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DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver has for forty-six years been the spiritual leader of The Temple in Cleveland, the largest liberal Jewish congregation in the United States.

He has been actively identified with many social movements of our day. He was an early champion of the rights of organized labor, and one of the first advocates of unemployment insurance in the United States. He served as chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency for Israel, chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, and president of the Zionist Organization of America, of which he is now Honorary President. Dr. Silver is regarded as the foremost spokesman of Zionism in the United States. He represented the movement before the Assembly of the United Nations, and is one of the leaders responsible for the establishment of the State of Israel. In December of 1955 he assumed national leadership of the State of Israel Bond Campaign.

During the Inauguration Ceremonies of President Dwight D. Eisenhower on January 20, 1953, Dr. Silver delivered a prayer. He was recently honored in Life Magazine as one of the twelve leading preachers in the United States.

Dr. Silver is author of several volumes on history and religion, notably his work on "Religion in a Changing World" and "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival". His book, "Vision and Victory", is a collection of his major addresses during the crucial years prior to the establishment of the State of Israel. His thoughtful analysis of the Jewish faith, "Where Judaism Differed", has become a religious best-seller. His most recent volume is "Moses and the Original Torah".

John Gunther, in his book, "Inside U.S.A.", speaks of Dr. Silver as "the first citizen of Cleveland".

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Dr. Silver is a graduate of the Hebrew Union College, and was ordained in 1915. He served as president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

Dr. Silver holds honorary degrees from many American universities. In 1948 he received the annual National Service Award of Phi Epsilon Rho; in 1949 he received the Cardoza Memorial Award; in 1952 the Award of Merit of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States; in 1953 the Annual Award of the Zeta Beta Tau; in 1957 the Eisenman Award of the Cleveland Jewish Welfare Federation and in 1958 the Human Relations Award of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. In 1960 Dr. Silver received the Theodor Herzl Gold Medallion and in 1961 the Ohio Governor's Award. In 1963, Dr. Silver received the Louis D. Brandeis Award.

Dr. Silver is a member of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Jerusalem, Israel and of the Technion, Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa, Israel.

January 9, 1964

Dr. Jacob R. Marcus
American Jewish Archives
Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati 20, Ohio

Dear Dr. Marcus:

In response to your letter of 7 January, The Temple is establishing a Memorial Archives and Library here which will catalogue, microfilm, and house Dad's correspondence and memorabilia. It is our intention to publish four or more volumes of this material and to make the political correspondence available to credited scholars.

We are in the process now of hiring a competent archivist for what should be a two to three year project. If you have any suggestions in this direction, I should be happy to hear from you.

With all good wishes for the New Year,

Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

[Feb 2, 1965]

RECOLLECTIONS OF ABBA HILLEL SILVER

-- SOLOMON B. FREEHOF

In September, 1962, the Congregation Rodef Shalom of Pittsburgh invited my classmate, Abba Hillel Silver, to speak at a celebration which the Congregation organized in honor of my seventieth birthday. A few months later, I went to Cleveland to speak at the celebration held by The Temple for Abba Hillel Silver's seventieth. This exchange of visits had become a sort of tradition; I had been coming to Cleveland and he to Pittsburgh for our respective anniversary celebrations for a number of years. Now I will miss him sorely at this year's commemoration of the fiftieth year of my ordination, and I realize with sorrow that I will not speak at a half century celebration of his ordination.

At this seventieth celebration in Pittsburgh, Abba Silver spent the first part of his address talking of our school days. He spoke of the time when he first met me, of the prize essays for which we competed with each other, the first of which he had won and the second of which I had won. Our student days, so long ago, were brought to living memory by his speech. And it is worth discussing those days now, because the unusual nature of college life of the Hebrew Union College in those years explains much of his career and his relationship to his rabbinical colleagues.

The Hebrew Union College in those days had nine classes. There were four preparatory classes (for boys chiefly in high school or from small cities in which they did not have an opportunity to learn much Hebrew) and then there were the five classes of the collegiate department. These were for men who attended the University

of Cincinnati. Men rarely came to the College in those days as university graduates. We in the collegiate department attended university in the morning and the Hebrew Union College in the afternoon, until our senior year at the College (i.e., the fifth collegiate class) when we were finished with the University and could attend the College alone. The total student body in those days, scattered over nine classes, was between forty and fifty. So most classes had only five or six students. It was an exceptional class that had ten students. It was therefore impossible for a person not to know one's classmates well. That meant, too, that the professors, even the oldest and most absent-minded of them, knew the students more intimately than would be possible in a larger school.

In addition to the fact that the classes were small and the classmates knew each other well, the fact that most of the students spent nine years in a college which had between forty and sixty students, meant that all classes knew each other well. A man who entered into the first grade, the D grade, knew the eight classes ahead of him and by the time he was a senior, he knew the eight classes behind him. When, therefore, he graduated and entered the Central Conference of American Rabbis, he already knew a large proportion of its members. Thus there was an unusual degree of comradeship among the rabbinical colleagues.

All this has bearing on Abba Silver's relationship to his colleagues. It was impossible for a person at the College not to be known or understood. It was evident at the very beginning that he was different in temperament from most of us. We were often serious, but we were boys and rather lighthearted. We ~~see~~^{saw} at once he was more mature, or at least much more adult than most of us. There were certain boyish or post-adolescent characteristics which he seemed to lack entirely or which he had outgrown. As young people, we were capable of

sudden new enthusiasms, friendships, quarrels, excitement over matters which soon proved to be trivialities. He seemed already at nineteen to have grown away from the excitability, from the frothiness of youth. He never just babbled for the sake of self-expression. He would express a strong opinion, but would never excitedly snatch at passing ideas. He had, it seemed to us then, a premature reserve. He had the capacity, characteristic of mature leadership, for listening patiently and in silence. He could not or would not make sudden friendships and get into minor quarrels. There seems to have been no triviality about him from the very first time we met him. We were rather boyish and he was already in temperament a man.

That does not mean that he was solemn or dour. He had a hearty sense of humor. He could tell and be delighted by some characteristic anecdote. He was capable of making some brilliant plays on words or to twist a well known sentence or quotation into a new and charming idea. He could laugh heartily, but not giggle. He had humor but very little playfulness.

Much of his quiet maturity, his reserve, may well have been due to basic temperament or to the mood of the life of his family in New York; but certainly a great deal of it was due to the fact that when he came to Cincinnati to attend the College, he already had a serious goal in life, in addition to the rabbinate and his personal career. He was a strong and convinced Zionist. For the last ten and twenty years in American life, being a Zionist represents an almost normal or average attitude. But in those days, fifty-five years ago, it was an exceptional attitude, especially in this new environment to which he had come to study for the Reform Rabbinate.

The general tradition of Reform Judaism had been anti-Zionist or, more correctly, Reform Judaism, which preceded Zionism by two generations,

had a world attitude which was bound to become anti-Zionistic. The Reform movement was an outgrowth of the universalistic hopes of the Enlightenment; it was rooted in the conviction that the future would bring a diminution of the differences between peoples. Therefore the new nationalism that arose in Europe seemed to the leaders of Reform Judaism to be a retrogression. Of all the literature of the Jewish past, they stressed the universalistic dreams of the Prophets. Therefore when Jewish nationalism arose in parallel to the new forces of modern history, it seemed to the leaders of Reform to be a grave error, a backward step, almost a denial of the idealism of the universalist-prophetic dream. Therefore anti-Zionism or anti-nationalism to the earlier generation of Reformers was a matter of principle, an idealism. It then developed into a sort of prejudice, for Jewish nationalism seemed to them to be an anti-cultural movement, an anti-modern movement, a strange ideology springing from the mass life of oppressed Jewry in eastern Europe.

Into such an environment compounded of ideals and moods, Abba Silver came with his warm and passionate Herzlian Zionism. In this he differed, not only from the opinion of most of the Faculty, but from the average students who came from the Middle West. The boys from the Eastern Seaboard were often sympathetic to Zionism, but they were in this regard much less serious than he. If a student became devoted to some practical cause, it would generally be the cause of social service and the social advance, for this was the logical expression of the traditional prophetism of Reform Judaism. He was exceptional as a nationalist devotee, a Zionist activist.

One or two of our schoolmates came from the same group as he did, and also his brother Maxwell came to the College the next year; and we learned then of the background of his strong and convinced

Zionism. His father was one of the earliest Hebrew teachers making use of modern Hebrew, who influenced his sons and his pupils in modern Hebrew conversation and Herzlian Zionism. He was a pioneer in this new method of Jewish education which later became almost universal. We learned how these pupils founded the Herzl-Zion Club from which many of the later leaders of the Zionist movement came; how they wrote plays in Hebrew and gave them in a public hall; how Abba went to the meetings of the various lodges and unions to persuade the organizations to buy tickets. All this early pioneer Zionistic enthusiasm gave a direction to his life from which he never deviated.

Many of us had come from families which were Zionists or in which there was a member who was interested in Zionism; but Zionism was a minor movement in American Jewish life in those days, so there were none of us whose whole family life was organized in so firm a Zionist devotion as his was. Certainly our Hebrew education at home was then of the Ched~~dar~~ or the Talmud Torah type of those days, without the many changes which the use of conversational Hebrew later brought about.

I think it was in the first year that Abba Silver was at College that a famous Zionist world leader came to Cincinnati and was invited to address the students at the Chapel service. I am no longer sure who the speaker was; it may have been Nachum Sokolow. After he spoke, Abba was asked to give a response and thanks on behalf of the students. To our astonishment, this new student from New York made the response in fluent, modern Hebrew. I know that very few, if any of the other students, could have done that. We recognized at once that Abba Silver had a new type of Jewish background, different from ours, and that his interest in Zionism was much more single-minded and devoted than ours.

Perhaps this was one additional reason for his quiet thoughtfulness. He had some very strong thinking to do. Those of us whose sympathy with Zionism seemed at variance with the non- or anti-Zionism of most of our teachers had only to adjust a sentiment to a doctrine. But he had two strong doctrines to adjust and to harmonize. He must have spent a great deal of quiet time weighing the two points of view and seeking an inner harmony.

Being reserved in mood and having much to think about, he could easily have kept aloof from his classmates and schoolmates and gone on alone on his chosen road through his life, except for his family and intimate coworkers. But this was the Hebrew Union College, the school in which forty to fifty young men saw each other for hours every day and for many years. We were a family in which temperamental differences were recognized and generally respected, and yet in which all the members knew that they belonged together. So Abba Silver, the devoted Zionist, the serious, reserved, thoughtful man never withdrew or could withdraw from his classmates or his colleagues. He became an intimate part of our college life, participating in the concerns of our student meetings and playing an active part in our college enterprises, except athletics. Baseball or basketball, etc., never interested him at all. In our meetings, he rarely argued about procedural matters or the trivia of organizational politics. He would therefore not speak frequently but, as might be expected of a man of his temperament, he would wait till a thought was matured in his mind (a patience not easy for young people) and then when he knew precisely what he wanted to advocate and how to advocate it, he raised his hand for the floor, slowly unfolded his tall, lanky frame, and began to speak. We had never before heard such eloquence at our student meetings. We had plenty of good men, bright men, who could express themselves; but none

of us could speak in his particular way. Heaven knows where he learned these secrets of eloquence! He did not throw away emotion by hot, excitable speech; but quietly, with steady march, and in his magnificent clarion voice, expressed his ideas with firm tread, giving weight to every sentence.

Abba had decided that what the College student body needed was a literary magazine. He advocated the idea and we all adopted the enterprise. He became the first editor of the Hebrew Union College Monthly, the magazine which has continued for over fifty years with only occasional interruptions.

The intimacy which kept this reserved and thoughtful man close to our college life and activity continued as it did with all of us in the Central Conference of American Rabbis, for as we mentioned before, when we entered the Conference, almost half of the membership were former schoolmates. He could easily have kept his membership in the Conference down to a nominal, professional affiliation, much as a busy physician might belong to the American Medical Association without taking part in its organizational activities or even attending its conventions. If that had happened with Abba Silver, it would have been understood -- regretted but forgiven -- because very soon, he became deeply involved in significant Jewish work outside the scope of our direct rabbinical professional concerns. He became very quickly the outstanding young man in the Zionist movement in America, soon one of the coming leaders, and after a while, the leader. He contributed more than any other American Jew to the establishment of the independent State of Israel. All this work of his involved him in endless political battles in the Zionist organization, constant involvement with the raising of money, frequent visits to Washington for discussion with government officials, great rallies and protest meetings all over the country, and

participation in the World Zionist Congresses. This could understandably have taken him away from our professional organizational contacts. Yet he never permitted it to do so; the rabbinate meant too much to him as a life calling, and the intimacy of our family life at the College put the impress of brotherliness upon him. For very many years, he always managed to come to our Conference, if only for a day or two. He never failed to give a paper or a sermon or a lecture when the Program Committee asked him to do so. He never sidestepped service to the Conference.

Of course, in his attendances at the Conferences, he could frequently serve the Zionist cause which was so dear to him. Every year we had resolutions which tried somehow to balance the traditional anti-Zionism of the older generation and the growing interest in Zionism of the younger. We constantly had debates on the wording of our resolutions on Palestine and Zionism. All this was important to him, but that was not the reason for his attendance at Conferences. He never regarded the Conference as merely or primarily one more institution which he could use to further the Zionist cause. The Conference itself was precious to him as a professional organization of the Reform rabbinate, his beloved calling, and also because of the boyhood friendship and comradeship which our College life instilled in him and in us all. Therefore he continued in his attendance and his service to the Conference and, when the time came, became our President and served magnificently as the leader of our profession.

Abba Silver entered into a career in which he delivered a new address twice (or at least once) a week. An ordinary lecturer may prepare two or three lectures for a year, and go around the country repeating them in city after city. Of course in his rabbinical life, from the very beginning, he had to travel around the country to speak

for the Zionist cause and for other causes. This experience of nationwide lecturing came to him earlier than to most because he entered the rabbinate already in command of a grand eloquence. But in addition to the two or three lectures which could be given over and over again in different parts of the country, as all traveling speakers must necessarily do, he was an active rabbi and had to speak to the same congregation once or twice a week. A man can prepare two or three lectures as an objective task. He has a theme to express and he expresses it. Some of his personality, though not necessarily much, will be revealed in these lectures. But a man who has to speak to the same congregation week after week, cannot possibly be entirely or chiefly objective. Inevitably he will soon begin to reveal his deeper attitudes and his own basic temperament. A good selection of Abba Silver's lectures and addresses, as this book is, is more than an exposition of his ideas, it is a revelation of his personality.

Thus there can be no secret of what Abba Silver believed, thought, and advocated. And when we put together his thoughts from college days with the thoughts in his writings of later years, it is astounding how consistent his personality and his ideas are. There is, of course, growth and broadening with greater knowledge, and deepening with richer understanding which the years bring to a fortunate person. But the basic principles and the basic moods remain the same. It is not that the set of ideas which he brought to the Hebrew Union College remained fixed all through his life. They were, of course, always there, but were deepened and enriched and were taught, as it were, to stand side by side with certain convictions and life attitudes that came to him at the Hebrew Union College and with others which came to him as he lived and worked in the great city of Cleveland and became a leading force

in that great metropolis. He brought from New York a powerful, deep-rooted Jewishness. He added to it in Cincinnati an idealistic Judaism, and expanded it in Cleveland to an active, practical vision of social betterment. All these ideas were interwoven into his personality because he, in his deliberate thinking and meditation, had himself woven them into a consistent unity.

And a unique unity it was! He came, as we have said, to the Hebrew Union College with a powerful sense of Jewish nationalism which was some day to be translated and realized in a Herzlian sense into a Jewish State. In Cincinnati he came into contact with a third generation of leadership of the Reform movement (our President, Dr. Kohler, was a pupil of Geiger) and he saw the world idealism which breathed through it. He always appreciated and never mocked that prophetic idealism. In his own thinking, he made an extraordinary merger of both moods, the one, inward towards Jewish concentration, and the other, outward towards world brotherhood. He achieved it through his rethinking of the prophetic message. Whereas the early Reformists emphasized only the vision of world unity, he saw in the Prophets their vision of Israel's redemption as an instrument for human brotherhood. Therefore his first constructive thinking was in the realm of Messianism, the redemption of Israel leading to the redemption of the world. His first book was in that field. Herzlian Zionist though he was, and convinced that nationalism was indispensable for the redemption of the people of Israel, he nevertheless looked forward to the time when the nationalism of each separate nation would outgrow parochial self-worship and become a force towards world unity. What the early Reformers dreamed of for the world, he dreamed of attaining through Jewish nationalism, a redeemed Israel, as a servant and exemplar to the world.

There is a constant danger in eloquence. The ability to move an audience by the pageant of stirring mental pictures can become an

intoxicating joy to the speaker, until he begins to rely more and more on the success of a technique. This never happened to him. Perhaps it was his father who trained him first to honest study. At all events, from his college days, he was an earnest and devoted student and remained so all his life. The content of his addresses and sermons^s was always more important to him than the manner in which they were given. The Jewish content, in addition to the ideas from a general world culture, was rather extraordinary and surprisingly original. From some semi-obscure Cabalistic work, from some medieval Jewish historical chronicle, he would produce an illustration that was enlightening and brilliant. Perhaps more astonishing was his use of Scripture. Innumerable men know the Bible well and can quote it aptly; but it might well be said that he never actually quoted Scriptural verses, or rarely did so. He had absorbed Scripture so completely through constant and thoughtful and receptive reading that Scriptural verses or fragments of verses appeared interwoven into the texture of a sentence, to produce a most original and, to those who knew the Bible, a stirring effect.

The only analogy that comes to mind to illustrate his absorption of Scripture is the way William Shakespeare used the Bible. Shakespeare almost never quotes a verse from Scripture as it is, but Scriptural phrases suddenly loom up in the texture of his language. The Book of Proverbs speaks of the soul of man being the candle of the Lord. The Psalm speaks of man's life as a moving shadow. Shakespeare had these verses in mind and he also saw before him in his daily experience the footlights of the stage, which in those days were lighted candles casting the shadow of the moving actors onto the stage floor; and he embodied Scripture and experience into the words in Macbeth: "Out, out, brief candle. Life is a passing shadow, a poor actor who frets his hour upon the stage..."

In some such way, Abba Silver made Scripture part of the texture

of his public speech and turned the letter of the Bible into the living word. All of which indicates that he was a constant student. He believed in the discipline of study, and often when he spoke on education, he referred to the primary duty, almost the moral duty, of teaching students early the discipline of concentrating the mind on a problem and not relaxing until the problem is solved.

It was certainly the Biblical influence which led to his great emphasis on social justice. He was a fearless advocate of the rights of Labor and that, too, in his original way. He did not make his social ideals the reflection of a political or doctrinal radicalism. I do not remember ever hearing from him, even in our student days, any expression of an idea that could properly be called Marxist. Somehow political radicalism did not attract him. It may be because he was a strong Herzlian Zionist, and in the environment of his boyhood, Socialists in those days were ~~strong~~ ^{and anti-Zionists} anti-religionists and frequently mocked the intense Jewishness of their fellow Jews. This was long before a merger was made between Socialism and Zionism in the Labor Zionist movement. [So in his original and independent fashion, he could combine political conservatism with social reform. He was a Republican in politics, I believe, although we never discussed that. At all events, he was a close friend of Robert Taft, who headed the conservative wing of the Republican Party. He could combine social justice with conservative politics because his ideals of social justice were not derived from politics at all, but from his religion, from the prophetic idealism.] He believed that religion should never be an apologist for any social system, but should always, through the terms of its own inner mandate, work to allay the injustices of the world.

So Abba Hillel Silver was his own man. His opinions matured and developed from within; and once they developed, they received the

superb advocacy of his magnificent eloquence. Because his opinions developed from within, being the outgrowth of syntheses which he himself created through his thought and study, he was firmly rooted; and when he spoke, he spoke from a firm conviction. This must be considered his most noticeable characteristic. It was noticeable in his boyhood at the College and conspicuous all through the years in his public career. If there was an issue upon which he was not convinced, he would not speak upon it. I do not ever remember him, in any of his speeches, weighing one alternative against the opposite and trying to arrive at a conclusion while he stood upon his feet. When he was not yet convinced, he would either dismiss the subject as one on which he had no opinion, or else he would weigh the matter in silence until he achieved an opinion, and when he achieved it, he believed in it and advocated it with power. I never heard him give a trivial or a shilly-shallying speech. He always gave the impression of strength, of fearless strength.

It is not the purpose of these few words to enumerate Abba Hillel Silver's many achievements -- some of them unforgettable -- or to list his books or to analyze his addresses as to their content, or to try to find the secret of his remarkable eloquence. These lines are meant to convey the impression he made upon a classmate and colleague and to tell what his personality meant to his friends and colleagues in all these years. He was an original. Whatever thoughts he had learned from people or books, were reworked and remade into new forms and ideas. He was an embodiment of the best of our Jewish literature. He was a man of ideals and powerful conviction. While he lived, he was a tower of strength to us all, and his honored memory will, we pray, remain to enhearten and to bless.

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Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof
Rodef Shalom Temple
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Dear Dr. Freehof:

I am most grateful to you. The memoir is warm and reads well and it will give an insight into dad that only you could share with the reader. I am most grateful to you.

I should like premission to excise two sentences beginning ... "He was a republican, his politics..." This is one of the legends that has grown up and which I would not like to perpetuate. Dad's friendship with Taft was born out of mutual respect, but was largely based on Zionist concerns. Dad did not wear any party label nor did he set great store in party platforms. But, if by politics we mean a program of social reconstruction, he was a liberal among liberals.

In any case, your preface will make a magnificent introduction.

Gratefully,


DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:mgm

*Dear Daniel:
Make the changes
at will! I am
glad the memoir
is suitable
S. B. T.*

CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS

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February 21, 1964

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

We would be very happy to cooperate in making materials available in connection with your collecting your father's papers, but, unfortunately, between the two years that elapsed between the time the Administrative Secretary of the Conference died and the time that I was elected to my present office a good deal of Conference material somehow disappeared. When I came into the office I tried to collect as much as was possible but very little was available.

The only things I can find here relating to your father are one copy each of reprints from the Yearbook, one of them on "Israel" and the other on "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival," and I am sending these to you under separate cover.

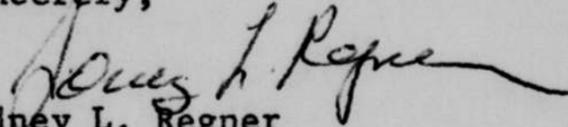
There are no files at all of correspondence with your father.* Frequently, however, presidents of the Conference did not turn files over to the office and very likely you will find some of that correspondence in your father's files.

As to Executive Board minutes, the Yearbooks contain the reports on Executive Board meetings in the report of the Administrative Secretary.

I suppose you have been in touch with Dr. Jacob Marcus of the American Jewish Archives about material he has and very possibly some of the material he has about your father may be materials relating also to your father's connection with the Conference.

With good wishes.

Sincerely,


Sidney L. Regner
Executive Vice President

SLR:db

** Any files that there may have been were among those lost after Dr. Marcus's death.*

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August 4, 1964

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was delighted to get your letter of July 20 and to learn that you are going ahead with the publishing of Dad's lectures, etc.

It is very difficult to secure competent help. The first name that occurs to me is Mr. Charles Reznikoff, 364 West 18th Street, New York, N. Y., 10011. He would do an excellent job.

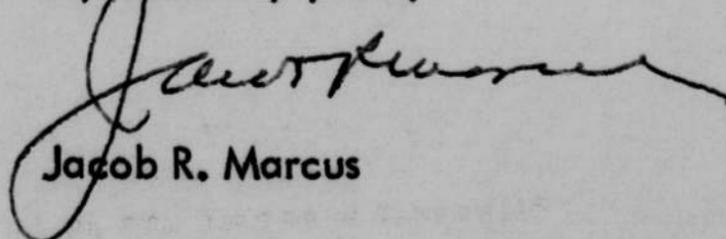
I hesitate to recommend any of our graduate students. Frankly, they are not interested in this type of work; they have their eyes on the glories of the rabbinate. However, if any names occur to me, I will contact you.

As far as a retired rabbi is concerned, I think that you would be making a mistake in using one of them. A word to the wise.

My own suggestion is that you get in touch with the Dean of the Graduate School at Western Reserve, and ask him for the names of competent persons.

With all good wishes to you and your dear ones for the New Year, I am,

Very cordially yours,



Jacob R. Marcus

JRM:sg

P.S. Reznikoff would be the ideal man.

August 6, 1964

Rabbi Jacob R. Marcus
American Jewish Archives
Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati 20, Ohio

Dear Dr. Marcus:

Rabbi Silver is out of the country and expected home about August 20th. I will call your letter of August 4th to his attention when he returns.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. M. L. Goldstein
Secretary

September 17, 1964

Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof
Rodef Shalom Temple
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Pittsburgh 13, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Freehof:

First, a happy New Year. It seemed lonely here, but we did have fine services, and another year is launched.

As I am sure you know, we have undertaken to publish some volumes of Dad's lectures, addresses, sermons, etc. My idea is to produce something like the selected works of Hyman G. Enelow.

An archivist has been at work with Dad's materials since January one, and we are now beginning to pull materials into shape and cull what ought to be published. It is our plan to produce four or five most attractive volumes and to distribute these to libraries, seminaries, rabbis, etc. We have money in hand far exceeding any conceivable expense in the project.

I am wondering if I could impose on you, if it is an imposition, to write the introductory memoir. I have in mind something very much like that which was done for Enelow by Felix Levy. I know of no one who could express with greater knowledge or skill the many drives and dimensions of Dad's thought and teaching. It is my thought to publish the first two volumes within the year and then follow every six months with another. All will be bound similarly and I know will make a fine contribution to Jewish letters.

Would you undertake such a project, and if so, could we hope for a manuscript by the first of March? Needless to say, I would be deeply grateful to you.

You will be interested, I think, to know that a Chair of Judaica bearing Dad's name has been established at Western Reserve University. Three of our local foundations subscribed half a million dollars to this project, and it's a milestone for our community. By the way, have you any suggestions as to who might be the first occupant?

Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof

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September 17, 1964

Again, my best wishes.

Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

RABBI SOLOMON B. FREEHOF, D. D.
RODEF SHALOM TEMPLE
FIFTH AND MOREWOOD AVENUES
PITTSBURGH 13, PENNSYLVANIA

September 22, 1964

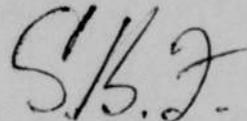
Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
University Circle at Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Daniel:

I am happy to be asked to write a memoir as an introduction to Abba's addresses. Since you are planning the shape of the books, tell me how long you would like it to be.

In the meantime, give my love to Mother and accept my best wishes for you and your own family for a happy, healthy, new year.

As ever,



Solomon B. Freehof

SBF:t

September 25, 1964

Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof
Rodef Shalom Temple
Fifth and Morewood Avenues
Pittsburgh 13, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Freehof:

Needless to say, I am deeply gratified that you have agreed to write a memorial introduction to Dad's addresses. I am thinking of a piece of some twenty-five or so pages and one which would do justice to all facets of Dad's powers. But you would know far better than I what to say and how.

Mother joins me in sending our love and affection.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

RABBI SOLOMON B. FREEHOF, D. D.
RODEF SHALOM TEMPLE
FIFTH AND MOREWOOD AVENUES
PITTSBURGH 13, PENNSYLVANIA

January 18, 1965

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
The Temple
University Circle and Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

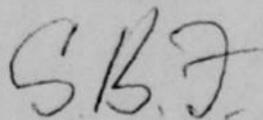
Dear Daniel:

I have been delaying writing the memoir on Father chiefly because I was very busy; and when I thought about getting it done, I found that I had certain hesitations which I would like you to dispel for me, since it will be a labor of affection for me to do it.

My first hesitation is that I never was active with Father in his Zionist work which formed such a part of his life. Leon Feuer was and Leon could deal with this part of his work better than I. However, the book will be a collection of his sermons and addresses, which was to me the most important part of his life; and that being the case, I can write the memoir. But I need a little help. I would like you to send me a list of the sermons and lecture titles you are going to use in the books, so that I can get a notion of their relative proportion. Secondly, I would like you to send me three or four typical lectures and addresses, sufficiently different from each other so that I can restudy them. I would like to say a number of specific things about his methods.

With best wishes to Mother, yourself and the family, I am

As ever,



Solomon B. Freehof

SBF:t

January 20, 1965

Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof
Rodef Shalom Temple
Fifth and Morewood Avenues
Pittsburgh 13, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Freehof:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 18.
I will put together the lists of sermon choices
which you request and mail them to you within
a matter of a week or so. We are fortunate to
have typescripts of all Dad's sermons and I pro-
pose to publish as many of these as are fresh,
complete, and non-repetitive.

With all good wishes to Lillian, I remain

As always,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:bd

RABBI SOLOMON B. FREEHOF, D. D.
RODEF SHALOM TEMPLE
FIFTH AND MOREWOOD AVENUES
PITTSBURGH 13, PENNSYLVANIA

January 27, 1965

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
The Temple
University Circle at Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Daniel:

I took so long to get started to write my memoir of your dear father. I know now why it was; it was because I never shared with him those active years of work in the Zionist movement, and those struggles were central in his life. Therefore I thought that you should ask one of his coworkers in the Zionist cause to write the memoir; but then this person might not know or appreciate his work as a rabbi which was so dear to him. I could not think of anybody who could write on both sides of his life.

Perhaps you will find this memoir insufficient, and you may want someone else to write about his leadership in the Zionist movement in addition to this. At all events, instead of waiting for you to send me the list of addresses you will include, I decided to quote nothing at all from his addresses, but to try to reconstruct his personality from college days, and the impact of his personality upon our movement. Use this as you will; if you do not use it at all, I will not be offended, but of course I hope you will find it usable.

Give my love to Mother.

As ever,

S. B. F.

SBF:t

Solomon B. Freehof

February 2, 1965

Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof
Rodef Shalom Temple
Fifth and Morewood Avenue
Pittsburgh 13, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Freehof:

I am most grateful to you. The memoir is warm and reads well and it will give an insight into dad that only you could share with the reader. I am most grateful to you.

I should like premission to excise two sentences beginning ... "He was a republican, his politics..." This is one of the legends that has grown up and which I would not like to perpetuate. Dad's friendship with Taft was born out of mutual respect, but was largely based on Zionist concerns. Dad didnot wear any party label nor did he set great store in party platforms. But, if by politics we mean a program of social reconstruction, he was a liberal among liberals.

In any case, your preface will make a magnificent introduction.

Gratefully,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:mgn

Temple Israel
of the Oranges and Maplewood
432 Scotland Road
South Orange, N. J.

The Rabbi's Study

JUNE 3, 1965

RABBI DANIEL JEREMY SILVER
2841 WEYBRIDGE ROAD
CLEVELAND 20, OHIO

DEAR DANIEL,

YOU'LL UNDERSTAND MY NOT WRITING TO YOU SOONER -- CONFIRMATION REHEARSALS, ETC.

YOUR VISIT WITH ME DID CLARIFY THE PROJECT YOU HAVE IN MIND. I'VE CONSULTED WITH EDITORS AND OTHERS IN THE FIELD TO GET AN IDEA OF WHAT THIS WORK INVOLVES IN TERMS OF TIME AND COMPENSATION. WHAT EMERGES FROM MY END IS THE FOLLOWING KIND OF PROPOSITION.

(1) I COULD BEGIN READING MATERIAL IN JULY. THIS WOULD INVOLVE AT LEAST 3 TRIPS TO CLEVELAND, BUT I WOULD HOPE TO USE THE ZEROX MACHINE EXTENSIVELY IN ORDER TO DO MOST OF MY READING AT FIRE ISLAND AND IN SOUTH ORANGE.

(2) BY THE END OF OCTOBER (IF NOT EARLIER) -- (I'LL BE IN ISRAEL FOR THREE WEEKS IN AUGUST)-- I SHOULD HAVE READ THE BULK OF THE MATERIAL AND WILL PRESENT YOU WITH A PROPOSED AND FAIRLY DETAILED PLAN OR TWO FOR THE TOTAL PROJECT. I WILL ALSO HAVE WORKED OUT PROPOSED SELECTIONS TO ILLUSTRATE THE SUGGESTED FRAME-WORK.

THIS WILL BE PHASE ONE -- AT WHICH POINT EITHER OF US CAN WITHDRAW FOR ANY REASON. EVEN IF THERE IS AN AGREEMENT NOT TO CONTINUE, I WOULD HOPE THAT THE WORK DONE WOULD BE QUITE USEFUL.

I HAVE, AS I'VE SAID, CONSULTED WITH PROFESSIONALS IN THE FIELD AND COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT \$3,500 WOULD BE THE RIGHT COMPENSATION FOR THIS FIRST PHASE. (IT IS, INCIDENTALLY, CLOSE TO THE LOWEST OF THE FIGURES SUGGESTED TO ME.)

THE MAIN QUESTION IN MY MIND IS NOT THE MATTER OF COMPENSATION BUT WHETHER I AM THE "EDITORIAL TYPE" -- WHETHER I CAN DO THIS SORT OF WORK AND WHETHER I WILL ENJOY IT. HENCE, THE MUTUAL GAMBLE ON BOTH SIDES.

I WILL UNDERSTAND COMPLETELY IF MY HESITATION OR PROPOSALS LEAD YOU TO THINK THAT THE PROJECT CAN BE BETTER SERVED BY OTHER HANDS.

A GOOD HOLIDAY, AND MY WARMEST GOOD WISHES TO YOUR MOTHER.

SINCERELY,

Herbert Weiner
RABBI HERBERT WEINER *by*
1/20.

HW:IP

Dictated but not read

June 9, 1965

Rabbi Herbert Weiner
Temple Israel
432 Scotland Road
South Orange, New Jersey

Dear Rabbi Weiner:

I have received your letter and I am in contact with Mr. Frank Elliott and others here.

I will be back to you by the middle of next week.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:mgn

9-29-65

Hope this is the right letter.

A. K.

Alice Kime
Sec'y to Frank Elliott

June 14, 1965

Rabbi Daniel Silver
The Temple
University Circle & Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dan:

Many thanks for breakfast and for your report on the two projects I referred to you.

By the time you receive this, you will be back from your meetings in Cincinnati. I do hope they will have been fruitful from the standpoint of our book. In the meanwhile, here are a few notes to be considered for a reply to Rabbi Weiner's letter. It seems to me that it would not be unreasonable to expect the schedule to be stepped up a bit. Perhaps it could be a two stage process: the "fairly detailed plan" for the book could be due in September, with the final selection of sermons and concrete editorial preparation finished by the end of November. This would involve also the completion of an introduction and any background editorial paragraphs that Weiner would contribute by the latter date. You might even agree to an overall fee of \$5,000 on the assumption that his work will have been done by December 1. Half of this fee (\$2,500) would be due after the first phase, i.e. in September, and the remainder on delivery date of the final manuscript.

It does seem somewhat unclear how Weiner visualizes the problem on the material after his proposed October deadline. Does he feel that the bulk of his work will come after that date? If so, it seems to me we would be extending ourselves beyond any normal expectations from the standpoint of both schedule and fee. Frankly, I feel the total fee should not exceed \$5,000.

I look forward to hearing from you when you have returned to Cleveland. This will be a busy week for me, but I can always return your call if you leave a message.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Elliott
Editor, Religious Books

FE:ae

October 7, 1965

Rabbi Herbert Weiner
432 Scotland Road
South Orange, New Jersey

Dear Colleague:

I do not have a clear recollection of writing an essay exclusively on the subject of Abba Silver's preaching. I sent some material to Daniel which may have included a section on his type of preaching. Whatever I have written, Daniel has, and perhaps he can find what you refer to.

I wish you good luck in your enterprise. It will be of wonderful help to our rabbis to have Abba Silver's sermons available.

Sincerely,

SBF:t

Solomon B. Freshof

November 30, 1965

Rabbi Herbert Weiner
Temple Israel
432 Scotland Road
South Orange, New Jersey

Dear Herb:

I have been doing my homework and, like my people, after scanning the whole I began by working backwards. These comments will be largely regarding Section 4.

I feel that your desire to be biographical has colored the selection of some of the material. Frankly, the Central Conference of American Rabbis discussion with Freehof doesn't belong in this volume. It jars. There is little said in it which is not said in your other sermon and it introduces the personality and writings of Sol which deserve a book of their own.

I believe that the sermon "The Legacy of a President" is too pat an end to this book. It is a good piece and it belongs in the collection. I suspect that it belongs in the Social and Political Volume, certainly not here.

The sermon "Should Rabbis Stop Preaching" was badly transcribed (or sloppily delivered). I went back to dad's text and I have reconstructed his original language. A copy is enclosed. I believe you will find it an improvement but in need of editing.

While I was looking up manuscripts I did some editing on the sermon "Twenty Years in the Ministry." A copy is enclosed. I do not know what you particularly suggest as a replacement. I am enclosing a copy of "There Is Yet Room For Vision" which you may find fitting. It has special meaning for me because it was delivered at my ordination.

[Nov 30, 1965]

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How are you coming along? The comments are by and large apt and I am eager to see the complete thing. I will be writing to you in a day or so. With all good wishes,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:nga

Encls.

December 1, 1965

Rabbi Herbert Weiner
Temple Israel
432 Scotland Road
South Orange, New Jersey

Dear Herb:

I have finished reading Section I, Subsection A, "Choose Your Life." The unity of this section is excellent. I don't know how well sermons 2 or 3 will stand up. Will people understand why you paired them? It would almost seem that 1 and 3, early and the late, are enough. I have proofed 4 against dad's manuscript and I am enclosing it as the manuscript tightens up the sermon quite a bit, though it still needs editing. I wonder if 2 might not be replaced by some other sermon, perhaps taken from those about "World Crises and Jewish Survival? But, you will know best. - - - More to come.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER
DJS:ngn

Encs.

December 2, 1965

Rabbi Herbert Weiner
Temple Israel
432 Scotland Road
South Orange, New Jersey

Dear Herb:

I have read Section I, subsection B and 2 and subsection A. The sermons are substantial, the selection seems good. Each sermon will have to be matched against the manuscript text for Hebrew, etc.

I have matched 979 against the record and the result is enclosed. It is a good sermon. Number 895 disturbs me. I can't find the manuscript and I am going to have to check it at home. There is a great deal of Hebrew in the text and we don't have a record of it. Did you know it was a part of a series? Will we lose anything by not using it in that fashion?

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER
DJS:mgm

Encls.

December 3, 1965

Rabbi Herbert Weiner
Temple Israel
432 Scotland Road
South Orange, New Jersey

Dear Herb:

To reiterate what I said on the phone. Check sermon 711 through 714 to see if they might not provide a useful and neat little section on ethics. You might check also 564.1 --564.2 and 565 which was given as a series on "What Is Man?" I am particularly interested in the first series. Also, sermon 209 which appears in section 3, subsection A.4 is very similar to sermon 979, section 2, subsection A.5. Number 979 is the better sermon. They are identical even to similarities in language.

With all good wishes.

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER
DJS:mga

December 6, 1965

Rabbi Herbert Weiner
Temple Israel
432 Scotland Road
South Orange, New Jersey

Dear Herb:

This letter deals with Section 1, sub-section B. Sermon 220 is inappropriate. It reveals dad's original views on the origin of Israel which are very much as those of classic Reform taught at the college. Moses goes unmentioned, true monotheism begins with the prophets. Perhaps 986 is a more appropriate beginning though I lack a full text here.

It seems to me that something must be inserted between sermons 2 and 3. A sermon which would deal with the Talmudic in medieval experience. It also seems to me that one sermon on Israel is imperative here and in the first volume.

The rest of the material is well-chosen.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER
DJS:ngn

December 8, 1965

Rabbi Herbert Weiner
Temple Israel
432 Scotland Road
South Orange, New Jersey

Dear Herb:

This is regarding section 3, subsection C, "In the Midst of Many Peoples." Number 276 is excellent! as is 788. Numbers 528 and 616 raise questions as to your purpose. Especially 616, which is a political rather than an idea sermon. I know it includes a discussion of passivism but I wonder if the entire series on "Where Judaism Differs" might not equally make the point? As regards Jesus, Dad had a great interest in what he used to call "the parting of the ways." He gave a fine paper at Dropsie College some years ago which summed up his views. You might look into it.

Perhaps what is really needed is two sections here. One dealing with "Where Judaism Differs" etc., and one dealing in a more immediate way with "Judaism and With Great Religious Personalities of Our Day." Think it through.

I will be in New York Wednesday and Thursday next week and I would like to spend some serious time with you either around lunch on Wednesday or Thursday afternoon. I would like to discuss these suggestions and hear your reactions, suggested changes, etc. The book is so close to being done and I think it is important that we tie it down.

With all good wishes,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER
DJS:ngn



SOLOMON GRAYZEL
EDITOR

December 13, 1965

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
The Temple
University Circle at Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio, 44106

Dear Rabbi Silver:

At one of our recent meetings, our mutual friend, Dr. Jacob R. Marcus, suggested that we ought to find out whether you were planning a biography of your late father. If so, we ought to discuss the matter on the chance that it could be a book for the JPS.

With greetings.

Sincerely yours,

SG/cv

December 17, 1965

Mr. Solomon Grayzel, Editor
The Jewish Publication Society of America
222 N. Fifteenth Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102

Dear Dr. Grayzel:

We are not now publishing a biography of my father but we are about to publish the first of four volumes of his collected addresses, lectures and sermons. This is a major undertaking. Herbert Weiner is doing the culling and editing. Sol Freehof has written the opening memoir. The first volume is ready for the publisher; we hope to follow with another book annually. Would the J.P.S. be interested in some co-publishing undertaking in this respect?

On another matter, I hope that I can soon have for our Journal the review which you so kindly undertook to write.

With all good wishes, I remain as always,

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS/rlk

Temple Israel
of the Oranges and Maplewood
432 Scotland Road
South Orange, N. J.

The Rabbi's Study

DECEMBER 17, 1965

RABBI DANIEL JEREMY SILVER
T H E T E M P L E
UNIVERSITY CIRCLE AT SILVER PARK
CLEVELAND, OHIO 44106

DEAR DANIEL,

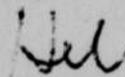
I ENJOYED OUR TALK TOGETHER. PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHAT DECISION YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE ABOUT THE PUBLISHER.

ENCLOSED IS A LOUSY PICTURE AND CURRICULUM VITA FROM WHICH YOU CAN PICK A FEW ITEMS FOR YOUR PUBLICITY. DO I UNDERSTAND THAT THE THEME OF THE EVENING IS SOMETHING LIKE,

"THE SABBATH OF A CABBALIST"
--AN INSIGHT INTO THE WORLD OF JEWISH MYSTICISM

BEST WISHES.

CORDIALLY,



RABBI HERBERT WEINER

HW:IP

P.S. - I'VE COUNTED SERMONS, PONDERED, AND COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THERE IS NEED FOR A SEPARATE VOLUME OUTLINING YOUR FATHER'S STATEMENTS AND THOUGHTS ABOUT THE BROADER COMMUNITY (BOTH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL). YOUR THOUGHT ABOUT PLACING YOUR FATHER'S ZIONIST WRITINGS AND STATEMENTS IN SUCH A VOLUME MIGHT INDEED BE THE WAY TO DO IT. ALSO, I SHOULD THINK THAT THIS VOLUME WOULD CONTAIN SOME ESSAYS AND APPRECIATIONS BY OTHERS. BUT WE HAVE LOTS OF TIME TO THINK ABOUT THIS.

P.S. - THAT WAS A LONG P.S.

HW

PENDING

January 24, 1966

Mr. Chester Kerr
Director
Yale Press
92A Yale Station
New Haven, Connecticut 06520

Dear Mr. Kerr:

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver was Rabbi of The Temple in Cleveland, Ohio for half a century and a leading figure in American and Jewish life. Upon his death in November, 1963 an archive foundation was established at The Temple. A major purpose of the archives was to arrange for publication of a representative selection of Dr. Silver's addresses, papers, sermons, etc. Rabbi Herbert Weiner of South Orange, New Jersey was hired as editor.

The first of a projected four volumes now is complete. The first volume would include a brief biography by Dr. Solomon Freehof of Pittsburgh and some 45 to 48 addresses by Dr. Silver ranging from Sunday sermons to the Dudley lectures at Harvard. They have been selected to represent a rather complete statement of Rabbi Silver's faith and philosophy. Subsequent volumes will deal with his scholarship - biblical and rabbinic; his civic life and interest in national causes; and his work on behalf of the State of Israel.

The material is of high order and complete. Fortunately, we have full manuscripts and typed scripts. In brief, our purpose is to honor a great religious leader and, incidentally, to present an interesting document of the times.

I am enclosing a copy of the volume produced on Dr. Silver's 70th birthday so that you can review his biography and accomplishments.

[Jan 24, 1966]

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I am writing to ask whether the Yale Press would be interested in publishing this projected work. The Archives is prepared to participate in the underwriting of this program. We can assure your press of a major sale through our congregational and religious channels.

We are interested in a well-produced and technically competent book/books. We can free the Press of any major editing responsibility. Knowing your intimate knowledge of Cleveland I trust that you will give serious consideration to this project. I appreciate the time involved.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER
DJS:mgn

Encls.

cc: Mr. Edgar Hahn

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RABBI DANIEL SILVER THE TEMPLE

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FOR INCLUSION IN FALL 66 CATALOG WE NEED YOUR WORD BEFORE

END OF THIS WEEK

CLEMENT ALEXANDRE.

March 30, 1966

Mr. Clement Alexandre
The Macmillan Company
60 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10011

Dear Clement:

I apologize for the delay, but after not hearing from you for some time we were approached by a publishing house who is vitally interested in printing these four volumes. The offer they made to us was so financially advantageous that it could not be turned down. I need not tell you how appreciative I am for your concern and I apologize for any delay and/or inconvenience which we may have caused. Thank you for your cooperation and I hope that we may have the occasion to avail ourselves of your services in the future.

With all good wishes, I remain,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER
DJS:mgn

June 8, 1966

Mr. William Goldfarb
Hahn Loeser Freedheim Dean & Wellman
National City Bank
629 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Bill:

I am most grateful to you for your willingness to undertake the reading of this contract. There are several changes which need to be made and to which World has already agreed. The agreement is between World and the Abba Hillel Silver Memorial Library and Archives which is a Corporation not for Profit, etc. The rider will include a specification that all four volumes will be of similar type, size, quality, etc. and 17 (b) is to be changed to a new trim size which has been agreed on.

The financial terms are as verbally agreed.

The contract seems to be a standard one. If there are any questions these can be answered by Leonard Beal at World.

Always call on a busy man when you need a job done in a hurry. I owe you a good speech and will deliver on short notice.

As always,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER
DJS:mga

Encls.

June 28, 1966

Rabbi Herbert Weiner
Temple Israel
432 Scotland Road
South Orange, New Jersey 07079

Dear Herb:

I read and edited the entire manuscript. It holds up well. I have made several changes, and introduced a new sub-section in Part 3. Actually, this is no more than giving a title to what already existed.

I have the following question::

1. Since the use of Hebrew is erratic, do you think it might be wise to eliminate all Hebrew except perhaps in one sermon? Some indication could be made in one of your notes that this was the pace and feeling of all the sermons.
2. Section 4 is incoherent. It needs a closer look and a tighter structure. It is the one section which I didn't thoroughly wrestle with.
3. I eliminated Halevy to concentrate more on the moderns. The total of the substitutions and deletions leaves us with the same size book as when it came to me.

Read it over carefully because of my growing feeling about the Hebrew I didn't check it that closely. Erase or modify what I have done as you deem proper and get it to Millian before you leave and I will see you in Israel.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf

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JERUSALEM

August 28, 1966

Rabbi Daniel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Daniel:

I am so sorry the call for the missing section (I was not aware of anything missing) caught up with me in Safed. That is a difficult city in which to think about the American Rabbinate and the enclosed may reflect the problem. But I will be home on Sept. 6th and be in touch with you the very next day.

Please tell Fay that I'll also check through the question of a quotation as soon as I get back to my files.

Warmest best wishes to your mother and family,

Cordially,

Paul
[Werner]

Just re-read the thing & don't like it very much. Will fix it up as soon as I get back

September 28, 1966

Miss Fay Zipkowitz
The Temple
University Circle & Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Fay:

The copyeditor had a few questions about quoted sources in the first portion of the manuscript of Rabbi Silver's sermons. She may come up with a few more on the last half. Here are some duplicate pages with quoted passages.

There is no need to include detailed biographical data or to worry about permission for these quotations in a book of this sort. But it would be useful to have the titles of the books cited and to make sure the direct quotes are accurate. Any help you can give would be welcome.

Cordially,

Frank Elliott
Religious Books Department

FE:ak
Enclosure

September 28, 1966

Rabbi Herbert Weiner
Temple Israel
432 Scotland Road
South Orange, New Jersey

Dear Rabbi Weiner:

The first half of the completely copyedited manuscript arrived last week; the remainder is due next week. After checking through the copyeditor's work and queries on the first portion, I find there are only a few remaining problems and these can be answered on galley proofs. So unless you wish to make any revisions in your final version, I doubt that we will need to send you the manuscript again. If we begin to set type right away it will help with our very tight schedule.

Yours cordially,

Frank Elliott
Religious Books Department

FE:ak



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THE WORLD PUBLISHING COMPANY

2231 West 110th Street • Cleveland, Ohio • 44102

September 28, 1966

Rabbi Daniel Silver
The Temple
University Circle & Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dan:

The enclosed copies of notes to Herbert Weiner and Fay Zipkowitz are self-explanatory. Unless you want to see the manuscript again for any reason, we will go directly into type when the copyediting has been completed.

I understand that Robert Antler will work directly with you in settling on a final design and format. He should have sample pages next week.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Elliott
Religious Books Department

FE:ak

September 30, 1966

**Mr. Frank Elliott
Religious Books Department
The World Publishing Company
2231 West 110th Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44102**

Dear Frank:

In response to your letter of September 28th I have not yet approved a sample page and type, and I would not want galleys to proceed in the wrong type face.

There is also a structural problem involved in the last section. It does not follow the format of earlier sections in that it lacks an introduction. The prayers simply sit there. I have a feeling that the entire unit needs resculpting. I am enclosing a proposed preface by Weiner which he mailed me from Israel. It was done hastily and in a strange land. I should like you to discuss the entire section with him before proceeding to galleys.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf

cc: Rabbi Herber Weiner



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THE WORLD PUBLISHING COMPANY

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October 21, 1966

Rabbi Daniel Silver
The Temple
University Circle & Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio

*note: Page proofs
are in display case
in Archives Room
12-1-66*

Dear Dan:

Thank you for sending in the revised introduction to the final section of the manuscript. It is much better than the rather offhand original version. We will insert it in the appropriate place in the manuscript.

Fay Zipkowitz has been very helpful in clearing up some final details. Minor corrections and additions have been entered on the manuscript. We are ready to begin setting type as soon as we have the green light from you with respect to sample pages. I am enclosing three sets of the same samples. They are identical except in the arrangement of the text following the section title. Number 1 is the way the samples came to us from the printer; number 2 is a minor change in the position of Herbert Weiner's introduction; and number 3 is a possible rearrangement for you to consider.

Whatever your ^{reservations} ~~revisions~~ may be about minor points, the two chief questions to be answered as soon as possible are, first, is the type face satisfactory for the text and introductions, and second, is the title "Therefore Choose Life" satisfactory to you? Everyone here feels it is an excellent title, and after careful checking we find that there is no identical title currently in print (there is in fact no title that begins with the word "therefore"). If you will give me a call I will be happy to talk over any questions that remain or to arrange to visit with you at The Temple whenever you are free.

Yours cordially,

Frank Elliott
Religious Books Department

FE:ak



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November 3, 1966

Rabbi Daniel Silver
The Temple
University Circle & Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dan:

After checking our files and finding only one photograph (the one by Karsh), I talked with Lillian Zevin. Her recollection is that she saw a group of photos in your office at one time but that we did not receive the selection you were planning to provide. So I guess it's your turn to search!

A suggestion for you to consider in choosing the illustrations: it would be good, I think, to have them parallel as much as possible both the content of the book and the stages of your father's career. Depending on what is available, a varied selection could produce a lot of what we call 'editorial excitement.' What I'd try to avoid, in other words, is a series of more or less formal poses. Possibilities: as a student or a young rabbi; leading a meeting or ceremony; writing at his desk; The Temple--then and now; on several important public occasions; with other noted leaders; in Israel?; with his family; talking with or counseling one other person; perhaps even a newspaper headline or two.

In any event, I hope you can give us your own first-choice selection with a suggested sequence and at least rough captions, along with a group of possible alternates. We're planning on 8 pages, and except in rare instances there probably should be no more than two photos per page.

Sincerely,

Frank Elliott
Religious Books Department

FE:ak

Temple Israel
of the Oranges and Maplewood
432 Scotland Road
South Orange, N. J.

The Rabbi's Study

NOVEMBER 9, 1966

RABBI DANIEL SILVER
THE TEMPLE
UNIVERSITY CIRCLE AT SILVER PARK
CLEVELAND OHIO, 44106

DEAR DANIEL:

IN TERMS OF TIMING, I WOULD LIKE TO SHOOT FOR THE END OF
JANUARY. LET'S GET RIGHT TO WORK AND SEE HOW IT GOES.

THIS TIME, IF YOU DON'T MIND, I WOULD LIKE TO GET SOME OF
YOUR SELECTIONS IN ADVANCE. FIRST, ENCLOSED IS A VERY
SKELETON KIND OF SUGGESTED OUTLINE. HOW DOES IT STRIKE YOU?
SECOND, ARE THERE ANY SERMONS, ADDRESSES, OR PAPERS WHICH
COME QUICKLY TO YOUR MIND AS BEING ITEMS WE SHOULD NOT
MISS?

OF COURSE, I HAVE THE SERMONS THAT I HAVE CHOSEN AND AM
GOING OVER, BUT IT WOULD SAVE TIME IF YOU COULD PASS ON
TO ME AT THIS STAGE ANYTHING THAT COMES TO YOUR MIND AS
A "MUST."

THIS BOOK, AS I VISUALIZE IT, IS A SLIM VOLUME CONTAINING
BETWEEN 30 AND 35 ITEMS. THE PREFACE SHOULD BE VERY BRIEF
-- TWO OR THREE PARAGRAPHS. EACH SECTION WOULD HAVE AN
INTRODUCTION, BUT WE NEED NOT GET TANGLED UP IN EXTRA
QUOTATIONS AND EXCERPTS FOR FACE PAGES.

I DON'T EXPECT YOU TO DO RESEARCH AT THIS POINT, IN MAKING
YOUR SUGGESTIONS, JUST CONVEY TO ME WHAT POPS INTO YOUR
MIND.

BEST WISHES,

CORDIALLY

Herbert Weiner

RABBI HERBERT WEINER
(DICTATED BUT NOT READ) *HW*

THE CYCLE OF THE YEAR

ROSH HASHANAH	1963. GOOD TALK ON RACE RELATIONS WITH HISTORICAL SURVEY AND TO DUTY TODAY.
3 SERMONS	(BEGIN WITH THIS?)
<i>Renewal (from book year 1934)</i>	
<i>RH 40</i>	
<i>RH 51 (used?)</i>	1951 IT ALL
<i>58</i>	
<i>59</i>	
YOM KIPPUR	1944
<i>(something later?)</i>	
1928	
2 SERMONS	
SUKKOT	1915, 1962
<i>1915 (used?)</i>	
2 SERMONS	
CHANUKAH	465
3 SERMONS	493 LEGEND OF THE BURIED CANDELABRUM
	541
PURIM	
3 SERMONS	020 TOLERANCE
	474 (GOOD)
	<i>867</i>
	S 768 OR 791 (COMEDY OF ERRORS)
	<i>958</i>
PASSOVER	
3 SERMONS	454 THE MIRACLE OF OUR LIVES <i>(used?)</i>
	795 <i>(used?)</i>
	819, 820, 871
SHAVUOT	
(CONFIRMATION)	2 SERMONS S 482 - 20TH ANNIVERSARY ADDRESS TO CONFIRMANDS.

18-1 1914

THE CYCLE OF LIFE

YOUTH

EARLY SERMON ON YOUTH - 1917

2 SERMONS

S 736 FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH

2 SERMONS

EDUCATION

MARRIAGE, FAMILY AND CHILDREN

538, 539, 351

811

938, 883

OLD AGE

1401 341, 680, 423, 964

2 SERMONS - S 874 SUFFERING AND DEATH

759

II
The Cycle of History

1919, 1932, 1942-43; 1945; 1949; 1963

16 year cycle - S. 544

IV
DAYS TO REMEMBER

100 years - 726

1022 years - 220

952, 923 (Investigation collection series)

MOTHER'S DAY

798 MOTHERS OF THE BIBLE

875 -

898 MOTHERHOOD

April Int.

The group in child care field children S. 978

~~WIKKE WARSAW GHETTO~~

ISAAC M. WISE 822

ANNIVERSARY OF STATE OF ISRAEL

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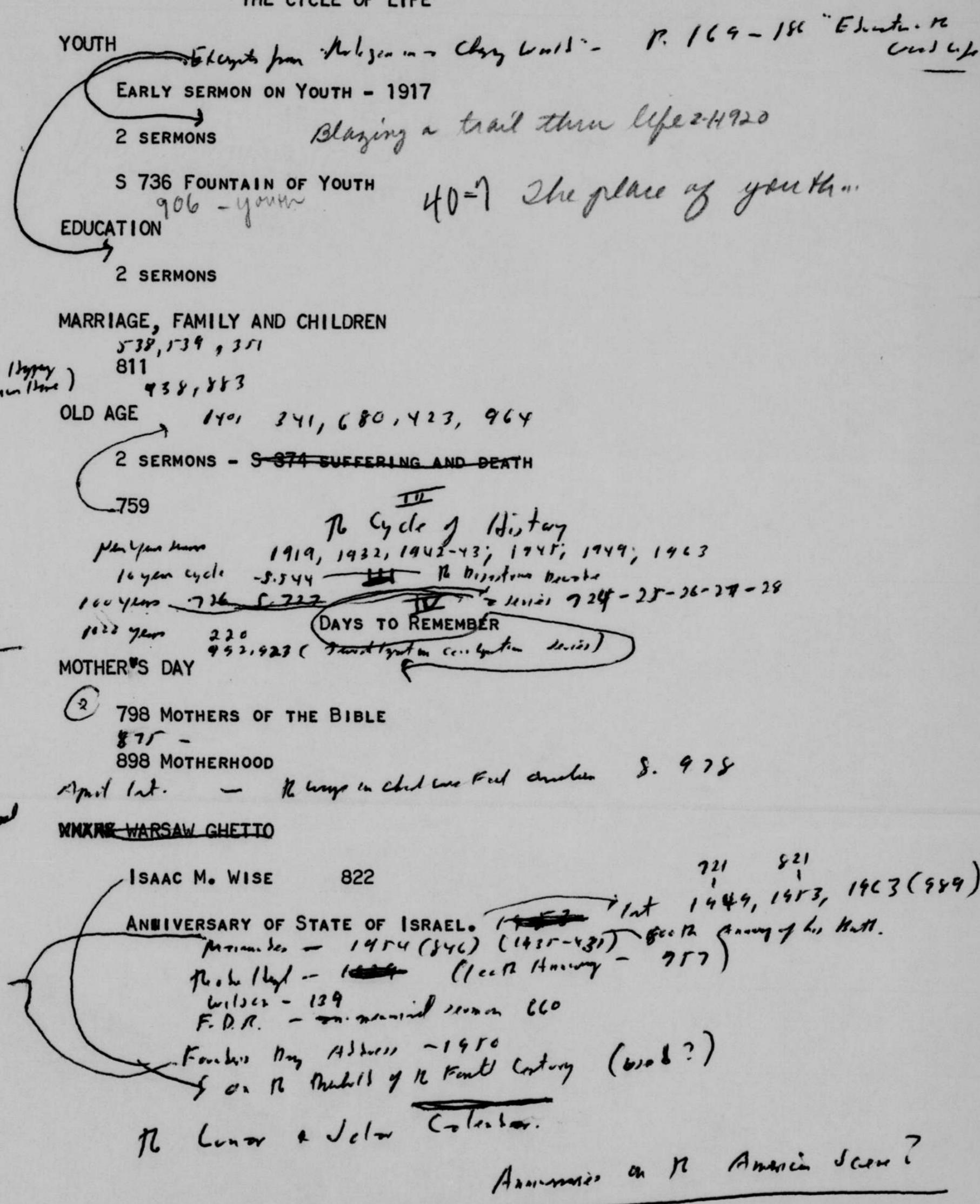
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The Lunar & Solar Calendar

Announcements on the American scene?

- 275 (what is happening to the American home)
- Bea Bly - 889
- great people
- Announcements? Israel

Fragmentary help to make lecture



November 16, 1966

Rabbi Herbert Weiner
Temple Israel
432 Scotland Road
South Orange, New Jersey 07079

Dear Herb:

I have not looked over any of the specific sermons but I do have this comment to make. When we discussed the project originally you talked about the second volume including a number of historical sermons. I think this is the place for a number of these Biblical and historical sermons or series of sermons. I know we used some of them in Volume 1, but I think an interesting section or two could be added under the general ~~theme~~ of "The Cycle of History." My other comment is that the family section of "The Cycle of Life" should have two or three sermons in it.

I am not sure that I agree with you that we should switch format and avoid excerpts for face pages. I should like the volumes to be consistent. I know you will be pleased with the format as we arranged it with World. I have another busy week or two and I will get down to this work. In the meantime, if you will fill out this outline, this can be done in as short order as we can.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf

[1966]

PHOTOS FOR VOLUME I - THEREFORE CHOOSE LIFE

ANTHOLOGY OF DR. ABBA HILLER SILVER SERMONS &
ADDRESSES

- #1 The young rabbi. Taken in Wheeling, West Virginia where he served at the Eoff Street Temple from 1915-17.
- #2 Verdun - 1918 - On a mission for the American Red Cross, for which he was awarded the Academie Palms as Officier de l'instruction Publique
- #3 Dr. Silver came to Cleveland in 1917. Under his leadership the Temple University Circle in 1923.
- #4 Cornerstone laying of the New Temple. Present in the photo in addition to Dr. Silver were: Mr. Herman Moss, Mr. Lewis Wolf, Mr. Myers, Mr. Benjamin Lowenstein
- #5a Dr. Silver's parents - Rabbi Moses Silver
- #5b Dr. Silver's parents - Dinah Seamen Silver
- #6 Hebrew Union College - 1915
Graduation year. Dr. Silver standing with arms folded in back row. Seated front center, Kaufman Kohler, president of the college. (We can identify more of these people if this photo can be used.)
- #7 Off to Europe - 1932
Front left: Raphael David; front right: Daniel Jeremy
- #8 Albert Einstein Dinner at which Dr. Silver was the main speaker. Dr. Silver is seated with Dr. Einstein at table at front of picture.
- #9 October 10, 1933 - Planting trees in the Cleveland Hebrew Cultural Garden with composer Ernst Bloch.
- #10 Conway Hall Meeting , London, England - March, 1942
With Dr. Chaim Weizmann - Zionist Meeting
- #11 Zionist Meeting - Paris, 1944.
- #12 Mass rally for Palestine in Madison Square Gardens, New York, March, 1944
- #13 Addressing Zionist rally - 1943
- #14 At the hearings of the House of Foreign Affairs Committee - February 8, 1944. Present: Majority Leader John McCormick, Chairman, Sol Bloom, Majority Leader Joseph W. Martin

Photos for Volume I (continued)

- #15 Actual testimony presented at hearing with House of Foreign Affairs Committee, February 8, 1944
- #16 Zionist Rally - 1943. Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Henry Monsky and Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia
- #17 Testimony before the United Nations, November 1949, in support of the independence of the State of Israel. At Dr. Silver's right Andrei Gromyko of the Soviet Union, Dr. Silver, Emanuel Neumann, Golda Meir and Moshe Sharett
- #18 Dr. Silver as chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency Section presenting his case to the United Nations Security Council, October 2, 1947. In the rear, Moshe Sharrett, Wolf Gold.
- #19 Ambassador Warren K. Austin, May 8, 1948 - At the United Nations
- #20 Victory for an Independent Israel. At Flushing Meadow in 1947.
- #21 Same as above.
- #22 Mass Rally in Madison Square Gardens, 1949, on the first Anniversary of the new State of Israel and its establishment.
- #23 With General Dwight D. Eisenhower at Morningside Heights during his presidential campaign of 1948.
- #24 With Presidential Candidate John F. Kennedy, at Zionist Organization of America meeting, 1960.
- #25 Receipt of Honorary Citizenship from the city government of Ramat Gan, 1951. Presentation by Mayor Kreimitsky
- #26 This picture complements picture #18. Before the Security Council of the United Nations, 1947.
- #27 A typical Jewish Agency caucus.
- #28 March, 1956, with President Ben Zvi of the State of Israel at the dedicatim of Kfar Silver. In his hand a cruse of oil from one of the first drafts of oil pumped in Israel.
- #29 Visiting invalided veterans of the Palestine Brigade in Tel Aviv, January, 1948.
- #30 With Prime Minister Eshkol from the State of Israel, October, 1960.
- #31 Jewish Agency meeting, January, 1945, with Lewis Lepsky, Moshe Sharrett, and Dr. Silver.

- #32 With Prime Minister David Ben Gurion in Jerusalem, Israel, 1962
- #33 With Mrs. Silver (1957) (?)
- #34 70th Birthday - Dinner given in his honor by The Temple and many friends. Scroll presented by Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
- #35 70th Birthday Dinner - Being addressed and congratulated by Raphael D. Silver
- #36 Greeting the congregation of The Temple on celebration of 65th birthday and Dr. Silver's 40th anniversary with the congregation. (1957)

EMANUEL NEUMANN

515 PARK AVENUE

NEW YORK 22, N. Y.

February 2, 1967

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
The Temple
University Circle at Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Daniel:

Having just returned from Israel I have found your letter of January 24th, which I hasten to answer as follows:

As a result of conversations that I have had at various times with Zvi Lurie, head of the Jewish Agency's Organization Department, Hasifria Hazionit, which is under his supervision, ~~it was~~ decided to publish an Abba Hillel Silver volume in Hebrew to contain translations of some of your father's Zionist addresses and also some articles concerning him. As I recall they want to use Harold's essay which appeared sometime ago and also asked me to write a new introduction to the volume.

They have asked me to send them some copies of your father's published books, which I did. I spoke to Mr. Scherf who is connected with the Central Zionist Archives, and who, I understand, is responsible for getting the material together. Among other things I was told that the translations into Hebrew would be made by Yehuda Yaary.

I am very pleased to learn that the first volume of your father's collected addresses and sermons will be off the press by the end of February. Am I correct in assuming that the first volume will consist of his sermons - or at least some of them?

I am sorry that MIDSTREAM has not as yet carried a review of your book. I will look into this matter again.

Did you get to Israel last summer as I think you had planned?

The Herzl Institute has made arrangements for the annual Abba Hillel Silver lecture, to be given this time by Rabbi Freehof on the subject of "Reform Judaism and Jewish Nationalism." It is scheduled to take place February 19th, with Dr. Julius Marks presiding. Special efforts are being made to secure a good audience - numerically and qualitatively - and I think we have reason to hope for a successful evening. I don't suppose that you would undertake the journey to New York to be on hand for this occasion; but if it should fit in with your plans, it would be wonderful!

[Feb 2, 1967]

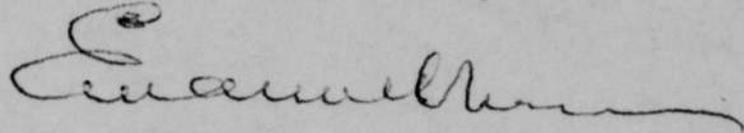
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I saw mother on the occasion of the funeral services for your Uncle Maxwell, and I am happy that she seems to be in good health.

My warmest regards to her and all your dear ones.

As ever

Cordially yours,



Emanuel Neumann

EN:BW

P.S. I expect that Freehof will produce a really worthwhile paper on the important subject he has undertaken to discuss, in a form suitable for publication.

February 7, 1967

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
515 Park Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10022

Dear Emanuel:

Thank you for the information contained in your letter of February 2nd. I feel much more comfortable now about the translation project.

The first volume of Dad's anthology will contain mostly sermonic material dealing with basic religious and personal themes. The second volume will be biblical and historical, the third political and social and the last the Zionist materials.

In this connection, we are still hunting down photographs, etc. I notice that a large number of pictures which we have of New York affairs seem to have been taken by a man named Archer. Is he still in business?

Adele, the children, and I spent a most pleasant six weeks in Israel. We headquartered at Herzlia. Drove everywhere and enjoyed K'far Silver and avoided officialdom. We got a real sense of the land and of its people.

I am delighted that Sol Freehof is speaking at the Herzl Institute. I hope for the sake of Dad's memory that the meeting has a setting and public worthy of his stature. I still recall with a sense of dismay my own participation in this program. Mother is well as are we all.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvv

EMANUEL NEUMANN
515 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK 22, N. Y.

February 13, 1967

Dear Daniel,

I am responding to your letter of February 7th: Please let me know when the first volume of your father's anthology is scheduled to appear.

You ask about a photographer named Archer. Yes, he is still in business under the name of Alexander Archer at 27 Union Square, phone number AL 5 4270. He is likely to have pictures that would be useful for your purposes.

Incidentally I have a number of pictures which may be of interest to you that are part of my own collection. I will try to look through them and send you, perhaps, some that you may or may not have. One of them which I cherish particularly is a picture showing your father and myself - apparently at some public meeting or banquet - pointing to each other and laughing. I have not yet been able to make out the date or the occasion.

Regarding the Freehof lecture I have a feeling that it will be a success, judging by the responses already coming in. As I think I indicated, we have arranged for a little reception for Freehof immediately preceding the lecture.

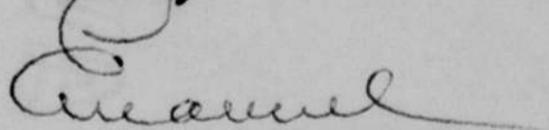
I am delighted that you had such a nice time in Israel last summer and enjoyed Kfar-Silver, among other things.

Incidentally, Mr. Bilaus, the director, is here in the States on a visit.

With warm regards to you and the clan,

As ever

Yours,



Emanuel Neumann

EN:BW

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
The Temple
University Circle at Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

February 15, 1967

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
515 Park Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10022

Dear Dr. Neumann:

We would very much like to receive whatever pictures you have of Dad for we are planning a photographic supplement to each of the volumes and the more we have to choose from the more interesting these sections will be. If the photographs can be copied, I would be happy to arrange for this and the return of any pictures which are precious to you. With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf

February 15, 1967

Mr. Alexander Archer
27 Union Square
New York City, N. Y. 10003

Dear Mr. Archer:

I am writing to you in behalf of the Abba Hillel Silver Memorial Archives and Library. We are in the midst of publishing a five volume series, an anthology of Dr. Silver's lectures, sermons and addresses. Each book will contain a few pages of photographic material. In reviewing Dad's scrap books I discovered that many of the pictures bear your identification stamp.

Would it be possible for you to send on to us any photographs in your collection which have to do with Dr. Silver? If this project requires any time consuming research, we would be prepared to reimburse you for the time involved. All I would ask is that this not get out of hand.

Of course, any photograph we publish will be properly credited.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann was kind enough to give me your address and I would be grateful if you can be of service to us.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf

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THE WORLD PUBLISHING COMPANY

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March 1, 1967

Rabbi Daniel Silver
The Temple
University Circle & Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dan:

A number of discussions with the advertising and promotion staff have resulted in the following program for THEREFORE CHOOSE LIFE. Review and publicity copies will of course go to book editors of major daily and Sunday newspapers in cities around the country. Each copy will be accompanied by a news release. The release itself will also be sent to a larger list of general and religious media--radio and television, weeklies, etc. This release is now being prepared in our New York office and will be sent out with the first bound books that arrive. I have asked that copy for the release be sent here, and will pass it along to you if you wish to see it.

A list of Jewish periodicals and media for review and publicity copies is being sent to you separately (with the first batch of proofs). The copy you'll receive is outdated in some respects, but at least it names the principal periodicals and media. We would plan to cover almost all of these with copies unless you feel some would be wasted. Any additions to that list that occur to you would be very welcome.

Space advertising is normally in two phases: initial announcement (on first publication), and follow-up ads (when reviews and publicity are coming in). From the possibilities open, we think we would get the most mileage from announcement space in the following:

N. Y. Times Book Review
Commentary
American Judaism
National Jewish Monthly
American Zionist
Jewish Frontier
Cleveland Jewish News

These were selected from a group that also included:

Midstream
Congress BiWeekly
Judaism
Jewish Spectator

*Midstream!
Dan Silver
Frontier!*

THE WORLD PUBLISHING COMPANY

Rabbi Daniel Silver
Page 2
March 1, 1967

The Reconstructionist
United Synagogue Review
Jewish Post & Opinion
Reform Judaism
Conservative Judaism
Jewish Life

I list these because you may feel one or more of them should be substituted for periodicals on the first list. I also wonder whether in your opinion we are unnecessarily duplicating coverage in the Commentary-Am. Judaism-National Jewish Monthly combination, and whether there are other Zionist media we should include besides the two listed.

Our Cleveland sales representative is working on possible "co-op ads" in the Plain Dealer, shared by the bookstores and publisher, as well as window displays, etc. in Cleveland stores. He is to report back on this next week. We will of course need to confer with you about special aspects of publicity in Cleveland. Particularly important are the plans you may be hatching for efforts at The Temple. We will want to talk over the number of copies you will require and how we can work with you by providing extra material--for example, publicity releases could be provided for an announcement mailing in any quantity you might need.

About the proofs themselves, more later--after our design and copyediting departments have had a chance to raise any remaining questions. You will see notations of "11" or "211" at the bottom of many pages; these indicate that some pages are a line or two long, in order to make the final page of any given chapter come out properly. You can ignore these, since no cutting is required: any two facing pages will always be equal in length. Fay Zipkowitz has been sent a set of proofs, and I expect to talk with her about schedule tomorrow.

Best,

Frank

Frank Elliott
Religious Books Department

FE:ak

March 7, 1967

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
515 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10022

Dear Emanuel:

The first volume of Dad's collected essays, lectures and sermons will be published by World Publishing sometime during the first week in April. I am sending to you, under separate cover, my copy of the uncorrected proofs of the book. There are many typographical mistakes but you will see the sweep of what we have planned.

This is the first of four or five volumes which will be published and it is planned that one volume will appear annually. I am writing to you to see if we could not coordinate an article in Midstream and any other publications which come under your aegis for the publication date in April. I am sure that you have excellent biographical material and photographs of Dad, but if you lack these I can furnish them to you.

The book will include eight pages of photographs as well as the text which is before you. I would very much appreciate whatever help you can give us in this matter. I will have the World Publishing Company contact the agency to arrange to place volumes in the book store in your building.

With all good wishes in which Adele and Mother join me, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

DJS:mgm

Daniel Jeremy Silver

March 9, 1967

Mr. Daniel Schwartz
Sunday Editor
The New York Times
Times Square
New York, New York

Dear Dan:

Early in April the World Publishing Company will print the first volume of my father's collected addresses and sermons under the title Therefore Choose Life. Selections are taken from the entire fifty years of his active ministry. Fortunately, he was a man who wrote out his lectures and had them taken down stenographically.

Dad, was, of course, one of the classic figures of the pulpit in the first half of our century and I felt that it might make an interesting review piece. I am not at all sure of protocol, but I simply want to call this book to the attention of The Times. The World Publishing Company will be sending a copy of the book to The Times through normal channels.

We are all well. The children are growing by leaps and bounds. Adele is busy doing some reviews for the local paper and tickled that one of her pieces will be printed by The Reporter. We hope to see you in Cleveland some day soon. If not, maybe our paths will cross in New York.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

DJS:mgm

Daniel Jeremy Silver

HARPER'S MAGAZINE, INC.

Editorial Rooms



2 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10016
TELEPHONE 212 686-8710

March 13, 1967

Dear Mrs. Silver:

Thank you for your letter. I'm delighted to hear that you've found a home for the piece about the Cleveland Museum, and I will look for it in The Reporter. I recently had a bout of writing about a museum myself; I did an article on the Metropolitan for the New York Times Magazine. It took a little gymnastics at the end because they held it too long and then announced the new director so I had to make some rather elaborate adjustments to bring it up to date. If you're curious about looking it up, it was in the January 1st New York Times Magazine.

I'm glad to hear that you're going to send me a copy of your father-in-law's book. I will pass it along to the head of our Book Review department, but I can't make any promises that it will be reviewed. So much of what gets reviewed in our pages depends on our being able to find the right person to do the book -- and, of course, there is tremendous competition for the rather limited space that we have for reviewing. But I can assure you that I'll put in a good word for it and look forward to receiving it.

Do have another idea for a piece for us. I'll look forward to hearing from you again.

Best wishes,

Mrs. Daniel Jeremy Silver
2841 Weybridge Road
Cleveland, Ohio
44120

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 14, 1967

Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Boulevard
Shaker Heights, Ohio 44122

Dear Mrs. Silver:

Many thanks for your letter of March 5. I am very happy to hear that the Sermons of Rabbi Silver are being published. I am surprised that I did not receive a reply to my letter in which I asked you about publishing a Spanish edition of his Zionist addresses, which had been suggested by our friends in Latin America.

We certainly will be glad to publicize the book and to review it. I hope you will be kind enough to send us a copy for review. I would like to consider asking Rabbi Leon Feuer to write the review, since he was a close friend of Rabbi Silver and writes extremely well.

I hope that you have been kept informed about the development of Kfar Silver. It is today the leading agricultural high school in Israel. It has a summer camp which is an example for all other similar programs in Israel. This year nearly 200 youngsters will be staying there for the summer. Thanks to the generosity of Abraham Goodman we will open the Mollie Goodman Academic High School in September, where American children will be educated side by side with Israeli youngsters.

The organization as such has shown great signs of activity during the last two years in improving our publications and in general activity; a great deal better than it was in the dark years of the 50's

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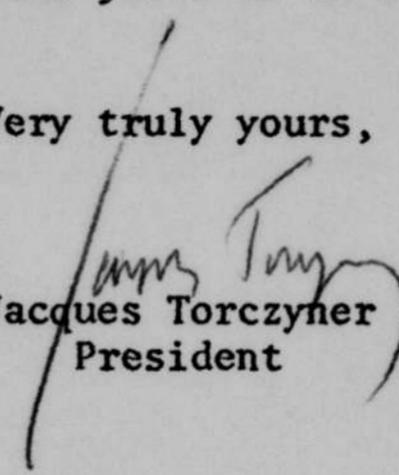
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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I had an opportunity to spend some time with David Ben Gurion when I was in Israel and he reminisced about the years 1946-48 and about the struggles which he had then, which were at least struggles among giants.

I hope that you are well. Berthe joins me in sending you our best personal regards,

Very truly yours,


Jacques Torczyner
President

JT/mf

The New York Times
Times Square

DANIEL SCHWARZ
SUNDAY EDITOR

March 14, 1967

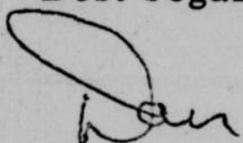
Dear Daniel:

I have called the attention of the Book Review to the first volume of your father's collected addresses and sermons. I don't know whether it is the kind of thing that belongs in the Book Review, but we'll certainly give it every consideration.

I'm delighted to hear that Adele is being published left (The Reporter) and right (The Cleveland Plain Dealer). I assume that while she is keeping busy making herself visible, you are continuing to make yourself audible from the pulpit and in other places.

We would love to see you next time you are in town. Right now there doesn't seem to be much chance of our getting to Cleveland.

Best regards,



Dan Schwarz

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
The Temple
University Circle at Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

DS:js

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March 14, 1967

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
The Temple
University Circle @
Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Dan:

The Production Department informs me that bound copies of THEREFORE, CHOOSE LIFE, will be ready by May 3rd, providing the page proofs are returned today or tomorrow. This would make our publication date about June 10th. We can send you the 1,000 books you are ordering on the day, or the day after, the bound books arrive and you, of course, can sell them at any time. In other words, you need not be guided by our publication date.

According to our contract, you get 40% off of the retail price on any books you buy for personal use or resale at the temple. Since the book is retailing for \$12.50, 40% is \$5.00; therefore, these books will cost you \$7.50 each.

I will appreciate it if you will send us a letter confirming this order, or else simply verify it on the duplicate copy of this letter enclosed.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Lillian C. Zevin

LCZ:kaa

March 20, 1967

Mr. Jacques Torczyner
President
Zionist Organization of America
145 East 32nd Street
New York, New York 10016

Dear Mr. Torczyner:

I am responding on behalf of my mother to your letter of March 14. Copies of Therefore Choose Life Volume I of the collected sermons and lectures of Dr. Silver will be available for review as of the 28th of April, that is the date on which they will be delivered by the bindery.

I am delighted that you will find space to properly display this book in the American Zionist and at the ZOA Convention. Leon Feuer has already reviewed a galley copy for the CCAR Journal. You might ask Emanuel to do it since I had a copy of the galleys delivered to his office. I am asking the World Publishing Company to contact you directly about the possibilities of promotion and display in connection with Kfar Silver.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:mgm

RAPHAEL D. SILVER

3224 PROSPECT AVENUE

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March 28, 1967

Mr. Paul Walter
Walter, Haverfield, Buescher & Chockley
Terminal Tower Building
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

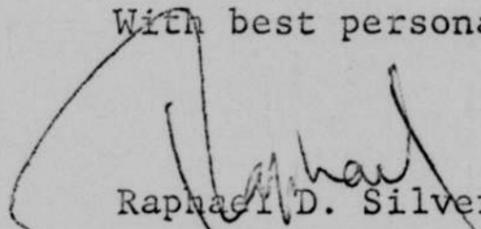
Dear Paul:

I wonder whether you might be willing to do me a favor. Certain selected works (speeches, sermons, essays, etc.) of my father's are being published by World Publishing Company in four volumes, -- the first of which will be coming out in late April. The first volume is entitled "Therefore Choose Life" and will contain a collection of sermons, essays, and addresses on subjects having to do with religion, the family, etc.

We are quite anxious to have the better literary publications review the book and I wonder whether you might be willing to contact Norman Cousins to ask him whether the Saturday Review would like to have a pre-publication copy of the volume for review.

Any help you can give me in this matter would be appreciated.

With best personal regards.


Raphael D. Silver

RDS:ljp

Walter, Haverfield, Buescher & Chockley
Attorneys at Law
1215 Terminal Tower
Cleveland, Ohio 44113
241-1213

Mail to D. Silver

March 30, 1967

Mr. Norman Cousins
c/o Saturday Review
380 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Norman:

Certain selected works of the late Abba Hillel Silver consisting of speeches, sermons, essays, etc. are being published by World Publishing Company in four volumes, the first of which will be coming out in April. This will be entitled "Therefore Choose Life." The family would like to have the book reviewed by the better literary publications and I am wondering if you would like to have a pre-publication copy of the volume sent to you for view by the Saturday Review. Please let me know at your early convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Paul W. Walter

PWW:mcr
bcc-Mr. Silver



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March 31, 1967

Rabbi Dan Silver
The Temple
University Circle & Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed is the copy and layout
for The New York Times Book Review
for THEREFORE CHOOSE LIFE.

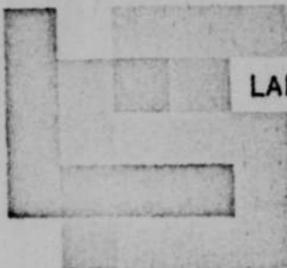
Frank and I have gone over it
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please let me know. I have a dup-
licate set of the attached.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Dante V. Del Col
Director of Advertising

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This man was Abba Hillel Silver. He was a prominent
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played a dominant role in the United Nations deliberations

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above all, he was Rabbi Silver, ~~of The Temple in Cleveland.~~ *TEACHER, PREACHER, SCIENTIST, TRIBE*

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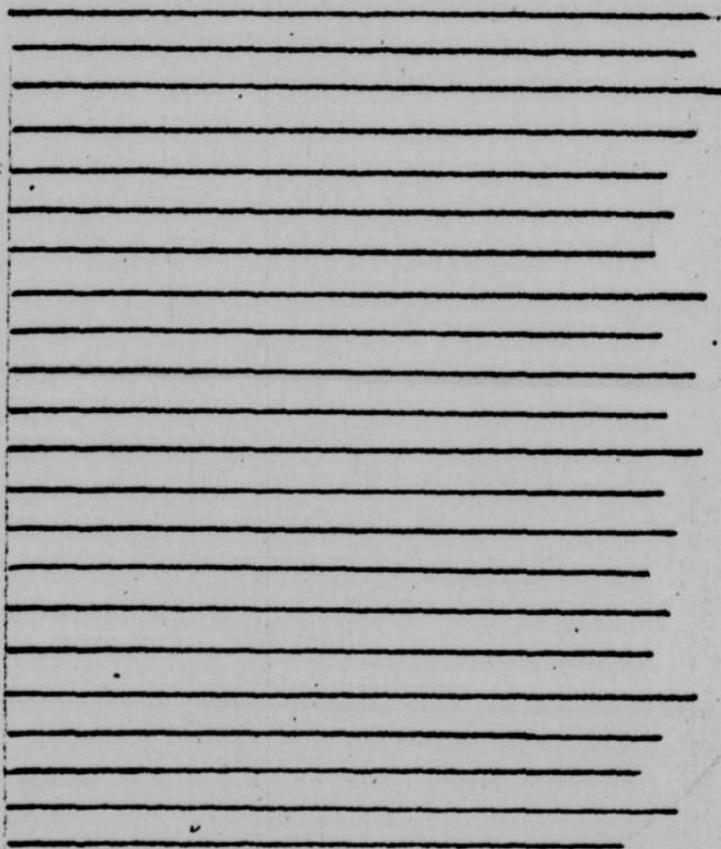
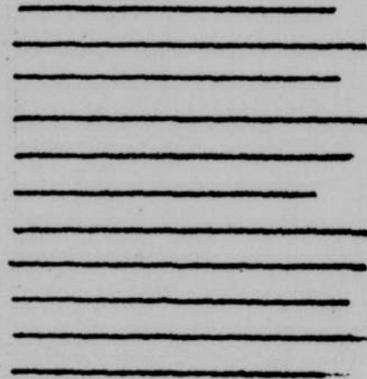
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March 31, 1967

Mr. Dexter Robinson
President
World Publishing
2231 W. 110th Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44102

Dear Mr. Robinson:

I am writing you out of my concern for the first volume of collected essays and sermons of my father, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, which you are publishing under the title of "Therefore Choose Life." World solicited the publishing of this book. It was a firm verbal understanding at the time that the cost price per volume would be \$10. It was also indicated at the time that the book was to be slip-cased. The slip case has disappeared. I am now informed that you are contemplating a price of \$12.50. Frankly, in today's market I consider such a price out of line - especially so when we are contemplating an annual series.

As Mrs. Zevin and Frank Elliott can tell you The Temple Archives has been disappointed in a number of ways by World in the process of this publication. The book is coming out at the tail-end of the season - much delayed. When one takes into consideration that there are no author's fees involved and that the Abba Hillel Silver Archives has contributed towards the publishing of this book, the \$12.50 suggested retail price seems quite out of line.

I should like to hear from you in the very near future.

Sincerely yours,

DJS:mgm

Daniel Jeremy Silver

Zionist Organization of America

145 EAST 32nd STREET • NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016 • MU 3-9200

April 4, 1967

Office of the President

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
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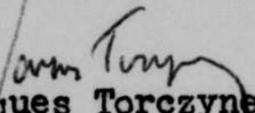
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 20.

At the suggestion of Rabbi Leon Feuer we have asked Rabbi Nodel to review Volume I of the collected sermons and lectures of your father. The publisher's public relations representative has been in touch with our office and promised to let us have a bound galley copy for review which will be forwarded to Rabbi Nodel if he agrees to write the review for the AMERICAN ZIONIST.

I was very happy to hear from Mr. Aron Bilaus that he had such a pleasant meeting with you.

Sincerely yours,


Jacques Torczyner
President

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April 13, 1967

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
The Temple
University Circle & Silver park
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Rabbi Silver:

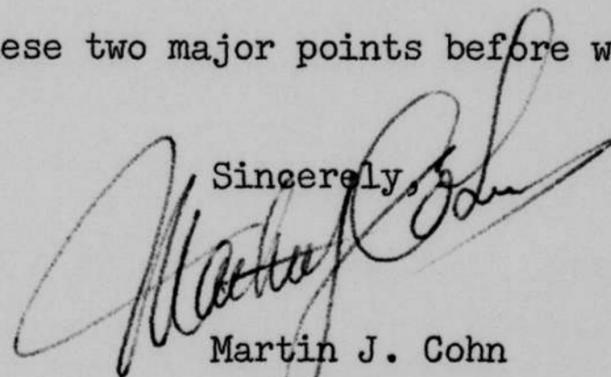
Through the kind offices of your secretary, I now have in my possession some eleven "cans" of film, which, judging from their labels, are concerned with highlights of your father's distinguished career. I understand from Dan Del Col, of The World Publishing Company, that you hope to use excerpts from these films as a feature of a memorial dinner coinciding with the publishing of Therefore Choose Life.

Before undertaking the fairly formidable task of attempting to select those excerpts out of some six or seven hours of film, I wanted to be sure you understand that the project will involve cutting out segments of the various films and splicing them together. Since the sound track is carried some 12 frames ahead of the picture, restoring the cuts to their original location is almost certain to result in some distortion of the track because some film is lost at each splice.

I would also like to point out that, over and above the man-hours involved, past experience indicates that just grouping a number of cuts will result in something of a hodge-podge difficult to follow, unless identifying captions are inserted before each cut. Unfortunately, this begins to involve camera and laboratory work and the cost escalates rapidly.

I will await your comments on these two major points before we begin the work.

Sincerely,



Martin J. Cohn

Vice President and
Treasurer

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cc: Dan Del Col

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Rabbi Silver's Works to Be Published Here

By JULIAN KRAWCHECK

The massive intellect and eloquence of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver will come alive again in a 500-page volume set for publication here May 2 by World Publishing Co.

The book, first of a Silver series of four to be published at intervals of approximately a year, is a collection of sermons and lectures reflecting the rabbi's general philosophy of life and basic Jewish and religious principles.

IT IS ENTITLED "Therefore Choose Life" and is edited by Rabbi Herbert Weiner, of South Orange, N. J., an author and a Judaic scholar. Material was furnished by the Silver family and the Temple, which Rabbi Silver served as spiritual leader for 46 years prior to his death in 1963.

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver, son of the rabbi and his successor in the Temple pulpit, said the publishing project was inspired by the con-



Rabbi Silver

gregation's desire to memorialize its leader for so many years. A memorial archive has already been established at the Temple.

"It was fortunate," Rabbi Daniel commented, "that my father was so meticulous in preparing and preserving his manuscripts. There is a wide variety of material."

A SPOKESMAN for World described the volume as "good literature—a marvelous collection of interest to people of all religious faiths."

The second volume will be historical, Biblical and rabbinic in content, the spokesman said. Social and political issues will be covered in sermons and lectures comprising Volume 3. The final book will be concerned with the struggle for the establishment of the state of Israel. Rabbi Silver, as a world-famous Zionist, was a prime mover in that struggle.

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"Tax revenues will be used to finance an assault on crime, on slums, on decaying neighborhoods — problems that can undermine and eventually destroy a community.

"Revenues will be used to maintain and improve health services, recreation, garbage and rubbish collections, street lighting programs and other programs that mark a city as a healthy and progressive one.

"EACH DAY we read in the newspapers accounts of assaults, burglaries, robberies and rape.

"Every responsible citizen, white and Negro alike, in every neighborhood and throughout the city, is crying out for better police protection.

"The tax will help provide... is, indeed, already providing it.

"The tax will mean that suburbanites who long have shared in the benefits of the city will now have to start paying for them.

"THE TAX will mean that the city can hold the line on property taxes.

"The tax will mean that the aged and infirm who subsist on Social Security checks

BALLEW

"The bill is currently in the Legislature seeking to raise the tax limit without voter approval to 1½%.

"Rumors are rampant that a state income tax is a real possibility.

"President Johnson hasn't given up on his 6% surtax.

"Add to this the criminal waste in money and humanity of federal urban renewal and you have a staggering, oppressive tax burden. . . .

"SIX THOUSAND acres of idle, non-revenue-producing land created by the federal bulldozer. . .

"Two million dollars in excessive interest charges because of bungling by the city. . . .

"One million dollars for the Addressograph-Multi-graph Bldg., now abandoned for demolition. . . \$118,400 for a Lakeside Ave. pumping station, remodeled at a cost of \$400,000, now abandoned for demolition. . . .

"Nearly \$100,000 for remodeling Wayfarer's Lodge to house the income tax office—a building earmarked for demolition in Erieview II. . . .

"Three million for the Newman-Stern Building for an open area, small for the Chesterfield apartments.

"The size of all—\$80,000—will be provided by the city director to purchase orange uniforms for sanitation department workers.

"Contrast this with the less than \$100,000 budget for the Community Relations Board and you get some idea of just what the administration considers important.

"The income tax ordinance has many inequities. Wage earners pay on gross income—taxes on taxes. Corpora-

Rabbi Silver's Words Live Again in Collection of His Sermons

By Albin A. Gorisek
Religion Editor

A whole new generation and future generations may be introduced to the beloved Cleveland rabbi, the late Abba Hillel Silver, through a collection of his sermons and addresses published today.

Those who knew the world-renowned spiritual leader who served as rabbi of Temple at University Circle from 1917 until his death in 1963 may have their memory refreshed through his eloquent words in "Therefore Choose Life."

It is the first of four volumes of his writings and speeches to be issued by World Publishing Co. here over the next few years.

Rabbi Herbert Weiner of Temple Israel of Maplewood and the Oranges, N.J., is general editor of the series.

RABBI SILVER'S words in the first volume, the editor writes, "are concerned with the basic needs and hungers of a human being for life, comfort, courage and meaning."

Next book in the series will center around Rabbi Silver's understanding of the Bible and Jewish thought. A collection of addresses on social issues of the day will follow.



The last volume will be on Rabbi Silver's role in the struggle to create a Jewish homeland in Palestine. He is credited with contributing more than any other American Jew to the establishment of the independent state of Israel.

WHEREVER Rabbi Silver spoke, Rabbi Weiner writes, he spoke as a rabbi, consciously trying "to confront the issue at hand not only in terms of his own personal

analysis or the contest of the moment, but also from the perspective of a moral tradition which had been tested in the crucible of Jewish history."

His lifelong friend, Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof of Pittsburgh, notes in a memoir introducing the book that Rabbi Silver's thoughts from college days to his thoughts in the writings 50 years later show how consistent his ideas and personality were.

There is a contemporary ring in Rabbi Silver's writings, whether they're dated 1923 or 1963.

HIS FINELY honed sentences, thoughts he spent much time refining, are a joy to read. His message is always clear and forthright, valuable to persons of every faith.

As the preface points out, phrases such as "I think" or "in my opinion" rarely occur in Rabbi Silver's writings.

Here is a small sample of Rabbi Silver's words:

"I BELIEVE in accepting everything that has been allotted to me, humbly and in resignation. Happiness I accept as a gift; sorrow as a test." (1923)

"Be not afraid to speak of God because you are a layman. What you require is not ordination, but consecration. All the prophets were laymen and carpenters and dressers of sycamore trees." (1926)

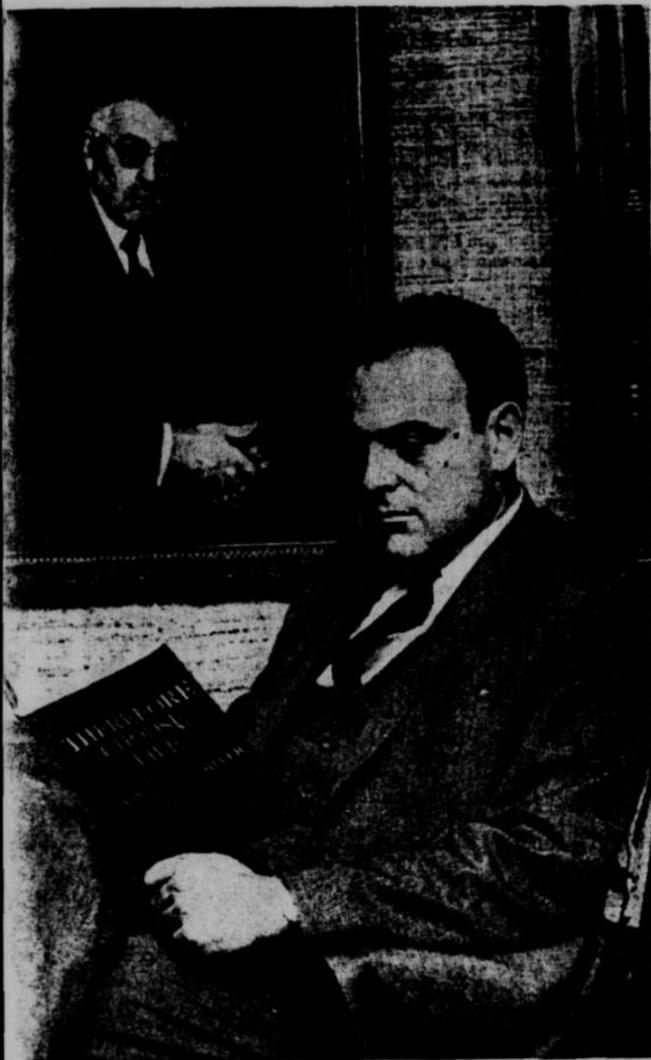
"God did not create man or society perfect, but perfectible. He gave men a law by which to attain perfection, and a way of life by which to achieve happiness." (1940)

"TO LIVE is to feel continuously the team and thrust of expanding life within one's soul, the thrill of new ideas, the throb of new purposes, the stir of revelation and new insight." (1928)

"Moral responsibility is direct and immediate. Do not say that some day when I become rich and have a lot of money, I will become a philanthropist. Do it now, even if it means sharing a crust of bread." (1949)

"Love is the supreme motive of human life, and ideal justice is the supreme instrument of love. Great love works great justice." (1963)

"EVERY TIME the Bible is read on Easter morning in a church in Germany, the thought will sink into the minds of the listeners that the Bible is the book of the Jews, whose descendants are today being degraded and humiliated, and persecuted in their very midst; that the founder of the religion they follow that morning was a Jew, was of the race of Israel, of a race which Hitler tells them to regard as an inferior race—a race which teaches not of hatred or war but of freedom and peace and justice and love to thy neighbor." (1936)



WORK—Rabbi Daniel J. Silver sits in the study of Temple Israel and reads a copy of his late father's book—a collection of his sermons and speeches. A portrait of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver is in the background.
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May 21, 1967

Rabbi Daniel Silver
The Temple
University Circle and Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio, 44106

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am gratified to know that you have done so much to arrange not only the archives of your distinguished and eloquent father's, but also the publication of four volumes of his great sermons, addresses and writings. I truly admired him.

I would very much like to subscribe for the volume that has appeared and also the subsequent volumes. However, my limited budget makes this difficult. Would it be possible for me to be a subscriber at a more modest rate?

Kindly let me hear from you.
With kindest good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours
Maurice Schwartz, Rabbi

LUNTZ
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June 13, 1967

Mr. Abe Luntz
18975 Van Aken Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio 44122

Dear Abe:

If this list meets your approval, I should like to
send out copies of "Therefore Choose Life" to these
seminaries, in your name.

As always,

DJS:mgm

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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American University
Washington, D.C.

Andover Newton Theological School
Newton Center, Mass.

Biola Seminary
La Mirada, Calif.

Brigham Young University
Provo, Utah

Capital University
Columbus, Ohio

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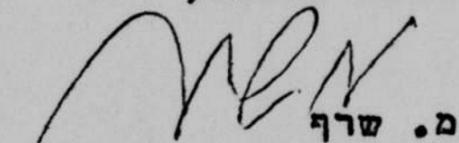
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חושבני שאני חייב לראות את כל החומר שיופיע בכרכים אלה, לפני שנוציא את הספר בעברית. אמנם רוב הדברים לא ייכנסו לספר העברי, אבל יחכן שישנם כמה נאומים חשובים, אשר אתם לא ראיתי עד היום. לכן אני פונה אליך בבקשה שתואיל לעשות קשר בינינו לבין משפחת סילבר כדי שנוכל לקבל בהקדם את החומר הזה, כדי ש"ספר סילבר" יסקף באמת את דמותו של אבא הילל סילבר.

אני יודע שאחה מעוניין מאד בהצלחת הספר בעברית, ולכן אני בטוח שתעשה הכל כדי שנשיג את החומר ואני מודה לך מראש על כך.

בברכה נאמנה,


מ. שרף

[Moshe Schaerf]

June 19, 1967

Mr. Moshe Schaerf
31 Tschernikovsky Street
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Mr. Schaerf:

I acknowledge your letter of the 16th and am forwarding a copy of it to Rabbi Daniel Silver, whose address is:

The Temple
University Circle at Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

and he will probably arrange to have a copy of the first volume of his father's addresses and sermons sent to you.

I am glad to know that the work on the Silver book is proceeding. In this connection I am particularly concerned about the quality of the translations. Was it Mr. Yaari who is doing all the translating? I would like to see some specimen translations.

It looks like I will probably be in Israel in the near future to attend a plenary session of the Jewish Agency, now scheduled for July 2nd. If so, perhaps you could get in touch with me either at the Jewish Agency office or at the King David Hotel, when I could examine some of the translations and satisfy myself on that score.

Thank you once more for keeping me informed.

As ever

Faithfully yours,

EN:BW

Emanuel Neumann

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CABLE ADDRESS: JEVAGENCY

June 19, 1967

Dear Daniel,

I am enclosing copy of a letter I have just received from Mr. Sschaerf who is working on the Silver book, as well as a copy of my reply to him.

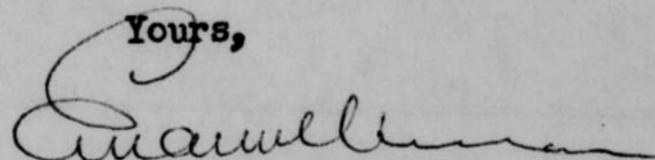
Do arrange to have a copy of the first volume forwarded to him. The address on top of his letter is, I assume, his private address - and perhaps it is just as well to send the book to his home. *It could be sent to him c/o The Jewish Agency Jerusalem.*

I was happy to see Raphael, however briefly, when he was in New York. I am only sorry that I was so engrossed and pre-occupied with the crisis that I only had a few minutes with him.

Would you mind conveying to him my warm regards and my apology for our hurried and inadequate meeting?

As ever

Yours,



Emanuel Neumann

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Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
The Temple
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Cleveland, Ohio

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ROYALTY*

Dear Dan:

The contract clause I referred to in our telephone conversation this week is number XVI, calling for a payment of \$2,500 on publication. Perhaps you have had an opportunity to check your records; ours do not show that this amount was received, but it may be that the check went to a different office and was entered on a special ledger.

We would like to make any corrections called for before reprinting, so if some come to your attention during the next month or six weeks, I would appreciate your sending them along. We will of course correct any gross printing errors, such as the broken type in chapter titles on pages 77 and 333, but we must rely on you for corrections in the text. I will in any case be checking with you again before we reach a final decision about a new printing.

With best personal wishes and bon voyage for your trip to Israel,

Sincerely,

Frank Elliott
Religious Books Department

FE:ak

July 18, 1967

Rabbi Maurice Schwartz
1906 Highland Avenue
New Castle, Pa. 16101

Dear Rabbi Schwartz:

I regret the delay in answering your letter of May 21. It got lost in a pile on the Israel emergency on my desk. Unfortunately, much as I would like, we cannot sell "Therefore Choose Life" at a discount under our contract with the publishers. I was, however, able to get a number of copies of the Seventieth Anniversary volume "In Time of Harvest." It was originally published at \$10.00 and I could let you have it for \$5.00 plus postage. With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf

July 19, 1967

Mr. Frank Elliott
Editor
Religious Books Department
The World Publishing Company
2231 West 110th Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44102

Dear Frank:

Enclosed is our check for \$2500 as stipulated in the contract. Isn't it about time in return that we receive a royalty check for copies sold?

I have written to Weiner to see if he has caught any mistakes in the printing and asked him to contact you directly.

As always,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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July 20, 1967

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
The Temple
University Circle at Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Dan:

Many thanks for the \$2,500 check, which I have passed along to our accounting department.

You ask whether a royalty check is now due. Like other publishers, World sends out royalty statements twice each year, usually in June and December. The June statement covers sales for a six-month period ending the preceding March 31, and the December statement accounts for sales from April 1 through September 30. That is the meaning of the rather confusingly worded clause VIII (A) in your contract.

I will soon be writing to Herbert Weiner about the next manuscript in an effort to forestall some of the editorial problems we had on the first volume, and will send you a copy of the letter.

Cordially,

Frank Elliott
Religious Books Department

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November 14, 1967

Rabbi Daniel Silver
The Temple
University Circle & Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Daniel:

I was pleased to receive four special bound editions of: THEREFORE CHOOSE LIFE. We are sending along four leather bound copies of this edition to you with our compliments. We know that you will be delighted to have these editions available first for display at the Temple, and then for the archives.

With the very best of wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

Guy Brown
Editor, Religious Books

GB:rn



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Royalty Report

In Account With: The Abba Hillel Silver Memorial
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c/o The Temple
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Cleveland, Ohio

Date: December 31, 1967

FOR THE PERIOD: 4/1/67 to 9/30/67

TITLE: Therefore Choose Life

A1278

AUTHOR: Edited by Rabbi Herbert Weiner

Publication Date: 6/67

Sales for the period covered by this statement

Trade	2,172	Copies @	.50	\$	1,086.00
Mail Order	8	Copies @	.50		4.00
Export	15	Copies @	\$73.00 - 5%		3.65
Wholesale	52		\$221.00 - 5%		11.05
Subscription		Copies @			
Special Sales		Copies @			
Total Sales for the Period	2,247	Copies	EARNED	\$	1,104.70
Sales Previously Reported	-0-	Copies			
TOTAL SALES SINCE PUBLICATION	2,247	Copies			
Income from Rights for Current Period				\$	
Total Earnings for this Period				\$	1,104.70
Royalty Prepaid on Returns for this Period				\$	
Royalty Prepaid from Previous Statement					
Permission Fees		Other Charges	375.00		
Less (see Attached)		Accounts Receivable Charge	60.42		
		TOTAL PREPAID	\$ 435.42		
		Less Royalty Earned	1,104.70		
		UNEARNED BALANCE	\$		
		ROYALTY DUE	\$		669.28

~~A MASTER PREACHER~~

THEREFORE CHOOSE LIFE; SELECTED SERMONS, ADDRESSES, AND WRITINGS
OF ABBA HILLEL SILVER, VOL. I- ED. HERBERT WEINER-WORLD PUBLISHING CO.

REVIEWED BY LEON FEUER

If one required any visible demonstration, this volume is evidence of Abba Hillel Silver's superlative mastery of the art of Jewish preaching. He was without question the unequalled homiletist of our time. This reviewer heard many of these sermons when they were originally delivered in the pulpit of the Cleveland Temple, has since read quite a few which had previously appeared in print, yet they seem as fresh, appealing and rewarding as when they were first spoken. That this is so, even in the absence of the vibrant personality and eloquent voice of the author-for sermons are designed to be heard rather than read- is a tribute to their intrinsic literary and intellectual merit. They really appeal to the mind and speak to the heart. It is rare for a sermon, once it has served its immediate purpose, not to appear dated, cliché ridden, even a bit stuffy. I have sometimes felt that a few of my colleagues, whom I respect for their integrity and capacity, do themselves an injustice by publishing their pulpit statements. Admitting that objectivity, as the reader will readily and I hope sympathetically recognize, is difficult for me in this case, I found myself somewhat to my own surprise reading every item in this collection with intense interest and with a renewed sense of admiration for my late revered rabbi and friend.

The secret of the effectiveness of these discourses is to be found in their style. Depending on the mood which Dr. Silver wanted to establish, the prose is at times measured and flows in even

rhythms, while at other times the sentences seem to leap and gallop like the proverbial "hills of Judea." Certain phrases and even whole paragraphs are infused with poetic grandeur, although pretentious literary gaudiness was not characteristic of his method either as writer or speaker. He preferred simple, utterly simple and direct statements, recognizing that a Jewish preacher being primarily a teacher must make his meaning as clear and as explicit as possible. He practiced a strict economy of language, using no more and no fewer words than he needed to drive home his points. His rich vocabulary was a tool to be skillfully used, never a form of exhibitionism of which Jewish writers are often guilty, piling adjective upon adjective. He used telling figures of speech, made the more so because they were sparingly employed. "Destiny is the hammer, Israel the anvil." Prophetic teaching, he declared, "---like some strong gulf stream has flowed steadily and discernibly through the great waters of humanity." There are vivid definitions. "Judaism is not a demulcent philosophy which blithely and cheerily proclaims that all human suffering is but imagination." Dr. Silver was not a textual preacher, but the sermons are rich in allusive Biblical and rabbinic quotations, which he drew as easily from the storehouse of a learning constantly replenished by study as he did in private conversation. He applied these illustrations to demonstrate what he implicitly believed, that Judaism has a relevance to every time and to every human situation. In developing a theme, he always relied on reason and logic. There was a remarkably balanced and common

sense approach to his treatment of every subject - why not?

Judaism being the Higher Realism - whether he was dealing with some human perplexity or with some complex social issue. Yet he never oversimplified anything. He knew that the range of themes which could be employed in preaching was limited. Yet it is fascinating in these pages to see in how many different and creative ways he could employ essentially the same homiletical idea. After all, does that not constitute the essence of the art of preaching?

It will undoubtedly come as a surprise to those who were not at first hand acquainted with his spoken ministry and who think of him either as a "timely" preacher on social issues or as a Zionist orator, to note what an astonishingly large proportion of Abba Hillel Silver's preaching was personal in content, directed to the private needs of individuals. He was always conscious of the fact that he was speaking to ordinary men and women. He spoke to them as human beings, aware of and realistic about their failings, yet confident of their worth, reminding them over and over again of Judaism's never failing optimism, always contrasting the hopeful spirit of their faith with the essential pessimism of other faiths. He could and did plumb the very depths of men's feelings, needs, troubles and sorrows. But he was never content to leave them self pitiingly immersed in their tragedies. That is why he opposed religious Existentialism and denounced all political theories and systems which negated the supreme value and significance of the individual. The prophet, he pointed out with frequency, chastized

people for their failings but never failed to comfort them with the prospect of better times in their moments of travail. That is why Dr. Silver refused to give way to despair about the contemporary scene, insisting that its upheavals were the prelude to a new and better society. He was a preacher of personal challenge, exhorting his hearers to exert their intellectual and spiritual capacities to the utmost, not only on behalf of specific social causes and of human welfare generally, but also for the sake of the potential growth of their own personalities. He described the "hunger for completion" as the basic need of life. To understand how intimately he could associate himself with man as man, how encouraging and even exhilarating his pulpit guidance could be for countless lonely, even desperate souls, one need only read the superb, "Little Man, How Big Are You?"

This rabbi was ever reminding his audiences that they had a sure and reliable ally, both in their private confrontation with the dilemmas of life and in the struggle for social advance, in God, the God of Judaism, the God of History who pointed the way steadily toward the future. Death of God and silent God theologians, please note! "Do not be ashamed to speak about God," he once counselled a group, not of clergymen, but of social workers. He obeyed his own admonition. In these discourses he speaks about God frequently, pointedly, confidently - or lets the prophet, psalmist and rabbinic sage speak for him. He possessed an invincible faith in cosmic purpose and was able effectively to communicate

it to others. "Atheism has never built any great civilizations." He had little use for and did not himself indulge in subtle, hair splitting theologizing. That, he said, was not Judaism's way of speaking about God. When he wrestled with theological doubts and problems, and he did so often and with^{out} equivocation, he strove to achieve the clarity of logic first. Then he would remind his listeners that after the resources of rational thought had been exhausted, there was a legitimate way of continuing the search for the divine through the ecstatic approach of the mystic, the way of the Baal Shem, the Kabbalists and the Hasidim.

Primarily, however, Abba Hillel Silver was an activist. Here his inherent Jewish optimism, his Messianism, but very especially his faith in himself which reflected his confidence in God, served him well. He urged upon others his own steady conviction that, faltering and uncertain as progress might frequently be, it was sure. In the pursuit of it men could and would also come to realize the beneficence of God's purposes. "Life in motion and life in manifestation is all that matters." Man may not accomplish everything," but that does not excuse him from assaying something." It was this basic approach which made him an "untired" liberal in the classic but now very much confused meaning of that term. He rejected dogmatism in every sphere. He had no use for political and economic ideologies. Since not too many of his frequent discussions of social questions are included in this first volume, we shall have to

await subsequent publication for the examination of his specific views, but it is apparent from what we have here that he firmly believed in the gradual, piecemeal, steady attack on each problem. This he asserted was the way of democracy and the best way. He rigorously opposed total systems or solutions. He had no use for extremism. He rejected "the blind idolatry of change", yet he strenuously criticized and opposed those, "who take refuge in the status quo." He was often described as a radical and he did not reject the appellation. As early as 1936 he was calling for a national war on poverty, urging federal support for underprivileged families and arguing for minimum wages and guarantees of food, clothing, medical care, education and social insurance. In the same temper and in the Jewish tradition, he refused to take a completely pacifist position, yet he drew a close distinction between just and unjust, between necessary and stupid wars, calling all wars evil. For those of us who are troubled about Viet Nam, it is both heartening and prophetic to read: "It is not in Korea that the issue of freedom versus dictatorship will be settled, but in every town, village and city of our beloved country, and in the conduct and way of life of every individual citizen here and in every democracy on earth. The global strategy of democracy begins at home."

Much of his treatment of specifically Jewish themes and issues, his Zionist addresses, his pride at the achievement of the statehood for which he labored so arduously, his views on the future of Israel,

will appear in later volumes. The spirit of that treatment, however, we can readily anticipate in this book. "I believe that religion is the sole reason why the Jew has persisted throughout the ages in maintaining his identity." Secular nationalists and culturalists can draw little comfort from him. In 1926 he said, "I would not wish my people to become another little statelet, another, little Montenegro somewhere--." He was well aware of the pitfalls of nationalism. Jewish nationalism and religion were for him, as for the prophet Isaiah, complementary and mutually sustaining. No one could have heard him on Jewish themes or personalities or on the occasion of the Holy Days or festivals without feeling the surge of pride he felt in speaking about his ancestral religion. "Four Great Choices Which Moses Made", I honestly believe to be one of the great Passover sermons in our homiletical literature.

One must address a word of grateful appreciation to the editor of this anthology. The gleaning of the best of so much material, the product of nearly half a century of preaching, lecturing and writing, must have been very difficult. One may cavil about certain decisions. In a few places there might have been a more judicious pruning of some of the inevitable repetitiousness of phrases and sentences which sermonizing involves. It is possible to differ with the scheme of classification which leaves the reader uncertain as to whether the criterion of choice was chronology or the development of ideas. I miss some sermons which to me were unforgettable and which I hope

will appear later, like the one on David the King and the series dealing with the periods of human life from youth to old age. These are minor matters in so generally successful a compilation. The editor's introductory statements though a bit didactic in tone are generally helpful in following the material thematically. Dr. Solomon B. Freehof, classmate and lifelong friend, has contributed a charming and moving biographical sketch, particularly about Dr. Silver as youthful seminarian at the Hebrew Union College.

Abba Hillel Silver believed firmly in the importance of preaching. He regarded it not only as an essential tool in Jewish teaching, but as an important and not to be neglected pastoral instrument for encouraging, inspiring and influencing his congregation. He pursued his craft laboriously, lovingly and with consummate skill, bringing to bear on each effort all his resources of learning, reading, experience and analytical reasoning as well as the power and passion of his delivery. Never in a long career did he permit himself to grow careless or slipshod about his preaching. He never talked off the cuff. He was exceedingly deliberate in his judgment about what he said. That is why these sermons so richly reward reading, both by experienced and by fledgling preachers. I think they ought to be required study for students in the homiletics courses of our seminaries. In these days of a growing sense of futility about the importance of preaching among so many younger rabbis, it may be worth concluding with the warning he once voiced in a baccalaureate sermon at the college, "there must be no patchwork

poverty of form and expression in places where spiritual wealth is
to be exhibited."

~~LEON J. FEUER~~

January 4, 1968

Rabbi Herbert Weiner
Temple Israel
432 Scotland Road
South Orange, New Jersey

Dear Herb:

Enclosed is a check which completes payment on volume I. I hope that volume II is as near completion. I am going to be leaving town Sunday for two weeks. I hope to hear from you that things are well completed by the time I return.

I have been reading the Cycle of Memory. It reads well but I wonder about having two Mother's Day sermons.

Sincerely,

DJS:mgm
Encls.

Daniel Jeremy Silver

January 19, 1968

Royalty Report Department
The World Publishing Company
2231 West 110th Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44102

Gentlemen:

In regard to the Royalty fee paid on Therefore Choose Life I would like an itemized explanation of a charge of \$375.00 for commission fees. This is a subvented volume. This minor cost would seem more properly accepted by the publisher.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf



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January 22, 1968

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
The Temple
University Circle at Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Our Royalty Department informed me of your letter in special references to the charges for commission fees in the amount of \$375 that have been applied against the royalties payable on: THEREFORE CHOOSE LIFE. The itemization of payments made by our department include the following:

Alexander Archer	\$50.00	Photographs
Ratho-Guillumat	275.00	Photographs
Perry Cragg	15.00	Photographs
Doubleday & Co.	35.00	Poetry

Of course, I have not been involved in the planning for this particular volume, and I am not therefore precisely aware of the specific arrangement that was worked out in regard to this matter.

On the surface of things, it appears to me that these charges are valid ones.

With the very best of wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

Guy Brown
Editor, Religious Books

GB:rn

February 5, 1968

Mr. Guy Brown
Editor, Religious Books
The World Publishing Company
2231 W. 110th Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44102

Dear Guy:

In response to your letter of January 22, for which I am grateful, I find no statement in the contract which indicates that commission fees for this volume are to be deducted from royalty payments. Will you please enlighten me.

Sincerely,

DJS:mgm

Daniel Jeremy Silver



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February 13, 1968

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
The Temple
University Circle at Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Since receiving your letter of February 5, I have read carefully into the files relating to the publication of: THEREFORE CHOOSE LIFE, especially in respect to the matter relating to illustrations. The charges made are in each instance charges that apply to permissions granted by the holders of copyrighted material for the reproduction rights to the photo-prints used in the text.

My predecessor authorized the payments of each billing in the amounts indicated on the listing provided to you in my letter of January 22, 1968. This charge was made against unearned royalties and in accord with article V, especially paragraph B of the agreement. The point here is one relating to a charge made for the use of copyrighted material, whether it results from the use of text or art work. The cost, so involved, represents an additional outlay on the part of the publisher. Unless otherwise stated in the agreement, such charges for permission to use "drawings, photographs, and designs" shall apply against the account of the AUTHOR.

Article XVII, paragraph D provides that volume one will contain an eight page signature of halftone illustrations. This has been done in the course of production and publication. The costly phase of the permissions charge relates to the Yousuf Karsh photographs used. A Xerox copy of the bill is enclosed with this letter.

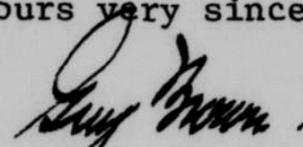
This is the only explanation that I can offer you after reviewing the records available to me. It is in full accord, in principle and in practice, with the eighteen years of experience that I have had in publishing.

The World Publishing Company

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
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February 13, 1968

There may be other considerations which are not evident from the file of correspondence, and the contract agreement before me. If so, we shall be open and willing to review these matters further with you, should you so request.

Yours very sincerely,



Guy Brown
Editor, Religious Books

GB:rn

Enclosure

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DR. WILLIAM B. SILVERMAN, Rabbi

July 15, 1968

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
Tifereth Israel
University Circle & Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Danny:

I sent a copy of the CCAR Journal containing Leon Feuer's article about Eddy Jacobson to Elinor Borenstine, his daughter. She sent the enclosed letter. I then wrote to her and asked her whether we had permission to publish it in the CCAR Journal. She readily gave permission.

If you think that it has any place in the Journal, you are free to print it.

With kindest personal regards and every good wish for you and yours and with cordial greetings from house to house, I am

Most sincerely,

Rabbi William B. Silverman

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Enclosure

[with July 15, 1968]

ELINOR BORENSTINE
7307 HOLMES
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI 64131

Dear Rabbi -

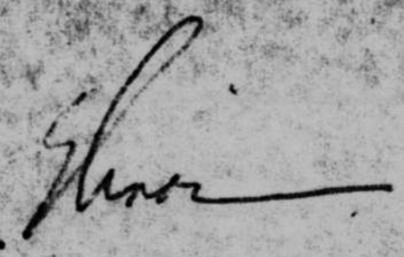
Thanks for the article--which was clipped from I don't know where!
It was interesting, and understandable when you consider the source
and know something of the background.

At the time when Dr. Weizman sought most urgently to be received by
the president of the United States for the purpose of describing to
him the importance of recognition of Israel, instructions had been
given by the president that he would receive no more Zionist leaders.
Truman had been up to his ears with highly emotional, distraught, and
somewhat illogical Zionists, and his appointments secretary had received
instructions to admit no more of them--but, most in particular Abba
Hillel Silver, who had more than once raged into the office of the
president of the United States, and pounded his fist on his desk, and
shouted at him that he MUST meet with Weizman. You know the rest of
the facts--I won't relate them all to you again.

It strikes me that this is still just a remnant of jebusy shared by
all members of the American Zionist Emergency Council, and in parti-
cular Rabbi Silver and his associates. Where Dr. Feuer gets his facts
is not clear to me.

The only thought I might be able to share with the good Rabbi is that
B'nai B'rith assiduously cultivated my father. I felt that they rode
his coattails always--but I had no bitterness toward them for this. In
fact, in B'nai B'rith he found many good friends and enjoyed much that
he might otherwise have missed. May I point out that Eddie Jacobson
was NOT a political Zionist, but his heart ached for his people, and
this was the only solution he could figure for them, and his greatest
pleasure in life was that it was his privilege to be capable of doing
something for them. The last thing he wanted was to be a "legend", and
I can only hope down deep in my heart that all Zionist leaders are so
unassuming of their roles as he was.

Enough said! Thanks for thinking of us! Our best to Pearl and the
boys!





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January 22, 1969

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

Re: THE WORLD CRISIS & JEWISH SURVIVAL

In order to insure its continued protection,
the copyright on your book must be renewed
this year. We are planning to renew the C/R
in your name unless you have already done so.

Please be good enough to verify your present
address. We have enclosed a stamped envel-
ope for your convenience. Thank you.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Elinor Sherman
for William L. Bauhan
Publisher

January 24, 1969

Mrs. Elinor Sherman
and
William L. Bauhan
William L. Bauhan, Inc.
Noone House
Peterborough, New Hampshire
03458

Dear Mrs. Sherman:

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver, son of the late Dr. Abba Hillel Silver is out of the country until February 2nd. This is to acknowledge receipt of your memorandum note dated January 22nd, 1969.

I am embarrassed to think that your firm has not apprised itself of the fact that Dr. Abba Hillel Silver passed on in November, 1963. (The latest edition of Who Was Who, which is published by Who's Who, has a dossier or lists his biographical information).

Your notice will be brought to Rabbi Silver's (DJS) attention upon his return to his study.

Sincerely,

MGM:mgm

(Miss) Margurite G. Mihok
Secretary to Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver

February 4, 1969

Mrs. Elinor Sherman
% William L. Bauhan Inc.
Noone House
Peterborough, New Hampshire 03458

Dear Mrs. Sherman:

I would appreciate if you would renew the copyright
on The World Crisis & Jewish Survival in the name
of Abba Hillel Silver.

With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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February 6th 1969

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your letter of February 4th.

In the matter of copyright renewal for your father's book THE WORLD CRISIS AND JEWISH SURVIVAL, this copyright must be made in the name of his widow (if still living) or your own, as his survivor. Therefore, will you be good enough to advise us in which name (and address) this renewal can be made by us?

Thank you.

Cordially,

Elinor Sherman
(Mrs.) Elinor Sherman

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
The Temple
University Circle at Silver Park
Cleveland, O 44106

February 10, 1969

Mrs. Elinor Sherman
% William L. Bauhan, Inc.
Noone House
Peterborough, New Hampshire 03458

Dear Mrs. Sherman:

I want to thank you for your letter of February 6th.
Will you please take out the copyright for THE WORLD
CRISIS AND JEWISH SURVIVAL in the name of Rabbi
Abba Hillel Silver's widow, Virginia Horkheimer
Silver.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf



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Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

In looking through the files that have accumulated on:
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that really should have been returned to you some time ago.
These prints were in an envelope, and there are 14 of them
which I am now returning. No doubt they should be returned
to the Memorial Archives at your early convenience.

All good wishes,

Cordially,

Guy Brown
Editor, Religious Books

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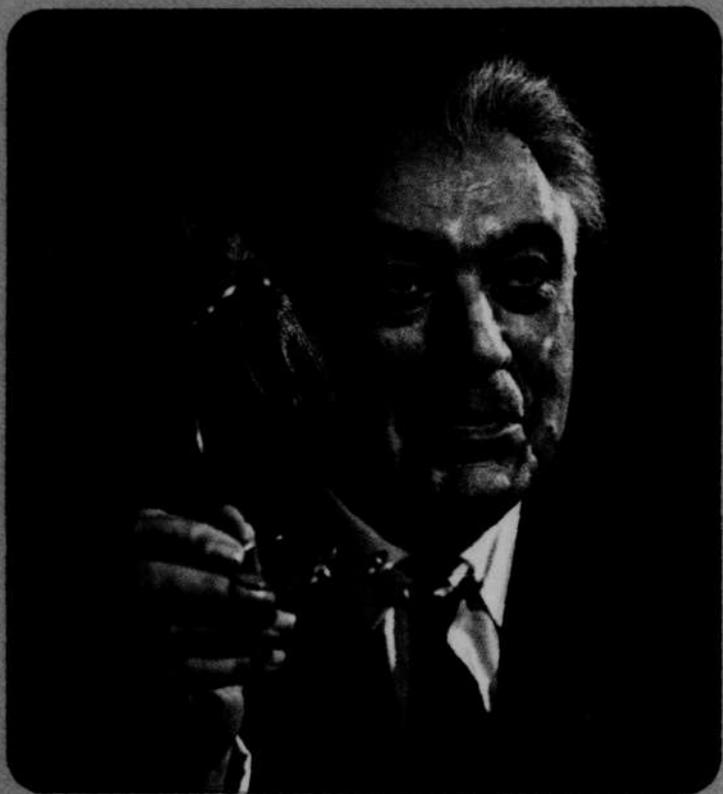
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