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MRS ELKAN C VOORSANGER
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WE ARE DEEPLY STUNNED TO RECEIVE WORD OF THE
PASSING OF OUR DEAR FRIEND ELKAN AND WE SEND
YOU OUR PROFOUNDEST SYMPATHIES. HE WAS A
FINE AND LOVEABLE MAN WHO WILL BE GREATLY
MISS BY ALL THOSE WHO KNEW HIM. BE
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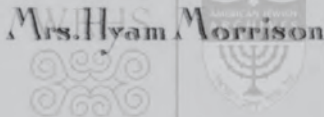
ABBA AND
VIRGINIA SILVER

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BD THE TEMPLE

[1963?]

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10, Abbotsbury Road,
London, W.14.



Shalom !

We are delighted to have
you here.

Dr. Hyam Bouison

[1963?]

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I want to thank the
congregation of your church
and, most especially,
Mr. Simon, for the most
cordial welcome accorded
the ninth grade church
school class of our West

WRHS



Shore Unitarian Church.

My husband was one of
the drivers for our
daughter's class and
enjoyed visiting the Temple
as much as did our
young people.

Mr. Simon did an
excellent job explaining
the sanctuary, the
various beliefs and
customs - and in answering
the countless questions of

inquiring young men.

To all of you for your
greatly appreciated
hospitality - a warm
thank you from all
of us at West Shore
Unitarian. Please
feel free to return our
visit at any time.

Sincerely,

Mrs. George Diderger, Jr.
30503 Wolf Road
Bay Village

WRHS



Shabbat Shalom!

Looking forward to seeing
you Our fondest love

Edith & Isaac Wolpon.

Miss Kaye



[1963?]

~~Lady Wolfson.~~

74, Portland Place,

W.1.

[1963]

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Telegrams:
Maripenza London Telex.
Telephone: Welbeck 4422.

Michael House,
Baker Street,
London, W.1.

From J. Edward Sieff

With Best wishes from

Edward + Lois Sieff



I should be delighted if you lunch
with me on Thursday.

Wendy

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[1963?]

HAROLD FALLON
3025 LINCOLN BOULEVARD
CLEVELAND HEIGHTS 18, OHIO

Dear Rabbi -

It is with a heart full of
gratitude that I write to tell
you of my appreciation of your
funeral service for my father-in-
law, Jay Iglauer.

Dad Iglauer was one of the
most unusual men that I have
known, or will probably ever know.
Your eulogy perfectly characterized
his life, and his attitudes, and
was delivered as only one man
whom I have had the privilege
to know, could have so done -
that is you.

It was simple, yet eloquent,
 quiet, yet beautiful, and
 in some very deep, and truly
 religious way, made us all
 feel at peace, after a very
 difficult stormy period. It

was the place of a Rabbi-

with abiding gratitude-

affectionately

Samuel-

WRHS



[1963?] Thursday

Dear Rabl's Silver here ~~at~~ here

Your holiday gift certainly
was unexpected — and undeserved!
A person feels a bit uneasy about
receiving a gift just for doing
one's job!

—However, it came at a most opportune moment. I had just come from the hospital [a coronary two days before that strike!], I have been out twice since and the scarf — per doctor's orders — has helped to keep me bundled

up in regal manner!

It looks now like I'll
get the doctor's green
light before the papers
do. The timing of my illness
made my Scottish forebearers
happy if nobody else — including
me — Warmest regards,
Jack Hume

thank
you

[1963?]

The CLEVELAND INSTITUTE OF ART

Established in 1882



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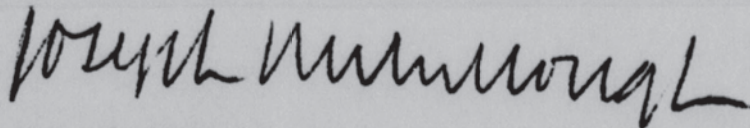
Rabbi and Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple, East 105th St. and Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi and Mrs. Silver,

Thank you very much for your contribution of \$25.00
to the Cleveland Institute of Art.

We appreciate the interest you have shown in the
Institute and its program.

Sincerely yours,



Joseph McCullough
Director



[1963?]

wedding turned over to
DLS.

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Dear Rabbi Silver,

Welcome back! I hope that you &

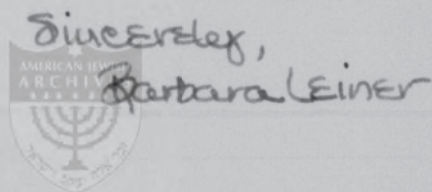
Mrs. Silver had an enjoyable trip. Passover
in the Holy Land must have been an inspiring
experience.

When you & I met with you in
January, you expressed the desire to see
us both again before the wedding on the

28th. We both will be available for
such a meeting in the late afternoon on
the 26th. Perhaps we could arrange an
appointment with you before or after Vesper
services.

After the 18th I will be at home
with the folks ((P. A. LEINER - SK 1-9804).)

I look forward to hearing from you.



Sincerely,
Barbara Leiner

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[1963?]

My dear Mrs. Ray:-

As I am appealing to you again, I can't recall, if I sent you a word of thanks for sending me a picture of Dr. Pilner - If not, I apologize, as it was distinctly an oversight, for I do appreciate your attention to my requests.

However, I have been struggling against an odd which is a glossy print. I would have made it into a dull print without troubling you again, but I felt as I was working on the picture, that it was taken several years ago, and as my main purpose was to make it for his ^{Dr. Pilner's} 70th birthday, this

✓ other picture was defeating
my purpose.

I imagine that several ones
were taken of Dr. Silver before
The one in The book were
decided upon, and if you
have one of his head and
shoulders, I would appreciate
it being sent on to me. I
will have the proof finished
as I need it.

Again Thanking you
for your consideration, I
am

Sincerely

Mrs. Betty Somervan
1021 W. Indian School,
Phoenix, Ariz. Gt A.

Mrs. Belle Rukin [1963?]
3151 Mayfield Rd
Cleveland 18 Ohio

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
105th & Silver Park
Cleveland Ohio

Dear Rabbi,

You may know that fifteen
residents of Montefiore Home
had the privilege of hearing your
stimulating sermon "The Mess
We are In - Or Are We?" on Sunday
Nov. 4th 62.

I want to thank you for much
inspiration in their behalf and
for giving us hope with time and
patience to look forward to
peace in the entire world.
It gave us much to think about
and for this we are grateful to
you.

God bless you and your family
with good health and happiness
for a long, long time to come.

Sincerely yours
Mrs Belle Rukin



Thank you

[1963?]

BAKER, HOSTETLER & PATTERSON
COUNSELLORS AT LAW
UNION COMMERCE BUILDING
CLEVELAND

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Friday October 26

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I am deeply grateful to you for giving me a half hour of your time this morning. Your comments, thoughts and counsel were most helpful.

Our problem is not easy and none of the alternative solutions appears to be fully satisfactory. However, you have pointed the way to what may be the most practical answer under the circumstances. We appreciate your help in this difficult matter very much.

Sincerely,

Harlan Pomeroy

[1963]

STANLEY WARNER

MANAGEMENT CORPORATION

1407 EUCLID AVENUE

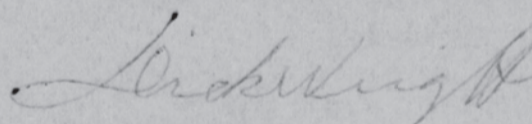
CLEVELAND 15, OHIO

I am enclosing your season book for 1963 for our
STANLEY WARNER THEATRES in Cleveland.

I sincerely hope that its use will help you plan
many evenings of enjoyment and entertainment for the coming
months.

Sincerely,

STANLEY WARNER MANAGEMENT CORP.



Dick Wright
District Manager

DW:ss
enc.

[1963]

My dear Mr. Wright:

Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness
in sending me a Season Pass for the Stanley Warner
Theatres for 1963.

With all good wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

AHS:bfm



ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Mr. Dick Wright
District Manager
Stanley Warner Management Corp'n
1407 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland 15, Ohio

[1963?]

This paper has no title; none could be thought of that would be appropriate. I suppose from its contents that it could be called a brief in defense of Adolph Eichmann. It is, perhaps, unique for someone to come forward and plead that a person purportedly responsible for the torture and murder of millions of his co-religionists should not be given the most horrible treatment possible. But that is what is advocated herein.

The Children of Israel, though a very tiny minority, have certainly had a prominent place in religious, secular and political history. The very survival of Judaism has, indeed, been miraculous. God has been our shield and strength when our own strength failed us; His Law has been a lamp to illumine our path in the several periods of darkness and oppression, but he has also strongly chastized us for our backslidings and transgressions. HE has dearly loved us and severely punished us.

During the hundreds of years since the Bar Kochba Rebellion and the Dispersion in 3830, we have been a people without a country. Distributed amongst the Nations of the World we had no Land to call our own. The greatest fanaticism toward us came most often from the two large religions which have borrowed the most from us. And in those many times when we were harrassed by a hostile populace, we became even more steadfast in our belief in ONE God and the more studious of our beloved Torah. Often the slanders used against us to frenzy the murderous masses were without foundation, but the illiterate mobs and soldiery knew no better. Lord forgive them for they knew not what they did.

Generally, so history shows, a nation has a paramount religion. Pre-dispersion Israel was monotheistic, while surrounding Nations worshipped idols and assorted dieties. And this trend is similar today. We have Catholic Nations, Protestant, Buddhist, Moslem, Hindu and, yes, even Jewish--thanks to God, praised be His name. These various Nations have built a record for themselves on the pages of time--whether they have been peaceful or warlike, learned or illiterate, tolerant or cruel, resourceful or backward, prosperous or impoverished, with courts just or unjust, with medicinal practices logical or superstitious. All of these and more a nation's religion sets down for itself.

And now we have our own Country. One whose birthpangs were a once-in-history catastrophe in Central Europe. What will the record be for Modern Israel? Will we be able to show by affirmative acts and deeds that He whose Laws we obey is indeed the God of all Goodness--the Father of all mankind?

Returning now to the purpose of this paper---there are four theories advanced as to why society punished criminals. These are: (1) vengeance, (2) to deter others, (3) reform the wrongdoer, and (4) to protect society.

We now have a pathetic figure of a man named Eichmann charged with, and admitting, his part in killing millions of Jews. We have by dubious means obtained him from the jurisdiction of Argentina and are now insinuating that we will try and convict him in Israel, for a crime committed in Germany, which wants nonpart of the matter. Argentina wants him back. It is quite clear that if we should convict and wrongfully execute this wretch of a man that we would be pretty much motivated by vengeance. Yet, "Vengeance is mine saith the Lord."

"He that guards Israel shall not slumber; He that guards Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep." This apparently is true for often we have stood against seemingly insurmountable odds, yet when punishment was

to be meted to us, there was always a foe ready to swoop down, vanquish, and perhaps carry us away captive into exile. If there were not a reason, then no man or group of men could kill six million of us.

What are we to do with this shell of a man? A truly pathetic figure whose conscience no one of us would want. It seems there is an answer. A trial should be had as to his guilt. It should be held in Israel. All possible world publicity should be attached to it. The evidence will be for conviction and death, which would even perhaps be a relief to the accused. After the evidence is in and the arguments presented and the trial closed, there should be a sufficient interval of time before the judges present their decision so that world interest will mount. Then, at the precise moment, the judgment. The verdict should be guilty, as charged. The punishment--freedom to return to Argentina if he so desires. This would be a resounding answer to the malicious charge of the past 2000 years that we are the killers of a man named Jesus who died an unusual death--a death about which a book could be written on the facts as we know them. We, who have been persecuted and murdered for the false charge of the death of one man, can now, if this is handled correctly, emphatically show the World how we treat a man convicted of killing millions of us.

Maybe it is even more than that. How can we as men punish another man who has been solely or contributarily responsible for the premature demise of so many souls. What horrible vengeance can we wreak upon him that will give us relief or satisfaction? There is none. By turning him loose we would impressively demonstrate to him, to the World and to posterity that those slaughtered and turned into soap were kind, decent people no matter what impression may have been created by those departed who lived in Germany. We do not want his blood, though he had an unquenchable thirst for ours.

These are distressing and frightening times. The best of our intelligence seems bent on creating ever more ghastly, more destructive, more powerful weapons. We, as Jews, in this time of trouble must continue to lead mankind to ever loftier heights of learning, mercy, forgiveness.

This is a golden opportunity. A chance to demonstrate to outsiders just what Judaism stands for. Many people are yet hostile, some have ignorant misunderstandings, large numbers are indifferent.

Forgiveness is not new to us. For the many hundreds of years that we have been without a home it has become a part of us, otherwise we could not have continued to do business with our tormentors, kept our sanity, or even survived, for the intense hatred would otherwise have consumed us from within.

Will our children and our children's children be ashamed for the littleness which we have shown today? Or will we truly emphasize that we can be just and great-hearted in all our dealings and demonstrate to everyone that in the face of the greatest trials our religion is sublimely magnificent and that we as a people love mercy, do justice and walk humbly with our God. Let us not misuse this great moment to exhibit for all time that He whose Laws we obey is indeed the God of all Goodness, the Father of all mankind.

David M. Kelley
David M. Kelley
Jew - Farmer - Lawyer

I value the criticism of friends who have reviewed this writing. The largest point of dissention among them arose over the question of suitable punishment. They agreed unanimously against death.

I continue to argue against life imprisonment. Israel is a young, beautiful country bursting with hope for our people. We do not want anything so loathesome, so rotten, within the confines of her borders. A farmer does not catch a destructive pest and cage it in the granary.

Also, we as a nation, have to take a responsible position in the affairs of the world. Is Israel to gain a reputation in the World of being a collection of "damn Jews" or highly respected Israelites? The survival of this atom and strife-torn world depends on our earning and keeping all nations' respect.

We cannot under any pretense go forth and kidnap citizens or those seeking asylum in another nation. The finding and removal of Eichmann from Argentina was clever and I feel correct. It was a marvelous piece of detective work and timing. But we as a people cannot risk the resentment of the rest of the World by our intentional disregard for International Law. After proper determination of the nature and extent of Eichmann's guilt by an Israeli Tribunal, he should be returned to Argentina.

The greatest punishment we can grant to a person is to show him a kindness after he has wronged us. We have all had the experience where someone whom we have slighted or wronged through impatience, unthinking or some base motive has soon after done us a good turn. It caused one to take stock and analyze himself. A slight for a slight; a wrong for a wrong, however, gives us ample grounds for justifying our unkind or unlawful action. And so with this man. Let us after the trial show him every kindness--not torture or death. He should then reflect, along with the rest of the World as to his own state of moral decay.

It will be the worst punishment we could give him.

My thanks to the following who were kind enough to read and criticize the original.

David Barben
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