



Abba Hillel Silver Collection Digitization Project

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

Series V: Writings, 1909-1963, undated.

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A month in Palestine, 1933.

1/ Arr. March 30th, by rail from Alexandria. first time.
- Mt. of Judea - hard, rugged, stony, jagged,

① yes or no - no nuances - colors primary
a land of sharp contrasts -

② If body of water happens to be low - lowest
salt - saltiest; Hot & hottest;
moon-light, no pale, spectral -
rain - it will be dry for months

(?) In one hour you descend

③ no wonder at the sharp angularity & character
position - prophetic - psalm -

2/ Spent first few days in Jerusalem - visiting
ancient sites - 3 religions - walls - surroundings
lance ③ obble stone - bazaars - ④ Kotel -

⑤ Temple Area - Mosque; (b) Ch Holy Sepulchre -
Via dolorum (1) Little Synagogues

⑧ new city - suburbs - 1/26 511 -

⑨ J.N.F. Blotz usshushkin

⑩ Shau's Health Centre (only one in Orient)

⑪ Rudassah hospital - { 4 hosp.
Nurses Tr. School
Child Hsp. Unit.

⑫ King David Hotel - as fine piton xdp

⑬ Y.M.C.A. - help to dedicate - Apr. 18

(13) In a word - I spent first few days - tourist -
Jerusalem m, the most fascinating & interesting
old & new; all people, races, creeds,
Physical location superb - vistas -

(14) Visited Heb. University - Ceremony - Magpies -
Pride of world Jewry - lit. papers -
1925 - 9 full papers. - 3 hrs. by
Student from 17 countries

- German -

3 - A week after our arrival - began to visit outlying
colonies & settlements.

(1) Kingiat Anarim - 1927 - ~~1927~~ 1927
Arab rocky hillside on one hand
Jewish planted " " " " other

(2) Jewish initiation, hard labor; no "easy"
farming in Pot. - Rocks - swamps -

(3) Atarot - 1930 - first cattle -

4 - Visit Dead Sea - Ride - wind & climate -
desolation - Jericho - Sodom & Gomorrah -
Much real history - Masada - Potash

5/ On Apr. 8 - Visit Mt. Gerizim - Samaritan -
Power of survival - 4 Angels returned

6/ We celebrated Passover and 330 in Jerusalem
Real Freedom - Songs in the night -
2/20 2/21 -
Only way open - warning

7/ Set out for Tel Aviv - { 1909 - sand
1910 - 300 wheat -
1953 - 60,000 Jews -
→ a modern city -
on sea shore - bathing beaches, hotels - theaters,
parks - libraries - etc. etc -
→ ① 1st 112 - Community Center - 6000 -
people from - people everywhere
Spoke there in Hebrew -
→ ② A Jewish City - Jewish Holidays -
Chanukah - Purim

③ Rate of Growth - Building

1928 - 60,000
1932 - 600,000

1932 - 4000,000 cases

8/ Visit 15th PM - Orange groves -
near Apollonia - Chevalier

9/ Apr 19 - Visit Transjordan Quater - 100 -
more fertile - under un sch mandate -
Should be opened for J. colonization -

(2) Jerash - Ruins - Am. Archael Soc
Ab. Nelson Ismet -

(3) Pal as centre of Archael interest
- Every foot
late 1891 - (1) Gaza, Flinders-Petrie

(2) Isen by Prof Macalister. (3) Tencho

(3) Upiddo -

(4) Univ. & Lem - Harvard - Chicago - Jale -
British - German - Hebrew - Hebrew -

(4) Visited - (1) Samarra - Prof. Sukem

(2) Atlit - Caves near - Miss Garrod

(3) Cafermann } 2C - Barbica

(4) El Hamma } Synagogue -

(5) Beth Alpha } 6C - Zodra - Saen
- Stone - 4 seam

10/ Emek - dotted with colonies - (1) 28/27
(2) 2 C/x - (Read) 143)

I. Jewish Labor - חייזרון - 30,000 -

(1) National and Social ideals

(2) Unity of Workers - manual & intellectual
urban & rural - skilled & unskilled -

Announcement 181 students - Jan 1 > census

~~29~~ ⁹ Jan preference - 3 Ans. -

Lustwick

- ① Jewish Studies
- ② Bio Chemistry
- ③ Micro Biology
- ④ Oriental Studies
- ⑤ Mathematics
- ⑥ Nat. Hist. & Phil
- ⑦ Faculty & Humanities (every graduate)

Library -

Dead Sea

Contained in waters in total solution

2000 med. metric tons of potassium chloride (potash) ^(berich)

950 m.

" "

magnesium bromide (bromine)

11,000 m.

" "

sodium chloride (used in eating food)

22,000 m.

"

magnesium chloride

6,100 m.

"

"

calcium chloride

500 acres of salt pans - nat. evaporation
water evaporates - leave chem. salt

① Haderool / 4 borp.

③ Kupat Hlein

way earners & ind. settlers - all who live off their own labor

(3) Self labor - ~~(2) Collective labor~~

(4) Employment of Arab Labor - (Pd. 123)

(5) Socialization

(6) Are back-lin & movement.

11/ Saw first German refugees
problems.

12/ Most significant part in J. history

14/ Hai fa - (1) Harbor - 1929. camp. this year.
largest indust. center - outlet -

(2) Oil Tanks - 1200 miles & pipes

(3) Bombing - Carmel - German Struck

1920 - 3 houses burnt on slope, C.

400 houses - 400 houses - 5000 people -