



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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Journal, Rome and Israel, 1960.

A. H. Silver ⁶⁰⁻¹³
Cleveland, Ohio

Spiral-block

1.960.

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Rome
Israel



~~Superstition. - Magic. Dead.~~

~~SEX~~

~~Justice - Love~~

- 16: Michelangelo - + the man
who wanted the nose, his
"David" changed -
17. - The Medici Chapel - Tombs.
The Space - Grand -
Tombs in entrance -
but 2 L.H. - 131/14.
- 18- The hero in armor like
Hector, Achilles or Ajax
stands at the head of an
people's history - Abraham -
Moses.
- 19- these words were like fires
from within the crown
(a volcano - when the
volcano erupts the whole)

landscape is treacherous

20 - A destiny which would
take them through cycles of
greatness and degradation

21 - The frightening and alluring
~~mysterious~~ rituals of
mystical chthonic deities

22 - He built no city that
perished, no empire that would
be trod in ruins in ages to
come.

23 - They spent it freely
and fearlessly

24 - The fervor, the new faith
encountered the obstacles of
the old indigenous paganism.
The former was abandoned
the latter attack. The latter
was never entirely vanquished
- the waves were alternately
repelled and attracted

25 - David who wrote the
greatest and most moving
freedom panegyric in all
literature.

26 - The nature animal Censured
culture

27 - Those remote ~~and~~ horizons
were ~~discovered~~ only by
the later prophets

28 - 14-15 c. It was not
enough to ~~discover~~ the
and painted the
nature of the ~~following~~ culture
discovered the beauty of
nature.

29 - O.T. - N.T. ~~for~~ pagan
mythology - all inspired
artists of the Renaissance
Same Persons - David -
Fates - Venus - Jesus -
Mary - Mercury - Zeus

30/ all greatness breeds legends.

31/ We have no right to
assume a logical evolu-
tion and a ~~scenario~~ ^{rising} climaxes in
matters spiritual. These
are not to be fixed by
the calendar.

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30 A/ - and in them the legends
makers reveal their ~~own~~
themselves for more than
the object of their adoration.

32/ matters of great notoriety
but of little importance.

33/ These are the spiritual
drawbacks of material
man.

34/ Like Mt. Etna, snow
without, fire within.

35/ The ^{lordly period of the} ~~allusions~~ ^{place}
put in the mouth of Moses -
a standard literary
technique

36/ Yahveh was never
imagined. No statues
of Y. ever discovered.

Palestine - 3 nations pledge to
not to allow changes of status
guaranteed by U.N. - no longer
binding - "Israel is withdrawing"

40/ U.S. make Nasser (Suez)
- Prisoner Canal modernization
- White Israeli carpenter - detained
Paraph

41/ "Front-page People"

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42/ In Mass - no threat of "converting"
heathen world.

43/ Religious insights do not
correspond to our ideas of
evolution, or historic determin-

was not the product
man. Phidias ~~did not~~ ^{was} ~~affair~~
of the age of Pericles, because
that age was congenial to
creative art, not ^{was} ~~enriched~~ ^{by}
~~a product of~~ ^{the} time, the Greeks, nor
Beethoven of 18c (?)

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Their genius ~~leapt~~ ^{was} into
their times which, fortunately,
did not suppress it - but
gave it scope and oppor-
tunity.

44/ We are dealing here not
with things substantial but

with theatrical properties.

46/. excess of imagination may lead to a paralysis of action

47/. Hate "pays a higher psychological dividend than can be obtained from international unity, sympathy and cooperation"

48/. Vanity and hatred are "hot."

49/. Rivalry in industry, science, arts, sport

53/ They were not aware of
any conflict of loyalties. (Southern segregationist and Disloyalty
from 'Independence i.e.' as well as
as created equal.

54/. Israel was the only people in
antiquity ~~which had~~ ^{which had}  enslaved
in a foreign land and to have ^{been}
experienced liberation and a
return ^{to the land} ~~home~~. Moses was
resolved to capitalize upon
this unique experience and
make of Israel a different
kind of a people -

- 60/- Much remnant of the
early and even the aboriginal
religious practices, the people
- 61) Cleveland suffers from a
suburban mentality
- 62) alien cradles with which—
- 63) No great literature without
great reviewers a taboo—
- 64) Generalization vs. Specializa-
tion - The full life (primitive)
vs. the specialized life.
- 65) folk-art and folk-religion

66/ Theirs was derivative

67/ Vulgarly and results from
excess.

68/ Without undivided freedom
there is no moral progress.
- even when there is external
prosperity. (Humboldt).

63a) There must be things which
a generation takes ~~seriously~~^{seriously}
or there can be no great
literature

69) resolved to transform the
people which he had liberated

70/ The corpus of mythology

71 - "A patient who has to his
physician beats only himself"
— Bodrya

72 - "Anyone who goes to a psychiatrist
ought to have his head examined"
Sam Goldstein

73 - "It was difficult for the angel
to death to kill everything in the whole
world - so he appointed doctors to
assist him" Beckman, Brakley

74 - "Both the doctor and the angel
to death kill, but the doctor
charges a fee" Zakaria, 13c

75/ Traveler crossing a mountain
in a log - monk - man - brother

76/ No $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ N on the don = Separation
but here - there!

77/ the perishable garlands of
worldly fame.

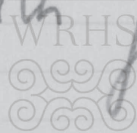


78/ There are veils which
cannot be drawn.

79/ All the questions have
already been asked. We
rephrase them and ask

the same questions again,
only to receive the same
unsatisfactory answers.

80/ Prayer is a mystical
communication with God
and with



Tues. Feb. 2, 1960

Arrive Rome - Pan Am.

Wed. Feb. 3.

Bus ride. Borghese Palace
St. Peters. Pantheon

Thurs. Feb. 4

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The Arditi Caves.

340 Romans shot by Germans
in 1943. - Monument
Jews -

E.U.R. - Bldgs. Museum
of Roman Antiquities.
New Railroad Station.
St. Paul.

Fri. Feb. 5

National Exposition Gallery
- Modern art.

Sabbath Service - El Templo.
Meet R. Elia Toeff. Full -
- Organ - Catholic influence -

Sat. Feb. 6

Nat. Museum  Exposition 25 yrs.
American art. }

Sun. Feb. 7 - Concert

Mon. Feb. 8.

Call on American
Ambassador. Zellerbach.

Tues. Feb. 9.
Visit Bishop O'Connor at
Ho. Amer. College. -

1 -> Private audience with

Pope. Vatican

1³⁰ Lunch at house of Israeli
Ambassador Mr. Sison -
Present also Rabin, Rone &
and other guests!

8 - Dinner with Mr. Levine
Israeli Ambassador to
Burma @ Passato Restaurant

Wed. Feb. 10.

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Flapjack Hotel Excelsior
Vittoria Palace
Pittigga Signoria

Thurs. Feb. 11.

Visited museums & churches.
The Duomo.

Fri. Feb. 12

The Pitti Palace, Nat. Mus.
The Synagogue for xcl
service - only a 1/11

Tues.

Mon. Feb. 16 - left Florence
for Naples

Wed

Tues. Feb. 17. Archaeological
Museum.

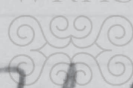
Opera - S. Carlo -
De Trova Fin - Soprano

Thurs.

Feb. 18 - Pompeii
Archaeol. Dig. - Sorrento

~~Thurs. Feb. 17~~

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Friday Feb. 19 Fly to
Taormina, Sicily.

Tues. Feb. 23 - By motor
to Messina.

Sat. Feb. 28 - Flew to Rome

Mon. Feb. 29. Visit the Vatican
Museum

Tues. Mar. 1 - Fly to Israel

Wed Mar. 2 - Mr Saper -
- ~~Erman~~ -

Thurs. 3 - Lachid - Kiryat Gat
Beer Sheva - Springing M. G.
+ Ceramics in Beer Sheva.

Friday - Ya'akov Tzan.
L. U. Uman - Lunches
and drinks - Library.

Sat. Mar. 5 - Synagogue -
Lunch + Banker Amos

New Blog 5.

Sun. Mar. 6 -
Lunch with Ambrosio

Raid - Mrs. Reid learning
Hebrew - her children, too.

Soccer game with Greece -
50,000 spectators - Victory
- Bill Jaslow, Massocher and
Pulch.

Eve. at Sharon - Kennedy

Monday Mar 7 - Ashdod - Plan
Rogosta - Rayon ^{new}
New Pass Station - ^{city} 1/4 hr.
Atomic Reactor - now 3,500.

Ben-Ami - Utanga -
Arab Sherif - Ray and
90000 Count - Stents

a year!
Met Feldberg the family
cousin - refugee -

Hotels crowded

Govt. now encouraging
investment capital
(see  )
B.G. in U.S.