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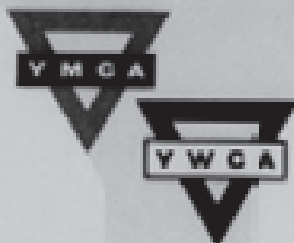
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May 1, 1963

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

My dear friend:

Saturday afternoon I stopped by my office to look over my mail and I found your wonderful letter of April 26th with the contribution of \$1,000.00 from the Abba Hillel Silver Charitable and Educational Fund. I cannot begin to tell you what joy this brought me and of the real lift it was for our campaign. Please accept our very sincere thanks for the gift, but most of all, for your kind words of encouragement.

You have been a very warm and wonderful friend over four decades and we are very grateful. It seems to me that most of the giving has been on your part. I wish you would let us know how we can do something for you and your Temple. It is most certainly due you.

You and I have been related to this wonderful city for a long time and every day I marvel at the great expressions of interest, support, and concern for good causes by the people of this community. It is folks like you who help make this great city what it is.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'E. V. Rasmussen'.

E. V. Rasmussen
Campaign Director

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\$6,250,000 FOR THE YOUTH OF CLEVELAND

221 Strathmore Avenue
Glenruadh Association
Erie, Pennsylvania
May 1, 1963

Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I came to read your fine explanatory work, through my interest in Hannah Arendt's Origins of Totalitarianism, which came to my attention through her three articles on The Richmann Trial recently printed in the New Yorker magazine.

Although I have had a college education, having earned degrees in B.A. in History, and B.F.A. in Teacher's Art, I am a self-educated scholar; my interests which have gone far beyond these degrees in bachelorhood have taken me throughout the years (I am now sixty-four years old) into philosophy, Catholic and Protestant religious writers, including Reinhold Niebuhr, whose works I read avidly some ten years ago, and then as rapidly forgot.

While living in Cleveland for some years where my husband attempted to start an engineering business with a friend, and failed, I attended many lectures at Engineers Hall, all of the programs failing, however, to incorporate into my thinking and ideas of Judaism and the true nature of how Christianity stemmed out of the conditions of the Hebrew nation in the early centuries of our era. Religion seems to be a taboo subject in academic circles.

Having now read your Where Judaism Differed I am appalled at my ignorance, of course, and morose at that of those millions of persons who have been raised in the belief that the Jewish people are a fossil ^{irony} in spite of their creative contributions to society and all that these have entailed in and for our lives. I have been searching all of my life, it now seems, in an indiscriminate maze of readings, Oriental, Occidental and everywhere but in Jewish books, for a religious belief that can mean something solid and permanent, which has only fallen to my attention at this late date. I ask myself "Why?" and can figure out no reply for myself.

While in Cleveland I became a member of the Civil Liberties through the interest of a friend of Professor Corliss Lamont, of Columbia U. and attended a few meetings there which unfortunately lead to quite radical organizations constantly requesting money, and also to the meeting of many ambitious young lawyers. Frankly I felt quite out of

*where Judaism differed
1956*

my element, due to many rapid changes of circumstances both personal and economic. I had no real social environment except that of living in a pleasant neighborhood near the Case Observatory where we occasionally attended lay astronomical meetings, or the Severance Hall concerts.

Having been raised in a very small Dutch and French Huguenot village in New York state where my father moved his family on retirement from his manufacturing business, we had no real roots; attendance at the Dutch Reformed Church of the village was a social performance to appease the natives who were very much intermarried and altogether suspicious and hostile toward strangers having more means than themselves. My father's family had immigrated from England, as English Episcopalians, my mother, his secretary and a Midwestern, had long since separated from her church, a Protestant sect.

I am relating these environmental conditions to you so that you may understand my need as one who like the Hebrews has wandered far from an original life source, but even unhappier, had no original roots anywhere, so that I can compare myself only to a tumble weed taking on light and air only in a most impressionistic way while realizing and longing for roots.

Now at this late date I come to you as source and fountain head of something valuable, I might call it the intellect with spirit and emotions still intact, separating myth from fact carefully, thoughtfully, and with devotion. Since this small city of Erie, Pennsylvania is a closed Catholic society (in the main) it was necessary for me to finish some education courses for my degrees, in a Catholic college. There are three such institutions here. I found what you have said in your book mentioned above with regard to their religious dogmas, to be disturbingly true. Since the stem-wind of my whole being is in art and the love of beauty, I was particularly prone to the beauty of the Renaissance art, the cathedral building of the Middle Ages brought down to date in our contemporary life, and the fascinating habits of the nuns as they gracefully rose and fell in prayer in chapel. The priests, although power is their metre, being forced to take on a bland and untreatening look, were also a subject of study for me, for they were serene faces in a turbulent landscape. I fell into what you might call a religious swoon, as Newman has described in his *Apologia*, when life has become "too much", so to speak, and the soul must find rest, anywhere that there is rest to be found. Perhaps with your strength and merit you have never experienced this need; a must for survival, in the work.

Now I do substitute teaching in the Secondary Schools of the Erie Public School system. It is not enough for living needs at a minimum. And this because I was not able to accept the Catholic life in a myth when it came to a final decision. I know that these are bad times and dangerous times once again for Israel, but I would

like to come to you and to talk to you, to die or to survive with you if you will teach me the ways of your Jewish life in the religion of Judaism in some living capacity in your home or in that of another truly pious and worthy Jew.

This is no doubt an exceedingly odd request, but very sincerely made. I am, as you have guessed from this epistle, not a brilliant person, nor a literary one, but with many errors as to the way, a searcher and a seeker, and with all my readings your work, Where Judaism Differed, has impressed me most as to the solid core of survival which exists today in the Hebrew life.

Trusting to hear from you at an early date, I am

sincerely yours,

Julia Storr Mac Innes
Julia Storr Mac Innes (Mrs. Harold B.)

Postscript.

Please do not refer me to any of your Elders or Rabbis here in Erie. For various reasons, one of which is the School Board domination by Catholic control, I have neither the spiritual or physical strength to fight another battle here in this city, nor may I say, the financial means. I am a domestic minded woman, having two grown and married children living away from this city where I have now resided for eight years, consecutively.

Yehuda Kagan
10 Kinneret St'

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To

Ala Yeh Shikell Silver

Dear Sir

I am 15 years old.

I am a collector of signatures of famous people in the world.

I shall have a great pleasure to add His Majesty's signature to my collection.

Thanking His Majesty in anticipation

Yours faithfully

Yehuda Kagan.

Dated 5/2/63



איגרת אוויר
AEROGRAMME



To

Mr.

Abba Hill Silver

Cleveland

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קבל שלישי

אם יושם משתו בפנים, תישלח האיגרת בדואר רגיל

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אם יושם לשהר כפלים, תישלח האיגרת בדואר רגיל

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*Book
sent*

May 3, 1963

My dear Dr. Nedava:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of April 16th.
Under separate cover I am sending you four books:

- 1) "Moses and the Original Torah", which appeared last year;
- 2) "Vision and Victory", which contains, as you will see from the contents, all the important addresses which I delivered in connection with the Zionist struggle in the few years leading up to the establishment of the State;
- 3) "In the Time of Harvest", which is a "Festschrift" which my friends published on the occasion of my seventieth birthday, and
- 4) A paper-back edition of my "History of Messianic Speculations in Israel", with a new preface, published two years ago.

It was good to have seen you in Israel and I send you all my best wishes.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

P.S. - I have not had word that the Bank Leumi Le-Israel that a check for my royalties was placed in my account by the Massadah Publishing Company.

A. H. S.

Dr. Joseph Nedava
7 Nitzanim Street
Ramat-Gan, Israel

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May 3, 1963

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

It was so good to hear your voice speak out in public once more. I know that you are lecturing a great deal but it is a long time since you have been on a New York Zionist platform and I, for one, would like to express my joy. On the way out of the hall everyone I met expressed the same feeling; a sense of homecoming and of relief that we have finally heard a voice of leadership again.

I was delighted to learn that you will address the Triennial Convention of the International Council of Jewish Women in Cleveland on Sunday, June 9th. This gives me an incentive to attend at least for a couple of days. Should you have the time and inclination I shall be only too delighted to have the opportunity to exchange some thoughts with you once more. I do not plan to arrive before Sunday but could come in earlier that day and will definitely stay Monday and possibly part of Tuesday.

The prime purpose of this letter is to express a deep thank you for having voiced what all of us felt needed to be said at this time.

With every good wish to Mrs. Silver and yourself,

Cordially,

Hannah

Miss Hannah Stein
Executive Director

HS:sn

May 3, 1963

My dear Martin:

I am enclosing herewith the name of the Jewish Community in Brussels, its Synagogue and the address, as well as the name of the Rabbi, Rabbi M. Kahlenberg. I have checked on the community. It has four or five synagogues and other community agencies, and it is evidently well organized. I am sure that the Rabbi will give you all the information which you desire.

I have also spoken with Mr. Bamberger here at the Temple. Arrangements will be made at the next meeting of the Finance Committee for your "out-of-the-country" membership.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mr. Martin Evans
16251 Aldersyde Road
Cleveland 20, Ohio

May 3, 1963

My dear Mr. Goldfarb:

I received your lovely note of April 25th and I wish to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing to me. Your gracious words were deeply appreciated. I hope that I may have the pleasure soon of seeing you in person.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mr. William B. Goldfarb
800 National City E. 6th Building
Cleveland 14, Ohio

May 6, 1963

Dear Mrs. Somerman:

Your letter of April 29th addressed to Mr. Krohngold was turned over to me and I am enclosing herewith a glossy photograph of Dr. Silver which we have been using for publicity. This photograph was taken in Israel a few years ago but it is a wonderful likeness and it is of just his head and shoulders, which you requested.

Cordially yours,

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

Enclosure

Mrs. Betty Jacobson Somerman
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6 May 1963

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

I have just received a reply from Mr. Bakstansky of the Joint Palestine Appeal in London. He has asked us to handle the matter of your airplane fare to London, which we are happy to do.

According to our information, the round trip first class fare Cleveland to London is \$968.30. Does this coincide with your records? If so, we shall immediately send you a check for that amount.

Looking forward to hearing from you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Herbert A. Friedman

Herbert A. Friedman
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May 6, 1963

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CONFIRM TO ME. BEST REGARDS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



May 6, 1963

My dear Rabbi Tarr:

Thank you for sending me the book, "The Conversion of Chaplain Cohen". I know that I shall read it with a great deal of pleasure.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain



AHS:bfs



Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Rabbi Herbert Tarr
3111 New Hyde Park Road
New Hyde Park, New York

The Temple

LEO M. ASCHERMAN

ATTORNEY AT LAW

1800 - THE SUPERIOR BUILDING

CLEVELAND 14, OHIO

May 7, 1963

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

My dear Rabbi:

Those of us who have been privileged to enjoy the warmth of your friendship over the years have a deep fondness and admiration for you as our Rabbi and friend, yet we hesitate to trouble you with what some may term insignificant problems. I trust I am not imposing upon you if I bring to your attention a matter which disturbs me. As you know I plan to be a candidate for Mayor of Shaker Heights in the November election and have been making campaigning plans for many months. The initial step is the mailing of the enclosed letter to some 12,000 homes in Shaker, and I am hopeful that the postal card returns will result in the formation of a citizens committee of 500 persons.

All of the persons whose names appear on the letter have consented to serve on an organizing committee. Many weeks ago I invited Abe Luntz to serve on this committee. Recently, he met my brother, Charley, and told him that he had promised to support Mayor Jones for business reasons. I would have no cause to complain if he would have said that in his opinion Mayor Jones was better qualified to serve the people of Shaker Heights.

There is in my humble judgment a moral issue and principal involved. Jones became Mayor as part of the Stapleton to Templeton to Jones deal which I promptly challenged and which the Plain Dealer referred to as "Shaker Shenanigans" and The Press exposed

LEO M. ASCHERMAN

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1800 - THE SUPERIOR BUILDING

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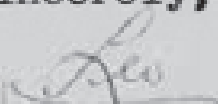
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as a fraud and "Betrayal in Shaker Heights". Even if Abe feels no personal loyalty to me he should be influenced by the manner in which Jones was elevated to the office of Mayor.

As a resident of Shaker you may have an opportunity to discuss our local government with Abe, and I thought it advisable to fortify you with this information.

My warmest personal regards and best wishes to you.

Sincerely,



Leo M. Ascherman

LMA/rg

Enclosure



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May 8, 1963

My dear Rabbi Friedman:

Thank you for your letter of May 6th. As I did not travel to London first-class, but tourist, the actual round-trip cost was \$529.20. Mrs. Silver went along with me and her trip cost \$379.20. This is less than a single first-class ticket, so if the London people want to pay for the trip of both of us, the amount will be as indicated -- \$908.40; if for me, alone, the amount will be \$529.20.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABEA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Monday, 11th March.

Arriving London Airport Central (No.3 Passenger Building), Trans Canada Air Lines, Flight No. 856, 7 a.m. Airport Reception in V.I.P. Lounge. Staying at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, W.1. (GROsvenor 6363).

Tuesday, 12th March.

Grosvenor House Launching Banquet

You will be introduced by the Chairman, Mr. J. Edward Sieff, to members of the Administrative Committee and some of the chief subscribers at 7.10 p.m. Dinner 7.30 p.m. Dinner jacket. Mr. S. Y. Harwich will call for you at 7 p.m. to take you to the Reception.

In the Chair: Mr. J. Edward Sieff

Other Speakers will be:

H.E. The Israel Ambassador Mr. Arthur Lourie

Sir Isaac Wolfson, Appeal Chairman

Mr. Hyam Morrison, Hon. Treasurer

You will speak after the Israel Ambassador has seconded the Toast to the Guest of Honour, which will be proposed by the Chairman. The Chairman has allocated to you 25 to 30 minutes.

Thursday, 14th March.

Leeds

Mr. S. W. Gold, Provincial Director, will call for you at 8.45 a.m. to go to Kings Cross Station to catch the 9.20 a.m. train, which arrives at 1.05 p.m. The Reception is at 7 p.m. at the Queens Hotel (where you are staying). Dinner 7.30 p.m. Dinner jacket. The Chairman will be Mr. B. C. Gillinson, J.P., M.A., who is a veteran Zionist and a generous contributor himself. He is Acting Chairman since the recent death of the Chairman Mr. John Ellis. The actual Appeal for donations will be made by Councillor Bernard Lyons, one of our most generous donors who is the President of the Leeds Jewish Representative Council and perhaps the most influential Jew in the city. He too is a principal key man for the J.P.A. work in Leeds. Both Mr. Gillinson and Councillor Lyons are National Vice-Presidents of the J.P.A.

Friday, 15th March.

You will be coming back to London on the 10.34 a.m. Pullman, which arrives at Kings Cross Station at 2.09 p.m. A car will be waiting to take you to your Hotel.

Sunday, 17th March.

Manchester

Mr. S. W. Gold will call for you at 7.45 a.m. to proceed to London Airport to catch BE 4018 leaving 9 a.m. and due in at 9.45 a.m. The Reception is at 6.30 p.m. at the Midland Hotel (where you are staying). Dinner 7 p.m. Dinner jacket. The Chairman will be Mr. Emanuel Raffles, J.P., who is Chairman of the J.P.A. in Manchester and perhaps the most influential Zionist Jew in the city. His son is married to Mr. J. Edward Sieff's daughter. Mr. Raffles has just turned 70 and he has been the principal Honorary Officer for all phases of Zionist work in Manchester for very many years. The actual Appeal for donations will be made by Councillor S. C. Hamburger, J.P., who is one of the leading communal workers in the city and a principal Honorary Officer of the Manchester J.P.A. He is the President of the Manchester and Salford Jewish Communal Council.

Monday, 18th March.

You will be travelling back to London on BE 4023 leaving 10.20 a.m. and due in at 11.05 a.m. A car will be waiting to take you to your Hotel.

Mr. S. Y. Harwich, J.P.A. General Secretary, Head of the Speakers Bureau and Financial Secretary of all branches of Zionist work, will look after all arrangements on your behalf in London.

Mr. S. W. Gold, the J.P.A. Provincial Director and of the Zionist Federation, will accompany you on your Provincial journeys and look after your arrangements there.

RABBI ARTHUR J. LELYVELD

May 9, 1963

Dear Dr. Silver -

Toby came across this in
a collection of Theatre
magazines that were saved
by my late father.

Because of the highly
laudatory personal
reference, we thought it
would both please and
amuse you!

Our fond greetings

Arthur

12 May 1963

ל"ג בעומר, ושכ"ג

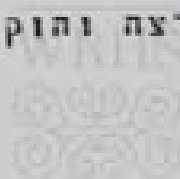
לכבוד
הרב ד"ר אבא הלל סילבר

כבוד הרב,

ר"ב מיטב הברכות מאה מיטב האישים
בהרגוסם העברי, אני מקוה, שכיונחי בהרגוסם
לדעאם הגמורה של המברכים, ואני מוסיף עליהם
גם את ברכתי.

ברגשי הערצה והוקרה רבה

איש מולין



דברי הברכות קד"ר אבא הלל סילבר קיובלו

(בגושף היוכל, שהתקיים בקליבלנד למלאת שבעים שנה לד"ר אבא הלל סילבר, נוקבלו מברקי ברכה למכביר, אנו מביאים כאן את קצתם של דברי הברכות).

א.

מאת נשיא ארצות-הברית, ג'והן פ. קנדי:

מיטב ברכותי להרב אבא הלל סילבר ליום הולדתו השבעים ומלאת ארבעים וחמש שנים לכתונתו כמנהיג הרוחני של ה"היכל".

במשך השנים האלה שימש לא רק את עדתו, כי אם את כל העיר ואת האומה כולה, עצתו ודעתו, ראייתו התודרת, פיקחותו וחכמתו היו לתועלת לכולנו.

עונג הוא לי לשתף את עצמי עם כל הנאספים לכבודו על שירותו המצוין לציבור של קליבלנד ולאומה.

(תברכה ויקראה עלידי שרה-בריאות א ג ט ו ג י י' . ס ל ב ר י ו י).

ב.

מאת נשיא ארצות-הברית לשעבר, דווייט ד. אייזנ-האואר:

זכות היא לעתף ברכה עם קהל הנאספים לכבוד הרב אבא הלל סילבר במלאת לו שבעים שנה. בוודאי הוא מוצא סיפוק-נפש רב, כשהוא סוקר את שנות חייו המלאים שירות קונסטרוקטיבי ומסור, לא רק לעם היהודי, כי אם לכל העם האמריקני ולעולם. יהי רצון, שיהיו שנות חייו בעתיד ארוכות ופודיות לטובת הכלל, כפי שהיו בעבר.

ג.

מאת ראש ממשלת ישראל, דוד בן-גוריון:

במשך השנים מילאת תפקיד מיוחד ומצוין בהעשירך את החיים היהודיים בארצות-הברית, בבניין התנועה הציונית באמריקה ובעולם כולו וביוסודת של מדינת ישראל.

בסגולתך התאומה של תלמיד חכם ומדינאי רכשת את הערצת הרבים — הן בארצות-הברית והן בישראל. בשם העם היישובי בציון ובשם ממשלת ישראל הריני שולח לך את תזיתולים החמים ביותר לרגל מלאת לך שבעים שנה. יהי רצון, שתזכה עוד לשנים ארוכות של בריאות ומרץ, כדי להמשיך בהן את פעולתך הפורית למען עם ישראל.

ד.

מאת שר החינוך של ממשלת ישראל, אבא אבן:
איתולי הלבביים לאבא הלל סילבר, שפעלו להיס-טוריה היהודית — הא קיים לעד.

ה.

מאת ראשי ההסתדרות הציונית העולמית, נחום גולדמן ומשה שרת:

הרינו מביעים לך בשם התנהלה הציונית ובשמינו אנו את מיטב האיתוליים והברכות הטובים למלאת לך שבעים שנה. שמי ישראל חרות לעולם בתולדות הציונות כאחד המנהיגים הנלהבים, הנמרצים המשפיעים ביותר של התנועה, בחלקך במאבק המדיני למען מדינת היהודים תרמת תרומה בתיקומא לנצחון המדיני הגדול ביותר של עמנו.

יהי רצון, שודינאמיות שלך וכשר יצירתך האינטלקט-טואלית יוסיפו לעמוד לך עוד שנים רבות, שתהיינה שנות פעולה פורית למען מדינת ישראל ועם ישראל.

תערוכת תנינו באוניברסיטת ניויורק

בתערוכת ניסו וארשה, שתיפתח באוניברסיטת ניויורק ביום 7 במאי, בשעה 8 בערב, יוצג בין השאר יומנו המקורי של חיים אהרן קפלן, המורח והמפורס, שנתן תיאור מלא על חיי הניסו בשנות 1939—1942. היום נכתב בעברית ונמצא ברשות האוניבר-סיטה של ניויורק. במקום הפתיחה ינאם תגרי פולין בארצות-הברית, פר אדוארד דרונצאק.

בְּהָרֵי קֶטְסְקִיל*

מחזה מבוסס על ה

מערכה שלישית

(ליד שאלחנה על קלרה, כלתם של בעלי המלון, שורר קוצר רוח ורגז. והמלצרית של שולחן זה היא פלורה, שאביה איש עשיר. אחד האורחים החשובים של מלון ברוקוויל. הצופר (, בוס צוי") הוא איז, בחור דק ורזה, וטרם ננחש. פלורה היא גבוהת-קומה ויפת-גוף, עיניה צרות ומבריקות ומאחיה דקות וקטנות ומשתרבות בקוצר רוח. מסביב לשולחן יושבים גם מוריס סוזין, אמילי, והסופר הארצהורן. שלושתם מדברים אידית איש אל רעהו, וכשקלרה אומרת מה באנגלית, משתתק הארצהורן לשעה קלה. נותן בה מבט ממושך, ועונה לה באדיבות מוגזמת באנגלית. מייד הוא חוזר וממשיך את שיחתו באידית. נושא השיחה הוא בטיקור על מכרים מן התיאטרון היהודי או מבין הסופרים הכותבים אידית).

קלרה (בגאווה): כלל לא ידעתי, שיש תיאטרון יהודי!...

סוזין: הרי כך אומרים הבריות: עשרים שנה גרתי בבית חמותי ולא ידעתי כלל שיש לחתול זנב... קלרה: כלום עדיין הולך משהו לתיאטרון היי-הודי? ... זכרת אני שבימי ילדותי היתה סבתי באה ולוקחת אותי אל התיאטרון היהודי, ואחר כך הייתי שרה את השירים והניגונים ששמעתי שם.

ליאו האלפר (המתהלך לאורכו ולרוחבו של החדר, נעצר ומסה אוחן לשיחה): אדרבה, אולי נשיר כמה שירים באידית ונראה לאינטליגנטים שלנו, מה זה שיר יהודי!...

(ליאו נוחח בשיר ובני החבורה עונים אחריו, וגם האורחים מן השולחנות הקרובים מצטרפים):

„פלאקער פיערל, פלאקער,

קנאק אינע פרייליך צו...“

(הכל מחים כף, ולבקשת הקהל ליאו ממשיך):

„נאט אין זיין משפט איז גערעכט,

אן קיינער זאל נישט זאגן

אז גאט טוט שלעכטס“ וכ'.

הארצהורן (נשען אל סוזין דרך התקרבות): היה פולקלור עשיר בתיאטרון היהודי של הימים התם... אף בימי מוריס שווארץ, מנשה סקולניק, מאלי פיקון... סוזין: יש לנו שחקנים מצויינים גם עתה, הלא כן?

(אמילי נועצת עיניה בהארצהורן, למבקשת לחקור, אם כך גם זעתו).

ליליאן: יש לנו גם סופרים מצויינים...

קלרה (מעמידה פנים שהדברים נורים לה): ומי הם, השחקנים והסופרים היהודיים?

אמילי (צוחקת בהנאה מיוחדת ומביטה על הארצהורן): אמנם כדאי, שתדע הנכרת האלפר על המחזות של

(*) עי' „הדואר“, בליון כ"ה.

אותו אשה הולכת בכביש, חשב תחילה שמבנות הכפר היא, אך בשמעו את קולה, קול יהודי, כיוון רובתו וירת, היריה לא החסיאת.

בטיקור נמצאה סבתא לאה מוטלת על הכביש. לידה מיחם תאלופיניום שלה הפוך — והבוג האחרונה של קפה, שביקשה להביא לעקב-לייב — נמפל בדמה שניתו מראשה.

בחדר-המתים של בית-החולים „הרפה“ כבר היו מוטלות שתי-פעשה גוויות של מתים, שאנשי החברה קדישא פחדו לצאת לבית-העלמין כדי לקברם.

את סבתא לאה המתה הניחו על הרצפה ליד גופתו של יעקב-לייב, ידידו הקרוב של דודל, נכדה האהוב של הסבתא לאה.

המיחם נשאר על הכביש...

May 13, 1963

My dear Hannah:

Thank you for your letter of May 3rd and for the nice things which you say about my address at the Lincoln Center.

I am pleased to learn that you will attend the Convention of the International Council of Jewish Women in Cleveland. When you get to town, give me a ring and we will arrange a meeting here in my study.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfn

Miss Hannah Stein
Executive Director
National Council of
Jewish Women
One West 47th Street
New York 36, New York

May 13, 1963

My dear Mrs. Mac Innes:

Let me thank you for your letter of May first. I have been away from the city much of the time. Therefore, this delayed reply. I am pleased to know that my book, "Where Judaism Differed" has been helpful to you.

You say that you would like to come to talk to me. When you are in Cleveland next, I shall be very happy to have you come in to my study and I shall be pleased to discuss with you further your spiritual problems to which you refer in your letter.

With all good wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfn

Mrs. Harold B. Mac Innes
321 Stratmore Avenue
Glenruadh Association
Erie, Pennsylvania

May 13, 1963

My dear Arthur:

Thank you for sending me the review which appeared in the Theatre Magazine of August, 1910.

As you see, it has been a long day's journey into the limelight.

I acted the part of Moses in 1910. Fifty years later I wrote a book about "Moses and the Original Torah", but I am afraid that in spite of my histrionic talents and my scholarly researches, Moses still dwells in that thick darkness which he entered on his way up to Sinai.

With warmest greetings, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Dr. Arthur J. Lelyveld
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May 14, 1963

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing, herewith, a reproduction of a letter addressed to Dr. Kaplan from the American Council for Judaism. This letter was occasioned by an editorial which appeared in our magazine criticizing the Council for statements made with regard to the treatment of the Jews of Russia.

Since your name is mentioned in this letter I would like to hear from you with regard to the statement on the top of page 2: "...I am joined in this particular expression by Rabbi Abba H. Silver and Dr. Nahum Goldmann."

Hoping to hear from you and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely,


Ira Eisenstein

IE:r

P. S. I am enclosing a copy of the editorial in case you may have missed it.

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14 May 1963

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed please find check for \$908.40, covering the actual fare for Mrs. Silver and yourself. I am certain that the London people would want to pay for both of you, and I am making the decision accordingly.

With all good wishes, and with the deepest thanks for your undertaking that assignment, I am,

Most cordially yours,

Herbert A. Friedman

HAE:gb

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321 Shattmore Avenue
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Eric Pennsylvania
May 16, 1965.

Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver, - Thank you for your
reply. I have come to the conclusion that in
connecting from the Angelican Faith to the Roman,
that ^{John Henry} Newman was struggling to find his way
back to Judaism; that some great misfortune
like the Fall, had ^{been} taken from him. And so ~~he~~,
in his pseudo-Sinaitic way, was the spark in
our American English Henry Adams in his
attempt to explain the dream of Henry Adams.
John Henry Newman I love, Henry Adams I
do not; his confusion becomes too great, at least for me.
The Jewish people have a real friend
in James Parkes, Anglican minister who in his
Judaism and Christianity, based on the Chas. Tom Eliot
lectures, 1946-7, attempts to make Christianity take
notice of ^{its} ~~their~~ responsibility for Anti-Semitism,
and to make the Jews take notice of the fact

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that Assimilation is a form of self-destruction.
 That both Reform Judaism & modernized Christianity
 must share in the struggle to establish norms -
 In this the responsibility of the Jews in the Diaspora
 is very great, particularly in the U.S.A. he says.

Barker says, "Assimilation only becomes
 something to deplore under two conditions, for
 only one of which Jews can be blamed. When
 there is not sufficient Jewish vitality in the
 Jewish community to digest that which it
 receives from the outside. This is a purely
 Jewish affair (internal) not a Gentile dictation,
 from outside dictated from political or social
 basis - in such cases there is bound to be a
 steady stream of insincere conversions" etc.

But actually are Jews to be blamed for an
 "insufficient vitality"? And in this phraseology
 of the word "vitality" are there not at least three
 kinds - psychic, intellectual, & physical - the last
 of which John Henry Newman & many other
 religious leaders are no doubt deficient in?

These questions are looming larger, and
relate themselves to the dangerous ^{over} of
exploitation in the power field, as Wagner
found, the task which Johnson sets itself to
perform cannot be undertaken except in terms
of political means. (I have just been looking
into the Quaker Wagner biography.)

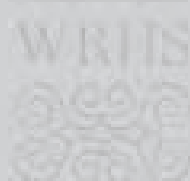
Having your letter, received yesterday,
has meant so much to me. Your responsibility
& problems must be assuming enormous
proportions as time goes by. I realize fully
that I have, by my personal request, added to
your mission, by a request for meaning in my
own life. I trust your understanding. I know ^{much}
more deeply than I can express, the oddity of
my request in the conditions of our times.

I shall let you know before coming
to Cleveland, as I do not make casual visits
there.

Sincerely yours in a truly
pragmatic ideal. I am in your debt,

Julia Stark MacLennan
(Tom Harold B.)

Please send an available
material on your
viewpoints



LOUIS E. WEITZ
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW
LEADER BUILDING
CLEVELAND

5/16/63

Dear Rabbi Silver -

For a garrulous person I
have, strangely, had great difficulty in finding
the words which would be indicative of the
deep sense of appreciation which I feel for
your efforts on my behalf.

Mustering words of gratitude is
an easy virtue, rather I should hope that
my actions will never cause you to regret
your more than kind words.

Sincerely,
Louis

TEMPLE EMANUEL
1250 BOWER HILL ROAD
PITTSBURGH 16, PA.

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

5/17/63

Dear Uncle abba -

That sermon of mine I sent
you a few weeks ago landed
up (of all places) in the Congressional
record! I hope you will enjoy
seeing it.



Love Virginia

as ever,

Harold



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Three Lives—Three Deaths—Three Prayers

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OF

HON. JAMES G. FULTON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 18, 1963

Mr. FULTON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, Judge Samuel Weiss, of Pittsburgh, Pa., my good friend and former Congressman, has forwarded me a remarkable sermon to read.

As I have admired Rabbi Harold Silver for his devotion, intelligence, and humanity, I am offering this New Year's sermon for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD as an inspiring document:

THREE LIVES—THREE DEATHS—THREE PRAYERS
(By Rabbi Harold Silver)

The older I become, with the passing of each new year in my life, January 1 has less and less meaning. The only new year observance any longer which has any poignant significance for me is the Jewish New Year. More and more I stand in awe of our forefathers who were so wise and realistic in arranging our religious calendar in such a way that the new year begins at the fall season of the year. It makes so much more sense to me to inaugurate a brand new chapter in your book of life at that particular time of the year, rather than in the dead of winter, as we observe it in the general calendar.

The fall is such a logical time to start a new year in our society. Summer and the vacation hours are over, with our minds and bodies refreshed and reinvigorated. A new school year commences for our children. A whole new season of communal activities is launched in the fall revolving around all of the major religious, cultural, and social institutions in our life. Mother Nature begins to yield her rich harvest at this glorious autumnal season of the year. All in all, there is an infinitely rich variety of true endings and real beginnings clustering around the Jewish New Year, which makes it a natural and impressive starting point in everybody's life. There is no forced or artificial need to whip up one's mood or spirits, as with January 1, to remind us of the fact that another calendar climax in our lifetime has been reached. I think that is why most people actually resent the New Year's Eve festivities as they grow older. A person cannot help but wonder: What exactly is it he is supposed to be celebrating on December 31? It's the dead of winter. The weather is foul. The Christmas season whirlwind has hit our community with its usual tornado-like exhaustion. The morning of January 1 generally brings us all one monster headache, with bills for the season past, and

our income tax forms for the year just ended. Three more months of hard, cold winter stare us in the face. Driving conditions could not be any more treacherous. Winter has the highest incidence of sickness and death. January is probably the worst business month of the year. It is no wonder that so many people seem to want to drown themselves in alcohol on New Year's Eve to forget as much as they can. This certainly is not a particularly propitious, edifying, or inspiring time of the year to turn over a new leaf.

I imagine that each generation feels that only it has experienced the height and depth of great drama, emotion and history in any given year. However, as I reflect upon the year just ended, I wonder to myself what emotions of any other generation can really compare with the excruciating tenseness we all experienced last year as we in this country waited for interminable hours for the breath-clutching return of John Glenn's capsule from the frosted loneliness and dangers of outer space. What can compare with the emotion-charged grimness and fascination of the spine-tingling drama surrounding the calling in of hundreds of Federal marshals, and thousands of Federal troops to the University of Mississippi, in the blood-stained and riot-filled successful attempt to enroll one Negro student at "Ole Miss?" And that unforgettable of unforgettable Tuesdays last October—when literally the fate of our whole civilization hung in dreadful balance over the Cuban situation, as America took the nuclear bit in its national mouth, and the panic button for universal disaster was primed for pushing by the President of the United States.

Whenever anyone is caught up in a seemingly impossible and dreadful situation, the question always arises: how much can a body take before the ultimate collapse? Looking backwards over the last year has convinced me that the capacity of the human animal to absorb shock, excitement, despair and sheer horror, and yet rise above it confidently and constructively, is absolutely unlimited, unfathomable and unbelievable. I have stood over too many hospital beds in my life to believe otherwise. I have talked with too many people in this life who have managed to survive every conceivable human horror to think otherwise. We human beings are truly a remarkable and mysterious creation. Anyone who still doubts the presence of God in human life, after observing the race of man confront crisis after crisis in human affairs—face these crises with unbelievable tenacity, courage, determination, and hope—can anyone still imagine, in his wildest and brooding skepticism, that such awe-inspiring human capacity to survive and to prevail derives only from the 97 cents worth of chemistry in the human body?

As we have all turned another sharp corner in our lives, I choose to reflect upon

the year just ended not through the eyes of a political commentator evaluating the torrid and complex historical events of 1962, I leave that task to others. I choose to survey 1962 rather through the death of three unique women. Three remarkable women whose lives in my mind are truly symbolic of so much of what is essentially wrong and right with our generation. There are profound truths and tragedies in the lives of these three women which have a solemn and yet an inspiring hopefulness bearing upon all of our lives, if only we will pause a moment at the beginning of 1963 and give to these lives far more than a passing consideration.

The first death which I know saddened us all immeasurably during 1962 was Eleanor Roosevelt's. There is an old saying in our ancient literature which declares that in every generation there are 36 unique and righteous human beings upon whose spirit the health and welfare of all mankind in that particular generation is dependent. Without question, Eleanor Roosevelt nobly qualifies to be included among this 36. She was one of the most gifted and heart-warming personalities our age has produced. Her death leaves a tremendous emptiness in the world. Part of this void is due to the fact that her passing severs us all from the last link we in our generation have with the Roosevelts. No matter what our politics, the impact of the Roosevelt presidency in the life of our Nation, and in the history of our time, was of such a dynamic nature that many generations will elapse before the unique image of that gigantic public figure will ever pass our way again.

Certainly, no American President was ever blessed with such a mate—such an unexcelled woman who unflaggingly gave more of herself and her own deep-inner life to the whole world around her in an unceasing, fruitful, and fulfilling measure. If ever there was a woman who by dint of her shy, retiring nature, temperament and personality was a sure-fire candidate for public obscurity Eleanor Roosevelt was that woman. If ever there was a wife who by virtue of her mother-in-law's and her husband's completely overpowering public and private personality was to be pigeon-holed for "non-entity-hood," that woman was Eleanor Roosevelt. But the inherent greatness and resplendent majesty of her inner being was not to be denied by any of these considerable lifetime handicaps. Her enormous inner worth blessedly burst forth in her later, mature years enveloping a thousand different, meaningful human causes and concerns, enriching all incalculably who were privileged to come into contact with her ennobling presence.

As the sun of her husband's life set forever, the moon of her own brilliant and stirring public personality rose to greater and greater

heights of illumination, involvement, responsibility and effort. She was a towering inspiration to all of us. In an age where the impulse to involve oneself beyond the heady commitment to self is notoriously weak and ineffectual, Eleanor Roosevelt, through her tireless, undeviating lifetime commitment to the problems of an all-embracing humanity, goaded, embarrassed and inspired all of us to direct our eyes and hearts more searchingly to those who have lost their way in this world. Her concern for people was universal. The frontier of her human commitment was without limit. Because of this, she rightly earned the laurel of "First Lady of the World." No grave is big enough for her mortal remains. She lies enshrined in all our hearts. May we all prove worthy of having lived in the same generation with this great lady.

A second woman died last year whose death also saddened us but for entirely different reasons. Here was a woman who, on the surface of her glittering life, seemed to possess everything imaginable most people struggle feverishly to attain—wealth, beauty, fame, and glory. Yet with all of these "attainments," beneath the high-powered glamor, tinsel, and notoriety, there was only heartache, loneliness, three broken and barren marriages, and a brooding, lifetime despair which inevitably led to a lethal overdosage of sleeping pills, and a lifeless body slumped over an empty bed with a cold, dead hand clutched pathetically on the telephone.

I think that what really upset most people about Marilyn Monroe's death was not so much the tragedy as to how her life suddenly ended. For her ending really was not sudden. She began to die years and years before she took those sleeping pills—all those years of her early loveless, bitterly unhappy, and abandoned childhood; the years of frustration with a terribly wrong first marriage of escape; the years of an even greater unhappiness with a second and equally wrong marriage of fame and convenience; the years of degradation, enveloped in a cold, conniving, and sensational motion picture career, where her limited artistic assets were blown up cruelly out of proportion to the real inner needs, demands, and abilities of the woman herself; and, then, the years of a third and equally wrong and depressing marriage for which her flamboyant career had by this time poisoned any real chance she might have had for any normal marital success and fulfillment.

The larger tragedy of Marilyn Monroe's life in my mind is that essentially all she ever wanted from life was what most ordinary women achieve with ease and simplicity—a decent husband to love, a baby, and a normal, happy, married homelife—things, sadly, which far too many women today stupidly and tragically deprecate and take for granted—yearning and daydreaming all the while for the glamor, fame, and excitement, which was Marilyn's, but which she would gladly have given up all in a moment for these other generally unacknowledged and unappreciated family blessings. What so moved many, many people deeply about Marilyn Monroe's suicide was the sober realization that abiding and satisfying happiness in life is not manufactured in the Hollywood of our dreams. The intrinsic values and imperatives of living in 1963, or

in any other year, are not to be found on the glittering covers of national magazines, or in the scandal columns many of us devour hungrily each morning over breakfast. The long-range human cure for most daily discontent and dissatisfaction in our time will never be found in alcohol, in tranquilizers, or on the couches of psychiatrists. The basic cure, in fact, the great challenge of today, is rather in one's recalling forgotten and unappreciated, God-given daily blessings of sound physical and mental health, decent mates, emotionally healthy children, and the unacknowledged fruits of whatever livelihood destiny has chosen for us to pursue. This poor woman's untimely death last year gave us all, of both sexes, a much-needed, new look at ourselves, and the paradise which is lost sight of in our lives only to those who are too blind to see it right in front of their own faces.

The third woman who died during 1962, whose death also touched me deeply, was the old dowager queen mother of Holland who passed away in her late eighties. What moved me especially about Wilhelmina's death was her last will and testament. It was her expressed wish that her state funeral be white instead of black. White, in Wilhelmina's mind, represented a radiant, illuminating hope for a long cherished and joyous reunion with her beloved, Prince-Husband who had predeceased her by many years. White was a visible sign of this happiness of hers in being together again with her husband, and of their future life together with their Creator in eternal bliss. The Dutch people, who loved their old queen mother, honored her last wishes faithfully. The horses drawing her funeral hearse were white. Her coffin was white. And the entire route all along the funeral procession was bathed in resplendent white flowers and white banners.

It was not only the whiteness of Wilhelmina's funeral which caught my attention, but rather the shining incandescence of her abiding and inspiring faith in an after-life with her husband and with God. Few of us today, in our so-called modern and sophisticated era, hold fast to such an enduring and soul-strengthening conviction—a lifetime faith which triumphantly transcends the grave and reaches out into eternity; a faith which is at the very roots of our Judeo-Christian religious heritage; a faith which sees the handiwork of God in every corner of the universe; a faith which cannot possibly conceive of the absence of this same Divine Presence in the universe beyond; a faith which removes the fear of dying and the eternal mystery of what must be beyond our mere mortality. Would that more of us had Wilhelmina's faith to illumine and to sustain our difficult hours of loneliness, helplessness, and bereavement. Would that more of us in this frantic, crazy and uncertain age have the larger wisdom, insight, and openmindedness to reevaluate much of what this queenly woman symbolized in her lifetime—a Victorian lifetime, many of whose values, attitudes, and convictions sadly and tragically have become lost to our generation.

What many of us refer to today as Victorian—what has unfortunately become a term of mockery, humor, and tritism—those old-fashioned, 19th century, Victorian values of

private virtue, character, integrity, gentility, decency, and honor—values which Wilhelmina nobly epitomized in her lifetime—how our generation today stands in dire need of these oldtime virtues which, in the last analysis, never really go out of style. Such moral and ethical imperatives form the very bulwark of our lives, of all of our human relationships, and of our whole civilization. All of our fabulous advances in 20th century science, medicine, and technology stand as naught, and pale into insignificance beside these rock-ribbed, timeless basic human ideals, and goals for all humanity in every age. To the degree that all of us have shunned and denigrated these oldtime moral values during the year just ended, we have only succeeded in bringing that much more ethical darkness and spiritual chaos into our lives. To the degree that all of us can and must rededicate our lives in the year ahead to these solid and ageless ethical and religious values of conduct and faith, only then will we be able to light up our lives and personal fortunes immeasurably in the time to come.

Perhaps none of us will ever achieve the breadth and intensity of Wilhelmina's faith. But we can and must strive for and achieve enough of that same essential conviction and confidence to give to all of our lives far more depth, direction, and meaning than they have ever had before.

Eleanor Roosevelt, Marilyn Monroe, Queen Wilhelmina—three lives, three deaths. Before we allow 1962 completely to give up its ghost, let us pause a moment in our looking backwards and ahead to see whether the powerful lessons of these three remarkable lives has given us fruitful food for reflection.

If from Eleanor Roosevelt's life, we are inspired to involve ourselves ever deeper and ever more meaningfully in the on-going needs and demands of people everywhere on earth, then her noble involvement in humanity will become a fixed, guiding, and shining star for us all in the troubled firmament of our time.

If from Marilyn Monroe's tragically unfulfilled and star-crossed days, we can all gain a refreshingly new appreciation and awareness of that which is within the precious circle of our own immediate and lifetime care and commitment, then her untimely passing will prove to be a very compelling and timely reminder to us all of things not beyond our grasp but fulfilling within our daily reach.

And, if from Wilhelmina's triumphant departure from the days of the years of her regal life here on this earth, we can all strive a little bit harder to recapture the spirit and the deeper meaning and relevance of that timeless code of moral and spiritual values by which she lived and died—a shining code for every generation of mankind—we shall, indeed, in the days to come, whether in this year or the next, rediscover for ourselves and for our children the one, true and historically permanent anchor of certainty and guidance in our lives which will assuredly secure all of our hopes, and dreams and souls in this world and the next, three lives, three deaths, three prayers. God grant that in the time to come, we respond to these lives, embrace the meaning of these deaths, and allow these prayers to be realized substantially in our own expanse of time and challenge.

May 17, 1963

My dear Dr. Eisenstein:

Thank you for your letter of May 14th. I am surprised that you have entered editorially into a discussion with the gentlemen of the American Council for Judaism. They are a reckless lot whose lies and distortions are notorious.

As regards my own position on the matter of Russian Jewry, I am sending you the address which I delivered at the Temple on October 22nd, 1961, upon my return from a visit to the Soviet Union. This address was widely quoted and represents my position then, and now.

With warmest regards, I remain

Cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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May 17, 1963

Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Rabbi Silver,

This is a postscript to my letter of yesterday, - a very incoherent looking letter I know, and so I confine myself to the typewriter this morning, as you see, and make apologies.

Of course we do not know why we are so concerned with certain people and things, but John Henry Newman was so intensely on my mind when I arose yesterday AM, and I have always considered that somewhere deep in his past is his Hebrew heritage which would not let him rest where he was. Some of us are anachronisms in ways indescribable but very real, and life becomes a painful search for that mission which, no matter how we suffer for it, brings reality into our otherwise spiritually poor existence.

Now to the main gist of this message which is about the meaning of the word "holy" as you have so well defined it on page 230 of Where Judaism Differed, "It is only in the sense of consecration to the service of divine purposes that the term "holy" has any validity, whether applied to a people, or a non-national religious community. In any other sense it is an intolerable impertinence."

I believe that you will be interested, if pained to know that the word "holy" has been given what I consider to be actual body and substituted for the Person rather than as you say, "a sense or consecration in the service of divine purposes" in a school at Ben Shimon in

Palestine where the Anglican clergyman of whom I spoke visited. He says, 'I was interested to find that 90 % of the children said they did not believe in God, but about the same % said they did believe in "the Holy". Such can be the influence of schoolmasters/ For anything more pathetic than to substitute a vague belief in "The Holy", whatever that may be, for a belief in a living and acting God and Father, I find it difficult to imagine. (Bottom of page 198, Judaism and Christianity.)

Of course this concept can have relevance in the daily life, but what purpose can it achieve?

I am hoping that you will read the concluding pages of this study of Judaism and Christianity, and will write me if you think it has value for Jewish purposes of well-being of all kinds - that is to say the idea for some kind of a Jewish institute of politics, transferring into modern form the rabbinical academies of the Gaonic period; the foundation to be basically different from other institutes of politics, the supreme importance of which are the two realities, man and God, as objectively related to human life, not bound by the written word of the Torah, and confining its task to interpretations. "But it would start with the belief in the primacy of moral values, in an "ought" as well as an "is" in human affairs, and in the power of God working for righteousness.

The authority of such an institute would be a moral and not a coercive authority. (My note; this sentence interested me particularly for personal reasons) It would rest on the integrity and intelligence of men who composed it, and not on the power to excommunicate. But a moral authority would be adequate to its purpose and its purpose and its influence might be felt outside as well as within the Jewish communities of the world.

Well this is fine, and very near the state of Heaven, as much so as we shall ever know, community-wise.

I hope that what I have written has interested you and that you will make reply. I am very much in need of courage before I come to see you. Perhaps, also, this institute has already been established, if not accomplished. I note that the date of this work of James Parkes is 1947-8.

As an aside, I enclose a picture which I just came across of the church I attended as a child in the once secluded and truly backward town of New Paltz, in which my father thought he had found a retreat (and indeed in many senses he had) from the commercial milieu of New York city. New Paltz is now on the New York State thoroughfare, and friends tell me it has changed very considerably.

Awaiting a word from you with regard to the thoughts I have herewith attempted to convey to you, I am

very sincerely yours,

Julia Storr Mac Innes
 Julia Storr Mac Innes
 (Mrs. Harold B.)

May 19, 1963

Dear Da Silver -

I was deeply touched and
heartened by your warm
words Thursday night
and I am profoundly
grateful. There is no one
whose esteem I would be
prouder to have — my
warm thanks!

Tony joins me in fond
greetings to you and the
family.

Arthur

May 21, 1963

My dear Edgar:

Let me give you the information which you have requested.

The Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning was founded in Philadelphia in 1907. It is a post-graduate institution for Hebrew learning and other branches of Semitic culture.

The college is approved by the Department of Public Institutions of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

The college consists of three departments: a) Interrelated Hebrew and Semitic studies; b) The School of Education; c) The Middle East Institute.

No distinction on account of creed, color or sex is made in the admission of students.

The degree of Doctor of Philosophy is offered by Dropsie College, as well as two additional degrees: Doctor of Education and Master of Arts.

The Library of Dropsie College contains over seventy thousand volumes of books and periodicals and is particularly rich in works on Biblical learning, Semitic languages, Assyriology and Egyptology. It contains many rare books, manuscripts and incunabula.

Dropsie College is presently engaged in a monumental task -- the publication of a new edition and translation of the Apocrypha and the Pseudepigrapha. These are the books which were produced in the period which intervened between the closing of the canon of the Hebrew Bible and the dawn of Christianity.

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The College is also publishing the valuable Jewish Quarterly Review which provides a medium for important articles and reviews bearing on all subjects in history, religion and philology. Fifty-two volumes of the Jewish Quarterly Review have already been published.

Dr. Cyrus Adler was president of the College from its foundation until his death in 1940. Dr. Abraham A. Newman has been president since that time.

The College has been assisted, from time to time, by grants, fellowships and scholarships which have enabled young scholars of unusual promise to carry on their advanced studies.

The request which I transmitted to you is for a research fellowship which would enable a gifted young scholar to prepare himself through intensive study during the next five years, to take over a professorship at the College, to succeed Professor Solomon Zeitlin, who will then be of retirement age. The field, as you know, is very limited and the College must make provision for its future faculty. A grant of twenty-five thousand dollars would be required for such a five-year fellowship.

If there is any additional information which you may desire, please contact me.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Mr. Edgar A. Hahn
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May 22, 1963

My dear Harold:

Thank you so much for sending me the Congressional Record which contained your sermon, "Three Lives - Three Deaths - Three Prayers". I read it with real pleasure. It is a very fine sermon, indeed, and I am happy that it found its way into the Congressional Record.

As ever yours,

ABBA HELLEL SILVER

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Dr. A.H. Silver,
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Cleveland 6, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

The enclosed which appeared in this morning's Arizona Republic, was a reminder that I had not written you since I came out here in July. This is quite interesting, because Eugene Pulliam, publisher of The Republic and The Gazette (afternoon edition) is not especially sympathetic to the Zionist movement or friendly to Israel. In fact, he is inclined to be hostile and pro-Nasser. (Aside, I knew him back in Indiana a long time ago as a Kluxer.) But this young man, Don Dederer, is bright and knows when he has a story. It is rumored here in Phoenix that he has been given complete freedom to write what he chooses. He recently toured Russia and his series was quite good. Pulliam, by the way, is the tutor and mentor of Barry Goldwater.

Enough of that. I have been very happy out here in retirement and with a part time job on The Scottsdale Progress. I came here in July and looked up some old friends, with whom I had soldiered at Luke Field, Phoenix, and Yuma Air Base, during the war. Goldwater was one of them, and he has been gracious and helpful. He is a nice guy, even if we ~~disagree~~ disagree violently politically. He just laughs.

I have been working two or three hours a day getting out the syndicate stuff for The Progress and writing an occasional editorial. Then, in the fall, a new publisher took over. He is Jonathan Marshall, son of a very famous and wealthy New York lawyer, who was related by marriage to Julius Magnus. So we are now "landtsmen" and it is charged in this town, a suburb of Phoenix, that the "Jews have taken over". The elder Marshall was a member of the Untermyer law firm and was president of the New York School Board under LaGuardia. I wonder if you might have known him.

At any rate this is now a very nice relationship, especially since the publisher, who is quite young, has had no Newspaper experience, and comes to me for advice. I give it freely and generously. So far it has worked out and I am extremely fortunate.

Still talking about myself, I was very glad to have escaped Cleveland's horrible winter and the strike. I guess both were terrible.

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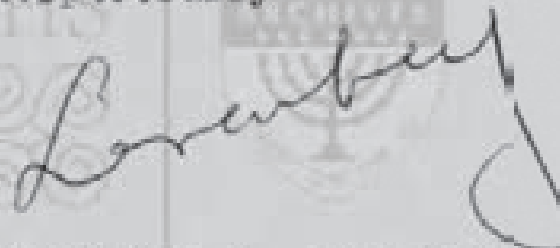
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA

Here in Scottsdale, we have a new Reform congregation, which we have joined. It is small in membership but strong in enthusiasm and we are enjoying the association. Mrs. Levenberg and I have tried to help out, and we are finding it all quite rewarding. In fact, the congregation is so small--30 active members-- that everybody has to pitch in and they do. We do have a Temple, a house which is now being reconverted, and an acting rabbi. It really is an interesting experience, especially with Marshall and putting in the publicity plugs.

Let me say here, in closing, that I am grateful to you for your help and encouragement while I was in Cleveland and writing pieces on Israel and on Jewish affairs and I shall always consider it an honor to have known you, to have been associated with you in behalf of things that count.

With sincere personal regards, best wishes to you, to Mrs. Silver, to Dan and your congregation, I remain

Respectfully



Lawrence F. Levenberg

May 24, 1963

Robert Speller & Sons, Publishers
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Gentlemen:

Let me thank you for sending me a copy of Baal-Teshuva's "The Mission of Israel" . I know I shall read it with a great deal of pleasure.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILEEL SILVER

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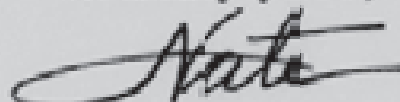
I want to thank you for your very lovely letter of congratulations upon my ninetieth birthday.

One of my great pleasures in my long life in Cleveland has come from my acquaintance with you. It has also been a matter for which I am grateful and I look back upon our occasional meetings with this feeling of thankfulness and regret that they have not been as often as I wish they were.

I will never forget the speech you made at the opening of the Community Fund "America", which I prize and have given hundreds of copies away, and I am still giving them out.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Cordially yours,



N. L. Dauby

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4th June 1963.

My Dear Rabbi

How very nice of you to send me the wonderful publication, and how proud you must have felt when it was presented to you.

We did so enjoy having you and Mrs. Silver with us in London, and we thank you once again for coming here and giving us all so much pleasure.

Hoping you are both well, and that we may look forward to seeing you again before very long.

With kindest thoughts,

Yours,

H. Morrison.

Doris & Andy send,
You both then love.

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June 6, 1963.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
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Dear Friend Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,

Please excuse me for contacting you today in the matter of Gazith, but there is no other way open to me, dear Dr. Silver.

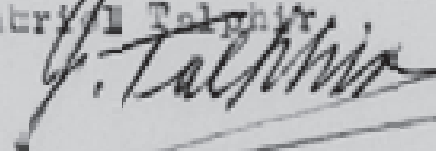
As you know, this our Art & Literary Journal has now been appearing for the last 32 years and it is the only one of its kind throughout the Jewish world. To keep up its high standard, you will appreciate, is not an easy task and we have to struggle very hard with every single issue that appears.

When I saw you last in New York in 1959 on the occasion of the annual meeting on behalf of Hadassah I tried to explain to you the financial difficulties of Gazith and you then promised me to help me in my efforts. I now take the liberty to enclose herewith our bill No. 252 in the amount of \$120.- covering Volumes 9-20 which we sent to you regularly for many years (incidentally, the last payment we received from you was \$20.- which you paid us in December 1946 for Volumes 7 and 8). I sincerely trust that you do appreciate the great difficulties we are facing continually in our effort to contribute our small part in the furtherance of cultural values in Israel.

Thanking you in advance for your kind attention, I remain,

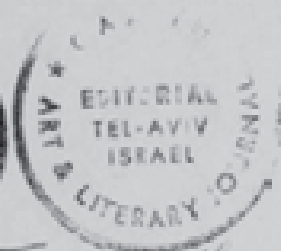
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Dear Uncle Abba:

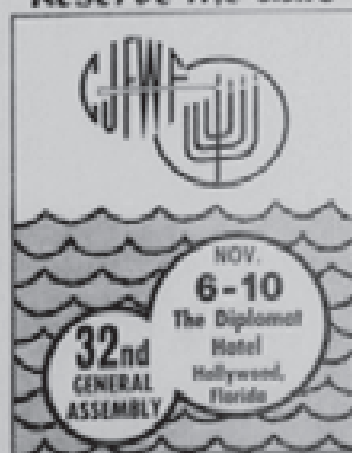
Under separate cover I am sending you the material you requested on the discussion of National Advisory Budgeting at our General Assembly in 1941, and on the national referendum. If there is any additional information we can supply, I'll be happy to do so. I have not sent anything, for example, on the subsequent action of our 1946 General Assembly, when the matter was again debated.

You know what a joy it was for Florence and me to be with you and Aunt Virginia. She and the children send their warmest regards.

As always,

Philip Bernstein

Reserve the date



Dear Rabbi Silver -

The joy and
happier of celebration my
87th birthday were increased
many fold because of your
personal telephone call to
congratulate me - Your gracious
thoughtfulness added extra
pleasure of the day - My heartiest

WISH is that God will grant
to Mrs. Silver and you these same
years that he has bestowed on me -
and too - that he will bless
both of you with Good Health. -

Sincerely, Yours

Kate S. Goldstein

June 7, 1963

Miss Gertrude R. Wadman
2580 South Montland Road
Shaker Heights 20, Ohio

June 2. 1963

Dear Father & Mother,

and that Fitchman will select this
my note and brother-in-law, each

Greatly obliged,
They now live in Delaware, but they
never during

will mean a great deal to them in
the occasion.

Have a happy summer!

Yours truly

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver;

Dear Rabbi.

I hope you don't mind that I am
writing to you. I am a very close relative of
Dr. Alexander Bassel.

Alex's father and mine were brothers.

I would love to know the whereabouts of
Dora Klein. I believe she is your sister. And
then I would appreciate very much if you can
let me know of Alexander's wife Rebecca and her
children.

I am Respectfully,

Mrs. Lena Rosenberg.

P.S. My maiden name was also Bassell.

Hoping to hear from you.

June 12, 1963

My dear Mr. Talphir:

Let me thank you for your letter of June 6th. I am enclosing herewith a check for \$120.00 to cover the volumes which you sent me of the GAZITH. I wish you every success and with warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Mr. Gabriel Talphir
Gazith Art and Literary Journal
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June 14, 1963

My dear Mr. Tamir:

It was indeed thoughtful of you to send me the two brochures which I read with a great deal of interest. I was particularly pleased with the article of Mr. Isaac Eisenberg.

With warmest regards and hoping to see you in Israel at the time of the Z. O. A. Convention, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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June 21, 1963

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th Street and Silver Park
Cleveland 8, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have been advised by Mr. B. Sumner Gruzen, President of the American Technion Society, that he has written to you about my recent appointment as Midwest Director of the Society. I am eager to meet with my supporters of Technion and plan to visit Cleveland Tuesday and Wednesday, July 9th and 10th. I would appreciate hearing from you if you will be able to meet with me on one of the two days.

Israel — You will be interested in knowing that Mr. Arthur Cohn, Adjutant of the Jewish War Veterans in Cleveland, is in the process of establishing a \$2,500. permanent Scholarship Fund for Students at the Technion in the name of the Jewish War Veterans and its Auxiliary. I intend to visit Mr. Cohn during my visit to Cleveland. It will also be my pleasure to call on you.

Sincerely yours,

David Erenberg
David Erenberg
Midwest Regional Director

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June 24, 1963.

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

Dear Dr. Silver,

It was indeed a great pleasure for
us to receive your cheque in the amount of
\$120.- so promptly and we would like to
thank you most sincerely for your kind
attention and help.

Sincerely yours,

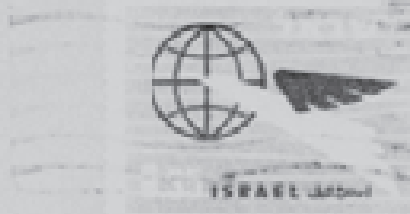


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June 25, 1963

My dear friend:

It was indeed very thoughtful of you to send me a copy of your book, which I shall treasure and read with keen interest. I am especially grateful to you for the lovely inscription.

I plan to be in Israel around the middle of July in connection with the Convention of the ZOA and I trust that I will see you then.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfn

Mr. Moshe Sharett
54 Balfour Street
Jerusalem
Israel

June 25, 1963

My dear Arnie and Nickie:

I am enclosing herewith the name of the Rabbi in Rio and also the name of the Community Center of another congregation. I am sure that you will have no trouble contacting the Jewish community in Rio, which is an important one.

I wish you every good luck.

As ever,

AHS:bim

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Schwartz
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A.P.O. 676
New York, New York

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7 NITZANIM ST., RAMAT-GAN

Tel. 72991

ד"ר יוסף נדבה

רח' ניצנים 7, רמת גן

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June 26, 1963

My dear Dr. Silver:

Many thanks for your letter of May 3, as well as for the books, which I received, under separate cover, a few days ago.

The four books constitute a real treasure, covering some of the most vital fields of interest and guidance for the modern reader, both Jewish and non-Jewish.

As far as their translation into Hebrew is concerned, I suggest we start, as you yourself indicated to me during our last conversation, with *Moses*. I have read your book with the greatest of interest. Your approach is original and will no doubt engender a controversy, conducive to good distribution. Your "*Messianic Speculation in Israel*" will have to come next. It will prove a very helpful manual for students of Jewish history. Perhaps some additions or annotations would have to be made in the light of recent discoveries. Also, it would perhaps be worth while to get an introduction from Zalman Shazar, who, as you know, is himself a scholar of note in the history of the Messianic movements in Israel.

"*In The Time of Harvest*" will have to bide its time, for its translation into Hebrew will require a much greater effort.

"*Vision and Victory*" should come last.

I have already submitted my opinion to the Massadah people. I would like you to understand that I am in no way a representative of this Publishing Company, but merely the prospective translator. Should the Massadah

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people be doubtful about the prospects of a second book, would you mind if I bring up the matter with some other respectable publisher?

May I call your attention, for example, to the existence of the YACHDAV Pub. Co., which is a joint enterprise of the Israeli publishers, whose prime function it is to publish such books in whose appearance public or governmental bodies are directly interested and are prepared to subsidize in one form or another. Should the Z.O.A., for example, suggest to YACHDAV (P.O.B. 1317, 64 Rothschild Blvd., Tel-Aviv) that it undertake the publication of Hebrew translations of your books, and offer to cover a certain part of the costs of translation and production, they may very well be the most appropriate address.

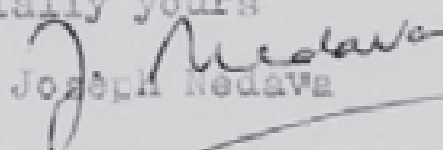
I have referred to Messadah your note about the royalties from your previous book.

This letter may very well reach you on the eve of your departure for Israel. As I do not know where you would be staying in Israel, please keep me informed about your whereabouts on your arrival, so that we can arrange a meeting at an early convenient date.

With kindest regards
and esteem,

Cordially yours

Joseph Nedava



The Cleveland Press



Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed find two photos of The Temple
taken from atop Wade Park Manor last week. Hope you
like them.

Sincerely

Herman Seid

Herman Seid, Staff Photographer

Thanking



June 28, 1963

My dear friends:

Gertrude Woldman has informed me that you will celebrate your Golden Wedding Anniversary on July 13th. I am writing this note a little in advance because I am leaving the country on July 7th for Israel and I do want to send my warmest felicitations to you on this very auspicious occasion. It is a privilege to celebrate a Golden Wedding Anniversary and all your friends rejoice with you.

I recall the many years of your membership at the Temple and that your two sons and daughter were confirmed here.

Mrs. Silver joins me in sending you our greetings and all our good wishes for all happiness in your oncoming years.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bhm

Mr. and Mrs. Max Krichman
147 E. West Hillsdale
San Mateo, California

June 28, 1963

My dear Mr. Seid:

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me the two photographs of the Temple. They are very good.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:bfm.



ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Mr. Herman Seid
Staff Photographer
The Cleveland Press
901 Lakeside Avenue
Cleveland 14, Ohio

June 28, 1963

My dear Mr. Erenberg:

Replying to your letter of June 21st, I shall not be in Cleveland on July 9th and 10th. I shall be in Israel for the Convention of the Zionist Organization of America and I plan to return the end of July. If you are in Cleveland at that time please get in touch with me.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mr. David Erenberg
Midwest Regional Director
American Society for Technion
59 East Van Buren Street
Chicago 5, Illinois

June 28, 1963

My dear Mrs. Rosenberg:

Replying to your letter of June 12th, let me say that I do not know Dr. Alexander Basel and I do not know the whereabouts of Dora Klein. I have no sister by the name of Dora Klein. You must be thinking of someone else.

With all good wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mrs. Lena Rosenberg
166 Wilson Street
Brooklyn 11, New York

3375 Fairmount Blvd.
Cleveland Heights 18, Ohio
4 July, 1963

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Blvd.
Shaker Heights, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I write to you as to a father, would I had one who could help me.

By some intricate way that I don't yet understand, I am come to be a young girl of Jewish ancestry, confirmed in the Jewish faith, an American. In another sense, mine is truly a displaced soul which seeks for God, and cannot find Him.

If the past matters, then mine has been typically a Jewish one, at least to all outward appearances. My parents raised five children in a traditionally conservative Jewish atmosphere, including a kosher kitchen, "brisses", Bar Mitzvahs, Temple on the High Holidays, Yiddish, and even Hebrew (for my brother). But I find it to be, in actual practice, an atheistic home, where God is professed and Money is worshipped. Being atheistic, it is also unhappy. Its members are painfully self-absorbed, dedicated to themselves and not to each other. Each person goes his own way, often making invalid what the other has tried to achieve. What is more common, is that true values are nullified with signs of indifference or vain incomprehension...

So that when I was confirmed and later, too, when a student in your High School, I walked through my religious training as through air, not comprehending, nor even finding sign-posts nor columns nor pillars in my study. I learned names and dates and Jewish history mechanically; I don't remember being presented with an important thought except in Mr. Broh-Kahn's class, when in the last year, we examined the Bible; and at confirmation, when a lot of grand phrases about my/our future were spoken, which I seemed to assume were gross, or irrelevant.

For a long time, I identified Judaism with what I had seen in my home and in my family, until I began to notice how conjoined it was with everybody else's "Judaism"; with culture, and not with spirit. Let me say at this point, that I have never (with the exception of you), met a Jewish adult whom I could, without reservation, admire; and if one of the distinguishing marks of a fine religion are what it does to its adherents, then I am deeply saddened and disheartened by my brethren. I have known them all to be selfish and heedless of truth and righteousness, living by the ethics of commerce; their moral lives ajar and taken in by what is current and most tangible.

I did not seek God until I had lived, like these Jews, in a state of personal anarchy and chaos so great that my unhappiness reached me in deluge, and I wanted to flee from a picture of myself so mis-happen and spent on pleasures alien to my original intent. I felt myself fallen from something very high, into a condition of evil and lawlessness. I wanted to live in freedom, but I had placed myself in bondage unknowingly.

Such was my thinking and feeling about myself when I discovered a book by Thomas Merton called Seven Storey Mountain. This is the autobiography of a man very much like myself, who became disillusioned by the hypocrisy and artifice of the world, and discovered inherent in the teachings of his experience, that he could not live as Man without God. The story of his search is very moving, a struggle that I seem to be a part of. The fact that a man found his honest culmination in worship to God as a Roman Catholic, and in life as a Trappist monk, has made Christianity very attractive to me.

I Indeed, I have read a good bit in the New Testament and find a powerful example in the life of Christ. I find solace, in my present dilemma, in the so-called steps toward a union with God, outlined by many important Christian writers. Do such steps toward spiritual union exist in the works of Jewish authors? I do believe that God exists (for no good reason), but find the image of One without form and apparent feeling difficult to conjure up in my imagination. *In other words, I find this way incomprehensible.*

My religious problems will not resolve themselves so much in controversies ~~as to~~ the "true" religion, (although my current predilection toward Catholicism should be noted; and my certain amazement at the difficulty of practising Judaism, with its allegiance to a "mighty God" is a confinement I can hardly imagine myself to be in, for want of discernment); as over the true God, whose universal soul I hunger for. I do, however, recognize the need for a way of worship.

What I ask of you is very great: guidance toward God. My experience has led me to the gates, but I cannot enter. When I pray, I do not know to whom it is I am praying; I do not fully appreciate the achievement in the idea of ONE God. Could you suggest some books or some thinking or feeling or doing that might help me reach for a way of life that is Above me, and seemingly so far Beyond me.



Sincerely yours,

Phyllis Asnien
Phyllis Asnien

July 5, 1963

My dear friend:

It was good to hear from you and I hope that you will forgive the long delay in writing to you. I have been away from the city a great deal of the time and my correspondence has lagged. In fact, I am leaving again next Sunday for a short visit to Israel.

I am delighted to know that you and Mrs. Levenberg are well, that you are enjoying your stay out West and that you have found interesting work. Some day I hope to visit Arizona where I have never been, then I will give myself the pleasure of dropping in on you.

I am happy that you have found a congenial Reform congregation in Scottsdale and that you have joined it. I am sure that you will help it in every way.

Things here at the Temple are moving along. I am rapidly unloading Temple responsibilities upon the young shoulders of Rabbi Dan who, by the way, has recently received his Doctorate from the University of Chicago. We shall be doing quite a bit of redecorating and refurbishing in the Main Sanctuary this summer.

By the way, are you receiving the Temple Bulletin? If not, let me know and I will be glad to have it mailed to you regularly.

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

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mr. Lawrence F. Levenberg
P. O. Box 818
Scottsdale, Arizona



SINAI REFORM TEMPLE

July 5, 1963

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On Sunday evening, September 29th, my congregation is planning a dinner program. It is occasioned by my completion of five years at the Temple. We also will mark the completion of our new Sanctuary. My wife, Judy (Terr) and I, and the entire leadership of this congregation would be thrilled if you could be with us.

I write with hesitation knowing the many demands on your time, yet, I am hopeful that you will look favorably on this request. Much of the direction which has shaped Judy's and my life has come from you and we would be eternally grateful if you could share this inspiration with the congregation on September 29.

Sincerely yours,

Morton M. Kanter

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MORTON M. KANTER, RABBI

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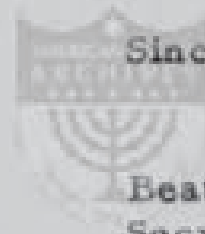
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July 8, 1963

Dear Rabbi Kanter:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 5th addressed to Dr. Silver. Dr. Silver left just last night for Israel to be gone until the 18th of July. Immediately upon his return to his study, your letter will be called to his attention.



Sincerely yours,

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

Rabbi Morton M. Kanter
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לכבוד

הרב ד"ר אבא הלל סילבר

חבר נשיאות הכבוד
של הברית העברית העולמית

כבוד הרב,

ד"ר ישראל גולדשטיין, קיבל בסיוע רב את הידיעה כי
הנהלתו החליטה שם אחת לבחור בו כנשיא הברית העברית העולמית.

לאית הערכה אישית - מביט לך בזה ד"ר גולדשטיין את
הספר "שנות מעבר" (חמ"ב כשי).

נא לאתר קבלתו.

ב ב ר כ ה

מזכיר כללי
שמואל יחיאל

[4 Jul 1963]

ירושלים, יום א' 14 ביולי, 1963.
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לכבוד
ד"ר אבא הלל סילבר
מלון "דן"
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תל-אביב

אבא הלל היקר,

כרגע הודיעה לי בשלפון הגב' טסינג מביית ציוני אמריקה בתל-אביב ששמורים בשבילנו שני מקומות לארוחת הערב החגיגית הנערכת הערב לכבודך במלון "שותון".

צר לי מאוד שלא נוכל להשתתף במעמד חגיגי זה ולא בשום שההודעה הגיעה לידיעתי באיחור. אלא גם מפאת מחלתי הכונעת ממני לצאת מירושלים; לכן הוספנו ברכתנו לך, אבא הלל היקר, לכל יתר הברכות שובדואי השמענה הערב, במבדק-ברכה.

לו ניתנה לי ההזדמנות לשאת דברי-ברכה קצרים במעמד חגיגי של הערב הייתי אומר:

"דלה שפתי, הנני נדעש ונפחד מלאמר תהילות ותשבחות לד"ר אבא הלל סילבר; גדולים, נבונים וחכמים ממני ישפרו פעלו הכביר של מנהיג ציוני בגולה זו, אשר לא מזמן הגיע לגיל שיבה. אני, כקרוב משפחה הייתי יכול לספר רבות על ד"ר אבא הלל סילבר. האדם, האדם, במלוא מובן המילה ומשמעותה, באשר לא ממיד ולא אצל רבים מאנשים גדולים מתמזגים בהרמוניה של שלמות מנהיגות ואדם. האדם - ביחסו האנושי לגולה, בדאגתו ומסירותו לקרוב, לבן-משפחה ובעם לרחוקים הפזורים אליו; האדם, בצניעותו וענוותנותו. האדם, בהרגשתו העמוקה לעזור ככל שידו משיגה למשפחתו הגדולה והעניפה ולא רק למשפחתו. בד"ר אבא הלל סילבר, רואה כל משפחה סילבר את האב הטוב והמשיב."

"מי יתן, אבא הלל היקר, ותיזכה עוד שנים רבות להיות האב המהולל והאהוב לכל משפחת סילבר."

אבא הלל היקר, השתתפתי בפתיחה החגיגית ורבת הרושם של ועידתכם ה-66 בבנייני האוכה. אף-על-פי שישבתי באולם שכולי לוחש משלששים ושמזמזם מעלות חום, הקשבתי בדריכות לנאומך אשר היה - לפי דעתי והערכתי האובייקט - כלאכת מחשבת בתוכנו ועז בצורת-ההבעה. אין פלא, איפוא, שדעותיך שבחה את נאומך וראו כך מטיף ומייסד, אשר אהבת ישראל עמוקה יורדת בלבנו.

צר לי, צר לי מאוד, אבא הלל יקירי, שאיני יכול להיות אתך יחד בערב זה, אולם אני מקווה שבעוד יומיים, שלוש ימים אביא לגמרי ואוכל לרדת לתל-אביב ואם שעתך תהא פנויה לראותני, הייתי מודה לך מאוד אם תודיע לי מתי ואיפה אוכל לפגוש אותך.

בעוד המטה שבועות הנני עומד לבקר בברית-הפועצות, כפי שטעתי לך בטעח פגישתנו האחרונה בירושלים. אם כי ויש לי עוד קשיים מסוימים הנני מקווה להתגבר עליהם, כך שביקרתי בברית המועצות יחבצו כמתוכנן.

אשמח מאוד לראותך ולהיפרד ממך.
אני מקווה לשמוע ממך בהקדם.
ברכה לבבית לך ולרעייתך ממני ופרחלי.

שלך
בהוקרה ואהבה
ישראל זימן

MRS. ELKAN C. VOORSANGER
42 MANZANITA AVENUE
SAN FRANCISCO 18, CALIFORNIA

July 15, 1963

Dear Ella

When Elkan received the invitation
to you to the birthday, it gave him an idea
which he wished to follow through for some-
one very dear to us. When he was well enough
I wrote to you for his ^{particular} invitation, etc.
and you see ^{WRITING} you were away
but she was good enough to send us the
invitation, the sponsors list etc. I do
not remember her name, or I'd write to
her. Had very much like another set,
and, also the card which asks for
reservations, etc. When did the Committee
function from? I'll write and tell
you when it is for when we arrive at
a decision. I'm sure you'll be
a Nat'l Sponsor.

Elba thing, & it was the ultimate
in good taste, and this morning I showed
the material to an "expert" who was
struck with it and used Elba's co-
parmin' in three sitting letters

to the May, many people who have written
for all over the world. I'm not as "honest"
or "corrupt" as I'm crossed up to
be. And I find it hard to believe that
he is gone. L.P.P.S.

Louis Trevelyan is very sick of the matter,
he told me of the dialogue between you &
Sir.

I hope and pray that you and
Virginia keep well, and that some time
we'll meet again.
aff.
John H.

July 15, 1963

Dear Mr. Somerman:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter and I am enclosing two reprints of a picture which was used in the program at the Testimonial Dinner given in honor of his seventieth birthday. You will notice that this picture was taken by the famous photographer, Mr. Karsh.

I don't remember which glossy I sent you but I imagine it was the one which was taken of Dr. Silver in Israel several years ago and which has been used extensively for publicity. I hope the enclosed will serve your purpose.

Cordially yours,

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

Mrs. Betty Somerman
1001 W. Indian School, Apt. A
Phoenix, Arizona

17.7.1963

לכבוד

הא"ב אבא הלל סילבר היקר!

עם כל סליחתך אני מתבקש מעצמי וממצמוני שלי הנקי לפני בורא העליון,
אבל לצערי הרב לפניך לא הייתי בנימוס ובטקט והתנהגתי לא כראוי באותו הזמן
שכב' כל כך עסוק וטרוד בענינים באמת הכי חשובים כמו בועידת הששים ושש הציונית
היקרה ובלבלתי לך את מוחך בשאלות שטויות: אם כבר הספקת לקרוא מספרי דבר מה,
או... עכשו בבקשה קבל נא הברכה האצילה הכנה המגיעה לכב' ליובל ה-70 שלו. מי
יתן שתזכה יחד אתנו הרבה נחת רוח עם כל אשר לך ושתמשיך הלאה בדרך רב חדש בכל
פעם ולנצח שהנצית את שמך ומעשיך האצילים והעדינים בשמחה לבבית ובבריאות שלמה
וארוכה. כב' מורנו היקר, אחה, כנראה אינך יכול לזכור ולהזכר אותי, כי הרבה
כמוני עברו לפניך ושבתו ודברו והעריכו, אבל אני זוכר את כב' מהזמנים הקדמונים
שעברו עלינו כאן, בארצנו, ברדיפות, גזירות ועינויים מצד המנדטור אאצאל וגם
לפעמים בימי האינסטיגות הנבזות במחנה למחנה בישוב. סוער היית, נלהב ונרעד
כולו ממתיחות נפשית. כן, חיי הארץ הפעטו אותך לפעמים לידי יסורים נוראים. כמה
עגמת נפש, כאב לבבי מקרב לבך שמענו. בהשתפפותך להגן על הצדק מאיזה צד שהוא
או מחנה או איזה איש, על הדמות היקרה באנוש הנכבד בצלמו העליון בצורת בן-אדם
שסבל מהמשטר השחור והרע מסביב באותו הזמן. תמיד היית מוכן לבטא הכל מעומק
נפשך, מלאה כריזות שעברה על כולנו ולהוציא לאור כל העול שעשו רשעים ואכזריים
בני בליעל לפני אדם חמים מפסע; תמיד אחה עומד בכל דמותך לפני וזוכר אני טוב
עבודתך מלאכתך היקרה, אף על פי שאתה כמעט ואולי לגמרי כנראה לא מכיר אותי.
ופתאום נדמה לך שאני מתבקש ומתרבק לכב' עם איזה חניפה - אז כב' שועה בהחלט,
כי רחוק אני מכל זה ולא זקוק אפילו על נקודה קטנה שבקטנות - לא בא בחשבון
ולא זקוק אפילו לאיזה תשובה, כי קבלתי את שכרי מכב' כראוי באשמתי אי-ספיק,
אבל לא ככוונה תחילה חס וחלילה... כן, אני רק מקנה כך עם דרוך נפש ועוז רצון
שניתן לך מהגונה העליון לבנות את עצמך כדי להיות ראוי לחואר כבוד גדול שהבטת -
לידי מדריגה עליונה כזאת שזכית לעלות לא רק בידי הציונות באמירקה - גם בכל
עם ישראל וכמעט בכל העולם. כן, שלב אחר שלב, ברוח חכונה והעזה, כדי לגבות
הזכות ביעוד לעמנו שהפעים לא פעם את לבנו לשם גילוי החכונה ולעורר גם בנו-עמך
בשלהבת גנוזה מזיו השכינה לזולת מחור נשמתך היפה שקבלת מהיוצר העליון ונבנית
בחסד עליון ובאור גנוז להאיר גם לנו את דרכנו הציונית והאנושית בהתמדה, בחמימות
נפשית, בנסיון ובהכרה עמוקה היית ממלא תמיד עבודה קדושה ומבקיע לנו דרך ליצור
צורה עדינה ונשגבת גם בינינו לבין עצמנו. כן, תמיד וגם עכשו, אף על פי שנזפת
אותי כראוי וכעונש שקבלתי לני הא-סקטיות שלי למזלי הרע ולצערי הרב, בכל זאת
ליום יקר ועור רב, ליובל היקר ה-70 של כב', אני מצטרף מכל הכינות הנפשיות שלי

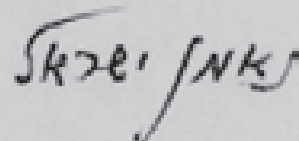
בלי שום פירושים ודרישות ומענות מחקרב אליך בהזדהות נפשית, בניב ובנים יקרים, ולבבים ובעונג רב, במלים הלא סתם כחובים מדיו, אך ורק מקרב לבי ודמי שהור כותב לכב' ויש כבוד להביע מכל עמקי נפשי לכב'. בדמיוני וברוחי עמוקים המיד העמוד לפני עיני כאישיות יקרה. איני יכול לכלוא את רוחי וקול שהור מעומק נפשי דורש ממני, לכתוב בעשי מקרב דם נפשי על בן-אדם גדול ויהודי יקר כמוך. בלי שום דרישות ושאלות וחשובות.

קבל נא, בבקשה עוד הפעם את כל סליחתי באי נימוס ובאי סקטי שהחרשתי לפניו אתמול במלון דן בזמן יציאתך לכפר שלך עלשמך הטוב, זה היה סתם פשוט בלי שום כוונה רעה ובלי שום פירושים. מקווה שידך עוד נסויה ועוד הרבה קסמי-צלילים נשמע, נזכה ונרגיש בעבודתך הפוריה והדרך עוד ארוכה.

עלה תעלה הלאה והלאה עוד הרבה שנים לפי הזכות האצילה המגיעה לך בכל הדרת קדש, כן וכן יהי רצון. שלך אף על פי שכב' לא מכיר אותי - אבל אני איני יכול להרשות לעצמי להתאפק בשתיקה שמרגיש שמוכרח להוציא מה שהצטבר כל הזמן בי וששמעתי על כבודו ועל מעשיו העדינים. דע לכב' שפני לא למלים יפות ולתשובה איזה שהיא לקבל, אך ורק לדמות היקרה שבונה עליון הגדיר כך ונתן ויצר כך, ובזה מסתפק ודי לי...

כן, הבריאה והצער, השירה והדמעות מובלים אותי אל השער סביב הנצח, ליופי של אמנות ופלאות, לדרך הדרכים נעלמות... כן, יצור אדם השואל תמיד שאלות עטופות בסוד נורא אף על פי שאין אבלות קטנות בעיני ובכל זאת מרגיש אנכי ששגיתי וסעיתי במלים לא על מקומם ולא בזמנם לגזול מכב' מזמנו היקר, מדוע מבקש כל סליחתך היקרה. עוד הפעם קבל נא ליום חגך ה-70 רצוני הטוב, מפילחי ותקותי לבונה היקום ביצור-דמיוני ובטחוני בקשרונותיך המיוחדים ושחזכה להשאר תמיד לנו באידאה נשגבה בהשגה עליונה כאדם המחונך מיוצרו בנפש דקה, רמה ואצילה - וזאת היא הנשמה האצילה אשר באלוהות מקורה, באצילות עצם כנורה וזיו השכינה קשורה-במיוחד אהוב וחביב לעמנו ואהוב לכל הבריות ולאנושות, ברוך ומבורך שתהיה לכולנו אמן ואמן!

שלך בכל הכבוד

עבדך ~~משה~~  נאמן ישראל

ירושלים, יום ד' 17 ביולי 1963.

ישראל זימן
רחוב אנילביץ 4
שכון ותיקים, קריית היובל
ירושלים

לכבוד
ד"ר אבא הלל סילבר
קליבלנד, אוהיו.

אבא הלל היקר, צאתך לשלום!

עת נכתב מכתבי זה, הנך כבר בדרכך הביתה, לאחר ימי שהות קצרים בישראל; ונשאר לי רק לאחל לך: בואך הביתה בשלום!
בודאי קבלת את מכתבי האחרון ששיגרתי אליך למלון "דן". המניע אותי לכתוב אליך הפעם הוא מכתב שנתקבל בשבילך מאת מר צ'רלס קרני, מדייטון. המכתב נתקבל בירושלים, הצעבר לסוכנות היהודית, אשר המציאה לי את המכתב, מכיון שידוע להם על הקרבה המשפחתית בינינו.

שלפנתי בטעות הצהרים למלון דן ומשם נאמר לי שעזבת הבקר את הארץ, כך שאני מוצא לחובתי להציא לך את המכתב.
צר היה לי, אבא הלל היקר, שלא יצא לנו להיפגש ולו פגישה חסופה, אולם אני מקווה שבזמן הקרוב חבקר שוב בישראל ואולי לזמן ארוך יותר ואז בודאי ניפגש.

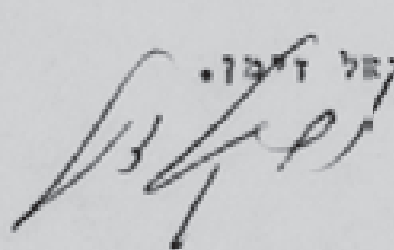
בקשה צנועה לי אליך: בשעתו הבשחת לי להמציא את הספר שהופיע בארצות הברית לרגל יום הולדתך השבעים, מכיון שלא שלחתי לי אותו עד כה וייתני מודה לך אם תשלח לי את הספר עתה.
אני עוזב את הארץ, בדרכי לברית המועצות, ב-8 לאוגוסט. אני מקווה שער אז אתגבר על הקשיים הכספיים היש לי עדיין בקשר עם נסיעתי. מכל מקום, אשמח לקבל מכתב ממך ואת הספר עוד לפני שאחי לבריה המועצות.

נראה לי שעלינו במיוחד אין הפעם לכתוב הרבה. אם כי אינני עדיין בקו (בריאות), לאחר המצטננות שתקפה אותי מלפני שבוע, הרי החלתי היום בעבודה. רחל שלי מרגישה טוב ועובדת כרגיל.
אסיים הפעם בדרישת שלום לבבית לכל בני המשפחה ובחקה לקבל ממך חשובה, כאישור קבלת מכתבו של מר צ'רלס קרני ואת הספר.

בהוקרה ובאהבה

מצורף בזה מכתב.

שלך
ישראל זימן.



זרמון הייט גליקלך און ספעציעל און : זיין אונזער
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July 19, 1963

My dear Dr. Marks

Judging by the enclosed, there was evidently some refund due you on my trip from Tel-Aviv to Paris.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:bfm



ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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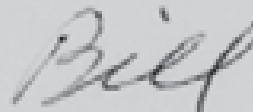
Dear Rabbi:

I am pleased to advise you that Hank Zucker and I had a very satisfactory conference with John Sherwin, chairman of the Distribution Committee, and Mr. Kim Johnson, of the Cleveland Foundation, as a result of which the Cleveland Foundation welcomed our suggestion that we would be available for consultation if they wished at any time to seek our advice in respect to requests for Jewish causes that might come to their attention.

Hank and I thought you would like to know about this and that we will be pleased to discuss the application you have made of the Cleveland Foundation for an allocation from the Edith Anisfield Wolf Foundation, if they express a desire to consult with us.

With warm regards,

Cordially yours



Wm. C. Treuhaft

cc Mr. H. L. Zucker



SINAI REFORM TEMPLE

July 22, 1963

Mrs. Beatrice F. May
The Temple
University Circle at Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Mrs. May:

Thank you for your response to my letter addressed to Dr. Silver. I would be gratified if you would ignore this letter. Certain changes are contemplated about date and place and I prefer to write Dr. Silver when I am fully sure of the plans. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Morton M. Kanter

MMK:gel

*Dr. Silver
I haven't sent the
letter yet. I'll send it
Shad 2/7. Not M.*

MMK:gel

Rev. Albert L. Marting
173 Seminary Street
Berea, Ohio

July 22, 1963.

Rabbi Abba Hild Silver
19810 Shaker Blvd.
Shaker Heights, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Thank you for your splendid statement
in yesterday's Plain Dealer concerning the
religious condition of the world today.

Sincerely,

Albert L. Marting



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23.7.63

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ד"ר סילבר היקר והנכבד,

שמחתי מאד לשמוע שהמסע והמחן בדבר
המגרש בירושלים הסתיים בחיוב וכי אתה עוסד לבנות את
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הנני מאשר בזה על דעת הקרן הקימת
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ס. גורדון, לערוך את החשבון כהתאם לסכום זה.

ולואי ותזכה בקרוב לחנוך את ביתך
החדש אשר בירושלים.

ב. ב. ו. כ. ה.
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לכבוד
 הרב אבא הלל סילבר,
קליבלנד-אוהיו.

ד"ר סילבר הנכבד,

הנדון: המגרש 8 בגוש 30021 ע"י גן-השושנים,
ירושלים, השטח 1055 מ"מ.

בהמשך למכתבו של יו"ר מועצת המנהלים של הקה"ל מיום 23.7.63, הנני
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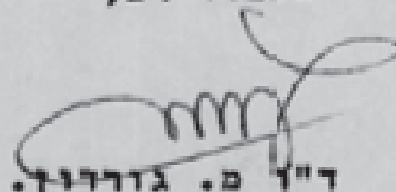
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נודה לך, ד"ר סילבר הנכבד, אם תעביר לנו את הסכום הנ"ל כדי שנוכל
 להחיש במינהל מקרקעי ישראל את הסדור הפורמלי של ההסכמים.

בכבוד רב,


 ד"ר מ. גורדין

July 24, 1963

My dear Bill:

Thank you so much for your letter of July 19th. I am pleased to learn that the Cleveland Foundation welcomed your suggestion that you would be available for consultation whenever requests for Jewish causes are considered by it. That is very good and I hope that the Temple request for an allocation from the Edith Anisfield Wolf Foundation will soon be considered by the Cleveland Foundation and that you will be consulted in the matter.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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July 24, 1963

Mr. Irving Stone,
c/o American Greeting Publishers,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Irv;

There is being planned a quasi federation -- community leadership meeting within the next few days relative to Hillel Academy's position in the educational firmament of Pittsburgh.

Because of the composite of these individuals in their particular religious orbit, being that many are reform Jews, it could be very helpful to Hillel Academy if we could obtain a positive statement or two made by Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and, or, other reform rabbis of Cleveland concerning their point of view on the subject of the Day School.

If you have at your command such remarks, statements or reflections of these men which might be helpful to us, please send them on to me promptly.

Personal regards, very best wishes and many thanks.

Cordially,

Adolph Schoenbrun

AS:zl

July 24, 1963

My dear Miss Asnein:

Upon my return from Israel I found your letter of July 4th. Clearly, the subjects which you raise cannot be answered in a letter. If you wish to discuss them with me I shall be very pleased to see you in my study. Should you decide to come, please telephone and make an appointment.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBAHELLELSILVER

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Miss Phyllis Asnein
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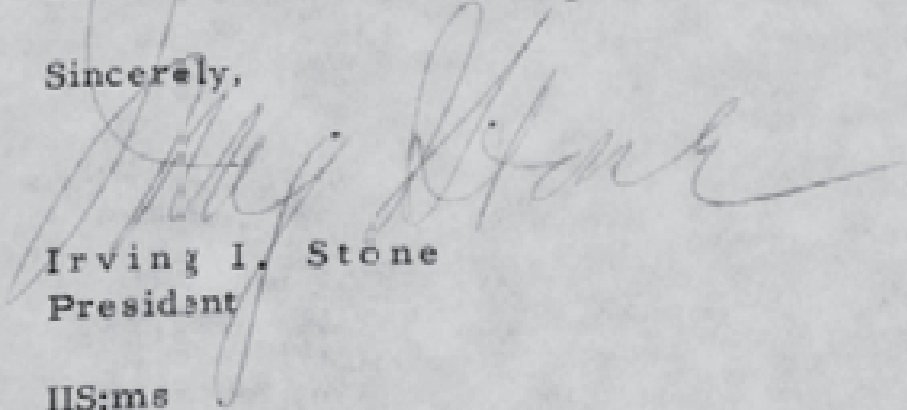
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
University Circle and Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Hillel Academy of Pittsburgh is similar to our Hebrew Academy of Cleveland. They are not receiving any Federation support and are in a precarious position. This is the only intensive Jewish educational institution in Pittsburgh and they need help.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter from Mr. Adolph Schoenbrun. If there is any positive statement or comments you can make with reference to the necessity for the day school, it would be most helpful to him. They have a problem in Pittsburgh in that a few of the leading reform Rabbis are opposed to giving Federation support, and this has held up their getting the help they need. It would be a real Mitzvah if you could send a statement which could be presented at this meeting in Pittsburgh.

Sincerely,


Irving I. Stone
President

IIS:ms

7-27-63

Dear Rabbi Silver,

It was just about a month ago when I approached you at my sister's wedding reception, and asked you for a copy of your Mother's Day Sermon. You told me to call your secretary, and I did a couple weeks later. The sermon came a few days later, and over a week passed before I ~~to~~ got around to really reading it. And that was

last night, Rahli Silver.

As I read the words I could hear your voice, as I have many times in the past. But this time it was different - for your words pulled a new important realization from me. They linked the contents of your speech with my experience at Brandeis Institute in California. An experience that is deeply branded within me ^{it} is not a beautiful memory, but a living fire remind-

ing me of my Jewishness,
and my rich culture. And
now I know that whether
a child, as I am, or a
wife and a parent, as
I hope someday to be, I can
tie these pillars to the pillars
of Brandeis idealism. For this
I thank you.

Love,

Cathy Morse

July 30, 1965

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am a former student of the TEMPLE who graduated in the class of 1939. In the ensuing years, I have taken quite an active interest in the development and rebuilding of Israel as a Jewish homeland.

Recently, it has been my good fortune to have a young Israeli student in my home who has just completed his senior year at Huron High School and would greatly desire to continue on with his college education in this country. As you probably know, it is necessary for every young adult, when reaching the age of 18, to serve in the Israeli armed forces for two and a half years. This law has been in effect for fifteen years and has not yet been amended.

Please understand that I am not rebuking this law nor am I saying that it is unjust, for I am well aware of the constant danger that this small nation faces daily from its Arab neighbors who are bent upon its destruction. Nevertheless, I feel that when a youngster has the courage and initiative to come to a strange country with only a 200 word vocabulary in English and has worked his own way through three years of high school without once asking for financial aid from home, then he has more than earned his way along with the right to be permitted to further his education here, so that he may be of much greater value in future years to his own country.

With this in mind, it is my opinion that Edmund Isaac Shamsi be considered an exception to the rule owing to the fact that Israel is not yet in any immediate danger from outside her borders and if such a crisis should arise, one Israeli student abroad would not change the situation one iota.

It is also my contention that it is high time that Israel become a member of the American Field Service Program and permit its students to spend a year in the U.S as it would be a profitable and enlightening experience for American students to study over there. Israel needs friends and because our country has always been its greatest benefactor, this move would serve to insure our continued friendship and good will. When a youngster completes his high school education it is his natural wish, if he is equipped with normal intelligence, to want to go on to higher education. If he is denied this, his ambition becomes weaker and after three years of military service he often loses his great desire for learning.

I should not want this to happen to Edmund and if it does, it would be a shameful waste of time, money and effort on his parents and himself.

I am attaching two articles; one which was printed in the Sandusky Register and the other in the Cleveland Press. I am sending these to you so that you may become more familiar with him and his desperate situation. If it is at all possible for something, anything that can be done to permit this very deserving and courageous young man to carry on his education here in America, we shall all be most grateful



ED SHAMSI

Israeli Youth Fights To Stay In America

HURON — An 18-year-old Israeli boy who "dreams in English" is waging a two-front battle to stay in the United States until he finishes a college education.

Ed Shamsi, who lives with Mr. and Mrs. Marc Dowby, 107 Forest Hills Dr., returned this week from a personal visit to the Israeli consulate in Chicago to plead his case.

In Israel, his father is beating a path to the consulate and im-

migration offices, asking the government waive its demands that Ed return to serve two years in the armed forces before he gets his degree in aeronautical engineering.

The Israel Government has a law which grants its young citizens a student visa to the United States to study in American schools, but they must return immediately following graduation from high school.

Ed graduated from Huron High

School last June.

"I told the man at the consulate in Chicago that a lot of people didn't know anything about Israel and I think I gave them a good idea of where it is, and what it is by giving speeches.

"I thought maybe that would help me," Ed said, "but the man said — you should be a diplomat."

Ed said he had to talk to the consulate officers in English — "I tried to speak Hebrew to the office girl, and when she laughed at me I decided I better stick to English. I wanted to make sure the man understood my plea.

"The man was very sympathetic but he said it wasn't up to him to grant an extension."

Ed asked if he could have more time — the July 31 deadline was getting too close for comfort.

"The Consulate said they'd extend the time if I would buy a one-way ticket to Israel," he said.

"There's a boat leaving New York for Israel on Sept. 4 and I guess I'll have to be aboard — but I'm still hoping.

"I feel that if I would be allowed to get my college educa-

tion and return to Israel as an aeronautical engineer I could serve my country better.

"I want to serve in the armed forces — but I would like to get my education first. I may never have a chance to return."

"There is a college in Israel, but," Ed says, "it's only for Kinstens—not Shamsis.

Ed, the youngest of a family of five, was encouraged by his father to come to the United States for his education.

"My father," Ed said, "told me he felt it would be easier for me to go through an American college if I arrived a few years early and learned the language first."

Ed said he was "scared and shy when he arrived.

"I only knew about 200 words of English," Ed said, "and I wanted to get the first plane back to Israel."

In September, 1961, arrangements were made for Ed to come here where he lived with Dr. and Mrs. James Lee until Aug. 11, 1962 when he moved in with the Dowbys.

Ed says he is afraid that once he returns to Israel he won't have the courage to come back.

But his foster parents here feel

Israeli Student Living in Huron Hopes for 4 More Years in U.S.

By Press State Service

HURON — Ed Shamsi, 18, who lives with Mr. and Mrs. Marc Dowby, is fighting to stay in the United States until he finishes a college education.

A 1963 graduate of Huron High School, Shamsi has been in the United States since he was 15.

He has been accepted at Kent State University to study aeronautical engineering.

However, according to an Israel Government law which grants its young citizens a student visa to the United States to study in American schools, he must return immediately following graduation from high school to serve two and a half years in the Israeli Army.

Shamsi's father, in Israel, is beating a path to the con-

sulate and immigration offices there pleading his son's case.

Shamsi, who was told to return to Israel by July 31, succeeded in obtaining an extension—only until he can prove he has obtained passage on a ship, or an airplane ticket back to his homeland.

There's a ship leaving New York for Israel on Sept. 4 but Ed is hoping he won't have to be on it.

Both Ed and his father have dreamed of his getting an education in the United States.

Says Ed, "If I can be allowed to get a degree in aeronautical education before returning to my homeland, I know I can be of greater service to my country."

"I want to return to my homeland and serve my country in the armed forces — I just want my education first."



FIGHTING TO STAY in the U. S. long enough to finish college is an Israeli student, Ed Shamsi, who is living in Huron. By Israeli law, he is supposed to return after completing high school, which he just did. But he wants a four-year extension on his visa.

Mrs. Harold Thorman

13720 Shaker Blvd., Apt. 303, Cleveland 20, Ohio

July 30 - 63

Dear Ruthi Silver;

Enclose find
my check for our Torah cover
for Hataless to the birth day
August 1st

Maybe later I can send
more for the other one.

Thank Virginia again for
calling me. Best to you both

Fondly

Sophia Thorman

August 2, 1963

My dear Mr. Gilboa:

I received this morning the clippings which you were kind enough to send me of the conversation which we had in Israel. Your article is beautifully written, accurate and a true transcript of our conversation. I read it with extreme pleasure.

I hope to see you when I am in Israel next, which I hope will not be too long delayed. With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfn

Mr. Joshua A. Gilboa
Maariv Daily
P.O.B. 20010
Tel-Aviv, Israel

August 2, 1963

My dear Sophia:

I received your note of July 30th and your gracious contribution in memory of Harold. It is a lovely thing to have a cover for one of our Torahs in the Ark of the Temple in his memory.

With warmest regards and hoping to see you soon again,
I remain



Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mrs. Harold Thorman
13720 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland 20, Ohio

August 2, 1963

My dear Richard:

Let me thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me your new book, "What Counts Most In Life". My acknowledgement is delayed because I have just returned from a visit to Israel. I know that I shall read your book with a great deal of pleasure.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Dr. Richard C. Hertz
Temple Beth El
8801 Woodward Avenue
Detroit 2, Michigan

August 2, 1963

My dear Mr. Dowby:

Let me thank you for your letter of July 30th concerning Mr. Ed Shamsi. I am afraid I can do nothing in the matter. If there is any merit in his case, he should make his appeal directly to the authorities in Israel and I am sure that they will take his case in full consideration and act properly in the matter.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Mr. Marc C. Dowby
107 Forest Hills Drive
Huron, Ohio

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August 13, 1963

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

You will recall that I mentioned to you in Israel that I am involved in the establishment in our community of a modern daily Hebrew school. While we are progressing and will definately open our school next fall we are encountering if not outright opposition, indifference, from the reform wing of the community leadership.

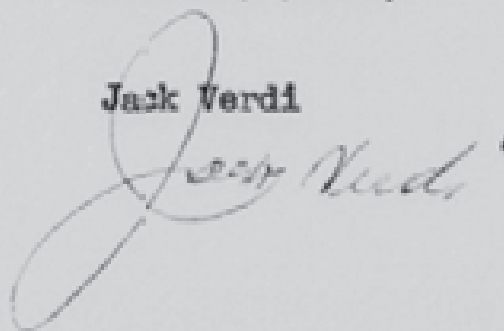
A statement of encouragement from you, I believe, would be very helpful, we could use it in the schools publicity. As a Zionist I deem it as a basic task of ours to promote Hebrew culture and learning.

I am still under the spell of the recent most successful Zionist Convention. Spiritual leadership will always be a beacon of light illuminate our future path. Your stature rose the convention to its height and will be long remembered.

Kindest regards from my daughters and myself to Mrs. Silver and yourself.

Sincerely yours,

Jack Verdi

A large, elegant handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jack Verdi". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Jack Verdi".

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August 13, 1963

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

Dear Rabbi Silver,

We have your telephone request for the minutes of the American Section of the Jewish Agency for the years 1947/48.

Our director, Mrs. Sylvia Landress, is away on vacation and will be back ~~only~~ by the end of August. Without her authorization, we are unable to make copies of these minutes available to you.

We regret this inconvenience, and we hope that you will be able to wait until Mrs. Landress returns from her vacation. She will, at that time, get in touch with you.

Sincerely yours,

Esther Togman

(Miss) Esther Togman
Asst. Director and Librarian

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Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
19810 Shaker Boulevard,
Shaker Heights,
Cleveland - Ohio,
U.S.A.

My dear Dr. Silver,

May I remind you that during your short stay in London I had the honour and pleasure of visiting you in your hotel. I asked you to read my article on Russia and the Jews in the October, 1962 issue of The Gates of Zion. If you have read it I should be immensely grateful if you would let me know your opinion of it. You also asked me to send you my Hebrew publication 'Yismach Yisrael' which I am sending under separate cover. May I ask you to be good enough to glance through my Sefer.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,



(Rabbi Dr.) J. Litvin

Morris Leibowitz
1877 Ocean Ave
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August 15, 1963

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker
Shaker Heights, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Having an aversion to reading long letters or listening to long speeches, I make my letters as brief as possible, only long enough to explain the subject. However, in my letter of July 15, 1963, I failed to make my letter long enough to explain its objectives.

The letter sent you read as if the principle objective was to earn money for Boys' Clubs of America. Actually that is only incidental. The book could be highly successful and never earn a cent for Boys' Clubs. The primary reason for the book is to inspire boys who read it to emulate those writing the letter to live honorable and successful lives.

The first printing will be 5,000 books, the cost of which will be underwritten by me. (NONE of the participants will be expected to bear any part of the expense of the production of the book!) One thousand of these books will be distributed by me through schools, churches, boys' clubs, and etc., which will assure their being placed into the hands of the boys who will profit most from them. One thousand of these books will be given to the 100 people participating in the production of the book. The remaining 3,000 copies will be either sold or distributed through the same channels.

I have a great respect for books; and during my business life, I have given away hundreds, yes, even thousands, to friends, relatives, associates, and employee. And, I am still at it, as I have seen beneficial results in many instances where I have given a book.

Perhaps there is nothing you have done or ever will do that could give you greater happiness and satisfaction than to know that by writing a letter of advice to boys you had changed some boys' life and caused him to want to follow in your foot steps!

Sincerely,

J. G. Bell

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[18 Aug 1963]



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18 אוגוסט 1963

לכבוד
ד"ר אבא הלל פילבר,
אזרח כבוד של תל-אביב-יפו.

אדוני אזרח הכבוד של עירנו; *נצח*,

...
כזה צלום, אשר אולי תמצא בו עניין, של ישיבת מועצה
העיר, שהתקיימה ביום 30.6.63. ראש העיריה, מר מדכי נמיר
מכרז בהזדמנות זו קבוצת פקידים בכירים של הממשלה המרכזית ושל
השלטונות המקומיים בפרט, שאך גמרו סמינריון על הסלטון המקומי
בישראל ואשר התקיים בחסות משרד החוץ.

זהו הצלום הראשון של אולם המועצה אשר נעשה מאז
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התמונות ומסגרותיהן. בצלום זה נראות תמונותיהם של 15 אזרחי
הכבוד האחרונים בסדר כרונולוגי, מתוך 44 האישים שזכו להונצח
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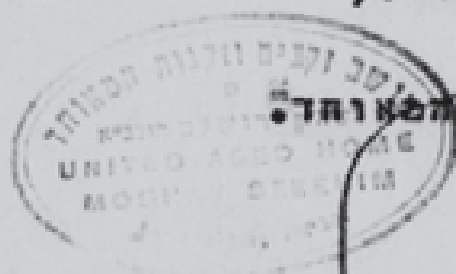
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בשם מאות הישישים תלמידי החכמים והרבנים החוסים במוסדנו
הגדול, הננו מחברים להביע בזה לכב' את חודחנו העמוקה עבור
עזרתו החשובה אשר הושיט לנו עד כה, ואת ברכותינו לקראת השנה
החדשה הבעל"ס: יכתבהו ויחתמהו ה' בספרן של צדיקים, לאלתר, לחיים
טובים ארוכים ולשלום, אותו ואת משפחתו הכבודה.

שמחים אנו להודיע לכב' כי באביב הבעל"ס יושלם הבנין החדש
של מוסדנו, שיהא תפארת לעמנו ולעיר עוז לנו, וכדי לגבור את המלאכה
ולהרהטו - זקוקים אנו לסכום כסף הגון ואנו פונים אל כב' בבקשתנו
להרים חרומה להנצחת שמו ושמות בני משפחתו ע"י רכישה חדר, מטה או
אבן זכרון, וכו' או חלקי הרהוט, וכן להשפיע על ידידיו ומכיריו לקחת
חבל בסיום הבנין הזה.

ימי הרחמים, ממשיכים ובאים, יחמלא נא איפוא כב' ברחמים על
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זה יכתב ויחתם בזה ראש-השנה, בספרן של צדיקים, לאלתר, לחיים טובים
ארוכים ולשלום,

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August 26, 1963

ELI GOLDSTON

PRESIDENT

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
The Temple
105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am sending to you under separate cover a number of photographs which turned up when Elaine and I began unpacking at our new home. I know that The Temple will want to preserve these in its records, and I can only apologize for the fact that somehow they became lost amongst some of our own possessions and were not noticed until the current unpacking.

Elaine, the children and I have been very happy in our new life here in Boston, although my work has been demanding - almost consuming - of time and attention. I have found the somewhat lesser degree of intellectual puzzle solving as compared to law practice balanced off by challenging - and, to me, quite new - problems of motivating people and energizing organizations. In many ways, the best training for my present position was the work Elaine and I did with the Mr. and Mrs. Club of The Temple!

We look forward to a very busy fall. In addition to modernizing the old house we purchased, Elaine is learning to speak Japanese and I am writing a chapter for a book on metropolitan problems. Dian is busy applying to college and Robbie is practicing ballroom dancing. All of us, however, would be happy to drop everything and visit with you if your travels bring you to Boston.

With the very best of personal regards from me and mine to you and yours,

Very cordially,

EG:lsu

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August 29, 1963

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed please find a picture of yourself and the President of Israel - just thought you may want to have it.

It was a real privilege and pleasure to participate in the banquet in your honor in Israel.

You may remember me as the grandson of one of the founders of Betach Tikvah. Also being stationed in Japan with your son Danny.

With Respect and Admiration,
Rabbi David Raab, Pres.
Savannah Zionist District

Aug 1963.

Dr A. H. Silver,

The Temple.

Cleveland Ohio.

Sidney Gutentag
"Yean Zeit"

Dear Rabbi: -

I meant to write.

My dear Brother was a gifted person. A man of fine characteristics, and qualities.

He was known for his kindness, and human perspectives.

Also, he was a firm believer in the "Commandments". To do unto others that he would want others to do unto him. In his transactions he was always fair, and of reason. He was always present when some one needed a helping hand.

He knew tolerance, and justice. It didn't make a difference whether the Man was white or colored. Cause he loved humanity. He had a sense of humor

and possessed a beautiful smile.
Had he pursued his talents
he would of become an able
and an accomplished Architect,
which was his great love.

While he traveled rather exten-
sively through the States he was
proud of Bleakland, and visioned
great things for its future.

In this respect he shared his
late Fathers sentiments.

I cherish his Memory dear Friend.
May his soul rest in Peace, and
serve as an inspiration who
need guidance.

Incidentally, he regarded The
SILVERS in high esteem, and
always left the Temple, richer
in Wisdom, and Knowledge.

May you and your "good
People" know the blessings
of good health, security,

and above all, the Wondrous
 earnest of our prayers.

Peace eternal.

"WITH MALICE TOWARD NONE."

I am Sincerely Yours.

Your Friend Always,

Jay M. Gutentag



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My kindest regards to "yours".