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Cleveland, Ohio, 1945-1953.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
Fairmount Boulevard at Eaton Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

MINISTERS

HAROLD COOKE PHILLIPS  
FRANCIS CHASE WHEATON

June 2, 1945

Dear Abba Hillel:

I am delighted to hear that you can come on October 24. We shall put you right down for that, sir.

As the time approaches I shall talk to you a little more about the meeting. This is just to say a great big "thank you."

Fraternally yours,



Harold



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Rd. and E. 105th St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
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August 28, 1945

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road and E. 105th St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are getting our publicity ready for our fall midweek meetings in which you are to have a part. We are looking forward to your participation on October 24.

We shall be very happy to have a photograph and a brief biographical sketch which we may use for this purpose. If you would like to suggest the subject of your talk at this time we would be glad to have that also. I hope it will be possible to send this material for the first week in September.

Thanking you for forwarding this information, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCW:S

*Francis C. Wheaton*

September 5, 1945

Rev. Francis Chase Wheaton  
The First Baptist Church  
Fairmount Blvd. at Eaton Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Wheaton:

Enclosed herewith is a short  
biographic sketch of Dr. Silver as well  
as a photograph which you may use in  
your publicity.

The subject of Dr. Silver's  
address at your meeting on October 24  
will be "The Great Lessons of the War."

With best wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

# Pioneer Women's Organization Council

CLEVELAND, OHIO



October 1, 1945

Dear Friends:

The Ninth National Convention of the Pioneer Women's Organization will be held in Cleveland November 7th through November 12th, at the Hollenden Hotel. In accordance with our National policy, a special Convention number of the National Pioneer Women's Journal, celebrating our 20th Anniversary, will carry both local and National greetings.

The Pioneer Women's Organization of America is the sister Organization of the Moatzat Hapoaloth - the Working Women's Council, which is the women's division of the Histadrut in Palestine. Together we maintain agricultural training farms and vocational trade schools for girls; after school clubs and day care centers for the children of working mothers; rehabilitation centers for returning service women (PAIS); adjustment centers for immigrant women. This year our major efforts are the building of 25 new institutions which will absorb thousands of children from war torn Europe; - this is in addition to our Child Rescue Fund transmitted through the Jewish Agency, which is for the maintenance of the children only.

May we count your Organization among our many friends who will greet our National Convention in this special Journal? Please indicate your greeting on the enclosed Ad blank and return promptly to Mrs. Louis Kaufman, 3405 DeSota Avenue, Cleveland Hgts., Ohio. All greetings must reach our New York office by October 16.

Thanking you for your consideration and in the hope that this coming year will see the restoration of our Homeland to our people, we are

Very sincerely yours,

THE PIONEER WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

By Sara Halperin  
Mrs. Moses P. Halperin,  
Convention Chairman

Self-addressed  
envelope enclosed.

# 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PIONEER WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

סדרתן ארגאניזאציע פאר די חלוצות אין ארץ ישראל

9<sup>th</sup>  
NATIONAL CONVENTION  
NOVEMBER 7-12, 1945  
CLEVELAND, OHIO.

45 EAST 17th STREET  
NEW YORK 3, N. Y.  
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October 16, 1945

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

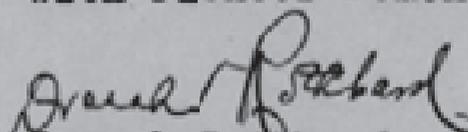
It was indeed a very happy occasion for the Pioneer Women's Organization when you accepted our invitation to be a guest speaker at our forthcoming NINTH NATIONAL CONVENTION, which also marks a milestone in the life of our organization — our 20th Anniversary.

We know what your participation in our Convention will mean to our delegates and guests, how much your presence and your message will contribute to the success of the Convention. We wish, therefore, to take this opportunity to thank you again for affording us the rare honor and pleasure of having you with us.

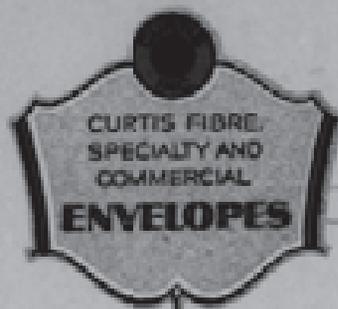
We have set aside Thursday evening, November 8th, for your appearance on our program. May we ask that you open this session, which begins at 8:30. The Convention will take place at the Hotel Hollenden, Cleveland.

Assuring you of our grateful appreciation, we are, yours

With Pioneer Women's Greetings,

  
Dvora Rothbard  
National Secretary

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**CLEVELAND 14, OHIO**

October 22, 1945

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105 at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Not having had a reply to our letter of the fourth we have had to book a programme for the week of October 31, about which we wrote to you.

We still would very much like to have the pleasure of hearing you, and would like to have you consider the date of November 14.

Will you please use the enclosed Business Reply Envelope, which requires no postage, to let us know if this date will work into your schedule?

Yours very truly

Francis X. Marshall  
Ch. Programme Comm.  
Optimist Club of Cleveland

*call-out 870  
to 20*



## THE W G A R BROADCASTING COMPANY

STATLER HOTEL  
CLEVELAND

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December 31, 1945

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street & Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Looking forward to Cleveland's 150th birthday in 1946, WGAR has planned an extended series of broadcasts entitled FORWARD CLEVELAND. The purpose of such a series is to stimulate among our listeners a feeling of pride in their home town. We believe you can contribute ever so much to this project, for your broadcast would give further assurance that Cleveland is going forward.

This is what we would like you to do: Prepare a brief talk of about 500 words which reflects your own expectations for our city and which reveals your ideas on how these hopes can be fulfilled, then drop in at our studios on the 14th floor of Hotel Statler for a few minutes on Friday, January 18, and broadcast what you have to say from 6:40 - 6:45 p.m. Your views broadcast into thousands of homes will contribute much to the thinking of our citizens as all of us look forward with confidence to the future.

If it is impossible for you to appear for a live broadcast, our recording facilities are at your disposal at your convenience and we can play your recorded talk at the above-mentioned time and date.

May we count on you to be with us Friday, January 18, 6:40 - 6:45 p.m.

Cordially yours,

THE WGAR BROADCASTING COMPANY

*David Baylor*

David Baylor  
Program Director



DB:EJP

January 10, 1946

Mr. Harry Gellin  
Chairman, Program Committee  
The Temple Men's Club  
East 105th at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Harry:

Thank you for your kind letter of January 8.

I am looking forward with pleasure to the Donovan meeting on the 22nd of January. I have also set aside the date of February 19 for the Interfaith meeting of The Temple Men's Club. I hope that nothing will prevent my attending this meeting.

With all good wishes for the Men's Club success,  
I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR



## The Temple Men's Club

EAST 105TH AT ANSEL ROAD  
CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

January 8, 1947.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th and Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We appreciate your accepting our invitation to introduce Major General Wm. "Wild Bill" Donovan at the January 22nd meeting. We are enclosing a brief biography of the General.

We also invite you and Mrs. Silver at this time to attend a dinner in honor of General Donovan to be held at Wade Park Manor January 22nd, 6:15 P.M.

At this time I would appreciate it if you will advise us whether or not you will be available on February 19th to participate in the Interfaith meeting. So far we have received acceptance from Judge Morgan and Louis B. Seltzer.

X

Cordially yours,

THE TEMPLE MEN'S CLUB

HARRY GELKIN

Chairman, Program Committee

HG:ja

Reply to:

2021 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland 15, Ohio

# THE CLEVELAND COUNCIL FOR AMERICAN UNITY

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March 9, 1946

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
c/o The Temple  
E. 105th street & Ansel road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Seltzer told me today that you had requested some literature on the Cleveland Council For American Unity, the organization which is sponsoring the dinner for Mr. Theodore Andrica. Since we have not functioned since the war broke out, the only thing I can send you is old material.

We are planning a short nationality program in addition to the speaking program for that evening, so that our time will be limited. According to our program chairman, the time allotted for your address on "World Unity" would be between 20 and 30 minutes. Will this be satisfactory to you?

Please don't hesitate to call me at The Press (CH.1111, line 260) in the event you have any questions. We will be very happy to have your wife as our guest that evening.

Sincerely,

*Eleanor Prech*  
Eleanor Prech

*Requet*  
Rho Pi Phi Pharmaceutical Fraternity

CLEVELAND ALUMNI CHAPTER  
LADIES AUXILIARY

April 12, 1946.

Dear Rabbi.

Would you be kind enough to accept an invitation to attend a donor luncheon at Hotel Stoller, April 24, 1946 at 12:20 P.M. There will be about 400 people present. Dr. Harry Goldblatt and David Dietz will speak. All the money raised by the organization will be donated to Dr. Goldblatt and The American Cancer Society, the same as we did last year.

I would appreciate an opportunity to tell you more in a personal interview. Clarence Fishel is my Brother-in-law.

yours truly  
Jack Brown  
Donor Chairman

12410 ] Cleveland 8,  
Drexel Ave ] Ohio  
MU 1439

# Intercollegiate Zionist Federation of America

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National Office

215 HEATHER BLDG.  
10111 EUCLID AVENUE  
CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

June 20, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We should like to obtain an advance copy of your Saturday night address at Severance Hall for release to the press. Would you please let us know - (phone: CE. 4759) how soon we may pick it up.

Very Sincerely yours,

Elazar Goelman  
Acting Executive Secretary

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**First**  
**National Convention**

of the

**INTERCOLLEGIATE**  
**ZIONIST FEDERATION**  
**OF AMERICA**

**June 21-24, 1946**

**Cleveland, Ohio**

# PROGRAM

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

MEETING OF CENTRAL EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE 10:00 A. M.  
National Office

REGISTRATION OF  
DELEGATES 2:00-5:00 P. M.  
National Office

## SABBATH EVENING SERVICES

ORTHODOX —Ohav Zedek Congregation, Morrison Avenue  
and Parkwood Drive

CONSERVATIVE—Temple On The Heights, 3130 Mayfield Rd.

REFORM —Euclid Avenue Temple, Euclid Avenue and  
East 82nd Street

ONEG SHABBAT 8:30 P. M.  
Conference Room, Jewish Young Adult Bureau (JYAB)

### GREETINGS:

Nina Sachs President, Western Reserve  
University Chapter of IZFA

Ezra Z. Shapiro President, Cleveland Jewish  
Community Council

Louis B. Schwefel Chairman, IZFA National  
Advisory Board

Z'merot Shabbat — Palestinian Songs — Refreshments

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

SABBATH MORNING  
SERVICES 9:00-11:00 P. M.

AT ABOVE CONGREGATIONS

ALL SESSIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE CONFERENCE  
ROOM OF THE JYAB, 9801 EUCLID AVENUE, UNLESS  
UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

FORUM:  
"A Program for Campus Zionists" 2:30 P. M.

Chairman:

Betty Lee Fleishman

University of Kentucky

National Secretary, IZFA

PARTICIPANTS:

Elazar Goelman

Acting Executive Secretary, IZFA

Simon Herman

President, Student Zionist  
Commission, South Africa

Robert Jacobs

Rabbi, Asheville, North Carolina

PUBLIC SESSION 8:30 P. M.

Severance Hall (Chamber Music Hall)

Euclid Avenue and East Boulevard

Chairman:

Sumner Alpert

Case School of Applied Science

National President, IZFA

ADDRESSES:

Dr. Shlomo Bardin

Executive Director, American Zionist Youth Commission

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

President, Zionist Organization of America

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

PLENARY SESSIONS:

1. Report of Central Executive  
Committee 10:30 A. M.

Luncheon 12:30 P. M.  
Hostesses, Pioneer Women of Cleveland

2. Reports of Committees 1:30 P. M.

PROGRAM

Emanuel Feigin

University of Chicago

POLITICAL ACTION

Arnold Sullum

Bucknell University

NATIONAL FUND

Ruth Weinstein

University of Pittsburgh

PALESTINE PROJECTS

Gerald Littman

Los Angeles City College

PUBLICATIONS

Gerald Handel

University of Chicago

Report of Committee on  
Constitutional Amendments 4:30 P. M.

Alvin Tamkin

Boston University

Supper 6:00 P. M.

Hostesses, Cleveland Zionist Youth Commission

3. Report of Committee on  
Resolutions 7:00 P. M.

4. Report of Committee on Nominations  
and Elections 8:30 P. M.

MONDAY, JUNE 24

WORKSHOP SESSIONS 11:00 A. M.

Panel Discussion on Chapter Programming  
and Administration

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Edith T. Kastner

Ohio State University

MEMBERSHIP

Ziona Gordon

University of Minnesota

PUBLICITY

Raymond Y. Sussman

Northwestern University

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Charlotte Kancelbaum

Western Reserve University

STUDY GROUPS

Louise Rubin

University of Michigan

PANEL DISCUSSION (Continued) 2:30 P. M.

HEBREW

Abba H. Salzman

University of Chicago

HECHALUTZ

Armon E. Kamesar

University of Wisconsin

MEETING OF NEW CENTRAL  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 4:30 P. M.

National Office

CHAGIGAH (Informal Social)

at home of

Nina Sachs, 14400 Shaker Boulevard

## Central Executive Committee

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**SAMUEL EHRENHALT—Brooklyn College (in armed services)**

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**ELI YARDEN—University of California at Los Angeles**

### Cleveland IZFA Arrangements Committee

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#### NATIONAL OFFICE

#### Interecollegiate Zionist Federation of America

1011 Euclid Avenue

Cleveland 6, Ohio



PERSKY & LOEB  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
241 SOCIETY FOR SAVINGS BLDG.  
CLEVELAND

August 6, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
5 Mayflower Hotel,  
Plymouth, Mass.

Dear Rabbi:

If you recall in the Spring I spoke to you relative to your addressing Heights Lodge Bnai Brith and at that time you told me that you would prefer to address us in the Fall.

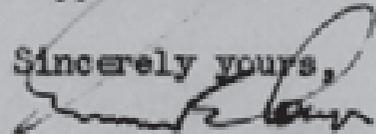
We are now in the process of setting up our Fall Program and knowing full well that our Members, as well as Members of other Bnai Brith Lodges and organizations whom we would invite, would be most interested in hearing your views on the present Zionist situation I am writing to determine if you can address us on Tuesday, October 8th or October 22nd, the latter preferred.

This will be our opening program meeting and our Program Committee and Board feel that you should be our first Speaker because of the great interest of many of our members in the subject.

I hope that you and Mrs. Silver are enjoying your well-earned rest.

An early favorable reply will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



Everett E. Loeb

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P.S. You will be interested to know that last Sunday my partner, Jack A. Persky, addressed the combined Adult Department of Epworth Methodist Church on the subject "Palestine from the Jewish Standpoint". One of the Teachers called him Monday and complimented him on his fine, clear presentation of the subject. Much of his material was taken from your presentation of the subject to the House of Representatives in February of 1944.

COUNCIL ON WORLD AFFAIRS

CLEVELAND 14, OHIO

SHEPHERD L. WITMAN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

922 SOCIETY FOR SAVINGS BUILDING  
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November 26, 1946

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

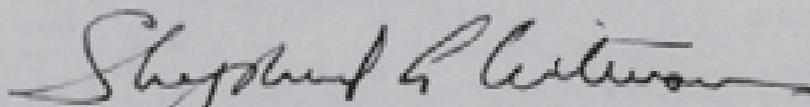
Last year, at the invitation of the Council on World Affairs, a group of clergymen met to examine the relationship of the church to the new era of world affairs. As a result, the group recognized the need for a more thorough probing of the relationship of religion to the issues before the world today.

The Council, therefore, this year is reorganizing this committee to effect the widest possible representation of religious groups and individual thinking within the limits of the small membership we seek to retain. Because your thinking is urgently needed, we cordially invite you to become a member of this new committee.

Our present plans call for a meeting once a month, attacking the problems of international order within the framework of the overall question "How Can Religious Principles Be Applied to the New Era of World Affairs?". Each meeting will be covered by a rapporteur. It is expected that the report of this committee will be printed for distribution in the city and the nation. We believe that this offers a singular opportunity to present to the community and the nation authoritative and sound thinking on a problem which sorely needs clarification.

The first meeting of the committee will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, December 11 in the Library of the Council on World Affairs. May I hear from you at your earliest convenience? I join with the others in expressing my earnest hope that you will be willing to place your time and thought at the disposal of this very important work.

Cordially yours,



Shepherd L. Witman  
Executive Director

Rabbi A. E. Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road & East 105 Street  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

November 29, 1946

Mr. Shepherd L. Witman, Executive Director  
Council on World Affairs  
622 Society for Savings Building  
Cleveland 14, Ohio

Dear Mr. Witman:

In reply to your letter of November 28 permit me to state that Dr. Silver has departed for Switzerland to attend the World Zionist Congress. He will be gone through the month of December. It would therefore not be possible for him to attend your committee meeting on December 11.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver



JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

276 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK 1, N. Y.

January 16th, 1947

MILTON H. RICHMAN  
NATIONAL COMMANDER

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:-

The next regular meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. will be held at Cleveland at the Hollendon Hotel on the evening of February 8th and all day of February 9th, 1947.

I have been directed by National Commander Milton H. Richman and the National Executive Committee to extend to you a cordial invitation to attend the meeting as our guest and also the luncheon which is to be held February 9th.

I believe Commander Richman would like you to address the National Executive Committee at the luncheon and I am sure too he has in mind that you would probably discuss the Palestinian situation and the Basle Conference. However, the subject of your talk would be entirely up to yourself. But it is the Commander's desire that you give us the benefit of your views on the international situation.

Will you please advise me at your earliest convenience whether we may have the pleasure of your company at that time as I should like to place this matter on the agenda for the meeting, which is now in the course of preparation.

Cordially yours,

*Henry Albert*

HENRY ALBERT, Secretary  
National Executive Committee

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Call Mr. Blatten

at 7338

7817 Carnegie

January 29, 1947

Mr. L. M. Blattner  
7817 Carnegie Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Blattner:

In Dr. Silver's absence from the city, permit me to take the liberty of replying to Mr. Henry Albert's letter of January 16 to Dr. Silver. Dr. Silver has been out of the city most of the time and his reply was therefore delayed.

It will not be possible for Dr. Silver to attend the meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. which is to be held at the Hollenden Hotel in Cleveland on February 9. He will be at Harvard University on that day, an engagement which was scheduled many months ago. I am sure that if he were in the city on that day he would be very happy to be with you.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

2-7-47

MILTON H. RICHMAN, NATIONAL COMMANDER  
JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE U.S.  
HOLLENDEN HOTEL  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

Day Letter

DEEPLY REGRET THAT AN EARLIER INVITATION TO SPEAK AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO ATTEND THE MEETING OF YOUR NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WHICH I SHOULD HAVE BEEN DELIGHTED TO ATTEND AND TO ADDRESS. I TRUST THAT YOUR DELIBERATIONS WILL PROVE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL. YOU HAVE PLAYED AND ARE PLAYING A MAGNIFICENT ROLE IN CHAMPIONING TRUE AMERICANISM IN ALL ITS PHASES AND IN DEFENSE OF JEWISH RIGHTS IN PALESTINE. PERMIT ME TO CONGRATULATE YOUR ORGANIZATION UPON THE GREAT AND VALUABLE HELP WHICH IT HAS GIVEN OUR CAUSE IN THESE CRITICAL TIMES.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



**Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding  
Workers of America**

*Affiliated with the  
Congress of Industrial Organizations*



**General Executive Board**  
534 Cooper Street : Camden, N. J.

July 31, 1947

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THOMAS J. GALLAGHER

*del*  
*Aug. 13*

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland,  
Ohio.  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America, C.I. O., will hold its Thirteenth National Convention at the Hollenden Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, the week of October 27, 1947.

This Union has always participated in the fight against all forms of totalitarianism, at home and abroad. We have consistently stood for peace, security and complete democracy.

As one who is an outstanding leader and spokesman for these principles, I deem it a privilege, on behalf of the I.U.M.S.W.A., to invite you to address our convention.

I know that our delegates will be inspired and guided by what you will have to say.

Any day of the above-mentioned week which is most convenient for you will be suitable to us.

Sincerely yours,

Ross D. Blood  
Secretary-Treasurer

RDB:dl

# Ohio Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc.

MRS. KEITH E. WEIGLE

PRESIDENT

1873 Grassmere St.  
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March 22nd, 1948

Rabbi Abba H. Silver  
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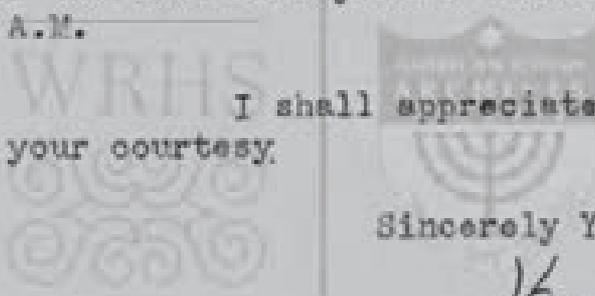
Dear Rabbi Silver;

The National Congress of Parents and Teachers will hold their annual convention in the city of Cleveland May 24, 25 and 26, 1948. This convention will call together educators and delegates from every state in the union. Meetings will be held in Music Hall.

This Congress has not been to Cleveland in twenty years and we are anxious to make this an outstanding event. We would greatly appreciate if you will agree to give the invocation the morning of the 25th of May. This will be Tuesday and the hour will be 9:30 A.M.

I shall appreciate an early reply and am grateful for your courtesy.

Sincerely Yours

  
*Keith E. Weigle*  
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel and East 105 Street  
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Dear Dr. Silver:

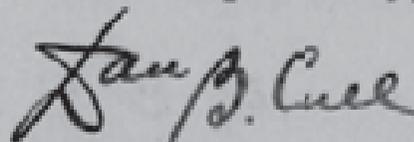
On the evening of June 9th, the National Probation and Parole Association will open its Annual Meeting in connection with the 76th Annual Session of the National Conference of Social Work, to be held here in Cleveland. Two main addresses will feature the occasion, and the National Officers of the Association have asked me, as General Chairman, to invite you to deliver one of these addresses. The other address will be delivered by Dr. Roscoe Pound, National President of the Association.

Needless to say that in extending this invitation, all of us are influenced by your long and deep interest in parole and probation as advanced social welfare instrumentalities, as well as by your long and valued service as a member of the Committee which sponsors the local solicitation of financial support for the Association. If you will consent to make an address at this important Opening Meeting, you will be contributing greatly to the work of the Conference and all of us will be deeply appreciative.

Because it is necessary that the various programs of the Conference be publicized in printed form, it will be good of you to let me know of your acceptance at as early a date as may be possible. If you care to do so, you may call me by telephone at MAin 1859.

At this moment it has not yet been decided at which of the local hotels the Probation and Parole Association will hold its meetings. I hope to have this information in the next few days.

Yours respectfully,



Dan B. Cull

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Rd. at East 105th St.  
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My dear Dr. Silver:

You will recall that a few weeks ago, we had a conversation and fixed on Wednesday evening, December 7, for you to share with Epworth-Euclid people some of your experiences and insights that have grown out of your work with the establishment of the new nation of Israel.

I wonder if you would have your Secretary send me the exact title that you wish to speak to, together with a cut of yourself that we may use in our Epworth-Euclid Outlook.

I would be very happy if Mrs. Silver could accompany you. We will serve dinner at 6:10 o'clock. After a brief period of family worship, you will be introduced about 7:25 and have a full hour for your address and the discussion period, if you so desire it.

With all good appreciation for your willingness to share with us, I am

Yours sincerely,

*Oscar Thomas Olson*  
Oscar Thomas Olson

OTO:mp

November 11, 1949

Dr. Oscar Thomas Olson  
Epworth-Euclid Methodist Church  
1919 East 107th Street  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Olson:

The subject of Dr. Silver's address on December 7th is  
"The Significance of the New State of Israel".

In accordance with your request, I am enclosing a cut of  
Dr. Silver which I shall appreciate your returning to us.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
19810 Shaker  
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November 21, 1949

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On Sunday, February 12th, 1950, the East 105th Neighborhood Committee of the Glenville Area Community Council is sponsoring a meeting on F.E.P.C. We are planning around this meeting a mass city-wide campaign for F.E.P.C.: by asking for: an endorsement of the Jaffee-Carr city ordinance, an endorsement of our meeting, a financial contribution toward the campaign, support of our campaign for the hiring of minority groups in the city's department stores; - from church, civic, fraternal, cultural, Jewish, Negro, labor, women and youth organizations throughout the city. We want to involve our whole community through the organizations, schools and small business people.

We hope that such a meeting can be the culmination of a successful F.E.P.C. campaign and a further stimulus toward the goal of fair employment in our city.

We want to ask that you be a speaker at this meeting. We are asking Dr. W. E. Du Bois and Mr. Lody Huml to speak. We feel that you as a leader of the Jewish people personify the aspirations of the Jewish people and through you we can involve all sections of the Jewish people in this campaign.

We would appreciate a reply from you at your very earliest convenience. If it is impossible for you to speak on the afternoon of the 12th, we hope that you can arrange to on February 5th or 19th.

Very sincerely yours,

*Frances Williams*

(Mrs.) Frances Williams, Chairman  
East 105th Neighborhood Committee

November 23, 1949

Mrs. Frances Williams, Chairman  
East 105th Neighborhood Committee  
660 Parkwood Drive  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Williams:

Thank you for your kind letter of November 21st and your invitation to address your group next February. I wish I were free to do so. Unfortunately, my schedule is already so overcrowded that I cannot accept any additional commitments. However, if you are interested, I am sure that one of my Associates, Rabbi Model or Rabbi Stone, will be glad to assist you.

With best wishes for a very successful meeting and hoping that I may be able to serve you at some future date, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We of Temple Emanu El have been looking forward on some appropriate occasion to inviting you to address our congregation and to share in the spirit and enthusiasm which we have sought to create by the building of our new religious institution.

It has seemed to us that the First Anniversary of the admission of Israel into the United Nations would be a very fitting occasion.

We would be pleased to have you occupy our pulpit and address us on Friday evening, May 26. We trust that you are free to come for this service and that we may have your reply at your earliest convenience.

With kindest regards, we are

Sincerely yours,

Alan S. Green, D.D.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th and Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I want to tell you how delighted we were to learn of your willingness to occupy our pulpit on May 26th. We are looking forward eagerly to your first visit to our congregation.

It was kind of you to invite me to participate in your historic Centennial Service at the Temple on May 14. The Temple has certainly had a wonderful year.

Those of us who were privileged to see your pageant came away moved and inspired. In order to acquaint my people of its significance, I wrote it up in our bulletin. I am enclosing a copy for you.

Frances joins me in kindest personal regards to you and Mrs. Silver and the boys.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Alan S. Green

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Ansel Rd. & E. 105th,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Our temple is still all aglow with the inspiring service of last week. It was one of those delightful high points which will always be cherished in our temple which, as you observed, does cherish things of the spirit. It would be altogether inadequate to try to put into words my appreciation for the kind things you said about me. I can only say that whenever things may go hard in this work, I shall turn back to the sustaining thoughts and the high goals which you set before me on this occasion.

Frances and I were delighted to have the privilege of having you and Mrs. Silver at our home and we wish both of you and the boys God's blessings.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Alan S. Green

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are indeed honored that you have accepted our invitation to serve as our main speaker at the Dedication banquet of the Home to be held at the Park Synagogue on Sunday, May 20, 1951, at 6:30 p. m.

We would be most happy if Mrs. Silver would also attend.

With kindest regards, we are

Sincerely yours,

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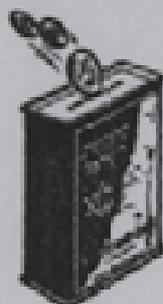
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
7 The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Jewish National Fund Council-Women's Division has a Boxholders' Rally every spring, but because of the necessity of an early Welfare Fund campaign, and the successful launching of the Israeli Bond Drive, our meeting has not as yet been held.

We are planning to hold our Annual Boxholders Rally on Thursday afternoon, May 24th. We will be greatly honored if you will be the speaker at this important community gathering.

This year our invitations go to over ten thousand Boxholders, a real army of faithful and loyal women. We all feel that a message from you concerning your trip to Israel will give us in Cleveland the closest link with the Yishuv that can possibly be had.

It is with humility indeed that I await your reply, which I hope will be favorable.

With cordial holiday greetings, and best wishes for a pleasant trip, I remain

Sincerely yours,

*Leon H. Henry*  
Mrs. Leon H. Henry, President  
Jewish National Fund Council-  
Women's Division

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April 20, 1951

Mrs. Leon R. Henry, President  
Jewish National Fund Council  
1246 Coventry Road  
Cleveland 15, Ohio

My dear Jq:

Thank you for your kind letter of April 19th and for your gracious invitation to address the Annual Stockholders Rally of the Women's Division of the J.N.F. Council on May 24th. As you know, I am leaving for Israel and shall not return until shortly before the date of your meeting. While it would give me great pleasure to accept, I do not feel that I can because of the great number of things which shall be needing my attention upon my return. I hope that I may be of service to you at some other time.

With best wishes to you for a very successful rally, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILSEL SILVER

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June 18, 1951

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It was indeed a great honor to our Home to have had you present once again at one of the most important occasions of our Home, and as always, your eloquent address was heart warming and inspiring to all present.

Kindly accept the heartiest thanks and appreciation from our entire board of directors for the wonderful treat which you have given to us at our celebration of our "Chanukath Habayith" on Sunday, May 20, 1951.

Wishing you health, long life, and many more years of service to our community and to our Holy Land of Israel, we are

Cordially yours,

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ON FAMILY LIFE  
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## INTRODUCTION

The work and dream that came to fruition at the National Methodist Conference on Family Life, have grown into a full-fledged movement. Everywhere the conviction grows that the family needs religion and that religion needs the family. Here is the place to put our faith to work.

The home is a testing ground for religion. Things happen that matter spiritually for the church and the community when a family lives its faith. Results are observable. Likewise they are apparent in the home itself. "We are happier and get on better together when we live the Christian way." Christian living in the family grounds the excess voltage of emotions that otherwise tends to shatter affection and loyalty, it dissolves the ill will that creeps into attitudes, and gives coherence to the family spirit.

Through the continuation plan of *The Advance*, which sponsored the Family Life Conference, Methodists of America are challenging families everywhere to "Have daily family worship"—"Practice Christian living within the home"—"Recognize responsibility for the Christian nurture of children"—"Seek to understand Christian living in our world today."

This little book, written by Arthur West, associate director of Methodist Information, is a journalist's version of the messages, discussions, reports and conclusions of the Family Life Conference.

As you read these pages, or examine and discuss their contents in study groups, may God's Spirit guide you to act, to dedicate your own home in harmony with the Christian standards and ideals presented, and to seek to win other families to the Christian way of life.

BISHOP HAZEN G. WERSER  
*Chairman, Family Life Conference*

## IS THIS YOUR BOOK?

Wait a minute!

Let's see.

Do you long for a happier home than you have?

Are you puzzled about problems of training your children?

If you are single, are you looking forward to having a home of your own with rich spiritual overtones?

Is it your conviction that we can help strengthen the world's security by deepening the religious faith of our homes?

If to all of these questions you are able to answer an unfaltering "No," then clearly this little book is not yours. You'd better lay it aside quickly.

But if even one of these questions brings forth from you a wistful "Yes," then —

### **This book is yours.**

It was for people like you seeking solutions to similar problems that the National Methodist Conference on Family Life was held in Medinah Temple, Chicago, October 12-14, 1951. This book is based on that significant and helpful meeting, which brought together nearly 2,500 delegates and many visitors from all over the United States and several countries overseas.

You may have been one of those who attended. If so, we hope this little volume will help you recall some of the rich content of the conference and recapture some of the spirit of those days.

But if you weren't at the conference, then these pages have an even larger assignment. They must try to bring you enough of the highlights so that you will feel that you really were at the conference. They must try to let you hear some of the great ideas of the speakers, look in on some of the study groups, and consider a few of the findings and practical suggestions which came out of the conference.

This book is yours.

Maybe you are reading it as you ride to work. Perhaps you are going through it with your companion at home. Or a study group has met in your church to talk about the Christian home and is using this book as a resource.

In any case we hope "The Faith of the Family" will help your family's faith and make your own life richer. It is being published for just such purposes, and it is *your* book.

## Chapter 1

### HOME-GROWN RELIGION

*... "You must love the Lord your God with all your mind and all your heart and all your strength. These instructions that I am giving you today are to be fixed in your mind; you must impress them on your children, and talk about them when you are sitting at home . . ."*

—DEUTERONOMY 6:5-7

(An American translation by J. M. P. Smith)

One of the big thrills of my boyhood on a farm was helping the family gather in the fruits and vegetables before the first frost. How good it seemed to have the bins full of potatoes! How nice the smell of the apples in the cellar! What a delight to see piles of pumpkins waiting to be transformed into mother's pies!

Part of the thrill of that experience, you can see, was based on the rather selfish desire of a growing boy to satisfy his physical hunger. But that wasn't all of it.

Another important factor was this: all of that food stored up for winter looked so good to me because it was home-grown. During the spring and summer months the family had worked together in garden and orchard to make possible the harvest.

Many of you have had similar experiences — not only in your youth but every year. Those of you who live on farms or have gardens know the joy of raising your own foodstuffs.

It's a real thrill when things are home-grown!

This applies to more than food. Religion, too, needs to be home-grown.

The National Methodist Conference on Family Life never for a moment forgot that. It started with the assumption that spiritual development needs to be a day-by-day experience in the home. In fact, one of the major study groups centered its attention on the topic, "The Family Living Its Religion."

Heading this important area of study as resource person was Dr. Richard E. Lentz, executive director of the joint Department of family life of the National Council of Churches.

Out of this study came several significant conclusions which you will want to share. Incidentally, if you were at the conference, you may see in

this book some of the very ideas which you as a delegate contributed to the group's thinking. There were so many people asking questions, tossing ideas into the hopper, and quoting authorities that it would be quite impossible to give adequate and proper credit for all of the suggestions which are reported in these pages. Some of them can be pinned on the speakers; some can be credited to resource leaders like Dr. Lentz; but many will have to be unlabeled. That good idea creeping into cold print here and trying to get into more people's minds may have been yours. If so, we thank you. You will understand that we can't credit every thought to its proper source. In all events, we hope that even if it wasn't your idea — and if it's a good one — you will make it yours and put it to work.

First, some definitions: What do Christians mean by religion in family living? Dr. Lentz's group felt that it involves three things, at least: (1) an awareness by the family of God's share in creating the family and of their responsibility to Him as their Creator; (2) a deepening commitment by the family to the will of God as revealed in Jesus Christ; and (3) an increasing recognition by the Christian family that the redemptive power of God operates in family living.

#### RELIGION MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Other religions may be theoretical affairs or expressed beautifully in literature but Christianity is a pervasive religion, affecting all of life. When the family—society's basic group—becomes Christian, it makes a difference. That fact is reflected in all that family does. The family is a developing group of growing persons. In the development of the Christian family, religion becomes both a goal and a force. Religion becomes a dynamic factor in every phase of the family's life.

I can imagine a good many of you nodding your heads in favor of these general statements. Let's see how the Chicago conference spelled them out in specific suggestions:

1. The Christian family lives its religion in the fundamental relationships between members of the family and between the family group and the neighborhood. Jesus' own example in referring to God as Father and all men as his brothers is highly significant.

For many of us, too, family relationships are the earliest revelation of God. We see something of the love of God in the love and understanding of our own parents—or we miss that personal definition of God if our home is such that its relationships do not describe Him.

"Definitions of God in words are important," writes Dr. Louis J. Sherrill in *The Opening Doors of Childhood*. Then he adds: "But they can wait past early childhood without serious loss. But the definition of God through parental personality commences for a child long before he

is born, and from the day of his birth he begins to take these definitions of God into his own deepest self."

It was for a deeper sensitivity to all these God-revealing relationships of the home that Dr. Ralph Stoody, executive director of Methodist Information, prayed so movingly at the Sunday morning service of the conference.

Bishop James C. Baker of the Los Angeles Area had this in mind when he preached the Sunday morning sermon on "The Solidarity and Continuity of the Family." Those who heard him will never forget how beautifully he laid the scene for the aged Jacob blessing the sons of Joseph (Genesis 48:8-11), and outlined the significance of spiritual ties that bind the generations together.

When a family truly lives its religion, it makes a difference—no matter whether that family lives in ancient Egypt or twentieth-century America.

You will readily agree that the family which lives its religion will bear a different type of relationship to other families in the neighborhood. It will make a difference when the neighbor lady is taken to the hospital or the family faces some other crisis. The Christian family will seek ways to help, manifesting more than an ordinary concern. They will show by their attitudes and actions that their Christian love goes out to their friends in need. Specifically, it may involve baking cakes or looking out for the baby while the neighbor is ill.

Whatever it involves, our children will learn more about true religion and the story of the Good Samaritan will have a freshness it never had before, if we as parents really live our religion in helpful neighborly contacts.

Is it too much to assume that a boy who remembered his Christian father's gracious way of dealing with a neighbor whose cows had broken down the fence and eaten his corn might be a better diplomat and show a finer spirit in settling boundary disputes of nations?

2. The Christian family lives its religion in the attitudes and atmosphere of the home.

There are some homes that are full of tension, ready to explode with little warning. Arguing and angry cries are the sounds you are most likely to hear coming through the open windows and doors of such a home. Even when cold weather closes the doors and windows, you can still hear such sounds. I was walking the other evening in a neighborhood of lovely houses, but the sounds I heard coming from one home were far from lovely. It was a beautiful house, but, judging by the sounds, the family lived a sordid life. So many houses are not true homes; they are just hangouts where people eat and sleep and—fight.

### ATMOSPHERE IS IMPORTANT

How about the atmosphere of your home? Is it explosive, full of tension and strain, or is it a haven of peace and a place of understanding?

Is your home neat and orderly—at least part of the time—or does it always resemble a shambles or the last remains of a rummage sale? Is it a place you and your children are happy to offer as a meeting place for groups from your church or school? Or are you ashamed to bring friends into your home?

This involves more than the price you paid for your living room rug or what type of drapes you have. It doesn't hinge on having the latest TV model or some priceless antiques.

The atmosphere of your home is partly physical, to be sure. Nice things do help. Decorations are important. But beyond these physical *things* there are the psychological or spiritual factors which determine the atmosphere of your home.

Those who come to visit in your home will sense it best by the characteristic Christian respect members of your family manifest toward one another and their guests.

To put it frankly, it probably means this:

Do you treat your own daughter with as much respect and consideration as you show a prospective customer in your store?

Are you just as eager to be kind to your son as you are to make a good impression on your employer?

Do you try to have deep tenderness and sincerity in your dealings with every member of your family—forgiving mistakes, quick to respond to their needs, and always expecting the best?

Are you willing to talk over problems and concerns of both the older and younger members of your family?

The ideal home should be a place where the problems, hopes, and fears of each person in the family may be discussed and where each one can develop confidence and a sense of responsibility.

### CHRISTIAN DEMOCRACY NEEDED

Democracy in the family is an expression of the worth of persons. As God speaks in the conscience of each individual, the ideas and opinions of all must be considered in Christian group life. Christian democracy involves not so much "getting one's own rights" as granting rights to others.

Basic always in the atmosphere of the home is the love of parents for each other. Demonstrated constantly, this teaches the fundamental love base of all life. This is the ultimate security of both adults and children.

Parental love is most effective when given spontaneously, equally to all in the family with regard to their individual need and difference.

3. Living of religion in the family calls for sincere worship.

"Worship in the family grows out of the deepening awareness of God's presence in the home," Dr. Lentz's report declares. "It also grows out of the family's sense of need in the presence of its own sin, problems, and opportunities. Worship does not begin in duty, but in wonder and gratitude."

There is no stereotyped pattern for family worship which will answer every need. The practice of family prayer which was in vogue in your grandfather's day may not seem to meet the demands of your own home today.

Worship may be as informal as a child's simple "Thank you" to God for some new joy or daily food, or it may be as complicated as preparing a worship service which synchronizes kodachrome slides taken on the family's vacation trip to the mountains with the recording of majestic music which creates a devotional mood.

It may mean regular use of *The Upper Room* at meal time, with various ones taking turns in reading. It may mean working out one's own pattern of family prayer and Bible reading.

Emphasis was given to the value of spontaneous moments of worship when the family feels some new-found joy or a member of the home circle has just returned from a serious hospital experience. Serious moral lapse, financial reverses, or disaster from natural causes may create a mood of family prayer.

Both in the crises and routine experiences of life the wise family will find time to plan its worship together.

Vitality, sincerity, and group sharing are some of the essential elements in family prayer, according to the Family Life Conference.

### **NEW PATTERNS OF PRAYER**

"There are many thrilling new patterns of Christian family worship which are appearing," the report points out. "These use all members of the family instead of one person exclusively. They enrich family worship with recordings of sacred music, pictures, and stories. The use of the Bible also is varied and interesting."

Some of the problems which have to be reckoned with in developing family worship are these: (1) How can time be found when all members of the family can share without a sense of pressure? (2) In what ways can family worship grow with the maturing of the family members? (3) Where will the family gather for worship in the cramped quarters where many must live? (4) If a family has not worshiped together, how may they plan to begin? (5) How may the many fine helps to family worship be used without the family's becoming stereotyped and formal in its worship?

And then, in at least partial answer to its own queries, Dr. Lentz's group decided that: (1) Families find time for what they believe is important; (2) Worship may be very, very simple; indeed, it must be so for small children; (3) All members of the family should participate in family worship as actively as possible; (4) God is seeking the family even before it seeks Him; (5) Begin where you are—and grow together as a family in awareness of God and worship of Him.

"As the Christian family lives its religion," the group decided, "far from feeling superior to other families, it will recognize humbly its own continuing need and its responsibility before God for other families of the community.

"This concern for others is an indispensable part of the Christian family's living its religion; and it will be expressed in services to and through the church and in community participation and social action.

"The Christian family strives as do other families, but the Christian family strives with the assurance of Divine help. The family sharpens its awareness of God's help through family prayer, Bible reading, and church participation.

"The Christian family makes mistakes as do others, but the Christian family knows the forgiveness of God. This assumes additional reality in the family through the experience of forgiving and through Christian teaching in the home."

All of which seems to add up to this: Make sure your religion is home-grown.

#### **Questions to Discuss**

1. How does the family's awareness of God's presence affect its acceptance of death?
2. What would brotherhood mean to the world if relationships in your family were taken as the standard?
3. How can the millions of loveless children be taught that God is their loving Father?
4. Why are many Christian parents embarrassed to lead in prayer in their own home?
5. What bearing does the atmosphere of the home have on mental health? On personal religious faith?

#### **Things to Do**

1. Make a list of tension points in your family and discuss in a family council ways of eliminating them.
2. Work together in arranging a worship center for private meditation or group worship in some nook in your home.
3. Plan a series of family worship services, using all members of the family and basing them upon spiritual needs which have confronted you this week.

### Resources to Read

*The Christian Home* (monthly family magazine), may be ordered through your nearest branch of the Methodist Publishing House. *The Upper Room* (daily devotional booklet) and the Upper Room family packet (pamphlets on family devotions), may be ordered from The Upper Room, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville 4, Tennessee. Family Life packet and *Pages of Power* (family devotions), may be ordered from the National Council of Churches, 79 East Adams Street, Chicago 3, Illinois.



## Chapter 2

### GROWING TALLER TOGETHER

*"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man."*

—LUKE 2:52

*"Therefore, let us . . . go on to maturity."*

—HEBREWS 6:1 (RSV)

"Gee! I'm lots taller than I was last year."

Ruth could prove it too. Her mother had just completed the "family ritual" of measuring her height and recording it on her ninth birthday. Ruth was nearly three full inches taller than last year when she was eight.

There were the marks as evidence for any doubters, right on the special chart on the playroom wall.

"Billy grew almost that much last year, too," mother said, checking the difference between the six- and seven-year marks of her son.

"Am I growing too, Mamma?" little Sue inquired, standing as high as her four years would permit.

"Yes," mother smiled. "You're all growing taller together."

Perhaps such a scene has taken place in your home.

Maybe it happened in another home long ago.

At least, one writer describing the development of an adolescent boy in that home, wrote: "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man."

On the basis of that brief summary, we have good reason to emphasize the importance of well-rounded growth—not just growing taller in height, but taller mentally, socially, and spiritually.

Taking their cue from the Master's matchless life, the Family Life Conference delegates sought to find the secret of developing well-balanced lives.

"Growing Mature Persons in the Family" was the way the topic was listed, and three groups explored various phases of it under the general supervision of Dr. Donald M. Maynard, director of the department of religious education in Boston University School of Theology.

No one was in the groups long without discovering that the discussion was more than a matter of helping children mature into adults. So-called

adults, if they hadn't realized it before, found that they needed to develop maturity too—especially if they were expecting to help their children mature physically, mentally and spiritually.

Stopping long enough to fashion a rather clear-cut definition of maturity, the delegates moved on to consider the goals of a mature person, and some of the insights or principles which guide him toward that attainment. The discussion dealt with ideal husband-wife relationships, considered better parent-child attitudes, and gave special attention to problems of discipline and adolescent-parent relations.

As valuable aids in attaining maturity, they recommended church marriage clinics and family councils and underscored again the importance of real religion in the home.

Losing little time in establishing a definition of maturity, conference delegates agreed in general that it is not a finished product but a process.

A mature person, they felt, is not one who has achieved a stereotyped set of behavior patterns, but rather is one who is constantly growing in his understanding and acceptance of himself and others, in his willingness to accept responsibility, in his ability to adjust to different situations and circumstances, and growing, above all else, in the humbleness of spirit which makes possible further progress.

#### TESTS OF MATURITY

Recognizing that there is a sense in which everyone is immature in certain areas of thinking and behaving, the groups nevertheless felt it wise to lift up certain goals for those seeking Christian maturity.

Let's listen while Dr. Maynard lists them:

1. Ability to think and act objectively, with as little bias and prejudice as possible.
2. Ability to stand on one's own feet and to be able to make one's way in the world of other persons with a measure of skill and efficiency; the ability to meet problems constructively.
3. Ability to shoulder responsibility and to follow through, however disagreeable the task may be.
4. Ability to accept one's self both as to limitation and possibilities.
5. A goal in life that challenges one's best efforts and gives zest and meaning to all that one does.
6. An understanding of God as One who can be trusted and the consequent sense of security in spite of different situations and circumstances.
7. The ability to put first things first in a scale of values.
8. The attainment of the normal achievements expected of one's age level.

Reading those, you probably feel as I do: attaining Christian maturity is a lifetime assignment.

Perhaps you feel at this point like praying the words of a time-honored petition: "Forgive what we have been; help us to amend what we are; and in thy Spirit direct what we shall be. . . ."

Meditating many times on my own attempts to develop Christian maturity, I have been helped by recalling the reassuring statement in one of Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick's great radio sermons: "No man need stay the way he is." Thank God, a man can grow.

The conference took courage in that thought too, suggesting several insights which may help you in climbing the rugged path to spiritual and emotional maturity.

For one thing, it helps you to realize that you are always in the process of becoming, and that failures, instead of leading to a deep sense of discouragement should be considered as steppingstones to greater maturity.

Again, it helps to remember that there are mental and spiritual "growing pains," just as there are physical ones, especially for children and youth.

Always remember to think of the individual as a "self" of infinite worth. This will help you to have confidence in yourself and in others. You are a unique person. Everyone should be encouraged to express his own individuality—not forced by social pressure into behavior that is foreign to his own nature.

Part of the process of maturing includes an honest and yet tactful expression of one's feeling. No emotion or feeling is in itself shameful.

It was stressed again and again that mature parents are the first prerequisite to a wholesome family life—parents who are not only mature in their relationships with their children, but with their life partners as well.

Sincere heart-searching seemed to characterize those in this area who faced this problem. Many of them were young married couples, eager to grow in their adjustment and to become more understanding parents.

Here are some of their findings:

Genuine love and understanding between husband and wife will do more than anything else to create in the minds and hearts of children a feeling of security.

### **BEWARE OF SETTLING DOWN**

A warning needs to be sounded concerning the "settling down" process that for so many couples takes the zest and creativeness out of the marriage relationship. It was noted that many couples tend to feel either ashamed of their partners, or inhibited in their presence. When couples lose that sense of oneness and comradeship that is so essential for successful marriage, they develop what has been termed "quiet zones," that is, times and situations in which they both hesitate to talk over with each other problems that are bothering them. It was suggested that relaxation through recreation together frequently helps to break down these so-called "quiet zones."

Difference of opinion was expressed as to whether similarity of background tends to produce happy, well adjusted marriages. It was recognized that in many cases one partner is more mature emotionally than the other, in which case the more mature partner, through patience and understanding, can help the other increasingly to become more mature. A husband or wife should not be expected to lose his or her individuality in the marriage relationship, although it is necessary that there shall be a mutual sharing of problems and responsibilities if the marriage is to be a success.

*Note to the men*—I think this means helping your wife with the dishes and doing some chores around the house.

Considerable interest was manifested in church marriage clinics, and those who had participated in such clinics testified to the values they saw in them. These included:

1. A deeper and fuller appreciation of the differences between the sexes. Men and women do not always understand some of the physical, spiritual and mental differences of the other sex; to be able to bridge this channel is one of the deep desires growing out of the marriage clinic.

2. The emphasis upon the family council as a means of bringing democracy into the home, and a disciplinary means for solving everyday problems of marriage and family living.

3. Discussion of the guidance of and relationships with one's children.

4. Realization that so many other people are having the same difficulties we are.

### **MARRIAGE CLINICS ADVOCATED**

Members felt that the church should encourage more marriage clinics under competent leadership in local congregations.

They were intrigued by the practical subjects listed for discussion on a program of such a clinic being held in Bryan Memorial Church, Miami, Florida, under the leadership of its minister, the Rev. Albert Dale Hagler, who also served as leader of one of the Chicago conference work groups. These topics included:

What is psychological preparation for marriage?

How do you rate as a mate?

Does a harmonious marriage have adjustment problems?

Marriage problems can be solved.

Is quarreling always destructive?

What part can religion play in your marriage?

If you are a parent, naturally you are interested in how you can help your children to become more mature. So were the parents at the Chicago

meeting. Here are some of the points they agreed upon:

1. Our homes should provide an atmosphere in which our children will feel that they are wanted and loved.

2. Ideal parents should discover the joy of living *with* their children rather than *for* them, or doing things *with* them rather than *for* them. We are stewards of our children rather than possessors of them.

3. We should be familiar with what may be expected of children at various age levels so that neither too much nor too little is expected of them.

4. We should give our children the experience of true comradeship, which means sharing both successes and failures. In this connection, one of the reports says:

"Even in the normal, well-adjusted family where children are wanted and loved, there are many tensions and frictions, and parents, especially mothers, reach the screaming point at times, regardless of their efforts to prevent such scenes. When the tension becomes too great and she does scream, the child is entitled to her apology and honest confession that she, the parent, was wrong. This should be done especially with early adolescent boys and girls." It was also pointed out that one reason why adolescents do not confide in parents is because parents haven't confessed their own mistakes; the children feel, consequently, that parents would not understand *their* mistakes.

5. Children should be given responsibilities they are competent to handle.

6. Children ought to be encouraged to attain competence in one or more areas so that they may feel they are making a contribution to the family.

7. It is better to praise children than always to criticize them. When a child is trying to help, his efforts should be appreciated even when he blunders.

8. Tell children what to do rather than what not to do. Keep them so busy with the "do's" that you don't need to use the "don'ts."

9. Treat children with courtesy. The best way to get them to say "please" and "thank you" is not by rebuking them or punishing them for forgetting it, but by remembering to say "please" to them.

10. Use discipline wisely. Children should know what is expected of them and if it is necessary to discipline, the child should always know why he is being disciplined. Always administer discipline with a good measure of love.

Consideration was given to ways by which parents may help their adolescent boys and girls to achieve maturity. It was recognized that they

are faced with three great choices: (1) philosophy of life, (2) a mate, and (3) vocation. Ability to make wise choices in any or all of these areas depends upon the maturity of the one involved. Boy and girl relationships were discussed, particularly the importance of helping boys and girls appreciate the possibility of falling in love intelligently. Infatuation and mature love were contrasted.

Mature Christian love, boys and girls should realize, is a proper balance between (1) the ability to admire, (2) the desire to possess, and (3) the will to benefit. Boys and girls need to realize that successful marriage is a *development*, not a *discovery*.

### **TREAT CHILDREN AS INDIVIDUALS**

Bishop Hazen G. Werner stressed this in his radio sermon when he insisted that the fundamental thing is to treat the growing child in the home as an individual:

"Integral in the working-out of this design are some practical ways of growing sound persons: (1) The parental love of the child for his own sake. Father and mother loving Johnny not because he is smart, good looking, musical, but because he is Johnny. (2) Parents treating the child as an individual, not belittling or ridiculing, but regarding seriously what he says and does. (3) Parents permitting the child to meet temptations, troubles on his own age level, and thereby, helping him to develop skill and courage to say 'no' and to win out. A moral and spiritual way of living practiced daily, grows a life of good taste and clean conduct. Our families must develop sound persons."

High-school boys and girls should not be condemned for their immaturities but should be understood and supported emotionally during these days when the maturing process is full of stress and strain.

Considerable thought was focused on the value of the Family Council. It was decided that such councils should be begun early in marriage and held regularly until a satisfactory pattern is worked out, with the children sitting in on the sessions as long as they are interested in what is being discussed. To begin with, many felt it would be wise to let the council deal with more or less impersonal matters, such as family finances. Later, more personal problems could be discussed. If the family meets together for its discussion before the family altar, a religious significance is given to the family council that otherwise it might not have.

All of these things should help the family "grow taller together," attaining the Christian maturity which makes possible well-poised, creative living.

### Questions to Discuss

1. Discuss the statement, "Most failures in marriage are due to immaturity."
2. What are some ways parents may use to guide their children to maturity?
3. What can be done to lift the standards of physical and mental health in family life?
4. How can you discipline your child and at the same time love him?
5. Describe the most mature Christian you know.

### Things to Do

1. Form a Family Council in your home. Or, if you have one, try to give it new vitality and purpose.
2. Talk over with your pastor the possibility of having a marriage clinic in your church.
3. Consider a series of discussion groups for your youth fellowship on Christian boy and girl relationships. Maybe you can help your pastor or the youth leaders to obtain helpful resource persons for such a project.

### Resources to Read

Duvall, Evelyn M., *Facts of Life and Love* (for youth), Association Press; Duvall, Sylvanus M., *Before You Marry*, Association Press; Duvall, Evelyn M., and Hill, Reuben, *When You Marry*, Association Press; Hamilton, Mrs. Clarence H., *Downway to a Happy Home*, Bobbs-Merrill.

## Chapter 3

### TWO-WAY TRAFFIC

*"And every day, in the temple and at home, they ceased not to teach and to preach Jesus as the Christ."*

—ACTS 5:42

Traffic moves in both directions on the street which runs from our home to the church. Probably that's the way it is on the street or road you travel to get to your church too, for most churches aren't built on one-way or dead-end streets.

Just as traffic flows in both directions between your home and your church, so do influences travel both ways between the two institutions. Your family takes something to the church, enriching the life of the congregation. The church, in turn, contributes something to your family. It is a sort of give-and-take proposition, "two-way traffic," if you please.

The other Sunday I made some mental notes on the things our family was taking to church that morning: Bibles, church school materials, offering envelopes, and some canned goods for our orphanage. I hope we also were taking expectant minds and prayerful spirits as we made our way to church.

And what did we bring back with us? An attractive bulletin with a list of the week's activities, some books from the church library, and a copy of the new *Upper Room*. These were some of the tangible things we took home with us from church. But there was more. We brought some new thoughts growing out of lively discussion in class; the helpful influence of a good sermon working away in our minds, the warm feeling of Christian fellowship, and the lift which comes from a service of worship.

Between a family's religion and a vital church there always runs a two-way street, with traffic traveling both ways.

Come to think of it, the Family Life Conference itself is another illustration of this idea of two-way traffic. Preceding the national conference in Chicago, Methodist leaders in seventy-four of the church's Annual Conferences got together to study some of the problems of Christian family living. Dr. Edward D. Staples, director of the department of the Christian family in the Board of Education's Division of the Local Church, set up and super-

vised these pre-conference study groups. Out of these discussions came reports which were collated and condensed by the five resource leaders who were also the coordinators of the workshops conducted during the Chicago conference.

It was almost as if seventy-four roads led into Chicago from these "grass roots" discussion groups, bringing to the national meeting loads of questions and a heavy grist of comments and suggestions which had been worked out on the local or Annual Conference level. At the national assembly these materials were studied and discussed some more, and once again leaders summarized the highlights for use in this follow-up booklet.

So, like the road between your house and your church, the road between the Chicago conference and your home territory carries two-way traffic. Questions and ideas suggested by real flesh-and-blood people like you came rolling in from the field; worked over and discussed in Chicago, they are now coming back to you.

### A JOB FOR YOU

Not all the questions are answered. You wouldn't really want it that way, would you? In fact, as this chapter will clearly demonstrate, a lot of the problems remain unsolved. That's where you come in. It's up to you and others like you to work out the answers to some of these questions. You will not be able to tackle them all at once, but, dealing with them one by one, you can expect to find workable solutions.

Dr. Frank D. Slutz of Dayton, Ohio, educational counselor and writer, was the resource person for the whole area of study labelled "The Family Looks to the Church."

Having read and digested the material relative to his field which came in from the pre-conference sessions and having kept in close touch with the groups meeting at Chicago, Dr. Slutz is well equipped to list for us some of the suggestions and problems for further study in this area.

*Family Counseling* was one of the topics explored. These are some of the questions the group faced: Who should do the family counseling for a church? Should every pastor be trained to do this? What happens if untrained persons do such counseling? Why should the church provide continuous family counseling? Should the church offer a counseling service that touches all the levels of family growth and development? What is the value of questionnaires sent out to all families in a church as part of the counseling service? How is a small church of two hundred or three hundred members to provide counseling for its people? What elements should all the counseling afforded by the church provide? Is this element often lacking in the counseling offered by professional non-church counselors? If you think that counseling should be built upon a religious basis, why do you

think so? How widely is such counseling now offered by the church? How can a pastor, if his counseling is successful, afford the time to do it, if it grows in demand? Must all such family counseling be individual or may it in some cases be given to groups? How may a church begin a counseling program?

*The Church and the Whole Family* was another area of interest. Historically the church has a very close connection with the home. Many of the early congregations met first in homes. Recall such statements as this from Paul's letters: "Salute the church which is in his house."

Strongly emphasized in the discussions was the family fellowship which should be provided by the church — fellowship which means "togetherness" in recreation, worship, and other experiences.

Some of the program features of churches which may help to bring families together as a unit, in addition to the regular worship services, are: the Sunday Evening Family Fellowship, University of Life sessions, church family camps, and family night suppers.

The charge that the church itself helps pull the family out of the home for the sake of many kinds of meetings in the church was squarely faced, and the question was raised, "How can the church criticize our modern practices of keeping families separated and away from their homes when the church itself is a party to that very process?"

### STAY-AT-HOME PLAN

Then a rather radical idea was proposed — at least, an idea that so far hasn't been very widely tried out: What about churches fostering family nights at home? In other words, a sort of church-sponsored campaign for the family to stay home. Imagine that! When we often judge the success of our church program by how many hours of the week are filled with meetings and how many activities are going on at the same time in various parts of the church!

As steps in helping such a "stay-at-home-one-night" campaign, the group suggested that churches might consider having most of their committees and small groups meet in homes. Some churches, it was pointed out, always have their evening services for young married couples in homes because they provide ideal settings for such meetings.

*The Church Must Teach the Parents* was another topic which evoked considerable comment, especially in relation to the importance of the education of the parents of young children. Often in parental forums parents say, "Why didn't we know that when our children were younger?" As Dr. Slutz put it, "There is no lever of control over tomorrow as long and as powerful as the little child. Jesus knew that truth and taught it."

This training program for parents should acquaint them with the rich resource materials our own church publishes for them. Certainly the wise

church will provide for its parents lists of such materials or have such books and pamphlets in its library.

Some of the questions faced by this group were: How can a church secure persons who are competent to teach the parents of young children? What excellent times exist for parents' classes besides the hour of the church school? What about making the midweek service an out-and-out educational enterprise for training parents? What courses could and should be offered in such a school?

*Religion Including All of Life* was another high-ranking topic on the list.

"Religion is not a way of doing certain things but a certain way of doing everything," Dr. Slutz declares. "In all it does for the betterment of family life, the church must maintain the spiritual purpose and point of view."

Incidentally, the word "spiritual" came in for considerable analysis at this point. We are often vague in our minds about what we mean when we use it. What right have we to use it at all if we do not mean something by it? How can the church deepen the spiritual qualities of people's thinking? Of what profit is it to the church to try to improve family life in a secular manner or by a secular method? What is the relation between our moral flabbiness and our failure to emphasize spiritual values?

*The Importance of the Church to Family Life* was brought out in a series of questions relating to why the church is so well adapted to being of great service to the family. It was rather generally agreed that the church is the institution which can be most powerful and effective in bettering family life, but it has not done this as it should—yet. Some very searching questions were brought up: Why has the church failed to do what it might have done for family life? How do you know the church has done far less than it should have done for homes? What right has the church to expect that it officiate at marriages if it fails to strengthen home life year after year? Who is most at fault in this poor record? How may the church excel the schools in improving homes? How can the church reach families that are not members? Has the church any obligations for such unchurched families? What good will it do for the church to improve the homes of its members only? How might the church work with the schools in bettering family life?

### THE FAMILY-CENTERED CHURCH

Throwing some practical light on these problems was a major platform address given by Dr. John W. Rustin, pastor of Belmont Methodist Church, Nashville, Tenn., who spoke on "The Family Centered Church." Drawing heavily upon his own successful pastoral experiences, Dr. Rustin

declared that the family-centered church must maintain a program for every age-group and every interest-group.

"The local church program," he said, "should include: wholesome recreation, fine fellowship, real inspiration, sound instruction, true worship . . . and all of this must be translated into vigorous, community-wide social action."

Referring to the tremendous shifts in population in America, Dr. Rustin said, "New families appear in the community almost daily. The church should be the first to welcome these newcomers."

"The church's concern about divorce," he declared, "must not be confined to pulpit preaching. The church must concentrate on doing something about this problem, and the answer is largely a matter of encouraging Christian living in the home."

Still another group at the Chicago conference dealt with "Family Living of Religion and the Church." The family as a unit needs to put as much effort into building the church as it does into building the home. Neither family nor church can achieve its full mission without the good services of the other.

#### **HELPING EACH OTHER**

This group saw real value in the family worshiping together in the church as an expression of its unity, and participating together in other portions of the church program wherever possible. Members of the family might help each other with church-school lessons at home. The household schedule could be arranged so that all may attend the appropriate church meetings. Family conversation can often be guided to include positive comments about the church and its leaders and equipment and what members of the family are doing in its program. At least every member of the family can contribute to the church in some way. There are opportunities such as teaching, singing, and leading games. Within the family, members may help each other train for their church responsibilities and show interest and appreciation when such services are well done.

Obviously, these were not all the issues which were discussed in this area at the conference, but this will give you something of the slant of the delegates' thinking. Many of the questions which were raised were not answered fully in Chicago. There was not time for that. The questions remain for delegates and people like you and me all over the world to work them out in our home communities.

To put the whole matter quite simply, our need is for home-centered churches and church-centered homes. The traffic in ideas, interest, and inspiration should move both ways between our home and our church.

It's a two-way street.

### Questions to Discuss

Review the chapter, which is so full of unanswered questions, and pick out some questions which seem most important for your discussion.

### Things to Do

1. Find out what counseling services are made available by your church.
2. Study your church's calendar of events this week and see how many meetings or activities include all members of your family. List the meetings that involve only certain individuals but not the family as a unit. Maybe you can suggest to the proper committee or your pastor the possibility of planning more things for the family as a whole.
3. Examine your own family schedule critically to see if you can establish a definite "night at home" for the entire family. Plan varied ways of making this a creative evening—a high point of the week.

### Resources to Read

The Bible (perhaps in a modern translation) for family reading together. Fallaw, Wesner, *The Modern Parent and the Teaching Church* (Macmillan).



## Chapter 4

### ACROSS GARDEN FENCES

Your seeds blow into my garden, friend,  
Whenever the wind is right;  
They blow on wings of the wind by day  
And they ride on the gales by night.

Whatever you grow in your garden, friend,  
Of beauty, or ugly weeds,  
The fall will come and the wind will blow  
And over will come your seeds.

—WILLIAM L. STIGER

*"... for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."*

—GALATIANS 6:7

"I thought you folks might like some carrots."

It was our neighbor calling across the garden fence and backing up his statement with a big bag of the freshly-dug vegetable.

This raises a question in symbols.

Shall our neighborhood relations be symbolized by housewives gossiping over the back fence (or the telephone) or shall they be symbolized by friends sharing good things with one another?

Shall we make our neighborhood symbol a high wall between exclusive houses or a low fence permitting friendly contacts and sharing?

Of course, there's much more to this business of being a Christian neighbor than simply sharing carrots from one's garden. My neighbor knows that. He shares many other good things too, realizing that a Christian home has responsibility not only to its own family and church but to the wider community as well.

"The family is the unit in any social reform or advance," Dr. E. Harold Mohn, executive director of the Advance for Christ and His Church, told the Family Life Conference. "It is the cell from which all life grows and multiplies. The standards, ideals, and character of family life, as well as each member of the home, will determine the kind of communities, nation, and world we shall have tomorrow."

Admitting that Christian families are handicapped in unchristian communities, Dr. Mohn insisted that "neither the Christian family nor the church family can realize its high calling until it has done all it can to transform the life of the community."

Senator Paul H. Douglas of Illinois, who gave one of the principal addresses at the Family Life Conference, warned of the dangers of families becoming too self-centered and Christian people being complacent in the face of evil.

"Sometimes we find great devotion inside a family," he said, "but we find that family almost wholly aloof and shut off from the community. This is especially true in *Suburbia*. We cannot bring about the 'good life' by merely fleeing ugly conditions of the city to dwell in the country. Wherever we live, we must work to improve civic and educational facilities and assume citizenship responsibilities.

"If there is one thing I would criticize so-called Christian people for," Senator Douglas continued, "it is their relative inertness in the face of evil, their acquiescence in conditions which need to be changed, their all too common belief that they individually can create their own Kingdom of Heaven, that their duties stop at their own front gate.

"And the result is that some of these communities which pride themselves most on being Christian communities are frequently the most corrupt, the most hardhearted, the most indifferent of the group. And sometimes one feels, without being censorious, when one sees a community such as this—which one is told consists of good people but is not a good community—sometimes one feels that they have all too limited a test of goodness."

#### BEING GOOD FOR SOMETHING

"What is goodness?" the senator asked. "Can one be good without being good for something? Are we not instruments of a divine purpose partially fulfilled by creating a divine life within the confines of our family, but not exclusively so? Citizens of a broader community, men and women of a larger society, trying imperfectly, to carry over into that larger community the same standards of unselfishness and of kindness which we wish to have applied to us and which we try imperfectly to apply to others inside the family itself; that, I think, is the basic purpose of Christianity and interestingly enough, I think it is the basic purpose of democracy.

"A test and standard of democracy is human life, not the amount of goods which a society can produce, not the size of its national income, although those are material aids to a good life, but the quality of the men and women who compose the society."

Evelyn Millis Duvall, Ph.D., of Chicago, well-known writer and lecturer on family relations, supervised the work groups dealing with the whole area of "The Family Living in the Community." Out of the eager sharing and study of some three hundred persons in these groups there came specific suggestions for dealing with five major areas of concern.

*CONCERN 1: Community agencies and interests compete for the time and energy of family members.*

The group frankly faced such questions as: How can a family go about determining what church and community activities it should undertake? How can these be kept balanced so that the strength and unity of the family will be maintained? The answer to this problem seemed to lie in considering the ages, interests, and needs of family members and making decisions on the basis of a family council.

This competition from outside activities is often harmful to family life because it limits family time together and is a poor substitute for the love, companionship, and direction the home should give.

Then there is the problem of whether or not we really live in communities or are just families living geographically near each other. Our communities today are so much more complex than they used to be that most of us are still learning how to live fully within them. Community loyalty is an extension of family solidarity and usually must be developed as such.

"What can the church do to help families live more happily and creatively in the community?" the group asked. Part of the answer is found, the group decided, when the church provides its full plant and facilities for family-wide experiences in worship, play, study, work, and problem-solving together.

The church should not isolate itself from other agencies in solving problems in community life. Any situation involving the whole community, such as recreation, housing, or the moral and spiritual climate, calls for the cooperative endeavors of all groups involved and interested.

Specifically, the group recommended:

—that instead of bewailing and condemning the appeals of diverse agencies that compete with the family for the time and energy of its members, a serious effort be made to bring these agencies into cooperative relationships within the community for the strengthening of family life.

—that our churches be encouraged either singly or in groups to initiate or make use of existing surveys of the local community as a sound starting point in community betterment.

—that we give active support to community councils, or where they are not yet in existence, develop councils representative of all family-minded agencies within the community. It is important that the church find its place and be represented in community planning, both for its own more effective ministry to families and for the constructive influence it may learn to exert upon the larger community.

*CONCERN 2: Youth, parents, and leaders want and need more adequate education for marriage and family life.*

How to develop active, intelligent, alert Christian parents who will assume full responsibility for the family in the community was another problem which the group considered. A full program of adult education, especially parent education, was felt to be the best answer.

Through effective and ongoing programs in family life education and counseling for all members of the family, the home can best receive and evaluate the influences of the community.

How can the major deficiencies in the family life program of the church be met? The answer to that problem seemed to be a sound program of leadership education.

Some of the ways in which an interested church can start in family life education or marriage and family counseling are: a church family retreat; week-end leaders' institutes; church family camps; and workshops for pastors, religious education workers, and other leaders.

#### **POTENTIAL LEADERS CAN BE FOUND**

Even in very small communities there are often potential leaders in the family life area who may be serving as doctors, home demonstration agents, teachers, and ministers. These persons in positions of natural leadership may be encouraged by the church or community to take short courses, university workshops, and other inservice training to become specifically competent family life leaders.

Getting at the heart of the matter, the group recommended:

—that the curriculum of ministerial training in Methodist schools include a course in premarital and family counseling; and that a program of inservice training be devised for men already in active ministry.

—that a study program for teachers and leaders in the dynamics of personality development, love, marriage and family life, be made available through appropriate channels of the church both nationally and locally.

—that a program of study in preparation for marriage and Christian family life be made a part of the regular year's program in the local church wherever it may be.

—that the General Conference establish on all levels of the church, including the local church, a committee to promote Christian family life.

*CONCERN 3: Social and economic conditions in many communities endanger spiritual values and increase the problems of Christian family living.*

One question related to false standards so common today—drinking in films, so many beer and cigarette ads on television, and sex and sensationalism in magazines. Two specific lines were laid down to help counteract these negative influences: developing higher standards of taste in families, and voicing disapproval of the poor and approval of the good in commercial offerings in all media.

Taking up the question of what methods can be used to encourage families to participate in church and community activities even though they are "on the move" as part of the current shift in population, the group favored formation of "Newcomer clubs" in order to help new families get acquainted with other families and with their new neighborhood.

The church's ministry to "blighted areas" should include the promotion of active programs in human relations based on the best of current research and scientific skill as well as the concept of brotherhood at the core of our Christian faith. This involves a knowledge of: (a) the nature of prejudice, its prevention and treatment; (b) the reality of social class and caste with implications for Christian behavior, social opportunity and the use of community resources; and (c) development of programs that are effective in building democratic attitudes and Christian practices in community life.

Recommendations from this group included:

—underscoring the need for Christian social action in the community through a social action committee in the local church, through the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, in the Methodist Youth Fellowship, and in all other appropriate committees and programs of the church.

—supporting the principle of uniform marriage and divorce laws in the states.

—studying further the system of land tenure and land use, including the idea of the "family farm."

—making a study of such continuing social problems as economic instability, inadequate housing, discrimination, and segregation.

—considering carefully the significance of law and law enforcement and the moral and ethical behavior of men and women in high places.

—asking Methodists to recognize so-called "harmless" drinking and gambling for what they are, and to eliminate these practices from their lives.

*CONCERN 4: Mass media, such as radio, television, movies and the press are often irresponsible to the common welfare and detrimental to wholesome family life.*

If you want to help offset the stream of low-grade entertainment offered by many programs in popular mass media, you can discuss their merits and limitations in the family circle, interpreting the standard of behavior they depict, and enrich your family life with wide creative activities geared to the interests of all family members and not dependent upon gadgets and "canned" entertainment.

Again, the best approach is to support those offerings that are worthwhile and protest those that are offensive.

Supplementing this consideration in the study groups was a general panel discussion on "Modern Mass Media and Their Effects Upon the Child and the Family." Professor Edgar Dale of Ohio State University was chairman of the panel. Others on it included: Dr. Duvall; Dr. W. Clark Ellzey of Stephens College, Columbia, Mo.; Dr. Josette Frank, educational associate of the Child Study Association of America; Professor Robert E. G. Harris of the journalism department of the University of California; and Dr. Loyd W. Rowland, director of the Louisiana Society for Mental Health and lecturer in clinical psychology at Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans.

#### TODAY'S TOOLS USEFUL

The essence of much of the panel's thinking is summarized in these words of Dr. Frank: "Books, newspapers and magazines, comics, movies, radio—and now television—have each in turn come to be a part of our lives. For better or worse, these are today's tools for talking with one another. Through them we have amplified our voices, and are sending our ideas to the ends of the earth. We cannot un-invent any of these mechanisms, and most of us would not wish to do so. We cannot screen out their voices, or fence our children off from them. But we can learn to use these instruments, and to use them wisely and well.

"It will, perhaps, help us to gain some perspective in our present perplexity if we recall that printing was at first not welcomed by parents as an unmixed blessing. Books—especially secular books—were viewed with mistrust: they might give children ideas over which parents had no control. Over the years we have not only *accepted* books, but have come to regard them as a 'must' for children. At the same time, books have increased the

tasks of parents, who need to know what the children are reading, to help them select, and to interpret the ideas they find in the printed pages. In the same way we will have to guide them through the sounds and sights now being presented to their eager ears and eyes."

The church should challenge young people to enter vocations in radio, television, journalism, and other mass media as Christian callings. Then the church should stand behind them and encourage them at the point of their highest ideals.

*CONCERN 5: Secularism and materialism characterize our culture, indicating to family-minded people responsible for the full flowering of the personality of their children that a spiritual reawakening is urgently needed in our times.*

The Christian emphasis on love, the group felt, has a direct and intimate bearing upon successful family living. Yet how few of our churches and families know how to provide the experiences in which persons of all ages and stages of development may learn to love more fully!

Religion has always affirmed the supreme importance of spiritual considerations above the material, but today we are enmeshed in the demands of our "trophy-hunting" materialistic culture. To revitalize the Christian way of life in our times, the family ought to find help in the church. Both the church and its families should be action-models of a vital living faith.

In other words, throughout this whole area of the family living in the community, the conference demanded that delegates translate their study into action in order "to leaven the cultural lump . . . to give religion the dimension of depth and the spiritual vitality it so often lacks in action."

One of the speakers told of a little girl who, having learned that Christians should be "the salt of the earth," prayed that God would help them "get the salt out of the shaker into the soup."

That is our problem: to get the salt of our Christian influence out into life about us. Or, as we said at the outset of this chapter, our religion must be such a living force that we will want to share it "across garden fences" with our immediate neighbors, the larger community, and all men everywhere.

#### **Questions to Discuss**

1. How can a family recapture the dominant loyalty of its members from other forces and pressures in the community?
2. Does the Christian family have a responsibility for developing a social consciousness in its members? If so, what can be done about such problems as inadequate housing, gambling, drinking, racial discrimination, and unethical behavior generally?

3. How can we more effectively coordinate community resources to meet common problems?
4. What are some effective ways of improving the moral tone of radio and television programs?

#### **Things to Do**

1. Find out your community's needs and resources. Make a list of what you regard as its principal cultural, social, and recreational needs. List the organizations that are interested in these areas.
2. See if your community has a council of all social agencies. If not, perhaps you can share with others from your church in starting such a council or leadership pool.
3. Make a careful check of the radio and television programs available in your community. Prepare an approved list of the better programs for various age groups. Perhaps the Board of Education of your church will be interested in your help on such a project.

#### **Resources to Read**

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## Chapter 5

### "... AND BEAT UPON THAT HOUSE"

*... and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon the rock.*

—MATTHEW 7: 25

What kind of foundation does your home have?

Let's hope it's good, for there are storms coming. In fact, some of them are already tossing their wild fury across the world, and your home is bound to feel some of the effects of their blasts.

A wise Master Builder once put it forcefully in this formula:

"If you hear my words but do nothing about them, you are like a man who builds his house on sand. And a house built only on sand is doomed to destruction when the storms come.

But if you listen to my words and put them in practice, you are like the man who builds his house on the rock. It will withstand the storms."

How about your foundations? Sand or rock?

Methodism's Conference on Family Life did not attempt to hide itself from the world's storms. Just outside the conference meeting place were newsboys selling papers with headlines screaming the tragic news of war and tension. Within a few blocks of the conference the sinful forces of the city were at work undermining character and destroying health.

Mindful of all these tensions, the conference courageously tackled as one of its major topics the problem of "The Family Living in a Troubled World." Guiding these deliberations was Dr. Samuel L. Hamilton, professor of education in New York University.

"We found it hard," Dr. Hamilton says, "to agree on just what families should do about inflation, about the housing shortage, racial discrimination, national defense, and the insidious influences of mass pressures on Christian family life."

Crime and delinquency, alcohol, and divorce were some of the other destructive forces tearing away at the modern home, which the groups considered in their discussion.

It was rather generally agreed that the problems of our time cannot be solved satisfactorily by broken homes or unchristian families. As one person put it, "the world will go to pieces if the family goes to pieces."

Secularism as a formidable foe of the Christian faith came in for its deserved share of criticism, especially that form of secularism which assumes that religion is not relevant to the problems of living in a world in which coercive power is an inescapable factor.

Delegates decided that we gain no peace in the home by trying to avoid the troubles of the world. Jesus' words, "He that seeketh his life shall lose it; and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it," apply to homes as well as to individuals.

One of our greatest needs, the group felt, is suggested material, through our church educational channels, on projects of Christian social action appropriate for family use. Such projects would help us become more Christian by participation in Christian deeds to realize the end-objective of Christ's Kingdom in His spirit.

Another hopeful factor in strengthening the home's foundations in a troubled world, the groups decided, is Christian religious education. They saw it as involving "the removing of human obstacles of ignorance, laziness, fear, hatred, suspicion, pride or prejudice, so that the Holy Spirit may change us by divine power into new creatures in Jesus Christ, who find our true selves by losing ourselves in the task of changing this world into God's Kingdom."

Dr. Hamilton is convinced that "the American family can survive its own illness only if it is brought actively into the task of ministering to the spiritual health of the nation and the world through becoming itself the center of religious education. It is analogous to the situation of a man freezing to death who finds another man in a similar plight, and who restores his own circulation and saves his own life while rubbing life back into the frigid limbs of his fellow-sufferer."

As you would realize if you had before you the full reports of all the work groups, they found it difficult, if not impossible, to draw a hard-and-fast line between their respective fields. For instance, practically all of them came up with the strong suggestion that religion must be lived in the home if it is to work itself out into the life of the world—yet only one of the groups had that as its specific assignment.

### FACING CRISES TOGETHER

So one finds another group in the conference dealing with the problem of families living their religion through facing crises together and triumphing over difficulties and defeats.

They decided that reserves of strength adequate for these times of special need must be built up in the family experiences together before the crisis comes. Too often Christian families show the same reaction to tragedies or problems which unbelieving families might be expected to reveal.

Many families in their family council and worship experiences are developing a strategy to meet some of the certain tests that they are sure to encounter. They make a family plan. Usually this plan includes strengthening the spiritual life of the home and making more vital the family's tie with the church.

Dr. Alexander J. Stoddard, superintendent of Los Angeles schools, who gave a major platform address at the conference on "The Influence of Today's World on the Family," called for greater emphasis upon freedom and democracy and a wider participation in the processes of government.

"Practical means should be devised," Dr. Stoddard recommended, "for enabling young people to assume increasing responsibilities in community and civic affairs. They can and should contribute to the material improvement of life around them through real participation in actual duties to be performed.

Scoring the failure of many citizens to exercise the privilege of voting, Dr. Stoddard said, "The churches and schools cannot escape a large share of responsibility for the alarming extent to which the voting privilege is not exercised in America. The churches and schools can do more than they have done to help build right attitudes toward minority groups and to reconcile on a democratic basis the economic, social, and intelligence differences among human beings."

#### DEMOCRACY BEGINS AT HOME

"Democracy as a way of life becomes real as human beings learn to live the democratic way wherever they are at the time they are there," Dr. Stoddard declared. "We may learn the democratic way of life as we play together successfully in our homes, or pool our thinking in the Sunday school classroom with due regard for one another, or as we learn to conduct ourselves properly at the dinner table, or as we learn to play according to the rules as members of church and school teams."

Discussing freedom and its place in the democratic way of life, Dr. Stoddard said, "Freedom is something that we can have individually only as we help others find it. Freedom thrives in a society of free men and sooner or later dies among slaves. Men do not become free by climbing upon the shoulders of others, but rather as they walk together towards freedom. We have learned that poverty, disease, famine, and even war sooner or later become the lot of mankind. A land of plenty cannot be maintained in the midst of a starving world. We become a free people or we individually become free as we give ourselves to help others gain their own freedom, and only that way. America will gradually become a land of freedom through the long centuries as America does everything within her power to build a brave new world."

One of the most helpful messages of the entire conference — and one that dealt especially with the problem of the Christian family in the midst of world tensions — was the Sunday morning message of Bishop Hazen G. Werner. It was carried to a nation-wide radio audience over the Columbia Broadcasting System's "Church of the Air."

Suppose you "listen in" as Bishop Werner speaks out of his own rich pastoral and counseling experience on "The American Family and Survival":

"The central importance of the family comes at the point of relationship to our common survival. We can only hope to survive if families develop sound persons. There is a relation between sound persons and a safe society. 'If homes are psychologically sound,' observes Overstreet, in his book, *The Mature Mind*, 'there is hope for our culture. If homes are psychologically unsound, there is little hope.' The all-important question is, are we growing sound, mature persons in our homes? Let's look at the facts.

"We seem to have a generation on our hands that in all too few instances is troubled by any sharp distinction between right and wrong. Witness the recent basketball 'fix' and the West Point scandal. It is a generation that feels neither terror nor shame about addictions that degrade and destroy life. In New York City alone ninety thousand high-school children were discovered to have the dope habit. Certainly a part of the reason for our breakdown in society is family failure.

"The great need for America is to have its boys and girls develop the ability to say 'no' and to say it on sound grounds. Loyalty to decency and truth is emotionally and spiritually grown in the home. You can't get character on a give-away program. The need of the hour is not education that merely informs the mind about right behaviors but fathers and mothers who exhibit right behaviors in practice. The principles of right living must be literally grown into a child's life. We have depended too much upon an educational process in which facts are dropped down into the emotional undergrowth of the average child's life. We need to give our children the facts, we need to give them the advantage of modern techniques of living, modern help in adjustment, but there is no substitute for God-fearing parents who bring up children according to a spiritual and ethical design for life."

#### FOES OF THE FAMILY

Then Bishop Werner took a quick look at some of the foes of modern home life. "We have been saying that our survival depends upon the family. . . . It looks as though the family itself needs saving." Some of the threats to marriage which the bishop listed and illustrated briefly are: "marriage à la carte," with too many taking an attitude that it is a tem-

porary adventure; housing problems, with twenty-one percent of American couples married less than a year living with their parents, having no homes of their own; wives working to piece out the income; many childless couples; one out of eight children in America not living with both parents; an overemphasis upon material values to the neglect of spiritual ideals.

Let's pick up the bishop's words again: "The family is to be saved by a recovery of a family feeling. . . . But it takes living together and sharing together to grow that family feeling. Here's where most of us have failed. Perhaps the great sin of the American family is the sin of being wooden about one another, taking one another for granted.

"One day while I was making a pastoral call, a mother said to me, 'Will you read this letter? It's from Bob.' I sat down and read the letter. When I got about halfway through I knew why she wanted me to read it. Bob was away in the service. This is what he said, 'You know I have a feeling that I am coming home all right. I don't know why but I feel that God is taking care of that. What I want to say is, that when I come home there is just one thing I want. All I want when I get home is that when we have finished dinner at night and we're all there at the table, we will just stay there and look at one another and realize, for just a little while, nothing else but the fact that we are there together. That's all I want.' The belonging together in a family life becomes, with the years, something perfectly priceless to us.

### TALK THINGS OVER WITH GOD

"But still more, the family is to be saved by a recovery of family religion. We have lost out in our domestic relations because we have lost God out of our homes. If some of you young couples just starting your married life could break through and talk together with God about your hopes, your ecstasies, your responsibilities, yes even your tiffs and your troubles, it would matter for years. It has been said that no marriage where both husband and wife practice their religion has ever been known to break down.

"But how is this religious life to take place in the home? You may not be able to reinstitute the old forms of family altar and worship in your home, but you can pray as a family. Why not talk to God as a family, quite naturally as you meet each crisis or experience each joy? Why not join in silent prayer and clasp hand to hand as you sit around the table? Perhaps one member of the family will suggest that, 'the folks next door are terribly worried. They have had no news from Korea. Let's remember them tonight.' Or perhaps your daughter is leaving for college or taking a new job in a strange city. The grips have been packed. The car is at the door. You stand for a moment together and someone says, 'Let's talk to God for

just a moment,' and then in silence or audibly a word goes up from each heart, asking for the strengthening that will hold while dear ones are apart.

"How are you going to have homes like that? Family religion calls for spiritually dedicated and spiritually disciplined parents. It calls for a sense of stewardship about the home, about the thought life, the conversational life of the home. Begin now to practice prayer. It may seem awkward at first. You may have to change things to do it, but it will change you and your family life if you do. Not anything can take the place of the cleansing of ill will, the confirming of the eternalness of marriage, the encouragement to be forgiving with one another, all brought about by a spiritual life practiced daily. That is the formula for the growth of sound persons, for our common survival in a difficult day."

And as the bishop's sermon ended and the choir sang the closing response, there were many couples all over America as well as the Family Life Conference, who turned to each other and said, "He's right! We ought to try what he's talking about."

How about your home's foundations?

Are you building your life and your home on such solid principles that you need have no fear when life's storms sweep down and "beat upon your house"?

#### Questions to Discuss

1. Comment upon the statement, "the world will go to pieces if the family goes to pieces."
2. How much place should be given in the home for discussion of world problems?
3. What are some ways in which the family can help develop better citizens for our democracy?
4. Discuss the way an ideal Christian family should meet a great sorrow or personal tragedy.
5. To what extent should the home conform to social customs and popular conventions? Does living in a home that is "different" help or hinder a child's adjustment to the outside world?
6. What do you suggest as a plan of family worship?

#### Things to Do

1. If you are eligible to vote, have you registered?
2. Form a discussion group (if one does not already exist) to consider world issues from a Christian standpoint.
3. Set down on a piece of paper the distinctively Christian things you are trying to do in your home—things that distinguish it from a simply secular institution.

### Resources to Read

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## Chapter 6

### "WE DEDICATE THIS HOME"

*"We dedicate this home to all beautiful things of heart and mind that lead the soul to wider vision and to higher aims."*

—From an order for the dedication of a home,  
*The Methodist Book of Worship or The Discipline.*

*"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."*

—PSALM 127:1.

Growing mature persons takes patience.

Helping our church to be more vital calls for sacrifice.

Making our community and the world more Christian requires skillful leadership and exhaustless energy.

All of this is a big assignment. Too big for us — alone  
To put it in Martin Luther's words:

*"Did we in our own strength confide  
Our striving would be losing . . ."*

But we don't confide in our own strength. The glory of the gospel is that we do not face life alone. We are followers of Him who promised to be with us always, even to the end of the age.

Conscious of His presence, we can face an assignment like this with hope. Without Him it would be impossible.

The duties before us demand our dedication.

And it was on that note that the Conference on Family Life began and ended. You might say it was an identifying strand that ran throughout the conference from beginning to end: *dedication*.

In a mood of dedication, delegates opened their deliberations with a service of meditation prepared and led by Bishop J. Ralph Magee, host bishop of the Chicago Area. He declared that "as parents we are challenged to help our children find the way into the Kingdom of God, and it will take every faculty we possess, pitched to its highest and best, to have God accomplish this through us."

Then Bishop Magee led the conference in a guided meditation which concluded with this pledge repeated prayerfully in unison:

In the spirit of the Father in whom every true family on earth is joined together we witness to our common responsibilities as members of this Conference on Family Life.

With reverence and enthusiasm we will study the needs of the families of America. We will seek to understand the forces that threaten its existence.

We will encourage by all possible means of inspiration and guidance the sacred functions of the home: the growing of sound, wholesome personalities, the practice of Christian relationships, and the nurture of the spiritual life.

We shall engage in these activities with the realization that "to ensure the future of civilization we must save the child . . . to save the child we must save the home."

We acknowledge the call to make the Lord and Saviour sovereign of the family life of America, in order that our homes may be secure and happy, and that they may insure our common survival.

With that mood the conference began. One felt it time and again, as those of you who were there can testify. It sang its way into one's heart as Dr. James R. Houghton of Boston University directed the conference music, sang uplifting solos, and at the final service led the entire assembly in singing Malotte's arrangement of "The Lord's Prayer."

It laid hold upon one as he sensed the unusual seriousness of those who participated in the discussion groups. Big issues were at stake: the home — our homes — the future of civilization! Delegates went about their discussion groups with a spirit of dedication. Not all of their answers came from the lips of men or the printed page. Some insights came as flashes of that "inner light" which rewards those who approach their problems with prayer.

#### A MOOD OF DEDICATION

One felt this mood of dedication in the hush which fell over the assembly as Dr. William J. Faulkner, dean of the chapel at Fisk University in Nashville, gave his never-to-be-forgotten address. In reality, it was not an address, but a parable depicting the leaders of the twentieth century holding a mass meeting and inviting the Master to tell them what is the greatest possession of our nation.

Before Jesus could answer the question propounded by the spokesman for the assembly, a baby's voice rang out and those attending the imaginary gathering began to cry out, "Hush that child! Take it away!"

Then, as of old, the Master rose and rebuked those who were impatient with the children and said, "Bring the child unto me. Keep not your children from me. For of such is the kingdom of heaven."

And the Master spoke searching and searing words that found their mark in the souls of men. One felt as if He were speaking through Dean Faulkner as he said:

"But whoever among you that causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin (or to starve or lose his health, or grow up in ignorance and depravity, or without the security of love in his life), it would be better for that person to have a great millstone fastened round his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea."

The Master is still speaking:

"There is nothing in your homes, your churches, your schools, your businesses, your communities, or in the entire family of man more precious than one child."

And He continued:

"If you would have honor, integrity, purity, honesty, loyalty and friendliness to be the driving power of your nation, then let these virtues flow out of your families, from the parents into the children, and thence out into the nation.

"If your children find not the law of God and His Spirit around the altars in your homes, when they become men and go out into the world they will break His Moral Law and bring your nation to shame and disaster. For your children are your most precious possession and the greatest asset of any people."

Dr. Ralph W. Sockman of Christ Church, New York City, and the National Radio Pulpit, kept before the delegates that same insistence upon dedication as he brought the conference to a climax in his Sunday afternoon sermon on "The Head of the House."

When Christ is the head of the house, he said, He makes a sort of magic circle that transforms:

- Religion into life;
- The individual into a real member of the home;
- The greed of competition into the grace of cooperation;
- Possession into trusteeship; and
- The family into a force.

Dr. Sockman said he saw "a great sign of hope today" in that there are so many earnest and intelligent parents who are seeking the best kind of religious instruction for their children.

"The modern home," he said, "with its radio and television, can be a greater force than the old-fashioned home. It brings the world news and music to the family table. There the parents can help shape the children's attitudes on matters of race and world affairs."

"Sex and war," he said, "have been the two major interests which have been fed to American youth for the last dozen years. We have kept them in war training during the day and in front of scenes of love at the movies at night.

"If you emphasize sex and war, and don't provide a family to shape it, then everything goes. If we keep these two interests ever before youth in the way we have been going, is it any wonder that they begin to think that anything goes in morals?"

"We are spending billions to make a free Europe and sending thousands of our sons to make a free Korea. It is tragic irony to neglect our moral foundations in America and squander at home the liberties we are sacrificing to give to others."

Time was running out at the conference. The formal addresses were ended. The discussion groups had presented their summary reports. The findings and recommendations were in.

Yet one thing remained—a final act of dedication.

It doesn't matter now who was speaking, but someone was calling for commitment. And lest the desire for dedication trail off in vague resolves "to try to do better now," a specific commitment card in the hands of each delegate set him to thinking on ways to give meaning and lasting worth to the high hours of the conference.

If you were at the conference you had one of those cards in your hands. It has a sacred spot in your mind. If you weren't there, you can still have a card in your hands and, with a prayer in your heart, you can record your family commitment:



### OUR FAMILY COMMITMENT

DESIRING to work with other families in our church and community to build a more Christian world, we reaffirm our faith in the Christian way of life and enlist with other families to attempt the following:

- \_\_\_\_\_ To have daily family worship in our home, and to worship regularly together in our church.
- \_\_\_\_\_ To practice Christian living within the home as well as the community.
- \_\_\_\_\_ To recognize our responsibility for the Christian nurture of our children, pledging our support to the church school.
- \_\_\_\_\_ To seek to understand what it means to be a Christian in our world today.
- \_\_\_\_\_ To win other families to the Christian way of life.

\_\_\_\_\_ Church

\_\_\_\_\_ Town and State

\_\_\_\_\_ Pastor

But there will be more dedications to come: high hours in your home experience—the baptism of a baby, your child joining the church, the observance of Family Week, your own continuing commitment to Christ and His Church.

Bishop Werner challenged the delegates at Chicago to make this “not just another conference” but to “seek definite ways through which the average parents can do a better job of family living.”

That is your job and mine!

The world's urgent need is for dedicated homes where Christian living is practiced daily.

Homes built upon solid foundations for the times of stress when the storms come “and beat upon that house.”

To the building of such a home, let us dedicate ourselves.



## SUPPLEMENT

### RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE WORK GROUPS ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FAMILY LIFE

I. Recognizing the important place of parents in the Christian nurture of children, we recommend:

1. That parents make every effort to grow in understanding their children through reading, and through fellowship with other parents in church and community groups.

2. That they endeavor to teach religion in the home by example as well as by the use of available helps, and by instituting in each home such expressions of family religion as grace at mealtime, family prayers and the religious observance of special occasions.

3. That parents invite their minister to participate in the dedication of their home, using the ritual provided in the *Discipline* of the church.

II. Since the church has a concern in improvement of family life, we recommend:

1. That ministers preach frequently upon the importance of the Christian home and the responsibilities of Christian parenthood.

2. That local churches observe National Family Week the first full week in May.

3. That the church encourage family worship by distributing *The Christian Home*, *The Upper Room*, and other materials which will stimulate worship in the home.

4. That each church provide meetings or classes for parents for fellowship, sharing and study, and meetings of parents and teachers for the purpose of bringing about closer cooperation between home and church.

5. That in each church, beginning in January, 1952, there be held a series of four or more study meetings for parents on the report of the National Conference on Family Life.

6. That local churches be urged to make use of the new family audio-visual materials provided by the Methodist Radio and Film Commission and the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America.

III. We further recommend:

1. That each district and subdistrict plan for a continuation meeting following the National Conference on Family Life. It is suggested that all of the district representatives of the boards of the church assist the district superintendent in planning and promoting these meetings.

2. That the commitment card used in the service on Sunday afternoon be made available by the Advance for Christ and His Church for use in district and local church meetings.

3. That greater publicity be given to what churches are now doing to improve family living, and to the many resources now available in this field. We suggest that stronger emphasis be placed upon the use of *Source Book for Sunday Evening Fellowship*, and that more suggestions be given there for family fellowship and activities for each age-group.

4. That more materials be provided by the curriculum committee of the Board of Education of The Methodist Church in the following areas:

a. Helping teen-agers understand the meaning of love, friendship and marriage.

b. Guidance for youth in preparation for marriage and parenthood.

c. Young adult courses and elective materials on achieving maturity in parents' relationships within the home.

d. A manual for the use of parents which will help them protect themselves from exploitation by undesirable propaganda coming into the home through the press, radio, comic books and television. This material should help families develop criteria for judgment.

e. Quarterly devotional material for use in families with young children.

5. That more emphasis be placed in the church and home upon social action in the community.

6. That the conference support the principle of uniform marriage and divorce laws throughout the United States.

7. That the conference recommend the study of land tenure including the idea of the family farm.

8. That the conference express a need for a program of study for teachers and leaders in the field of preparation for marriage and family life education.

9. That local church groups be urged to try to understand the community influences upon family life and to initiate a study of the community or make use of available studies, and that community councils be formed to work on family problems.

10. That the conference call upon all Methodist families to recognize the evils of the so-called "harmless" drinking and gambling and eliminate these practices from homes in which they have been permitted.

### PRESIDING OFFICERS

- Bishop William C. Martin, Dallas-Fort Worth Area, chairman of the Advance for Christ and His Church.
- Bishop Paul B. Kern, Nashville Area, chairman of the Week of Dedication Committee.
- Bishop James C. Baker, Los Angeles Area.
- Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, president of Ohio Wesleyan University.
- Bishop J. W. E. Bowen, Atlantic Coast Area.
- Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Ohio Area, chairman of the Family Life Conference.

### GROUP DISCUSSION LEADERS

In addition to the five-resource persons who prepared the pre-conference study guides and collated reports from the various sections (who are credited with that work in previous pages of this book) these persons served as group discussion leaders:

- I. THE FAMILY LIVING ITS RELIGION
  - Rev. Harold F. Kellogg, District Superintendent, Lima, Ohio.
  - Prof. R. J. Hekel, Iowa Wesleyan College, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.
  - Prof. Richard R. Gay, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio.
- II. GROWING MATURE PERSONS IN THE FAMILY
  - Rev. C. Newman Hogle, Freeport Methodist Church, Freeport, N. Y.
  - Rev. Albert Dale Hagler, Bryan Memorial Church, Miami, Fla.
  - Prof. Wray W. Stickford, Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio.
- III. THE FAMILY LOOKS TO THE CHURCH
  - Rev. J. T. Greene, Durham, N. C.
  - Rev. and Mrs. Neill Hart, First Methodist Church, El Dorado, Ark.
  - Rev. L. K. Whitfield, Community Methodist Church, Milbrae, Calif.
- IV. THE FAMILY LIVING IN THE COMMUNITY
  - Prof. Sylvanus M. D'ivall, George Williams College, Chicago, Ill.
  - Prof. B. F. Jackson, Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn.
  - Rev. Grover L. Harman, Church Federation of Indianapolis, Ind.
- V. THE FAMILY LIVING IN A TROUBLED WORLD
  - Prof. W. Clark Ellzey, Stephens College, Columbia, Mo.
  - Rev. Robert H. Hamill, Ottawa Street Methodist Church, Joliet, Ill.
  - Miss Irma Highbaugh, Coffeyville, Kan.

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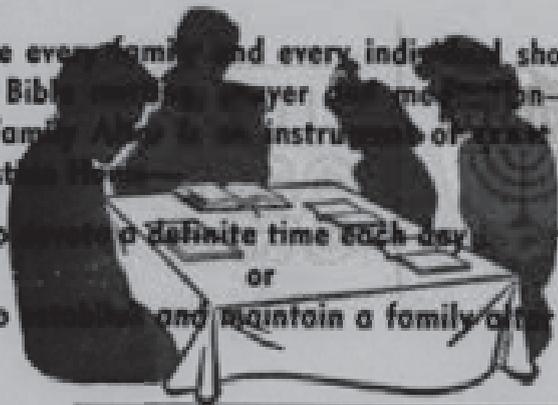
## A FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER

**BECAUSE** I believe every family and every individual should spend some time each day in Bible study and prayer and meditation—and because I believe that the Family Devotional is an instrument of great strength in the building of a Christian home,

I COVENANT \* to observe a definite time each day for personal devotions.

or

I COVENANT \* to observe and maintain a family altar in my home.



*Sign and keep this copy*

\* For sixty days as a testing period.

*The use of The Upper Room, the world's most widely used devotional guide, is suggested.*

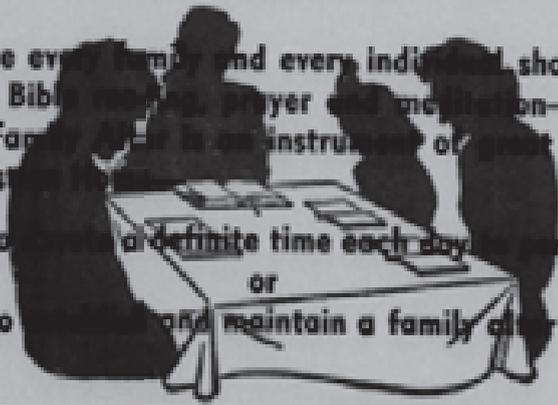
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## "OUR MISSION" BOOKLETS

This booklet is published by The Advance for Christ and His Church as a part of its Preaching and Teaching Endeavor. It is an interpretative report of the first National Conference on Family Life, sponsored by the Advance and held in Chicago, Illinois, October 12-14, 1951.

The fourth year emphasis of the Preaching and Teaching Endeavor, of which Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam is chairman, is "Our Mission." The Family Life Conference and the Follow-Up program, of which Bishop Hazen G. Werner is chairman, constitute "Our Mission" to the Home.

"The Faith of the Family" is designed especially for study groups in local churches to stimulate that phase of the Advance program.

It is the first of three books on "Our Mission." The others are "The Church's Mission to Community and Nation," compiled by several authors, and "They Gird the Earth for Christ," by Eugene L. Smith, which sets forth Our Mission to the World.

E. HAROLD MOHN

Executive Director

The Advance for Christ and His Church

THE



# BAPTIST CHURCH OF THE MASTER

Euclid at East 97th Street  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

Minister  
Rev. Robert C. Newell

November 2, 1951

President, The Temple  
Ansel Road and East 106th Street  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Sir:

We are attempting this year to make possible a true community thanksgiving service for the Euclid-106th Street area. In these days of crisis, it is important that we all be drawn together, rather than be divided.

We have invited your distinguished Rabbi to address this community gathering to be held on Wednesday, November 21, at 8:00 p.m., in the sanctuary of the Church of the Master, Euclid Avenue at East 97th Street. Rabbi Silver has graciously consented to deliver the address.

We take this means of inviting you and the members of The Temple to join in this community observance, earnestly hoping that you may see fit to accept our invitation.

If so, perhaps you would be good enough to publicize the event among your members and to encourage their attendance.

It will be a privilege for us to unite with you in this great national observance.

Yours sincerely,

Rev. Howard Spangler,  
Euclid Avenue Christian Church

Rev. William Dudley,  
Euclid Avenue Congregational Church

*Robert C. Newell*  
Rev. Robert C. Newell  
Church of the Master

To: Harry Cellin, Temple Men's Club  
Eugene Klein, Mr. and Mrs. Club  
Marshall Nureberg, Alumni Assn.

November 5, 1951

Mrs. Irwin Yoelson, President  
Temple Women's Association  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Yoelson:

The important Christian churches in the neighborhood of the Euclid - East 105th Street area, in order to make possible a true community Thanksgiving Service, are holding a joint Thanksgiving celebration service on Wednesday evening, November 21st, at 8:00 p.m. in the Church of the Master at Euclid and East 97th Street. The Temple has been invited to join in this community observance. Among the Christian churches participating will be the Euclid Avenue Congregational Church, the Euclid Avenue Christian Church, Church of the Master, and others. They have requested me to deliver the address on that occasion.

I think this project in inter-faith cooperation should be encouraged. It is a fine opportunity to meet as Americans on the occasion of a national holiday and unite in common exercises of Thanksgiving. I should like to have a fine attendance from our Temple fellowship. The cooperating churches are making an effort to bring a maximum number of their own congregants to this service. I should appreciate if you would bring this to the attention of your membership and do that is necessary to insure a fine turn-out.

Please note that the service is not in the morning, but on the preceding evening - Wednesday, November 21st, at 8:00 p.m.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ANNA HILALI SILVER

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Jan., 4, '52.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Ansel Rd. & E. 105th St.  
Cleveland Ohio.

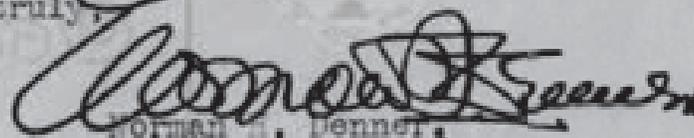
My dear sir;

The entire membership of The Cleveland Dental Society will rejoice at the good news of your "being with us" on Monday, Feb., 4th, Children's Dental Health Day, as the guest speaker at the evening meeting which will be held in the ballroom of the Hotel Hollenden with dinner at 6 P.M.

I will ever be beholden to you for your graciousness in accepting.

We like the subject, The future is our children's; but I am sure your wording will be better and therefore, unless you object, we'll simply use this preliminarily. Relevant data will be forwarded shortly.

Thanking you again and with kindest regards  
I am, yours very truly,

  
Norman H. Denner.

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January 5, 1952

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road & East 105th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Sir:

When Doctor Warren was editor of The Cleveland Dental Society Bulletin he asked me to submit a short note on the origin of Children's Dental Health Day: my copy with longhand note to Pete is enclosed for your perusal (exhibit A). As is also an article entitled "Children's Dental Health Day" written in 1940 (exhibit B). The accolade my Society gave me in April 1950 (exhibit C) is enclosed because of the pertinent whimsical 'Friebolin' comment used when I was a defeated candidate at The City Club - truth in seeming jest!

The report to Council on our Western Reserve University Research Center project (exhibit D) deserves much attention. Through my friend M.H. Leeb I was able to befriend the great Nathan Loeser who being convinced of the value of Dentistry for Children through study of our earlier Cleveland Dental Society Ebersole Experiment used his good graces in interesting The Beaumont Trust, The Elisabeth Prentiss, and Cleveland Foundations in helping us to obtain the needed \$60,000 to establish the Dental Research Center at Babies and Children's Hospital. This above mentioned report shows how our efforts are directed and I'm glad to say that the statement of progress was very well received by the Cleveland Dental Society Council.

Exhibit E is an informative letter to our congressman The Hon. Michael A. Feighan from our Mr. Garvey of The American Dental Association headquarters in Chicago informing of the remarkable development of Children's Dental Health Day to date--our child has really become robust in twelve short years!

I send along Exhibit F --my effort in 1948 in order that you might review a few of the actual/of the famous Ebersole Cleveland Dental Society Marion School cases

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Experiment--they will astound you! The reference pages are 4th paragraph page 1; last paragraph page 2; pages 3,4,5, and the first 2 paragraphs of page 6; page 12, 13,14 and down to the last paragraph on page 15.

Now my dear friend, The Cleveland Dental Society and its fine membership have made it possible for me to help promote these wonderful efforts on Children's behalf and I trust that I have not burdened you with too much reading but have introduced you to our endeavours.

Please let me know your wishes and I'll oblige if I can and please have dinner with me some evening upon your return and at your convenience, in order that I may learn of your desires for accomodations at our "Children's Dental Health Day".

Thanking you again, wishing you well, and with kindest regards I am,



Yours very truly,

*Norman H. Denner*

Norman H. Denner

P.S. Will you please have  
your secretary return  
the enclosures when they  
have served your  
purpose and oblige  
Yours truly?  
Charles N.H.D.

N. H. DENNER, D. D. S.  
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Dear Mr. Hilda Silver

The Temple.

April Rd. & E. 105th St.

Cleveland Ohio.

My dear Sir:

I thank you again for your  
courtesy of yesterday. I wish to advise  
you that Doctor Richard Prentiss, chairman  
of the meeting, will present you. I shall  
see that everything is in readiness for you  
and want you to call upon me for any  
detail you may desire. Yours will be a  
mixed audience and if it pleases you I  
should like to have for my dinner guests  
any members of your family or staff who would  
like to come - all about your pleasure (tel. Ma. 1-4116).

Thanking you again with kindest regards to  
yours very truly  
N. H. Denner.

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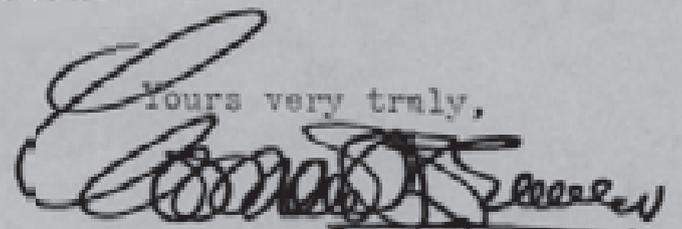
February 7, 1952

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road and East 105th  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On behalf of The Cleveland Dental Society and personally too, I want to thank you for your splendid message of our Children's Dental Health Day. In the last twenty years I have not heard such logical, reasonable, and encouraging optimism. You were positively magnificent and spoke as if inspired! We are all deeply grateful. Thanking you again and with kindest personal regards I am

Yours very truly,



Norman H. Denner

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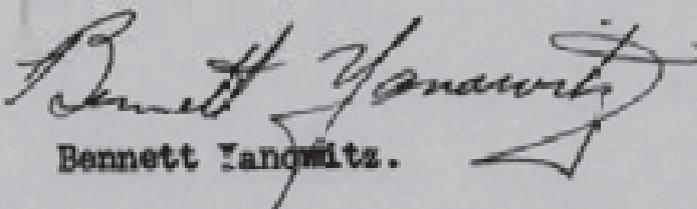
March 24, 1952.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
% The Temple,  
Ansel Road and E. 105th Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Yesterday afternoon I had the rare privilege of presenting you as guest speaker at the dedication ceremony of the new Marmarasher Jewish Center and the privilege shared with many others of hearing your address. The officers and members of the Congregation join with me in expressing our thanks and appreciation for being with us and making the dedication a memorable one.

Sincerely yours,

  
Bennett Yanowitz.

BY:A

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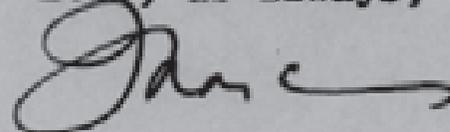
April 25, 1952

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road & East 105th St.  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

Carolyn and I attended the banquet of the American College of Physicians last evening, and we want you to know how deeply moved and inspired we were by your magnificent address.

Best, as always,



Marc J. Grossman

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April 25, 1952

Rabbi Akiba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Armed Rd. at E 105 St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

It was my privilege last evening  
to hear your address to the  
American College of Physicians.

Not only were my husband and  
I profoundly impressed by  
your so brilliantly sensible  
analysis and counsel but our  
feelings were reflected in the  
remarks of that visitor to  
Cleveland seated at our table.

We were agreed that, unhappily,

we could not recall hearing,  
in these days when ambiguity  
is the chief talent of figures in  
public life, a speech which  
dared and honest, dispassionate,  
intelligent appraisal of real issues  
and courageously challenged  
its hearers to unemotional  
thought.

One of the group, who had  
briefly during the dinner related  
to my husband some of her  
experiences as a physician-prisoner  
in a concentration camp during  
the last war, spoke for all of  
us when she said that not  
since her arrival in this country  
a few years ago had she heard  
such a speech as yours.

Respectfully yours,  
(Mrs. E.A.) Katherine R. Marshall

April 25, 1952

Mr. I. Jack Martin  
Assistant to Senator Taft  
U. S. Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Martin:

I am enclosing herewith an address which I delivered on April 24th at the Annual Banquet of the American College of Physicians which met here in Cleveland, on the subject of "American Leadership in the World Today". The convention was attended by over 5,000 of the leading physicians of America. Some of my friends suggested that the address should reach an even wider audience, and suggested that it be reprinted in the Congressional Record. If Senator Taft feels that the address is of sufficient merit, I would appreciate very much if he would sponsor its inclusion in the Record.

I had hoped to see you and the Senator in Washington a few weeks ago when I telephoned your office, but evidently you were in other parts of the country. I am still hoping that I may have the pleasure of seeing you and the Senator in the very near future.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

April 30, 1952

Mrs. E. A. Marshall  
2226 Delaware Drive  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Marshall:

Thank you for your kind letter of April 25th and for your thoughtfulness in writing to me concerning my address before the American College of Physicians. I am pleased that it was so well received.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

April 30, 1952

Mr. Marc J. Crossman  
N.B.C. Building  
Cleveland 14, Ohio

My dear Marc:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in writing to me about the address which I delivered at the banquet of the American College of Physicians. It was a fine occasion in every way, and I was pleased to have had the opportunity to discuss with the people who were there present and who represented so many institutions of learning in this country, some of the grave problems which confront our world today.

With warmest regards to you and Caroline, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

April 30, 1952

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I was very much impressed by published excerpts I have seen of a speech you delivered last Thursday before the American College of Physicians. It was one of the strongest and most reasonable appraisals of the world's desperate situation I have heard, and it could have a profound effect on people's thinking if it had wide circulation.

I would be most anxious to see the entire speech. Could it be mailed to me? Have

you any objection to  
organizations reprinting it  
for distribution to their  
members?

Very sincerely yours,  
(Mrs. M.) Beatrice A. Kaufman  
825 Gerard Ave  
Bronx 51, N. Y.

May 2, 1952

Mr. W. L. White  
160 East 66th Street  
New York, New York

My dear Mr. White:

I recall with pleasure the invitation which you extended to me in June of 1949 to contribute an article to the Reader's Digest on "The Case for Zionism". The article appeared in Reader's Digest in September of 1949.

A few days ago I delivered an address before the American College of Physicians which held its national convention here in Cleveland, on the subject of "American Leadership in the World Today". I am enclosing a copy herewith. I thought perhaps the subject and its presentation might warrant a larger reading public. Many of those who attended the banquet at which I delivered the address felt that it should be published in some national magazine. The approach to the discussion of the major problems confronting the American people today, from the point of view of a religious leader whose views may be somewhat in various to the prevailing views, may perhaps be a helpful contribution to the great debate which is going on.

I should like to have your judgment in the matter.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

EFB

Saturday  
July 12, '52.

My dear Rabbi Silver,

The Fairview Park Woman's Club of Fairview Park, Cleveland Ohio, has requested me to write you concerning a speaking date before our group meeting held the 3rd Wed after noon of each month. We are at present scheduling our programs and are very much interested in filling our Jan. 21 date and our Mar. 18 date.

I should be very grateful to you were you to accept our invitation. Our group has a membership of 300 and meets at the Fairview

Park Cabin at 1:00<sup>x</sup>

Will you please reply at your earliest convenience concerning your fee, your availability and your topic, so that I may inform our program Committee. Perhaps one of these 2 dates is better for you. Will you please indicate whether you are available for both. Upon receiving your reply I shall confirm the date you have selected, (were you to accept) as soon as possible, that is before Aug. 15.

I should be most happy were such a distinguished gentleman to be a part of our club's program.

I shall await your reply.

Very Sincerely,

Hilley Anderson

(Mrs. H. M. Anderson, Jr.)

Chm. Education Committee Fairview Park  
Women's Club

4569 W. 214<sup>th</sup> St.  
Fairview Park  
Cleveland 26 Ohio



EFB

Aug. 1, 1952

Rabbi Silver,  
The Temple  
105<sup>th</sup> and Amsel Rd.  
Cleveland Ohio

Dear Sir:

The Fairview Park Women's  
Club of Fairview Park, Ohio  
has asked me to request  
you to speak to our group  
on Wed. Oct. April, 15, 1953,  
at 1:30 P.M.

We are wondering perhaps,  
if you do accept our invitation,  
whether you would speak  
to us concerning your recent

trip, or perhaps your visit to Palestine.

It is indeed a pleasure we shall look forward to, and I am grateful for the cooperation your staff gave me while you were away in finding out how to communicate with you. Will you please indicate your fee and topics, (were you to be our guest) in your reply to me. I shall appreciate your consideration and await with "great expectation".

Sincerely,

Libby Anderson

(Mrs Harry M. Anderson, Jr.)

Chm. Education Unit

4569 W. 21st  
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August 4, 1952

Mrs. Harry M. Anderson, Jr.  
4569 West 211th Street  
Fairview Park 26, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Anderson:

Rabbi Silver is now vacationing in Europe. However, in the absence of Miss Rice, his secretary, who is also on vacation I have checked his calendar and find that he is scheduled to go out of town on April 15th.

I know that Rabbi Silver would want me to thank you for your very kind invitation and to tell you how sorry he is not to be able to speak to your Club.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth L. Hirsch  
Secretary to Rabbi Stone

(RLH)

UNITED ELECTRICAL, RADIO AND MACHINE WORKERS OF AMERICA (UE)  
DISTRICT COUNCIL NO. 7

1205 Superior Avenue, N. E.

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Cleveland 14, Ohio

August 28, 1952

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road & East 105 St.  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In view of the outstanding contribution that you have made to this community and to the nation at large in fostering fair play and brotherhood among all men, it is with great humility that I take this opportunity to invite you to deliver the invocation at the opening of the Seventeenth Annual Convention of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE).

The Convention will take place in Cleveland September 15-19, 1952, at the Hollenden Hotel. It will be called to order on Monday, September 15th, at 10:00 A.M. It goes without saying that in these troubled times, with a world torn by war, fear and mistrust, this assembly of working men and women will be faced with making grave decisions and must recognize a grave responsibility to the working people of America and to the nation as a whole. With these thoughts in mind, it was felt that a man of your wide experience in dealing with the many problems facing a troubled world would be the most likely person to deliver the invocation and perhaps the opening address.

I hope that you will find it possible to be with us on this occasion.

Sincerely yours,

*Sterling O. Neal*

Sterling O. Neal  
President, UE District 7;  
Chairman, Convention  
Arrangements Committee

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August 29, 1952

Mr. Sterling J. Neal  
United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers  
1205 Superior Avenue  
Cleveland 14, Ohio

Dear Mr. Neal:

Dr. Silver is at present out of the city, and I am therefore acknowledging your kind letter of August 28th inviting him to deliver the Invocation at the opening of the Seventeenth Annual Convention of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America. Upon Dr. Silver's return to the city the latter part of next week, I shall bring your letter to his attention. I might say, however, that his schedule for that day is very heavy. However, I am sure that if it is at all possible, he will make every effort to be with you.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice  
Secretary to Dr. Silver

[1952]

September 2nd

Mr. Neal's secretary phoned. They would appreciate knowing by Friday, Sept. 5th, whether you will be able to accept.

Sept 4

They have made other arrangements because of time elements

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

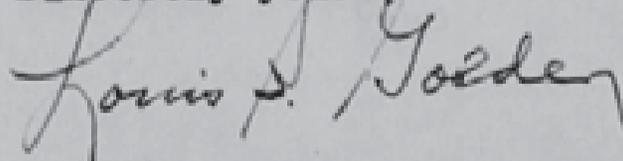
Dr. Harris J. Levine communicated to us the welcome information that you have kindly consented to come to our Jewish National Fund Dinner on Sunday evening, December 7th, to receive the Abba Hillel Silver Nachlath certificate.

I need hardly tell you how happy it made me to have this news. Let me assure you that I was proud to announce it to our Executive Committing meeting last Monday. Every one was highly pleased.

If I may do so, I would be very happy to counsel with you as to the dinner speaker, and any other phases you would like us to check with you.

Thanking you, and hope to hear from you, I am

Sincerely yours



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NOVEMBER 11, 1952

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER  
THE TEMPLE  
ANSEL ROAD & E. 105TH ST.  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

DEAR RABBI SILVER:

I AM ADVISED BY MR. HERMAN MOSS, ONE OF OUR VERY  
RESPECTED MEMBERS, THAT YOU HAVE ACCEPTED HIS  
INVITATION TO TALK TO OUR CLUB.

WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOU TALK ON THE FOLLOWING  
SUBJECT:

"CAN WE HAVE PEACE IN OUR TIME"

OUR MEETINGS ARE HELD EVERY THURSDAY NOON IN THE  
BALLROOM OF THE HOTEL STATLER.

I WILL LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU.

CORDIALLY YOURS,

*Austin L. Vanderhoof*  
PRESIDENT, ROTARY CLUB  
OF CLEVELAND

ALV/mw  
233 HANNA BLDG.  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

November 13, 1952

Mr. Austen L. Vanderhoof  
Rotary Club of Cleveland  
Hotel Statler  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Vanderhoof:

I shall be very happy to be with you on Thursday noon, April 9th. I note the subject, "Can We Have Peace In Our Time?".

Looking forward with pleasure to the meeting, I remain

Most cordially yours,

A BBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND  
41 EAST 42ND STREET  
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

December 2, 1952

His Excellency  
Mr. David Goltin, Minister  
Israeli Embassy  
1621 - 22nd & R Sts.  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Goltin:

Re: Cleveland, Ohio-Dec. 7th

Once more may I express our delight and satisfaction that you have kindly consented to participate in the dinner sponsored by the Jewish National Fund to be held on Sunday, December 7th at the Park Spangrue.

May I respectfully suggest and indicate that what follows is by way of background information and briefing so that you will have the necessary information regarding your part in the program. I do not want you to think that I am trying to write a speech. On the contrary, I merely want you to know exactly what is expected of you as you are delivering the principal address at this function.

Reservations have been made for you at the Fenway Hall Hotel. It would be desirable for you to leave Washington on the night before by train as the weather these days is very uncertain, to enable you to arrive in Cleveland on Sunday morning. I sincerely hope that you will follow our suggestion. Will you kindly have your office advise Mr. Oscar Leonard, who is our special representative, at Fenway Hall Hotel, Euclid Ave. & University Circle, Cleveland, Ohio of the time of your arrival so that arrangements can be made to meet you and please have a copy of this letter sent to me also.

Tribute to Dr. Silver.

Anna JNF Dinner! We hold an Annual JNF function in Cleveland, the proceeds of which are devoted for the purchase and development of the land. Several such functions have been held in the past. This year's function is of particular and special significance as we are to make a presentation to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver in connection with the establishment of a Machlah bearing his name. The presentation is to be made by a representative of the local committee.

Speaking for the State of Israel, it would, of course, add a great deal to the evening coming as you are in your official capacity that in addition to the address that you will deliver that you should make proper reference to Dr. Silver and to the magnitude of his contribution to the Zionist movement and the realization of our aspirations in the establishment of the State. You know, of course, Dr. Silver's most effective leadership in connection with the original struggle for the recognition of our rights. He was then the head of the American Zionist Council which engaged in the struggle and created public opinion for the creation of the Jewish State. The Machlah certificate is

Mr. David Doitein - 12/2/52  
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

issued by the Keren Kayemeth in Israel and is transmitted to us. In connection with this particular project, the Keren Kayemeth was informed as far back as 1951 that a substantial sum, over \$150,000, has been received and that a tract of land comprising 4,500 dunams was acquired and registered known as Nachlah Dr. Abba Hillel Silver. Permit me to quote from the text of this Nachlah Testimonial which is to be presented to Dr. Silver:

"Rabbi Silver, one of the most outstanding Jewish personalities and a foremost Zionist leader, was born in Neistadt, Lithuania, in 1893 and came at the age of nine with his parents to the United States. His father, Moshe Silver, was a well-known Hebrew scholar and author. At an early age Rabbi Silver became closely associated with the Zionist movement and organized a Young Zionist Group, Yichai Zion, in New York. After graduating from the University of Cincinnati and the Hebrew Union College, he served with the American forces in France during World War I where he was decorated by the French Government. In 1927 he became the spiritual leader of Temple Tifereth Israel in Cleveland, Ohio, the largest reform congregation in the United States. In the service of the Jewish people, he assumed the offices of President of the Zionist Organization of America, Chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, Chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, and National Co-Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal. There has always been a strong bond between Rabbi Silver and the Jewish National Fund for whose upbuilding and support he has expended both of his talent and energy. He has inspired people all over the world on his behalf and his mission for JNF in 1951 to South Africa was a great success.

This Nachlah is a permanent tribute to Dr. Silver, marking his name with the soil of Israel, on behalf of which he worked for many, many years. I am sure that you will make the appropriate remarks concerning this particular feature of the program. Dr. Silver himself is to take part in the evening and will respond in the course of the evening.

Your Address: In addition, of course, to what you will say concerning the presentation to Dr. Silver, may I make some brief comments in connection with the work and the program of the JNF as it relates to the State of Israel. It is our hope that you will touch upon some of these highlights in delivering your address.

1. Land and Statehood. Without the foundations laid in Israel by the JNF and the Zionist movement, it is impossible to conceive that a free and democratic State would have been established. We owe a great deal to the pioneers and to the trailblazers who came into the country and through the JNF and the other agencies established the foundation. It was from the settlements that our great heroes came to defend the frontiers of Israel and to liberate the country from Arab aggression. We also demonstrated in the course of our 50 years of work in Israel through the JNF that given a decent opportunity, our people could create a thriving and democratic Jewish State. It was not only the political argumentation but the realities created in Israel on the soil that made it possible for us to demand and to acquire our rights to the country.
2. JNF and Idealism. Without the land we would not have had chalutzim and without chalutzim it is inconceivable that we would have come into Statehood when we did. The whole conception of soil economy inspired young people to come from all parts of the world. Without these pioneers, there could have been no Jewish National Home. Side by side with the political work, the practical task of acquiring and developing the land, planting the trees, clearing the malaria, all that inspired the idealism and created the climate that made Zionism such a dynamic movement. It is well to bear this in mind, that in addition to the contribution that the JNF made to the creation of the State, it also provided an opportunity for young people, moved by idealism to sacrifice for the building of the Jewish State.

3. Land and Freedom. Without land, the freedom that has come to Israel would have been impossible. Land is the foundation. It represents not only a great tangible asset but the land provided the inspiration that moved thousands of young people to give their all for the defense of the soil. It was in the frontier settlements, in the hinterland, from Be'er Sheva and the Negev and Galilee that stirred the patriotism of our youngsters. It was the precious, wonderful soil of Israel, the soil from which we were uprooted that made it possible for us to electrify the young people and to stir them to actions that freedom for our people could be attained in the land associated with our fondest memories and hopes. In addition to all the other things that the JNF has done, it also provided the concept of freedom with which land is associated.

4. Land and Justice. We not only came to Palestine to rebuild our people. We also came there to create great social values. The Jews were not merely talking of justice but in the building of their own State, they were to practice it. One of the greatest contributions made by the JNF and one that is often overlooked is the social philosophy underlying its concept. Even before we had settlers in the country, the forebearers of our movement, Herzl and Schapira and Kressensky and later Ussishkin and his followers, wrote into the Constitution of the Keren Kayemet that the land must be acquired for the benefit of all the people. We were not to repeat the mistakes of Western civilization. The land was not to be exploited. Whatever black market we exist, there is no black market of land, a tremendous asset for Israel. It was perhaps this underlying concept in the JNF which made the JNF such a popular institution rooted in the soil of the people. Our State was to be built in accordance with the highest concepts of prophetic justice. Whereas other people were to talk of social concepts, we were to live them because our land was not to become a market but the soil of Israel was to become the property of all the people. It was a great contribution to Zionist thinking. It was a great contribution in making the world understand our motivation in wishing to create a State of our own.

5. JNF Achievements. It is over 51 years since the JNF came into being. The 50th anniversary was observed in the Capital City of the Nation with a historic conference in which Ambassador Eban, Vice-President Barkley, Dr. ABBA HILAL SILVER, Dr. McDonald and an array of other distinguished personalities participated. It marked five decades not only of achievements in Israel but of achievements outside of Israel. The JNF throughout the years has been a great educational medium. The soul of Zionism was represented by the JNF. During these 50 years, 3,000,000 dunams of land have come into our possession. A chain of settlements have been established on this land. We have taught our people the concept of agriculture. We were not to build only big cities but we were to emphasize the importance of the peasant and the farmer. In the course of these 50 years, over \$200,000,000 has been raised for land purchase and development. Not even the White Paper with all the evil that it brought could destroy our determination to purchase the land and make it free. Millions of trees were planted, we irrigated the country, we ameliorated the soil, we created social, economic and tangible assets in the country.

6. The JNF Is An Aid to the State. The JNF today is a great aid to the State of Israel. It works in the closest harmony with the Government. It has also helped the State financially in a large measure. \$15,000,000 was loaned by the Bank of America to the JNF, the largest individual loan ever made to any Jewish institution, the dollars which were used by the Government. Recently the JNF made another loan of \$6,000,000 from the Bank of America, the dollars which are used for immediate needs. Other loans have been made abroad. The JNF is a vital factor not only in the building of the country but also in helping to acquire dollars which are so vitally necessary.

7. The Balchi. The JNF is now engaged in the great Balchi development. Mr. J.B. Sensibar, President of the Construction Aggregates Corporation, which is developing

Mr. David Baitzin - 12/2/52

this area was recently in Cleveland. The plan envisages the reclamation of some 60,000 dunams. When the project is completed, it will help tremendously in providing the necessities of life, particularly vegetables and thousands of new families will be able to live on the soil which is now almost useless. The plans in connection with the Kuleh are included in the enclosed brochure that I am making available to you.

8. Land and Food. We must develop self-sufficiency in Israel and bring about a day when the people themselves will provide the necessities of life. It cannot be possible without the aid of the JNF and other agencies engaged in the task of land amelioration. Most important of all today is the development of the soil. To this task the JNF is giving a great deal through its organizations and manpower. The Negev is being re-created. Reference has already been made to the Kuleh and to other projects in Northern Galilee. The land must come under cultivation. It is important to plant millions and millions of trees to protect the land from erosion. The water pipes will provide the irrigation vitally necessary for Israel. The more land cultivated, the more food will be produced and less dollars will be employed to purchase the necessities of life here and in other parts of the world. Land, therefore, means not only freedom and economic balance but it also means food and self-sufficiency. Greater emphasis must be placed on the importance of increasing our peasant population by the farm population so that there will be a balance between city and village. The planting of the trees also means protecting our frontiers. These trees are not only vitally needed to protect the land from erosion but the more trees planted, the more security we are creating for the State of Israel.

9. Cleveland. The Jewish community of Cleveland has significantly supported the JNF program throughout the years. It initiated a project known as Machlath Cleveland. Throughout the years, through its splendid organization, it has contributed of its substance and of its spirit to the JNF and to the Zionist movement and to the State of Israel. Please pay your respects to the community and to our fine leadership headed by Mr. Louis Golden who is Chairman of the JNF and who is the person to present you that evening. A word of encouragement is needed by our fellow Zionists so that they may know and be aware that the representatives of the State of Israel are conscious of the part that they are playing in helping the State of Israel particularly in these difficult times. Will you also please say a word of encouragement to all of our co-workers in addition to Mr. Golden, Mr. Oscar Leonard, our special representative, who has done a fine piece of work in the community. Also recall the pioneer Zionists who stood at the helm of our movement when the going was hard and tough but whose courage and faith never flagged.

I hope you will have a very, very pleasant and enjoyable trip. I want to assure you that you will be received warmly by our colleagues and friends who will have the pleasure of listening to you.

Faithfully yours,

NEHEM S. FISHER  
Executive Director

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Enc.

CC:DR.ABBA HILJEL SILVER

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

41 EAST 42ND STREET  
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

December 3, 1952

Mr. Fred N. Falkman  
14125 Superior Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Falkman:

I heard from Mr. Oscar Leonard that you have not been well but I am glad to know that you have recovered.

It is good to know that you will make the presentation on Sunday night of the Machlah Testimonial to Dr. Silver. The Testimonial has already been transmitted. We have also asked His Excellency, Mr. David Seigal, Israeli Minister Plenipotentiary, to make appropriate remarks in connection with this tribute to Dr. Silver.

I am sending you this note to ask you that in formally turning over the Machlah Testimonial that you should also do it not only in the name of the Cleveland Committee but we are eager that you should do it on behalf of the Jewish National Fund of America. It was our original intention to make this presentation directly to Dr. Silver but in view of the Cleveland Dinner, it has been agreed that the presentation should be made next Sunday evening.

We should like you to add our tribute of appreciation to Dr. Silver for his great contribution to the Zionist movement and to our political struggle for the establishment of the Jewish State. His trip to South Africa on behalf of the Keren Kayemeth has endeared him to all Keren Kayemeth workers throughout the world. Dr. Silver took part in our historic conference that was held in Washington marking the 50th Jubilee of the Keren Kayemeth.

The Jewish National Fund wishes and wishes the community to know how deeply grateful we are to him for all that he has done for the Zionist movement throughout his rich and brilliant career. The Jewish National Fund represents a rich tradition among our people. We must never forget those who have been in the forefront of our movement and it is good to know that we are passing next Sunday evening to mark this tribute and appreciation to Dr. Silver.

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Mr. Fred M. Falkman - 12/3/52

Please extend to him the best wishes of the Jewish National Fund Administration. We are also forwarding an official communication but I am sending you this letter so that in making the presentation, you will do it *our* behalf as well as on behalf of the Cleveland Committee. I hope the dinner will be an outstanding success.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

HANDEL E. FISHER  
Executive Director

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December 3, 1952

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Rd. at East 106th St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

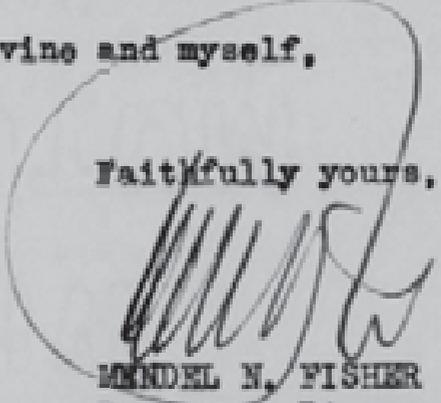
The Nachlah Testimonial which has been prepared by the Keren Kayemeth in Israel has been transmitted to Mr. Oscar Leonard. I understand that it has been arranged and agreed that Mr. Falkman is to make the presentation. We are also writing to Mr. Falkman asking him that in making the presentation, he should also do it on behalf of the JNF Administration of this country.

I am enclosing copy of a letter I have addressed to Mr. David Goitein in briefing him in connection with his appearance on Sunday evening.

It is our hope that the dinner will be an outstanding success and it is good to know that you are taking part in the program.

With all good wishes from Dr. Levine and myself,

Faithfully yours,

  
MENDEL N. FISHER  
Executive Director

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My dear Dr. Silver:

It was good to hear from Mr. Oscar Leonard that the Cleveland JNF dinner was conducted on a very high plane and was one of the most dignified functions held in many, many years. That you were the guest of honor on this occasion contributed in a large measure to the success of the evening.

Dr. Levine informed me of his telephone conversation with you and that you were very, very pleased with Mr. Goitein's presentation.

My immediate reaction to the suggestion that the Bnai Zion dinner be postponed was a positive one. I felt that in deference to the large function planned by the ZOA at which you are to be the guest of honor, even though it will work a hardship on the JNF and the Bnai Zion, that our dinner should be postponed. We acted in that spirit and Dr. Levine, of course, advised you of our decision to hold the dinner later.

You will have to forgive some of the errors made in the Nachlah Testimonial Certificate. If you feel that you would like to have the corrections made, we will gladly arrange to have a new scroll issued.

With Chanukah greetings to you and to Mrs. Silver and your family,

Faithfully yours,

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

**TREASURER**

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The Cleveland Chapter of the American Institute of Industrial Engineers extends to you an invitation to be the luncheon speaker on Friday, April 10, 1953, at our annual spring conference.

**DIRECTORS**

M. D. COVERT ('54)  
Ohio Rubber Company

This occasion is on the second day of a two-day program which we are presenting to industrial engineers, supervisors, executives and administrators in industry, covering the use of statistical techniques in the industrial engineering field. We are expecting approximately 200 in attendance.

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I am enclosing a brochure which will familiarize you with our society.

The subject of the talk may be one of your own choosing. I know you can give us an inspirational message of how some of the eternal truths can be better applied in the conduct of our business activities and personal relations.

Our conference will be held in the Hotel Statler in Cleveland. Lunch will be from 12:00 to 1:00 and the talk should range from 30 to 40 minutes.

You might be interested in knowing that in the past two years we have had as conference luncheon speakers Dr. Lillian Gilbreath, Harold B. Maynard of Methods Time Measurement, and Brig. General H. E. Sanford, Retired President of the Ohio Rubber Company.

Your early acceptance will enable us to proceed with program planning. If you can be our guest on April 10th, you will receive a most enthusiastic welcome.

Sincerely yours,

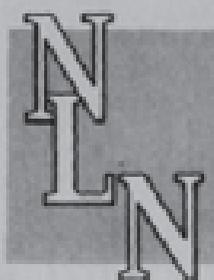
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# 1953 CONVENTION

CLEVELAND, OHIO • JUNE 22-26



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## NATIONAL LEAGUE FOR NURSING

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January 29, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street and Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The National League for Nursing will hold its first Biennial Convention in Cleveland, June 22-26, 1953.

When the Program Committee met, the members were unanimous in agreeing that it would be an honor to have you offer the invocation at our one big general program meeting which is open to the public. This is planned for Wednesday evening, June 24th, in the Arena of the Public Auditorium. We are pleased to be able to say that our speaker will be Dr. Alan Gregg, Vice-President of the Rockefeller Foundation, his topic to be based on the theme of the convention: Concerted Action to Meet the Nation's Nursing Needs.

I am venturing to enclose a "fact sheet" about our organization which will give you some idea of the kind of membership we have and the scope of our program.

We hope that your busy schedule will permit you to consider this request and that you will be interested to participate in our meeting.

Sincerely yours,

*Margaret A. Losty*

Margaret A. Losty, Chairman  
Committee on Program for  
1953 Biennial

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Enclosure

*We should, of course, give you more details as they are worked out -*

February 3, 1953

Miss Margaret A. Lusty  
National League for Nursing  
2 Park Avenue  
New York 16, New York

My dear Miss Lusty:

Thank you for your kind letter of January 29th inviting me to deliver an invocation at one of the meetings of your Biennial Convention in Cleveland next June. I wish I were able to accept, but according to present plans, I shall be out of the country at that time.

With kindest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ARRA HILLEN SILVER

AHS:er

February 3, 1953

Mr. W. T. Hileman  
Republic Steel Corporation  
1113 Republic Building  
Cleveland 1, Ohio

My dear Mr. Hileman:

Thank you for your kind letter of January 27th, inviting me to be the speaker at the meeting of the Cleveland Chapter of the American Institute of Industrial Engineers on Friday, April 10th. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately, I do not plan to be in the city on that day.

With all good wishes for a successful meeting, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

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March 11, 1953.

Dr. A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have just received a letter from the Rotary Club, expressing regret that your talk on ISRAEL was postponed. They expressed the hope, however, that one of the following dates might be acceptable to you -

Thursday Noon - July 16th  
August 6th - 13th  
September 3rd - 10th - 24th  
October 1st - 8th-15th-22-29th

After you have had an opportunity to check your calendar, I should like to hear from you so that I may advise the Committee.

With warmest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Herman*

HP.N



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March 21, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

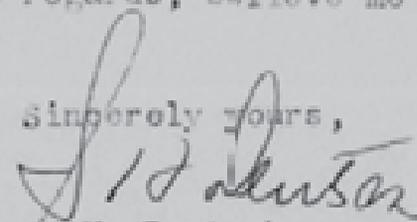
It was very nice of you to accept our invitation to be the main speaker at the dinner to be given in honor of Judge Samuel H. Silbert on his 70th birthday in recognition of his 42 years of public service to this community.

The date is April 16th; time 6:30 p.m.; place Statler Hotel.

When I informed the judge of your acceptance, he was very very happy.

Until we see you on that night, with loads of good wishes and kindest regards, believe me to be,

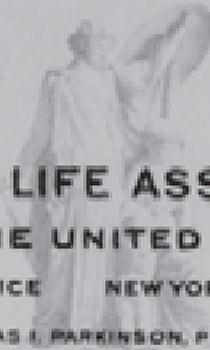
Sincerely yours,



E. H. Deutsch

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HERMAN MOSS, C.L.U.  
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March 24, 1953.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

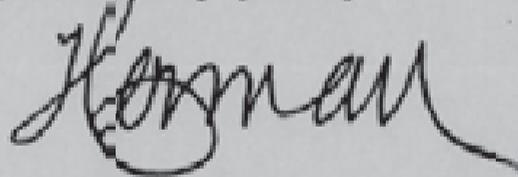
Received the brief memorandum of a number of your important activities, to be used in connection with my introductory remarks at the Rotary Club Luncheon on Thursday, April 9th, at the Hotel Statler, which you are to address on the subject of "Israel" or such title as you may desire.

The average luncheon attendance is about 325 and I am confident that your message will make an important contribution to the thinking of the members of the Club.

You will be glad to learn that Florence is making good progress since her operation.

Our warmest regards to Virginia and yourself.

Very sincerely yours,



Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
Ansel Road and East 105th Street,  
Cleveland 8, Ohio

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April 2, 1953.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Rd. at East 105th Street  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

It is a great comfort to know that you will be the featured speaker at the opening campaign dinner of the Jewish Welfare Fund, Tuesday evening, April 28th, at the Hollenden Hotel. Nobody anywhere could give us greater inspiration, and your appearance practically guarantees a fine start to the campaign.

You will be pleased to know that we are breaking with precedent in this year's opening meeting in making it the first report meeting of the campaign. Customarily, our report meetings have been held at noon luncheon meetings between the opening and the closing meetings. This year, we felt that the first report meeting, and obviously the biggest one, should be on opening night. There then would be two additional report meetings during the campaign, prior to the final report meeting at the closing dinner on May 14th.

In addition to your own featured address and the report of results, the April 28th meeting will have two brief presentations. One is from Mr. Joseph Press, a representative of the Jewish Welfare Board, who will tell in dramatic form of the work of the JWB on behalf of servicemen. The other presentation will be a brief word from Louis Seltzer, editor of the Press, who will be on the eve of his departure from the city for an extended visit to Europe, Israel, and England for the coronation. This latter information is confidential inasmuch as Mr. Seltzer desires to have the first announcement come through the newspaper.

It is expected that there will be a crowd of at least 500 persons, practically all workers in the campaign, including all the leadership. We hope that the meeting will serve to inspire the campaign organization to a maximum effort during the campaign.

May I take this opportunity to extend a special invitation to you to attend the Special Gifts Dinner Meeting of the campaign at 5:00 o'clock Sunday evening, April 12th, at the Oakwood Club. We should like very much to have you sit

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

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April 2, 1953.

at the speakers' table, and have in mind placing you next to the speaker of the evening, Carlos Romulo.

I hope that you will be able to attend this meeting because I am sure that Mr. Romulo and the campaign organization would very much like to see you.

We greatly appreciate your always helpful attitude in relation to the campaign.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,



Henry A. Rucker  
General Chairman

har:rs.

April 3, 1953

Mr. Henry A. Rucker  
Jewish Welfare Fund  
1001 Huron Road  
Cleveland 15, Ohio

My dear Friend,

Thank you for your kind letter of April 2nd. I took note of the program which you have planned for the opening meeting on April 28th. I was very much interested to learn that Mr. Soltau is planning a visit to Israel. I am very happy to learn of it.

I shall be very pleased to attend the meeting with General Rowland on Sunday evening, April 12th.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRAHAM HILJEL SILVER

AHS:er

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April 8, 1953

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1835 Fenway Ave.  
Dayton, Ohio

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
19810 Shaker  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi,

On June 5, 6, and 7th, the Department of Ohio, Jewish War Veterans, will hold their annual state convention in the city of Cleveland, at the Allerton Hotel.

Brigadier General Julius Klein will address the convention floor on Saturday, June 6th.

We would deem it a privilege and a pleasure to have you as our guest speaker, at the Banquet, which will be on Sunday, June 7th, at 1:00 P.M., at the Hotel.

The subject of your speech is entirely to your choosing.

I would appreciate it, if you would advise me, as soon as possible, whether you can accept our invitation.

Thank You.

Sincerely yours,

William Givner  
COMMANDER  
DEPARTMENT OF OHIO

WG:vj

April 9, 1953

Commander William Givner  
Jewish War Veterans  
942 Highland Blvd.  
Lorain, Ohio

My dear Friend:

Thank you for your letter of April 8th and for your gracious invitation to address the Banquet of the Jewish War Veterans, Department of Ohio, on Sunday, June 7th. I should have been most happy to accept your invitation. However, I am scheduled to deliver the Baccalaureate address at the University of Minnesota on that day, and I shall be away from the city over the weekend. I trust that your convention will be very successful. Please convey my best wishes to Brigadier General Julius Klein who I am happy to learn will address your convention.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILSEL SIVVER

AHS:er

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

CLEVELAND 13, OHIO

SAMUEL H. SILBERT  
JUDGE

Dear Rabbi,

I would like you to add this volume  
of The Song of Songs to your collection.  
I hope you'll pardon its appearance as I've  
had in storage for many years. Despite  
that I trust you'll find it of interest.  
Mrs. Silbert and I got thrill from hearing  
you and Mrs. Silver with us last  
Evening and I must gratefully to  
you for participating in the program  
and in helping so much into making  
the evening one of the most momentous  
ones of my life.

Yours most cordially  
Sam Silbert  
4-17-53

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
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COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

CLEVELAND 13, OHIO

SAHUEL H. SILBERT  
JUDGE

April 17, 1953.

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

Dear Friend:

I want to thank you most sincerely for participating in the Sam Silbert Testimonial Banquet on April 16th, and for helping so materially to make the affair so outstandingly successful.

Yours most cordially,

*Sam Silbert*

SHS/er

Dear Rabbi,

May I thank you once again  
for making Mrs. Silbert & myself  
so happy!

I trust you got my book and  
that you liked it.

Cordially

Sam S.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

CLEVELAND 13, OHIO

SAMUEL H. SILBERT  
JUDGE

Rabbi  
Abba Hillel Silver  
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Dear Rabbi,

This is certainly worth waiting for!  
It is wonderful to receive a \$800.00  
from America's greatest orator and Rabbi,  
it is even more wonderful to receive  
it during ones life-time!  
I am deeply cognizant of this great  
honor and appreciate more than I  
can tell you in words your acceptance  
of The Committee's invitation for 4/16/53  
at The Shalom

Yours sincerely,  
Sam Silbert

4-22-53

April 28, 1953

Judge Samuel H. Silbert  
Court of Common Pleas  
Cleveland 13, Ohio

My dear Friend:

This is the first opportunity I have had since receiving your beautiful gift to write you and to thank you for it. I have been in New York attending the Convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. The Song of Songs is a beautifully illustrated volume which will have an honored place in my library and which will remind me of you and of the perfectly beautiful testimonial which the community paid you the other evening.

With all good wishes to you and to your dear wife in which Mrs. Silver joins me, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ARRA HILIEL SILVER

AHS:er

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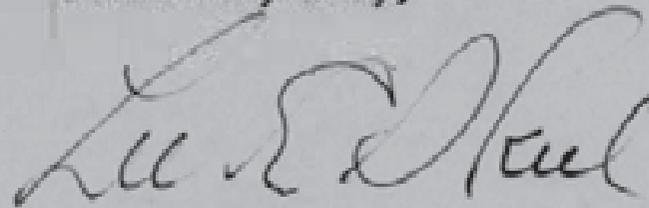
Rabbi Abba H. Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road and East 105th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On behalf of the trustees, faculty and graduating class of 1953 of the Cleveland Marshall Law School, I want to extend to you a cordial invitation to be our commencement speaker. The commencement exercise will be held at the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, 18th and Euclid, Friday evening, June 19th, at 8:00 p.m. We are indeed hopeful that you will find it convenient to accept this invitation.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,



Lee E. Sheel, President  
Cleveland Marshall Law School

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Rd. & E. 105th St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In behalf of the delegates to the 13th ANNUAL TOWNSEND CONVENTION to be held in the Masonic Auditorium, Monday, June 29, 1953 through Thursday, July 2, 1953, representing more than twelve thousand (12,000) chartered Townsend Clubs of America, I am more than happy to extend to you a most cordial and warm invitation to offer the invocation at the third session:

Wednesday - July 1, 1953 - 8:30 A. M.  
Masonic Auditorium  
3615 Euclid Avenue

The members of the Townsend Clubs represented by the delegates are recruited from the ranks of the common people of whom the immortal Lincoln once said, "God must love the common people for he made so many of them." They are the Fathers and Mothers of America, the bone and sinew of our beloved Country, who raised their families, paid their taxes and made our Country what it is today - the leader among the free nations of the earth. Your background, Rabbi Silver, and your chosen calling indicates that you have a broad sympathy and understanding of the problems and needs of the common people, particularly the overwhelming number of citizens who are unfortunately in the lower income brackets. The folks who make up this great organization are represented by all religious faiths and denominations. Many are members of the denomination you represent. The delegates will be indeed grateful if you will offer the invocation - - thus by your presence, you will indicate that you are interested in the problems of our elderly citizens, recognizing their plight and the immediate need for ameliorating their economic condition.

Kindly do the Convention the honor of offering the invocation. I am anticipating the pleasure of your early acceptance, as the Convention program is in preparation, and your name, of course, will appear in the official program. As time is of the essence, your prompt acceptance will indeed be appreciated.

Cordially yours,

*Dr. F. E. Townsend*  
Dr. F. E. Townsend  
Founder-President

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April 29, 1953

Judge Lee E. Steel, President  
Cleveland Marshall Law School  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Judge Steel:

I deeply appreciate your gracious invitation to deliver the Commencement Address to the 1953 graduating class of the Cleveland Marshall Law School. It would have given me great pleasure indeed to accept your invitation. Unfortunately, I have another engagement for that evening. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes and again thanking you for thinking of me in connection with your graduation exercises, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILFISLTER

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May 1. -53.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Reverened Sir:

You have been quoted as saying that poverty has always been the chief curse of the human race.

I heartily agree with you, and am devoting the later years of my life in an effort to impress the public with this fact.

Of all ministers of the Gospels, you are the only one, to my knowledge, who has arrived at this conclusion. This is a sad commentary on the depth of thought indulged in by the ministry.

I am inclosing for your consideration a couple of essays that I have used over the radio and as editorials in the Townsend National Weekly, which I hope will meet with your approval, and indicate a way whereby, I believe, poverty could be eradicated in this country as a prelude to its elimination throughout the world.

If you would like further elucidation of our Plan, kindly let me know. A public announcement of your approval of it would, obviously, have a profound effect in setting the religious groups in our country to thinking seriously about effective ways of ending poverty.

Most sincerely yours,

*Dr. F. E. Townsend*  
Dr. F. E. Townsend.

May 5, 1953

Dr. F. E. Townsend  
6575 Broadway  
Cleveland 5, Ohio

My dear Dr. Townsend:

Thank you for your kind letter and your invitation to deliver the Invocation at the Masonic Auditorium on Wednesday, July 1st. I regret that I shall not be in the city on that day. I am leaving the country at the end of the month of June.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ANNA HILLEN SILVER

AHS:ter

The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations  
of Greater Cleveland

May 13, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
Rabbi of The Temple,  
Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are especially pleased to learn that you have agreed to pay tribute to Miss Ida E. Schott, who has been chosen for a citation as "The Woman of the Year" by our Awards Committee.

This meeting is to be held in Higbee's Auditorium, 10th floor, on Monday, June 1st, at 12:30 P.M. Mrs. Irwin Yelson has volunteered to arrange transportation for you.

We are enclosing your guest ticket and we shall be very proud to have you grace our Spesker's Table.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially,

*Bernice Goldstein*  
Mrs. Hiram S. Goldstein  
President

HSG; sbg

32nd  
ANNUAL LUNCHEON MEETING

Federation  
of  
Jewish Women's Organization  
OF  
GREATER CLEVELAND

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 1953  
12:30 P.M.

HIGBEE'S AUDITORIUM, 10th FLOOR

LUNCHEON TICKETS - \$1.75\*



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DRAMATIC PRESENTATION -  
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SCRIPT BY JERRY LEONARD

CITATION TO THE WOMAN OF THE YEAR  
- MISS IDA SCHOTT  
TRIBUTE TO THE WOMAN OF THE YEAR  
BY RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER



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*8th Program Chairmen's Conference*

THURSDAY EVENING  
May 28th, 1953  
8:15 p.m., at the

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTERS AUDITORIUM  
2049 East 105th Street

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Mrs. Samuel Cagen, Chairman of the Evening

Mrs. Ezra Z. Shapiro, Key Note Message

Mr. David R. Wahl, "Practical Applications  
for Programs."

Illustrations by:

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*"Techniques for Good Leadership"*

THURSDAY -- ALL DAY  
June 4, 1953  
at the

TEMPLE ON THE HEIGHTS  
3130 Mayfield Road

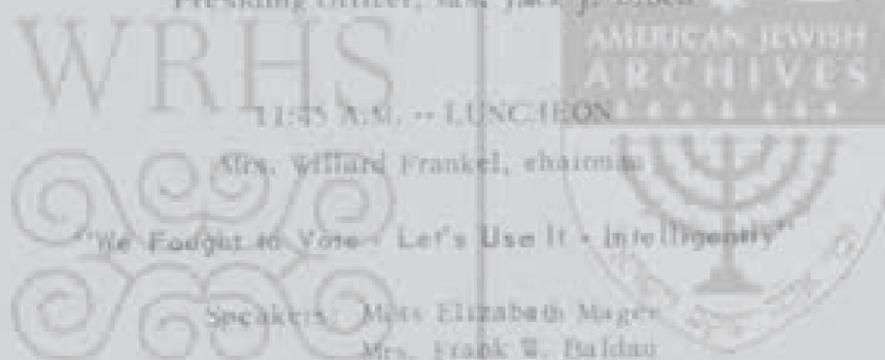
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"Any Woman's Board Meeting"

Script written by Mrs. Louis Engelberg

Parliamentarian, Mrs. Milton Halle

Presiding Officer, Mrs. Jack J. Bloch



11:35 A.M. -- LUNCHEON

Mrs. Willard Frankel, chairman

"We Fought to Vote - Let's Use It - Intelligently"

Speakers: Mrs. Elizabeth Mager  
Mrs. Frank W. Balduz

1:00 - 3:30 P.M. -- WORKSHOPS

Mrs. Jacob M. Hurwitz, Chairman

Workshops are being arranged to suit your particular organizational needs. Please send your Workshop registrations for officers and chairman immediately so that we may arrange for appropriate sessions.

PANELISTS: Mrs. Herman Bass Mrs. Leo Kohn  
Mrs. Sol Bloomfield Mrs. Alvin Spiegel  
Mrs. Carl Cole Mrs. Sidney Vincent  
Mrs. Leon Dembo Mrs. Irwin E. Yoelson  
Mrs. Sidney Glueck

*Public Speaking*

THURSDAY -- ALL DAY  
June 11, 1953  
at the

TEMPLE ON THE HEIGHTS  
3130 Mayfield Road

10:00 a.m.

Mrs. Norman Kaye, Chairman

"Techniques in Speaking and Listening"

Dr. Warren A. Guthrie, head of Speech Department,  
Western Reserve University

Presentation will be followed by impromptu speeches  
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12:00 NOON, -- LUNCHEON

"THE FROSTING"

A skit written by Mrs. Harry Robbins

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

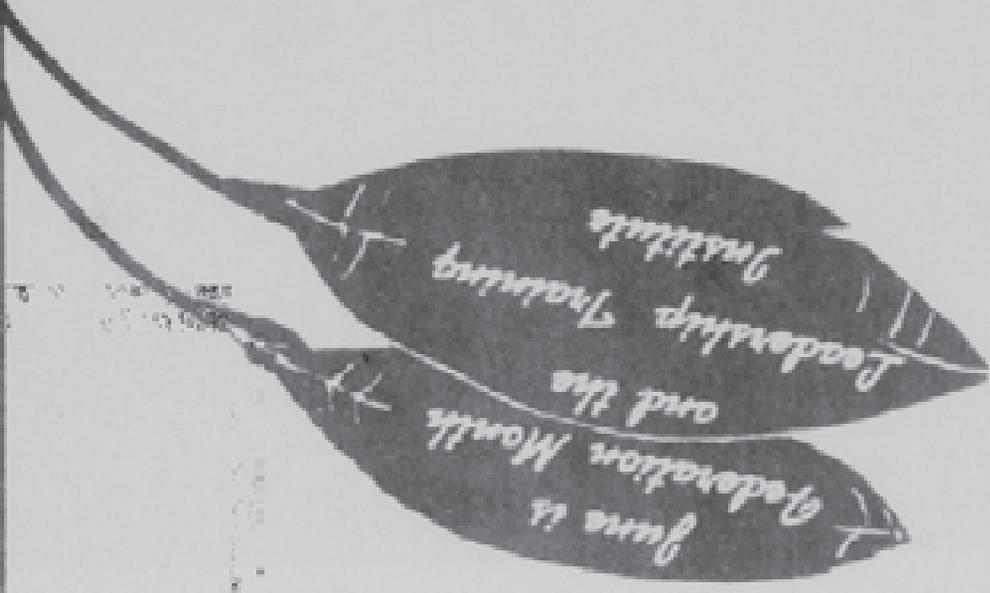
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Personal direction and individual analysis by Dr.  
Guthrie and speech instructors of Western Reserve  
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Aneel Road  
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Armenian Youth Federation  
Of America

FOUNDED 1933

City Cleveland

Date: June 11, 1953

Dikran Chapter

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Armenian Youth Federation of America is having its Twentieth Annual Convention in Cleveland, Ohio. The Cleveland Chapter of the Armenian Youth Federation would be honored by your presence as their guest at its Opening Day Banquet at the Hotel Allerton, on Sunday June 21, at 7:00 P.M.

Sincerely,

*George Asadorian*

George Asadorian  
President  
Cleveland Chapter

GA/se  
Enc.



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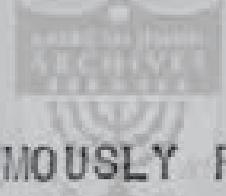
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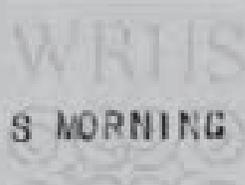
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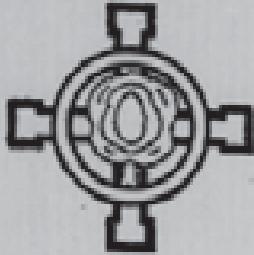
BISHOP HAZEN G. WERNER  
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THANK YOU FOR TELEGRAM INVITING ME TO ADDRESS NATIONAL FAMILY  
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CONFUSION IN THE TELEGRAM. IS THE DATE IN 1953 or 1954. I  
SHALL BE VERY HAPPY TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE. WOULD APPRECIATE  
IF YOU WOULD LET ME KNOW MORE DETAILS, LENGTH OF ADDRESS AND  
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ABBA HILLEL SILVER





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LAKEWOOD, CLEVELAND 7, OHIO

A. W. ALMGREN,  
Associate Pastor  
1364 Summit Avenue  
Lakewood, Ohio

June 14, 1953

Dear Rabbi Silver -

After our phone conversation this  
morning it occurred to me you might  
like to look over the study books which  
followed the first "Family Life Conference."

Sincerely yours,

A. W. Almgren

June 16, 1953

Mr. George Asadorian  
c/o Manuel Boylan  
1945 East 20th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Asadorian:

Thank you for your kind note of June 11th inviting us to attend the Opening Day Banquet of the Armenian Youth Federation on Sunday, June 21st. (Unfortunately, a long-standing engagement for that evening makes it impossible.

With best wishes for a successful convention, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



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WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU WILL BE WITH US FOR THE NATIONAL  
FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE THE DATE IS ONE YEAR FROM THIS  
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June 25, 1953

Dear Rabbi Cohen, -

On October 28<sup>th</sup> next, the annual meeting of the Jewish Family Service Association will be held as the Allerton - a dinner meeting & a address of Dr Benjamin Spock, of Pittsburgh, perhaps the best known child psychiatrist in America. -

As chairman of the Service Committee, I should like very much to secure your consent to deliver the benediction. I am asking Rabbi Aronson Cohen to deliver the invocation. -

May I have your acceptance?

Very sincerely yours

AL

June 26, 1953

Mr. Alfred A. Benesch  
Citizens Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Al:

I shall be pleased to be with you on October 28th next, contingent, of course, on my being in town on that day. If for some reason I am compelled to leave the city, I shall notify you in time.

With warmest regards, I remain

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

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July 17, 1953

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St. at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Each year our church has a series of Fall Forum meetings in which we invite outstanding leaders to discuss various national and cultural issues, to help our people understand them and give thought to their responsibility concerning them.

We should like to have you speak on our forum this year, and suggest a date-- Wednesday, October 14. If this is not convenient, we can offer another Wednesday evening.

We should be happy to have you choose the topic or topics you are prepared to discuss. I am sure our people would be interested in Israel and its relation to the present world picture.

We hope you can accept this invitation, and offer a modest remuneration of \$25 for the evening. I know Dr. Phillips will be pleased if you can come.

Cordially,

*Francis C. Wheaton*

FCW:D

# National Association of Letter Carriers

## Thirty-Ninth Biennial Convention Committee

P. O. BOX 5922  
CLEVELAND 1, OHIO

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July 26, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
105th and Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

From August 30th through September 4th of this year, Cleveland will be host to the Thirty-Ninth Biennial Convention of the National Association of Letter Carriers. From 6,000 to 10,000 delegates and visitors to the Convention will be in our city during that week. They will come from every State in the Union and from Hawaii. Many prominent Government officials, including a large number of Senators and Congressmen, will attend the Convention.

There will be a business session each morning from Monday to Saturday, beginning at 9:00 A.M. Each session is begun with an invocation delivered by a member of the clergy.

We expect Arch-Bishop Hoban of the Catholic Diocese to be present on one morning, and are contacting other prominent religious leaders to address the other sessions. We would appreciate it, if you would deliver the invocation on Wednesday morning, September 1, at 9:00 A.M. at the Public Auditorium. If this date is not convenient for you, we would suggest alternate mornings Thursday or Friday.

Mr. Harry Fessell, a member of your congregation, was delegated to call upon you, but was unable to reach you since you were out of town.

Very truly yours,

*Nelson E. Sundermeier*  
Nelson E. Sundermeier  
Chairman, N.A.L.C. Convention

NES:cb

July 28, 1954

Mr. Nelson E. Sundermeier  
National Association of Letter Carriers  
P. O. Box 5922  
Cleveland 1, Ohio

Dear Mr. Sundermeier:

I spoke with Rabbi Silver long distance late yesterday afternoon and conveyed to him your very kind invitation to deliver the invocation at one of the morning sessions of the Thirty-Ninth Biennial Convention of the National Association of Letter Carriers.

He asked me to convey his appreciation for this gracious invitation. However, unfortunately, he will be unable to accept. Should you be interested in having Rabbi Earl Stone, our associate Rabbi, deliver the invocation in Rabbi Silver's place, kindly contact The Temple and perhaps some arrangement can be made.

Rabbi Silver expressed his deep regret that he will be unable to be with you on this occasion.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth May Sparrow  
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

# National Association of Letter Carriers

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SECRETARY

*Delivered*

July 30, 1954

The Temple  
E. 105th and Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Sparrow:

Received your letter of July 29, 1954, and am very sorry Rabbi Silver will not be able to deliver the invocation at one of the sessions of the National Association of Letter Carriers.

It would be greatly appreciated if arrangements could be made with Rabbi Earl Stone to say the invocation at our Thursday morning September 2nd, 1954 session at 9:00 A.M. The place is the main arena, Public Auditorium.

Thanking you very much, I remain

Sincerely yours,

*Nelson E. Sundermeier*  
Nelson E. Sundermeier  
General Chairman, N.A. L. C.

NES:cb

*E.S. taking over commitment.*

August 4, 1953

Rev. Francis Chase Wheaton  
First Baptist Church  
Fairmount Blvd. at Eaton Road  
Cleveland 15, Ohio

My dear Friends:

I greatly appreciate your gracious invitation to address me of the Fall Forum meetings of the First Baptist Church. It would give me great pleasure indeed to attend. Unfortunately, I cannot take on any additional lecture engagements in the fall as my program is already overcrowded. If your meetings continue into the spring, please get in touch with me and I shall make an effort to come.

With warmest regards to you and my good friend Harold Phillips, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:cf



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*National Field Director*  
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105 Street and Arsel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The United Jewish Appeal is arranging a National Conference to be held at the Statler Hotel in Cleveland on October 10th and 11th. Jewish leaders from all over the country will attend this Conference, the purpose of which is to mobilize cash for UJA and to provide a stimulus for the Fall phase of the campaign.

The two most important sessions of the Conference will be the opening dinner meeting on Saturday evening and the closing luncheon on Sunday. I would be very happy if you could find it possible to address either one of these sessions. At the Saturday evening dinner you would share the platform with Edward Warburg and Trygve Lie. At the Sunday luncheon, at which the delegates will actually present the checks to UJA, you would be the only speaker, except for some brief remarks by the Chairman of the Women's Division and the Chairman of the Cash Campaign. There would also be the opportunity here to send the delegates home on a note of inspiration, such as only you could achieve.

We would be very happy to have you at either of these sessions, depending on the requirements of your own calendar.

I would appreciate very much your acceptance of this invitation and word as to which session you would prefer to address if it is possible for you to be with us.

Sincerely,

Joseph J. Schwartz

JJS:PRR

August 27, 1953

Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz  
United Jewish Appeal  
165 West 16th Street  
New York 36, New York

My dear Friend:

Thank you for your letter of August 21st and for your invitation to address the National Conference of the United Jewish Appeal in Cleveland. It would be more convenient for me to speak at the Sunday luncheon. I shall be very happy to be with you and look forward with pleasure to seeing you.

With warmest regards and all good wishes for a Happy New Year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ANNA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

ROTARY CLUB OF CLEVELAND, OHIO



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
218 HOTEL STATLER

15 September 1953

Mr. Herman Moss  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Herman:

Our Program Committee today concluded it would be a grand idea to have Rabbi Silver as our Speaker on Thursday noon, December 24th, when in past years we have always had the pastor of some Church deliver a pre-Christmas sermon which would go with our usual wassail bowl and Christmas music.

If this date is satisfactory to Mr. Silver, please let us know as soon as possible.

The usual \$100.00 honorarium for local speakers will be paid him when he is our guest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Fred B. Owens".

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY  
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HOME OFFICE NEW YORK 1, NEW YORK

THOMAS L. BARKINSON, PRESIDENT

HERMAN MOSS, C.L.U.  
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September 17, 1953

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
c/o The Temple  
East 105th and Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

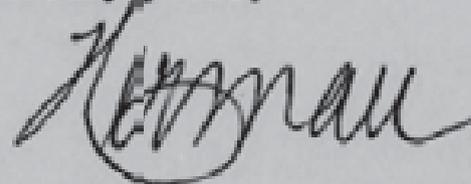
Enclosed is a letter just received from  
the Rotary Club inviting you to be the Speaker on  
Thursday, December 24.

As you will note this is a special occasion  
in the year's program of the Club. There should be present  
to hear you on this occasion about four hundred representative  
Cleveland executives.

I certainly hope your plans will permit you  
to accept this invitation as they need your message after  
what they heard a few months ago from an anti-semitic.

My warm regards.

Sincerely yours,



HM: DC

ROTARY CLUB OF CLEVELAND, OHIO



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29 September 1953

Mr. Herman Moss  
900 Union Commerce Building  
Cleveland 14, Ohio

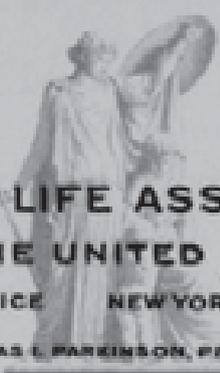
Dear Herman:

Thank you for arranging to have Dr. Silver  
here as our Speaker on Thursday Noon,  
December 24th.

Please send us the subject and publicity  
material early in December.

Sincerely,

*Paul Brown*



THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY  
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HOME OFFICE NEW YORK 1, NEW YORK

THOMAS L. PARSONS, PRESIDENT

October 2, 1953

HERMAN MOSS AGENCY  
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Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road & East 105th St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

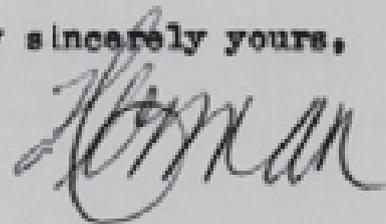
Enclosed is a letter received from the  
Rotary Club of Cleveland.

At your convenience no doubt you will  
send the information they request.

Am so glad you were able to accept their  
invitation.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



HM:IC  
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October 9th, 1953

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

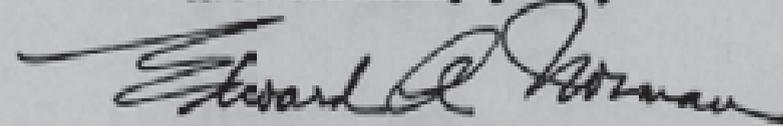
It was heartening to receive your kind letter of September 23rd and to learn how deeply impressed you were with our Exhibition, "From the Land of the Bible", at the Metropolitan Museum. The American Fund has long felt the need, in addition to its fund-raising activities, to afford an opportunity to Jews and non-Jews of this country to witness examples of Israel's cultural life. We are much encouraged by the warm response which this aspect of our program has evoked.

Now I want to take the liberty of writing you with regard to another matter. It has been our practice for several years to call together a select group of leaders from among those who normally attend the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds to a special session or reception. The purpose is to discuss an aspect of Israel's cultural life and our relationship to it. As you may know, the Assembly will be meeting this year at the Hotel Statler in Cleveland on November 20th--22nd. We would indeed be honored, if you would attend our meeting and speak to the group on any phase of the general cultural picture in Israel.

As a rule our meetings are held either late Saturday afternoon at 5:30 P.M. (this year on November 21st), or for breakfast on Sunday morning. As the arrangements are still in a flexible state, we would be happy to schedule it in accordance with your preference.

I look forward to hearing from you and hope that you will find it possible to be with us.

Most cordially yours,

  
Edward A. Norman  
President

October 11, 1953

Mr. Edward A. Norman, President  
American Fund for Israel Institutions  
257 West 71st Street  
New York 23, New York

My dear Mr. Norman:

Thank you so much for your letter of October 9th. I appreciate very much your gracious invitation to attend your meeting in Cleveland and to address the group under your auspices. I have already accepted an invitation to address the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and I am afraid that it will not be possible for me to accept another invitation for that time.

I hope that I will have the pleasure of seeing you during the sessions.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ANS:dk

ABRA HILLEL SIEVER

ELIAS M. KOUSSA,  
ADVOCATE,  
P.O.B.14,  
HAIFA.

15th October, 1953.

Rabbi Abba Hiller Silver,  
C/O Zionist Organization,  
41 East 42nd Street,  
New York.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

The Jerusalem Post has published a concise report of your speech at the United Jewish Appeal conference held in Cleveland on the 11th instant, in which you challenged the policy of the United States toward the Arabs. It said that you criticised the Republican Administration for proposing to send arms to the Arabs and for pursuing a policy of "wooing and pandering to them in the hope that they will some day use these arms and their manpower in defence of the free world" rather than telling them "with unmistakable firmness to get on with the business of making peace with Israel". It also said that you castigated the Arab States by contending that "statesmen of vision and courage had failed to appear among the Arabs" and that "instead of raising the standard of living of their millions of impoverished and largely illiterate people, Arab statesmen concern themselves with efforts to throttle the State of Israel".

That you are an able orator is amply evident from the flowery language of the quotations set out above. But it is highly doubtful whether demagogic statements of the kind would serve any useful purpose in the way of promoting understanding and friendliness between the Arab countries and the United States of which you are supposed to be a loyal citizen, or in the way of creating an atmosphere that would make the Arabs forget, in the words of Ambassador Abba Eban, "the sterile rencoures of the past", and conclude the cherished peace. No doubt, the State Department has, by now, a clear policy toward the Arab States and Israel in consequence of the informative tour which Mr. Foster Dulles and his party made in the Middle East. One may reasonably assume that this policy is not likely to be influenced by what you and other Zionist leaders say. But what you and other Zionist leaders say against the Arabs is bound to have strong repercussions in the Arab world. It would strengthen the Arab feeling of mistrust in the United States created by the Truman Administration which every loyal American citizen should, for obvious reasons, strive to eliminate. It would also intensify the bitterness against Israel that permeates every Arab country which should be your aim, as a Jew, to remove in order to facilitate rapprochement between Israel and its Arab neighbours.

You wish the United States Government to desist from pursuing a policy of "wooing and pandering to the Arab States", and to tell them "with unmistakable firmness" to make peace with Israel. Of course, this is a general advice, beautiful in composition and impressive in meaning. It lacks, however, one essential element to make it carry weight and deserve consideration. It fails to explain the nature of the "unmistakable firmness" which the United States should exercise in order to compel the Arab States "to get on with the business of making peace with Israel". So far, the persuasive efforts of the United States and of some 40 other democratic powers to get the Arab States settle their differences with Israel by direct negotiations or through the intermediary of the Palestine Conciliation Commission have proved futile. Mr. Foster Dulles and his associates as well as Mr. Adlai Stevenson have, unavailingly, counselled Arab leaders in this direction. The United Kingdom and other democratic powers have left no opportunity without impressing upon the Arab Governments the importance of peace. But the Arab statesmen who, in your opinion, lack "vision and courage" cannot see why they should make peace with Israel. They appear to be convinced that peace is

not essential for their countries. They are content to leave their relations with Israel governed by the terms of the existing armistice agreements, and to abide by the 3 Big Power declaration guaranteeing the present boundaries and preventing resort to arms for the purpose of altering the status quo. In the circumstances, what do you suggest should be done to compel the Arab States "to get on with the business of making peace with Israel". Do you propose that they should be expelled from the United Nations. Or, that the United Nations should impose upon them economic sanctions to force them prostrate themselves at the feet of Israel. Or, do you wish that the United States should disregard American interests in Arab countries, withdraw its political and consular representatives, and discontinue all commercial relations until Arab leaders become imbued with "vision and courage" and make peace with Israel. What measure would really satisfy your forcible phrase "with unmistakable firmness".

You live in America. Perhaps, you do not listen to Arab Broadcasting Stations. Surely, you do not read Arab newspaper, and you have not, of late, visited Arab countries. You do not have, therefore, an accurate evaluation of Arab public opinion. One thing is abundantly clear. No Arab in the Arab countries would agree to direct negotiations with Israel. It is a matter of "amour propre". Arab leaders have persistently refused to sit with Jewish leaders ever since the appearance of the Palestine problem. It is too much to expect them to do so now. The painful events of the last few years, aggravated by current dastardly acts, preclude such a procedure. And it is equally clear that no such Arab dare advocate peace on Israel's terms. If Israel desire peace, neither the fluent speeches of its Ambassador at Washington, nor the threatening utterances of its Foreign Minister, or the disparaging statements of American Zionist Jews would achieve peace. For peace is achievable only by moderation, understanding and compromise, in the spirit of give and take. Excessive pressure by the United States and the democratic powers is more likely to precipitate the fall of the Arab people within the tentacles of communism than to hasten the conclusion of peace.

Undoubtedly, you wish to help Israel, to raise money for Israel. Israel is in need of American dollars. Without American dollars Israel will find itself stranded on a dangerously precipitous cliff. You and world Jewry should, therefore, extend a helping hand to Israel. But in doing so, you need not disparage the Arab nation and embitter their feelings. Disparagement has never been an effective implement for the realization of one's goal, and embitterment of feelings will, perforce, further sway Arab sympathy, understanding and friendship which the Jews of Israel, not of America, need to be able to live in peace and happiness in this Arab region of the world.

Peace between Israel and its Arab neighbours is possible. The responsibility for the continuation of the "cold war" lies mainly with Israel and not with the Arab States. Israel has repeatedly asserted that there can be no modification of the present territorial boundaries, no Arab refugees would be permitted to return, no individual compensation in respect of Arab property but only a global sum of a few million pounds by way of contribution toward resettling the refugees in Arab countries, and no internationalization of Jerusalem. Israel wants the Arab States to wide open their doors for Jewish goods, Jewish technicians, Jewish expert knowledge and many other alleged Jewish benefits colourfully described by Ambassador Abba Eban before the General Assembly of the United Nations in 1952. It also wants Arab foodstuffs, Arab oil, Arab raw materials and Arab means of communication and every thing Arab that serves its development and prosperity. Is it possible to conclude peace on such unilateral advantages.

Unfortunately, the policy of the Israel Government toward the Arab minority is not one that fosters confidence and ease of mind. It is chauvinistic and irreconcilable with Jewish avowed desire to live in peace and friendship with the Arabs. It appears to be the agreed policy of all Jewish political parties since none has yet shown any honest endeavour to do the Arab residents of Israel real justice. You will recollect that I wrote to you in April 1951, about

the grievances and hardships, the oppression and discrimination which the Arab minority suffers. You referred my letter to the Executive Board of the General Zionists Organization in Israel to deal with the questions therein raised. Nothing has been done. On the contrary, more oppressive practices and discriminatory devices were introduced with the collaboration of the Zionist Party. Even cruel provisions of the British Emergency Regulations which were vehemently criticized and condemned by the pro-Jew members of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine as cruel and unhuman, have been, of late, invoked against Arab Israeli citizens under the guidance and responsibility of the Minister of Interior who is a prominent member of the General Zionists Party.

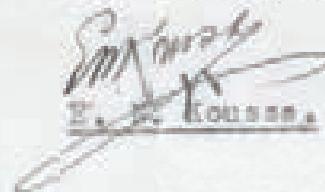
Lastly but not least, if you and your American Zionist colleagues have the interest and welfare of Israel at heart and are eager for peace between Israel and its Arab neighbours, you would render Israel immeasurable service if you were to renounce your American citizenship, forsake the luxuries and pleasure of American life and settle in Israel to tackle the difficult problems confronting Israel, notably the problem of peace. By doing so, you would contribute more effectively to the prosperity and happiness of the State of Israel than by making unconvincing statements of the kind described above. If, on the other hand, you cannot see your way to exchange the blessings and riches of the United States for the austerity and difficulties of Israel, and you think that peace is, contrary to recent views of some of the Israeli statesmen, essential for Israel, you and your American Zionist friends would serve the cause of peace if you were to tell Israel "with unmistakable firmness" to get on with the business of making peace with the Arabs. Such an advice does not require the application of any of the drastic measures referred to in the third paragraph hereof. It is within the easy reach of Israel. It only requires the Israeli statesmen to have "vision and courage" and to act in conformity with the prudent counsel of the late President Chaim Weizmann which reads as follows:-

"We must face the arduous task of achieving understanding and cooperation with the Arabs of the Middle East. The successful accomplishment of this task will depend on two important factors. First, the Arabs must be given the feeling that the decision of the United Nations is final, and that the Jews will not trespass on any territory outside the boundaries assigned to them. As to the latter, there does exist such a fear in the hearts of many Arabs, and this fear must be eliminated in every way. Second - and this links up with our internal problem, they must see from the outset that their brethren within the Jewish State are treated exactly like the Jewish citizens".

*In this particular,*

Hasin has ample material for sound deliberation and just action.

Yours faithfully,

  
E. A. Kousa.

# JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE ASSOCIATION

2073 EAST NINTH STREET

CLEVELAND 15, OHIO

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October 16, 1953

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am so happy that you are going to be with us on the occasion of our annual meeting. I would like very much to have you and Mrs. Silver join me in a small cocktail party, on Wednesday, October 28, in the American Room of the Allerton Hotel, from 5:30 to 6:30, to meet Dr. Speck at which Officers and staff of the agency will also be present.

I will be looking forward to seeing you.

Cordially yours

*Aune M. Miller*

AMM:AB

Mrs. Alex Miller

Telegram

October 23, 1953

David Richman  
157 Church Street  
New Haven, Conn.

DEEPLY REGRET THAT CONGREGATIONAL DUTIES MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME  
TO COME TO YOU NOVEMBER FIFTEENTH. ALL GOOD WISHES.

Abba Hillel Silver



# OHIO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Tiffin, Ohio  
October 30, 1953

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road  
East 105 St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Each year the teachers of Ohio meet in a Representative Assembly during the month of December. In connection with this Representative Assembly various departments of the Ohio Education Association have their meetings. For the first time the Ohio Education Association and its associate meetings are being held in Cleveland on December 10, 11 and 12.

The eighty-eight county superintendents of Ohio have their quarterly meeting at 8:00 A.M. Friday morning, December 11 at the Hotel Cleveland. It is a breakfast meeting. After the breakfast it is customary to have a short business session including the election of officers and reports of committees. Following the business session we have a speaker address the county superintendents and its associates.

I was instructed by the Executive Committee to contact you as being the possible speaker for this Friday morning breakfast meeting. Thinking that your county superintendent, Mr. W. L. Shuman, could talk to you personally and explain our procedure in the meeting, I asked him to try and arrange the meeting for us. After contacting your secretary, Mr. Shuman was informed that it was your preference to have the invitation come in writing so that the time could be adjusted more definitely. In case you want more details than this letter carries, I should suggest that you telephone county superintendent Shuman in Cleveland and he can go more into detail.

Like most professional groups, our group is limited in finances. The Executive Committee felt that they had fifty dollars available for a speaker at this meeting.

We have no definite topic in mind but will be glad to have you present to us any topic you want to choose.

We hope that the time of the meeting and the fee will be satisfactory and that you can address the county superintendents of Ohio on Friday morning, December 11 at 8:00 A.M.

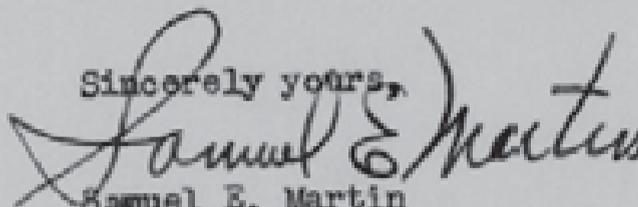
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

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October 30, 1953

Awaiting the courtesy of an early reply, I am

Sincerely yours,



Samuel E. Martin

President

Ohio County Superintendents  
Association

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November 5, 1953

Mr. Samuel E. Martin, President  
Ohio County Superintendents Association  
Tiffin, Ohio

My dear Mr. Martin:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of October 30th  
and for your gracious invitation to address the Ohio  
Education Association on Friday morning, December 11th.

I am deeply grateful to you for your thoughtfulness,  
but I am scheduled to be in the east over that week-end.  
Most regretfully, therefore, I must forego the pleasure  
of being with you. Perhaps at some future time I may  
be of service to you.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:dk

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



# THE METHODIST COMMITTEE ON FAMILY LIFE

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Rabbi Hillel A. Silver  
The Temple  
105th St. and Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We, as members of the National Committee on Family Life, are greatly pleased that you have consented to bring the devotions on Saturday morning, October 9.

We are deep in anticipation of the excellent emphasis that we know that you will bring to the members of the Conference. May I, as the chairman, tell you how appreciative I am of your willingness to aid us in this fine cause.

We will be sending you literature as it comes from the press.

Sincerely,

Hazen G. Werner  
Resident Bishop

HGW:r  
Dictated by Bishop Werner,  
Signed in his absence.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY  
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November 24, 1953

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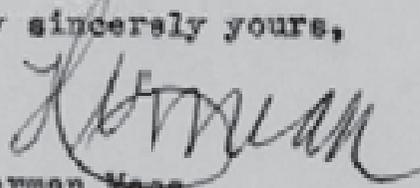
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Would it be convenient for you to send me the subject of your address to be delivered at the Rotary Club on December 24th?

Could you also send me a history of yourself which they would like to have for an early issue of their weekly publication?

With warm personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

  
Herman Mose

HM:JC



# The Ohio Conference of CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN Churches

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Rabbi Abba H. Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road and East 105th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On January 20 we begin our meeting of the Christian Education Council for the Congregational Christian Churches. This Council is made up of the national staff members in the field of Christian Education in our denomination and the state staff people from each of the states in that field. I have been requested to ask you if it would be possible for you to speak to us either January 20 or 21 on "Religious Education in the Reformed Synagogue" or a topic phrased in your own way. The members of our Council are anxious to know what the progressive Synagogues are doing in the field of Christian Education.

Since this is the meeting of our national people, it is held a few days prior to our large Missions Council Meeting here in Cleveland at the Hotel Cleveland which draws a few hundred people with national responsibility. It is at this smaller meeting of 35 - 40 persons in the field of Christian Education that we who are working in that field covering large territories get the inspiration and information that is helpful to us throughout the entire year in our program. It is my sincere wish, as it is that of the officers and members of our Council, that you will find it possible to give us an hour's lecture one of those two days. We will be glad to fit our schedule into yours so that you may choose the hour of your lecture.

I will be very happy to hear from you and sincerely hope that your answer will be "yes". Let me know what the subject of your talk will be if you accept our invitation and also what hour would be most convenient for you.

Cordially,

*Bertha H. Juell*  
Bertha H. Juell,

Minister of Christian Education

HHJ:jes

December 8, 1953

Miss Bertha H. Juell  
Ohio Conference of Congregational Christian Churches  
3056 Prospect Avenue  
Cleveland 15, Ohio

Dear Miss Juell:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of December 2nd and for your gracious invitation. I wish I were free to come to you on January 20 or 21. The likelihood, however, is that I shall be on a few weeks vacation at that time to make up for the vacation which I failed to take this year during the summer months.

I am sure that you can get some member of the Reformed Jewish Ministry in Cleveland particularly close to the subject of religious education to speak on that subject to your body.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

#### BOARD OF EVANGELISM

J. Manning Potts  
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We are delighted to know that you have accepted Bishop Werner's invitation to speak at the Methodist National Conference on Family Life in Cleveland, Ohio, October 8 - 10, 1954.

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Will you please send us a photograph (glossy print) and a brief biographical statement which we can use for publicity purposes.

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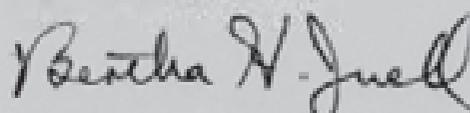
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The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your letter of December 8. We are very sorry that you will not be able to speak to us, but appreciate your reason for having to decline.

You mentioned that there may be other members of the Reformed Jewish Ministry in Cleveland that could speak to us on the subject of Religious Education. Would you be willing to suggest names to us? You would be more familiar with persons available in that field, and also their ability in speaking to a group of religious educators. I would be very happy to have any suggestions that you can make to me.

Cordially,



Bertha H. Juell,  
Minister of Christian Education

BHJ:jes

December 15, 1953

Mr. Herman Moss  
900 Union Commerce Building  
Cleveland 11, Ohio

My dear Herman:

The subject of my address before the Rotary Club will be One World - Indivisible. I shall keep in mind some of the things you spoke to me about.

I am also enclosing herewith some biographical notes.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

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December 17, 1953

Miss Bertha H. Juell  
Ohio Conference of Congregational Christian Churches  
3056 Prospect Avenue  
Cleveland 15, Ohio

Dear Miss Juell:

For possible speakers to address your body on the subject of Religious Education, I would suggest the name of Rabbi Earl Stone of The Temple. He is head of our educational work here. Also the name of Rabbi Philip Horowitz of the Euclid Avenue Temple.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms

December 17, 1953

Mr. Edward D. Staples  
Box 871  
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Staples:

Enclosed is the photograph and biographical  
sketch of Rabbi Silver which you requested in your  
letter of December eleventh.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth Sparrow  
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

# ROTARY CLUB OF CLEVELAND

The attached check is tendered in full payment per statement below. If not correct, please return.

Date of Invoice	DESCRIPTION	Amount of Invoice	REMARKS
12-24-53	Speaker 	100.00 	

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