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Moses and the Original Torah, miscellaneous acknowledgements, 1961-1963.

PUBLIC SQUARE CLEVELAND 13. OHIO

August 28, 1961

TELEPHONE CHERRY 1-4600

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This is an official invitation inviting you to be our guest on Monday, November B th, to autograph copies of your new book MOSES AND THE ORIGINAL TORAH. We are most delighted that you have accepted.

Please let me know if you would like us to arrange for an interview on radio and television and if you will have time to give us if such an interview is arranged. I will keep you posted as to the exact hours of the autograph party and all other particulars as the promotion unfolds itself.

Many many thanks to you for your kindness in cooperating with us.

Sincerely, addin

Anne Udin - Buyer Book Department

AU/mrd

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

October 23, 1961 Miss Lois Miller The Higbee Company Public Square Cleveland, Ohio Dear Miss Miller: As requested, I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Temple Membership list. Confirming our phone conversation of this morning, the time of 1:00 to 2:00 P.M., on Monday, November thirteenth for the autograph party is satisfactory. The list of guests for the luncheon at moon on that day will be mailed to you later in the week and Dr. Silver will phone you regarding the tape recording for WENS. With all good wishes, Very sincerely yours, Beatrice F. May (Mrs.) Secretary to Dr. Silver Enclosure

RABBI SOLOMON B. FREEHOF, D. D. RODEF SHALOM TEMPLE FIFTH AND MOREWOOD AVENUES PITTSBURGH 13, PENNSYLVANIA October 26, 1961 Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple East 105th Street and Silver Park Cleveland 6, Ohio Dear Abba: MacMillan and Company sent me a copy of your new book, Moses and the Original Torah. I read it last evening and I was astonished. From the very beginning, I realized that here was an original analysis of the Torah. It is very hard to believe that after a century of Biblical analyses on the part of the European and American scholars that it would be possible any more to do something so entirely new. It is truly remarkable. The whole concept is surprising. First, that the Torah of Moses was primarily ethical, and therefore it was not the Prophets who introduced the ethical idealism in Judaism. Then there was the new idea that the real loyalty to the Torah of Moses was in the northern kingdom, not in the southern kingdom which we have been inclined to honor more. Also, that the priests in the northern kingdom considered themselves descendants of Aaron and Moses and not of Levi; that the "ancestor" of the south was Abraham and of the north, Jacob. And that in general the south emphasized the Patriarchs and the north emphasized Moses. I am sure that professional Biblical scholars will pour out their vials of wrath against so radical a thesis, but I have nothing but admiration for its originality and its logic. Congratulations to you. As ever, Solomon B. Freehof SBF:t

October 30, 1961 Dear Miss Miller: I am enclosing a list of names and addresses of the guests who are to receive invitations to the luncheon on Monday, November 13th. You will note there are fifteen names, including Dr. and Mrs. Silver. However, Mr. Krohngold will be out of the city that day so there will be just fourteen. Dr. Silver requests that Mr. Wrohngold receive an invitation anyway. With best wishes Cordially, Beatrice F. May (Mrs. Lee J. May) Secretary to Dr. Silver Enclosure

NAME	ADDRESS	ZONE
Mr. A.M. Luntz	Luntz Iron & Steel Co. The Hanna Building	15
Mr. Edgar A. Hahn	800 Nati nal City-E. 5th Rldg.	14
Mr. Bertram J. Krohngol	ld - The Krohngold Shoe Company 339 St. Clair Ave. N.W.	13
Mrs. George Furth	13700 Fairhill Road	20
Mr. Leo/Neumark	Tremco Mfg. Co. 8701 Kinsman	4
Mr. Raphael/Silver	1207 Superior Fldg. 815 Superior Ave.	15
Mr. Sidney/Weitz	Seader Suilding Sea Superior Ave.	14
Mrs. Albert J. Goodman	7018 Gates Mills Blvd. Gates Mills, Ohio	
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	1106 Citizens Bldg. 14	
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Rabbi Milton Matz	c/o The Temple	
Mr. Frank E. Joseph	Union Commerce Building 925 Euclid ave. 14	
Mrs. Eugene Geismer	15800 So. Woodland Rd. 20	
Dr. & Mrs. Abba Hillel	Silver - 19810 Shaker Blvd. 22	

November 1, 1961 My dear Sol: Let me thank you for your kind letter of October 26th. Yours is the first reaction which I have received to my book "Moses and the Original Torah" and I need not tell you that I am deeply moved by your estimate of it. I know that it will arouse considerable criticism but I have long wanted to write about this man Moses whom so many historians and Biblical critics have pushed out to some sort of vague periphery. If I get any real "hot" reviews of the book which will be published November 15th, I will send them to you. With warmest regards to you and Lillian, I remain As ever yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS :b£m Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof Rodef Shalom Temple Fifth and Morewood Avenues Pittsburgh 13, Pennsylvania

The Temple EAST 105 TSTREET & SILVER PARK Cleveland 6. Ohio TELEPHONE: SWEETBRIAR 1-7755 ABBA HILLEL SILVER DANIEL JEREMY SILVER LEO S. BAMBERGER MILTON MATZ RABBIS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ASSOCIATE RABBI November 1, 1961 Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver c/o The Temple East 105th and Silver Park Cleveland 6, Ohio My Dear Rabbi:

On behalf of all the members of The Temple as well as myself, I want to take this means of congratulating you upon the completion and now the publishing of your newest book "Moses and The Original Torah".

Of course, I have not yet read this book, but I am looking forward to it with great anticipation. I understand this volume is rather a controversial one, but I assure you that I shall accept your facts and statements as outlined in the book.

I wish you much success and hope for several printings of this book.

Connie and I will be out of the city on November 13th, otherwise we would visit you at your autograph party on that day. Hope this will be a happy afternoon for you.

With all good wishes.

Cordially yours,

Bertram J. Krohngold

President

You're invited to an autograph party honoring your noted religious leader

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Monday, November 13th from 1 to 2 p.m.

Higbee Book Shop, Fifth Floor, Downtown

Rabbi Silver will greet his friends and autograph copies of his newest book, "Moses and The Original Torah" If you are unable to attend, phone CH 1-4600 for your autographed copy, 3.50.



Public Square Cleveland 13, Ohio



PUBLIC SQUARE CLEVELAND 13. OHIO TELEPHONE CHERRY 1-4600

November 2, 1961

Dear Mrs. Bing:

It gives us great pleasure to invite you to a luncheon honoring Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, on the occasion of his appearance at Higbee's to autograph his just-published book, "Moses and the Original Torah."

Luncheon will be at 12 noon on Monday, November 13th, in the Fern Room on Higbee's Tenth Floor.

We would appreciate your confirming your attendance by calling us at CHerry 1-4600, extension 766.

Sincerely,

Lois Miller Special Events

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# Euclid Avenue Congregational Church

Euclid Avenue at East Ninety-Sixth Street, Cleveland 6, Ohio

William Alexander Leath, D. D.

Donald C. Armstrong Associate Minister

Ferdinand Q. Blanchard, D. D. Minister Emeritus

Ellen J. Lohr Christian Education

Uincent H. Percy Organist and Choirmaster

Dear Rabbi Selver: "1/12/61

me a notable book, the more remarkable breamse it comesout of a heavy program of work in your service as Rabbi.

Have you Ever discussed in print-the issue of affairs which might-have resultered Jesus had not been put to death? I would like to know if you

for the book and your sciendary Curdially



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

Dear Uncle Abba,

I was delighted to receive your latest book "Moses and the Original Torah." I shall read it with great pleasure - and profit.

Warmest thanks - and our love to

Virginia and the children.

As ever,

Philip Bernstein

RODEF SHOLOM SYNAGOGUE JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

November 13,1961

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,

I was quite interested to learn from your current Temple bulletin about the new volume which you have published: Moses and the Original Torah. My specific area of interest has always been in Biblical criticism and archaeology, and I am therefore all the more anxious to secure a copy of your book.

May I then request that you have your office send and bill me for one copy...and I would be honored to have it autographed. Although I do get to visit the home-town Cleveland every once in a while, I doubt whether I could make it today for the "autograph party" at Higbee's!

Again, I shall be grateful to you for your kindness in the above-mentioned matter, and trust that this finds you and yours in good health.

Very sincerely yours,

Wathan College

(aded -11/15/6)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 16200 EUCLID AVENUE EAST CLEVELAND 12, OHIO nov 14,196 HOWARD MYERS WELLS MINISTER Dear Gabbi Silver: Frank you so much for the Thosen. Ishall had it with interest from start to finish and must will will enjoy it time. Thinking hat Theen a stiduculation to my obinking book ax preacher and Laitigen and Land Jam grateful. for it. Veleen it a great kathefaction That I have some to know byour personally and I delight In friends. Tyou as one of my with very best wishes for your continuing ministry Jour serroual health and happiness and aluding Antisportions, I ambally Howard Melle

# THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY OBERLIN COLLEGE OBERLIN, OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF NEW TESTAMENT THOMAS S. KEPLER November 14, 1961

Dear Rabbi Silver

I saw your new book advertised last week, and was alerting myself to get a copy; and then this afternoon the copy came from you with your autograph! It is most gracious of you to send me the copy; and I am anxious to get into it this evening. Many, many thanks to you.

I have had a new interest in Moses in recent preaching after reading Deuteronomy 34 last July on Mount Nebo, after being in Egypt but a few days previous, where I saw the monumental memories of Ramses II, and had also 'experienced' the overnight trip by sleeper from Cairo to Luxor. So I have used Moses for my illustration, and the scripture from Deuteronomy 34, my topic being: RELIGION FOR THE LONG PULL, which Moses certainly had!

Again my deep gratitude to you for the book, and my good wishes to you in every way.

Most sincerely yours,

Thomas S. Kepler

### Plymouth Church of Shaker Heights

Coventry and Weymouth Roads

Cleveland 20, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me an autographed copy of your new book 'MOSES AND THE ORIGINAL TORAH".

I am delighted to have this and shall always treasure it. The tiny samplings I have made here and there make me eager to read the book in its entirety. It is marked with the same incisive insights that we have come to associate with your papers and comments at the Alathian Club meetings.

With kindest regards, I am,

Robert J. Blakesley

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver 19810 Shaker Boulevard Shaker Heights 22, Ohio

RIB/c November 14, 1961 BOOKSHOP



CLEVELAND 13, OHIO

November 15, 1961

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It was a great joy and a real pleasure to have you here as our guest. Besides, I must tell you that we sold many hundreds of books which certainly helped to make me very happy. We will continue to do everything we can to keep the book before the public.

Do thank Mrs. Silver for standing by and for being so helpful. Greetings to you both.

Sincerely,

Anne Udin - Buyer Book Department

AU/mrd

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

3315 Chalfant Road Shaker Hts. 20 Nov. 15, 61

Dear Dr. Silver -

It was most kind of you to send Dr. Olson your book an The Torah. He looked so pleased when I took it to him, and I know he will read it eagerly, as he has your previous books -

It is making good progress since his very alvere stroke in June; but, as you know, it is slow, slow - He is walking, with a brace and a case, and his speech is returning markedly. His right arm is still helpless - so I am writing you at his request. His vision, hearing, and his good clear mind were not affected, and since there is definite and continual infrovement in walking and speech was have much to be grateful for - He is still at The Lamp", near Berea, where he gets helpful therapy-

best wishes of both of us to you and was silver - Sincerely, Edith K-Olson

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#### AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES

CLIFTON AVENUE . CINCINNATI 20, OHIO

November 15, 1961

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver Congregation Tifereth Israel East 105th Street and Ansel Road Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I cannot tell you how thrilled I was to receive a copy of Moses and the Original Torah.

I know that I shall enjoy reading it.

It was kind of you to think of me, and I am deeply grateful.

With all good wishes to you, Wirginia, and the boys, I am

Jacob R. Marcu

115 East 92 Street New York 28, N. Y.

November 15, 1961

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple East 105th Street and Silver Park Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I was very happy to receive the inscribed copy of your "Moses."

After leafing through the book last night, I have the distinct impression that it is a most important work. I eagerly look forward to reading it in its entirety.

Thank you again.

As ever,

Harold P. Manson

HPM:scf

N. L. DAUBY
1223 NATIONAL CITY BANK BUILDING
CLEVELAND 14, OHIO

November 17, 1961

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple East 105th & Silver Park Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I want to thank you for your book "Moses and the Original Torah". I also want to thank you for the inscription which I appreciate very much. I know I will take great pleasure in reading it.

From one of your many admirers,

Mate Louby

NLD:D



ROIC. DAVIS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

November 17, 1961.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thanks so much for your thoughtfulness in sending me your autographed copy of "Moses and the Original Torah". Am looking forward with real anticipation to reading it.

I hear you have a new grandchild. Mazeltov: This is wonderful news. We hope to visit in Cleveland within the next few weeks, and will see you at that time.

Fondest regards to Virginia and the growing family, in which Leona joins.

Cordially,

MH:M

## Heights Christian Church + + +

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November 17, 1961

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver 19810 Shaker Blvd. Cleveland 22, Ohio

My dear friend:

It was so kind and thoughtful of you to send me your latest book on Moses. I shall enjoy reading it and profitting from your rich scholarship and wisdom.

I do hope it has a wide sale. It will be a treasured addition to my library.

Gratefully yours,

Waymon Parsons

WP:db

## Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF THE UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

CINCINNATI NEW YORK LOS ANGELES

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Office of the President

Movember 20, 1961

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

Dear Abba:

Thank you very much for the autographed copy of your new book, "Moses and the Original Torah." It is wonderful that you have found the time to keep up your research and writing, and we are proud of you and of your accomplishments.

You may have received by this time a copy of my Board Report, together with the appended announcement of the fact that Fritz Bamber er is joining our academic and executive family. He will start actively with us on January 1st.

One of the things which will come under his jurisdiction is the exceedingly important development of the Alumni Overseers, of which you have been good enough to take the chairmanship. He will in due course get in touch with you to get your suggestions and recommendations with regard to it.

I have been travelling around the country like mad since I last saw you at the meeting of the Alumni Overseers, which you chaired in Cincinnati. My travels have mostly been concerned with raising money for the Development Fund for American Judaism. We need to pay the banks a million dollars on December 31st of this year, and sometimes I feel a little desperate about the situation. However, I am certain that somehow or other, the money will be raised to enable us to pay the banks the three and a half million dollars which we have borrowed from them.

I am particularly grateful to you for your deep interest in your Alma Mater and everything which affects its welfare.

With best regards, I remain as ever

Sincerely,

Nelson Glueck

The HIGBEE Company November 21, 1961 PUBLIC SQUARE TELEPHONE CLEVELAND 13. OHIO CHERRY 1-4600 Mrs. Beatrice F. May Secretary to Dr. Silver The Temple East 105th Street and Silver Park Cleveland 6, Ohio Dear Mrs. May: Enclosed are copies of the letter and card which we mailed in conjunction with Dr. Silver's appearance at Highee's. If there is anything further I might send you, won't you let me know.

lm/s

Sincerely,

Lois Miller Special Events

RABBI DUDLEY WEINBERG TEMPLE EMANU-EL B'NE JESHURUN 2419 E. KENWOOD BLVD. MILWAUREE 11, WISCONSIN November 21, 1961. Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, The Temple, University Circle at Silver Park, Cleveland 6, Ohio. Dear Dr. Silver: Mazel Tov! Your Temple bulletin informs me of the publication of your new volume on Moses. I can think of a thousand ways of complimenting you on this latest fruit of your scholarship and your questing spirit. None is more to the point than the question, "where can I get a copy?" Please let me know who published the book so that I can order one. May the birth of this latest child of your mind and spirit bring you much joy. Faithfully, RABBI DUDLEY WE INBERG DW/cs



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november 22, 1961 Rabbi abba Stillel Silver

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UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF THE UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

CINCINNATI NEW YORK LOS ANGELES CLIFTON AVENUE · CINCINNATI 20, OHIO
Office of the Provost

November 24, 1961

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you so much for your courtesy in sending me "Moses and the Original Torah." I have only just begun to read it and it seems so far fascinating. I look forward to reading the remainder in the very near future.

Warmest good wishes.

Cordially,

Samuel Sandmel

EUGENE M. ZEIDMAN
SUITE 618-19 MASSEY BUILDING
BIRMINGHAM 3, ALA.
PHONE AL 2-0267

November 25, 1961

Dear Abba,

Ida and I both thank you for your book "Moses and the Original Torah".

I had either forgotten or never realized what a troublesome people God chose as a shining example to the other nations.

As I read the book, it struck me that perhaps those who have perforce adopted variations of our ancient Code of Ethics subconsciously resent its imposition upon them, but then neither are our own people angels.

The sweeping changes in man's concepts of good and evil in those few words Moses brought our ancestors is fascinating to contemplate and as a layman, I appreciate the opportunity your book afforded to capture those thoughts.

When may we expect something equally worthwhile dedicated to our Sarah Jean.

Affectionately,

November 27, 1961 My dear Dudley: Thank you so much for your kind note. I have requested my secretary to send you a copy of my new book, "Moses and the Original Torah", which was again published by The Macmillan Company. With warmest regards, I remain Most cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS :bfm Rabbi Dudley Weinberg Temple Emanu-El Jeshurun 2419 Kenwood Boulevard Milwaukee 11, Wisconsin South book + hill

# THE DROPSIE COLLEGE FOR HEBREW AND COGNATE LEARNING PHILADELPHIA

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

November 30, 1961

Dear Doctor Silver:

I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending me the autographed copy of your "Moses and the Original Torah."

Your treatment is exciting and challenging. It is a valiant attempt to save a remnant of Torah from the avalanche of Higher Criticism. Your occasional summoning of the ancient Rabbis as witnesses to testify to the plausibility of your reconstructions is original and ingenious. But I venture to believe that were these ancients to come to life they would prove mighty recalcitrant witnesses! Nevertheless, I congratulate you upon this work which is from every standpoint a tour de force.

With every good wish and high regard.

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM A. NEUMAN

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

O come to us, abide with us Our lord Emmanuel!

Thank you es much for the book. I am delighted with

THE DREWS

" (nes" New York, December 4th 1961. Dear Rabbi, Theare accept the expression of my most sincere gratitude for your kind delication in your book, nones " sout to me by my good sinter tera tile ton. I feel greatly honored and your book with dedication will always be considered as one of my most treasured belongings. gratefully yours Signar Tungburger

Dear Aunt Virgenia - Uncle allaweire heard the wonderful reports of hace Abba's new hook and would love to have do autographed copy for aux library be consider lincle Abbai hacks some & are proudest possessions Our Diena did us proved

or, the occasion of her Bas mitz vas. he were only farry your cauldat he with is It was a real nachas for whale family. the were happy to hear of the herth of your newest grandsheld, and hope someday saon to be able to meet your "graining family. Love from us all. Selvia + Makinan



### SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH FAIRMOUNT AT COVENTRY CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

December 6, 1961

Dear Rabbi Silver:

What a delightful surprise it was to receive your latest publication on Moses and the original Torah. My wife and I both look forward to reading it with great pleasure and are deeply appreciative for the gift.

With warmest wishes.

Faithfully yours,

W. Chave McCracken

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver 19810 Shaker Blvd. Cleveland 22, Ohio RABBI LEON I. FEUER. D. D.

COLLINGWOOD AVENUE TEMPLE

TOLEDO 10. OHIO

December 13, 1961

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

I caught a cold this past week but enjoyed it. I spent two days in bed reading "Moses And The Original Torah". I found it exciting, just like a detective story. I am not a Biblical scholar but it seems to me that you have made an excellent case for your thesis -- clear, concise and well documented. I imagine it will be very controversial and it will be interesting to see what the reviewers write. Two groups are bound to be furious -- the Orthodox and the conventional Biblical critics.

Thank you for sending me the book.

Hortense joins me in sending our love to Virginia and yourself.

AS EVEL,

Rabbi Leon I Feuer

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## THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY OBERLIN COLLEGE

OBERLIN, OHIO

December 26, 1961

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver 19810 Shaker Boulevard Shaker Heights, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This is just a brief note to thank you most heartily for sending me a copy of your new book. It is, I am sure, a really important contribution, particularly to mutual understanding between Jews and Christians in our time. Tom Kepler tells me that he is very appreciative of the careful scholarship which went into the making of the book. As one who is not an expert in the biblical field, I can only say that I find the story of Moses told in a moving and relevant way which holds the reader's interest very closely.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Roger Hazelton

Dean

SOLOMON COHEN ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR II WEST 42 STREET NEW YORK 36, N.Y. Docember 76 1961 TELEPHONE LONGACRE 5-5880 My Lear abba: the autographed copyly "Moses and and the original Torah! I took advantage of the past week of holiology, read it and added to my store of knowledge it which four may be truly proud a scholarly wart which you may be truly proud you may be truly proud. It and I have buthouses Ill. As I read how many of green had erased the name of green Natshepont, how menhotes I had carried out a thoroughgoing revolution against The out of Amon, and had chiveled out from some monuments the name of his own tracker and Jhis ancestr father Amenhotep III, and Jhis ancestr but their of what Stalin did to but think of what Stalin did to Trotsky and what Stahin to your sermon Building Walls in and start quotation and the top 126/15 10 16 for the town with are wishes to linginea Anna wishes to be to were yours for

Mrs. Helen A. Levine 13789 Cedar Road Cleveland, Ohio Dear Rabbi Silver: I hitened to your TV interview last night and I wish To express my gratification for the spportunity of hearing you on your new book, when we received it at the Bureau Jawish Education Lebrary I read it before I made it available to our readers. Since I cannot attend any of your Sunday morning talks at the Temple I was delighted to be able to hear you on TV. and your views expressed last

night of great interest and thought provoking. The TV interview, I had a number Stadditional requests for the book at the library. Our waiting list for it is quite long and growing. lind continue to write 1 750 Surrerely Helen Levine

6 90 Nathfield Pd. January 3, 1961 Dear Rabbi Silver, It was a wonderful privelege to hear you last night. Thank God for you and Dorothy Full theim. De could have lestened for hours more. The are writing to mir Fuldheimand hope that we are one of many, to plead with her to have more of these talks. The hope you will want to do this too. The do not live in the City and it is difficult to come in. I hank our God for television and thank you for giving of your time. Mery sencerely, Mers. amalia Giammo norma Giammo and friends.

I listent last rute & your of planation of your latest book you swely ded gourselfand the florish people proud. Somehow there is people brought faith. Part of our who came to Plymonth Rock are infants compared & our Horryears. Thorteragain Gerard Ratner (V, Showiew Jun 3-62

Dead Rassi, 0600 Many thanks for your himd, letter of Dec 13. I accepted the around my in the name of Cleveland Jerry. The jot we do in clevelant is being done by all. This makes our community Do great.

I listent last rute & your of planation of your latest book you swely ded gowselfand the Jewish somehow there is people brought faith. Part of our who came to Plymonth Rock are infants compared & our Hors years. Thorte again Gerard Ratner Jun 3-62 (V) Showiew

T.V. "Three" Cleveland TEMPLE MEMORIAL The Home of Funerals" 8937 EUCLID AVENUE CLEVELAND 6. OHIO January 5th, 1962 Office of LEONARD S. LABOWITCH Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland Ohio Dear Rabbi Silver: Your stimulating presentation Wednesday evening truly delighted Edith and me - not alone because you were, as always, articulate, but that you projected your personality over a medium which is all too often, not very thought provoking. With warmest regards, s sincerely, LSL-R S. Labowitch

### FAIRMOUNT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS 18, OHIO 6 January 1962

RICHARD PACINI, MINISTER

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I want to express my deep appreciation on receipt of a copy of your book, "Moses and the Original Torah."

At a recent meeting of the Alathians, Tom Keppler and I agreed that we had nowhere seen as fine a statement as your chapter on Moses.

I remain amazed and inspired by the depth and range of your scholarship, and encouraged by the warmth of your personal friendship.

Sincerely,

Drek Parini

RP/swg

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple East 105th Street and Silver Park Cleveland 6, Ohio

January 8, \$962

My dear Dorothy:

I am so happy to learn that the station is making available a transcript of our television interview of last Tuesday evening. I want to thank you for this generous act which I have acknowledged to Mr. James Hanrahan.

From all sides I have been hearing very complimentary comments on our interview. Your sympathy with the book and the author were both reflected in the interview.

With warmest regards in which Virginia joins me, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Miss Dorothy Fuldheim Television Station WEWS 3001 Euclid Avenge Cleveland 15, Ohio

JAMES C. HANRAHAN 3001 EUCLID AVENUE CLEVELAND 15, OHIO 10 January 1962 My dear Rabbi Silver: It was extrordinarily kind of you to take the time to write your letter of January 8th concerning your highly valued appearance on WEWS with Dorothy Fuldheim. As a matter of fact, all of us in Scripps-Howard are grateful to the Temple for its willingness to place a kinescope film of the program in its permanent archives. Here is the kinescope film of the program. You'll discover that it is inferior in quality to the tape that actually was used on your broadcast. The original tape would be useless to you or the Temple because very special facilities, not regular film projectors, are required to play it back after it is made. I mention this because perhaps you and others at the Temple will be looking at this kinescope film; and I want to assure you that your original appearance in the actual program on WEWS was perfect as to quality as if inspired by your own magnificent words and presence. Yours cordially, Jemes C. Hamalan Abba Hillel Silver The Temple East 105th Street & Silver Park Cleveland 6, Ohio

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#### RABBI ARMOND E. COHEN

CLEVELAND, OHIO

January 11, 1962

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

Beloved Friend:

Many many thanks to you for sending me your book, and for the warm inscription, which I treasure. I started in on it last night and I see it is something to chew on for a while.

Since we did not discuss it, nobody will accuse us of plagiarizing each other's sermon topics this week. It must have been mental telepathy, brought about by the cold weather!

As ever,

# THE DROPSIE COLLEGE FOR HEBREW AND COGNATE LEARNING

PHILADELPHIA January 14, 1962

Dr. Abba Millel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Please pardon my delay in acknowledging your thoughtfulness in sending me your book, Moses and the Original Torah. I appreciate its kind inscription. The reason for my not writing was that I have not been well but am now fully recovered.

I read your book with deep interest and was impressed with its sound learning and mastery of style. Moses comes alive in your book, an achievement which very few scholars have been able to do. You have done a magnificent job and I congratulate you most heartily. Your book is an excellent and comprehensive study of the "real character of Moses and the essential message of the Torah."

The book is certain to have a deep influence on the readers, both scholars and laymen.

I am not ready to agree with your reference to the so called Oumran Community. I am also puzzled by your statement that "the synagogue was established everywhere, even within the precincts of the Temple itself." In the Mishne Middoth and the Jewish War, by Josephus, wherein detailed descriptions are given about the chambers in the Temple, no mention is made about a synagogue in the Temple. Mowever these details do not diminish the great value of your excellent book.

With warm greetings to you and Mrs. Silver, I am

Cordially,

Solomon Zeitlin



January 16th 1962

Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, THE TEMPLE, Ansel Rd at E. 105th Cleveland 6, Chio.

Dear Dr. Silver,

Please accept my sincere thanks for your valuable gift to me - your book on "MCSES and the Original Torah".

I am sure I shall find a treasure of information and knowledge in your work, but on receiving it today I want to tell you how much I appreciate your kind thought.

With the hope that I shall have the pleasure of meeting with you again in Israel in the near future, and my sincerest wishes.

Cordially yours,

A. KHINIZI

Mayor.

January 17, 1962 My dear Dr. Zeitlin: I was very happy to hear from you and to learn that you have recovered from your illness. Please stay well. I am very pleased that you like my "MOSES AND THE ORIGINAL TORAH". I have received some very fine reactions to it from many sources. With reference to the matter of the synagogue in the Temple area, I was following the tradition based, as you know, on Mishna, Yoma, 7.1 and also in Sotah, 7.8. George Foot Moore in his "Judaism", II page 12 following seems also to have accepted this tradition. He writes:" Significant evidence of this is the existence within the Temple precincts of the synagogue for the priests, etc., etc. This tradition is also referred to in the new Hebrew Encyclopedia (Israel under the article B T KENESET) I do hope I have the pleasure of seeing you before long. With warmest regards, I remain Most cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:bfm Dr. Solomon Zeitlin The Dropsie College Philadelphia, Pa.

THE DIRECTOR

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January 26, 1962 ירושלים Jerusalem JL/AG/Lib

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver "The Temple" Ansel Road at East 105th Street CLEVELAND 6, Ohio U. S. A.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

With great pleasure we acknowledge receipt of your book

Moses and the original Torah

with your personal dedication which you sent to the Jewish National and University Library.

We thank you for your thoughtfulness in letting us have this new work of yours so soon after its publication. Your book is a most welcome and enhancing addition to our collections.

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Dr. C. Wormann

Dr. C. Wormann. Director.



### THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY · BALTIMORE 18, MARYLAND

January 30, 1962

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple East 105th Street & Silver Park Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Many thanks for the copy of your new book, MOSES AND THE ORIGINAL TORAH, which you sent me in December while I was moving back to Baltimore from my three months teaching at the Department of Philosophy at the University of Minnesota this autumn and early winter. Though I read it in manuscript form, I am delighted to read it again in its printed form. I think it should have a wide circulation and that it will be found useful for all Judio-Christians.

I still remember with pleasure my visit with you at Cleveland last spring and hope that you will continue to be just as vigorous and active for years to come. I am leaving in a few weeks for a few months of teaching at the University of Iowa (School of Religion), after which I shall start seriously with the aid of a research assistant on my elaborate program of preparation and alteration of material for a series of volumes.

Cordially,

W. F. Albright

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Both Israel Temple Down-Beach Building JASPER and VENTNOR AVENUES 906 PACIFIC AVENUE Rabbi Martin M. Weitz, Ph. D., D. D. MARGATE CITY, N. J. ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. 103 SOUTH PHILADELPHIA AVENUE PHONE 822-4700 PHONES 345-3042 - 345-5634 VENTNOR CITY, NEW JERSEY PHONE 822-2998 February 7, 1962 Dr. Abba Silver Tifereth Israel East 105th Street and Silver Park Cleveland 6, Ohio My dear Dr. Silver. May I receive from you an inscribed and autographed copy of your newest volume, "Moses and the Original Torah," for which please enclose bill and forward to my home address indicated above? I look forward to reviewing it directly before Passover and also to adding it to my growing anthology of inscribed and autographed books by people I know. With all good wishes and with congratulations on your newest volume for the enrichment of culture and conscience. I am Sincerely yours, Martin M. Weitz suspentions & me, not the longregations. Thanks

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Br. Abba Hillel Silver, The Temple, East 105 At Ansel Road, Cleveland 6, Chio.

Dear Dr. Silver,

I am most grateful to you for having sent me your book about Moses and for the dedication you were good enough to insert.

I have started reading and I am greatly impressed by what I could learn even from the first chapters.

As always cordially yours,

P. Bernstein.

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FEBRUARY 21, 1962

DR. HERMAN ELIOT SNYDER RABBI

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER
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CLEVELAND, OHIO

DEAR DOCTOR SILVER:

I WOULD APPRECIATE AN AUTOGRAPHED COPY OF YOUR NEW BOOK

HAVE IT SENT TO ME WITH A BILL FOR THE SAME.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT SITUATION REGARDING THE HUC-JIR OVERSEERS? DID I EVER SEND YOU A COPY OF THE MINUTES?

CORDIALLY,

RABBI HERMAN E. SNYDER

HES: JS

JURAMENTO 3363 - 1er. PISO
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Buenes Aires, February 21, 1962.

Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

19810 Shaker Boulevard,
Shaker Heights, Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Dr. Silver:

me your book: Moses and the Original Torah for review.
This book is totally unknown in the Argentine and my review will help to give the book publicity in the Argentine and other South American countries.
The published clips I shall send you.

I am Reverend of the liberal Leo Baeck Synagogue in Buenos Aires.

Thanking you very much in anticipation

I am yours truly;

DR. CARLOS VOGEL

UURAMENTO 3363 - 1er. Piso
BUENOS AIRES
AEGENTINA

February 27, 1962

Dear Rabbi Snyder:

This will acknowledge your letter of February 21st addressed to Dr. Silver. I am sure Dr. Silver will be pleased to autograph a copy of his book, "MOSES AND THE ORIGINAL TORAH" when he returns from a trip abroad about the sixth of March. Your letter is being held for his attention upon his return to his desk.

Sincerely yours,

Reatrice F. May (Mrs.)
Secretary to Dr. Silver

Rabbi Herman E. Snyder Sinai Temple 1100 Dickinson Street Springfield 8, Massachusetts

February 27, 1962 Dear Rabbi Weitz: Dr. Silver has been in Europe the past month and I have been gone from the office for two weeks which is the reason your letter to Dr. Silver of February 7th has not been acknowledged. Your letter will be called to his attention upon his return to his desk about the sixth of March. I am sure he will be happy to inscribe a copy of his newest book, "MOSES AND THE ORIGINAL TORAH" for you. Sincerely yours, Bea rice F. May (Mrs.) Secretary to Dr. Silver Rabbi Martin M. Weitz 103 South Philadelphia Avenue Ventnor City, New Jersey

4878 Jean Bullant St. Montreal, Que, Migust 23,1962 My dear libba: I said to myself that I would await my return home and then acknowledge your buil letter of June 29 th of good wishes to me and the copy of your book "Moses and The Original Torale" Well, Ireturned home last Friday and it was mighty good to get back. The particular difficulty I had was cleared up . of course, a bout of this brind transpore in a somewhat weakened condition. I am confident that I shall gradually regain Your book is not a volume just to be read. It should be studied and that I intend to do.

He New Year will soon be here. Rebecca joins me in wishing a primited of to you, Virginia and all your family. From your old friend, Jesse Dr. abba Hillel Silver, The Temple University Circle at Silver Parla, Cleveland, Ohio

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Oct. 5, 1962

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

When Miss Nettie Eisner returned from the Bond Conference in Washington, she told me that she sold ten copies of MOSTS AND THE ORIGINAL TORAH to delegates, with the understanding that they would be autographed by you.

I am dropping this note to you to find out whether the books should be shipped to Cleveland for autographing, or whether you plan to be in New York shortly so that we may make arrangements to have them signed here.

I would appreciate your letting me know about this at your earliest convenience.

May I wish Mrs. Silver and you a Healthy and Happy New Year.

With kind personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Edna Bloom, Director ZOA BOOK & GIFT SHOP

EB:bs

October 10, 1962

My dear Miss Bloom:

I do not intend to be in New York in the near future.

If you will send the books to me, I will be very happy
to autograph them and send them back to you.

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

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

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Oct. 15, 1962

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you very much for your letter of October 10th.

I am forwarding to you, under separate cover, ten copies of MOSES AND THE ORIGINAL TORAH. Would you be good enough to autograph nine copies with the names as listed below; the tenth copy is to have your autograph only.

Mrs. Morris M. Rubenstein

Deborah Kolko

Miriam Gould

Joseph Silberman

L. Mayzel

Again, thank you for your warm cooperation.

With kind personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Reuben Goldman

Arnold Goldman

Abraham Druckman

Mrs. Alfred Hart

Edna Bloom, Director

ZOA BOOK & GIFT SHOP

Maded 14 1962

4878 Jean Brillant St., Montreal, Canada, October 17,1962 My dear abba: you were bind enough to send me a copy of your book "Moses and The Original Forale," What I appreciated was not only the book but your inscription of friendship. In returning from the hospital to home the book apparently went astray, so Jame planning to order a copy from Black Publishing Co., have them send it to you so that you may builly inscribe it again. Ido want, as I wrote you, to make a real study of the book. Affectionately, hal oh or abba Hillel Silver, Cleveland, Oliva Taled as At 11/2/62

10/26/62 BLOCH PUBLISHING CO. 31 W. 31st Street New York 1, N. Y. INON ME Longgere 4-2010 Cen muitual, Dr Robbifessedwart montreal, assessments requested me to forward your book to him for Jon know about and will har the book (charged to him) reforwarded Slad to have this opportunity to pay to your again Mith Knidest regards.

Cordially, Selkerter



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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Permit me to thank you most sincerely for the privilege that was mine to talk with you on the telephone and to hear your voice. You sounded as vigorous and dynamic as in your most youthful and heroic days. We thank God for this and may Heaven preserve you with health and strength for many more years, for the Jewish community in America and in the world, including Israel itself, needs you very much. We feel stronger in having you among us as our spokesman and champion.

Thank you also for your fine book on "Moses". I shall examine it during the next week or so and hope to write a review as well.

Faithfully/and gratefully yours

Rabbi Joseph 3. Shubow

Enclosure Rabby

P.S. I am enclosing a check for this book and please do not have your secretary send it back, for I can well afford to pay for it. I am enclosing a check for this book and for one more to be sent by your secretary to my brother, Rabbi Leo Shubow, 172 Central Street, Somerville, Massachusetts. I can afford to pay, but I am sure many will ask for free copies - there are those who need such copies more than I. I can still recall the remarkable generosity you showed me when I was a senior at the Institute the year I published my Brandeis Avukah Volume. You have held up for all of us an extraordinary standard of proper conduct to preserve.

\* Deceased

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### AARON LOWENSTEIN NEGAUNEE, MICHIGAN

November 9, 1962

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

I understand a new book of yours on Moses and the Torah has been published.

Would you be so kind as to autograph a copy for forwarding to me with bill?

If it's as good as Where Judaism Differed, I want it for my library.

Yours cordially

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Gentlemens

I just purchased a copy of "Moses and the Original Torah" by Abba Hillel Silver. It distresses me greatly to have to call to your attention the following facts concerning the mechanical makeup of the book. The binding is miserable - I have barely begun to examine the book and the back is already rubbed and torn; instead of being properly bound and sewn, the pages are merely glued (with saliva I suspect); but worst of all, the paper itself seems to have been rejects from Grosset and Dunlap's 49¢ books.

Dr. Silver's book is one I have long wanted to make a permanent part of my extensive library of Judaica, but how permanent it will be is a matter of question. I realize there is nothing your Company can do about the shortcomings I mentioned in the preceding papagraph. I merely felt I had to register my displeasure at the fact that a thesis of such importance should be encased in such shabby covers.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Silver

Judith Stern
Mrs. Louis E. Stern

My dear Dr. Silver,

Enclosed you will find
a copy of a letter I have sent
to your publishers.

Sincerely yours,
Judith Stern