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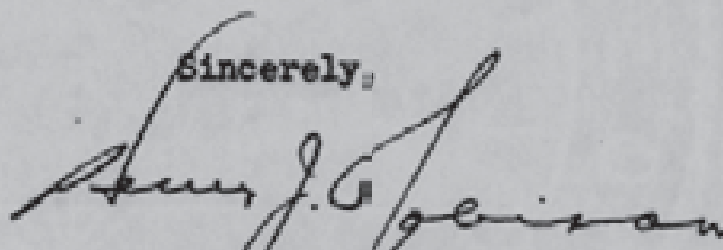
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In preparing the program for the Central States Regional Conference of the American Public Welfare Association we would like to include the subject of your address. We will appreciate it if you will advise us as soon as possible of the subject that you expect to use at the meeting on Sunday evening, April 15th.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,


Henry J. Robison
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ETHEL S. STOREY, Executive Secretary

January 20, 1956



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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Board of Trustees, Staff, Friends and Members of The Phillis Wheatley Association join with me in expressing sincere appreciation for the wonderful address which you delivered at our 44th Annual Meeting. We considered it a privilege to be able to present you. We appreciate all that you have done to make the world a better place for all mankind.

We are returning your manuscript.

With best wishes for good health and happiness,

Sincerely yours,

The Phillis Wheatley Association

Ethel S. Storey

Ethel S. Storey
Executive Secretary

PWA:ESSm

January 31, 1956

Mr. Henry J. Robinson, Director
State of Ohio
Department of Public Welfare
85 S. Washington Avenue
Columbus 15, Ohio

My dear Mr. Robinson:

The subject of my address before the Central States Regional
Conference of the American Public Welfare Association on Sunday
evening, April 15th will be

"Building the Good Society"

With all good wishes and looking forward with pleasure to seeing
you at the meeting, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:sl

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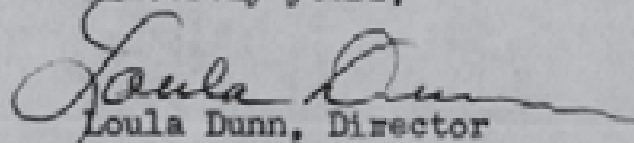
Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are very pleased to learn that you have accepted the invitation from Judge Henry J. Robison to address the American Public Welfare Association's 1956 Regional Conference in Cleveland on Sunday evening, April 15.

It is a privilege to have you participate in our conference, and we are especially pleased with the title, "Building a Good Society," which you have selected for your address.

Our members throughout Ohio have a high regard for your leadership, and we are looking forward to having you with us on this occasion.

Sincerely yours,


Loula Dunn, Director

LD:eo

cc: Mrs. Mildred N. Creager
cc: Judge Henry J. Robison

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February 16, 1956

Loula Dunn, Director
American Public Welfare Association
1313 East 60th Street
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Miss Dunn:

In order that I might have all the necessary details in connection with the 1956 Regional Conference in Cleveland on Sunday evening, April 15 at the Cleveland Hotel, I would appreciate your advising if any special type of dress or tie is required.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Miss Sophia Levine
Secretary to Dr. Silver

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February 27, 1956

Miss Sophia Levine
Secretary to Dr. Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Miss Levine:

Miss Dunn has asked that we reply to your letter of February 16, in which you inquire if there is any special type of dress or tie necessary for Dr. Silver when he speaks at the Sunday evening meeting of our 1956 APWA Regional Conference in Cleveland.

As far as we know, there is no special dress or tie required. However, we are referring your letter to Mrs. Mildred Creager, who is Program Chairman for the conference, and will ask her to advise you in this matter.

We are looking forward to hearing Dr. Silver at the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

RDLP:eo

cc: Mrs. M. N. Creager

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OAK STREET AT NINTH
COLUMBUS 15
March 1, 1956

Miss Sophia Levine
Secretary to Dr. Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Miss Levine:

The office of the American Public Welfare Association has forwarded your letter of inquiry about the type of dress in order for the Sunday evening opening session of the regional conference, when Dr. Silver is to be the speaker. I think perhaps the easiest way to clarify the matter is to indicate the session is not formal in any respect. I would expect the men to be in ordinary business suits and the women to wear perhaps a bit more than the workaday suit or dress, but still informal dress. If this doesn't answer the point in question, however, please feel free to let me know.

We are all pleased that Dr. Silver was able to accept Judge Robison's invitation, issued on behalf of the committee planning the Conference. Copies of the preliminary program were mailed out yesterday to those listed on the program.

Sincerely,

Mildred N. Creager
(Mrs.) Mildred N. Creager
Chairman, Program Committee
Central States APWA Conference

MNC:bg

phoned by Mr. Jack Green, Progressive Mutual Ins. Co. 3/17

Zone meeting of Ins. Commissioners in Ohio
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Carter Hotel - May 10 - 12:00 noon

3 day meeting - you will be main speaker this lunch
(at one other meeting Dr. Peale will be speaker)

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Pick your own subject - anything you wish to speak on
letter inviting you will come from Mr. Pryatel, State
Annex House Columbus, Ohio



STATE OF OHIO
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Columbus 15

STATE HOUSE ANNEX

AUGUST PRYATEL, SUPERINTENDENT OF INSURANCE

March 7, 1956

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As Host Superintendent and as a fellow Clevelander, I invite you to give the principal address at the luncheon meeting of the Insurance Commissioners of this region (Zone II) on May 10, 1956, at the Carter Hotel in Cleveland. Approximately 300 to 500 people are expected to attend who will represent the personnel of the state insurance departments and influential members of the insurance industry.

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale has agreed to be our speaker at our dinner meeting on May 9.

The National Association of Insurance Commissioners is composed of the insurance supervisory officials of the 48 states, Canada, etc. It is a voluntary organization that convenes semi-annually to discuss regulatory problems common to all of us. The topics for discussion are submitted by the states for zone consideration and from there to the national level.

The national association is divided into six zones, usually made up of eight states each. In Zone II we have Ohio, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware, Maryland and the District of Columbia.

I do hope you can accept. It will mean much to me if you do.

Very truly yours,

August Pryatel
August Pryatel
Superintendent of Insurance

P.S. - Mr. Jack Green, President of the Progressive Mutual Insurance Company of Cleveland, Ohio, who can be reached at Express 1-3773, can give you additional information, or if you wish to write me, I will be glad to help in any way I can.

A.P:mjd

cc-Mr. Jack Green
Mr. Paul R. Gingham

File: Insurance Comm. 70 hrs

March 13, 1956

Mr. August Pryatel
Superintendent of Insurance
State of Ohio
Division of Insurance
State House Annex
Columbus 15, Ohio

Dear Mr. Pryatel:

I deeply appreciate your gracious invitation to address the Insurance Commissioners on May 10th. It would have afforded me real pleasure if I could avail myself of your invitation. Unfortunately I am scheduled to be in Chicago on that day.

Hoping that I may be of some service to you at some future date I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:sl

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April 25, 1956

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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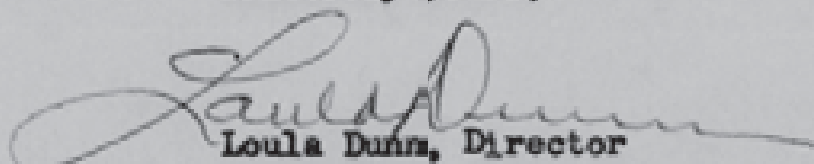
Dear Rabbi Silver:

The American Public Welfare Association is indeed grateful for the significant contribution you made to our Central States Regional Conference which met in Cleveland last week.

Your address, "Building the Good Society", at the opening general session, set just the tone which was needed. I was particularly pleased with the way in which you related your very rich experience to the responsibility social workers have in building a good society.

It was a pleasure for me to meet you. Again, thank you.

Sincerely yours,


Loula Dunn, Director

RDLP:fls

cc: Mildred N. Creager

Judge Henry J. Robison

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*Declined over phone
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HHS said perhaps later in
season he would consider
it. Too busy around
September.*

August 20, 1956

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Ansel Rd. & E. 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The program committee of our Men's Club has frequently desired to have you address us but has hesitated to inquire because we felt your commitments kept you too busy to include our group.

However, we are planning a stag, the opening affair of our fiscal year on September 25, 1956 to be held in our Saltzman Hall at 8:30 P.M., and would indeed be proud to have you as our guest speaker. The topic could be your choice, however, the Suez crisis is both timely and of tremendous interest to all of us.

We normally attract about 150 men but would expect many more with you as the speaker. This affair is the one meeting intended to sign up and to interest new members in our club. It would be an honor to have your acceptance, however, if not perhaps you can recommend an interesting speaker that can do this subject justice.

With your permission I will phone your secretary Wednesday, August 22nd, for an answer to the above.

Respectfully yours,

S. R. Barcus

Sanford R. Barcus
2536 Claver Rd.
University Hts, Ohio
Ch 1-4843



The Cleveland Press

OFFICE OF
LOUIS B. Seltzer
EDITOR

August 28, 1956

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On Monday evening, October 8, the American-Chinese of Greater Cleveland are having their first big banquet outside of their own restricted program of activities. They are making this a community wide event. To this they have invited, and he has accepted, the Chinese Ambassador to the United States.

It is expected that something approximating 800 to 1000 people will be present. Because of the fact it is the first time the American-Chinese have undertaken a project of these proportions we hope it will be an outstanding success.

For some unaccountable reason they have asked me to be their honorary chairman and the toastmaster for the banquet. I am wondering if it would be possible for you on this unusual occasion either to open the meeting with an invocation or close it with benediction. The American-Chinese have a deep reverence for you - something I learned, with pleasure, in my deliberations with them on this project. We all know how busy you are, and the pressing volume of your commitments. However, if it were at all possible we would appreciate it very much, indeed.

As always,

Louis

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland 22, Ohio

American-Chinese of Greater Cleveland

August 30, 1956

Mr. Louis B. Seltzer, Editor
The Cleveland Press
Rockwell Avenue at E. 9th St.
Cleveland 14, Ohio

My dear Friend:

I deeply appreciate your gracious invitation to attend the banquet of the American-Chinese of Greater Cleveland on Monday evening, October 8.

I should have been very happy to accept your invitation. Unfortunately I have another long standing commitment for that evening.

With all good wishes and warmest regards I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:sl

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

File

Church of the Master
(BAPTIST)

Reverend Robert C. Newell
Minister

4050 Monticello Boulevard
Cleveland 21, Ohio

*delivered by
telephone
Sp. 9*

September 1, 1956

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Last Spring after your visit to Israel you spoke to the Alathians concerning Israel, its opportunities and its problems. I found your remarks so informative and helpful that I covet for my fellow Baptist ministers the opportunity of hearing you and asking you questions.

As president of the Baptist ministers and their wives of Greater Cleveland, I should like to invite you to speak to us informally on this subject on either Monday, November 5, or Monday, February 4.

Some thirty-five Baptist clergymen are in this group, representing almost as many churches. We assemble for dinner at 6:30 in one of the homes or in one of the churches, and would hope that you and Mrs. Silver might join us for dinner. In any case, we hope we can have the high privilege of hearing your illuminating discussion of Israel.

I trust that I may receive your favorable reply at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Robert C. Newell

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge your kind acceptance of our invitation to be our guest speaker at the Golden Anniversary celebration of the Home on October 28, at Park Synagogue, 6:30 p. m.

We would be most pleased if Mrs. Silver would also afford us the honor of her presence.

It has become a tradition of the Home that you be with us at all of our major "Symchas" and this celebration would scarcely be complete without your participation.

Looking forward to seeing you and Mrs. Silver at this dinner, I am, with kindest personal regards

Sincerely,

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October 16, 1956

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The date for the formal dedication of the new Chapel and Assembly Hall, recently completed here at the Center, has been set for Sunday, November 18, at 3 P.M.

It is our plan to make this ceremony an outstanding event, one that will be appropriate to our long established relationship with the Greater Cleveland public. For this purpose we are inviting a group of some twenty citizens to be on the platform. Speaking generally, this group would be representative of the many phases of our community life: religion, government, business, industry, education and welfare.

We would be most highly honored and grateful if you would accept this invitation to be one of this group. The program will not be of long duration.

Inasmuch as it is necessary to complete our arrangements within the next few days, we are going to take the liberty of calling you by telephone in a day or so to receive your answer.

Should you require further information, please call.

Trusting you will find it possible to accept, I am

Sincerely,

[Handwritten signature: Peter J. Hofman]
PETER J. HOFMAN
BRIGADIER

PJH:ew

LAW OFFICES OF
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October 23, 1956

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland 6, Ohio

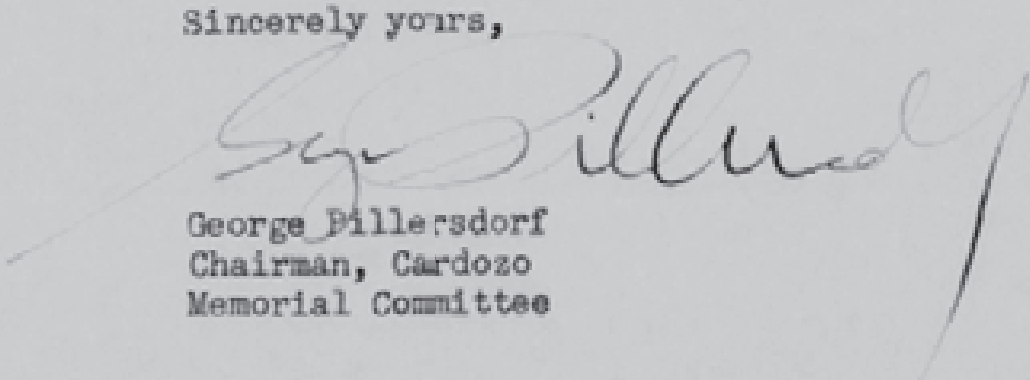
Dear Rabbi Silver:

About five years ago you received the Cardozo Memorial Award from Tau Epsilon Rho Fraternity at its convention in New York City. Estelle and I were present and remember what a fine party it was, and the excellent address which you delivered.

Our fraternity is holding its convention in Cleveland the last three days of this year. The Cardozo banquet will be held at the Statler Hotel on Sunday, December 30th at 7:00 P. M. We are very anxious to have you and Mrs. Silver as our guests at this occasion and would be honored if you would give the invocation.

Kindly let me know if you will be able to attend.

Sincerely yours,


George Pillersdorf
Chairman, Cardozo
Memorial Committee

GP/db

October 25, 1956

dictd. 10-24

Mr. George Fillersdorf
Engineers Building
Cleveland 14, Ohio

Dear Mr. Fillersdorf:

Permit me to thank you for your kind note of October 23 and for your gracious invitation to attend the Cardoso banquet on the evening of December 30th.

As of the present writing I shall be in Cleveland on that day and shall be very happy, of course, to attend the function, but there may be a possibility of my being out of the city. In that case I shall let you know in ample time.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:sl

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December 20, 1956

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
East 105th Street & Ansel Road,
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

Under date of October 25th you were kind enough to accept the invitation of Tau Epsilon Rho fraternity to attend the Cardozo banquet at 7:00 P. M., December 30th at the Statler Hotel. We are all looking forward to having you and Mrs. Silver with us.

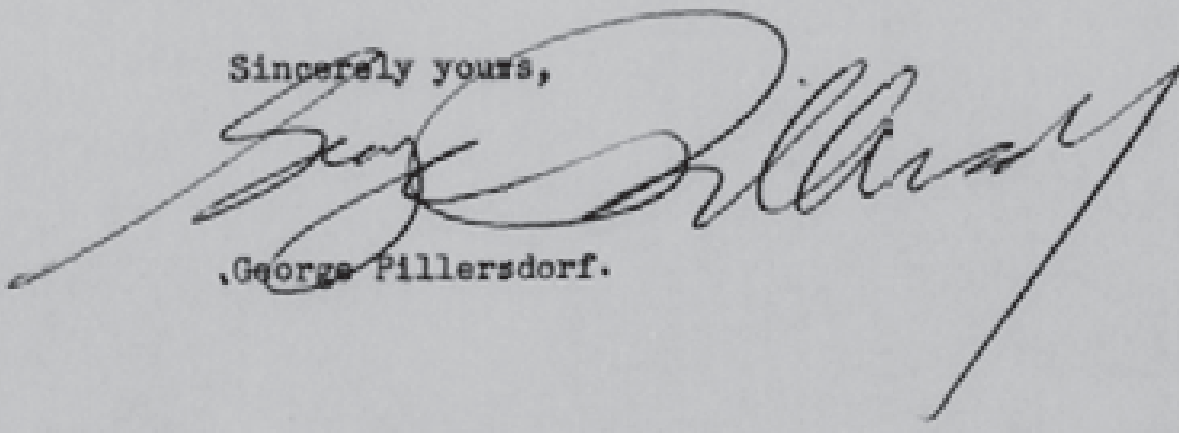
I think that you would like to know something about the program and therefore I will give you some information about it. At 7:00 P. M. we are going to have cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, and we expect that the banquet will start about 7:30. We would like to have you give the invocation. There will be brief remarks by Governor Lausche, Governor-elect O'Neill and Chief Justice Carl V. Weygandt.

I think that you will be pleased to know that the Cardozo Memorial Award this year will be given to James G. McDonald. The presentation will be made by our Supreme Chancellor.

Our local committee is very happy that you are going to be with us because of the great pride that we take in your accomplishments over the years and because you received the Cardozo Award in 1949.

Just prior to the making of the award, we would like to have you give a talk for about ten or fifteen minutes on whatever subject is close to your heart.

Sincerely yours,


George Pillersdorf.

GP/db



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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, please accept my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for honoring us as the guest speaker at the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Home held on October 28th. Your participation was, of course, the highlight of our program and added to the success of the occasion. Your gracious words in interpreting the history and the purpose of the Home was warmly received by all of the guests.

It was an added personal gratification to me to have you present at the time of the presentation of the citation and oil portrait. I was indeed happy and grateful to have you share this memorable occasion with me.

With kindest personal regards, I am,
YEARS

Sincerely yours,

A. E. Persky,
President

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Cleveland Council of Parent-Teacher Associations

ROOM 503 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BLDG.
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January 2, 1957

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Cleveland Council of Parent-Teacher Associations is holding its Annual Spring Luncheon on Thursday, April 25, 1957 at 12:00 noon in the Rainbow Room of the Carter Hotel.

After hearing you speak on numerous occasions, it is our pleasure to extend to you an invitation to be our speaker on this date.

The audience will number approximately four hundred (400) and will be composed largely of Cleveland Public School principals and the Presidents of local public school Parent-Teacher units. The time allotted for the speech is forty-five or fifty minutes. Our budget allows fifty dollars (\$50.00) honorarium for the speaker for this occasion.

If you find that this date is free and that you will be able to grant us this wonderful favor, will you please contact me at your convenience. Also, we would appreciate some suggested topics for your talk so that we might choose when our executive board meets. We would, of course, like something thoughtful - yet with a touch of your usual fine humor.

Respectfully,

Lillian Fessler

Mrs. A. S. Fessler,
Vice President

11017 Flower Ave.
Cleveland 11, Ohio

Ch 1-3757



The Cleveland Press

OFFICE OF
LOUIS B. SELTZER
EDITOR

January 21, 1957

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On June 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Union Club, The Cleveland Press will entertain at dinner the members of the Religious Newswriters Association — representing most of the large papers of America — as the opening event of this significant convention.

It would be a great personal pleasure for all of us in general and myself in particular to have you as the speaker for that occasion. You would be perfectly free to choose any topic that you might think would be of interest to such a group of outstanding newspaper people.

The organization includes about the top-flight writers of religion on such leading newspapers in the United States as The New York Times, The Chicago Tribune, The Washington Star, The Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, The Kansas City Star and so on.

I am aware that your calendar is always filled, but The Press would be deeply appreciative if you could find time to address this rather unusual group of newspapermen and women.

With best personal wishes and the hope you will be able to accept the invitation of The Press

Sincerely

Louis

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

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March 20, 1957

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road at E. 105 Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

I am writing this letter to you in the absence of Julie Kravitz, who is vacationing in Florida.

Julie is on the welcoming committee of Super Market Institute's annual convention which will be held in Cleveland April 7 through 10. The Institute has asked Julie to approach you with the hope of having you give the Invocation at the opening of the business session of the convention.

This program will start at 9:00 o'clock on Monday morning, April 8 and should you consent to give the Invocation the committee would like your presence back stage at the Music Hall at 8:50 that morning. - - Also, the committee would be most honored to have you as a guest for breakfast in the Main Arena of Public Auditorium at 8:00 o'clock.

I shall greatly appreciate your calling me (MO.3-7300) so that I may convey your decision to the Institute.

Sincerely,

William Glazer
William Glazer

Director of Retail Operations

WG:A

Cleveland Council of Parent-Teacher Associations

ROOM 503 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BLDG.
CLEVELAND 14, OHIO

April 10, 1957.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Executive Board of Cleveland Council of
Parent-Teacher Associations is indeed grateful for your acceptance
to speak at our Annual Spring Luncheon on Thursday, April 25, 1957.

If possible at this time, we would appreciate having
the title of your talk for this occasion so that it may be included in
the printed program.

We are all looking forward with great anticipation
to this event and your visit with us.

Respectfully,

Lillian Fessler

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April 25, 1957

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Please accept
this token of our
sincere appreciation
for being with us
today at our Annual
Spring Luncheon.

Our very best wishes
for the future.

Respectfully,

Lillian Fessler,

Vice Pres

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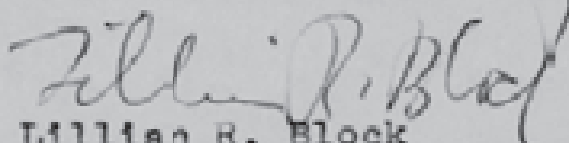
Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are planning to cover the annual meeting of the Religious Newswriters Association in Cleveland, June 23-25. It will help us very much indeed if we could have, as soon as possible, the text or a summary of it, of the address you are scheduled to make before that group, Sunday evening, June 23.

It has been our experience that we do a better story if we can prepare it in advance. Of course we shall be careful to observe the proper release date.

With deep appreciation for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,



Lillian R. Block
Assistant Managing Editor

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38 American Leadership in the World Today
19 Address delivered by
22 Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
24 of The Temple, Cleveland
32 before the annual meeting of the
33 Religious Newswriters Association
34 on Sunday evening, June 23, 1957.



June 17, 1957

Lillian R. Block
Assistant Managing Editor
Religious News Service
43 West 57th Street
New York 19, New York

My dear Miss Block:

At your request I am sending you a copy of the address which I am to deliver before the Religious Newswriters Association in Cleveland on Sunday evening, June 23rd.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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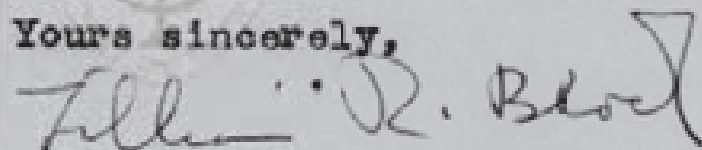
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver

Many thanks for sending me an advance of your address
to the Religious Newswriters Association.

I am enclosing a copy of the story we released.

Yours sincerely,



Lillian R. Block
Assistant Managing Editor

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DOMESTIC SERVICE

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THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 1957

RELIGIOUS NEWSWRITERS
WARNED OF
INTOLERANCE DANGER

RELEASE: Monday,
June 24, 1957
or later

By Religious News Service

CLEVELAND, O. (RNS) -- A warning that racial and religious intolerance will disrupt America's unity in "dangerous times" and call into question her "credentials" for world leadership was sounded here by Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, spiritual leader of The Temple in Cleveland.

In an address to the ninth annual meeting of the Religious News-writers Association he labelled bigotry and intolerance "the caries which cause decay and spread infection."

"Prejudice, intolerance, race and group hatreds are tragic walls which men build around themselves," he said, "and our age has unfortunately witnessed the erection of many such forbidding walls. Whenever there is unhappiness, discontent or unrest among men, racial and religious bigots swarm out of their dark holes, sweep over the land and sow the dragon seed of suspicion and hate. Sometimes even good and respectable citizens build walls around themselves which are effective blocks to mutual understanding and goodwill."

Rabbi Silver told the newswriters that in the sight of God "there are no blue bloods and no first families, no Brahmins and no untouchables -- only children of the dust who, in their brief careers on earth, may find a measure of happiness in life by helping one another in goodness and love."

Declaring that a moral revival was "long overdue," he said, "we must tidy up our moral lives. We must demand more of ourselves. We must raise our sights as to the meaning and obligations of our lives as free citizens in a menaced world."

Rabbi Silver emphasized that freedom survives only in "spiritual discipline." America will not give leadership to the world, he said, if her people are "hollow" and "spiritually wasted" within.

He recalled that all the great democracies of the past which perished were first undermined from within by corruption and indifference, "by a moral laxity which prepared the way for the vicious and unpatriotic elements to step in and take over, who then drained and weakened these democracies to the point where their fall became inevitable."

Today's "deteriorated and dangerous" international situation will not be improved by military strength alone, the rabbi continued. "We must learn to rely more on statesmanship and moral leadership and less on force."

Ways must and can be found, he said, for East-West coexistence. While ideologies cannot be adjusted by compromise, Rabbi Silver said, political problems of coexistence can be.

He noted that in the 16th and 17th centuries it was universally held that Catholicism and Protestantism could not live together in the same world. "The stakes were enormous -- far greater than those at stake in the East-West struggle today," Rabbi Silver said, "for not only were the fortunes of this world involved, but also those of the next world."

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DOMESTIC SERVICE

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THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 1957

"The ideologies could not be reconciled -- and so the struggle passed from the realm of ideas and propaganda to the battlefield . . . The wars of religion lasted for a hundred years and destroyed towns, cities and whole provinces, until the inevitable truth dawned upon men that a way had to be found for Catholicism and Protestantism -- and other religious minority sects -- to live together in the same world without sacrificing their particular loyalties and dogmas."

Out of the religious toleration which was finally achieved, Rabbi Silver said, there flowed also political liberties to the peoples of Western Europe.

"Our age, too," he said, "will have to find a formula of toleration which will enable the many evolving and fluid forms of capitalism and socialism to work out their destinies in the one world in which we live. They may be irreconcilable in theory; they need not be in practice."

Rabbi Silver added that the ultimate defense of democracy in the world lies neither in superior armor nor in the atomic or hydrogen bomb but in raising the standard of living "of the masses of the earth whose misery and wrongs are receptive soil for all kinds of doctrines of violent revelation and for all types of economic deceptions."

"When we shall come to these underprivileged peoples bringing them gifts not of bombs and bayonets, but of bread and health and education and freedom," he declared, "they will become our natural allies, and our alliance will be cemented in good will and in hope."

This is the kind of leadership to which the world will respond, he told the newsmen, "leadership which does not wait on the occasion but makes it, which is prepared to take calculated risks for peace, which is eager for negotiation and conference to settle all issues which endanger the peace of the world."

Urging Americans to look to their own political, economic and spiritual defenses at home, he said:

"We must remain free at home, and solvent and civically uncorrupted. If our own free institutions and the moral character of our own people are undermined at home, the last great hope of mankind for a new birth of freedom will have perished."

American Association of School Administrators

A DEPARTMENT OF THE NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

1201 SIXTEENTH STREET, N.W. • WASHINGTON 6, D.C.

OFFICE OF THE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

June 28, 1957

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing on behalf of President Philip J. Hickey and the Executive Committee of the American Association of School Administrators to invite you to speak at the Sunday morning devotional services at our Eastern regional convention in Cleveland next March. Your address would take place at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 30, 1958.

The American Association of School Administrators is composed of nearly eleven thousand members and includes county, city, and state superintendents of schools, deans of schools of education, university presidents, and other individuals who occupy administrative positions in schools and colleges throughout the country. Our last Eastern regional convention attracted some eight thousand people, and our membership has grown considerably since that time.

Following our usual custom, we plan to open this service with an invocation and close with a benediction, delivered by invited clergymen from the Cleveland area. Of course you will be at liberty to choose your own theme. May I say that we always try to make these devotional services as inspirational and impressive as possible, with a message that has deep-seated values and far-reaching implications. We are confident that you can do just that.

The Association will be glad to provide an appropriate honorarium.

We sincerely hope it will be possible for you to be with us.

Sincerely yours,

Finis E. Engleman
Finis E. Engleman
Executive Secretary

July 1, 1957

Mr. Finis E. Engleman, Executive Secretary
American Association of School Administrators
1201 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

My dear Mr. Engleman:

I hasten to reply to your letter as I am leaving for Europe tomorrow.

I deeply appreciate the gracious invitation of the American Association of School Administrators to speak at the Sunday morning devotional services on Sunday, March 30, 1958.

I shall be very pleased to be with you.

You did not indicate where the services are to be held.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:sl

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

American Association of School Administrators

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OFFICE OF THE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

July 2, 1957

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

This will welcome you back from your trip to Europe.
I hope it was a satisfying and successful one.

I am delighted that you will be able to speak at the
Sunday morning devotional services at our Cleveland regional
convention next March. It will be held in the Music Hall of
the Public Auditorium. We will expect you to speak from
thirty to forty minutes.

We would appreciate it if you would send us the exact
title of your address as you would like it to appear in the
program, and also your name and title for the same purpose.

The Association will be glad to provide an honorarium.
We would be grateful if you would indicate an appropriate
amount. Would you also send us five glossy prints of a
photograph of yourself, and five copies of a biographical
sketch for use in the program and for publicity.

Sincerely,

Finis E. Engleman

Finis E. Engleman
Executive Secretary

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July 3, 1957

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I want to thank you very much for treating our Religious Newswriters Association to your excellent address at our recent meeting. Our members were highly impressed that you would take time from your busy schedule to be with us. Your talk was certainly one of the high points of our convention.

Mr. Nannes asked me to return to you your manuscript, which you will find enclosed.

Thanks again.

Yours truly,

Rich Wager

Richard Wager

July 5, 1957

Mr. Finis E. Engleman
Executive Secretary
American Association of School Administrators
1201 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Engleman:

Thank you for your letter of July 2nd. When Rabbi Silver returns (the beginning of September) I shall see that your letter receives his immediate attention.

Sincerely,

Miss Sophia Levine
Secretary to Dr. Silver

Sincerely,

Religious Newswriters Association

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CASPAR NANNES
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RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE
ADDRESS:
NATIONAL LUTHERAN COUNCIL
50 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK 10, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Few men live up to their
reputation as speakers.

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BETTY MAYO
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR
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Your brilliant address at the
dinner given for the Religious Newswriters Association
by the Cleveland Press more than justified the high
reputation you bear.

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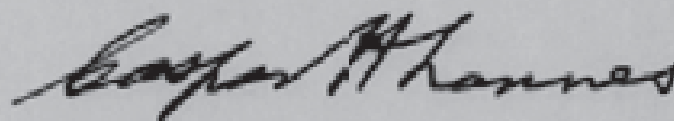
We all felt your message was timely,
beautifully written and eloquently delivered. It will
remain with us for a long time as memorable highlight
of the Cleveland meeting.

Thank you for your kindness in
taking the time to speak to our group.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

WILLMAR L. THORKELSON
MINNEAPOLIS STAR

Sincerely yours,



Caspar Nannes
President, RMA

Rabbi Silver; Sandy Curtiss phoned last
even'g. He said he would mail this
& asked if he could please have an
answer either way, which he would
appreciate very much -

Nov. 3 - 6 P.m. - Seatter Hotel

July 15, 1957

Miss Sophia Levine
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

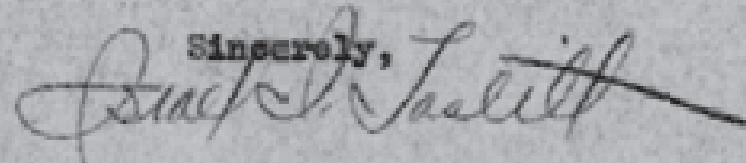
Dear Miss Levine,

In accordance to your suggestion to Rabbi
Herman, I am enclosing herewith a copy of the plan
now being developed by the Cleveland Zionist Council
for the celebration of Balfour Day, with the request
that you forward it to Dr. Silver.

As Rabbi Herman told you, the Council will
consider itself most fortunate to have Dr. Silver
accept the honorary chairmanship of the occasion.
Should he accept, we would further impose on him by
asking him to write the preface in the Commemorative
Journal that will be published in connection with
the event, and to select the passages from his address
before the United Nations of ten years ago which he
would consider most appropriate, for inclusion in the
Journal.

We trust that Dr. Silver is in good health
and fully enjoying his trip abroad.

Sincerely,



Israel I. Taslitt
Chairman of Arrangements

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Plan for the
FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCE
of the
BALFOUR DECLARATION

Sponsor: Cleveland Zionist Council and the American Christian
Palestine Committee

Date : Sunday evening, November 3, 1957

Place : Hotel Statler, Cleveland, Ohio

Form : Dinner, preceded by Reception

Purpose: 1) Observe Fortieth Anniversary of Balfour Declaration
2) Observe Tenth Anniversary of U.N. vote for a Jewish State
3) Observe Sixtieth Anniversary of First Zionist Congress
4) Honor Spencer D. Irwin, as outstanding Christian Zionist
in the community
5) Inaugurate celebration of Israel's tenth year

Commemorative Journal to be published (no display advertising)
will contain the following:

- 1) Preface
- 2) From Cyrus to Balfour
- 3) The Balfour Declaration - background and text, biography
of Lord Balfour, etc.
- 4) History and achievements of American Christian Palestine
Committee
- 5) Story of U.N. Vote on Jewish State and excerpts from Dr.
Silver's address to the U.N.
- 6) Dinner Program
- 7) Spencer D. Irwin - biography, reprint of outstanding
articles on Zionism
- 8) The Cleveland Zionist Council and its component groups
- 9) Acknowledgments

September 4, 1957

Mr. Finis E. Engleman
Executive Secretary
American Association of School Administrators
1201 Sixteenth St., N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Engleman:

Enclosed herein are five glossy prints and autobiographical sketches of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver for your use in connection with the program and publicity of the Eastern regional convention in Cleveland next March.

Before long Dr. Silver will send you the subject of his address.

Sincerely,

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Miss Sophia Levine
Secretary to Dr. Silver

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OFFICE OF THE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

November 21, 1957

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This is just a reminder that we still need two things from you in relation to your appearance at our Cleveland convention on Sunday, March 30, 1958. One is the title of your address as you wish it to appear in the official program, and the other is an indication of what you consider to be an appropriate honorarium.

I hope you will forgive my prodding you, but our program goes to press before long, and we will need the title of your address for inclusion in it.

Sincerely,

Finis E. Engleman

Finis E. Engleman
Executive Secretary

November 29, 1957

Mr. Finis E. Engleman, Executive Secretary
American Association of School Administrators
1201 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

My dear Mr. Engleman:

The subject of my address before the American Association of School Administrators on March 30th will be

THE NEW REVERENCE FOR MAN'S MIND AND SPIRIT

As regards the honorarium I would leave the matter entirely to you.

With warmest regards and looking forward with pleasure to seeing you, I remain

Cordially yours,

ABS:sl

ABRA HILJE SILVER



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December 4, 1957

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We wish to express our deep appreciation for the inspiring address you gave at our board meeting yesterday.

We would like to reprint your message together with the statement of Dr. Millis in a pamphlet to be distributed to all our National Conference offices. Would you be so kind as to send us a copy of your remarks.

Again our thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Robert L. Beda
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December 10, 1957

Mr. Robert L. Beda
Director of Public Relations
National Conference of Christians & Jews, Inc.
686 Union Commerce Bldg.
Cleveland 14, Ohio

Dear Mr. Beda:

Rabbi Silver has asked that I forward to you the enclosed transcript of the address which he delivered before the Regional Board Meeting of the National Conference of Christians and Jews on December 3rd, which your office plans to reprint and distribute to all your National Conference offices.

It would be appreciated if you would send us a few copies of the pamphlet in its final form.

Thank you for your interest in Dr. Silver's address.

Sincerely,

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Miss Sophia Levine
Secretary to Dr. Silver

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December 11, 1957

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
The Temple
E. 105th & Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Planning Committee for our Fifth Annual Pedagogic Conference, scheduled to be held on Sunday, February 9, at the Fairmount Temple, has asked me to invite you to participate in the Conference program and to address a seminar on "Judaism and other Religions."

It is planned to make our forthcoming Conference as useful a learning experience as possible for our teachers. We are therefore taking the liberty of inviting the outstanding rabbis of our community to participate in seminars on various Jewish concepts. Rabbi Porath has already consented to conduct a seminar on "Bible Interpretation." In addition, Dr. Abraham J. Heschel will also present his ideas on religious education.

✓ It is planned to hold the seminars from 2 to 3 P.M., following the teachers' luncheon, which we would be happy to have you attend. Each seminar session is to consist of a half-hour presentation by the speaker, followed by a half hour of questions and discussion.

We should be greatly honored if you could take part in our forthcoming Conference. I think it will be a source of inspiration to our teachers to learn from their rabbis and to see them participating in their deliberations.

We shall appreciate hearing from you whether you are able to accept this invitation.

Sincerely yours,

Jacob Kabakoff
Rabbi Jacob Kabakoff
For the Conference Committee

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January 31, 1958

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This is in connection with your appearance before our Cleveland regional convention on Sunday, March 30. We have agreed to provide an honorarium of \$150 to another clergyman at another meeting. I hope this will be satisfactory with you.

The Second General Session, which you will address, will be held in the Music Hall of the Public Auditorium. In order that the program may begin on time, all participants are requested to assemble backstage at 10:30 a.m. You may find it convenient to use the entrance at 1300 East Sixth Street.

You may hear from the NEA Press and Radio Division. It would be helpful if you could cooperate with them so far as you can without inconvenience to you.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Cleveland.

Sincerely,

Finis E. Engleman
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Executive Secretary

March 5, 1958 - arrangements made with
Dr. I. B. Silber (RA 1-3344) by personal
visit to Rabbi Silber with Mrs. Silber



J A C L

Japanese American Citizens League

Cleveland Chapter
4805 Torrington Avenue
Parma 34, Ohio
March 5, 1958

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
1855 Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

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cannot accept
3/17/58*

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Cleveland Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League is serving as host for the annual Midwest J.A.C.L. Convention which will be held in Cleveland during the Memorial Day weekend, May 30 through June 1.

The Convention will be attended by representatives from eight Midwest chapters located in Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dayton, Detroit, Milwaukee, St. Louis, and Twin Cities. We are also anticipating the attendance of our National officers as well as our Washington Legislative Representative, Mike Masaoka. I sincerely hope that you have had occasion to come in contact with our organization. While small in number, the J.A.C.L. has sponsored an active legislative and cultural program as the sole national representative group of all Americans of Japanese ancestry.

In this convention we hope to re-evaluate and re-assess our organizational goals in the light of current day developments as expressed by our convention theme, "Ready for Countdown!". We are very appreciative of your leadership in attempting to maintain moral and ethical values in this new era of space travel and technology. For this reason we are extremely eager to have you address our convention as the principal Banquet speaker. We would be available for further discussion about our group and Convention if you feel it would be an aid in considering our request. Further details are as follows:

Place: Statler Hotel
Date: Saturday night, May 31, 1958
Time: 7:00 to 9:00 PM
Approximately 150 to 200 people will participate in the Convention.

If I can supply you with further information please contact me at TUxedo 6-1946. I am sure that you fully appreciate the practical problems involved in Convention planning so that you will not be offended at our request for some indication of your availability at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Gene Takahashi
Gene Takahashi,
Convention Chairman

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MARCH 5, 1958

Handwritten note:
JG - CPA
JG - WPM
at 28th

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

DEAR RABBI SILVER:

IT WOULD GIVE US GREAT PLEASURE TO HAVE YOU AND MRS. SILVER AS OUR GUESTS ON FRIDAY, MARCH 28TH, AT OUR PATRON LUNCHEON AT THE WADE PARK MANOR HOTEL.

AS CHAIRMAN OF THE WOMEN'S DIVISION OF THE CLEVELAND COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL CENTER AT DENVER, I AM PROUD TO BE ACTIVE AND HELPFUL IN SO GREAT A HUMANE ENDEAVOR. MY COMMITTEE WORKERS ARE LIKEWISE INSTILLED WITH THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR ACTIVITIES. AS THE NUCLEUS OF A GROUP THAT WE HOPE WILL GROW GREAT IN NUMBER AND ACHIEVEMENT, WE ARE MOST DESIROUS OF INCULCATING INTO THE MINDS OF THE SEVERAL HUNDRED WOMEN WHO WILL ATTEND THIS LUNCHEON, THE URGENCY OF THEIR RESPONDING TO THIS EVER-EXPANDING SERVICE TO MANKIND.

TO SUCCEED IN THIS, IT IS OUR FEELING THAT OUR DAY'S AGENDA WHICH INCLUDES AN APPEALING MEAL, ONE BRIEF SPEECH, THE AWARDING OF THE DOOR PRIZE AND THE FASHION AND FUR STYLE SHOW WHICH WILL FOLLOW SHOULD PLEASE OUR PATRONS; BUT IT WAS OUR UNANIMOUS DECISION THAT IF YOU WOULD CONSENT TO LEAD US BY OFFERING THE INVOCATION, NOT ONLY WOULD YOUR EXPRESSION IN PRAYER BE GUIDING AND UPLIFTING, BUT YOUR VERY PRESENCE WOULD LEND STRENGTH TO OUR CAUSE.

MR. MAX FELDMAN, CLEVELAND COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRMAN, AND MR. CHARLES HACKER, OUR REGIONAL DIRECTOR, JOIN ME IN THE SINCERE HOPE THAT YOUR CALENDAR WILL PERMIT YOUR ATTENDING WITH MRS. SILVER. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR REPLY BY TELEPHONE EITHER TO MY HOME, FAIRMOUNT 1-0518, OR TO OUR HEADQUARTERS OFFICE, CEDAR 1-2920. KIND PERSONAL REGARDS AND EVERY GOOD WISH.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS

Handwritten signature: Tillie Gardner

MRS. JERRY GARDNER

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- Q. When and how did the American Medical Center start?
- A. In 1904 a small group of recovered T. B. patients determined to start a hospital to relieve destitute consumptives. With an original fund of \$1.10 and a national appeal for nickles, dimes, quarters and half dollars, they founded what was eventually named the Jewish Consumptives Relief Society. The original 6 tents and a one-story frame building have grown to a group of 34 buildings on 148 acres.
- Q. What is its purpose?
- A. Originally established to cure economically helpless tubercular patients, it has now accepted the challenge of cancer. By admitting T. B. patients thought to be hopeless, the former JCRS became among the first to discover the means of controlling the disease. It is the hope of the American Medical Center that a like contribution to the control of cancer will be made. Its skilled staff of medical, surgical and radiological specialists is aided by a complete laboratory, technicians and research scientists.
- Q. How many patients has it received?
- A. Almost 3,500,000 days of free care, medical, surgical, social and religious have given back to society more than 10,000 useful lives formerly thought hopeless. More than 100 cancer patients have been treated since the inception of the cancer program in 1955.
- Q. How does a sick person qualify for admission?
- A. Admission requirements are simple. He must be sick and in need. No one can pay for care received here. Not a single penny has ever been charged to any patient. Admission is strictly on a first come, first served basis. There can be no favorites where the stakes are Life or Death.
- Q. Are there any other restrictions?
- A. The hospital is open to all, regardless of race, creed or color, or ability to pay. Neither tuberculosis nor cancer are respecters of religious faiths. Whether Gentile or Jew, the need for help is equally urgent.
- Q. As residents of another community, why are we called upon to aid an institution located in a different area?
- A. Because the American Medical Center is the true concept of the Brotherhood of Man in practical operation; because it is local in nature since a patient's point of residence is immaterial; because all men are brothers in the sight of God and those who give to help support this wonderful institution do believe in fact they are their Brother's Keeper and accept the moral responsibility which goes with that belief.

David R. Brunswick
Chairman, Cleveland Committee

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March 21, 1958

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We look forward to your participation on the programs of the Cleveland Regional Convention of the American Association of School Administrators, March 29-April 1, 1958.

As I said in an earlier letter, the newspapers will be especially interested in the discussions of this meeting. We can supply information to the press most effectively if we have manuscripts of addresses in advance of delivery.

If you have not already done so, I would appreciate your sending me in advance a copy of your manuscript -- if you will make a prepared speech -- or an outline of your remarks. You may refer to us, if you wish, any other requests you receive for copies of your manuscript.

Please mail the manuscript to me at the Statler Hotel, ✓
Cleveland, Ohio. I would appreciate receiving it before March 26, if possible.

Thank you for your help,

Sincerely,

Roy K. Wilson ✓

Roy K. Wilson, Director
Division of Press and Radio Relations

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March 26, 1958

Rabbi Silver
The Temple
Ansel Rd-East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

The Fourth Annual Conference of the National Federation of Motion Picture Councils, Inc. will be held in Cleveland at the Carter Hotel Wednesday, April 16th and Thursday, April 17th, 1958.

We would be very honored if you would say Grace before our dinner on Wednesday, April 16th or for our luncheon on Thursday, April 17th which ever time would be the most convenient for you.

Please let me know if it possible for you to accept one of these dates as we wish to have your name printed on the program.

Respectfully,

Mrs. William G. Sullivan,
Recording Secretary

March 27, 1958

Mr. Roy K. Wilson, Director
Division of Press & Radio Relations
National Education Ass'n. of the United States
c/o Hotel Statler
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Wilson:

I am enclosing herewith an outline of the Address which I will deliver before the National Association of School Administrators on Sunday, March 30th.

I am sorry that I have delayed sending it to you. I have been away from the city a good deal of the time.

With warmest regards, I remain,

Most cordially yours,

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER

March 28, 1958

Mrs. William G. Sullivan
Recording Secretary
Federation of Motion Picture Councils, Inc.
17301 Lemond Blvd.
Shaker Heights 20, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Sullivan:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of March 26th and for your gracious invitation to recite Grace at your dinner on April 16th or at your luncheon on April 17th.

It would have given me much pleasure indeed to accept your invitation but I am leaving for Israel on April 14th and will be gone for a few weeks.

Perhaps you would be interested in contacting my associate and son, here at The Temple. The fee is free and he may be able to be of service to you.

Cordially yours,

AHS:sl

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

A Study of the American High School

588 Fifth Avenue, New York 36, N.Y.

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April 2, 1958

Rabbi Abta Hillel Silver
The Temple
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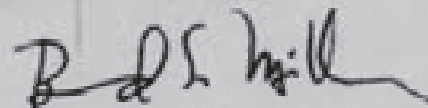
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I would just like to extend my enthusiastic endorsement and appreciation for your excellent sermon at the A.A.S.A. Conference in Cleveland last week.

If this is not too great an imposition, I would like to have a copy of your sermon for our files.

Again, my sincere thanks for your continuing contributions to education.

Sincerely yours,



Bernard S. Miller

BSM:mjm

April 7, 1958

Dr. Bernard S. Miller
A Study of the American High School
588 Fifth Avenue
New York 36, New York

My dear Dr. Miller:

I am pleased to enclose herewith a copy of the address which I delivered before the American Association of School Administrators Convention in Cleveland.

Cordially yours,

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER



ALPHA OMEGA FRATERNITY
OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

DR. JOHN A. SHERMAN

6 GLEN CEDAR ROAD
TORONTO 10, CANADA

13th May, 1958

Dr. Abta Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
1855 Arsel Road,
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

I had the pleasure of being present with you at the Board of Governors Meeting of the Hebrew University on April 25th in Jerusalem. I represented Alpha Omega Fraternity together with Dr. Harry Seldin of New York, in formalizing the contribution of our fraternity toward the new School of Dentistry in Israel.

I am writing you at this time to ask you if you will honor us by your presence at our Annual Convention to be held in Cleveland this year. Our fraternity has had on memorable occasions, outstanding personages to talk for a short period at our Memorial Services which precede the opening of our Convention, -- this year on Monday December 29th.

Since we convene in Cleveland, after a lapse of 20 years, I had hoped that you would lend your presence and your dignity to this occasion, as so many of our fraters are members of temples throughout the U.S. and Canada. Your presence at this our 51st Convention and the influence of a talk from you would be an occasion which we would deeply appreciate and remember.

I sincerely hope that you will consider being with us on this occasion.

Cordially yours,

John A. Sherman
John A. Sherman

MRS. JOSEPH PORATH
16623 ALDERSYDE
SHAKER HEIGHTS 20, OHIO

April 14, 1958

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver: -

On behalf of the Jewish National
Fund Women's Division and myself
I wish to thank you for accepting
to speak at the occasion of the
launching of the Rabbi Israel Porath
Forest on May the 29th

When I gave this news to
my father-in-law he was very
much delighted and asked to add
his thanks as well

Enclosed please find a brochure
on Rabbi Porath which you may find
of interest.

May I wish you very pleasant trip
to Israel and safe return
Cordially yours,
David Porath

THE RABBI ISRAEL PORATH FOREST
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RABBI ISRAEL PORATH THE MAN WE CHOOSE TO HONOR

An outstanding, world renown personality lives in our midst. He is a brilliant scholar, rabbi, lecturer and author who has received acclaim throughout this country as well as Europe and Israel. This gentle, shy, soft spoken man has served our Cleveland Community in every phase of Jewish life, as one



of its most outstanding leaders for the past thirty years. He has counseled newlyweds, guided parents, educated the youth, visited the sick and comforted the bereaved—all with sympathy and profound understanding. Having been born in Jerusalem, as was his father, he was steeped in Jewish lore. These distilled qualities of a rare heritage he brought to our community and generously shared with all who came in contact with him.

Though youthful and vigorous, in body and in spirit, he and his wife have recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary together with their seven children and seventeen grandchildren.

A child prodigy at the age of five, already engaged in higher learning, he was promoted to a class in the difficult study of the Talmud. His scholarly aptitudes having been recognized, he was eagerly tutored by the greatest rabbis of Israel and was ordained by the famous Rabbi Berlin and Rabbi Cook. He had mastered Turkish, French and German and soon became the representative of Jerusalem's Jewish Community to Turkey. As a man of integrity with humane understanding, he was entrusted with the distribution of relief to the poor and the needy of Jerusalem. At the end of the First World War, he was offered a position as rabbi in Liverpool, England. This, he rejected and came to America. Here he completed a course in World Literature given by Columbia University and accepted a post as rabbi in Cleveland.

Today three decades later, Rabbi Israel Porath is the Dean of Cleveland's Orthodox rabbinate. As author of the OUTLINE OF THE TALMUD written in modern Hebrew, he has received letters of praise and acclaim from over 1500 scholars the world over. Six volumes of this work have already been published. The seventh is in manuscript form. These scholarly works have been used as texts and as reference manuals by students and rabbis everywhere.

Rabbi Porath's love for Torah and Jewish Education had long established him as a great teacher in our community. The Board of the Bureau of Jewish Education looks to him as to its staunchest pillars. His poetic and fluent command of Hebrew has served as an inspiration to all members of Cleveland's Histadruth Ivrit of which he is honorary president. Similar inspiring influences have been felt on every board and in all the many organizations to which he belongs. Indelible are the impressions he has made on his congregations and audiences wherever he spoke but especially memorable are the courses and institutes on the Bible which he conducted for Hadassah, Pioneer Women, Mizrahi and Council of Jewish Women.

The efforts of Rabbi Porath on behalf of the Jewish National Fund on whose executive board he has served for many years have been a way of expressing his deep and abiding love for the people and the land of Israel.

Therefore, the Women's Division of the Jewish National Fund Council takes great pride in honoring this beloved rabbi by launching a drive to plant 10,000 trees in a forest in Israel to be known as THE RABBI ISRAEL PORATH FOREST.

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May 15, 1958

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It is with some embarrassment that I find I have not written sooner to thank you for your participation at the Sunday morning session of our Cleveland convention.

I am enclosing the small honorarium we had mentioned, and wish to express to you my gratitude for the inspiring talk you presented.

Sincerely,

Finis E. Engleman
Finis E. Engleman
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

May 16, 1958

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
1855 Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

On behalf of the program committee of our Women's Society for World Service of Fairview Grace Church (E.U.B.) and upon recommendation of our minister, Rev. Richard Rodes, I would like to invite you to speak before our group on October 16, 1958 in the evening on the subject "The Middle East and You" or any other title you may have in mind. This topic is of interest to us because Countries of the Middle East is the mission study theme for the year 1958-59 as set up by the National Council of United Churchwomen, which is a representative group of all Protestant denominations.

Because you have been influential in establishing the State of Israel and because you are undoubtedly one of the best informed persons in the Cleveland area on Middle Eastern affairs, we feel that there is no one better qualified to help us understand the situation in that part of the world. We are keenly interested in learning just what the points of conflict are, and as you see it, the cause of the turmoil. We would also like you to point out why we as American citizens should be concerned - that is, what it all has to do with us.

We are planning to make this our Men's Guest Night and, if you would be gracious enough to accept our invitation, would open the meeting to the community of Fairview Park, thereby insuring a group of about one hundred (a conservative estimate).

Operating on a limited budget as we do, we could not begin to reimburse you adequately, but would appreciate your mentioning an amount for our consideration.

Our further program plans depend upon your answer, so I will be eagerly awaiting your reply. May I add in all sincerity that we would be very honored to have you as our guest.

Most sincerely yours,

Mrs. Earl F. Bohn

Mrs. Earl F. Bohn
Vice-President & Program Chairman
Women's Society for World Service
Fairview Grace Church

4189 West 219th Street
Cleveland 26, Ohio
ED 1-6910

May 20, 1958

Dr. John A. Sherman
Office of the National President
Alpha Omega Fraternity
6 Glen Cedar Road
Toronto 10, Canada

My dear Dr. Sherman:

Thank you for your letter of May 13th. I recall with pleasure the meeting in Jerusalem which we attended and I was happy to witness the transmission of ~~your~~^{the} very generous contribution of Alpha Omega Fraternity to the new School of Dentistry in Israel.

Thank you so much for your invitation to address your convention in Cleveland on December 29th. I am glad to accept it - but only tentatively.

December is a long way off and under normal conditions I hesitate to make commitments that far ahead. I may be out of the country at that time. If my plans change and I am unable to come to your convention I will notify you in ample time. In such a case you may then wish to contact my son, Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver who is my Associate here at The Temple. He may be in a position to help you out in the emergency.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:sl

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

May 20, 1958

Mrs. Earl F. Bohn
Vice-President & Program Chairman
Women's Society for World Service
Fairview Grace Church
4189 West 219th Street
Fairview Park 26, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Bohn:

I greatly appreciate the gracious invitation contained in your letter of May 16th to address your group on October 16th.

It would have given me great pleasure indeed to avail myself of the opportunity. Unfortunately, due to my crowded calendar for the remainder of the year and the possibility too, of my being out of the country in the Fall, I am compelled to decline.

If you are interested, you may contact my son, Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver, who is associated with me here at The Temple and who is a student of middle east problems. Perhaps he would be free to be of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:sl

ABRA HILIEL SILVER

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

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June 2, 1958

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are having a program at the Library on June 25 and wonder if you can help us.

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On that evening of that date the Hebrew Cultural Garden Association is to present to the Cleveland Public Library a large bronze plaque of Maimonides, the medieval Jewish philosopher.

A brief program and reception is planned, to be sponsored jointly by the Hebrew Cultural Garden Association and the Cleveland Public Library. It is planned to have two 15-minute talks.

We would be most pleased if you could give such a talk about Maimonides, speaking from the religious and philosophical viewpoints.

Dr. Haskell Schweid has consented to give the other talk, to be on Maimonides as a physician.

The program is scheduled for 7:45 P.M. on Wednesday, June 25, and should be over around 9:00 P.M.

An additional feature will be a presentation of a shophar to the Cleveland Public Library by the Ministry of Religion of the State of Israel.

We hope very much that you can participate in this program. In the event you cannot, do you suppose you could get your son Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver to do it? Your many years of service in Cleveland, however, make you the logical spokesman if you can possibly do it. With many thanks for your help.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

/s/ Raymond C. Lindquist

Director

RCL:vo

June 4, 1958

Dr. Raymond C. Lindquist
Director, Cleveland Public Library
325 Superior Avenue
Cleveland 14, Ohio

Dear Dr. Lindquist:

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver has turned over to me your letter of June 2nd. He is scheduled to address the Annual Conference of the Central Conference of American Rabbis on the date of your Maimonides evening. He has asked me to answer this letter and to tell you that I will be happy to be with you on that occasion. I shall be prepared to discuss Maimonides as a rabbi and a philosopher for approximately fifteen minutes.

It might be of interest to you that I am completing my Doctoral dissertation for the University of Chicago on Maimonides and the critical reception which his works received.

Looking forward to seeing you at this time, I remain

Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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June 5, 1958

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed you will find a certificate showing the planting of trees in your honor by the Women's Division of Jewish National Fund.

Please be assured of our sincere appreciation of your most meaningful address at our Annual Meeting on May 29th. As always your words stirred the audience and we were honored to have had you with us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jack K. Marks, President
Women's Division

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June 6, 1958

Mrs. Jack K. Marks, President
Women's Division
Jewish National Fund Council
2167 Lee Road
Cleveland 18, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Marks:

Permit me to thank you for the Certificate showing that trees have been planted in my honor by the Women's Division of Jewish National Fund in the Rabbi Israel Porath Forest.

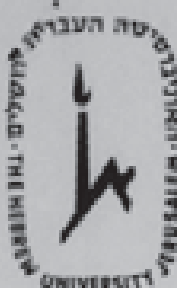
I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness. I enjoyed your annual meeting on May 29th, at which you honored Rabbi Porath, tremendously.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ARS:sl

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am turning to you today with the following request which I hope you will be willing to grant.

From July 13th to July 16th the Annual Convention of Alpha Zeta Omega, pharmaceutical fraternity, takes place in Cleveland. This fraternity has a fund which is called the Roy Scott Memorial Fund which has been established in memory of a Cleveland member of the fraternity. It is through this fund that the fraternity has pledged, and practically raised, \$100,000. for the Hebrew University's School of Pharmacy and some additional funds will be turned over to us during this luncheon.

Dr. Joshua Kohlberg, an Israeli member of the University's Board of Governors and President of Israel's Pharmaceutical Association, will be at the luncheon as he is in charge of our Pharmacy Campaign. I shall attend the luncheon as well. However, the leaders of the fraternity have expressed the hope that it might be possible for you to be present at this luncheon which, in this case, would become the central function of the Convention.

Normally I would not dare to turn to you with such a request, especially as we might have to turn to you for much more important functions during the coming fall and winter. However, as the Convention and the luncheon are being held in Cleveland I thought you might give this request favorable consideration.

Many thanks for your very kind attention to this matter and as always, my very best wishes and regards.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick R. Lachman
Executive Vice President.

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July 2, 1958
phoned: 3:30 P.M.

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9 EAST 89th STREET
NEW YORK 28, N.Y.

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MISS S. LEVINE,
Secretary to Dr. Silver

July 3, 1958

Mr. Finis E. Engleman, Executive Secretary
American Ass'n. of School Administrators
1201 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Engleman:

Permit me to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of the AASA which contained the Address which I delivered in Cleveland on "The New Reverence for Man's Mind and Spirit".

I regret that not enough care was taken in proof reading the Address. There are quite a number of mistakes which make some of the sentences quite unintelligible.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:sl

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

File: Oer Chodosh Cong

July 9, 1958

Mr. Nathan Greenberg
Triple C Corp
5700 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland 3, Ohio

My dear Mr. Greenberg:

I appreciated your visit and your gracious invitation to participate in a service under the auspices of the Oer Chodosh Congregation.

I wish I were free to avail myself of your gracious invitation. Unfortunately, I am already so heavily committed to both local and out of town functions that I cannot, in justice to myself, take on any additional responsibilities.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:sl

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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July 28, 1958

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

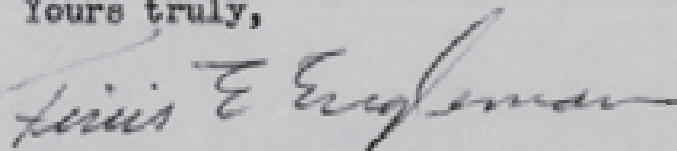
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Upon returning from an extended trip, I find your letter of July 3. I regret exceedingly to learn that your speech at our Cleveland convention is not accurately recorded in our printed Official Report.

Our editor worked direct from the stenotypist's transcript. Apparently it would have been the part of wisdom to submit the transcript to you before putting it in form for the printer. Please accept our apologies.

Your speech has brought many favorable comments. We are indebted to you for your inspiring contribution to our convention program.

Yours truly,



Finis E. Engleman
Executive Secretary

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August 28, 1958

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Blvd.
Shaker Heights, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The CITIZENS FOR DECENT LITERATURE, INC. are holding their first annual conference at Hotel Cleveland, Saturday, October 25, 1958.

We cordially invite you to be one of our guests at the Speaker's table for the evening banquet, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Cleveland Room.

The dinner will be followed immediately by our guest speaker, Professor Pitirim A. Sorokin, Head of Department of Sociology, Harvard University.

Enclosed you will find material pertaining to our organization: the invitation which was sent to interested people all over the country, a resume of CITIZENS FOR DECENT LITERATURE, a copy of the opinion of Honorable Judge S. Leis, Common Pleas Court of Hamilton County, and a booklet "Fight Newsstand Filth", just off the press.

We are not a censorship group, but are interested in making the public aware of what is available on the newsstands.

We trust you will find it possible to be our guest.

Sincerely yours,

Millard L. Jordan
Millard L. Jordan
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Blvd.
Shaker Heights, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This is a follow-up inquiry to our invitation to be our guest at the Banquet of the first annual conference of the Citizens for Decent Literature, Saturday, October 25, 1958.

The dinner will be in the Ball Room of the Hotel Cleveland at 5:45 p.m.

It will be immediately followed by our guest speaker, Professor Pitirim A. Sorokin of Harvard University and the program should draw to a conclusion at about 8:15 p.m.

Sincerely yours,

Kathleen Mumper
Mrs. James S. Mumper
Secretary

12531 Cedar Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

October 10, 1958

Mrs. James S. Mumper
12531 Cedar Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Mumper:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of October 7th. I am very much in sympathy with the purposes of your organization, "Citizens for Decent Literature", and I wish I were free to come to the meeting October 25th. Unfortunately I must be at my desk Saturday noon and evening in order to prepare for my lecture the following morning in the Temple pulpit. I seldom, if ever, accept engagements for Saturday evening.

With all good wishes I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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We wish to thank you for the kind acknowledgment of our invitation to the National Conference of Citizens for Decent Literature, October 25, and we regret that you are unable to attend.

However, we appreciate your position and dedication to your work.

May we offer at this time our admiration for the members of The Temple in raising the cultural level of our city by your expanded building program.

Sincerely yours,

Millard L. Jordan
Millard L. Jordan
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th Street
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In your letter of October 10th, you stated that you were in sympathy with the purpose of our organization, "Citizens for Decent Literature".

Since we wish to rid newsstands of questionable reading material without resorting to censorship or boycott, may we ask that you send a telegram that we might read at the National Conference, Saturday, October 25, at the Hotel Cleveland.

We would appreciate your cooperation.

Respectfully yours,

Millard L. Jordan
Millard L. Jordan
Chairman

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message to:

Oct. 25, 1958

Millard L. Jordan

Chairman, Citizens for Decent Literature

(Telephoned to office of John P. Hyland
- phone number on letterhead -

and taken for Mr. Hyland by Mr. Jeffery
of that office)

Message reads:

I regret my inability to attend the
meeting of the Citizens for Decent Literature
this evening and to receive the message
of Dr. Sorokin. The cause which you
represent is a vital one for the moral
and spiritual wholesomeness of our
people, and I wish you to know that
I am in complete sympathy with
all sound efforts of education and
cooperative activities on the part of
our people to advance your purposes.

Abba Hillel Silver

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October 28, 1958

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On behalf of the Cleveland Committee for United Nations Week, may I thank you for the beautiful Invocation which you gave before our luncheon on October 24, as well as for being present on that occasion. Your words added depth and significance to the entire observance.

Sincerely yours,

Fern Long, Chairman

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

The Temple

Ansel Rd. & E. 105th St.

Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Diabetes Association of Greater Cleveland will hold its Fifth Annual Dinner Meeting on Monday night, January 26, 1959, at 6:30 PM in Higbee's Auditorium.

The Board of Trustees and our members would be highly honored if you could join us at the Speaker's Table on this occasion and deliver the invocation.

We shall look forward to your reply.

Respectfully,

Alice P. Hoover
(Mrs) Earl F. Hoover, Chairman

Annual Meeting Committee

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November 24, 1958

Mrs. Earl R. Hoover
The Diabetes Association
of Greater Cleveland, Inc.
1465 East 55th Street
Cleveland 3, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Hoover:

Thank you for your kind invitation to join you
at the Dinner Meeting of the Diabetes Association
on January 26, 1959. I regret that I will be
unable to attend as Mrs. Silver and I will be out
of the country that that time.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AEBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

RABBI ARTHUR J. LELYVELD
FAIRMOUNT TEMPLE
CLEVELAND 21, OHIO

April 1, 1959

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Our good friend, Bernard Bamberger, will be coming to Cleveland on May 11th to be the guest speaker at the annual Fairmount Temple Ministers' Institute on Judaism. We would feel greatly honored if you would consent to make the introductory statement and present Bernie to the assembled clergymen. This would be especially appropriate since he is speaking on the field to which you have made so distinguished a contribution, namely, the Messiah ~~was~~ in Jewish tradition.

I earnestly hope that you will consent to join us on the morning of May 11th, and I send my warm greetings to you and the family.

Most cordially,

Arthur Lelyveld

AJL:f

Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld

April 3, 1959

My dear Lelyveld:

Thank you so much for your letter and for your invitation to be present at the Fairmount Temple Ministers' Institute on Judaism and to introduce Bernard Bamberger. I should be very happy to do so but I am scheduled to be out of the city on May 11th.

With warmest regards and all good wishes to you and yours, I remain

Very cordially,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfn

Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld
Fairmount Temple
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ART OF THE SEAWAY NATIONS



On display in the Community Room
of The East Ohio Gas Company
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Date each exhibit opens:

ITALY—April 22

ISRAEL—April 27

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BENELUX NATIONS—May 25

FAR EAST—June 1

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WEST GERMANY—June 15

PAN AMERICA—June 22

Most of the objects are lent by The Cleveland Museum of Art. Other lenders to the exhibition are:

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AN INVITATION TO SEE

ART OF THE SEAWAY NATIONS

Cleveland began a 10-week-long celebration of the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway on April 20, 1959.

Highlighting the affair are nationality weeks featuring many of the nations whose bonds of commerce, industry, and culture will be more closely linked with Cleveland because of the Seaway.

How best could The East Ohio Gas Company, asked its president, R. W. Ramsdell, participate in honoring these nations?

The answer was to exhibit the art of Seaway nations in East Ohio's community room in Cleveland's newest skyscraper. Here, in a setting of modernity, could be blended the art of yesterday which lives today and which will live tomorrow.

It was a project which The Cleveland Museum of Art was happy to make possible, for the Art Museum believes in bringing art to the people of Cleveland.

Each week the exhibits on display are to be changed to honor a different Seaway nation. On the following pages are descriptions of the art exhibits to be seen in the Community Room of The East Ohio Gas Company, East Ninth and Superior.

You are cordially invited to visit East Ohio's Community Room to see these and other exhibits which will be on display during the Seaway celebration.



POPE INNOCENT X

This portrait of Pope Innocent X expresses much of the grandiose, extravagant, and luxurious spirit of the papal commissions in the mid-seventeenth century, the height of the Baroque period in art. Innocent X, formerly Gian Battista Pamfili, reigned from 1644 to 1655. The Pamfili were just one of several papal families who were the most zealous patrons of art of the era. They played the part of royal princes and they were responsible for the construction of magnificent churches and chapels with their rich appointments of paintings, altars, and tomb monuments. They built vast complexes of palaces, villas and gardens. And they also had their portraits painted on canvas and rendered in large impressive sculptural busts such as the one on exhibition. One of the most renowned paintings of all time is Velazquez' portrait of this same Pope, Innocent X, which is now in the Galleria Doria-Pamfili in Rome.

The Cleveland Museum's bronze bust lies in the tradition of the official portraiture of such Baroque sculpture as Bernini (1598-1680) and Algardi (1602-1654). Much of the richness of surface, the sweep, and the sense of monumentality found in their work is seen here. Here also we may see a realistic depiction of the lines and expression of the face. Offsetting this is the richly chased ornament of the border of the cope and the full swell of the cope itself. This bronze was probably made in the Vatican foundry in Rome.

POPE INNOCENT X (GIAN BATTISTA PAMFILI)

Rome, Italy, mid 17th Century Bronze

Gift of Rosenberg and Stiebel, Inc.

In Honor of William Mathewson Milliken



A ROMAN PORTRAIT BUST

Roman portraiture, throughout its long and varied career, from the days of the Republic in the first century B.C. until the time of Constantine in the fourth century A.D., has furnished us with numerous sculptures of excellent quality. The portrait bust of a woman, now on exhibit, is a fine example of the style prevalent at the time of Nero (54-68 A.D.), at the very end of the Augustan Age.

At the beginning of the Augustan Age, during the reign of Augustus (31 B.C.-A.D. 14), when Rome had become a cosmopolitan center, Roman portrait artists were highly influenced by Greek sculpture. A new concept of the individual had evolved under the Empire, a concept which required a style more noble, more monumental, than the realistic and highly individualistic style which had prevailed under the Republic. This classicist style continued throughout the Augustan Age, and we can see lingering traces of it in the portrait bust, which was carved at the end of that period. The features are generalized, and rendered by simple, abstract almost geometric forms.

The portrait bust of a woman is characteristic of a style of Roman portraiture at the apex of the classicizing Augustan Age, and presages the developments of the latter part of the first and the second centuries, where a return to the native tradition of realistic, individualistic portraiture is made.

BUST OF A WOMAN

Marble

Roman, 1st Century A.D.
The J. H. Wade Collection



MIRACLE II

Jacques Lipchitz in his later work, such as this fine bronze executed in 1947, shows a preoccupation with multiple imagery combined with emphatic sculptural forms. Here there is a direct allusion to the Torah, or Pentateuch, and the Chanukah Lamp, the eight-branched lamp used for the Festival of Dedication, which was instituted in 165 B.C. by Judah Maccabeus in celebration of the rededication of the Temple, three years after it had been defiled by Antiochus Epiphanes.

The sculptural effect depends largely on the repetition of a series of upward turning arcs on each side of a central axis. The resulting flame-like quality expresses a joyousness which alludes both to the celebration of Chanukah and the feelings of hope and expectations of the Jewish people at the end of World War II.

MIRACLE II

Jacques Lipchitz, American, 1891-
Bronze, 1947

Gift by The Temple Museum for Jewish Religious Art and Music



THE DRILLER

Max Kallia in an effort to discover, as an American sculptor, something that touched him deeply and also had universal appeal, devoted a great part of his creative life to the laborer as subject matter. Of the many labor subjects that he did, such as "Man Power," "Stoker," and "Glass Blower," "The Driller" which was done in the thirties, is one of his best works. Kallia felt that by his sympathetic treatment of American workers, he was speaking out on their behalf, and making a wider public aware of the important force behind our high industrial society.

As a sculptor, his concern was more for the sentiment and idea suggested by his subject matter than for the formal elements of sculpture itself. Considerable emphasis is placed on facial expression, muscular development, and posture, with the result that great realism is achieved.

Max Kallia's productive life and wide national acceptance made him one of Cleveland's best known sculptors.

THE DRILLER

Max Kallia, American, Cleveland School, 1881-1945
Bronze, 1938

Presented to The Cleveland Museum of Art
by Friends of the Artist, 1947

Gift by The Cleveland Museum of Art



NARCISSUS

Maurice Lambert's metal figure bearing the provocative title of "Narcissus," taken from the Greek myth, rises, seemingly half formed, from the leaves or petals at the base. It is represented in terms of soft rounded undefined forms, conveying a feeling of embryonic development of form at the brink of self-realization, the nascent self. This type of sculpture is interesting not only for its design of smooth curves, but also for its subtle psychological implications.



HELMET HEAD

This small work by the well-known contemporary sculptor, Henry Moore, has the monumental quality of some of his large-scale sculpture. It was made in 1952, possibly as a study for a larger work. This bronze presents an intriguing contrast of enveloped space with rounded planes. The texture of the surface is varied by means of lines and accents. The *Helmet Head* also expresses a foreboding, ominous quality, due in part to the ambiguity between helmet and head, shoulders and enveloping cloak, an effect heightened by the extreme contrast between the deep shadows of the interior space and the highlights on the surface.

In many of Moore's earlier works, the human form is suggested by cutting into, even entirely through, the solid bulk of the material. This piece is almost a reversal of that process—here he encloses and models space by means of plastic forms. In both cases, space is as important an element as the solid material in creating the illusion of human form.

NARCISSUS

Maurice Lambert, English, 1901-

Iron

Gift of Mrs. William S. Phillips, 1932
lent by The Cleveland Museum of Art

HELMET HEAD

Henry Moore, English, 1895-

Bronze, 1952

Gift of the Junior Council of The Cleveland Museum of Art, 1958
lent by The Cleveland Museum of Art



LITTLE BROTHER AND SISTER

This charming work by Auguste Rodin was given to The Cleveland Museum of Art in 1917 by Mr. Salmon P. Halle, who directly negotiated for it with the great French sculptor himself. It is important as one of Rodin's last efforts before his death in 1917. The handling of the material, a clear white, almost translucent marble, reflects the subtle delicacy of texture and modulation which Rodin captures in so many of his larger works. The size of the block from which it was cut can be realized from the large base that still remains. The sculpture itself expresses a delicacy of sentiment and suavity which is truly French and yet also an unmistakably personal quality of Auguste Rodin, found in many of his works in marble.

LITTLE BROTHER AND SISTER

Auguste Rodin, French, 1840-1917
Marble, 1914
Gift of Salmon P. Halle, 1917
Last by The Cleveland Museum of Art

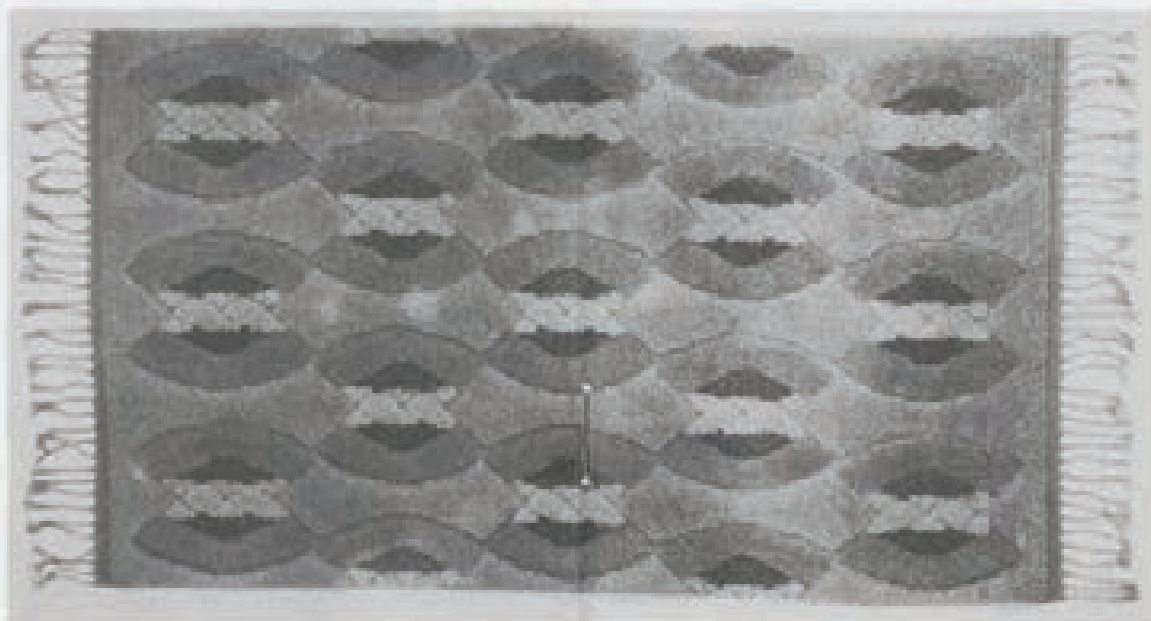


YOUNG SAINT JOHN AND THE LAMB

This small bronze sculpture of eighteenth-century France shows a winsome figure of the infant St. John the Baptist together with his symbols of the lamb and the rough wooden cross. The sculptor has depicted the familiar saint, however, not as a stern ascetic or preacher in the usual rough garment of animal skin but in a way very similar to the Baroque depiction of the Christ Child as a charmingly playful infant. This work can easily be compared to the "Little Brother and Sister" for it contains the same refinement and sentiment along with a certain suave delicacy which can be seen in the Rodin work done many years later.

YOUNG SAINT JOHN AND THE LAMB

French, 18th Century
Bronze
Bequest of James Ford, 1940
Last by The Cleveland Museum of Art



RUG
Swedish, 20th Century
lent by Mrs. J. Barry Rice



JESSE ENTERING JERUSALEM

Swedish - Modern

Cope of a wall painting by Bert Erik Anderson, done in 1878.

Hand-painted on linen.

lent by The Cleveland Museum of Art

BRONZE PLAQUES BY MEUNIER

Constantin Meunier was a Belgian artist of the late nineteenth century who was artistically alive to the problems of his time. As a painter, sculptor, graphic artist and teacher, he had considerable influence upon the artists of his day.

The three bronze plaques exhibited are studies he did for a huge Labor Monument in Belgium. His interest in coal miners, foundry workers and farmers reminds us of one of his more famous contemporaries—Van Gogh. The comparison could be drawn at least as far as to point out that both men were influenced by the powerful and simplified figure drawing of the French artist Millet, whose paintings expressed a sincere concern for the problems of the common men.

The effects of movement, struggle and power in these plaques are established, artistically, by use of strong diagonals, triangular groupings, and dramatic shadows created by the high relief of the figures. The powerful convincing effect of the series as a whole is established by the control and reserve of the artist. The figures are monumental in form, the composition lucid and simplified.



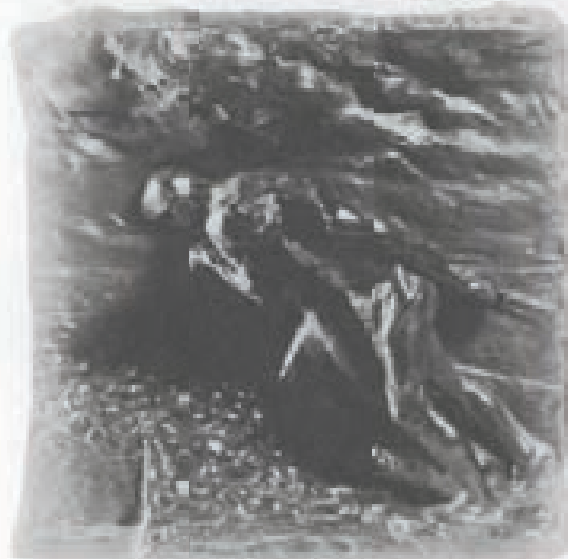
THE MINERS

Constantin Meunier, Belgium, 1871-1902
Bronze Study for Labor Monument, Brussels Museum
Gift of Mrs. Ralph King and Family
In Memory of Ralph King, 1942
Lent by The Cleveland Museum of Art



THE FURNACE

Constantin Meunier, Belgium, 1871-1902
Bronze Study for Labor Monument, Brussels Museum
Gift of Mrs. Ralph King and Family
In Memory of Ralph King, 1942
Lent by The Cleveland Museum of Art



THE SOIL

Constantin Meunier, Belgium, 1871-1902
Bronze Study for Labor Monument, Brussels Museum
Gift of Mrs. Ralph King and Family
In Memory of Ralph King, 1942
Lent by The Cleveland Museum of Art



WOODEN MONKEY
Wood, originally colored
Japan, Momoyama Period,
late 16th Century A.D.
The Dudley F. Allen Collection
lent by The Cleveland Museum of Art

A JAPANESE WOODEN MONKEY

According to an old legend, the monkeys decorating the stable of the sacred horse at Nikko, dressed in Shinto priest's garments, come to life again each New Year's Eve. This story may have been derived partly from the famous Chinese romance about *Songoku*, the Wondrous King of Monkeys, who was also made the Master of the Heavenly Stable by the Jade Emperor, the Taoist Supreme Deity, with the hope that this would pacify the notorious rebel of the heavens. Disgusted by this not so complimentary title, our monkey hero raised a hell again in heaven. He styled himself as the "Great Sage, Equal to Heaven," and with his extraordinary magical power, put the hordes of heavenly army to flight. He crowned his achievement this time by stealing the Peach of Immortality, which he consumed. He was subdued finally only by the immeasurably gentle power of the Buddha, to whom he pledged his eternal service.

In traditional Eastern thought, animals no less than man are part of the same universal order, in whose embrace all participate in the undifferentiated, perpetual "process of being." From time immemorial, the Eastern artists have been delighted to express their joy and intimate understanding of the oneness of all realms of existence.

In this sixteenth-century wooden sculpture of the Japanese Momoyama Period, the artist not only took pleasure in recreating his mental image of the legendary monkey, which is rich in subtleties of sensuous delight and a certain abstract quality of decorativeness characteristic of his period, but he also bestowed upon our thoughtful animal a natural dignity and innate humor, and strongly reminded us that under the seeming melancholy of the monkey's expression and the seeming formality of his garment, remains always the Great Rebel in heaven, the Eastern counterpart of Prometheus—precursor of humanity.



A BRONZE ALVAR

This is an image in bronze of one of the twelve saints called Alvars, possibly Periyalvar, who lived in South India in the ninth century, and devoted himself to the great Hindu deities Vishnu and Krishna. He brought flowers to Krishna's temple at Shrivilliputtur, every day. The hymns he wrote, still recited on all occasions of worship, express an ecstatic and tender devotion characteristic of all the Alvars, who were ardently dedicated to the service of God in a direct and personal, rather than an official, ritualistic way. This is shown in the image by the reverent position of the hands, a gesture of salutation and supplication.

Such images stood in the large temple of the Great God, or were placed in small temples of their own, situated on hill tops, on the banks of rivers, or in gardens. This one was cast from a wax model in the eleventh century when the powerful Chola dynasty ruled South India.

ALVAR, FAITHFUL SAINT
India, Chola Period, 11th Century A.D.
Bronze
lent by George F. Blackford



A GLASS BOWL BY DALÍ

Spanish artists have played a leading role in contemporary art. Pablo Picasso, Juan Gris, Joan Miró and Salvador Dalí are names well known to the general public. Dalí, the designer of this bowl, played an important part in the Surrealist movement for several years and he has always had a flair for the dramatic—in life and in art.

The design for this bowl exhibits the Surrealists' interest in irrational images from the subconscious, the world of dreams. Several of Dalí's familiar symbols, such as the crutch and the sail, are used here. His tendency to work primarily in terms of line, rather than atmospheric light and shade or color, makes it relatively easy for the glass engraver to apply his design to the bowl.

NAUTILUS BOWL

Salvador Dalí, Spanish, 1934
Design for Dalí, 1940
Executed by Marston Glass, Inc., New York
The Hiram & Pauline Collection
Gift by The Cleveland Museum of Art



HEAD OF A WOMAN
Marble, Greek, Early 3rd Century
Gift of Mrs. Leonard C. Moore
Gift by The Cleveland Museum of Art



ALTAR HEAD OF A PRINCESS
Bronze, Benin, Obaland Period, before 1700
The Hiram & Pauline Collection
Gift by The Cleveland Museum of Art

HEAD OF A PRINCESS

Among the tribal arts of Africa are the magnificent bronze sculptures created in the ancient kingdom of Benin, which existed in the territory of Modern Nigeria from the twelfth to the nineteenth centuries. This particular culture, although mute in written record, speaks plainly of its past skills and glory through examples of cunningly cast bronzes such as the "Head of a Princess." It is completely stylized, as is most African art, a portrait head realized in a crisp, clear and highly decorative style. The beaded headdress and coral necklace contrast effectively with the smooth fully rounded cheeks. The intricate play of curves in lips, eyes and necklace are accented by the strong straight upright line of the braid. It is both a subtle and sophisticated work in a style which has markedly influenced and inspired modern art in Europe and America.



ADAGIO

Georg Kolbe's bronze figure "Adagio" (1923) is a work of this important German sculptor's middle years. It stands at a point in his long career where the suffocating effects of a rigid academic training, the influence of the tortured humanism of Rodin, and the elegant manner of the Paris school, have all been put behind him. The careful balance of shapes and volumes, the gentle rhythms in the whole piece and its supporting parts, coupled with a suggested withdrawn and aesthetic mood, characterized all of his work of this period. These elements were almost infinitely varied and refined in the remarkably long creative years that followed. He seldom did groups of figures, but limited his basically lyrical expression to single figures.

The span of his productive life covered some artistically dangerous years. And the evidence of such influences as romanticism, nineteenth-century realism, cubism, and expressionism make their appearance almost in that order. But a considered look at the final accomplishment leaves one satisfied that Kolbe was one of the twentieth century's significant sculptors.

ADAGIO

Georg Kolbe, German, 1877-1947

Bronze, 1923

The Hinman B. Harbut Collection

Lent by The Cleveland Museum of Art

STONE METATE AND ROLLER

This massive sculptured stone metate was used by the Indians of Pre-Columbian Central America for grinding all-important maize into the flour meal from which the staples of their diet were made. The metate itself is more than a mere utensil, it is also a handsome example of the Pre-Columbian peoples' predilections in design and sculpture. It is a solid blocky piece standing on three short legs in the form of a highly stylized beast, powerfully executed in a grotesque style. Probably the serpent head motif which occurs here had some magical significance in relation to maize, since a number of their three-legged metates have been found with the same type of fantastic head. This useful piece of sculpture found in Honduras illustrates the uniquely powerful and highly complex designs of the natives, and it shows, in the roller shaped to fit the grinding surface, their efficient practicality in making useful objects of stone.



METATE AND ROLLER

Stone

Central America, Honduras,
Uluu River Valley

Lent by James Hanks



MASK

This Wooden Head and Face Mask is Mexican and probably comes from the tropical village of Paintla not far from Taxco. It was used in a pagan animal dance which is now part of the Lenten celebrations associated with the blessing of the animals. It is difficult to date art objects of this kind because of their strong regional character and, usually, unique use.

It is carved from a single block of wood. The inside is roughly done but much care has been taken with the outside. The seal or dog-like appearance of the face and head with the ribbing around the mouth and the one blank eye indicate a deliberate procedure.

The use of this type of mask in primitive magical rites is well known and its comic-horrible appearance holds a curious fascination for most of us.

MASK

*Painted wood
Mexico, Paintla, 19th Century
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