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597 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

October 8, 1940

Dr. Abba H. Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. & Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have your letter of the 6th, and I was very much interested in reading it and to know that you have made some progress towards publishing some of your material. We are interested in anything you do.

I will say frankly that I am somewhat concerned lest the book you outline would have a rather limited appeal to certain special groups, but I say this without seeing any of the material. I do not doubt the quality of what is contained in these essays and papers. The question that looms before us is whether we could find a market for them. With this in mind, would it be possible to send on such material as you have ready so that we could glance at it and discuss it with you a little more intelligently. Offhand, I think a volume of 300 to 350 pages would be over-large for a book of this sort. Perhaps a lower price would be a help.

Let me thank you again for your letter, and I hope we shall hear from you shortly.

Sincerely yours,

William L. Savage

W. L. Savage

WLS:klw

October 14, 1940

Mr. W. L. Savage
Charles Scribner's Sons
597 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Savages

Thank you for your kind letter of October 8. I know, of course, that this volume which I am planning and which will be devoted to problems of Jewish life today will have a limited appeal. Nevertheless, I feel that the book should be published, and furthermore I am inclined to believe that there will be a substantial sale. I believe that I can dispose of four or five hundred volumes here in Cleveland among my congregation and friends. In a few days I will send you the Manuscript. It will contain the first four of the five essays which I hope to include in this volume, keeping in mind what you suggest about not having the book over-large in size.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK

October 15, 1940

Mr. Joseph T. Kraus
Engineers Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Kraus:

I am enclosing herewith the fourth manuscript to be typed called "The Rediscovery of Judaism".

I am also enclosing a revision for page 21 of the essay "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival". It is to be substituted for the first paragraph on page 21.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK

October 23, 1940

Mr. W. L. Savage
Charles Scribner's Sons
597 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Savage:

I am enclosing herewith the first four of the five essays which I would like to include in my forthcoming volume. The fifth, on Anti-Semitism and the problem of inter-group relationships, I shall have ready in a few days. Should you decide to publish this volume, I should like to have these essays back for a final revision and correction.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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October 28, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

This will acknowledge your letter of
the 23rd and the receipt of a package containing
the essays referred to. Please accept our thanks
for sending this on, and we look forward to reading
it.

Sincerely yours,

William L. Savage
W. L. Savage

WLS:klw

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PUBLISHERS

597 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N. Y.

November 22, 1940

Dr. Abba H. Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. and Angel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have your telegram of the 22nd, and
your manuscript is being examined now but we have
not quite finished with it yet. I will try to push
it through and will write you shortly.

Sincerely yours,

William L. Savage

W. L. Savage

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PUBLISHERS

597 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N. Y.

December 2, 1940

Dr. Abba H. Silver
The Temple.
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We have read thoroughly your four articles: 1 - The World Crisis and Jewish Survival; 2 - The Rediscovery of Judaism; 3 - Israel; and 4 - The Prophet and his People. As I understand it, these, with others, would make a book on some problems of contemporary Jewish life. Not only do they contain excellent material, but the ideas are admirably expressed and the whole is very well written.

However, we are puzzled by the possible market, as we intimated in a previous letter might be the case. The nature of these chapters is rather special, and we fear they would be of interest primarily to a limited group. For this reason, and this only, we believe it would be unwise both on our account and on yours for us, as general publishers, to undertake this proposed book. Shall we return these chapters to you, or do you want us to send them to some other address?

We are so much interested in your work and have such a high opinion of it that we would be glad to offer you a contract now for the publication of the book of a more general and popular nature referred to in your letter of the 6th of October.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

William L. Savage
W. L. Savage

WLS:klw

W. J. Savage

Scrubner's

December 3, 1940

Mr. W. L. Savage
Charles Scribner's Sons
597 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Savage:

Thank you for your kind letter of December 2.
Please return my manuscripts to me at The Temple.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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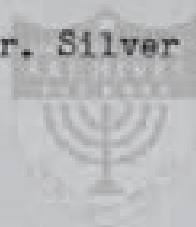
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January 17, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Silver:

It was very good of you to give us an opportunity to consider your book, *THE WORLD CRISIS AND JEWISH SURVIVAL* and we have read it with much interest. In the final analysis, however, the Editorial Board has finally decided with some regret against publication. In spite of favorable readers' reports, our business department feels that it might be somewhat difficult for them to find an adequate market for a book of exactly this type.

Since you will undoubtedly wish to consult other publishers, we are returning the manuscript to you under separate cover. May I thank you again for giving us an opportunity to see it.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen Shippen

Ellen F. Shippen
THE MACMILLAN COMPANY

EPS:ba

January 21, 1941

Miss Ellen F. Shippen
The MacMillan Company
60 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Shippen:

When I submitted my Manuscript to Mr. Victor E. Campbell, I assumed that there would be no adequate market for a book of its kind to interest the MacMillan Company from a business point of view, and I suggested, if I recall correctly, that I would be pleased to pay for its publication and to assume whatever financial responsibility is involved. I do not know whether your business department had my proposal in mind when you made your decision. I would be very happy to hear from you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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January 30, 1941

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Indeed, I shall be glad to see the manuscript of essays on "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival". It will be good to see the manuscript. Thank you for saying that a group of your friends would be happy to pay for its publication, but we should hope that there would be a sufficiently large market for the book that such might not be necessary.

Sincerely yours,

Eugene Exman/ej

February 5, 1941

Mr. Eugene Exman
Harper & Brothers
49 E. 33rd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Exman:

Thank you for your kind letter of January 30. Under separate cover I am sending you the volume of essays, "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival".

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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May 27, 1941

Mr. Richard Peters
The Cleveland Press
Cleveland, Ohio

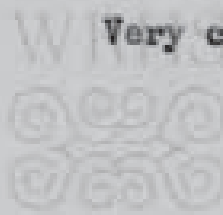
My dear Mr. Peters:

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of my book, "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival", which has just come off the press. It is a discussion in the form of five essays of some of the major problems of our day, especially as they affect the Jewish people.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX



May 27, 1941

Mr. Ted Robinson
The Cleveland Plain Dealer
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Robinson:

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of my book "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival" which has just come off the press. It is a discussion in the form of five essays of some of the major problems of our day, especially as they affect the Jewish people.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

May 27, 1941

Mr. David Appel
The Cleveland News
1801 Superior Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Appel:

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of my book, "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival", which has just come off the press. It is a discussion in the form of five essays of some of the major problems of our day, especially as they affect the Jewish people.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

June 2, 1941

MRS. HELEN E. BING
29-32 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD
CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OHIO

Dear Rabbi Silver, - many thanks
and hearty appreciation
for my autographed copy
of "World Crisis and Jewish
Survival." I am looking
forward to reading and
studying it. Please accept
my hearty congratulations
also for your richly de-
served new honors. The
Temple shines in your
reflected glory. It has been
a wonderful quarter of a
century to live and work
in, and I cherish our
friendship. Gratefully yours,
Helen

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June 3rd, 1941

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

I was just about to order a copy of your new book, "World Crisis and Jewish Survival", when I received the very fine volume which you sent me with your kind greetings.

I have started to read these essays, and as far as I have gone I can discern that they are gems which will live long in Jewish literature.

Again, with thanks and best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Nate

NL-K

MRS. JOSEPH A. GUGGENHEIM
3035 MEADOWBROOK BOULEVARD
CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OHIO

June 3, 1941.

My dear Rabbi Silver.

In acknowledging the gift
of your book to us I
know that the proper proceed-
ure would be to read it
and then express to you
our delight in receiving it.

However, because we
are so happy in receiving
it, I cannot wait to tell

you of our deep appreciation
to you for your thought
of us - and, that we will
treasure it forever because of
its lovely inscription. Thanks
you so very much.

Sincerely,

Walter D. Guggenheim.

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305 West End Ave
June 21, 1941

My dear Silver:

Thank you
so much for copy of your
new book, with your
treasured inscription.

I know that
it will be an intellectual
and artistic joy to read it.

With equal affection,
Yours,

Morris.

Dr. A. H. Silver
Cleveland, O.

June 4th 41

My dear Fathi Libar

To receive a copy of your last
book with your inscription
were twice for which I am
deeply grateful.

I am later glad to have a copy of
the appeal by Raymond Marney, for
the Joint Distribution Committee, which
it was my opinion, as I told Teddy Kirk
at the time of the broadcast, you
had written.

I have told Virginia that my
first singing telegram, a birthday
song failed to find her at home
on May the twenty fourth.

Thank you -

Edna G. Lamm

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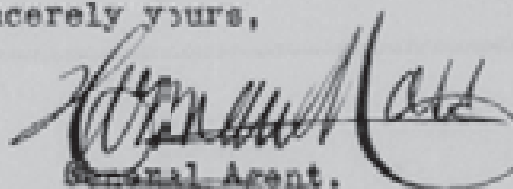
Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Florence and I have received the copy of your essays, entitled, "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival", which we are very proud to possess. We look forward to reading it with a great deal of interest and pleasure.

Thanks very much indeed for this autographed copy.

Very sincerely yours,


General Agent.

HM.N

MRS. VICTOR L. WISE
2189 St. James Parkway
Cleveland Heights, Ohio

June fourth -

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Victor joins me in
thanking you for the beautiful auto-
graphed copy of your new book. We
shall always consider it the most
valuable book in our library and
the symbol of a cherished friendship.

Fondly

Irene

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June 5, 1941

Dr. Abba Hilel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My Dear Rabbi Silver:

I wish to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your book, "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival", which you were so kind as to present to our library.

May we on this occasion call your attention to the fact that we do not possess your other two books, "Religion in a Changing World", and "The Democratic Impulse in Jewish History."

I am sure our students would appreciate reading them as they did enjoy very much your "Messianic Speculations", which you sent us some time ago.

Hoping that you will continue to enrich our anglo-Jewish literature with the same vigour you are so famous for. I remain,

Faithfully yours,

Jacob Dienstag
Jacob Dienstag
Librarian

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June 6, 1941

Dear Ruth Selby, -

Headless boy
Helen - I am very grateful
for your generous country in
sending ^{copy} your new book to
us. We shall read it with
exceeding interest.

In these perilous times it is
refreshing to find the only
outside - to become interested
on occasion. -

Helen joins in cordial greetings to
you. We love the children.

Truly yours
M. A. Selby

Dear Rabbi Silver

Eugene + I

feel highly honored to have
a copy of your new book
from your own hand - and
are looking forward eagerly
to reading it. Thank you
many times for your thought
of us + the fine gift it
brought us.

I tried to reach Virginia
but found that she was away.
We are asking a few friends
to dinner at Oakwood Club for
Saturday - June 21 - at 7:30
o'clock + hope very much
that you both can be with us
then.

Very sincerely yours
Edith A. Wolf.

June six.

VERY REV. CHESTER B. EMERSON, D. D.
TRINITY CATHEDRAL
CLEVELAND

June 6, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
2 East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba;

Thank you so much for your
book which I found on my desk today. I
shall read it with very great interest.

With kindest regards, I am

Gratefully yours,

Chas. B. Emerson

CBE:bkw

Fairmount Presbyterian Church
Cleveland Heights, Ohio

Frank Halliday Ferris
Minister

6 June 1941

Dear Rathi:

The World Crisis and Jewish Survival
will be carefully read this summer
and will thereafter be a cherished
member of my library. The last
chapter, which I missed when you
read it to the Alathians, will
receive especially careful scrutiny.
Some of the men thought you over-
stressed the apocalyptic element in
the teaching and outlook of Jesus:
we shall see. Many, many thanks,
good wishes for the work, and the hope
that you and yours may have as
happy a summer as may be in this
shadowed world. Always yours,
Frank H. Ferris

RABBI SOLOMON B. FREEHOF, D. D.
RODEP SHALOM TEMPLE
FIFTH AND MOREWOOD AVENUES
PITTSBURGH, PA.

June sixth
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Dr. Abba H. Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

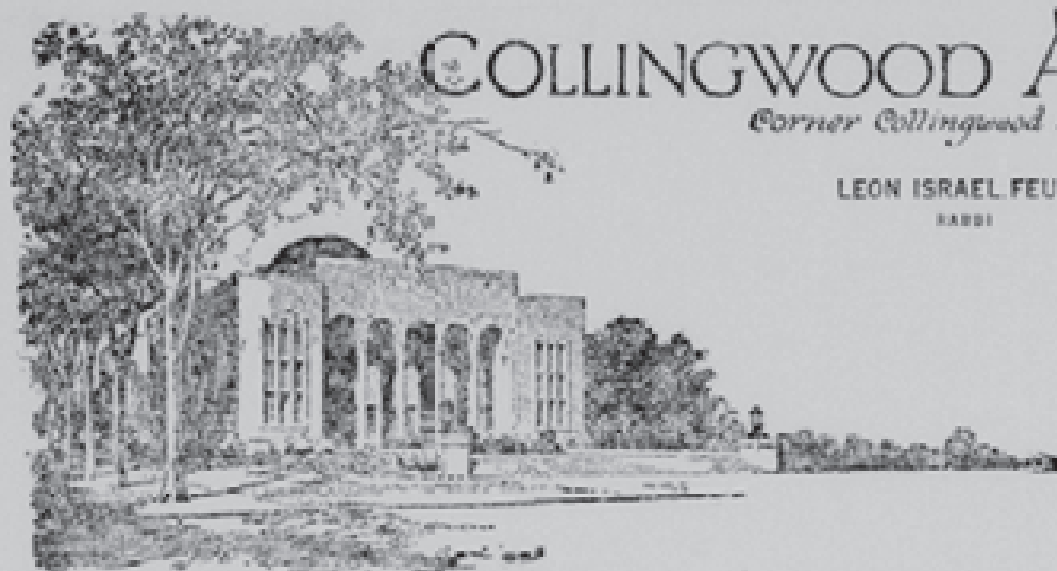
Thank you very much for having sent me your volume of essays. I am going to take it home this noon and read it during the next few days. I know that it will do me a lot of good and will be of great value to many readers. Good luck to you with the volume!

If Lillian were here, she would join me in best wishes to you and to Virginia. I hope that you will be able to spend a few days in Atlantic City. One thing at least can be said for the Conference this year, it has good geography.

As ever,

Sol

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TOLEDO, OHIO

June 6, 1941

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

Dear Rabbi:

This is to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the gift of your new book. It is a great privilege to have it and I am looking forward to reading it.

I also want to take this opportunity to offer my heartiest congratulations on the honorary degree which the College recently awarded you.

Mortense and I were terribly sorry to hear of Virginia's illness. I just learned about it yesterday when I ran into Mel and Leora here in Toledo. We certainly hope that she will soon be very well and strong again.

As ever,

Love

LIF-s



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Cleveland.

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MILES H. KRUMDINE
JAMES M. LOTZ

June 6, 1941

Dear Abba:-

I was delighted to get the autographed copy of your book "THE WORLD CRISIS AND JEWISH SURVIVAL." I am going to give myself the pleasure of reading this book this summer. What I shall find in it I know will be wise, instructive and altogether on the right side of things. I know this because I know you and value you as a great friend. I only wish this accursed world allowed more time for us to see much more of each other.

I wonder whether you will recall a telephone conversation I had with you, I judge back in February, about a Jewish family from Vienna that had fled to France and are now trying to flee from there to this country. You told me then if I didn't get the Episcopalians to do something about it I was to come back to you. I am happy to report today that I have been able to furnish the necessary documents to evacuate this family and bring them to this country. They are not actually on the way here yet but the only thing that will delay their coming here is space on the boat and I am assured that that will not cause a great delay. The Portuguese vessels are still running and have space.

More power to your elbow. You are doing great work and again a thousand thanks for your courtesy in sending me your book. I have half a mind to write a book myself so I can send you a copy.

As ever,

Miles

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Ansel Foad and East 105th Street
Cleveland

MHK:C

Saturday.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Dr. Gans and I

want to thank you most
sincerely for the copy of your
essays. We consider the book
very valuable because of the
subject matter and the beautiful

style in which it is written. But
we will treasure it even more
because it has been written by
some one we are pleased to
have as our friend.

Sincerely,

Edith Gano

LOUIS D. BRANDEIS
2205 CALIFORNIA STREET
WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 8, 1941

Dear Mr. Silver:

It was good to hear from you this
morning. Love.

Happily, 105 friends may feel some
of our duty.

With best wishes

Cordially

Robert D. Brandeis

Mr. Arthur Miller Silver.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

WVHS
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Dr. A. H. Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Galveston, Texas
June 9, 1941

Dear Dr. Silver,

I am very much obliged to you for a
copy of THE WORLD CRISIS AND JEWISH
SURVIVAL! Very good of you to send it to
me, and I shall read it with pleasure and
profit!

Faithfully yours,


Henry Cohen

The Covenant Manse
1689 East 115th Street
Cleveland

9 June 1841

Dear Rabbi Silver:

How precious and
characteristically thoughtful of you to send me a
copy of your new book! I know how I shall enjoy
reading these essays but of course I am very
happy to be the possessor of an autographed
presentation ^{of} the volume.

As I look back over the years I am

Aware of many attempts satisfying friendships
in my Cleveland life. Will you let me tell you,
Please. that the association which I have
enjoyed with you, and your people, has been,
and will continue to be, one of the rarest
experiences I have ever known?

Thank you again — and my love to
you and your family.

Ever affectionately yours,

Richd. D. Webb

Office of the Rabbi
270 West 89th Street

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1400
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297 West 88th Street



CONGREGATION B'NAI JESHURUN
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June 10, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Tenth & Ansel Roads
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thanks for sending me your book
with your cordial inscription which is deeply
appreciated.

I thought that I was doing pretty
well in taking a slice out of a busy calendar
to get some of my things into shape for publi-
cation. In your case, it is really amazing,
וְנִשְׁמַח בְּכֵן וְנִשְׁמַח בְּכֵן

I suppose that some day in the
month of July or August in some spot remote
from New York and Cleveland, respectively,
you and I will be reading one another's books.
You can have my *שְׁמַח בְּכֵן* in ad-
vance on the basis of your past performances.

Cordially yours,

DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN

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

Dear Rabbi,

Accept my thanks for the autographed copy of your latest book.
I am delighted that you should remember me, and honor me so
highly.

May your book be received with the approbation it so richly
deserves.

Sincerely,

DJ/MB

Darius Jankau

First Presbyterian Church

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RUTH E. COLBEY
CHURCH SECRETARY

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TREASURER

June 11, 1941

Dear Rabbi Silver —

I want to acknowledge
with sincere appreciation the
receipt of your new book
and I look forward to its
stimulation and inspiration.
The crisis for Israel is the
crisis shared by all the
people of God anywhere
and your words have
profound implications for
all of us.

With best wishes

Sincerely yours

Howard M. Wells

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June 12, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Silver,

Other than acknowledging briefly your courtesy and the book you sent me, I did not tell you how interested I am in THE WORLD CRISIS AND JEWISH SURVIVAL--your group of essays--which I have read in toto. The "blurb" did not say too much of the contents of the book which, to me, is exceedingly and greatly informative. The last chapter--THE PROPHET AND HIS PEACE--appealed to me meticulously, and I thank you again for your thought of me in the matter. My wish of yourself is *for SK Jew*

With every good wish to you and yours in which Mrs. Cohen joins, believe me to be

Yours faithfully,

H. Cohen
Henry Cohen

My dear friend,

It is wonderful to receive a book from its author, especially when it has such a nice inscription. Julius joins me in expressing gratitude. He has already begun to read the first paper, and I hope to follow shortly.

I hope that your dear Virginia is coming

along. Poor kid - she cer-
tainly has had her share.
Give her my fondest love
and best wishes for a
speedy recovery.

Faithfully yours,

Winnie.

June twelfth.

DILWORTH LUPTON
FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH
CLEVELAND, OHIO

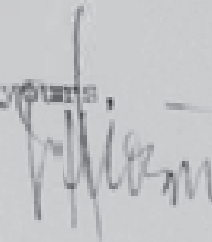
June 11, 1941

Dear Abba:

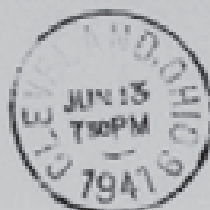
You honor me by sending me a copy of
THE WORLD CRISIS AND JEWISH SURVIVAL. I
appreciated especially the little note on
the fly-leaf. This summer I shall have
an opportunity to read the book, and I know
I shall get much from it.

Your RELIGION IN A CHANGING WORLD is
near my right hand. Some day I will show
you all the markings I have made in it. It
has meant much to me.

Faithfully yours,



Rabbi Abba H. Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road and E. 105th St.
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TAYLOR'S



Mrs. Charles A. Weiskopf

June 13, 1941

Dear Rabb Silver

We appreciate the kind thought
which prompted the sending of your book
G. will read it and treasure it always
Kindest regards to you and the family
Again thanks Sincerely
Charles & Tina Kestoff

THE BISHOP OF OHIO
2241 PROSPECT AVENUE
CLEVELAND

June 13, 1941

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

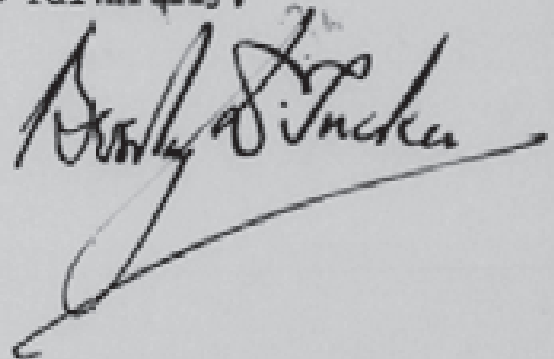
Thank you for your thought of me in sending me an autographed copy of your recent book, "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival", which came when I was absent from my office attending various commencements and board meetings.

I shall look forward with pleasure to reading this collection of your essays and will be much interested in your ideas on this subject.

I have greatly enjoyed our association together in the Alathians and only regret that my duties as Bishop of Ohio so frequently take me away from Cleveland on the days our meetings are held. I trust I shall be able to attend with greater regularity the 1941 - 42 meetings.

With warm personal regards, and with many thanks for your thought of me, I am

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bishop of Ohio", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Rabbi Alla Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
105th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

DAVID BERNSTEIN

1540 BROADWAY

NEW YORK

June

13th

1941

Dear Dr. Silver:

I just received the
copy of "The World Crisis and Jewish
Survival".

It was certainly thought-
ful of you to send it to me and I appre-
ciate it very much, as well as the
sentiments inscribed therein by you.

I hope you have taken a
little time off from the Drive for a rest
which you must need.

Trusting your health is
good and thanking you again for the gift,
I am

Sincerely yours,

David Bernstein

DB/a

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Western Reserve Academy

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Office of the Headmaster

13 June, 1941

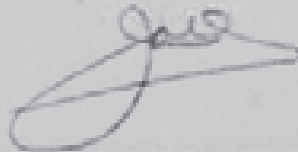
Dear Abba Hillel:

For your thoughtfulness in sending me your book, I send you this note of thanks.

You may be interested to know that I used the last half of your prefatory note at the very beginning of my baccalaureate sermon last Sunday. The title of the sermon was "Survival".

The Hayden family sends its cordial greetings and affectionate good wishes to the Silver family.

Ever yours,



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

RABBI ARMOND E. COHEN

CLEVELAND, OHIO

June

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1941

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

Dear Friend:

It was most kind of you to send me a copy of your new book. One of the papers given to the Central Conference I had read before, and the test of its high merit is that it sounds just as good now. I am sure I shall have a most interesting Shabbos with the rest of the book.

I deeply cherish the very cordial inscription.

Faithfully yours,

Armond Cohen

AEC:S

2907 Hampshire Rd
Cleveland - Ohio
June 14/41.

Dear Alma Hill,

I am very grateful to you
for sending me an autographed copy of your
latest book. I shall take it with me to Jamaica
this summer, and you will be the companion
of my summer days. Though we shall be far
apart.

Your friendship means much to me,
and my admiration of the service you are
rendering your people, and indeed all people,
is great indeed. For I ~~do~~ believe the fate
of me will be the fate of all.

God bless you and give you strength
for the added burdens of mind and heart
which these dark days have brought to
you and to us all -

Affectionately yours
Harold.

My dear Rabbi Silver -

Many

thanks to me in thanking you
for the autographed copy
of your book. We both
have read and enjoyed it.

and appreciate the kind
shot which prompted you
to send it.

Sincerely

Willie Steiner

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The Halle Bros. Co.

1228 EUCLID AVENUE

Cleveland, Ohio

June 16, 1941

You are invited to
an Autographing Party....

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, who has just received the unusual degree of Doctor of Hebrew Letters, will be in the Book Shop, Friday, June 20, from 1:00 to 3:00, to autograph copies of his new book, "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival."

This group of five essays discusses the vital problem of the Jewish people in a Nazi-Fascist dominated world and the phases of Jewish thought which will influence its solution.

We hope Dr. Silver's many friends will be here Friday to greet him. If you cannot, and would like an autographed copy of his book, just send us the attached order blank or call MAIN 2700, and the book will be sent to you at once.

Sincerely yours,

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June 16, 1941


Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I hope that you are in the best of health and that you are going to enjoy a very happy and successful vacation. The reason I am writing at this time, is to remind you that I would like to receive a signed copy of your new book. I should like to have it in my library, since I know that not only I but my son would enjoy reading it.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


Bernard Stone

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162 GLENMARY AVENUE
CLIFTON
CINCINNATI, OHIO

June 17, 1941.

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

Dear Abba:

Thank you very much for the
copy of your new book "The World Crisis
and Jewish Survival". I have already
read about half of it with great in-
terest and profit. It is a magnificent
group of essays, and I am delighted to
have it. More power to you!

Looking forward to seeing you,
and with cordial greetings from house
to house,

sincerely yours,

Nelson

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June 18, 1941

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CHURCH SECRETARY AND
YOUNG PEOPLE'S COUNSELLOR
MISS HELEN LUSK
.....CHURCH CLERK
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.....TREASURER

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I have been enjoying and profiting by the reading of your book which you were so gracious to send me. As always you combine wisdom and eloquence, which is a rare combination. Usually one is present without the other. But your words are not only good but profitable to read. I am truly grateful to you for your kindness in sending me the book with its gracious inscription.

Someday I want to talk with you about a statement or two of fact in the address on the prophet, but I must not attempt to do this by letter. I shall look forward to our first meeting.

With warmest regards as always,

Cordially yours,

Ferd Blanchard

FQB:LS

SOLOMON COHEN
ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR
11 WEST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK CITY
PHONE LONGACRE 5-5550

June 18, 1941

My dear Abba:--

Many thanks for the copy of your latest book "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival." I have read your essays with the greatest delight and spiritual satisfaction. "Israel" I had read before in brochure form and it made still better reading the second time. Parts of the "Rediscovery of Judaism" are prophetic utterances while "In the Midst of Many Peoples" is a splendid exposé of the Jew to the non-Jewish world.

Your last essay, "The Prophet and His People" is a poem in prose. In my humble opinion it surpasses Akkad Haavi's essays, p. 10. As I read it I began to understand better and appreciate more fully the role of the prophet in the life of his people.

As you happen to have a spare copy of "Religion in a Changing World"? If so, I should greatly appreciate if you would let me have it. I would also like to read "The Jewish People" the volume published in honor of your father. I will return it to you.

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SOLOMON COHEN
ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR
11 WEST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK CITY
—
PHONE LONGACRE 5-6880

Where do you plan to spend the summer? Will you be in New York shortly. Let me hear from you.

Anna joins me in best wishes to you and Virginia.

As ever yours,
Sol.



The Municipal Court of Cleveland

JOSEPH H. SILBERT, ASSOCIATE JUDGE

June 20, 1941

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

My dear Rabbi:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in sending me an autographed copy of your book. It is needless for me to tell you how much I appreciate it.

I hope Mrs. Silver is getting along very well and hope that you and your family have a most delightful summer.

With kind personal regards from Mrs. Silbert and myself, I am

Most affectionately yours,

Joseph H. Silbert

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June 25, 1941.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Road and E. 105th Street,
City.

My dear Dr. Silver:

Please accept my sincere thanks for the copy of your book, "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival." It is a splendid piece of work and a most notable contribution not only to the literature on Judaism but also to the interpretive studies of these times. It is also very beautifully written. The things which you have said need to be reiterated again and again and their truth fixed in the minds of both Jews and non-Jews.

I should like to talk about the book in my forthcoming column, Religion in Review, on Sunday, if I may.

Very truly yours,

Walton W. Rarick



June 29,

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Jeff and I want to
thank you for sending
us your new books &
essays. We were truly
pleased and flattered
that you should remember
us with such a gift, and
now I'm very anxious to
read it.

Jeff is now a hard
working army man. He was

called a couple months²
ago, and we feel very
fortunate that he was
able to be stationed at
Fort McPherson which is
just outside Atlanta. So
far, he is very enthusiastic
about his work.

Later on this summer
I hope to be coming up
to Cleveland with Susan,
and Jeff may join us
for awhile! Hope we will
have a chance of seeing you
then, though I know that

after you are on your³
vacation there.

Give our best to Mrs
Silver and the boys.

Sincerely,



Betty

Oscar Thomas Olson

Cleveland, Ohio

July 1, 1941

My dear Dr. Silver:

Your new book "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival" came with its lovely inscription when I was itinerating in Alabama and North Carolina.

I am very happy that you have put in book form for all of us your point of view. It's amazing that with the development of the scientific spirit, we should have seen such an utter collapse of the spirit and interpretation of human destiny. The de-throning of God has let man's lust for power plunge us into nameless woe.

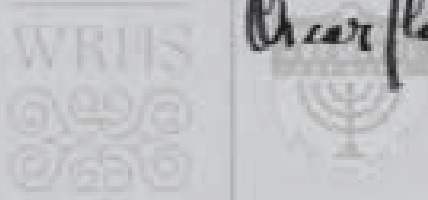
I am deeply fearful of a type of sentimentality that masquerades as piety in many quarters of the American scene. I believe only as the cultural and religious values of the Hebraic-Christian interpretation of life get their chance will we begin to see the consummation of the old ideal expressed by the prophet when he said: "the work of righteousness shall be peace."

Page two

It is good to know that you are speaking
in the American scene so clearly. With
all good appreciation and deep affection,
believe me to be

As ever,

Yours,

 *Charles Thomas Weiss*

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

Rabbi Samuel S. Cohon
Professor of Jewish Theology
Hebrew Union College

201 Hearne Avenue, Avondale
Cincinnati - Ohio

July 7, 1941

Dear Friend: -

I thank you for sending me your new
book. I spent yesterday reading it, and
found much delight in its rich content.
I was particularly pleased with the section
"In the Midst of Many Peoples." It exhibits
fine stationariness. The essay in "The
Prophet and His People" rises to great

spiritual as well as literary heights.
With cordial greetings to your family
and to yourself, I am

Faithfully yours,

Samuel V. Cohen

S. Ash & S. Silber,
Chickland, Ohio

LEWISOHN 4000 EAST AVENUE ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

July 9, 1941.

Dear Dr. Silver:-

The volume, forwarded from New York, came as a surprise. I started to read it at once and became absorbed in it and read every line. And all that I read refreshed me profoundly. A good deal has been published recently from within our group which, well-intentioned enough, -was hardly calculated to serve us. Your book is needed; it is needed precisely now.

It has rare qualities: immense courage, clean intellectual rectitude and at the same time high persuasiveness. You do strike at the center again and again, as on the real disease of our age (bottom of page 80); as, quite triumphantly, on Israel and its religion (page 139-40), as on the necessary practical (not metaphysical) dependence of freedom on God (page 206.) I marked many other passages--again and again sentence after sentence in Israel and The Prophet and His People. But in the other essays too. Futile to wish--I speak from such long and manifold experience--that many Jews and also many non-Jews could be brought to ponder your eloquent and trenchant pages. But one does wish that wish again on certain occasions, of which this is, of course, one. And so, for once, I can say unreservedly: thank you for the book and for the beautiful inscription which touched me very deeply.

Edna and I are here for the summer at the home of her parents, both of us working, she just now far more effectually than I. Of the battle which I am having to fight over again I cannot even speak. It cuts too deep to the very core. The hurt, too, is more than a personal one. The spear-head of Fascism is in our midst. Without it this hideous thing --perpetrated in open and shameless desire to knife Jewish members of the N.Y. judiciary (Aaron Levy and Isadore Wasservogel) and myself could never have come to pass. Result: the persecution of a child.

I haven't at present even a set of

proofs of Renegade. But reading aloud passages from your book to my wife we both remarked upon our certainty that you will like and relish my story not only as a story but for its intellectual and religious implications.

Ever faithfully yours,

Ludwig Lewis



BERNARD STONE
802 Commercial Exchange Bldg.
416 West Eighth Street
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July 21, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

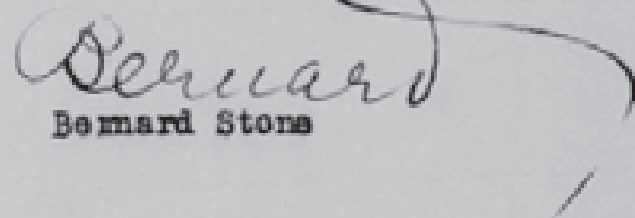
Dear Dr. Silver:

I want to express to you my many
thanks and grateful appreciation for your latest
volume, which has just reached me this morning.
I am also grateful to you for the very kind
inscription you penned therein.

I look forward with a great deal
of anticipation to reading the book, and it
will be accorded a place of honor in my library.

With kindest personal regards and
best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,


Bernard Stone

BS:f

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Aug. 1, 1941.

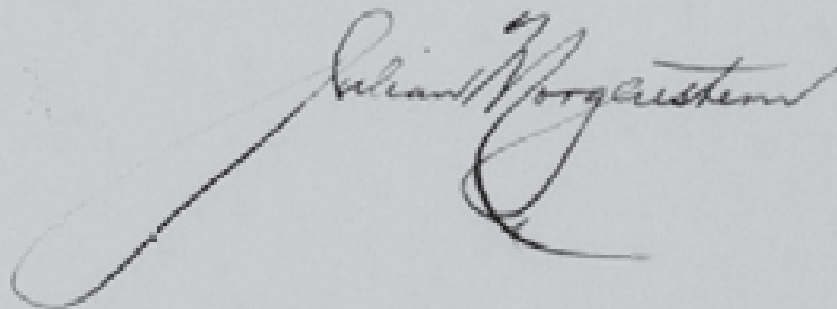
My dear Abba,

I have just finished reading "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival", a copy of which you so kindly gave me at graduation. I have enjoyed it thoroughly.

While, of course, I cannot agree completely with your general thesis, none the less, I learned much from the book and was greatly stimulated by it. I admired particularly the logical manner in which you developed your argument in each of the five essays. I was especially impressed with the first and the last two essays. I could not but feel that in the third essay you were rather unfair to the early German Reformers. It seemed to me too that your interpretation of Paulinianism differed somewhat for the Jewish audience of your third essay from that intended for a non-Jewish audience in the last two essays. However, these restrictions do not detract from my appreciation of the brilliance and abundant worth of the essays.

I hope that long ere this Virginia will have recovered completely from the effects of her operation, and that all of you are enjoying a pleasant and restful summer. With warmest regards for you and yours from mine and me, I am ever

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Julius Morgenstern". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Julius Morgenstern".

Emanuel Congregation

Seven - O - One Buckingham Place
Chicago

FELIX A. LEVY
Rabbi

August 26, 1941

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

Dear Friend:

Upon my return from my vacation I found your book which you so kindly sent me. Many thanks for your courtesy. I have read the volume with a great deal of profit and pleasure and congratulate you on having produced a very thoughtful, well written and stimulating piece of work.

With best wishes for the New Year, and kindest greetings from house to house, I remain

Cordially yours,

Felix A. Levy
Felix A. Levy
Rabbi

FAL:SN

NATHAN KOLLIN
RABBI

PAUL DISCOUNT
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Temple Anshe Emeth

ELM STREET AT PARK AVENUE
YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

September 3, 1941

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Although I completed reading your most recent book during the past summer, I have been re-reading it with no end of mental and spiritual delight. I must confess that I may have been (unconsciously) searching for homiletic material in preparation for the High Holyday exercises, but I was more consciously and deliberately seeking and finding genuine instruction.

I take this opportunity of expressing to you my modest appreciation for much that I have learnt from its pages, and trust that the New Year may bring to you and to us all the divine blessings of a just peace and abiding happiness.

Cordially yours,

Nathan Kollin

P.S. If my coming sermons betray my having read your book, I shall be generous with "quotes", 17N/6 P2?



Rev. Dr. Ezekiel Leavitt
1650 EASTERN PARKWAY
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

הרב דר. יחזקאל לעווִיט

September 4, 1941

Dear Colleague Silver:

More than once I sent you my new books with my compliments. May I, then, be permitted to ask you to send me a copy of your book THE WORLD CRISIS AND JEWISH SURVIVAL?

Wishing you a happy and healthy New Year, I am, with cordial greetings,

Very sincerely yours,

Ezekiel Leavitt

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RABBI VICTOR E. REICHERT, D.D.
THE ROCKDALE AVENUE TEMPLE
CINCINNATI, OHIO

September 10, 1941

Dr. Abba H. Silver
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba,

I hope that you will forgive me for not having acknowledged before this your gracious kindness in sending me your magnificent essays, "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival." I wanted, however, to wait until I had read them. Now upon my return from our vacation, which took us all the way to the Coast and included a visit in San Francisco with Irving, I write not only to thank you, but to express my appreciation for the stirring contribution you have made to Anglo-Jewish belle-lettres.

These papers, as everything else that you have written breathe the indomitable will to live of Israel. I congratulate you upon them and pray that God may spare you strength that you may continue to bring light and inspiration to a pain-filled world.

With affectionate greetings in which Louise and the boys join to Virginia, the boys and yourself, and wishing you a good year ahead, I am

Faithfully yours,


Victor E. Reichert

Forest Hills Jewish Center

92-15 Stafford Avenue

Forest Hills, N. Y.

DR. BEN ZION BOKSER
Rabbi

BOulevard 8-9036

Sept. 12, 1941

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Please accept my
thanks for your kindness
in sending me a copy of
your new book. I have
always enjoyed reading
your writings, and I have
found this volume particularly
timely, and abounding with
the vision and courage which
we need in this day.

With all good wishes to
you and your family for a happy
new year, I am Sincerely yours,
Ben Zion Bokser

Books to Be Published This Fall

(Continued from Page 32)

MAURICE VLAMINCK. By Klaus G. Pers. Harper & Brothers.

A monograph on a famous French artist.

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Dear Dr. Silver:

I have to thank you warmly for sending me your excellent book, "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival." I read it with great interest and found it very illuminating and was particularly intrigued by your statement concerning the modern false prophets in your chapter on "The Rediscovery of Judaism. I marvel at your courage.

I am in full agreement with you in your statement about the certain Jewish educators "who resented the intrusion of religion in their ultra-scientific curricula." I want also to tell you that I found a great part of your discussion in reference to the proselyte historically correct. Your book is really a great work and shows that it came from a real leader who has a clear perspective of Judaism and the Jews.

I do not, however, agree with you entirely in your estimation of Klausner and Sholom Asch. Both of them by their books on Jesus, did harm to Judaism by giving a wrong picture of Jewish life at the time of Jesus. Sholom Asch, to my opinion, while a very gifted writer, is ignorant in reference to Judaism and Jewish history, and I may say, subconsciously a missionary.

Under separate cover, I am sending you my essay, "Jews, Race, Nation, or Religion," and my review on Dr. Klausner's book, "Paul."

With kindest personal regards to Mrs. Silver and yourself, and best wishes for a very happy New Year, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Solomon Zeitlin
SOLOMON ZEITLIN

September 30, 1941

Professor Solomon Zeitlin
 Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning
 S. E. Corner Broad and York Streets
 Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Zeitlin:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of September 25. I appreciate all the nice things which you say about my book. I am pleased that it is having such a nice reception.

I am awaiting with keen interest your essays.

Mrs. Silver joins me in sending you our warmest greetings for the new year.

Very cordially yours,

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Accept my cordial thanks for the inspiring, interesting and timely volume, which I started to read last evening and finished this morning.

It is impossible, I suppose, to work out a completely consistent position and I think that you have reconciled the various conflicts and taken the wisest position that is possible with respect to them.

It was indeed a pleasure to see you in such apparently good health and spirits last Sunday.

With kind regards, I am

Cordially yours,



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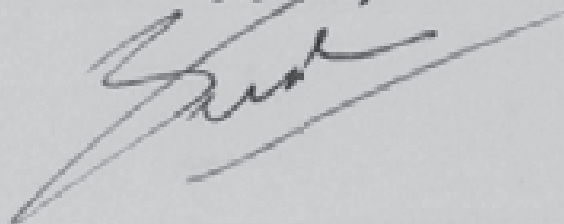
Dear Abba Hillel:

Last Friday to my desk came a copy of your newest book "World Crisis and Jewish Survival." While waiting to go to services, I happened to open it and I glanced through it. I found myself reading the chapter which you had used at Harvard University. Several pages there fitted in so well with what I had planned to say that evening that I quoted from the book at my service.

I want you to know that it is a joy for me to read this fine work, and I plan to commend this book to members of my congregation.

With all good wishes, and with heartiest congratulations,
I remain

Sincerely yours,



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Rabbi, The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio

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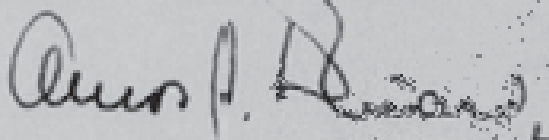
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Today's mail brought me a pleasant surprise -- the copy of your "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival". I anticipate that the reading will be most enjoyable and instructive, indeed. Permit me to thank you sincerely for this very gracious remembrance.

I wish to say to you again how enjoyable and interesting I found the proceedings of the Allotment Committee, albeit difficult and perplexing, particularly for the neutral members. I was also very glad that I had the opportunity again of being with you.

Kindest regards and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
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October twenty-ninth
. 1941 .

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

Dear Doctor Silver:

Thank you very much for your note of October 27th. I frankly admit that I did not like the review of your book when I first read it in galley. But we insist upon the autonomy of our reviewers except if they should become personally abusive. I am sure that you will not transfer your displeasure, however justified, from the reviewer to the journal or the organization behind it.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

Salomon Baron
Salo W. Baron

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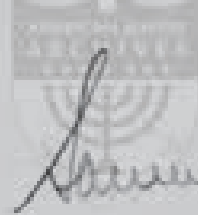
October 30, 1941

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you very much for
your kind thought in forwarding to me your
group of essays, which I am sure I shall
find both interesting and instructive.

With kindest personal
regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Samuel Markell

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
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Dear Dr. Silver:

I appreciate very much your courtesy
 in sending me a copy of your book, "The World Crisis
 and the Jewish Survival".

I know that I shall read these papers
 with deep interest and perhaps when I have finished
 you will permit me the opportunity sometime to discuss
 a few of them with you.

With best wishes, believe me

Cordially yours,

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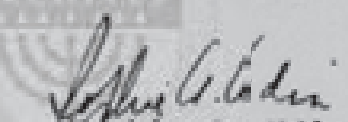
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Thank you for keeping our interests in mind.

Sincerely yours,

G. Kisch.
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Editor

November 19, 1941

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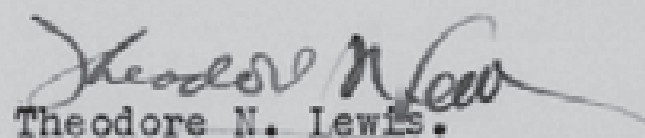
Your note concerning my review of your book, sent to the Reconstructionist, has just reached my desk.

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing me. I assure you it was a real pleasure to read what you had to say, especially concerning our own Reform movement.

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With all good wishes, I remain

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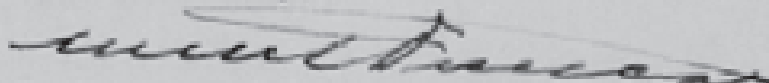
Rabbi Abba H. Silver, D.D.
2 E. 105th Street
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My dear Rabbi Silver,

I appreciate most highly your kind gift of "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival" which I received and which should have been acknowledged before. When at the luncheon meeting you mentioned that I might have a copy of this book, I appreciated your good will but felt that it would be an impossibility for you to remember me in this connection among your many friends. Your thoughtfulness in remembering our conversation is most deeply appreciated. I have started reading your book and am sure that I will receive a great deal of enjoyment and profit in possessing it. I will place it beside "Religion in a Changing World" and will remember not only the fine contribution which you made to my library in the messages of these books, but also the very gracious and brotherly spirit which you manifest.

With kindest regards and good wishes for the strengthening which we all need in these days and the prayer that your people may escape further persecution in the world confusion, I remain

Very sincerely,



W. W. T. Duncan

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My dear Abba:-

I thank you for the complimentary copy of the book which you sent me. The reason I didn't acknowledge it sooner is that I wanted to read it through before writing to you.

The series of Essays are very fine. Needless to say, in general, I agree with your point of view.

Only the other day, I argued my head off to prove to a layman that the Jews are a People. He thought they were only a Religion.

Needless for me further to reiterate what I once wrote and told you - "You are still the taps".

With kindest regards from house to house, I am

Cordially yours.

Kate

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

Dr. A. H. Silver
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Rabbi A. Yeoshua
337 Manchester St
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Dec. 21, 1941

Dear Dr. Silver,

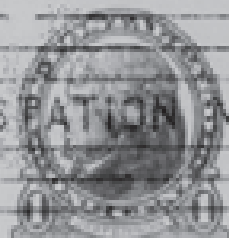
I am a refugee rabbi, who only recently arrived in this country. I hope to find a position as a Rabbi, and I am confronted with the difficulty of my inability to purchase sermon literature.

I wonder if you would be generous enough to present me with your recent publication: "The World Crisis of Jewish Survival" of which I read.

I will gladly pay its price as soon as I am able to.

Wouldn't you want to help me?
With fraternal greetings and
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Rabbi A. Yeoshua



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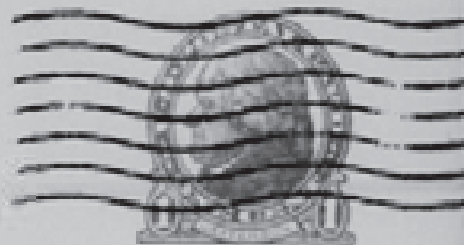
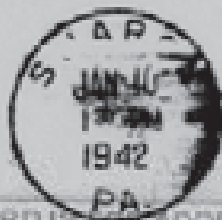
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Will you please advise me what price Rabbi Silver's new book is? I will send my check so you can mail me one. I would like to have it autographed by the Rabbi to my daughter Shirley, who was confirmed in the Temple.

Sincerely,
Lillian Rosenblum
367 Euclid Ave;
Sharon, Penna

January 12, 1942

Mrs. Lillian Rosenblum
367 Euclid Ave.
Sharon, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Rosenblum:

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of Rabbi Silver's book, "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival". It is autographed to your daughter, Shirley, as you request.

The price of the book is \$2.50.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

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January 19, 1942.

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Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

May I take the advantage of your kindness and ask you for a great personal favor? I would deeply appreciate, if you could let me have a copy of your "World Crisis and Jewish Survival", a book I heard so much of.

You may recollect my name from some of the correspondence of the UPA and UJA to Rome, Ga., where I am in charge of the synagogue since my arrival in this country some sixteen months ago.

Thanking you very much in advance and with kind regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Selig S. Auersbach
Rabbi Selig S. Auersbach

Sent
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August 6, 1958

Rabbi Sidney Greenberg
Washington Lane and Linckiln Pike
Philadelphia 38, Pa.

My dear Rabbi Greenberg:

Acknowledging your letter of August 4th, you have my permission to include in your Reader for Jewish youth a passage of about one hundred fifty words from THE WORLD CRISIS AND JEWISH SURVIVAL.

With kind regards and all good wishes for a pleasant summer, I remain

Cordially yours,

AHS:sl

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"THIS IMMORTAL BAND...."

The attached passage, "This Immortal Band....," from a book by Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver expresses with vivid eloquence and poetic imagery the timelessness of what we do.

It is a profoundly moving statement which can be used in a variety of ways -- in your local house organ, your Anglo-Jewish newspaper, as an enclosure with important letters, or read at meetings, etc.

THE CREDO OF ALBERT EINSTEIN

In similar vein, we are accompanying it with Albert Einstein's Credo which expresses with classic simplicity his basic belief that men live for each other.

It too merits the widest possible distribution.

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FROM: "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival"

MY Credo

Strange is our situation here upon earth.
Each of us comes for a short visit, not
knowing why, yet sometimes seeming
to divine a purpose. From the standpoint
of daily life, however, there
is one thing we know:

That Man is here for the sake of
other Men . . . Above all, for those upon
whose smile and well-being our
own happiness depends, and also for the
countless unknown souls with whose fate
we are connected by a bond of sympathy.

Many times a day I realize how much
my own outer and inner life is built upon
the labors of my fellow men, both living
and dead, and how earnestly I must
exert myself in order to give in return
as much as I have received.

ALBERT EINSTEIN



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LETTERS

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Role of Jews

To the Editor:

Sir — In a recent issue, Irving Schwartz of Newark felt it necessary to comment on the "Agenda for a Jewish Community" held earlier this month at the Newark Y. Apparently he was quite upset at some of the speakers' attitudes toward the linking of the American Jew with today's American Negro.

If Mr. Schwartz would stop worrying about those who go out of their way to help the Negro (and/or other minorities), he would realize that no one has given us saintly garments without blue threads for identification.

It is the role of the Jew, and it falls to others as well, to join in attacking; not only versus those who discriminate in society against minorities (such as we are), but also against the statists who would push their ethnocentrism to the noisy sabre-rattling stage. This latter could deal with certain current activities in our overall American scene as well as in American Judaism.

Minorities shall always remain on the land, and the Jews' long heritage is in proper perspective when brought into play for the welfare of others. We should congratulate our citizens for recognizing and fighting for their American rights.

Jack E. Shattuck
(A Freedom Rider)
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BETWEEN YOU & ME

BY BORIS SMOLAR

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COMMUNAL CURRENTS —
Should Jewish Federations give financial support to Jewish all-day schools?

This question is now becoming an issue in a number of communities, and will be one of the major issues at the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds this year.

As the number of Jewish all-day schools grows throughout the country, the more controversial the issue becomes. In

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From "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival," by Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.



some communities, like Cleveland, these schools are already being subsidized by the local federation on the ground that they represent a philosophy of Judaism that is worthy of community support.

In other communities, like in Minneapolis, the all-day schools are being denied federation support because some community leaders feel that Jews should not support parochial schools.

A major argument advanced in these communities is that persons who wish to have private education for their children should support that effort without the help of the community.

MORE SCHOOLS — While the battle among the proponents and opponents of community aid to all-day schools is growing, the number of such schools is also growing. In 1935, there were only 17 Jewish day schools in the United States — 16 in New York and one in Baltimore. Today there are more than 270 schools, located in about 80 communities with 52,000 students.

This comparatively large number of all-day Jewish schools function in states from Maine to California and from Minnesota to Texas; nevertheless there are still 24 states where no such schools exist.

A good example of an all-day Jewish school is the Hebrew Academy of Cleveland which has been in existence for about 20 years. It now has an enrollment of about 550 students attending classes ranging from kindergarten through the ninth grade, and it meets all the

curriculum requirements and standards of the Cleveland Board of Education and the State of Ohio.

The budget of this school is \$233,000, toward which the Cleveland Jewish Community Federation contributes \$91,000. The remainder is raised from tuition and other sources.

DEVALUATION ECHOES — What possible effects may the devaluation of Israel's currency have on the economic ties between the United States and Israel? This question is now being studied by American firms doing business with Israel.

American exports to Israel are made up primarily of two categories, agricultural commodities and equipment and materials for industry and agriculture. The agricultural commodities are sold by the U.S. government to Israel as surplus products to be paid for in Israeli currency which remains in the country as a counter-part American contribution to various Israeli development projects. This part of American-Israeli trade will practically be little affected.

As for the sales of American industrial equipment and raw materials to Israel, it is expected that they may increase despite the fact that the Israeli pound has declined in value vis-a-vis the dollar. This expectation is based on the announcement by the Israel government of cutbacks on import duties and other levies to offset the new difference between the pound and the dollar.

HAVE PROTECTION — American companies operating in Israel on Israeli pounds are little worried over the devaluation of the pound because most of their outlays have been made on a dollar-linked basis, to protect themselves against any possible devaluation of the pound.

It is believed in American commercial circles that devaluation will now make investment in Israel more attractive, because so much more can be done in Israel with the same amount of dollars. It is also pointed out that new enterprises established with dollars will benefit from increased export of Israeli products, since these products will become cheaper on the international market in terms of foreign currency.

American tourists will definitely benefit from the devaluation of the Israeli currency because they will now get higher

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Rabbi H. Silver
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

In a column
of "The Day" of February
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the world crisis in
Jewish survival."
Would you let me
know where I can
procure the
book, the article,
or the sermon - be
it any of the above
mentioned.

Thank you
Baruch Litvin
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March 14, 1962

My dear Mr. Litvin:

Rabbi Silver's book, "THE WORLD CRISIS AND JEWISH SURVIVAL", from which the excerpt to which you refer appeared in the "Day", may be obtained from the public library in your city. If it isn't available, please write to the Temple Office here.

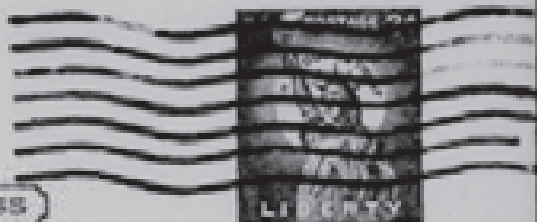


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There has been an untamed and amazingly dogmatic romanticism abroad in the world, born out of the "maranatha" complex, out of excessive messianic expectations in the fields of politics and economics, and it has tended to make the classic ideals and standards of religion seem old indeed, in fact, antiquated. That has happened before. The nineteenth century believed that the laboratory would yield all truth. The twentieth century believed that the machine would achieve all good. Both hopes have proved vain but ere life exposed their vanity, they had a way of making the old codes and convictions of historic religions look outworn and slightly ridiculous. But they were not outworn. They were not old. They were not young. They are eternal. And they are unsensational, quite as unsensational as a mathematical formula, quite like the mathematical formulae to which physicists are now attempting to reduce this whole complex and exciting universe of ours.

Again there have been American Jewish intellectual revenants who after a prolonged excursion of uncertain success in various literary fields in the non-Jewish world, returned to prescribe for Israel. Adorned with the halo of the returned prodigal and loudly acclaimed by their grateful people, they disported themselves in a most lively fashion upon the American Jewish scene. Their technique is distinctive and almost unvarying. They begin by denying categorically that there is anything alive in contemporary Jewry. That sets them up at once as very objective and courageous, and their non-Jewish friends are especially delighted with such exhibitions of racial self-flagellation. They brush aside contemptuously all that has gone on before and that is going on now in the many Jewish movements for religion, education, literature, communal organization, or Zionism, all the experimentation and earnest wrestling of hosts of thoughtful men and women, daily engaged in the problems of "why" Jews should survive, but "how". Blandly, they write all this off as either worthless or misguided. They are flippant concerning all contemporary Jewish leadership. This exalts them of course above the commonplace and

clears the decks for their own epochal pronouncements. With great gusto they catalogue all the shortcomings of the Jewish people, but they make sure never to include themselves in the category of those condemned. They never say our decadence, our failures and our backslidings. Another device is to simplify and idealize the Jewish past, but give the present a brutally realistic low-down. This gives their utterances a prophetic flavor as well as an air of scholarship albeit of an unusual and startling quality. They reserve their best scorn for the idea of the religious mission for Israel. They show how utterly absurd, even insolent such a notion is. But when they finally come to offer their own solution and to present their own reason for Jewish survival, they smuggle in a little Jewish mission all of their own. The Jew must still be persecuted and die for a good cause. Only this time the good cause must not be the social justice and humanitarian idealism of the prophets and the rabbis, but the communism of Karl Marx, or the pet economic system of some other economic theorist.

- Page 1. "Every affliction in which Israel and the other nations of the earth share is indeed an affliction. That of Israel alone is not."
- Page 10. The "Generations of the Wilderness"
 "A people that do err in their heart"
 "My people have forgotten Me days without number"
 "For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against Me...They have belied the Lord."
- Page 12. (omit the first line of Hebrew)
 (add) (Cuzari 11.56)
 "The Ark carrying those who carry it".
 "The Book of Chronicles was given for the sole purpose of interpretation."
 "The more one expatiates on the story of the Exodus the more praise is due him"
 "The last Redeemer will be like unto the first."
- Page 14. "fulfilling the Torah in suffering"
- Page 16 (2nd paragraph) The Jewish people will remain intact. Even to those who would escape their Jewish destiny, that opportunity has now been denied. Nolens volens the Jew must now remain and be counted as a Jew.
- Page 17 "Wild man" and the "quiet man"
- Page 18 (Note: Communism, not necessarily, but Justice!)
- Page 19 The Catholic savant Jacques Maritain, approaching the Jewish question from a different angle, nevertheless arrives at the same conclusion. He quotes Leon Bloy: "The history of the Jews thwarts the history of the human race as a dike thwarts the flood, to raise its level". and he declares:
 "Israel, which is not of the world, is to be found at the very heart of the world's structure, stimulating it, exasperating it, moving it. Like an alien body, like an activating ferment injected into the mass, it gives the world no peace, it bars slumber, it teaches the world to be discontented and restless as long as the world has not God, it stimulates the movement of history...
 "The diverse specific causes which the observer may assign to anti-Semitism all the way from the feeling of hate for the foreigner, natural to any social group; down to religious hatreds - alas! that these two words may be coupled - and to the manifold conveniences produced by some waves of immigration, mask an underlying spring of hatred deeper down. If the world hates the Jews, it is because the world clearly senses that they will always be outsiders in a supernatural sense, it is because the world ~~has~~ detests their passion for the absolute and the unbearable stimulus which it inflicts. It is the vocation of Israel which the world execrates. To be hated by the world is their glory, as it is also the glory of Christians who live by faith."

"A Christian Looks at the Jewish Question - pp 29, 30.)

There is a form of magic called homeopathic. By it, if you are superstitious, you try to destroy your enemy by destroying an image of him. In the eyes of the Nazi and Fascist Revolutionists of moral Nihilism, the Jew is the image or symbol of all those spiritual concepts of life which they must destroy if they are to succeed. And so they are practising the black art of homeopathic magic. They are hoping to destroy them by destroying the Jew.

"Blessed are the children of Israel in all their dwelling places, even though they wander painfully towards the four corners of the earth from North to South and from South to North, from East to West, and from West to East, they are always in the center!"

"Wild Man"

"No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper"

Page 20. "The customs of the heathen"

"The pious sages will have no peace even in the world to come"

Page 22 "Shevet Yehudah"

(Omit Hebrew sentence)



- Page 1. Made by the Pittsburg Rabbinical Conference in 1885 as part of its "Declaration of Principles".
- Page 2. "Toledot Ha-Reformazia Ha-Datit"
- Page 9 "Driven away from their paternal beard"
- Page 11. "The burden of heritage"
"The toughest among the nations"
- Page 18 "The proselyte is as one newly born"
- Page 20. "The angel Michael, who is all snow, and the angel Gabriel, who is all fire, standing side by side but not harming one another."
"The God of the spirits of all flesh"
"The Lord God of Israel"
"Holy seed"
"The law of the land is binding"
"The holy language"
- Page 21. "Take hold of the one, but of the other also do not withhold thy hand."
- Page 22. "The birthpangs of the Messianic times"
- Page 23. "The Days of the Messiah in which there is neither merit nor guilt"
"All commandments are abolished in the world to come" (Mid. 61b.)
- Page 25. "Ge-ra Tzedek"
"Seven Noachide Laws"
"Ge-ra Toshav"
- Page 28. Hitler would of-course deny the Jews any status, and in the countries conquered by him or within his political orbit, their position is without any legal definition at the moment. It is clear, however, that if Jews remain in Europe at all, their status will have to be established, sooner or later, and it is not likely that they will be treated merely as a religious community.
- Page 30. "Keshet shel Kayama"

our country adopted many of the doctrines of these religious "fanatics". When they wrote: "We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness", they were giving political expression to seminal Anabaptist doctrines.

Thus, out of victories won for religious freedom on the battlefields of the spirit, there stemmed other victories for man's political, economic and social emancipation. The absolutism of king and state was first curbed by the religious spirit of man which demanded, at the point of revolution, the right, not of universal suffrage or better living conditions, but the right to worship God as it saw fit.

Struggles for human freedom, uninspired by a living faith in God, often led mankind to disaster. In recent years, Russia attempted to build a free and happy society without God. It succeeded only in forging a dictatorship and an enslaved society. Fascist and Nazi states in Europe also sought to build happier, socialized communities on the basis of a Godless materialism. They succeeded only in effecting with the aid of rubber truncheons and concentration camps a brutally regimented and terrorized society. The "new" orders which these Godless revolutionary movements achieved were only variant forms of older despotisms. Though they pride themselves on being young and dynamic, they are young and dynamic only in the sense of being immature, raw, untempered and cruel. A society achieves real renewal only through inner spiritual renewal, through a re-discovery of a confident faith in a living God. If freedom is to speak again everywhere, its speech, to quote Heine, will have to be Biblical.

The soldiers of Cromwell marched into battle singing Psalms. For three centuries the spirit of Cromwell and of his Puritan hosts has molded the free life of the English peoples. Roger Williams established the first free society in the New World in the name of a God of Freedom, whose faithful minister he was. The spirit of Roger Williams

heart of the world. What actually was happening was that there was a new and determined upreaching on the part of people in the Western World for spiritual liberty, for the emancipation of man from System. Luther, when still a revolutionary, proclaimed that "human authority might be resisted when its mandates conflicted with the Word of God." Suddenly on all sides one heard the phrase "The Word of God". A new or a rediscovered authority had come into the life of the world - the authority of direct revelation, which, it was maintained, was available to all. It did not require the mediation of a priest to interpret the Word of God.

The demand for spiritual liberty soon expressed itself in demands for other forms of liberty. Peasant revolts followed. Political and economic rights were clamored for. By what authority? They had no authority. They had no law to which they could point. In whose name did they speak? In the name of God, in the name of a revelation from God. All men were equal because God made all men equal. The things which they demanded were the things which the Bible, the revealed Word of God, conceded to all men. The social revolutions of the sixteenth century which were quenched only after a hundred thousand peasants were massacred, received their inspiration from religion and revelation.

The quintessence of the spiritual idealism of the Protestant Reformation, that which most affected later on the life of the American people, lay with the Anabaptist sects which sprang up in the wake of the Reformation. Some of these sects were hundreds of years ahead of their time. They believed in the absolute moral responsibility of the individual and in his inherent spiritual sovereignty. They held that the duty of the State was only to protect the good and to punish the evil and beyond that the state itself was evil. The state had no right to circumscribe the freedom of the individual. These sects were the first to demand absolute dis-establishment -- the separation of church and state. They were the first to preach universal toleration and freedom of worship. They maintained that all property belonged to God. Some of them practised voluntary communism. These doctrines of the Anabaptists were carried over to Holland and England, and then to the United States. The Founding Fathers of

and that democracy, as Lecky pointed out a half century ago, may often destroy liberty. ("Democracy and Liberty" I. p. 256 ff)

Again, thoughtful men have come to rediscover the truth that faith in God is the strongest bulwark of a free society. Human freedom began when men became conscious that above and beyond society and physical nature there is a God who created them, who breathed His spirit into them, who fashioned them in His likeness, and that they are, therefore, possessed of intrinsic and independent significance and are endowed, as individuals, with original and irrevocable rights and authority. Men came to challenge the authority of kings or magistrates, of custom or tradition and all "the brutal solidarity of ancient times", in the name of the higher mandates which derived from the spirit of God within them, in the name of moral sanctions which emanated from their relationship to God. Men became free when they acknowledged a higher authority than that of state or class or system or ruler. Fundamentally the eternal struggle is between autocracy and theocracy. Nazi "steely authoritative romanticism" (Goebbels' phrase) is but another expression of the same autocratic principle eternally at war with the principle of man's spiritual freedom.

Friends of democracy have somehow forgotten the religious origin of the whole democratic thesis in the modern world. They have forgotten that political freedom came to the Western World as a result of a long struggle for religious freedom, which struggle received its impetus from a demand on the part of deeply religious folk for the primacy of revelation - a deliberate return to prophetic traditions and sanctions.

Modern democracy was born in the struggle for religious freedom in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. The Protestant Reformation was not merely a reformation in the realm of ritual and a repudiation of the authority of the Papacy. It was much more than that. The early leaders of the Protestant Movement themselves did not fully understand the forces which they represented. They were confused, and at times very inconsistent. They did not and could

Here in Palestine a new and powerful bulwark for the survival of the Jew and of Judaism has been established, as great and as rich in promise, and to be sure, under as great difficulties, as in the days of Ezra and Nehemiah. Regardless of any future developments, something great and heartening and re-assuring has already been achieved there.

Palestine is today in the active war zone. One can not foresee the fate which awaits it. It may be invaded and much of what has been so painfully achieved in recent years again laid in ruins and ashes. Should the Axis powers win and should they carry out their threats, Jewish Palestine will be dismantled. The work of rebuilding it after this Third Destruction will have to be resumed by another generation of Jews. Resumed it will be ! Should the Allied powers win, it is probably that greater opportunities will be forthcoming for increasing and strengthening the Jewish Homeland. Under such circumstances, while Palestine will, of course, not contain at any time in the calculable future the majority of the Jewish people, it will loom ever larger as the national home of the Jewish people and as a mighty cultural and spiritual reservoir for world Jewry.

To the everlasting credit of this sorely-tried generation of Jews be it said, that in spite of the tragedies which were piled up upon it, Ossa on Pelion, in spite of the frightful disruption of numerous old centers of Jewish life, in spite of the impoverishment, exhaustion and persecutions which made of the whole household of Israel one vast hostelry of pain, it nevertheless was able to find within itself the energy, the courage and the resources to build in Palestine in twenty short years a new and resplendent center of Jewish life, already the fifth largest Jewish center in the world, and first and foremost in the richness and vitality of its intrinsic Jewish spirit and culture.

The ten thousand evidences given daily in Palestine of renewal, of broken bodies made whole again, of building upon ruins, of courage, of vision, and of self-sacrifice are an imperishable epic of splendor, the like of which our own people or any other people has not written at any time in its history. If one wishes to see - not to understand, for it is not within the realm of comprehension - the miracle and the mystery which is Israel, let him go to Palestine in these very disastrous and war-ridden days - days of wrath and Golgotha for our people in the Diaspora - and watch with anointed eyes the undefeated strength, the over-arching confidence, the superb zeal and energy, the social vision and the personal idealism which are being poured into the work of rebuilding Jewish national life in its national home. What is being done there and how it is being done, what common folk, transfigured by an ideal, can achieve is a tribute not only to our people and to their sires who begot them but to humanity itself.

Here a people - resolved to live and not to die - is shouting defiance to a world bent upon its destruction. Here it is hoping to build upon strong foundations a lasting home to replace the tabernacles which have proved so frail and impermanent in so many parts of the earth. Here hope is restored to men robbed of hope, and pride to the humbled, and the gift of mission and destiny to those cut off, spiritually dispossessed, and cast out of all inheritance.

The perfect life of the sage is not in community but in detachment. If he undertakes practical activity, it must be from some plain obligation, and the attitude of detachment ought still to be maintained internally. Neither with Plotinus nor with any of his successors is there the least doubt that the contemplative life is in itself superior to the life of action. Here they are Aristotelian. The chance that the philosopher as such may be called on to reform practical life seems to them much more remote than it did to Plato. (Thomas Whittaker - "The Neo-Platonists", pp.92-93.)



has permeated the free life of this nation to this very day. The American Revolution kindled its torches at the flame of a religious dogma that men were created by God to be free and equal. The long protracted struggle in this country to emancipate the slaves received its powerful momentum not from economics, or from any materialistic conception of history, but from deep religious convictions, which revolted against the enslavement of human beings fashioned in the image of God and which saw in the Civil War divine retribution for the sins which the nation committed against the black man, and which heard in the tramp of men marching to battle to free the slaves, the footsteps of God. "His truth is marching on!"...

Why do all present-day enemies of human liberties persecute religion? Because religion in its spiritual essence is their death warrant. They see in Judaism and in its offspring, Christianity, the intrepid and unwearied watchmen over the ramparts of human liberties, who must be destroyed before their own freedom-consuming, materialistic revolutions can be firmly established. It is not the Jews whom the dictators wish to drive out of Europe, but Judaism, that entire complex of ethical and spiritual ideas which are at the very heart of the Judeo-Christian Western-European civilization, which they wish to supplant.

They are anti-Semitic because they know or sense that liberty is Semitic in origin and character. "Democracy", declared Hitler, "is fundamentally Jewish, not Germanic". The so-called Aryan must trace his political traditions back to the oriental despotisms ~~and~~ of ancient Persia and the caste system of India. Even the Greeks had no strong, consistent democratic tradition. Thucydides, Plato and Aristotle opposed the democratic form of government. Aristotle actually defended slavery. "The Greek political thinkers do not recognize, or do not make proper allowance for the rights and responsibilities of the individual soul. Just as they failed to distinguish between Nationality and Government, so they failed also to distinguish between Conscience and Public duty...Their work was vitiated by their failure to realize the extent and urgency of the claim of the individual soul. Men must be spiritually free before they can co-operate politically on the highest terms." (A.E. Zimmern in "The Legacy of Greece" p. 330-31.) But the Semite of the

desert, from whom Israel is descended, neither knew nor tolerated any despotism. The democratic motif runs like a golden thread through the whole political, social, economic and religious history of Israel from the earliest nomadic period unto the present. (See my "Democratic Impulse in Jewish History" (1928) passim. See also Professor Lods, "Israel" (1932) p. 195 on the struggle "between the Arab race which loves liberty and the Persian race accustomed to slavish submission" within Islam. See Dozy, quoted in Nicholson, "A Literary History of the Arabs" p (?); also p.256. See also T. E. Lawrence, "Revolt in the Desert" p. 50. "Among the Arabs there were no distinctions, traditional or natural, except the unconscious power given a famous sheikh by virtue of his accomplishments; and they taught one that no man could be their leader except he ate the ranks' food, wore their clothes, lived level with them, and yet appeared better in himself.")



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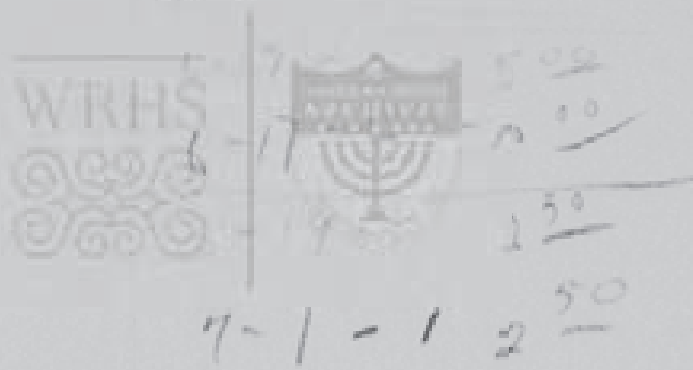
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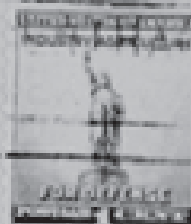
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 (*National Home Library Foundation*)
 THE WAVE OF THE PAST by R. H. Markham
 (*University of North Carolina Press*)

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... FRIDAY EVENINGS ...

On five consecutive Friday evenings Rabbi Feldman will use a group of books as sermon themes at the regular religious services at the Temple. The general public is always welcome at these services which begin at 8 p. m.

February 6—CAN WE KEEP THE FAITH? by James Bissett Pratt
 (*Cale University Press*)

February 13—THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND THE AMERICAN
 DREAM by Sherwood Eddy (*Harper*)

February 20—THE WORLD CRISIS AND JEWISH SURVIVAL
 by Abba Hillel Silver (*Richard R. Smith*)

February 27—THE MAN WHO STAYED IN TEXAS by Anne Nathan
 and Harry I. Cohen (*Whittlesey House*)

March 6—WHERE HOPE LIES by Leo W. Schwarz
 (*Farrar & Rinehart*)

Please announce these in the organizations to which you belong
 and tell your friends.

GERARD F. PATTERSON
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CLEVELAND, OHIO

My dear Rabbi,

Thank you so
much for the very gracious
gift of a copy of your latest
book. I am putting it in my
holiday collection and will
thoroughly enjoy it. I am sure
under the trees on the shore
of Lake Simcoe in Canada.

I hope you and your
family will have a happy
summer.

With warm personal
regards and again many thanks
I remain,

Affectionately,

Gerard Patterson

Tuesday.

Mrs. Joseph H. Gross

2616 WICKLOW ROAD

Shaker Heights, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

It is with sincere appreciation that I express to you both Joe's and my thanks for the autographed copy of your "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival" which you so kindly sent us.

We are happy to share in its dedication as members of the fellowship of The Temple. We both anticipate studying the essays and learning much.

I didn't know your mission last Sunday when I met you at the airport.

I do hope that by this
time Virginia is feeling
much better and will soon
be back with her family
and friends.

With love to Virginia
and you I am

affectionately yours
Pretta.

