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Where Judaism Differed, letters of congratulation, letters of  
acknowledgement from general public, 1956-1963.



January 27, 1956

Dr. Solomon Zeitlin .  
Dropsie College  
Broad & York Streets .  
Philadelphia 32, Pa. .

Dear Dr. Zeitlin:

I thought you might be interested to know that I signed a contract with The Macmillan Company for the publication of my book in September. They seem to be very happy about publishing it.

I will probably have galley proofs some time in March. May I then trouble you to look over the manuscript in type and see whether everything is in order. I did quite a bit of revision and tightened the manuscript up considerably.

I hope that you are well and with warmest regards and all good wishes I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:sl



April 23, 1956

Dr. Solomon Zeitlin  
Drake Hotel  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Zeitlin:

I am enclosing herewith the first batch of galley proofs of my book. The others will be forthcoming during the week.

When you are through reading this batch please return the proofs to me in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness and your ready helpfulness.

With warmest regards I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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April 29, 1956

Dr. Solomon Zeitlin  
Drake Hotel  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Zeitlin

I am enclosing herewith the second batch of galley proofs which I have received.

I have not yet received the notes from the printer. As soon as I get them I will send them to you.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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May 3, 1956

Dr. Solomon Zeitlin  
Drake Hotel  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Zeitlin:

I am sending you the remaining galley proofs including the notes.

I am deeply grateful to you for the wonderful assistance which you have given me.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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# THE JEWISH QUARTERLY REVIEW

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Editors:

ABRAHAM A. NEUMAN  
SOLOMON ZEITLIN

May 7, 1956

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am returning herewith 61 galleys of your excellent book which I read with great pleasure; the rest I shall send you shortly. It is stimulating, original and many parts are provocative. You did an excellent job and I am sure the book will have a lasting influence on our people, and that it will be read and discussed.

Herewith I am enclosing some remarks:

✓ Galley 5. There was no Jewish diaspora during the time of the First Temple: as a matter of fact, the Jews who left their homeland and so-journed in a foreign country, had to worship the gods of the land to which they had so-journed. The first Jewish diaspora started with the conquest of the Ten Tribes.

✓ 9. The quotes should be deleted since the quotation is not direct from I Maccabees.

See 18. Concerning lex talionis, please compare my article "The Pharisees and the Gospels."

✓ 21. Gamaliel, the son of Judah, bore the title Rabbi and not Rabban. The title Rabban was abolished at the Academy of Ousha.

✓ 30-A You will stated, "The Haberim were the more exacting Jews." ... Your statement, "All those who did not join the Haburot, whether priests or laymen, were known as Ame Ha-Arez," may be questioned. The term Ame Ha-Arez in early tannaitic literature, i.e., during the Second Commonwealth, referred to farmers. Cf. my article JQR, 1932.

✓ 35-A The Apocalypse of Baruch was composed the first part of the second century.



✓ 40-A If a member of the Court openly opposed an injunction promulgated by the Court, he was considered a Rebellious Elder; however, if a Pentateuchal injunction were opposed, he was not considered a Rebellious Elder. The reason for this distinction is the sages saw no menace to Judaism and to their authority if a member of the Court opposed a Pentateuchal law. They did see, however, great danger to Judaism and their institutions if one of their members openly opposed the laws promulgated by them. For this reason they excommunicated Eliezer ben Hyrcanus and Akabiah ben Mahalalel. For the same reason an attempt had been made to ex-communicate R. Meir.

✓ 44. The last paragraph which begins, "Some rabbis," is ambiguous.

✓ 45-A The book of Ezekiel was never in danger of being excluded from the Canon. The sages wanted to withdraw this book from public usage, from the schools and synagogues. You may compare my essay, "A Historical Study of the Canonization of the Hebrew Scriptures." 1933.

✓ 46-A- The Second Esdras was compiled some time in the early part of the second century, C.E. See JQR 1947; 1950.

✓ 47. There were never seven types of Pharisees. The whole idea that the Pharisees were divided into seven categories I think was originated by Schurer and was repeated by Moore, Klausner and Lieberman, etc.

The word Perushim in the Talmud Sotah has the connotation of separatists. C.F. JQR. Jan. 1953, p. 299.

Kindest personal regards,

Most cordially,

*Salomon Zutter*



May 8, 1956

Dr. Solomon Zeitlin  
Drake Hotel  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Zeitlin:

Rabbi Silver's schedule has kept him away from his study today and he has asked me to acknowledge receipt of the galley proofs which arrived today and particularly to thank you for your kindness in returning them so promptly.

For your convenience I am enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope which you can use for mailing the balance of the sheets.

Sincerely,

Miss Sophia Levine  
Secretary to Dr. Silver

/sl  
encl.



May 21, 1956

Mr. Maurice Bisgyer  
B'nai B'rith  
1003 K. Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Morris:

I was very happy to have had the opportunity of speaking to you this morning.

The book to which I referred, and which Mr. Klutznick probably had in mind when he introduced me at the cornerstone-laying, will be published in September by The Macmillan Company. Its title will be "WHERE JUDAISM DIFFERED -- An Inquiry into the Distinctiveness of Judaism."

It is a work upon which I have spent three or four years and is, I believe, the kind of a book which will serve the cause of Judaism. It was written with an eye for the intellectual lay reader both Jew and non-Jew. The emphasis is placed squarely upon its unique and revolutionary message of unity, freedom and compassion. Here is the brief description of the book which has been issued as advance notice by The Macmillan Company:

"Here is a lively and well-written account of the mainstream of Judaism. The emphasis is placed squarely upon its unique and revolutionary message of Unity, freedom, and compassion. The reader is given a clear perspective of the entire sweep of Judaism as a religious humanism—always aware of and actively responsive to the best elements in the culture of its day, but never willing to compromise its faith in one God—Yahweh, nor its standard of morality. Its faith and humanitarianism come into sharper focus as the author portrays the contrasts between its core of faith and practice with other religions in the course of History.

The moral tone of Judaism is sharply sounded as the reader encounters its prophetic message, its resistance to idolatry, and its humanitarian policies in action."



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May 21, 1956

Mr. Maurice Bisgyer  
B'nai B'rith  
Washington, D.C.

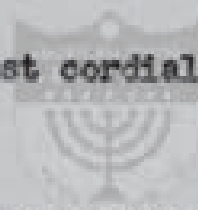
Making due allowance for the pride of authorship I believe the B'nai B'rith would render a fine service to the cause, not only of adult Jewish education in which it is so much interested, but to the cause of spreading a knowledge of Judaism among our non-Jewish fellow citizens, if it would place this book widely - in colleges, universities, public libraries and of course in its Hillel Foundations. Perhaps through its publications B'nai B'rith would be interested in bringing the book prominently to the attention of its lodges and its membership.

I am happy that you will discuss this matter with Mr. Klutznick to whom please convey my warmest regards.

With all good wishes I remain



Most cordially yours,



ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:sl



copy original sent to Guy Brown Macmillan

May 22, 1956  
dictated but not read

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

Dear Rabbi:

As I called my office this morning from the Concord Hotel, I was informed of your letter of May 21. I was just about to dictate a letter to you over the telephone to the effect that I had a few moments with President Klutznick upon his arrival and before his address here, to discuss your book with him.

Inasmuch as I wish to get the various heads of our B'nai B'rith agencies interested, would it be possible for us to get a galley proof or some copy of the book before publication? We shall be glad to assume any expense connected with this request. It is my opinion that the book will arouse widespread interest.

With warm personal regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,

/s/ Maurice Bisgyer  
Executive Vice Pres.

B'nai B'rith  
1003 K St. N.W. Wash D.C.





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May 31, 1956

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I suppose by this time you have been informed by the people at Macmillan that we offered to take an edition of your proposed book on Judaism. We have not yet heard what their final decision is. I hope that you urge them to cooperate with us.

But this is not the occasion for my writing to you. I should like to call your attention to a note in the galleys which is not sufficiently clear. One of my readers of the galleys, Professor A. Leo Levin, of the University of Pennsylvania Law School -- a very learned young man and a leader in the *Misrachi* -- read the galleys and was very much impressed with the book. Characteristically he also looked at footnotes and he called my attention to the fact that footnote 38, in Chapter VI, cannot be correct. The footnote refers to the *Yad*, *Hilkhos Melakhim*, paragraph 77. I searched for the reference and could not find it either. It turns out that your reference should have read "paragraph 11" and that the original statement to which your text refers is not to be found in the ordinary editions, but is to be found in the first edition, subsequent to which it was, in all likelihood, removed for censoring purposes. The passage involves Maimonides' attitude towards Christianity as a preparatory stage for Judaism.

With personal greetings.

Cordially yours,

*Solomon Grayzel*  
Solomon Grayzel

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Office of the President  
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PARK FOREST, ILLINOIS

June 1, 1956

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 8, Ohio

My dear friend:

I have been in touch with Maurice Bisgyer relative to the forthcoming publication of your book. I have heard from other and impartial sources who have had an opportunity to see the manuscript, that the book does real credit to your stature in the rabbinate and the community.

There is no question but what this book will be brought to the attention of our Lodges and Chapters, Study Groups and Youth Groups. At the same time, ✓ Maurice is exploring with others of our departments, the possibility of more extended circulation and direct purchase.

For myself, I maintain a list of twenty people whom I am trying to wean back into greater activity, and I want to send the book to them as soon as it is published. ✓ When you're in touch with your publishing company, you might tell them that they have an order from me for twenty, and they can bill me directly for it.

You will hear further from us in this regard as our plans develop.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Cordially,

*Philip M. Klutznick*  
Philip M. Klutznick

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cc: Mr. Maurice Bisgyer



June 4, 1956

Dr. Solomon Grayzel  
The Jewish Publication Society of America  
222 N. Fifteenth Street  
Philadelphia 2, Pa.

My dear Dr. Grayzel:

Let me thank you for your very kind letter of May 31st. I am pleased to learn that The Jewish Publication Society has offered to take an edition of my book from the Macmillan people.

I do not understand what you mean by my asking them to cooperate with you. If it is a matter of timing, I do not wish the publication of my book to be delayed beyond September in time for the High Holy Days.

With regard to the quotation from Maimonides which you so kindly brought to my attention, the correction had already been made on my galley proofs -- a printer's error -- 77 should read 11. I shall add to the page proofs, when I get them, the fact that I am quoting from the Rome edition of c 1480 where it appears uncensored.

With all good wishes I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:sl



June 5, 1956

Mr. Philip M. Klutznick  
B'nai B'rith  
30 Plaza  
Park Forest, Illinois

My dear Friend:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of June 1st. I deeply appreciate your interest in my forthcoming volume.

I am delighted that the B'nai B'rith will help in the circulation of the book and that you personally are taking such an interest in it.

With warmest regards and all good wishes I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

ARS:sl





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June 5, 1956

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have been in touch with the various departments of B'nai B'rith concerning your forthcoming book, "WHERE JUDAISM DIFFERED--An Inquiry into the Distinctiveness of Judaism." The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith appears to be more interested in this publication than any other department.

In order that you will not be personally bothered about this, would you give me the name of the individual at the Macmillan Company who is handling this matter, so that the A.D.L. representative and I may contact him from time to time.

Please be assured of our deep interest.

Sincerely,

*Maurice Bigger*  
Executive Vice President

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*P.S. I have received the galley proofs.*

SUPREME LODGE TRIENNIAL CONVENTION  
--from May 5th through May 9th, 1956



June 7, 1956

Mr. Maurice Bisgyer  
B'nai B'rith  
1003 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

My dear friend:

Thank you for your letter of June 5.

The individual who is handling my book at The Macmillan Company is Mr. Guy Brown and I am sure that he would be happy to discuss the matter of the book with you.

His telephone number is OReagon 5-4000 and his address, The Macmillan Company, 60 Fifth Avenue, New York City 11, New York.

With warmest regards I remain

Cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

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Dr. Silver

Edna Blum

June 19, 1956

Harold P. Manson

1. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver has written a very important book, entitled "Where Judaism Differed," which is being published by Macmillan and which will make its appearance this fall. This work, the proofs of which I have read, is a major contribution to the contemporary literature on Judaism.

Needless to say, Zionists throughout the country should be especially interested in a major work by Dr. Silver and I take it for granted that the ZOA Book Shop will go all out in publicizing the work and in promoting its sale.

In order not to lose time I suggest that you get in touch with Mr. Guy Brown at the Macmillan Co. and indicate to him the special interest which the ZOA Book Department has in this work, so that you will be in a position to obtain appropriate promotional material for your mailings, to be sent out prior to the book's appearance.

I am sure that you will make it clear to Mr. Brown that your Department is anxious to take advantage of every opportunity and method to promote this book.

2. I would also like to have your opinion on the Jewish Book Guild, or any other respectable Jewish book clubs that may be in the field, in connection with Dr. Silver's book. Would the selection of the book by any of them have positive value or be of consequence? If so, which is the best; who is in charge; and how are the selections made?

I would be grateful if you were to keep me posted on all of the above.

Warmest regards.

HPM:ha

Harold P. Manson



August 3, 1956

Mr. Louis Broide  
Gimbel Bros.  
Broadway & 33rd  
New York, New York

My dear Friends:

I am writing you in behalf of a book — my own — which the Macmillan Company will publish early next month. It is called "WHERE JUDAISM DIFFERED: An Inquiry Into The Distinctiveness of Judaism".

I think it is a good book, aimed at enlightening modern Jews on the essential moral and spiritual ideals of Judaism and the revolutionary contribution which it made to mankind. Those who have seen the galley proofs of the book have liked it very much. The Jewish Publication Society has ordered a Special Edition for its members.

I would like to see the book receive the widest distribution among Jews and non-Jews. I am wondering whether it is a practice with the Gimbel Bros. to arrange for "Authors' Days" or "Autograph Parties" at which time I could appear to autograph copies of the book. Such an "Autograph Party" has been arranged by the Galle Bros. Company in Cleveland.

I am inclined to believe that there would be considerable interest shown in such an event by many of our co-religionists in New York City. However, I am not at all acquainted with the correct procedure in such matters. I should appreciate very much hearing from you.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:sl  
please forward



August 3, 1956

Mr. Maurice Bisgier  
B'nai B'rith  
1003 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Maurice:

The Macmillan Company has announced the first week in September as the date of publication of my book WHERE JUDAISM DIFFERED.

You wrote me on June 5 that the Anti-Defamation League appears to be very much interested in the book. I am wondering what arrangements it has made to assist in its distribution.

I am inclined to believe that the book might be helpful to Jewish students in the various Hillel Foundations on the campuses of our country and in the principal college and university libraries.

I should be happy to hear from you in this regard.

With warmest good wishes I remain,

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:sl





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August 6, 1956

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

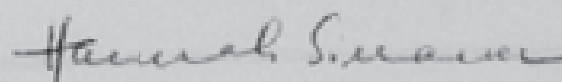
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Bisgier is out of the city on B'nai B'rith business at the present time.

Your letter of August 3 regarding your book WHERE JUDAISM DIFFERED will be brought to his attention immediately upon Mr. Bisgier's return to the office.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,



Hannah Sinauer  
Secretary to Mr. Bisgier

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Philip M. Klutznick  
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August 24, 1956

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We have been contacting the various offices of B'nai B'rith in order to obtain their orders for your book. This has taken us a little time, but the delay is unavoidable.

We hope to submit the order soon.

With all good wishes for a Happy New Year to you and your family.

Sincerely,



Executive Vice President

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COPY

- To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

MEMORANDUM

To: Harold Manson

From: Edna Bloom

Date: 8/31/56

WHERE JUDAISM DIFFERED by Dr. Silver

To recapitulate our conversation of the other day --

Several weeks ago I spoke to Mr. Thomas Coffey of Macmillan (in the absence of Mr. Guy Brown) regarding our willingness to "go all out" on Dr. Silver's new book. He agreed to supply us with a quantity of imprinted circulars and that he would keep in touch with me. I told him that we could use up to 13,000 circulars -- he would decide on quantity, he said.

A few days ago I spoke to Mr. Brown himself, asked him when books would be ready, exact date of publication, price, etc. He told me that finished books would be ready in a few days, but inasmuch as the price of the book had not as yet been set, complete jackets would not be ready. Hence, books would not be mailed until finished jackets came off press -- and that, he hoped, would be shortly. I also told Mr. Brown that Mr. Coffey promised us imprinted circulars; he said he would check into the matter.

It occurred to me that it might be an idea to have some sort of an autographing session for Dr. Silver at the Convention in Washington -- providing complete books are available.

Inasmuch as I am leaving for vacation, I will not be able to follow through on this matter. Would you be good enough to check with Dr. Silver about my "autographing" idea and let Frances Solomon know about it. She, in turn, will see to it that the necessary quantity of WHERE JUDAISM DIFFERED will be on hand in Washington.

Also -- if you and Sid think it advisable -- we might send out some publicity material on Dr. Silver's new book.

Kind regards,

Dear Dr. Silver -

Please advise.

Do you expect to be in these parts  
in the near future?  
Hope you had a nice holiday.

2215 DLE

Harold

450  
240  
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My name  
T. H. H.  
Robert  
G. H.  
H. H.  
H. H.



September 7, 1956

Mr. Harold Manson  
Zionist Organization of America  
145 East 32nd Street  
New York 16, New York

My dear Harold:

A Happy New Year.

I hope that you had a pleasant vacation and that you put it to good use in working on your book.

WHERE JUDAISM DIFFERED is being issued this week. I have not yet seen a copy but it will probably be here tomorrow or early next week.

I imagine that review copies have been sent. I do not know who will review the book for the New York Times. From what you wrote me some time ago there is the likelihood that Marvin Lowenthal will review the book for the New York Tribune.

The Macmillan Company will be in touch with your office and as soon as the circulars and jackets are ready they will send them to you.

As far as an autograph party at the Z.O.A. Convention is concerned — I do not know whether that is quite protocol. I do not wish to exploit the situation for my book. If the book is for sale at the Convention I am sure that people will be able to reach me at the Convention for an autograph. The suggestion that the office send out some publicity material on the book seems to be a good one.

With warmest regards and all good wishes I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:sl



September 13, 1956

Jiffy Mfg. Co.  
Hillside, New Jersey

Gentlemen:

Please be good enough to quote me a price on 100 Jiffy Bags for mailing a group of books that are 8-1/2 X 5-3/4 and about 1- 1/4" in depth.

I would like also to know how soon I may expect to receive them after the order has been forwarded.

Your kind and prompt reply will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Miss Sophia Levine  
Secretary to Dr. Silver

/sl







September 24, 1956

Mr. Irving Siegel  
New York Times  
229 West 43rd Street  
New York City, New York

My dear Irving:

I am happy to send you this volume. I am under the impression that the New York Times might be interested in reviewing it. Perhaps they have made arrangements to do so already.

It was nice to have seen you in Washington.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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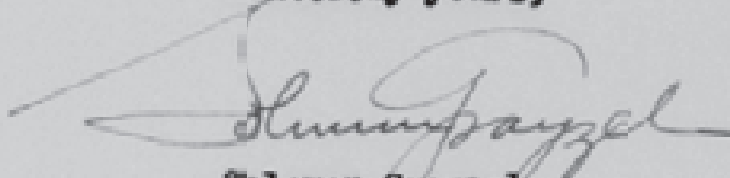
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I just saw a copy of our edition of your WHERE JUDAISM DIFFERED. I wholeheartedly congratulate you upon its appearance. Ever since I first saw it I have been convinced that it is an excellent book which will prove very useful. I just spoke to Louis Levinthal and he, too, having seen a copy, is delighted with it.

Now on Hoshan'ah Rabba I want to wish you a year of good health and much happiness and many more such good books to follow this one.

Sincerely yours,

  
Solomon Grayzel

SG:ek

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September 27, 1956

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
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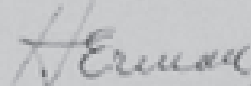
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I want you to know how much I am enjoying your book, "Where Judaism Differed".

It is an oracle of esteem written honestly and sensibly and of great benefaction to your readers. It reveals hallowed hands on the ark or altar with a zeal for the welfare of our race. It is dear in a measure in which you reveal the inner workings of your soul, and feel you honestly write what you see in your heart and contrive to reach other hearts.

Birdie and myself feel privileged that you have personally autographed your book to us.

Very sincerely,



Herman Meshorer

HSM:HS



September 28, 1956

Dr. Solomon Zeitlin  
Drake Hotel  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Zeitlin:

It was thoughtful of you to phone me the other evening about my book.

I am very much pleased with the appearance of the book. The Macmillan Company did well by it.

I am beginning to get reactions from readers and I feel that the book will be well received and will prove useful.

With reference to suggestions for a reviewer for the Jewish Quarterly, the name of Dr. Levy A. Glan, Rabbi of Temple Emanuel of Dallas, Texas has occurred to me. He is a thoughtful student of philosophy and of Jewish theology and writes well. If any other names occur to me I will be very glad to communicate with you.

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

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:sl



September 28, 1956

Mr. H. S. Meshorer  
7835 Broadway  
Cleveland 5, Ohio

My dear Herman:

It was indeed very thoughtful of you to write to me about my book. I am delighted that you enjoyed reading it.

I am beginning to get the reactions of the early readers of the book and they are very heartening. I believe the book will be well received.

With warmest regards to you and Birdie, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HIELEL SILVER

AHS:s1



BERTRAM J. KROHNGOLD

339 ST. CLAIR AVENUE, N.W.

CLEVELAND, OHIO

September 28, 1956

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

My Dear Rabbi:

Both Connie and I were tremendously thrilled yesterday to receive a copy of your new book "Where Judaism Differed". I know we shall both enjoy very much reading your latest work. I also want you to know that we were both very much delighted and pleased with the very beautiful thought embodied in your autograph. We shall prize this volume highly.

We do greatly appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness.

With fondest regards to Virginia and yourself, and again many many thanks.

Cordially,

BJK:JGR

Bert.



September 28, 1956

Dr. Solomon Grayzel  
The Jewish Publication Society of America  
222 N. Fifteenth Street  
Philadelphia 2, Pa.

My dear Dr. Grayzel:

I am pleased to learn that you liked the appearance of my book. I too was pleased with it. The Macmillan people did well by it.

I am beginning to get reactions from the early readers of the book and I am heartened by their reactions. I believe that the book will be well received.

With warmest regards and best wishes I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:el



RABBI SOLOMON B. FREEHOP, D.D.

THE RUSKIN APARTMENTS

120 RUSKIN AVENUE

PITTSBURGH, PA.

October 1, 1956

Dear Abba

Thank you very much for sending me "Where Judaism Differed". I have already read four chapters. Even if I had not approached the book with the happy anticipation with which I always approach your books, I am sure I would have found it as magnificent as I have already found it.

Your art of being learned without parade of learning, eloquent without obvious oratory & dignified without striving to be unusual make this an important contribution

Yours truly  
Sol



# American Judaism

Editor: RABBI SAMUEL M. SILVER

338 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK 21, N. Y. TELEPHONE REGENT 7-8200

1 October 1956

Dear Abba,

I want you to know of my enormous admiration for your book, *Where Judaism Differed*.

There have been written many interpretations of Judaism but where your book differs is in its forthright, unnervous, unapologetic, stentorian assertion of Judaism's strong points. That you are able to accomplish this important task and still ground your statement on so many facts about Judaism and other religious faiths is a testimonial to your astonishing scholastic assiduity and capacity to screen and simplify the mountainous data. The wonder is increased when one contemplates the crowdedness of your daily schedule in the light of your national and international responsibilities.

As an editor I envy your publishers the opportunity to bring your fresh, crisp and authoritative material to the public. I would have loved to have published a fragment of the book in advance. I suppose your publishers would not permit me to print a smidgin of the book in my magazine (although it might tantalize magazine readers into purchasing the book).

In any event, if you have any fresh observations about the spiritual hapachlagamanons of our faith, I would be delighted if you would let our magazine be the first to publish them.

With more thanks for the book, with new year greetings to you and la mishpacha, and with best regards from the Union staff, I am

Yours,

Sam

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio



From the desk of

MAX HELVARG

10/2/56

Dear Dr. Silver -

Thank you very much for your  
kindness in sending me a  
copy of your book.

The distinction and privilege of  
working with you which I enjoy,  
makes me especially appreciative  
of the cordial sentiments  
expressed in your inscription to me.

Sincerely -

Max



RABBI LEON I. FEUER, D. D.  
2325 COLLINGSWOOD BLVD.  
TOLEDO 10, OHIO

October 3, 1956

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

Hortense and I appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending us a copy of your new book.

It looks exciting and really looking forward to reading it. It is also possible that I may get a few good sermons out of it.

It was nice seeing you and wonderful hearing you in Washington.

Our love to the family and yourself.

As ever,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Leon' or 'L. Feuer', written in a cursive style.



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October 3, 1956

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road and East 105th Street  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Rabbi:

Sylvia and I appreciate greatly the copy of your recent book. Although so far I have read only the first two chapters, I have been greatly impressed and I am looking forward with deep interest to the reading of the remaining chapters.

Again thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Sidney*



Rev. Blanchard

EUCLID AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

CLEVELAND, OHIO

10/5/56

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I would express to you my sincere thanks for the copy of your recent book.

This is one of great scholarship covering areas in which I would not presume to express a judgment, except to say that I would trust yours. "I am going to reread and reread."

I appreciate your



kindness. It gives me an  
opportunity to say again that  
I do greatly value the  
privilege of being included  
among your friends.

Cordially

Fred G. Lauchard





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Oct. 7, 1956

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th Street  
Cleveland 8, O.

Dear Dr. Silver

In the midst of reading your wonderful book, I now learn that you will yourself review it. If you have a prepared excerpt from your own review, I'd appreciate receiving it.

My wife and I were sorry to miss the ZOA convention. We are sticking close to home due to the expected arrival--any day--of our first grandchild.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Phil", which is a common abbreviation for Philip.



DR. HENRY E. KAGAN  
SINAI TEMPLE  
MOUNT VERNON, N. Y.

OFFICE OF THE RABBI

October 9, 1956

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland  
Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have just completed your excellent new book which I intend to use as a theme for one of my lectures this season and for which I am deeply grateful to you and your magnificent scholarship.

I enclose a paper which I delivered to the Central Conference of American Rabbis Conference in 1953, which supports the main line of your argument from a psychological point of view, with special reference to the contemporary abuses of the term "Judeo-Christian."

I am sure there will be not only a second edition of your book but many more editions of this fine book, and it occurred to me that you might want to include this approach in your references.

With warm personal greetings,

Very sincerely yours,

*Henry*  
Dr. Henry E. Kagan

HEK:s

encl.



October 9, 1956

Rabbi Samuel M. Silver  
American Judaism  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York 21, New York

Dear Sam:

I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing to me about my new book and I am happy to learn that you think well of it and enjoyed reading it.

I believe that the book will meet a need among certain sects of American Jews and I hope that it will do good.

I assume that you will arrange to have a competent review of the book in American Judaism.

With warm regards I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:sl



HERBERT BAYARD SWOPE  
745 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK 22, N.Y.

10 October 1956

Dear Dr. Silver: -

My thanks go to you for your interesting book and its pleasant inscription.

I hope it does well.



Good luck always,

HBS

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



October 11, 1956

Mr. Philip Slowovitz, Editor  
The Jewish News  
17100 West 7 Mile Road  
Detroit 35, Michigan

Dear Friend:

Thank you for your note of October 7 and for the kind things which you say about my new book.

The review which I gave of the book before the Temple Women's Association was in the nature of a series of informative comments. I have no prepared text.

I assume that you will wish to have a competent review of the book in the Jewish News.

With warmest regards and all good wishes for the arrival of your first grandchild, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

ARS:sl



October 11, 1956

Dr. Henry E. Kagan  
Sinai Temple  
Mount Vernon, New York

My dear Henry:

Thank you for your kind letter and for your comments about my new book.

I am especially grateful to you for sending me the reprint of your paper which you delivered before the Central Conference of American Rabbis on the psychological point of view. I know that I shall read it with a great deal of pleasure and profit.

I hope that in the next edition of my book -- if there is a second edition -- I shall find the occasion of including a reference to it.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:sl



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

Dear Abba:

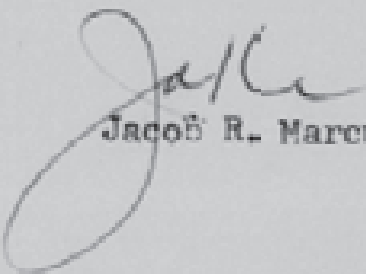
I have received a copy of your new book and I cannot tell you how touched I was by the beautiful inscription.

I look forward to reading it, and I know that I shall find it interesting as well as profitable.

I like the dedication to Virginia and the boys.

With all good wishes, I am,

As ever,

  
Jacob R. Marcus

JRM:sg



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DR. ABRAHAM J. MESCH  
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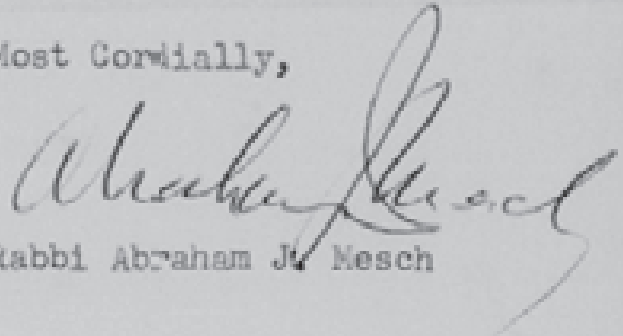
Dr. Abba Millel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Ansel Road and 105th St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I deeply appreciate your sending me an autographed copy of your new book "Where Judaism Differed". Though this is the busy season for me, I managed to read several chapters in the book and found them most interesting and stimulating. It is remarkable that a man as busy as you are can find time and the opportunities for concentrated research to produce such a detailed study of a difficult subject. The documentation alone represents a most time consuming effort. I am sure that I will continue to read it and re-read it with great interest.

Again thanking you and with kindest regards to Mrs. Silver, Adele and Dan, I remain

Most Cordially,



Rabbi Abraham J. Mesch

AJM:SH



*Adger Hahn*

800 NATIONAL CITY E. 6<sup>TH</sup> BUILDING  
CLEVELAND 14, OHIO

October 22, 1956

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Throughout the years I have been indebted to you for numerous acts of kindness and consideration, many of which have been undeserved. Not the least of these is the gift of an inscribed copy of your most recent book. It is an outstanding presentation of the uniqueness of Judaism as a moral factor in human civilization. I shall prize it deeply.



Gratefully yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Adger Hahn", written over a faint rectangular stamp.

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



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October 22, 1956.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It was most thoughtful of you to send me a copy of your new book. I've read several chapters already, and the content is fascinating reading. You have made a real contribution to the laymen's appreciation of the basic philosophy of Judaism. You should do more of this kind of writing. I hope that you will find the time to devote to more literary efforts.

Danny's visit to Toledo created another pleasant link in the Cleveland-Toledo chain. He delivered an interesting talk, and the women were delighted with his presentation. Leora and I also enjoyed meeting his wife, who is a most charming and gracious person. We know they will make a wonderful life together.

Our kids are adjusting themselves to Toledo beautifully. Ronny is happy in his new work, and doing splendidly. They are anticipating a "blessed event" sometime around the end of February, and it will seem strange to be called "grandpa"! Life is so different with our children so near us. Leora is in her glory with her new daughter.

As for myself, am happy to report that I am well on the road to an almost complete recovery. I had a little set-back in September, but got over it within a week or so, with no harmful after-effects. Am putting in a full day at the office, which is the best indication that I am making good progress.

Leora and our children join in sending you, Virginia and your family our very fondest love and regards, with the hope that the coming year and years will bring good health and joy to you all.

Devotedly,

*[Signature]*

MH:M





October 24, 1956

Mr. Spencer D. Irwin  
The Cleveland Plain Dealer  
1801 Superior Avenue  
Cleveland 14, Ohio

My dear Friend:

I read with much interest and appreciation your review of my book in Sunday's Plain Dealer and I want to thank you for the nice things which you say about it.

I hope I will have the pleasure of seeing you before long and thank you in person.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

ARS:sl



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October 25, 1956

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

Dear Miss Levine:

This will acknowledge receipt of your note of October 23, 1956  
in which you enclosed a glossy and biography of Dr. Abba Hillel  
Silver.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Shirley Glick  
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RABBI KURT L. METZGER

Hebrew Chaplain ✓

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
c/o Jewish Publication Society  
22 2 North 15th Street  
Philadelphia 2, Pa.

My dear Dr. Silver:

As you undoubtedly are aware, fair percentage of the people in our prisons are not the typical cartoonist type of criminal, but are young men and boys who have made a mistake and are sincerely trying to serve their sentence and return to their families and loved ones.

The more intelligent of these men are conscious of the necessity of their being informed and abreast of the times so when they are released—even though it will be a span of years hence—it will not find them entirely out of rapport. They also realize one of the major means open to them in accomplishing this goal is by reading and studying the better current books.

Many of these people are avid readers of the book sections of the New York papers and publishers' advertisements, and repeatedly bring me clippings asking that I endeavor to obtain for our shelf certain titles and authors; such is the case with your splendid book WHERE JUDAISM DIFFERED. It is amazing to see the type and scope of their reading, and I dare say that in perhaps no other strata of our society is there so much serious and recreational reading done per capita, as in a prison such as this where so many have so much time to while away and also have an innate desire to better themselves.

I try to maintain a small library in my office from which these boys, Jew and Gentile alike, may borrow outstanding and worthwhile books. In my efforts I am almost entirely dependent upon the generosity and understanding of the author if I am to be able to bring them good books. I hope that you will agree with me and allow the full value of such fine titles as a great catalytic agent, under stresses of incarceration and other man made inner turmoils, and that you will be able to give us your kind consideration.

If you are able to forward a copy of WHERE JUDAISM DIFFERED, you may feel certain that your kindness will be appreciated. I am aware that oftentimes an author does not derive the financial disaster to send copies freely to all who might ask. However, under the circumstances it is my hope that you can oblige us.

Thanking you in advance and with all good wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

*Kurt L. Metzger*  
Rabbi Kurt L. Metzger

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

Dear Rabbi Silver: *! וואו אה*

I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a  
marked copy of the Fall-Winter issue of our Book  
Bulletin.

It was a pleasure to have had the opportunity  
to feature your new work, "Where Judaism Differed."

Personally, I take pride for writing the material  
in this Bulletin.

With kindest personal regards and warmest wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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Solomon Kerstein  
Vice President

P.S. I share in your *אה* when I see in the Temple Bulletin  
the name of your Associate Rabbi is your dear son,  
Jeremy. This is really in every respect the realization  
of continuity and reminds one of the significance of the  
Biblical words *... וְאַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ*

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November 6, 1956

Mr. Solomon Kerstein, Vice-President  
Bloch Publishing Company, Inc.  
31 West 31st Street  
New York 1, New York

My dear Friend:

Thank you so much for your lovely note and for the marked copy of the Book Bulletin which you sent me.

I am very grateful to you for the fine notice which you have given to my book.

I am delighted to know that it is being well received in all parts of the country.

With warm regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:sl



RABBI MOSHE M. MAGGAL

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November 11, 1956

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Recently, I finished the study of your courageous book, "Where Judaism Differed". Any Jew reading it will be a better Jew and more convinced about the truth of his heritage. May we hope that all the libraries in the United States carry this book. I would like to suggest that a special fund be raised for the purpose of stocking the libraries with your book.

It would do good if our Christian friends also read it. There are thousands of books published yearly about the superiority of Christianity over Judaism. Now was the proper time for you, Rabbi Silver, to write this book. *שמע ישראל*

May the God of Israel grant you health and strength, so that you may be able to continue writing many books like this in the future.

Mrs. Maggal and I will treasure this book which you autographed for us at the Beverly-Hilton Zionist Dinner. Our best wishes to you.

*שמע ישראל* *שמע ישראל* *שמע ישראל*

Sincerely,

*Moshe Maggal*

Rabbi Moshe M. Maggal



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הרב, יוס' ב' פי

Nov 12, 1956

Personal

Dear Rabbi Silver 1,20 1st St

Thank you so much for your kind letter.  
May I ask you a personal favor?

I possess a review copy of your book -  
but as one of your <sup>books</sup>, a book  
by you in my library is not complete  
without an autographed inscription.

I would deeply appreciate it - at your  
moment's leisure - to write a line  
or two on a piece of white paper and I'll  
insert it in the book - אהבתי

With kindest personal regards,  
Very Cordially Yours,  
Solomon Kerstein





## Rodef Sholom Synagogue

One Hundred Dartmouth Avenue  
Johnstown, Pennsylvania

Nathan Hollin, Rabbi

Phone 6-3134

Nov. 12, 1956

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

Dear Dr. Silver,

It has been a number of years since I last availed myself of the pleasure of meeting and chatting with you...as I would on my occasional visits to my native Cleveland. Nevertheless I have been receiving the Temple Bulletins for quite some time, and I have been enjoying them and profiting from them as well.

I have been reading about your most current book, Wherein Judaism Differed..(I hope I have the title correctly given) and would like to secure a copy for my own study and pulpit-review. I enclose my check...and I would appreciate a word from you inscribed within. May I?

I trust this finds you and yours well, and I hope I may drop in on my next visit.

Sincerely yours,

*Nathan Hollin*



November 13, 1956

Rabbi Kurt L. Metzger  
Hebrew Chaplain  
Great Meadow Correctional Institution  
Constock, New York

Dear Rabbi Metzger:

At your request I am sending you a copy of a new book WHERE  
JUDAISM DIFFERED.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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under separate cover.



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J + C A → Louis E. Goldman  
6501 GRANADA BOULEVARD  
CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

Nov. 14, 1956

Dear Ratti Silver:

I hope you and your family  
are well - and may see visit you  
from our house to yours, a happy  
Chanukah.

I just read the Jewish Monthly  
Bnei Brin magazine - and found a  
review of your book *The Essence of  
Judaism* - May I ask you a favor  
please - would you please order this  
book for me and inscribe it for  
me - just have your Secretary tell  
me how to make the check payable.  
It's like the girls to read it too -

Are you planning a trip here  
this season - you have a standing  
invitation for dinner -

Our very best to Mrs. Silver



from all of us.

Sincerely,  
Lee Goldman





RABBI JULIUS ROSENTHAL

VASSAR TEMPLE

POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

(140 Hooker Ave)

November 14, 1956

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am in the midst of reading your latest book, "WHERE JUDAISM DIFFERED", and I find it a very arresting volume. I would very much like to present its theme to my Congregation and encourage their purchase of the book.

Last year we had a very interesting session when Edmund Wilson engaged in a recorded wire interview which mentioned some of the highlights of his book. This is very easy to arrange by having the telephone company record a long-distance conversation between the two of us.

I realize how busy you are at the present moment when your leadership is so urgently required by our people, but I would be very grateful if you could spare a little time for this project.

Thank you for your gracious consideration of this request.

Sincerely yours

*Julius Rosenthal*  
Julius Rosenthal

JR:glm



November 15, 1956

Mr. Solomon Kerstein, Vice-President  
Bloch Publishing Company  
31 West 31st Street  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Kerstein:

Rabbi Silver has asked me to forward to you his autographed  
inscription for your copy of his book *THE JEWISH DIFFERED*.

Sincerely,

Miss Sophia Levine  
Secretary to Dr. Silver

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encl.



November 15, 1956

Rabbi Nathan Kollin  
Rodef Shalom Synagogue  
100 Dartmouth Avenue  
Johnstown, Pennsylvania

Dear Rabbi Kollin:

Your autographed copy of *WHATE JUDAISM OFFERED* has gone forward to you today under separate cover.

Rabbi Silver has asked that I convey to you his appreciation of your interest in his book.

Sincerely,

Miss Sophia Levine  
Secretary to Dr. Silver

/sl



November 16, 1956

Rabbi Julius Rosenthal  
Vassar Temple  
140 Hooker Avenue  
Poughkeepsie, New York

My dear Rabbi Rosenthal:

Permit me to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing to me. I am indeed happy that my book is being so well received throughout the country.

I appreciate your suggestion about a long distance telephone conversation between the two of us about my book. Were conditions different and life more normal at this time I would be very happy to do that. But the pressure is so great on me at this time that I am simply unable to devote time to the project which you suggest.

Should you review the book in your pulpit or in your community, I would be very happy to receive a copy of it.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

ARS:sl



November 16, 1956

Rabbi Moshe W. Maggal  
6412½ West Olympic Blvd.  
Los Angeles 48, Calif.

My dear Rabbi Maggal:

Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness in writing to me. I appreciate very much what you say about my new book. I am very happy that it is being received so well everywhere.

With regard to what you say about placing this book in the libraries, it might interest you to know that a distinguished citizen of Ohio has placed it in every college and university library and theological school in the State of Ohio. Perhaps someone in Los Angeles or some group would be interested in doing the same thing in California.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:sl



November 19, 1956

Mr. Louis E. Goldman  
6501 Granada Boulevard  
Coral Gables, Florida

Dear Mr. Goldman:

Under separate cover I have today mailed to you an autographed copy of Dr. Silver's new book WHERE JUDAISM DIFFERED.

Cost of the book is \$4.50 plus 25¢ for mailing charges and it would be appreciated if your check is made payable to The Temple Women's Association.

Sincerely,

Miss Sophia Levine  
Secretary to Dr. Silver

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RABBI WILLIAM B. SILVERMAN, D. D.

RESIDENCE  
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November 20, 1956

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Cong. Tifereth Israel  
E. 105th St. & Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As the enclosed bulletin indicates, I used your book last Friday night for a sermon in observance of Jewish Book Month. I want to take this opportunity to tell you how much I enjoyed the book, and how helpful I found it. It is a remarkable volume that summarizes the essence of rabbinic thought and touches upon the very heart of definitive Jewish experience.

Some time ago, I heard from Mr. Guy Brown, of MacMillan Company, that you had written this book and that MacMillan was going to publish it. I have just written to Mr. Brown thanking him for publishing it and making this available to the Jewish and to the non-Jewish reader.

✓ Instead of articulating superlatives, I think that the most concrete evidence of my admiration for the book is in our plan to use your book as the basis for our Adult Jewish Study next year. There is no question in my mind that the members of our congregation who attend the course will find it most profitable, spiritually enriching and extremely helpful in every way. I am writing to you to say "Thank you" for having written it.

With warmest personal regards and all good wishes for yourself, Mrs. Silver and the children, I am

Most cordially,

  
Rabbi William B. Silverman

WBS/1

P.S. Last October, I sent you a copy of my book, "The Still Small Voice - A Story of Jewish Ethics", and I was hoping that you might write to me with your evaluation. The book



has been very successful in terms of sales, and is now in its third edition. However, at present, I am writing a second volume which will deal with the ethics of the synagogue, prayerbook, festivals and holidays, Chasidic literature, Hebrew ethical wills, Jewish theology, the State of Israel, Christian-Jewish relationship, civil rights, etc. Any constructive comments that you have to offer will be greatly appreciated.

W. B. S.





mailed  
12/4/58

SOLOMON COHEN  
ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR  
11 WEST 42<sup>ND</sup> STREET  
NEW YORK 36, N. Y.  
TELEPHONE LONGACRE 5-6880

November 23, 1958

My dear Abba:

I have enjoyed reading  
the fine reviews on your latest  
book "Where Judaism Differed".  
I do hope you will send  
me an autographed copy,  
as you have done on all  
previous occasions upon the  
publication of any of your  
books.

I am sure you will  
understand that the cost of the  
book is no consideration. But  
I do wish to be able to say  
that you personally sent me  
the volume as you have  
done heretofore on previous  
occasions.

I am looking forward to  
see you at the Israel Bond  
Dinner in your honor on December  
17<sup>th</sup>. The success of the affair is  
assured.

I am very happy to see that  
Daniel Jeremy is following in your footsteps  
and is making a name for himself. Give him my regards.  
Best wishes to Benjamin, Anna and all.  
Be remembered. As ever yours, Sol.



# Touro Synagogue

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OFFICE OF THE RABBI

November 26, 1956

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

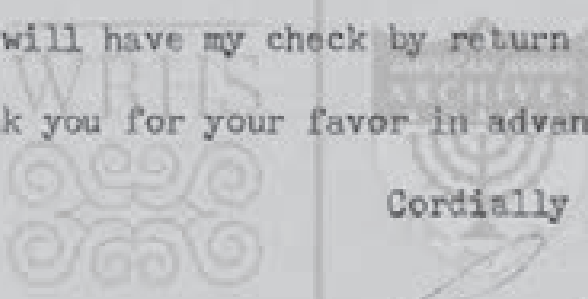
Dear Friend:

Could you arrange for Rabbi Silver to autograph  
three copies of his new book entitled "WHERE JUDAISM DIFFERED"  
and send them to me.

You will have my check by return mail.

Thank you for your favor in advance.

Cordially yours,

  
*Leo A. Bergman*  
RABBI LEO A. BERGMAN

*P.S. Or else can you tell me the  
publisher?*



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November 30, 1956

Rabbi Leo A. Bergman  
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St. Charles Ave. at General Pershing  
New Orleans 15, La.

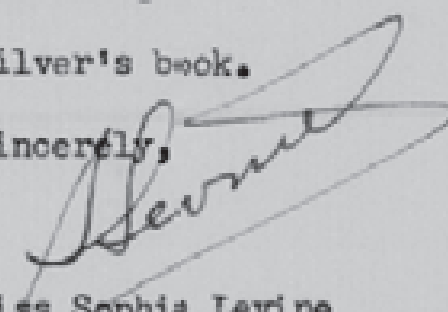
Dear Rabbi Bergman:

Under separate cover I have today forwarded to you three autographed copies of Dr. Silver's new book WHERE JUDAISM DIFFERED.

Please be good enough to make your check payable to The Temple Women's Association, who are graciously handling the sale of the books through The Temple. The cost of the book is \$4.50 each, plus 25¢ each for mailing and handling.

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

Sincerely,

  
Miss Sophia Levine  
Secretary to Dr. Silver

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November 30, 1956

Rabbi Leo A. Bergman  
Touro Synagogue  
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New Orleans 15, La.

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

Sincerely,

Miss Sophia Levine  
Secretary to Dr. Silver

/sl



Dec 3 - 56  
424 Arlington Village  
Arlington Va 4

Dear Rabbi

I hope Mrs. Lerner & you  
are well.

I would like your new fork  
for my son David & Rhoda

I hope you remember me as  
we often talk about you even if  
it is 40 years since we have  
known you.

Sincerely

Phyllis Maurice

P.S. Please include it as

David & Rhoda Maurice

William just gave her fork.

P.S. address

David & Maurice  
6004 Cairn Terrace

Bethesda 14 Maryland  
Suburban Washington D.C.



Mrs. Phyllis L. Maurice



P.S. I am sending check  
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any postage

Thank You.



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*Editor*

December 5, 1956

Rabbi Abba H. Silver  
Cong. Tifereth Israel  
E. 105th St. & Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Would you be good enough to send us a copy of your recent book for review in the pages of the Journal of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

Sincerely,

*Eleanor Glass*  
Secretary

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December 5, 1956

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Though I have not as yet had an opportunity to read your newest book, "Where Judaism Differed", I am impelled to write this note to express my pleasure that you have put your thinking on this subject into book form.

The reviews which I have read are most gratifying, and I am looking forward to a bit of leisure in the near future to enjoy the book myself.

I feel a kind of personal interest in the book, since the title is one which you first used, I believe, when you came as our guest lecturer to the University of Pennsylvania Chapel Series four or five years ago. At that time we taped your lecture and I would hope that it may have been the start and inspiration for this new book.

With belated Hanukah greetings and warmest good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Isid Gordon*

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
East 105th St. & Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

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December 6, 1956

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5015 Harding Road  
Nashville 5, Tennessee

My dear Rabbi Silverman:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in writing to me. I appreciate greatly what you say about my book and the fact that you used the book as a basis for a sermon in your pulpit.

I am delighted that your own book "The Still Small Voice - A Story of Jewish Ethics" has been so well received and that you are planning a second volume on the ethics of the synagogue, prayerbook etc. That should be a most valuable contribution.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILIEL SILVER

AHS:



December 7, 1956

Rabbi Theodore H. Gordon  
Main Line Reform Temple, Beth Elohim  
410 Montgomery Avenue  
Wynnewood, Pa.

My dear Rabbi Gordon:

Thank you so much for your kind note and for your thoughtfulness in writing to me.

I am happy that the book is being well received throughout the country.

I recall with pleasure my address of a few years ago at the University of Pennsylvania Chapel Series when I used the same subject as I did for my book.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

Please accept my belated thanks for sending me a copy of your excellent, thought provoking volume "Where Judaism Differed". Your book will be a deep shock to those who believe that sameness is the greatest virtue, and a great help to those of us who believe that there is room for individuality in this world and that the right to be different is an essential ingredient of democracy.

Please convey Mrs. Wolf's and my greetings to Dan.

Best wishes.

Cordially,

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December 10, 1956

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On behalf of my Dad as well as myself I would like to thank you kindly for the two copies of your fine new book which you were kind enough to send.

I am just now on my feet again having been bedridden for two weeks with a slipped disc. The enforced rest gave me a good deal of time to read your book leisurely and I might say it provoked some thoughtful discussion between my wife and myself. She in turn was spurred to write a short essay on "Mommy, What is God?" for our own children. If any publisher is foolhardy enough to print her libertarian tract, we will be delighted to send you an inscribed copy.

Thanks again.

Very truly yours,

  
WALTER SCHEUER

ws/tr



IRVING B. HEXTER  
812 HURON ROAD  
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December 10, 1956

Is there any danger, Rabbi,

. . . . . of my becoming a Temple goer if I read your book? If so, I will put it aside until I am too old to get drunk Saturday nights.

But seriously, Rabbi, I do appreciate your thoughtfulness, and Eva and I both appreciate the thoughts expressed in your fly-leaf note.

We are looking forward to being with you soon.

Sincerely,

*For the G.O.Y.*

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



December 11, 1956

CCAR Journal  
Central Conference American Rabbis  
63 Hamilton Avenue  
Yonkers 5, New York

Attention Eleanor Glass, Secretary

Gentlemen:

In response to your request of December 5th for a review copy of Rabbi Silver's book *WHERE JUDAISM DIFFERED* I wish to inform you that I have, under separate cover, forwarded a copy to you today.

Sincerely,

Miss Sophia Levine  
Secretary to Dr. Silver

/sl



Brooklyn 4, den 17.12.1956  
1973 - 70 St

Herrn  
Dr.Rab.Abba Hillel Silver  
19810 Shaker Blvd  
Cleveland, Ohio

Sehr verehrter Herr Rabbiner Silver,

Gott weiss, wann (und ob) beiliegendes Manuskript "Freiheit und Verantwortlichkeit" veroeffentlicht werden wird. Da es sich aber auf ein Kapitel Ihres juengsten Buches bezieht, erlaube ich mir, es Ihnen vorzulegen, - falls Sie daran ein Interesse haben sollten.

Bitte solche Ausdruecke zu entschuldigen, welche gegen meine Absicht zu schroff ausgefallen sein sollten. Es handelt sich auch nicht um Persoenliches, sondern um Sachliches, - was ich auch deshalb erwaehe, weil mit diesem schlichten Gegensatz bereits die Freiheit anerkannt wird.

Es ist indessen hoechste Zeit, dass ich mich Ihnen vorstelle, bei welcher Gelegenheit, wie es oft zu geschehen pflegt, ich mich auch verabschiede

mit verbindlichen Empfehlungen,  
Ihr sehr ergebener

St:M

Maxis Fodorhammer





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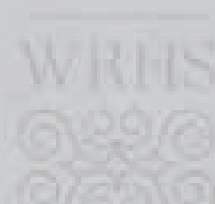
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Where Judaism Differed, עם ההקדשה הנאה.  
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December 24, 1956

Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof  
The Ruskin Apartments  
120 Ruskin Avenue  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Sol:

I just read the review of my book which you wrote for the American Zionist. I need not tell you that I am most pleased with it. It is most kind of you to have taken time out of a crowded life to do this.

I am happy that the book is receiving a warm welcome. The Macmillan people are getting out a second printing this week and the Jewish Publication Society has ordered a special printing of three thousand copies.

With warmest regards and all good wishes to you andillian in which Virginia joins me, I remain,

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:sl



JAMES N. ROSENBERG  
575 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK 22  
December 27, 1956

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
THE TEMPLE  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Abba Hillel Silver:

Many thanks for your book, which  
I shall take home with me, and you may be sure  
that I shall read it.

All best wishes for 1957, and may  
your strength for great public service continue  
ever greater.

Sincerely yours,

JNR/rf





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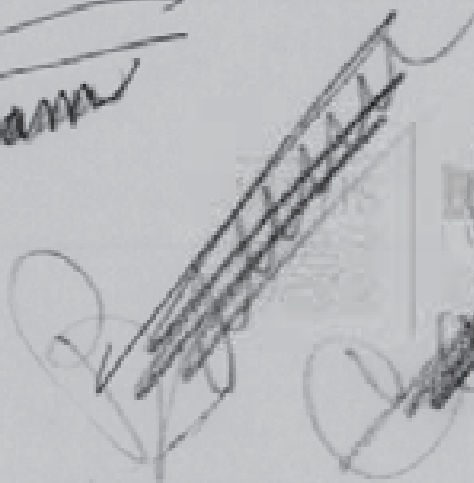
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הרב ד"ר אבא הלל סילבר  
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ד"ר אבא הלל היקר והנערץ,

זה עתה קבלתי את ספרך החשוב

WHERE JUDAISM DIFFERED

והנני מודה לך מקרב לב על שזיכיתי בחסורה נאה  
ורבה-ערך זו.

הפכתי בו והפכתי בו וגיליתי מעינות זבים  
מפכים, בהם שיקוי ברכה ללב ולמוח. בכוחם של מעינות  
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אזכור לך את חסד זכרך אותי כימים אלה,

וכל טוב וברכה ישועה מציון וירושלים.

רעייתי שולחה ג"כ את ברכהה לגב' סילבר ולך.

הנאמן לך מאד,

(ע. מן-עמ' י)



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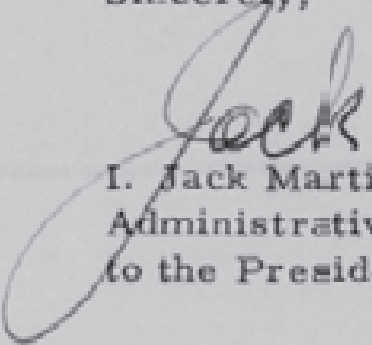
January 2, 1957

Dear Dr. Silver:

Although I have talked to you on the phone, I just wanted to reiterate how much I appreciate your thinking of me during the holiday season in sending me your book. I am looking forward to reading it, but it will have to wait until I can get some free time from my duties here. We are working overtime helping the Congress get settled.

With best wishes for the New Year,

Sincerely,



I. Jack Martin  
Administrative Assistant  
to the President

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



RABBI EDWARD T. SANDROW

January 10, 1957

Temple Beth El  
Bway + Locust  
Cedarhurst  
L.I.  
N.Y.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your book WHERE JUDAISM DIFFERED was just read by me. Before I do anything else I must write you and tell you that it was one of the greatest experiences I ever had. Its warmth and scholarship and integrity make it a constant companion for me these days in preaching and in teaching. It is a book which ought to be used as a text in every adult education program throughout the country. It can become an enriching and rewarding experience for both teacher and pupil. It is my hope to use it with a small group of my people next season.

My gratitude to you.

Sincerely yours,

Edward T. Sandrow

ETS:mn

P.S. My best to our mutual friend, Aaron Cohen.



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January 11th, 1957

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

On my return from Detroit, to the office this morning, I find your graciously autographed WHERE JUDAISM DIFFERED.

I am taking it home with me and shall write you again when I have read it.

It was kind of you to spend the whole evening at the legal fraternity meeting the other night. I am sure that everyone was deeply appreciative.

Cordially yours,



JAMES G. McDONALD



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*Dr. Allan Tarshish, Rabbi*

85 MONTAGU STREET  
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*Charleston SC*



January 16, 1957

Dear Dr Silver,

I have just read your book "Where Judaism Differed" and am tremendously impressed with it. I had planned to discuss it at Friday evening service last week, but there is so much to it, that I told the congregation, I would discuss only one chapter and treat them to a chapter at a time.

It is a most valuable contribution to our understanding of Judaism. I have talked it up so much that a number of the members have asked me to purchase it for them. Certainly it should be in every Jewish home.

My warmest congratulations and also deep gratitude for your signal contribution which has been so much needed.

Miriam joins in our warmest best wishes

Cordially,

*Allan*  
Allan Tarshish



TEL AVIV.

January 17, 1959

תל אביב.

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רחוב קולשר 38

My dear Dr. Silver,

I am very grateful to you for having sent me your book on "Chore Judaism differed," and for the kind words you cared to write on the fly leaf.

In the subject matter you are treating I am of course, an absolute layman and could not presume to express opinions on what you are saying in your book, but I certainly will learn from it.

As I hear from friends you are going to visit Israel this year and I look forward to see you again.

With kindest regards,  
Cordially yours,

P. Bernstein



Air Mail



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January 18, 1957

Dr. Allan Tarshish,  
85 Montagu Street  
Charleston, South Carolina

My dear Allan:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in writing to me about my book WHERE JUDAISM DIFFERED. I am happy to know that you have found it so pleasing and so helpful.

I am very gratified that the book is being received so well in all parts of the country.

Again let me thank you for your kindness in writing to me.

With warm regards I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABEA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:sl



January 18, 1957

Rabbi Edward T. Sandrow  
Temple Beth El  
Broadway and Locust  
Cedarhurst, L.I., N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Sandrow:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in writing to me about my book WHERE JUDAISM DIFFERED. I am happy to know that you have found it so pleasing and so helpful.

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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TEMPLE EMANUEL  
1250 BOWER HILL ROAD  
PITTSBURGH 16, PA.

OFFICE OF THE RABBI  
HAROLD SILVER, M. H. L.

January 24, 1957

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
198-10 Shaker Boulevard  
Shaker Heights, Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Uncle Abba:

In the midst of all the excitement of your visit here, and inspired perhaps even more so by Dr. Freehof's sterling salesmanship, I was wondering whether I might not be favored with an autographed copy of your new book. Father has written me about his own reactions to your new literary work and I am most anxious to go through it myself.

Ruth Lee and I hope that Aunt Virginia's disc problems will be speedily and happily resolved. Both of us would love to come up to Cleveland when she is completely well again and have the pleasure of seeing you both and meeting our new cousins.

Trusting that this note finds you in good health and high spirits, I remain

as ever,

*Harold*



January 24, 1957

Dr. Morris Stockhammer  
1973 70th Street  
Brooklyn 4, New York

My dear Dr. Stockhammer;

I am taking the liberty of returning to you your article in which you discuss the subject of Free Will in relation to Chapter 13 of my book WHERE JUDAIISM DIFFERED.

I read the article with great interest although I regret I do not find myself being in complete agreement with your main thesis.

With warm regards and thanking you again for letting me read the manuscript, I remain

Cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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לידידי היקר,  
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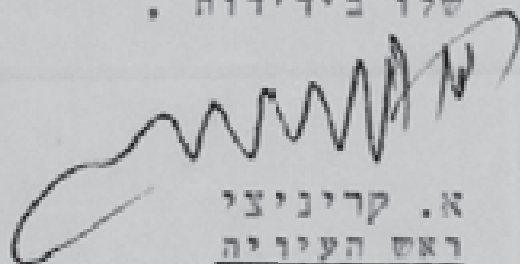
מכובדי !

שמחתי מאד לקבל את ספרו החשוב  
" Where Judaism Differed " והנני מודה  
לו מקרב לב עבור השי הנאה.

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למדי, אולם בטוחים אנחנו כי נחנכר על כל  
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במערכה הצבאית.

אני דורש בילתו ומאחל לו כל טוב.

שלו בידדות.



א. קריניצי  
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Book wanted  
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January 29, 1957

Rabbi Harold Silver  
Temple Emanuel  
1250 Bower Hill Road  
Pittsburgh 16, Pa.

My dear Harold:

It was nice to have seen you in Pittsburgh and to know that everything is fine with you and your family.

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of my book with a double request: first, that you read it carefully and second, that you might lecture on it at one of your services.

I am eager to get as many Jews to read the book as possible.

With warmest regards, I remain

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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