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Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
" The Temple "  
Ansel Road and East 105th Street  
Cleveland 6, Ohio  
U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Silver,

Unfortunately we did not succeed in receiving a review copy of :

" In the Time of Harvest "

from the publisher for our bibliographical quarterly, "Kirjath Sepher."

There is certainly no need to stress to you the importance of these essays published in honour of your late father on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

We therefore venture to turn to you as the editor of this much requested volume, asking you kindly to send a copy of this work to the Jewish National and University Library, where the memory of the late Dr. Abba Hillel Silver will be cherished for a long time to come.

Would it also be possible to obtain, with your help, the volume of:

" Essays in Honor of Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof "

a volume which was repeatedly requested by interested readers in the library, but which was not yet received here in Jerusalem.

Your kind cooperation will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

E. J. Lorch

E. J. Lorch  
Acquisitions Department

Responded to  
by M. Pashinski





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DR. ISIDORE S. MEYER

Dr. Daniel J. Silver  
The Temple  
University Circle and Silver Park  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We would like to enlist your kind co-operation in the following matter. In the June issue of the American Jewish Historical Quarterly, we plan to publish a Necrology of your father (of blessed memory) by Dr. Abraham J. Feldman. We would like to reproduce a clear picture of your father as a frontispiece to this Necrology as well as a clear copy of his signature, which we would use under the picture itself. I also wish to verify the exact dates of birth and death of your father. According to Dr. Feldman he was born on January 28, 1893 and died on November 28, 1963.

Your kind co-operation will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

*Isidore S. Meyer*  
ISIDORE S. MEYER, Editor

P.S.

I believe I had the pleasure of meeting you in person many, many years ago when you were a student at Hebrew Union College. We were staying at the same hotel in Bay City, Michigan. I was officiating at the Conservative Synagogue in that city on the high holidays and you were officiating at the Reform Temple in the same city. I believe, if my memory serves me right, you discussed with me some research you were doing on the French Revolution.

I was always a great admirer of your father and read with a great deal of interest his published works, and heard him speak on several occasions. I learned much from him.



February 3, 1965

Dr. Isidore S. Meyer  
American Jewish Historical Society  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York, 10011

Dear Dr. Meyer:

Malcolm Stern had already forwarded your request and I have turned it over to my librarian. Miss Leiken should be writing you today or tomorrow the latest.

I remember vaguely our Bay City meeting. It was my first pulpit. I hadn't even had my first class at the college yet, but I do hope that our paths will now cross and often.

You may be interested to know that we are going to publish a number of volumes of dad's collected sermons. I hope to have the first out by fall of this year.

With all good wishes.

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:mgm



August 9, 1965

Contemporary Authors  
Gale Research Company  
Book Tower  
Detroit 26, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Dr. Silver died on Thanksgiving Day in 1963.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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Your present listing in Contemporary Authors has been attached below. For the revision which is now in process, we request that you read the entry carefully, and note in the margins any changes which are now necessary. In particular, please check the following points:

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**SILVER, Abba Hillel 1893-**

**PERSONAL:** Born January 28, 1893, in Neinstadt, Schirwindt, Lithuania; son of Moses and Diana (Seaman) Silver; married Virginia Horkheimer, 1923; children: Daniel Jeremy, Raphael David. **Education:** University of Cincinnati, A.B.; Hebrew Union College, D.D. **Home:** 19801 Shaker Blvd., Shaker Heights 22, Ohio. ~~Office:~~

The Temple, University Circle at Silver Park, Cleveland 6, Ohio.

**CAREER:** Congregation L'Shem Shamayim, Wheeling, W. Va., rabbi, 1915-17; The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio, rabbi, 1917—. American section of Jewish Agency for Israel and American Zionist Emergency Council, former chairman; Zionist Organization of America, former president, now honorary president; State of Israel Bonds, national chairman, board of governors, 1955—. Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Israel Institute of Technology, member, board of governors. **Member:** Alathian club, Oakwood City Clubs. **Awards, honors:** Cardoza Memorial Award, 1949; award of merit, Jewish War Veterans of the United States, 1952; Eisenman Award of Cleveland Jewish Welfare Federation, 1957; Human Relations Award of National Conference of Christians and Jews, 1958; Ohio Governor's Award, 1960; honorary Litt.D. from Western Reserve University and Dropsie College; V.H.D. from University of Tampa.

**WRITINGS:** *Messianic Speculations in Israel*, Macmillan, 1927; *Democratic Impulse in Jewish History*, Bloch, 1928; *Religion in a Changing World*, Richard R. Smith, 1930; *World Crisis and Jewish Survival*, Richard R. Smith, 1941; *Vision and Victory*, Zionist Organization of America, 1949; *Where Judaism Differed*, Macmillan, 1956; *Moses and the Original Torah*, Macmillan, 1961.

**SIDELIGHTS:** Spiritual leader of the largest liberal Jewish congregation in the United States. A leading spokesman of Zionism, he represented the movement before the Assembly of the United Nations.

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February 21, 1966

Class 9C  
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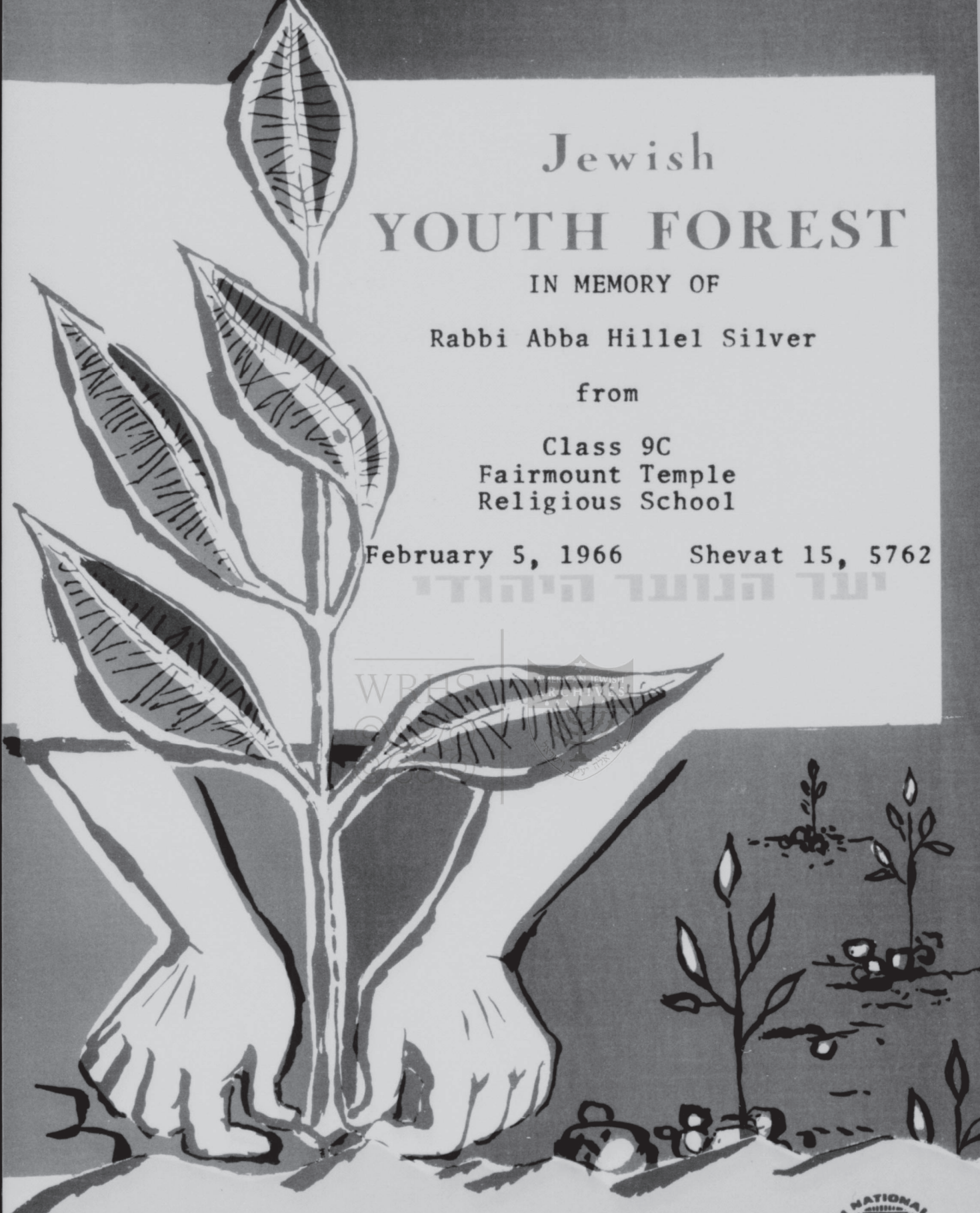
Dear Friends:

I want to thank you for your kindness in planting a tree in Dr. Silver's memory in the Jewish Youth Forest. I need not tell you of his life-long concern for Israel and his pride in all that would make Israel flourish. Trees are important and so are our young people. Tradition tells us that our students are like the trees which we plant - our hope for the future. I am sure that we can look forward to your tree bringing beauty and strength to the community of Israel.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER  
DJS:mgm





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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

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Class 9C  
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February 5, 1966

Shevat 15, 5762

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August 23, 1967

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

I have created a very timely and compelling fiction novel set amid the most chaotic and fearful periods in modern history. The years from Adolf Hitler's ride to power in 1931 to the formation, in the Palestinian desert, of the State of Israel, are among the most trying, terrifying and inspiring times in the long cavalcade of Jewish life. Likewise, they are of equal importance to the Christian world in which they took place.

My novel entitled FROM OUT OF THE ASHES, uses this historical background to tell, and weave together, two stories -- one literal, the other allegorical. I have contrived a plot solidly anchored in contemporary historical fact, yet at the same time, anchored symbolically in the Biblical tale of Israel's bondage in Egypt, the wandering in the desert and the finding of the Land Of Milk and Honey in Canaan. As well, I have endeavored to render a perceptive and psychologically true portrait of my hero, Martin Espiroso, that parallels that of Moses in Exodus.

Despite the Biblical thread that runs through my story, I have been told by my publisher that this does not overshadow the contemporary people and places about which I am writing. The Biblical and the contemporary each compliment and draw strength from the other.

As a former student of The Temple, I was greatly inspired along the pathway to Zion by your illustrious father; and without this early religious and and historical training, FROM OUT OF THE ASHES, might never have been created.

The novel in question is to be launched sometime this autumn. This is why I wish to ask your kind permission so that I might have the honor of dedicating this novel to the late and great Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

I would greatly appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience so that I might inform my publisher as to this dedication.

Sincerely yours,

*Marc C. Dowby*  
Marc C. Dowby  
107 Forest Hills Dr.  
Huron, Ohio

44839



August 24, 1967

Mr. Marc C. Dowby  
107 Forest Hills Drive  
Huron, Ohio 44839

Dear Mr. Dowby:

I was delighted to hear of the pending publication of your novel. I wish you all good luck with it. I am sure Dr. Silver would be pleased to have it dedicated to him and I look forward to reading your work.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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## House of Israel Publishers, Inc.

90-50 150th STREET • JAMAICA, N. Y. 11435 • (212) OL 8-2657

November 10th, 1967

Rabbi Jeremy Daniel Silver  
Temple Tifereth Israel  
University Circle-Silver Park  
Cleveland, Ohio 4416

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are about to publish very shortly the Encyclopedia of American Jews, which is a history of American Jewry and its great accomplishments in the last three-hundred years. It also tells the story of the people who made and are making history. This book is the most unique of its kind ever published.

One of the greatest chapters in the history of the American Jewish community is the great part that American Jewry played in helping the establishment of the State of Israel, its acceptance as a member in the United Nations, and its recognition by the United States.

Your immortal father, Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver was a major factor in helping and carrying through the recognition and establishment of the State of Israel in the most critical years of our people, namely 1947-1948 in this country and at the United Nations. This unforgettable chapter in the history of American Jewry which your father, praised be his memory, has left over its imprint for the future generations.

We have felt his call for Israel and Zionism in this last summer during the great fearful days of the 6 day war in Israel when the hearts and souls of all American Jewry was all out to participate, keep and strengthen the Medinat Israel in its war of survival. Therefore, we would be very grateful if you would send us some material on this great historical moment of your father's life. We would also appreciate it if you could furnish us with some pictures or documents, because this book will be illustrated.

We know that you are very busy, but we are taking the liberty of requesting this of you because of the great historical importance that this book will carry throughout the coming generations, and we hope that you will give us your full cooperation.

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Very truly yours,

*Meyer Barkai*

MEYER BARKAI, Editor

MB:mn



November 22, 1967

Mr. Meyer Barkai, Editor  
House of Israel Publishers, Inc.  
90-50 150th Street  
Jamaica, N. Y. 11435

Dear Mr. Barkai:

Miss Leikind, our Temple librarian, is currently in the hospital. She will return to duty in about a week's time and will be in touch with you on your request.

With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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