regards, I remain



Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bhm

Rabbi Abraham Hefterman  
315 Winthrop Avenue  
New Haven  
Connecticut

March 14, 1962

Dear Mr. Joseph:

Confirming our telephone conversation of today,  
I am enclosing the quotation you requested from  
Dr. Silver's sermon of last Sunday.



Sincerely yours,



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

Mr. Frank E. Joseph  
Union Commerce Building  
Cleveland 14, Ohio

M. MINKOWICH

2462 EAST 22ND STREET

BROOKLYN 35, N. Y.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to present to you my  
book "Mens Rea in Talmudic Law and English  
Common Law" published in New York.

With best wishes,

Respectfully yours,

The Author

March 14, 1962

My dear Dr. Minkowich:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your book,  
"Mens Rea in Talmudic Law and English Common Law".  
I appreciate very much your thoughtfulness in sending  
it to me. I know that I shall read it with a great  
deal of pleasure and profit.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ADRA WILLEL SILVER

AMS:bfm

Dr. M. Minkowich  
2462 East 22nd Street  
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March 14, 1962

My dear Ruth:

Upon my return from a visit to Europe and Morocco, I found your note. This will explain the delay in replying to it. It was very thoughtful of you to write to me and tell me how you and Ephraim are getting along. I am especially grateful that you remembered my birthday. I am delighted to learn that Ephraim is making such great progress in the scientific world. I knew that he would. He is working in an exciting field where discoveries are re-shaping our world. Please give him my best.

So your little girl, Rachel, is now four years old? I am eager to see her. I should love you and Ephraim to see our young brood of grandchildren -- five of them.

Things in the Temple are moving along very well. We are now preparing for a great concert in Severance Hall with Mr. Richard Tucker.

Stay well and with all good wishes from Mrs. Silver, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AMS:bfe

Mrs. Ephraim Sparrow  
2072 Fry Street  
St. Paul 13  
Minnesota



Regret that we get to see less and  
less of him at home as time  
progresses and his technical know-how  
becomes more sought after throughout  
the country. The main prospect in the  
wind at this time is for a few  
months spent abroad visiting his  
colleagues in the field, and of course  
I'm hoping to find a way of coming  
along too!

You'd surely not recognize our little  
girl, now four years old, although she  
still has the same Auburn hair that  
'stops traffic' wherever we go. She  
amazes us with her never-ceasing  
curiosity and desire to learn and is  
actually learning French and Russian  
now! We hope when she becomes  
completely fluent she'll teach her ignorant  
Mommy & Daddy!

Surely you are deriving great pleasure  
from your grandchildren as they too  
must also be from their delightful

Dear Rabbi,

We of course think of you very often, and especially at your birthday time. We hope you have been well during these past years and that this finds both you and Mrs. Silver as chipper as ever. Your ever-inspiring presence is one of the major things that we miss out here. On the whole, however, we are finding the Twin Cities a most wonderful and stimulating place to live, and the life of a professor and a professor's wife filled with interesting activities and experiences. Life becomes increasingly demanding for Eph as his reputation continues to grow, and Rachel and I

Grandparents.

Rachel (who of course knows about you) would like to write happy birthday to you. She just told me "I hope he'll enjoy his birthday." So here she is:

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY  
TO  
DAD  
AND  
MOM  
I  
LOVE  
YOU  
R.  
K. I. H. E. L.

And her Mommy & Daddy join her in the  
same wish - and many, many more happy ones  
Fondly, Ephraim and Ruth Sparrow



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Dear Rabbi Silver

I wonder if I could ask a favor of you? I'm involved in a matter with The Detroit News re. the classification of the Jews in their annual market surveys.

Would you please read over the enclosed copies of our correspondence  and let me have your opinion on the subjects discussed. I'd like to have an expression from America's leading rabbi - if I can get it. No hurry unless you feel like it. As an American Jew - living in the 20th century - I'd like to know (as do one million of other American Jews would, too) if my <sup>and their</sup> thoughts on Jews, Jewish, Judaism are correct in your mind. Some of the things I wrote to the News came from your books which I treasure in my library.

I hope this finds you well -

Cordially

Leonard N. Simons { a past president  
of Temple Beth El  
Det.

P.S. Can you also give me a list of all your books - I have 5 of them

February 15, 1962

Mr. Edward Wheeler  
General Manager  
Detroit News  
Detroit 31, Michigan

Dear Ed

On December 21st I wrote Martin Hayden a letter, a copy of which is enclosed. I don't know whether Martin is out of town, but in any event I did not receive a reply.

Now I am writing to you, Ed, because I just finished reading the Detroit News' "The Sixth Biannual Survey of the Detroit Market." Here again I find the same objectionable listings about my religion.

On page 44 of your new book - Item number 25 in your questionnaire lists, "What nationality or racial origin (ethnic group) is this family?" Then they go on to list 9 nationality groups plus the Negroes and the word "Jewish."

There is no such thing as a "Jewish nationality" or a "Jewish race." There are such things as American Jews, English Jews, Irish Jews, etc. But, that means that our nationality is American, English, or Irish and our religion is Jewish. Just as there are American Catholics, English Catholics, Irish Catholics, American Protestants, English Protestants and Irish Protestants. It is offensive to the Jewish people, as well as being inaccurate, to list the Jews as being a nationality group. There are white Jews and there are Negro Jews, and there are even Jewish groups in Japan and China. I happen to believe, and I think rightly so, that I am a member of the Caucasian race and not because I am a Jew.

Can something be done about this, Ed, so that the Detroit News discontinues this practice in your future surveys.

If the News wants to include some information about the Jews in their survey, that is okay with me, but list us correctly as a religious group along with the various forms of Catholicism and Protestantism. Incidentally, Detroit happens to be the largest Arab community in America.

Mr. Edward Wheeler  
Page #4  
February 15, 1962

I want to repeat what I said in my letter to Martin. I'm not being unduly sensitive about this matter, but I want to set the record straight because I am sure that the Detroit News wants to be as accurate in their surveys as they are in publishing the news.

Will you please investigate this matter and let me hear from you.

Cordially

Leonard N. Simons

LNS:mm  
Encl.

P.S. On page 15 the captions read, "Racial Origins in the Detroit Market" and "Family Income by Racial Origin." Here again they list the Jewish people as part of a racial origin group if you go by the captions, and they also include the Jewish group among the various nationality lists.



# The Detroit News

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THE HOME NEWSPAPER  
DETROIT 31, MICHIGAN

MARTIN S. HAYDEN  
EDITOR

February 20, 1962

Dear Leonard:

I want to start off with a very sincere apology. I sent your December 21 letter to the department which handles our Market Survey. They apparently thought I had answered it and I assumed that they would. Now I would like to answer for The News and in behalf of both Ed and myself.

First, I would like to point out to you what I am sure you know, i.e., that the general question you raise is one which apparently divides the Jewish community. I gather that from talking to the several Jewish members of our staff whom I consulted and who pointed out to me that Jewish opinion on the subject ranges from your own strict interpretation to the extreme viewpoint of Zionists.

Second, I would like to point out that in the Market Survey there was a very distinct desire to tabulate and count our Jewish population, as such, and without regard as to whether they are an ethnic group, a national group or a religious group. As I am sure you know, a tabulation of Jewish population in a community has a significance which, incidentally, I consider complimentary to the Jewish people. As the Jewish population of a community goes up, so does the cultural aspect of the community and the interest therefore of businessmen who seek sales in communities where the interest in literature, entertainment, the arts, etc., is high.

I certainly agree with you that using the terms "nationality" and "racial origin" with respect to Jews is incorrect in a technical sense. But I know that you know that The News in no way intended to imply that American Jews do not have American nationality any more than we would say that Americans of English descent still owe their first allegiance to the queen.

I think that the first practicality that you have to face is the fact that most of the survey's Jewish respondents accepted the survey exactly as we meant it. In other words, they marked themselves "Jewish" although they could very well have answered the question saying that they were of German, Russian, Polish, English or any other extraction.



Mr. Leonard N. Simons  
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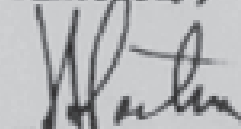
One of our Jewish staff members pointed out that some American Jews are particularly concerned about the distinction which you draw but he added that the reasons therefore, with respect to something as harmless as a market survey, were not clear to him. He suggested, however, that if in the future we simply said "ethnic group" and left out nationality or races, it might be better.

The same staff member, incidentally, said that he, as a Jew, would disagree with your classification of Jews as a religious group. He said that that raises the question as to whether a Jew who never sets foot in a synagogue is still a Jew and, if not, what is he? He added that he was sure that a significant percentage of the respondents who stated that they were "Jewish" and thereby indicated that they are likely to have certain buying habits did not consider their religion and did not make their selection on that account. His concluding comment in a memo to me was "For better or worse they are ethnic Jews and that is what the questionnaire sought to find out."

I know that this letter is rambling but I do want to answer, if I haven't already, your question as to why Jews are singled out for classification when we don't have classifications for Protestants and Catholics. I think it is perfectly obvious that, in a market survey that differentiation would be meaningless unless it were aimed at a company specializing in Friday fish or rosaries. You also mention that Detroit has one of the largest Arab communities in America. I am sure you are right, but again, what would it mean in a market survey? And continuing your own line of thought, wouldn't we run into trouble from an Arab sharing your view who would contend that he was Lebanese or Iranian by extraction and might even point out that the term "Arab" which you use is completely meaningless because it may apply to a Moslem or to a Christian or maybe even to an Arab who has embraced the Jewish religion. Or are there any of the latter?

If you have any more ideas on this subject, I will be glad to continue the discussion in line with what you know is our effort to present all information without being offensive to anyone.

Sincerely,



Martin S. Hayden

Mr. Leonard N. Simons  
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February 26, 1962

Mr. Leonard N. Simons  
Lafayette Building, 11th fl.  
Detroit 26, Mich.

Dear Leonard:

What I think you should point out to your friends on the newspaper is the following. In their describing Jews as an ethnic group or a nationality, they are unconsciously fitting themselves into that pattern which basically served the Nazis in Germany. Granted that there has been some Jewish responsibility for confusion about these terms, your newspaper friends ought to be able to see the danger in their procedure. Any listing of Jews such as to suggest that they are anything but an integral part of the United States, is a potential danger. Certainly your newspaper friends are completely free of any disposition which would make them themselves perpetrators of any evil. But the Nazis used a definition which separated Jews from the rest of Germany and then went on to declare that Jews were not and could not be part of Germany and then took the next step of the most momentous persecution in the long history of Jewish persecution.

The Jewish person on the staff would be well advised to read some of the statements by Brandeis and Abba Hillel Silver. Short of that, we ought to recognize that in the loose nomenclature adopted in the United States, if the term Christian is limited to those who attend church regularly, the Christian community would be considerably shrunken in size. But denominational unaffiliation or non-participation is widespread in the United States and is not limited to Jews, as he must know.

The various terms, nation and nationality in religious community which Jews often debated about in the days before there was a State of Israel, usually had no direct reference to the political allegiance of Jews. The Zionists' redefinitions of nationality and nation all pointed in the direction of exempting American Jews from any nationalistic theories or the political allegiance of American Jews could be only American. Israel is a nation; we American Jews are American by nationality; we may be practicing or irreligious Jews, but we have no political status as a community in this country. We are individuals who are American.

Sincerely,

*Sam Sandmel*



File  
LNS Reply

March 2th, 1962

The Detroit News  
Detroit 31, Michigan

Attention: Mr. Martin Hayden, Editor

Dear Martin

Because the subject, about which we are corresponding, is a serious matter to me - I hope you won't mind a long letter. My citizenship and my religion are of vital importance to me. Millions of American Jews feel the same as I do. Anything that might tend to jeopardize the present status of equality, enjoyed by American Jews, or anything that attempts to create the impression that Jews are different in any way - except for religious beliefs and cultural background - is not taken lightly by me. I'm sure you can understand why.

So, when The News lists Jews under "Racial Origin" - "Ethnic Group" or "Nationality," I object. I believe this is inaccurate in the generally accepted meaning of these words. It is dangerous application of imprecise language. I sincerely find it offensive, although I'm sure The Detroit News does not mean it to be so.

Martin, it seems to me that semantics are partially involved. That's where we're running into most of our conflict of opinions.

ETHNIC is defined as, (1) 'pertaining to race' ... (2) 'designating or of any of the basic divisions of groups of mankind as distinguished by customs, characteristics, language, etc.' ... (3) 'heathen; pagan; not Christian; not Jewish.'

If you associate 'Ethnic Group' with the first definition - the primary definition - The News is stating that the Jews, in their opinion, are a 'race' of people. This infers an anthropological fact which does not exist ... this IS a fact.

If you are using the word 'Ethnic' in the secondary definition - I agree that you can describe the Jews as a group sharing many religious and cultural traditions. In this sense the term 'Ethnic' could be applied. BUT, the main definition of 'Ethnic' still gets back to its original meaning and derivation, "race," which makes both "race" and "ethnic" confusing and inexact. Therefore, I believe neither word should be used to describe the Jews.

If you use the word "Ethnic" as defined with the third definition, then certainly this is a mistake, because the dictionary says "Ethnic" means 'not Jewish.'

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The Detroit News  
March 5th, 1962

And, some dictionaries give this as their first definition of the word "Ethnic."

If "ethnic" means "heathen or pagan" to some people, then please ask your Jewish staff member how you can justify calling the Jews an "Ethnic group," without causing some confusion to possibly many people.

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"RACE" is defined as, (1) any of the major biological divisions of mankind, distinguished by color and texture of hair, color of skin and eyes, stature, bodily proportions etc." ... (2) any geographical, national or tribal ethnic groupings - the characteristics or features of such a group - any group of people having the same ancestry - any group of people regarded as a distinct class."

If you associate "Racial Origin" with the first definition - The News is again stating that the Jews are one of the biological divisions of mankind. I'm sure that is not what the News believes. Everyone knows that there are white, black, brown and yellow skinned Jews throughout the world. They belong to many races of mankind.

If you are using "Racial Origin" in the secondary sense we get back to similar wording, to the secondary definition of "Ethnic." My same arguments against the use of these words apply.

In addition, Jews today do not qualify as a "Geographical Group." There are millions of Jews in America, Europe, Asia and Africa. The approximate twelve million Jews are living all over the earth. Are the Jews a "National Group"? If you mean, are the Jews all part of the same nation - the answer is again, "NO." Jews are nationals of the country in which they live as citizens. Are the Jews a "Tribal Ethnic Group"? Certainly Jews don't belong to a "tribe" - and if we get back to the ambiguous word "ethnic" - what exactly is the meaning of "ethnic"? Jews do not have the same physical characteristics or features.

Regarding "Same Ancestry" - It is a fact that with the admixture of people across the centuries - It is improbable that there are any "pure" races in the Western World. I remember reading once where Queen Victoria regarded herself as a descendant of King David. King Haile Selassie of Ethiopia feels the same way about it - only he says he is a descendant of Cleopatra and King Solomon. King Solomon and King David were both only part Jewish. The Old Testament tells us that Moses' first wife was gentile. His second wife was a Cushite, a Negro. Cush in Hebrew means "black." The New Testament tells us that Jesus was a Jew ... so were his parents and brothers, also every one of his apostles. If you say that Jews are a "Distinct Class" of people - that, too, is incorrect generalization.

Obviously Jews do not qualify under the primary or secondary definitions of the word "race," as defined in the dictionary any more than you can call all Americans a "race of people" because they are a "geographical" or a "national" group.

Efforts of anthropologists to find a common racial factor among Jews have failed.

Misunderstanding of Judaism as a religion, easily leads to the mistaken



doctrine of a "Jewish race." This curious tenet rests on the twofold foundation of scientific ignorance or linguistic ambiguity.

Scholars have stated that "the term 'race' has been responsible for so much confused thinking, and confusing action, that it is urged that the term 'race' be altogether dropped from the vocabulary. Words have a tyrannous and awful power, and if we do no more than resign this term to the oblivion to which it properly belongs, this would in itself serve as a contribution toward clear thinking."

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NATIONALITY is defined as, (1) "belonging to a nation by birth or naturalization." Therefore, it seems to me that one's "nationality" has to be the nation of which he is a citizen. Any Jew born in the United States, or who came over to this country from some other part of the world and took out citizenship papers, is an American. That's his nationality.

"Nationalism" means a variety of things to a variety of people, or even to the same people at different times. It is a confusing nomenclature. Some people say that there are several forms of nationalism. I've read that there is such a thing as "cultural nationalism," as contrasted to "Political nationalism," or "religious nationalism."

If there are several forms, then it is important to differentiate when the words, "nationalism" or "nationality" are used so as to eliminate confusion. "Cultural nationalism" is supposed to spring from the deep rooted attachment of most men to the language, literature and mores of their forefathers. "Religious nationalism" dates back to the period when every ancient religion was a "state religion." Today - the average person only understands "nationalism" as it applies to political nationalism, or political identification.

When you list the word "Jewish" with other nationality groups, you infer that Jews are a nationality group. If they are - of what nation are they "nationals?" Surely you don't believe that Israel is anything but a foreign state, founded by some Jews. The average American Jew is very sympathetic to the people in Israel. But, Israel is not a "Jewish Nation." When American Jews contribute their money, time and effort to help Israel, it is a voluntary, personal, spiritual act which is done because of our sympathy with the Israeli Jews who are members of our religious fellowship. The State of Israel has 1,850,000 Jews and 350,000 Muslims, <sup>Christians</sup> Druses etc., also some Israelis who profess no faith.

Can you speak of a "National Christian," as well as a "Religious Christian"? Can you speak of a "National Moslem," as well as a "Religious Moslem"? Citizens of all creeds or none, in Israel, may be correctly described as Israelis by nationality.

There are about 5,500,000 Jews in the United States, of which I believe, I read some place, between 80% and 85% or more are native born. These Jews, with rare exceptions, insist, and justifiably so, upon being identified as American Jews because they are citizens of the United States.

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Jews are identified by their Judaism, and Judaism is a religion - not a race - not a nationality. Judaism was founded as a religion some 35 centuries ago, covering nearly two thirds of the recorded history of mankind. But, like the Protestants, Catholics, Mormons and other religions, there is no one creed which all Jews accept. Judaism is a religion that is God centered, and ethically motivated. While there is a wide diversity of practices and beliefs in Judaism - Jews have a number of common denominators of faith which have united them through centuries, such as, the basic beliefs in our Old Testament, history and memory, heritage, sentiment, prayer and education.

Senator Herbert Lehman, who is considered the outstanding Jew in America - speaking before the United States Congress not too long ago said; "American Jews are American citizens of the Jewish faith."

Jews have survived through all these centuries of persecutions etc. for one reason only - they would not give up their own religious faith. What more proof does anyone need to convince them that being Jewish is basically a religious identification. Jew - Jewish - Judaism are all synonymous with the religion of the Jews.

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✓ You ask the question as to "who is a Jew and what is a Jew?" I say that one who is born a Jew (of Jewish parents) or one who converts to Judaism is a Jew. He can be a religious Jew, affiliated with a synagogue. He can be an irreligious Jew, an agnostic, or an atheist, a Zionist or an anti-Zionist etc., or any one of the many numerous sects of Judaism, some of which existed not only in ancient times, but also in modern times.

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You also ask; "Is the Jew who does not go to a synagogue still a Jew, and if not, what is he?"

Please let me answer you in this way. Bishop James Pike, who spoke in Detroit at Temple Beth El last week, said; "In 1865 - only 15% of the population in our country were affiliated with church life." Would you say that the other 85% of the American population back in 1865 were not Christians or Jews etc. because they did not go to, or were not affiliated with a church or synagogue? These 85% certainly were Christians, Jews etc., even though they did not go to a place of worship.

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I think your questionnaire would have been more appropriately worded if item #25 would have asked; "What is your religion?" Instead of "What nationality or racial origin (ethnic group) is this family?" I, personally asked over ten people in my office who work in our art, stenographic, and bookkeeping departments etc., if they knew exactly what "ethnic group" meant. Not one of them did. None could define what "racial origin" meant. When I used "nationality or racial origin, (ethnic group)" then they were all completely confused. Surveys are seriously affected by the way questionnaires are worded and by the nature of the inquiry. I think this holds true in your case also. That's why you got some confusing answers.

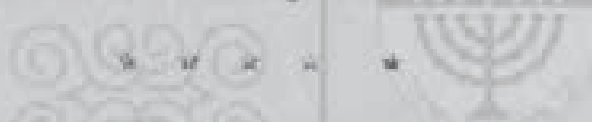
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The United States Bureau of the Census in 1957 surveyed 35,000 households. It asked the question; "What is your religion?" The replies were voluntary. Only 1% refused to answer. It explained this question by saying that the questionnaire was designed to elicit a respondent's religious preference or background - rather than church or synagogue membership and attendance or religious belief.

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If, in your survey, you want to find out what national extraction the people are, you might ask questions, at, "were you and your husband born in this country?" If either one or both were not born in this country, then - "where were you born?" If they were both born in this country, the next question the interviewer could ask is; "Were the wife's parents and the husband's parents born in this country?" If not - then you find out what country they came from. And, if the parents were all born in this country, you then go on to the grandparents. In that way you'd find out what the family's nationality was before they came to the United States. You would then know if they were of Russian, German, Polish etc. extraction.

By using simple language and simple questions, you'll get the answers that you are looking for. When you use questions like, "What is the family's 'ethnic' group, or racial origin," I'll wager most of the 7,000 people that you interviewed did not know what you were talking about.



If the Detroit News would like to really find out whether I'm right, or the Jewish person on your staff is right, why don't you do one more survey? Why not survey 100 responsible Jews who live in Detroit, and ask them what their nationality is, and what their religion is?

See how they describe themselves and how they feel about themselves. Ask such people as Max Fisher, who headed the Torch Fund Drive last year, and who is very active in helping Israel. Ask Nate Shapiro of Cunningham's, Max Osnes of Sam's. Stanley Winkelman of the Winkelman Stores, the Pincus brothers of Hughes & Hatcher, Wilfred Doner of the Doner advertising agency, that handles the Detroit News' advertising, Jake Albert and Max Gertman who used to work for the News, any of the Gershenson men, the Winkman family, the Butzel family and others, I'll make you a list of 100 Jewish men and women in town, if you'd like to have it. Or, I'll make you a list as large as you wish of leading Jews throughout the entire United States. You can send out a questionnaire to find out how many of these Jews consider themselves anything except American Jews - their nationality being American, their religion being Jewish.

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Enclosed is a copy of a letter I received from an outstanding scholar at the Hebrew Union College. I covered his name, because I forgot to ask his permission to send his letter to you. After I heard from you I phoned him to ask his opinion. This was his reply. He agreed there is potential harm from this type of listing in any kind of printed material, including 'harmless market surveys.'

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The Detroit News  
March 5th, 1962

I hope that I have convinced The Detroit News that they should discontinue their practice of listing Jews, or Jewish people under "Racial Origins," "Ethnic Groups" or "Nationality Groups." If information is to be published about Detroit's Jewish population, then please let it be listed under the caption - "Religious groups in the Detroit market." Please correct and change the wording pertaining to the Jews in your next questionnaire.

Thank you for hearing me out.

Cordially

Leonard N. Simons

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Encl.



March 16, 1962

My dear Dr. Zeitlin:

It was a delight to read your rejoinder to Professor  
Toynbee. You certainly demolished him as a would-be  
authority on Jewish history.

I trust that you are well. I send you my warmest  
regards.



Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

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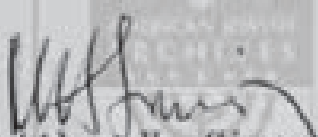
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**Secretary:**

I wish to order a copy of Rabbi Silver's sermon, "Building Walls and Shelters," which I read was available in the publication, "To Our Colleagues."

With thanks,

Most sincerely,

WRHS  
  
Matthew H. Simon  
Rabbi

**Secretary**

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Mailed 3/19/62

Dear Rabbi,

Please mail to me  
Sermon "BUILDING WALLS  
and shelters" Thank You  
Rabbi P. J. O'Connell

March 19, 1962

My dear Mr. Simons:

Let me thank you for your letter of March 15th and for the enclosures which I read with interest.

The debate in which you find yourself engaged with the "Detroit News" is a very old one and I do not believe that anything new can be said on the subject at this late date. The point which you raise can be argued ad infinitum without changing the reality of the situation, namely, that the world regards Judaism as one thing and the Jewish people as quite another and that the two are not necessarily one and the same thing. I am inclined to believe that the position taken by Mr. Hayden in his letter to you on February 20th is, by and large, a fair statement, and corresponds with the facts as they are. You may be interested in my essay "Israel" which you will find in my volume, "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival", in which I discuss quite at length the very subject which you raise.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

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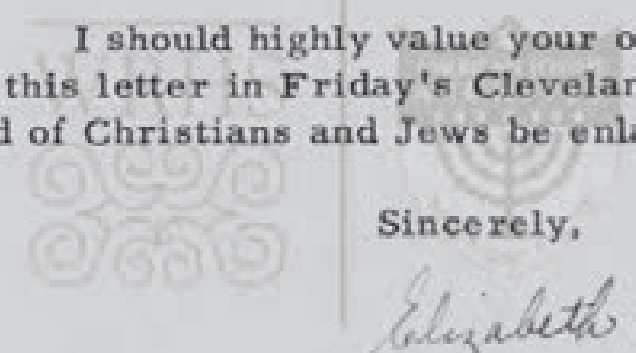
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

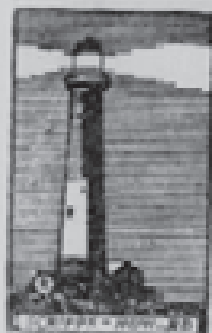
I should highly value your opinion on my suggestion, in this letter in Friday's Cleveland Press, that the brotherhood of Christians and Jews be enlarged.

Sincerely,

  
*Elizabeth A. McCullough*  
Elizabeth A. McCullough

enclosure

GIVE LIGHT AND THE PEOPLE WILL FIND THEIR OWN WAY



# The Cleveland Press

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## Enlarge Brotherhood

Christian and Jew, friendship and understanding. The Press is to be praised for promoting closer relationships between adherents to these differing creeds.

Why not enlarge the brotherhood, however? For instance, there are more Mohammedans in the world than Christians and Jews. Why not include Mohammedans? There are twice as many Communists as Christians and Jews. Why not include Communists?

Christians and Jews were first to split the atom and release the power of matter, man's greatest discovery.

Will Christians and Jews choose to use their scientific knowledge and resources to cooperate with all men of every creed and to usher in an era of harmony and happiness?

Or will they, in wickedness or folly, elect to poison the good earth and perpetrate the nuclear destruction of the human race, including Christian and Jew as well as Mohammedan and Communist?

ELIZABETH A. McCULLOUGH, 2546 Kenilworth Rd., Cleveland Heights.



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Dear Rabbi Silver:

Please oblige Rabbi Steinbrink  
by sending him a copy of your sermon,  
"Building Walls and Shelters".

Thank you,

Dorothy Woolf

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3/21  
Dear Rabbi Silver

Thank you for your prompt reply. I will try to secure a copy of your book "The World Crisis etc." because I don't have it. Enclosed is a list of your books which I do have - would you please look it over + tell me what I'm missing + let me know how to locate them. I'd like to have all of your books. I rebind them in "old world" designs down the spine + someday I'll give them together with the rest of my Judaica collection of about 400 (similarly bound) books to Brandeis or Univ. of Mich. etc.

Incidentally, I'm enclosing a little booklet we just produced on the Mich. Jew in the Civil War - thought you'd like to see it - also a story on my dictionary "battles".

Hope this finds you well

Cordially -

Leonard H. Simon



# MEMO

**DON'T SAY IT - WRITE IT!**

March 21, 1962

MR. SIMONS

## LIST OF BOOKS BY ABBA HILLEL SILVER WHICH YOU NOW HAVE

- 1 - A History of Messianic Speculation in Israel  
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- 2 - Moses And The Original Torah ---- 1961 ✓
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by Dr. Silver) ---- 1949 ✓
- 6 - Where Judaism Differed - an Inquiry into the  
distinctiveness of Judaism ---- 1956 ✓

C. A. Belcher

CAB:AB

March 21, 1962

My dear Miss McCullough:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of March 19th and for the enclosure. I am, of course, in favor of enlarging human brotherhood to include all peoples and races of the earth.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ANNA HILLEL SILVER

ANS:bfm

Miss Elizabeth A. McCullough  
2546 Kenilworth Road  
Cleveland Heights 6, Ohio

March 21, 1962

Dear Mrs. Abram:

As requested in your phone conversation this morning, I am enclosing a copy of Dr. Silver's sermon which he delivered on March 11th -- "WHAT ONE LEARNS IN FAR-AWAY PLACES". I typed this very hurriedly and it has not been edited so if you find any typographical errors, please pardon.

All good wishes,

Cordially,

Beatrice F. May (Mrs.)  
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Abba:

Since you had left for abroad, the Augean Stables of the Manuscript have been pretty well cleaned -- but it took more than one day (Hercules' time! --but who can compare himself ~~with~~ to Hercules!). I ~~may~~ got through with that job only the other day. (Colloquialisms, etc., etc.) Of course, you understand, my style has always ~~tended~~ to be conversational -- even on philosophic subjects-- the inimitable model for which is Plato's ~~Republic~~ Republic.

I was wondering, Abba, why I have not as yet received a brief word from you on my recent letter, which you must have come across in your accumulated mail on your return. I am, of course, fully aware of your busy schedule -- especially now, after your long absence from Cleveland. But in your case, the very busy man always finds time for a lot of things -- especially for something intimately personal.

I wrote a few days ago to Will Durant and to William Foxwell Albright for their kind perusal of the manuscript and for their comments. Sol Freehof will not be back to Pittsburgh before beginning of April, so I should hear from him during next month. Believe, Sol will oblige me, as perhaps also Nelson Glueck, despite his constant chasing about between Cincinnati, California and New York. To all these good people, I have written that their perusal of very clear manuscript should not take them more than several sessions, while reclining on their living room couch of an evening; and that I do not expect lengthy technical "reviews" of the same: just a few general comments will <sup>serve</sup> mine and the publishers' purposes. In a special sense, this applies to your good ~~XXXXX~~ self, since you have already labored through the previous ink-corrected draft. Not one of such corrections in the present beautiful draft! I should also like to write to Bishop Oxnham in this matter, and am awaiting your information as to whether the latter is still publicly active.

I have not with me here Battenwieser's article on Deuter<sup>2</sup>-Isaiah -- on the Palestinian locale, as I recall it, of the latter. I have a foot-note on the same, but am lacking the exact "Journal" reference. You no doubt have same in your home library; and I should be grateful for that information. Incidentally, I have seen Scribner's excellent announcement of your "Moses" in The Times, which gave me great pleasure.

Many thanks for your early words. I should very much like to have my new book in the Fall.

With my usual love to you, to Virginia, and the whole family, in which Jane heartily joins me, I am, As ever,

*Maxwell*

March 23, 1962

My dear Mr. Simon:

Thank you for your note of the 21st and for the enclosures. The booklet on "The Jewish Soldier From Michigan In The Civil War" I am placing in our Temple Library. To the list of the five volumes of mine which you have, you may add:

- 1) "THE WORLD CRISIS AND JEWISH SURVIVAL"
- 2) "DEMOCRATIC IMPULSE IN JEWISH HISTORY"

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

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LEONARD N. SIMONS

3/26

Dear Rabbi Silver

My thanks to you for the gift of your  
2 books - I shall treasure them -  
and I'll read them. We have all of  
your books? If we do anything for  
you - please don't hesitate to ask us.

Cordially -

Leonard N. Simons

March 26, 1962

My dear Maxwell:

I shall, of course, be very pleased to read your manuscript a second time. I hope that the people you asked to read the manuscript will have accepted. Concerning Bishop Oxnam, I do not know whether he is still active. His full address is:

Bishop G. Fromley Oxnam  
110 Maryland Avenue  
Washington 2, D.C.

I shall trace down the Rutenwieser article on Deutero-Isaiah.

We are all well and we send our best to you and Jane.

As ever,

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

If it is available, please send to my home address 418 S 31st  
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SHELTERS. Many thanks.

Sincerely,

*Henry Sandman*

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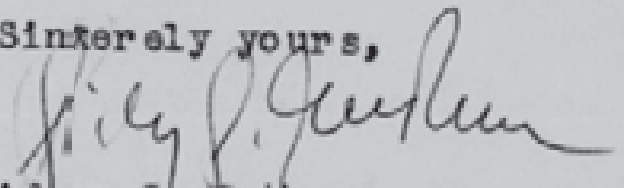
Secretary  
Dr. Abba H. Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friend:

I noted in some recent publication  
that Dr. Silver's sermon "Building  
Walls and Shelters", might be available  
and I would therefore appreciate your  
sending me a copy.

Thanking you in advance and with  
every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Sidney S. Guthman

Mailed 3/28/62



March 26, 1962

My dear Mr. Burstein:

You will find enclosed Dr. Silver's check to cover his membership for the year 1962. In answer to your query regarding his birthday, his seventieth birthday will occur on January 28, 1963.



Sincerely yours,

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

Mr. Abraham Burstein, Secretary  
The Jewish Academy of Arts and Sciences  
46 West 83rd Street  
New York 24, New York

3/29/62

Dear Rabbi Silver,

My name is James Kronenberg. I am writing you concerning a recent assignment I got in school, writing a biography about some famous person. I choose you.

I am in the sixth grade at Fernway School in Shaker Heights. I choose you because I not only think of you as a famous person, but also as a famous Jew who has done a lot for the Jews. Also my mother was confirmed at your temple, you may remember her Shirley Weiskopf.

There are some questions that I need answered:

1. What were your ambitions when you were young?
2. Can you remember your childhood in Lithuania? If so, can you tell me something about it?
3. What would you have done if you had been Eichmann's judge?
4. What are your hobbies and interests?
5. Do you believe in unilateral disarmament?
6. Do you believe in atmospheric testing?
7. How many times have you been in Israel?
8. Did you ever meet Theodore Herzl?

I realize you are busy, but I would appreciate a fast reply because this biography is due April 6. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

*Jim Kronenberg*

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P.S. I am a student of Special Hebrew at Fairmount Temple.