



## Abba Hillel Silver Collection Digitization Project

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### **MS-4787: Abba Hillel Silver Papers, 1902-1989.**

Series IV: Sermons, 1914-1963, undated.

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The Principles of Judaism in an Immortal Hymn, 1946.



1) Pr. Book contains in addition to poems from Book - Psalms <sup>sermon 679.1</sup>  
 also Ps 112 - since 7c - Pal - Babyl - all other lands - Hundred  
Midrash to P. 13 - 700 poets Fr. Italy - Germany - Spain - David  
forced, judaistic, artificial - lit. precursors - Thy acc  
some objected to inclusion in the service - preference 1st 1st  
Reform excluded them all - Poetry

2) Among them ① Nach 111 - already known in 9c - recited  
 every day in Sf. ritual; Art = 126 at close, service  
 ② Ps 118 111 - author unknown - Galilean -  
Hebrew - beg. morning service - du, Joh. Jos. Sen  
nature of God - philos. in spirit - attributes  
Creator - Eternal - Unity - Omnipotence - Providence  
3, 1, 2, 1, 2, 3, 2

3) Y. 92a - Very popular - also metaph - on the whole used Judaism -  
Morning service - Ev. service - many musical settings  
Another. not certain - Italy - 14c - David  
b. Jos. Jos. Daygan

4) It is based on M. M. - 13 Articles Faith - Mishnah <sup>rabbinic</sup> 1321  
7/10 ps 118 - nature, Future life - doctrine  
which can be taken Faith Jew. 1310, 1321  
 (a) 2 Formulations in P. 132 ① Prise about in M. 1321  
 (b) May be classified in 3 groups. First 5 - (a) Existence  
of God 1b/4 Revelations 1c/4 - Providence - Revelation



5). There is no Creed in Bible - or Talmud, - No creed which is  
a test of J. - No Jew was ever commanded to recite a creed.  
- No Tribunal was ever authorized to enforce what

(a) M. Mend. (just) a Jew believes in -  
No punishment was prescribed for want of belief  
- No where in Bible or Talmud is J. defined, in so many  
words - ~~teaching~~ No Theol. System + No syst.  
arrangement of doctrines - Interpreted - Implied -  
- No God- Providence - Revealed His truth - anxious of  
underlying the code of conduct prescribed.

Prophets & Rabbis concerned with Practice, the Law, rather than Speculation  
6). ~~Unlikely Christianity~~ - ~~Apostle Creed~~ - 1C - ~~Nichene Creed~~ - 4C - ~~anathema~~ (4C)  
nevertheless - Rise of Opposition Faith - disputes as hot

parties - forced a declaration & definition  
17. attempted - 13 articles - No part. authority  
No Sanhedrin - a Syn. Council was appointed 917

Famous Rabbis & Philosophers - Crescas (15C) "confronted  
dogmas a fundamental beliefs, Jvd., without which Jvd.  
is unconceivable with beliefs or doctrines which Jvd.  
is essential, but the denial, which, tho involving a thing  
heresy, does not make Jvd. impossible".  
Duran (15C) + Joseph Albo (15C) insisted that Creed  
comprised only 3 - (1) Existence of God (2) Resurrection  
(3) Reward & Punishment.

7). Very popular - many premises.



8/ Read in 13 articles in Press. - (p. 89)

It should be pointed out - that some, these articles were deliberately aimed at refuting Chr. + Moh. statements

Article 3 - ag. Christianity - repeat charge, anthropomorphism.

Article 7 - ag. Moh. who maintained that N's prophecy was eclipsed by Moh. - strange.

Article 8 - charge that Jews had altered the Torah

Article 9 - New Testament. - Law, Moses abrogated by Mohammed.

Article 12 - central Chr. message as TTT Exposed

9/ Read Psalm. Israel Jazmiller p. 210. (Small Secret!)

Orthodox Jwd.

Modern Jwd. - is not prepared to accept all.

No divergence as to part 5. ① Existence of God and Creator ② Belief in His Unity ③ Belief in his Spirituality ④ Belief in his Eternity ⑤ Belief that all worship and adoration are due to him alone.

Heart of Judaism <sup>our monotheistic faith</sup> + unchanging principles - our gift

10/ Concerning next 4 - Revelations - change of emphasis and interpretation. We believe in that divine truth is made manifest to man through the agency of



of the people and the world men - who become wanderers (9)  
sees, prophets and teachers: Truth always down  
in the heart of the man. They are the inspired  
men. <sup>the way, the truth, the life</sup> whether it is man who  
sees, first a God who speaks and he chooses spokes-  
men. <sup>the way, the truth, the life</sup> - (10) call it revelation.

We are not prepared to say that all the words  
of the prophets are true, in the sense of the ultimate  
and final truth, or that they are all of same sp. val.

But it is important to avoid superstition to  
the prophet (Moses) - as an article of faith. This is a  
matter of faith. ~~the Bible~~ <sup>the Bible</sup> has Jud.  
is not the rel. <sup>the religion</sup> of Jesus & Christ. Many  
of the rel. <sup>the religion</sup> of Jesus & Christ. Many  
of the rel. <sup>the religion</sup> of Jesus & Christ. Many

But the rel. <sup>the religion</sup> of Jesus & Christ. Many  
of the rel. <sup>the religion</sup> of Jesus & Christ. Many  
of the rel. <sup>the religion</sup> of Jesus & Christ. Many

Understandably some of the rel. <sup>the religion</sup> of Jesus & Christ. Many  
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of the rel. <sup>the religion</sup> of Jesus & Christ. Many



Ps. 112. ד' אלהים יחיה  
לדוד = 3 פסוקים

in the presence of WRHS

and San Eder -  
Mystery - "There's a secret for. I live in there!"

14) You may remove orthodoxy layers - Essence remains  
 There is God - Providence - worship the Father - Reveal  
For him - for mankind . Perhaps also for God's Vid.  
~~When then said~~ Perhaps the fate / death - are  
 the future which men after life eternal -