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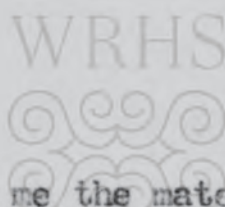
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1956-1957.

November 20, 1956

Mr. Melbourne I. Feltman
Director of Bible Sales
Consolidated Book Publishers
Division of Book Production Industries, Inc.
153 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago 1, Illinois



Dear Mr. Feltman:

Thank you for sending me the material which I am returning under separate cover.

If you plan to come to Cleveland I shall be very pleased to see you so that we can talk further about your project.

With all good wishes I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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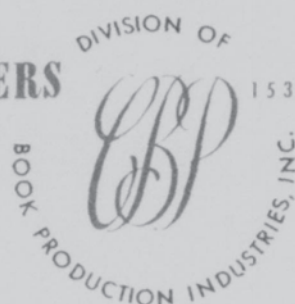


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CHICAGO 1, ILLINOIS

30 November 1956

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

Thank you, Rabbi Silver,

for your very gracious reception to my visit Wednesday. The privilege of talking with you was even more appreciated in view of your incapacitation. I do hope that the meeting did not prove too trying and that your recovery was not retarded from it.

Naturally, everyone associated with the production of the JEWISH FAMILY BIBLE was elated with the news that you had accepted the invitation to write the Foreword for it.

We're very proud that you consider the project worthy enough to contribute to its contents.

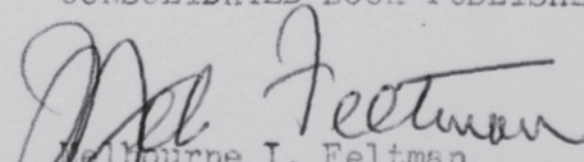
It occurred to me that we had not discussed the manner in which we would express our gratitude to you for writing the Foreword, but I'm sure you will be pleased with our intentions.

Please, Dr Silver, tell Mrs Silver how much I appreciated her kindness and patience.

We'll be looking for your "copy" around the first part of January.

Sincerely,

CONSOLIDATED BOOK PUBLISHERS


Melbourne I. Feltman
Director of Bible Sales

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January 3, 1957

Mr. Melbourne I. Feltman
Consolidated Book Publishers
153 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago 1, Illinois

My dear Mr. Feltman:

Enclosed please find the Foreword which you requested me to write for the "Jewish Family Bible," which you are publishing. I trust that you will find it satisfactory, and I hope that your undertaking will be eminently successful.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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FOREWORD

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

This is the Bible--the Book of Books--the sacred literature of Judaism and mankind's noblest record of faith and man's quest of God and the good life.

The Bible has nourished the hearts and minds of countless generations of men, Jews and non-Jews alike, and has guided, challenged, and comforted the humble and the great, the champions of brotherhood, justice and peace and those who have sought to redeem life from all forms of fear, evil and oppression. It is inextricably bound up with the culture, ethics, history, art and literature of half the world.

In this incomparable religious literature repose not alone the basic doctrines, teachings and practices of Judaism, but also the chronicle of Israel's early history and the immortal utterances of its seers and prophets who carved new highways for man's spiritual and social progress. In their highest ranges these writings attain to a power and majesty of expression which are aglow with a solemn and ageless beauty. This beauty of holiness pervades them regardless of the literary form in which they are cast, be they lyric or psalm, prayer or prophecy, proverb or parable.

"Turn it round and round again, for everything is in it," the sages of later times said of the Bible. The whole, colorful panorama of life is here, the sweep and scope of the timeless tapestry of humanity. Much is not made manifest to the casual eye. While it is neither cryptic nor occult, the Bible, on occasion, does not yield up its hidden treasures except to those who dive deep for them.

The books of the bible are ancient documents and, as in all such cases, time has blurred the clear meaning of some of its original words,

phrases and allusions. Here the aid of a good commentary may help one to surmount the obscure passage and will enhance the enjoyment and profit of Bible reading and study.

The Bible is a book about God and the eternal laws which He set for the just governance of human society. It is also a book about man, all classes and conditions of men, the wise and the simple, the rich and the poor, the just and the unjust, those who suffer and those who inflict suffering, those who love greatly and by their love are exalted, and those who hate and by their hatred are destroyed. The Bible knows all the travail of the human heart, all the sorrows of men, their hopes and their frustrations, their passions and their tribulations. Somewhere in its pages every man will find the counter-part of his own personal problems and, possibly, also the key to their solution.

The aim of the inspired authors of the books of the Bible was to help men find their way through the confusions and entanglements of life, to give them faith to face their destiny with dignity and courage and to summon them to discover the supreme meaning of life in obeying the will of God and in building the good society on earth.

Open, then, its pages reverently and peruse them lovingly. Here, God speaks to man of statutes and ordinances, of justice and loving-kindness, and here man pours out his burdened soul to his Maker. Here is man's patent of nobility as a child of God, fashioned in His image. Here is edification, challenge and consolation. Here all men may find "a lamp to their feet, a light to their path."

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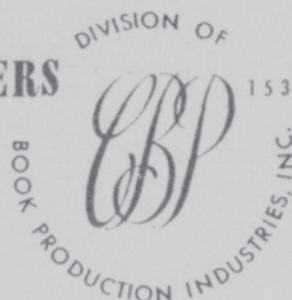
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153 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE • ANDOVER 3-1270

CHICAGO 1, ILLINOIS

7 January 1957

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

May I say, Rabbi Silver,

beauty is a thing of life and your inspired ability to express your thoughts so masterfully is a thing of beauty.

How proud we are to have your name as a contributor to the new JEWISH FAMILY BIBLE. Your principled cooperation was especially appreciated.

It will be my pleasure to send to you one of the first bound copies. When the Bibles are in full production we will be glad to send as many more copies as you would like to have for gifts to your family and close friends.

At this moment it is still difficult to determine the exact date the Bible will be released, but just as soon as I have something more definite to report, I will contact you.

At this time, too, I want to express enthusiastic appreciation for the autographed copy of your book "Where Judaism Differed." I'm half way through and I'm eager to finish it because of the wider vistas of understanding it is opening for me.

Please convey my warm regards to the very gracious Mrs Silver.

Sincerely,

CONSOLIDATED BOOK PUBLISHERS

Melbourne I. Feltman

Director of Bible Sales

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January 18, 1957

Mr. Melbourne I. Feltman
Consolidated Book Publishers
153 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago 1, Illinois

My dear Mr. Feltman:

Thank you so much for your letter of January 7 which I read upon my return from a short vacation in Florida.

I am pleased that you liked my forward which I wrote at your request for the "Jewish Family Bible". I trust that your project will be very successful.

I should like to refer to your letter of November 30 in which you stated, "It occurred to me that we had not discussed the manner in which we would express our gratitude to you for writing the Foreword, but I'm sure you will be pleased with our intentions."

I should be very happy to hear from you in this connection.

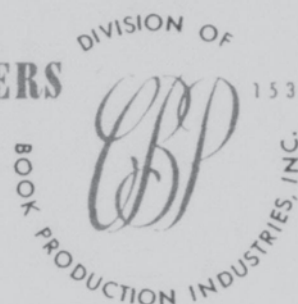
With warmest regards I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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CHICAGO 1, ILLINOIS

29 January 1957

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

Believe me, Rabbi Silver,

no specific amount of money can express the true appreciation we have for the privilege of including your name in the new Jewish Family Bible.

The enclosed check is in the amount suggested by you and we also wish to repeat our intention to send an adequate number of copies of the Bible for you to give to your close family if you like.

It is quite possible I will take advantage of an opportunity to have reason to visit with you again, at which time I will deliver one of the first copies off the press to you.

Sincerely,

CONSOLIDATED BOOK PUBLISHERS

Melbourne I. Feltman
Melbourne I. Feltman
Director of Bible Sales

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January 30, 1957

Mr. Melbourne I. Feltman
Director of Bible Sales
Consolidated Book Publishers
153 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago 1, Illinois

My dear Mr. Feltman:

Thank you for your kind note of January 29 and for the check which you enclosed.

Please come in to see me any time you are in Cleveland. I shall be most happy to see you.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Telephone: ANdover 3-1270



Menorah Press

153 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE • CHICAGO 1, ILLINOIS

13 May 1957

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

It is my pleasure, Rabbi Silver,

to report that our Jewish Family Bible is completed, and the day of its release to the public is rapidly approaching.

In preparation for this historic event in Jewish life, we must assure the most widespread and enthusiastic reception for the Jewish Family Bible.

To this end, the Rabbis associated with me in the editing and preparation of this work join with me in turning to you for assistance of the highest order.

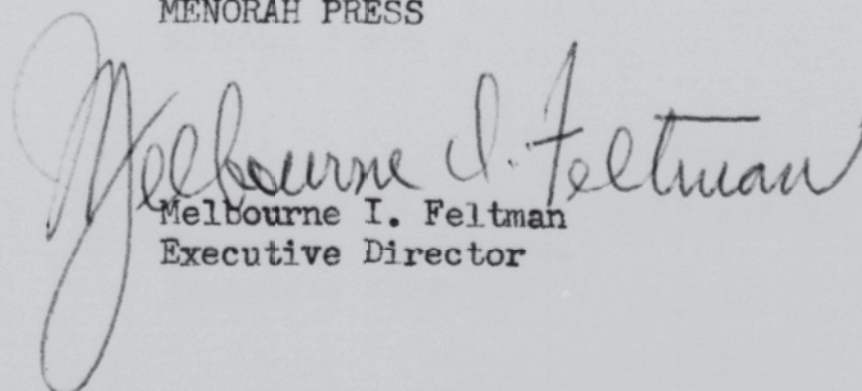
We ask if you, who have already helped and graced our project by your beautiful foreword, will, further, through your good offices and high standing at the White House, present the first copy of the Jewish Family Bible to President Eisenhower. We, of course, will handle the necessary arrangements and expenses involved.

I eagerly and hopefully await your affirmative reply.

With every good wish, and our endless gratitude, I am,

Sincerely yours,

MENORAH PRESS


Melbourne I. Feltman
Executive Director

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May 16, 1957

Mr. Melbourne I. Feltman
Executive Director
Menorah Press
153 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago 1, Illinois

My dear Mr. Feltman:

Thank you for your letter of May 13th.

I am happy to learn that the JEWISH FAMILY BIBLE is completed and that it will soon be released to the people.

I regret that I am unable to comply with your request to present the first copy of the JEWISH FAMILY BIBLE to President Eisenhower.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Menorah Press

153 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE • CHICAGO 1, ILLINOIS

27 May 1957

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

It was with regret, Rabbi Silver,

that we received your letter. We certainly appreciate what you have done and we understand that your busy schedule does not allow for extra unexpected details of appointments.

Under separate cover we are sending you a first copy of the Jewish Family Bible. Your comments will be eagerly anticipated.

Sincerely,

MENORAH PRESS

Melbourne I. Feltman
Melbourne I. Feltman
Executive Director

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June 10, 1957

Mr. Melbourne I. Feltman
Executive Director
Menorah Press
153 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago 1, Illinois

My dear Mr. Feltman:

I received, a few days ago, the copy of the Jewish Family Bible which you sent me. I was very happy to receive it.

It is indeed a beautiful Bible -- the type clear and pleasant to read -- the illustrations in color, artistic and impressive -- the introduction to the Books of the Bible informative and scholarly -- the encyclopedic dictionary at the end, superlative and a treasure-house of information.

You are to be congratulated on this altogether superb Jewish Family Bible which should be very welcome in every Jewish home.

Very cordially yours,

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Telephone: ANdover 3-1270



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153 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE • CHICAGO 1, ILLINOIS

13 June 1957

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

Your most warming letter, Rabbi Silver,

was even more than I dared hope for. From my point of view which, of course, was slanted, I felt that the completed edition of the Jewish Family Bible was a wonderful unfoldment of inspired thought on the part of everyone who took part in its design, compilation, and production.

The copy you have is really only a "proof" copy. Within a short while you will receive several actual full run copies which we hope you will use for presentation to your sons, your Temple librarian, who has already requested one, and any other person close to you whom you feel would appreciate it.

If in the future my plans include a trip to Cleveland I do hope I will have the privilege of a visit with you.

Sincerely and gratefully,

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Melbourne I. Feltman
Executive Director

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

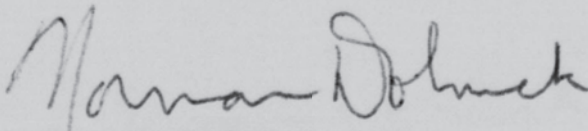
Dear Dr. Silver:

On the occasion of his 76th birthday, the Menorah Press will present Cecil B. DeMille with a copy of the Jewish Family Bible.

Mr. DeMille has been advised of this presentation and he expressed a desire for your inscription. We also are asking Rabbi David de Sola Pool and the co-editors to write a few comments in the same book.

The Menorah Press is sending you a copy of the Bible in which you can place your inscription on the blank page facing the presentation page. We then would appreciate your returning the Bible to us.

Sincerely yours,


Norman Dolnick

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July 11, 1957

Mr. Norman Dolnick
Harshe-Rotman, Inc.
8 South Dearborn Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Mr. Dolnick:

Thank you for your letter of July 9th which I am taking the liberty of acknowledging in Dr. Silver's absence from the country.

The Jewish Family Bible, which you say the Menorah Press is sending to Dr. Silver for his inscription, has not, up to this writing, been received here. However, since your letter does not state the date of Mr. Cecil B. DeMille's birthday and Dr. Silver is not expected back until the beginning of September, it might be advisable for you to advise whether the Bible should be held here for Dr. Silver's return.

Sincerely,

Miss Sophia Levine
Secretary to Dr. Silver

September 5, 1957

Harshe-Rotman, Inc.,
8 South Dearborn Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Attention: Mr. Norman Dolnick

Gentlemen:

Dr. Silver has asked that I return to you the copy of the Jewish Family Bible which he has inscribed to Cecil B. DeWille on the occasion of his 76th birthday.

The Bible is being forwarded under separate cover.

Sincerely,

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Miss Sophia Levine
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