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PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CHAIR IN JEWISH STUDIES AT
WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY - SEPTEMBER 10, 1959

I. INTRODUCTION

AMERICAN HISTORY AND TRADITION HAVE DEEP ROOTS IN THE BIBLE AND THE HEBREW LANGUAGE, WHICH HAVE BEEN VITAL FORCES IN SHAPING THE THOUGHTS AND ACTIONS OF THE LEADERS OF OUR NATION SINCE THE TIME OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS. IT IS THUS NO ACCIDENT THAT THE FIRST BOOK PRINTED IN THE AMERICAN COLONIES (1640) WAS THE BAY PSALM BOOK, A TRANSLATION OF THE PSALMS CONTAINING HEBREW TYPE WITH A PREFACE BY RICHARD MATHER ON HEBREW POETRY AND THE HEBREW LANGUAGE. THE LARGE NUMBER OF HEBREW GRAMMARS AND LEXICONS PUBLISHED IN THIS COUNTRY ATTESTS TO THE POPULARITY OF BIBLICAL AND HEBRAIC LEARNING AMONG NON-JEVS.

THE STORY OF HEBREW LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION IN AMERICA IS ONE OF THE FASCINATING ASPECTS OF EARLY AMERICAN HIGHER EDUCATION. HEBREW HAS PLAYED AN HONORABLE ROLE IN THE HISTORY OF OUR REPUBLIC. CHARLES SEYMOUR, FORMER PRESIDENT OF YALE UNIVERSITY, ONE OF THE INSTITUTIONS WHICH MADE HEBREW A REQUIRED SUBJECT, PUT IT WELL WHEN HE WROTE:

"THE INFLUENCE OF HEBREW CULTURE WENT FAR BEYOND THE BOUNDS OF TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING FOR THEOLOGIANS . . . IT HAS PERVADED AND COLORED THE THOUGHT AND FEELING OF THIS NATION SINCE ITS BEGINNINGS."

AT HARVARD AND YALE, FROM THEIR VERY ORIGIN, HEBREW RANKED WITH LATIN AND GREEK IN RECOGNITION OF THE FACT THAT OUR CIVILIZATION IS BASED ON THE HERITAGE OF THE GREAT CULTURES INCORPORATED IN THESE LANGUAGES. INDEED, THE INSIGNIA OF WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY, WHICH CONTAINS THE HEBREW LETTER 'ALEPH' SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE GREEK LETTER 'OMEGA' TESTIFIES THAT THE FOUNDERS OF THE UNIVERSITY SUBSCRIBED TO THIS BELIEF. THE APPEARANCE OF HEBREW ON THE SEALS OF OTHER UNIVERSITIES, SUCH AS YALE, COLUMBIA AND DARTMOUTH, IS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF ITS PERVASIVE INFLUENCE ON THE THINKING OF THE EARLY LEADERS OF AMERICAN HIGHER EDUCATION.

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THIS LONG AND NOBLE TRADITION CAN, WE BELIEVE, HAVE MEANING FOR OUR GENERATION, IF PROPER ADAPTATIONS ARE MADE IN VIEW OF THE CONDITIONS OF OUR TIME.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CHAIR IN ^{Hebrew} ~~Jewish~~ STUDIES IN SO MULTI-CULTURAL A COMMUNITY AS CLEVELAND WOULD PROVIDE A LONG TERM MEANS OF DEEPENING OUR APPRECIATION OF OUR TOTAL RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE. IT WOULD AFFORD AN OPPORTUNITY FOR INTERESTED STUDENTS TO ENGAGE IN JEWISH STUDIES IN THE PERSPECTIVE OF GENERAL CULTURE RATHER THAN IN ISOLATION FROM IT. IN ADDITION, IF EXPERIENCE ELSEWHERE IS AN INDICATION, IT WOULD ENRICH AND MAKE POSSIBLE ORIGINAL SCHOLARLY CREATIVITY IN THE FIELDS TO WHICH SEMITICA ARE RELATED. FOR THESE REASONS, WE ARE SUBMITTING THE FOLLOWING TENTATIVE PROPOSAL FOR A CHAIR IN JEWISH STUDIES TO THE UNIVERSITY TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS.

WE TURN FIRST TO A REVIEW OF OFFERINGS IN THIS AREA AT THE VARIOUS MAJOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING.

II. CHAIRS IN JEWISH STUDIES AT OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING

THE OFFERING OF COURSES IN JEWISH STUDIES AT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES HAS BY NOW BECOME A WELL-ESTABLISHED PATTERN IN AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING. A RECENT STUDY ENTITLED "HEBREW IN COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITIES," EDITED BY JUDAH LAPSON, INDICATES THAT MORE THAN 100 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING OFFER SOME TYPE OF PROGRAM IN HEBREW LANGUAGE STUDY ALONE. IN THE FOLLOWING NINETEEN INSTITUTIONS, THE PROGRAM OF JEWISH STUDIES GOES BEYOND THE ELEMENTARY LEVEL AND ENCOMPASSES VARIOUS AREAS OF SUBJECT MATTER:

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

BROOKLYN COLLEGE

COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

HUNTER COLLEGE

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

PENNSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

QUEENS COLLEGE

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT

BERKELEY

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT

LOS ANGELES

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

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IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

JOHN HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

YALE UNIVERSITY

SEVERAL COLLEGES OFFER GRADUATE PROGRAMS LEADING TO A DOCTORATE. THEIR COURSES IN JEWISH STUDIES ARE OFTEN INTEGRATED INTO BROADER FIELDS OF STUDY IN KEEPING WITH THE EXISTING FRAMEWORK OF THE INSTITUTION.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, FOR EXAMPLE, OFFERS COURSES IN HEBREW, JEWISH HISTORY AND MODERN ISRAEL IN ITS DEPARTMENT OF SEMITIC LANGUAGES AND HISTORY, WHICH IS CONCERNED WITH "THE TEACHING OF THE LANGUAGE, LITERATURE, AND HISTORY OF THE SEMITIC PEOPLES FROM THE EARLIEST TIMES TO THE PRESENT."

YALE UNIVERSITY, WHICH SPONSORS THE FAMOUS JUDAICA SERIES OF PUBLICATIONS, HAS A GRADUATE DEPARTMENT OF BIBLICAL AND NEAR EASTERN STUDIES AND AN UNDERGRADUATE DEPARTMENT OF JEWISH STUDIES.

PENNSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY HAS AN ENDOWED CHAIR IN HEBREW AND SEMITIC LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE, AND ITS DEPARTMENT OF ORIENTAL STUDIES OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, DATING BACK TO 1870, IS ONE OF THE OLDEST DEPARTMENTS OF ITS KIND IN THE COUNTRY.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO HAS COURSES CENTERED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ORIENTAL LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES AND IN THE DIVISION OF HUMANITIES.

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY LOCATES ITS COURSES IN THE SCHOOL OF RELIGION IN THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS, ALTHOUGH THE SCHOOL IS NOT A THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

THESE EXAMPLES INDICATE THE VARIETY OF WAYS BY WHICH JEWISH STUDIES ARE INTEGRATED INTO THE UNIVERSITY PROGRAM. SEVERAL INSTITUTIONS HAVE ESTABLISHED HEBREW LANGUAGE AND CULTURE STUDIES AS A SPECIAL AREA OF CONCENTRATION. THIS PATTERN IS FOLLOWED BY MANY OF THE INSTITUTIONS IN THE NEW YORK AREA, SUCH AS BROOKLYN COLLEGE, COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, HUNTER COLLEGE, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY AND QUEENS COLLEGE, AS WELL AS ELSEWHERE.

A UNIQUE EXAMPLE OF A UNIVERSITY WHICH HAS GIVEN MUCH ATTENTION TO THE DEVEL-

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OPMENT OF JEWISH STUDIES IS COLUMBIA, WHICH HAS TWO ENDOWED CHAIRS, ONE IN JEWISH HISTORY, LITERATURE AND INSTITUTIONS, AND THE OTHER IN YIDDISH LANGUAGE, LITERATURE AND CULTURE. OF THESE, THE FORMER IS THE OLDER WITH ABOUT 100 GRADUATE STUDENTS. DR. SALO W. BARON, WHO HOLDS THE CHAIR, IS PERHAPS THE OUTSTANDING JEWISH HISTORIAN OF OUR GENERATION. IN ADDITION TO THESE TWO CHAIRS, THERE IS INSTRUCTION OFFERED IN HEBREW IN THE DEPARTMENT OF NEAR AND MIDDLE EASTERN LANGUAGES OF THE GRADUATE FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY. FINALLY, THERE IS A CENTER OF ISRAEL AND JEWISH STUDIES, WHICH SEEKS TO TRAIN STUDENTS "FOR SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL CAREERS WITH A MAJOR EMPHASIS ON JUDAISM, ISRAEL, AND THE NEAR EAST."

III. NATURE OF SUGGESTED CHAIR AT WRU

THE PROPOSED CHAIR IN JEWISH STUDIES MIGHT BE ESTABLISHED IN VARIOUS WAYS.

WE SUGGEST TWO ALTERNATES BY WAY OF ILLUSTRATION:

A. CHAIR IN JEWISH HISTORY AND SOCIAL STUDIES

THIS TYPE OF CHAIR, SOMEWHAT MORE RECENT THAN THE TRADITIONAL CHAIR IN HEBREW STUDIES AND CULTURE, IS USUALLY INTEGRATED AT THE GRADUATE LEVEL OF INSTRUCTION INTO SUCH BROADER FIELDS AS SEMITIC LANGUAGES, ORIENTAL STUDIES, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, AREA OR REGIONAL COURSES, AND SPECIALTIES IN HISTORY.

WITHOUT ATTEMPTING ANY CONTENT ANALYSIS, THE VARIETY OF COURSES OFFERED WHICH MAY BE INCLUDED UNDER JEWISH HISTORY AND SOCIAL STUDIES CAN BE GROUPED BY TITLE UNDER THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

1. **GENERAL COURSES:** HISTORY OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE
OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY AND LIFE
JEWISH HISTORY, RELIGION AND LITERATURE
HISTORY OF PALESTINE AND SYRIA
POLITICAL AND SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS OF ISRAEL
INTRODUCTION OF BIBLICAL HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY
2. **ANCIENT HISTORY:** JEWS IN THE ANCIENT WORLD
HISTORY OF THE SECOND COMMONWEALTH
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC HISTORY OF ANCIENT ISRAEL
THE PERIOD OF THE TALMUD
3. **MEDIEVAL HISTORY:** POLITICAL HISTORY OF THE JEWS DURING THE MEDIEVAL AGES
JEWS UNDER ISLAM
HISTORY OF THE JEWS, 500-1200 A.D.
HISTORY OF THE JEWS IN ANTIQUITY AND MIDDLE AGES
4. **MODERN HISTORY:** JEWS IN MODERN TIMES FROM THE FRENCH REVOLUTION TO THE
EMERGENCE OF ISRAEL

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4. MODERN HISTORY - (CONT'D.)

THE JEWS IN PALESTINE, 1870 TO 1950
EXPANSION OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION AND ITS IMPACT
ON THE HISTORY OF THE JEWS
JEWISH ADJUSTMENT IN A MODERN WORLD
(MEDIEVAL SPAIN - 19TH CENTURY EUROPE-UNITED STATES)

5. SOCIAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY:

HISTORY OF JEWISH THOUGHT
EUROPEAN JEWISH MIGRATION TO THE WESTERN
HEMISPHERE AND PALESTINE
MEDIEVAL JEWISH-ARABIC CULTURE
STUDIES IN THE RELIGION OF ISRAEL
JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN
MODERN JEWISH THOUGHT
JEWISH LITERATURE AND INSTITUTIONS
JEWISH PHILOSOPHY IN THE MIDDLE AGES

6. AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY:

THE JEW IN AMERICA
AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY
IMMIGRATION IN AMERICAN LIFE

A NEAR OR MIDDLE EASTERN PROGRAM OF STUDIES ALSO INCLUDES COURSES WHICH TOUCH UPON
JEWISH LIFE, PAST AND PRESENT. TYPICAL TITLES ARE:

HISTORY OF THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST
POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF SELECTED STATES OF
THE NEAR EAST
CULTURAL PATTERNS OF THE MIDDLE EAST
THE PALESTINE PROBLEM IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENTS AND PHILOSOPHIES OF THE MIDDLE EAST

THE HOLDER OF AN ENDOWED CHAIR IN JEWISH HISTORY AND SOCIAL STUDIES WOULD
PRESUMABLY BE HIGHLY QUALIFIED IN ONE OF THESE AREAS. AT THE SAME TIME, HE WOULD
UNDOUBTEDLY BE ABLE TO OFFER COURSE WORK OF A MORE GENERAL NATURE IN SOME OF THE
OTHER AREAS LISTED.

B. CHAIR IN HEBREW LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

AS MENTIONED ABOVE, THE MOST POPULAR AREA OF EMPHASIS IN JEWISH STUDIES IN
THE VARIOUS COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IS HEBREW LANGUAGE AND CULTURE. FOR THE PAST
FEW YEARS, MODERN HEBREW HAS BEEN OFFERED AS AN ACCREDITED LANGUAGE AT CLEVELAND
HEIGHTS HIGH AND COULD BE PURSUED FURTHER BY GRADUATES OF THIS SCHOOL ENTERING THE
UNIVERSITY.

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AMONG THE COURSES WHICH CAN BE INCLUDED UNDER HEBREW LANGUAGE AND CULTURE ARE:

1. ELEMENTARY HEBREW - AN INTENSIVE COURSE FOR BEGINNERS.
2. INTERMEDIATE HEBREW - GRADED READINGS IN HEBREW LITERATURE, WITH EMPHASIS UPON CONVERSATION AND COMPOSITION; GRAMMAR REVIEW. PREREQUISITE: TWO YEARS OF HEBREW IN HIGH SCHOOL OR THE EQUIVALENT.
3. ADVANCED READINGS IN HEBREW LITERATURE - STANDARD WORKS ARE STUDIED, WITH EMPHASIS UPON SIGHT-READING, CONVERSATION, AND COMPOSITION. PREREQUISITE: THREE YEARS OF HEBREW IN HIGH SCHOOL OR THE EQUIVALENT.
4. MASTERPIECES OF LITERATURE, COMPOSITION AND CONVERSATION - STANDARD NARRATIVE AND POETIC WORKS ARE READ AND THEIR LITERARY QUALITY IS ANALYZED. TRAINING IN BOTH THE SPOKEN AND THE WRITTEN LANGUAGE CONTINUES, WITH THE AID OF DISCUSSIONS, GRAMMATICAL DRILLS AND COMPOSITIONS. PREREQUISITE: FOUR YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL HEBREW OR ITS EQUIVALENT, OR THE COURSE "ADVANCED READINGS IN HEBREW LITERATURE."

WITHOUT ATTEMPTING ANY ADDITIONAL CONTENT ANALYSIS, THE FOLLOWING TITLES MAY BE MENTIONED AMONG OTHER POPULAR OFFERINGS:

HISTORY OF HEBREW LITERATURE
MODERN HEBREW POETRY
MODERN HEBREW PROSE

IN ADDITION TO HEBREW LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE COURSES, THE HOLDER OF THE CHAIR WOULD ALSO BE QUALIFIED TO OFFER COURSES OF A MORE GENERAL NATURE IN THE FIELDS OF JEWISH HISTORY, LITERATURE AND THOUGHT.

IV. ENDOWMENT OF CHAIR

THERE ARE ENCOURAGING PROSPECTS THAT MEANS MIGHT BE FOUND WITHIN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF CLEVELAND TO ENDOW THE PROPOSED CHAIR. IF IT IS FELT BY THE UNIVERSITY THAT IT MIGHT BE PREFERABLE TO BEGIN ON A MORE LIMITED BASIS THAN A FULL CHAIR, THIS TOO MIGHT PROVE A PRACTICAL PROJECT.

SUCH A PROPOSAL MIGHT SERVE AS A DEMONSTRATION PERIOD FOR THE PROJECT AS A WHOLE AND OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FUTURE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE GAINED DURING THIS TIME. THIS IS NOT TO RULE OUT THE IDEA OF A FULL CHAIR BUT TO PRESENT A PLAN THAT MIGHT IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY BE MORE FEASIBLY ADOPTED AT THE OUTSET.

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V. SUGGESTED JOINT PROJECT WITH THE INSTITUTE OF JEWISH STUDIES

THE INSTITUTE OF JEWISH STUDIES, A SCHOOL OF TEACHER-TRAINING AND HIGHER JEWISH STUDY AFFILIATED WITH THE JEWISH COMMUNITY FEDERATION, IS TAKING STEPS TO ACHIEVE STATUS AS A RECOGNIZED COLLEGE OF JEWISH STUDIES. IT WILL, THEREFORE, NEED ADDITIONAL PEOPLE AND WILL BE IN A POSITION TO SHARE THE TIME AND SALARY OF THE FACULTY PERSON WHO WILL BE BROUGHT TO OCCUPY THE CHAIR OF JEWISH STUDIES AT WRU.

IT IS HOPED THAT SUCH A JOINT ARRANGEMENT WILL BENEFIT STUDENTS WHO ARE PREPARING FOR TEACHING IN JEWISH RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS AND WHO ARE PURSUING HIGHER JEWISH STUDIES IN OUR CITY. SEVERAL COLLEGES OF JEWISH STUDIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY HAVE SUCCESSFULLY WORKED OUT APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS WITH LOCAL UNIVERSITIES. THE OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE OF SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT IS THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM BETWEEN THE SCHOOL OF GENERAL STUDIES OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY AND THE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE OF THE JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF AMERICA. AMONG OTHER CITIES IN WHICH UNIVERSITIES HAVE FOSTERED COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS WITH THE COLLEGES OF JEWISH STUDIES ARE BOSTON, PITTSBURGH, AND CHICAGO.

THE INSTITUTE OF JEWISH STUDIES WILL WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIST IN ANY PROGRAM THAT WILL HELP BRING ABOUT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CHAIR IN JEWISH STUDIES AT WRU.

VI. CONCLUSION

THIS MEMORANDUM IS INTENDED MERELY TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES FOR A CHAIR OF JEWISH STUDIES AND TO OFFER SUGGESTIONS. BY NO MEANS DOES IT SEEK TO SET UP ANY RIGID FORMULA OR PROCEDURE. IT IS OFFERED IN THE EARNEST HOPE THAT IT WILL ELICIT THE INTEREST OF THE UNIVERSITY TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS. IF IT IS DEEMED WORTHY OF FURTHER STUDY AND DISCUSSION, THEN IT SHALL HAVE ACCOMPLISHED ITS MAIN PURPOSE. IF THIS PROVES TO BE THE CASE, WE WILL BE HAPPY TO JOIN IN APPROPRIATE WAYS IN HELPING TO IMPLEMENT ANY PROGRAM OF ACTION THAT THE UNIVERSITY MAY DEEM PROPER IN THIS AREA.

MEMORANDUM ON A PROPOSED CHAIR IN
JEWISH STUDIES AT WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

December 26, 1963

In a memorandum dated September 10, 1959, representatives of the Jewish Community Federation submitted a proposal to the University concerning the possible establishment of a Chair of Jewish Studies at Western Reserve.

Although the proposal was not consummated at that time, the Federation has retained a keen interest in the establishment of such a chair. Indeed, the many values outlined in the 1959 proposal seem validated by the experience of other universities and communities where such chairs have been established. In addition, the favorable action of the faculty and the governing body of the university to the 1959 suggestion would seem to indicate that, if certain practical and technical difficulties can be overcome, Western Reserve University shares the Federation's conviction that the proposal has merit and is desirable.

The wide spread feeling in the Federation that the community should establish an appropriate memorial to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver has again raised the possibility of establishing such a chair. Dr. Silver was a magnificent scholar whose research and writings illuminated many areas of Jewish studies and of Jewish relationships with the general community. Cleveland was his home for almost all his adult life and his contributions to both the Jewish and the general community of Cleveland are manifold. Would not therefore a living memorial in the

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form of a chair of Jewish studies at the university provide an unusually fitting means for the community to express its sense of indebtedness to Dr Silver?

As the first step in exploring the possibilities of the establishment of an Abba Hillel Silver chair of Jewish studies at Reserve, a number of conferences have been held with the family of the rabbi. Their interest in the proposal has been clearly established, but a number of questions have arisen that require clarification before any further practical steps are undertaken.

These questions include the following:

1. The university, it is recognized, will have complete authority and responsibility for selecting the person to fill the proposed chair, if one is established. It would, however, defeat the purpose of the proposal, to honor Dr. Silver, if the selectee were to represent a point of view opposed to the values for which he stood. To utilize an admittedly extreme example, a world known British philosopher and historian has clearly attacked the need for creative survival of a distinctive Jewish life and the validity of the State of Israel, and would therefore hardly be a fitting appointee to an Abba Hillel Silver chair, regardless of his scholarly reputation.

Would the university, while retaining the right of decision, welcome suggestions as to criteria for the holder of the chair as well as a number of names of individuals for consideration by the university selecting committee? What procedures would be appropriate for accomplishing this objective, if it is acceptable?

2. It is hoped that the selectee would serve for many years, but thought must also be given to the selection of a successor. Can the concerns

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expressed in the previous question, which will continue to have validity, be provided for in any way in the future, when many of the individuals now involved may very well no longer be available. What continuing advisory role, if any, can be provided for the community in the future?

3. Dr Silver's interest in the broad field of Judaica was essentially in the fields of religion and philosophy rather than, for example, Jewish sociology. The question therefore arises as to where the proposed chair could most appropriately be located in the university, both formally and informally. Would it be associated with the department of philosophy and religion, with history, with the arts and sciences? How can maximum provision be made for the holder of the chair to enrich the offerings of the university, to establish most effective relationships with faculty, student body, and the Jewish and general communities?

4. In the 1959 memorandum, reference was made to the Institute of Jewish Studies, its aspiration to become a College of Jewish Studies, and the possible relationship of the chair to the Institute. Is any kind of formal relation to the Institute feasible? If not, are there ways by which the chair can be constructively helpful to the Institute in its program of Jewish studies?

5. The assumption in all the preliminary conversations has been that a chair should be established, with a single, permanent head. Is there merit in an alternate proposal, of a visiting professor each year (or semester), chosen from differing fields, with, presumably, provision made for a limited period of time - say ten years - rather than in perpetuity. How much difference would such a proposal make fiscally?

It is the feeling of Federation representatives that, if the university is interested, there is a real possibility of establishing the chair, with profound values to the entire community. However, there

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will undoubtedly be many difficulties and many problems to overcome, and it is therefore important that there be complete clarity between university and Federation as to all problems - fiscal, procedural, and philosophical - before any further steps are undertaken.

This memorandum is an attempt to help in the clarification of these problems.



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cc: Dr. Nathan E. Cohen
L. W. Neumark
Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
William C. Treuhaft

February 26, 1964

Dr. John Schoff Millis, President
Western Reserve University
University Circle
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Jack:

At the meeting of our Federation's Board of Trustees today, it was voted to appropriate \$166,667 to Western Reserve University for the proposed Abba Hillel Silver Chair in Jewish Studies. This appropriation is contingent upon raising the balance of \$500,000 required to endow this Chair.

Before Bill Treuhaft left the city, he told me that John Sherwin had notified him that the Distribution Committee of the Cleveland Foundation is most enthusiastic about this project and plans to appropriate its third of the \$500,000. An official action is not yet taken because the Edith Anisfield Wolf Fund, from which this money would be appropriated, does not yet have the assets from her estate. This appropriation would be contingent upon the realization of the full \$500,000.

Bill, Rabbi Dan Silver, Leo Neumark, and I have had a first meeting with Edgar Hahn, to see whether the Beaumont Foundation might be the third partner. It was decided to wait until Bill's return to the city to pursue this matter further, it being thought that that would be a better time than now to see Nathan Dauby. We are not altogether confident that the Beaumont Foundation will participate.

This is by way of a progress report. We'll be in touch with you again after we see Mr. Dauby, probably late April.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Henry L. Zucker

jk

February 27, 1964

Mr. Henry L. Zucker
The Jewish Community Federation
1001 Huron Road
Cleveland 15, Ohio

Dear Henry:

I am delighted at the action of the Board, and I want to offer my services in any way they would be meaningful in helping to meet the last third of the budget needed to establish a Chair in Dad's honor.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

September 11, 1964

Mr. William C. Treuhaft
The Tremco Mfg. Co.
10701 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland 4, Ohio

Dear Mr. Treuhaft:

Edgar Hahn just phoned me with the happy news that the Beaumont Foundation has voted to participate as requested in the establishment of the Abba Hillel Silver Chair at Western Reserve University. I of course expressed to him my delight. I did not want the day to pass without telling you how appreciative we are for your persistent and effective efforts in this project. The Chair will benefit not only the University but the community, and I know that had it not been for your leadership this whole project might not have come to such a happy fruition.

May the New Year, which begins so auspiciously, be a healthy and happy one for you and yours.

Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

CLEVELAND, OHIO 44106

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October 8, 1964

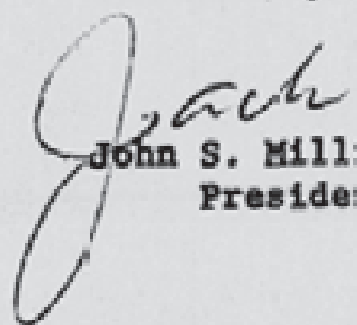
Mr. Henry L. Zucker
Executive Director
The Jewish Community Federation
1001 Huron Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Henry:

I have just had a chance to talk to Frank Hurley about the membership of the ~~committee~~ to search for and make recommendations of an appointee to the Abba Hillel Silver Chair. We wish to suggest the names of the following: C. H. Cramer, Professor of History; Harvey Wish, Distinguished Professor of History; and Rolland Wolfe, Professor of Religion. It is our idea that these three, joined by Rabbi Daniel Silver, Edgar Hahn, and William Treuhaft, would constitute a committee of six to work out and advise Mr. Hurley as Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences on this matter.

If this meets with your concurrence, I will proceed immediately to appoint the three people and the task could then begin promptly.

Sincerely yours


John S. Millis
President



cc: Edgar A. Hahn
Rabbi Daniel J. Silver ✓
William C. Treuhaft

October 9, 1964

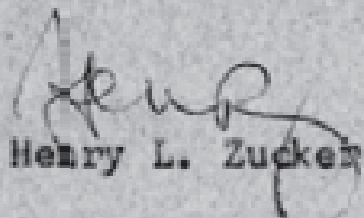
Dr. John S. Millis, President
Western Reserve University
University Circle
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Jack:

The committee you suggest to make recommendations of an appointee to the Abba Hillel Silver Chair sounds very good. I am sure they will find the best man available for this position.

Regards.

Cordially,


Henry L. Zucker

jk

October 14, 1964

Rabbi Samuel Sandmel
Hebrew Union College
Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati 20, Ohio

Dear Sam:

Thank you for your kind note of October 13th. I am delighted, of course, that there will be a Chair of Jewish Studies at W.R.U. Have you some suggestions as to the occupant? He will have the title of Distinguished Professor of the University and an adequate salary and budget to teach in the fields of history or Bible or rabbinics or philosophy.

Thanks again.

Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF THE UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

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Administrative Office

October 16, 1964

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

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Dear Dan:

Respecting suggestions for the new Chair at WRU, how old a man are you thinking of, and of what eminence? I haven't discussed this with anybody, but I think offhand of Jake Marcus or Sheldon Blank, both of whom have reached retirement age but are continuing to teach. They are both distinguished enough to be Distinguished Professors.

Or are you looking for very young men who are just beginning and who have their reputation to make? Ten years ago I think I would have been greatly interested in something like this, but I guess I'm too bogged down in Administrative stuff now to be able to get out of it, much as I'd like to.

There is one specific suggestion I'm going to presume to make to you. When I was first invited to teach at Vanderbilt, the Chancellor there made a study of the extant Jewish Chairs at that time and the study confirmed him of a particular conviction: it was that he did not want the Jewish Chair off on the fringes of the campus and the curriculum, and he wanted someone who would be teaching actively in the Undergraduate Program. For that reason he insisted that my appointment should be in the Undergraduate College, with ancillary appointments to the Graduate School and the Divinity School, rather than vice versa, so that the offerings would be central in the course of study of the College. I hope you won't think of some person who is primarily a distinguished researcher, with no flair for teaching and no interest in Undergraduates. Such an appointment, I think, would be a tragedy.

Cordially,



Samuel Sandmel
Provost

Mount Zion Hebrew Congregation

1300 SUMMIT AVENUE

Saint Paul

STUDY OF
RABBI BERNARD MARTIN, PH.D.

October 25, 1964

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

Dear Dan:

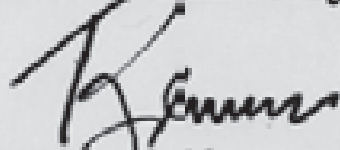
I am so glad that I could be with you in New York for the meeting of the Journal Editorial Board. It was, I thought, a very productive and worthwhile session and I anticipate a tremendous improvement in the quality of the Journal under your editorship.

It was good to be with you Monday evening and to have a chance to talk things over.

I am enclosing the document you need in connection with the Western Reserve matter that we talked about. If you need something more detailed, please let me know. I am sure you will keep me posted on developments in this matter.

Hoping that our paths will cross again soon and with warmest good wishes for you and Adele and the children, I am

Most cordially,



Bernard Martin
Rabbi

BM:sg

CURRICULUM VITAE

Dr. Bernard Martin
1359 Fairmount Avenue
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Born March 13, 1928

B.A. (with honors), the University of Chicago, 1947

Ordained as rabbi and awarded M.H.L. (Master of Hebrew Letters) degree (with honors), Hebrew Union College, 1951

M.A., Department of Philosophy, The University of Illinois, 1957

Ph.D., Department of Philosophy, The University of Illinois, 1961

Posts Held:

Rabbi, Sinai Temple, Champaign, Illinois, 1951-57
(on leave of absence 1953-55 to serve as U.S. Army Chaplain in Japan)

Associate Rabbi, Sinai Temple, Chicago, Illinois, 1957-61

Rabbi, Mount Zion Hebrew Congregation, St. Paul, Minnesota, 1961-

Offices Held:

President, Hebrew Union College Student Association, 1950-51

President, Hyde Park Council of Churches and Synagogues, Chicago, 1958-59

Married to Nancy Louise Platt, Danville, Illinois, 1955; two children, Rachel, eight, and Joseph Louis, four

Publications:

Books:

The Existentialist Theology of Paul Tillich, Bookman Associates, New York, 1963, 221 pp.

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Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Office of the Dean
Faculty of Arts and Sciences

*Dec. 8th
luncheon at 12 noon
Wade Pk. Manor
Suite in Mr. Hurley's
name*

27 October 1964

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am glad to learn from President Millis of your willingness to serve on a special committee to suggest candidates for the newly endowed Abba Hillel Silver Professorship of Jewish Studies at Western Reserve University.

I hope we can find a mutually agreeable date for the first meeting of the committee early in November. I have asked my secretary, Miss Julia Scofield, to call your office to arrange for this meeting.

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Sincerely yours,

Frank H. Hurley

Frank H. Hurley
Dean

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I trust that you and your dear family are well and that you are continuing your successful work in your Temple and scholarship. Thank God all of us are well and the congregation is growing.

Daniel, I read recently about a chair of Judaic studies to be sponsored in the memory of your late father at Western Reserve.

This is a wonderful way of honoring Dr. Abba Hillel Silver. I was fortunate in having discussed frequently subjects of Jewish scholarship with your late father and I was always amazed how he could keep up with Jewish learning despite his demanding public life.

Since lecturing and teaching Jewish studies is my first love, I would be very much interested in hearing more about the new endeavor at Western, and if possible, apply for consideration for a teaching post. I am counting on your support, but meanwhile would be grateful for more information and advice.

Kindest regards and best wishes to you and your dear family.

Cordially,

Affiliated with United Synagogue of America

Rudy

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

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30 October 1964

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio
44106

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This will confirm the meeting of the
Ad hoc Committee for the Abba Hillel Silver
Professorship of Jewish Studies at Western
Reserve University on Thursday afternoon,
November 12, 1964, at 3:00.

Yours very truly,

(Miss) Julia Scofield

Julia Scofield
Secretary to Mr. Frank H. Hurley

*See find out
Ad Hoc*

AN ASSOCIATE IN THE UNIVERSITY CIRCLE



PROGRAM

November 2, 1964

Rabbi Rudolph J. Adler
Congregation Ohev Shalom
529 East Church Street
Orlando, Florida

Dear Rudy:

It was good to hear from you and to know that the southern sunshine is agreeable. I cannot tell you how to approach the problem of the chair at Western Reserve. It is to be a Distinguished Professorship and my guess is that it will go to someone who has already had a career in the field of teaching. However, I suppose a list will be made up, and I'll do what I can to see that your name is on it. But to be honest, I would not give it too much hope.

Come visit us soon.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

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*Hillel Professorship of
Jewish Literature and Thought*

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November 30, 1964

Dear Daniel,

I am most grateful to you for your kind invitation to dine with you (children permitting) on next Monday evening. My travel plans will bring me to Cleveland via American Airlines at 6:14 P.M. Will that inconvenience you in any way? If it should, please do not hesitate to let me know and I can plan to be with you later in the evening.

Looking forward to my visit and with cordial greetings,

I am

Faithfully yours



Lou H. Silberman

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

December 1, 1964

Dr. Lou H. Silberman
The Divinity Quadrangle
Vanderbilt University
Nashville, Tennessee, 37203

Dear Lou:

We'll all dine fashionably late. In fact, I believe this will solve the problem of the children. Why don't you come to the house from the airport and we'll see to it that you get back down to your hotel.

Delighted that we're going to have this evening together.

With all good wishes,

Cordially,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:bd

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

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DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION

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December 3, 1964.

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

Dear Rabbi,

To you personally, as a fellow member of the Committee to choose a person for occupant of the Chair of Jewish Studies, I have felt the advisability of writing this note.

It is prompted by the uncertainty as to the department of the University in which this chair is to find itself. Inasmuch as I have not seen the conditions of the gift or the conditions of the acceptance, I naturally am somewhat in the dark.

This letter is simply to say that, in case it seems wise to the committee, we as a Department of Religion would welcome having the occupant of this chair in our department. We took this up at our departmental meeting this week and all three members of the Department are unanimous in this, and I felt that this ought to be relayed to you. From the conversation at last meeting, I assume your intention, and that of the other two members representing the donors, will probably be the deciding factor as to the department in which this chair is to be located.

This would fit in with the expansion program of our Department. We are in process of getting a new man to take care of the undergraduate teaching in the History of Religion, and part of the graduate work. Dr. Rigg will remain on as the "elder statesman" in the field, doing special work with graduate students. Our intent is to get someone who may be a good scholar in the field of Indian and far eastern religions. If the Chair of Jewish Studies were to be added to our department also, these two additions would make a notable advance.

Since you are the key man on the committee, I am expressing this only to you, and not even to Dean Hurley. You are free to relay anything I have written to the other two donor members, according as you may see fit.

Sincerely yours,

Rolland E. Wolfe

AN ASSOCIATE IN THE UNIVERSITY CIRCLE



PROGRAM

December 9, 1964

Dean Frank H. Hurley
Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Western Reserve University
Cleveland, Ohio, 44106

Dear Dean Hurley:

I am enclosing two letters which will be of interest to you. One is an application; the other is simply of interest.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

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December 11, 1964

Dear Dan,

My sincere thanks to you for your thoughtfulness to me during my recent visit to Western Reserve. I found the problem interesting and do hope that I was able to contribute something to its solution. The opportunity is, as you well know, considerable and I should be sorry indeed if it were not carried to its finest conclusion.

More important, to me at least, was the opportunity of meeting your wife and coming to know you better. I remember the first time I saw you - you were preaching in the Chapel at HUC - and I remember too how impressed I was by the well wrought prayer service you created for the CCAR meeting in Philadelphia. My circle of friends within the rabbinate is narrow in its range and I suppose my eye is jaundiced. I am grateful to you for broadening my scope and clearing my vision.

With fond greetings to you and Adele, I am

Faithfully yours



P.S. I do not know what your relationship with Jakob Petuchowski is and I certainly do not presume to offer his name as a candidate for the W.R. position, yet my affection for him is such that I should like very much to see him snatched "a broad from the burning."

L.

December 14, 1964

Dr. Lou H. Silberman
The Divinity Quadrangle
Vanderbilt University
Nashville, Tennessee, 37203

Dear Lou:

Many thanks for your kind note and for the gift of a day to a project which is dear to my heart. Adele and I both enjoyed our evening together and we now know somebody we can talk in pleasant seriousness with at the Conference.

I gather from your postscript that Petuchowski might be interested in leaving the College. If my assumption is correct, don't bother answering. I simply don't want to embarrass him if I have misread between the lines.

With all good wishes,

Cordially,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:bd

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

CLEVELAND, OHIO 44106

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December 14, 1964

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The generous five-to-one trade of your splendid volume of essays for my humble paperback anthology overwhelms me and makes me hope for more such profitable deals in the future.

Naturally I read your essay first and learned that I must discard my traditional interpretation of the origins of the Lord's anointed in the Hebrew monarchy--which we depend on in political theory. If the other essays follow this distinctive line of revisionism, I shall have to unlearn much of what I thought were certainties.

As you wrote, ~~xxx~~ it is impressive to see the breadth of interests within Jewish studies-- although I was long convinced of this fact.

I would like to take this opportunity of saying that I was pleased to hear your comment at our first committee meeting that you favored a more historical than theological emphasis for the University chair of Jewish studies. Somehow, I conveyed the idea to you and to Dr. Silverman that I wished to incoarse ~~Handlin~~. Actually, I was trying to make my point regarding the modern emphasis in Jewish studies within a secular institution and referred to the breadth of interests that Handlin and his students such as Moses Rischin have brought to this area of study, e.g. the Jewish immigrant in New York, 1870-1914, the influence of Abraham Cahan and the Jewish Daily Forward, the Yiddish cultural movement; or the work of Selig Adler of the University of Buffalo on the origins of American Zionism; and the varied studies sponsored by Jacob Marcus at the Hebrew Union Seminary in American Jewish history, etc., etc. I would like to see a scholar with the interests mentioned by Lou Silverman in kulturgeschichte related to Jewry. A similar approach would be desirable if the man is primarily a European or Middle-East specialist.

Naturally, I agree with you again that the man must have a sound core of Judean learning and at least Hebrew; but I would like a man who can handle the rich Yiddish sources which are a key to the modern Jew. If he has graduate students, some at least will want to write on modern Jewish history which requires as you know access to the Jewish press.

Although we have no clear directives as to community preferences, I presume that the enthusiastic sponsorship through the Jewish Federation ^(and I don't insist on this as a criterion) of the various community histories such as the current one for Cleveland shows that I am not a lone voice in the wilderness. My personal preference is for a chair related to studies that have some aspects ^{relevant to} social action. While these personal and community preferences can of course play havoc ^{of content topics} with scholarship if accepted uncritically, one cannot avoid making a selection.

Cordially,

AN ASSOCIATE IN THE

PROGRAM

December 22, 1964

Dr. Harvey Wish
Department of History
Western Reserve University
Cleveland, Ohio, 44106

Dear Dr. Wish:

I am grateful to you for your letter of December 14 and to know that you have read my article. I have slowly been putting together a number of thoughts on Jewish political thought which I hope someday to work up into a more complete form.

May I react to your thoughts on the Chair? When I was at Harvard, we had a department which was called, "History and Literature." At Chicago, I got my doctorate in a field which was called "The History of Culture" and there was another, closely aligned department called "The History of Social Thought". It is this kind of focus which I hope our Chair will take.

The state of community histories was really little more than a pat on the back by the first families to themselves and the desire to see their ancestors immortalized in print. The virtue of the history of the Jewish community is not that history itself but the impact, if any, of its presence and its culture on the larger powers about. Jacob Marcus, for instance, has written voluminously. He's one of my favorite people, but he has made no contribution to the self-awareness of the Jew or to an understanding by the non-Jew of the role of the Jewish ethos on the American scene. We know all about any number of pre-Revolutionary peddlers and merchants but it doesn't add up to anything because Jacob's focus is narrow and purely factual.

I don't think that we're talking at all at cross-purposes, and I think that we will see this when we come to talk about individual men. But we do need somebody whose credentials are at least equally Hebraic and historical.

Dr. Harvey Wish

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December 22, 1964

By the bye, I received across my desk today Oscar Handlin's latest subsidized throw-away. He's becoming something of a kept woman among contemporary historians. I've an extra copy so I'm sending this one along.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:bd

mailed 12/22/64 under separate cover:
"A Continuing Task" by Oscar Handlin





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Rabbi Daniel J Silver
The Temple
University Circle at Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

Enclosed is a memorandum that was requested at the end of our meeting at your office Tuesday. It was agreed that I would send this draft to you, to Ray, to Bill Treuhaft and Hank Zucker and, after all of you had reacted to it, I would redraft it and send it on to Nat Cohen.

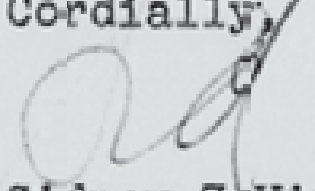
I am hoping that you are feeling better and will be in a position soon to add your comments and suggestions to those of the men who were present at the meeting so that we can proceed without too much delay to conferring with the people at the University and, hopefully, the various foundations.

I have talked with Irv Kane following the letter I sent to him with a copy to you on our Public Welfare Committee. He is very much in favor of meeting with Posey giving us the picture of the complex welfare setup in the State of Ohio sometime late in January. How does this strike you?

You can see that we can not give you the time to be unwell. I am not even mentioning the complications regarding the Conference on Religion and Race, but I warn you that you must make a quick recovery if affairs here at Federation are not going to slide downhill.

Let's hear from you soon.

Cordially,


Sidney Z Vincent
Associate Director

December 26, 1963

MEMORANDUM ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CHAIR OF JEWISH STUDIES
AT WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

December 26, 1963

There has been previous communication between the Jewish Community Federation and Western Reserve University concerning the possible establishment of a Chair of Jewish Studies at the University. Since 1959, when the last undertakings in this area were made, the Jewish Community Federation has maintained a keen interest in this project. The Judaic element of the Judeo-Christian tradition of the Western world is a significant one. It is one of which the Jewish community is rightly proud. It is one which the Jewish community believes deserves a sturdier place in the academic world. Fortunately, there seems to have been a general recognition of this fact by many universities. The number of such Chairs which now exist is sizable and growing. The Federation was and is encouraged by the favorable action of the governing body and the faculty of the University to its original proposal.

We renew our interest at this moment because of our feeling that such a Chair would be an appropriate memorial to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. Dr. Silver was a long time intimate friend of the University. He has been called Cleveland's outstanding citizen. He certainly was one of the most responsible and articulate scholars of the Jewish religious tradition. Cleveland was his home, and the University Circle the focus of his work during most of his adult life. A Chair of Jewish Studies at Western Reserve University would seem to be a suitable and proper tribute from this community.

As a preliminary step, a number of conferences have been held within the Federation and with Dr. Silver's family. The proposal of September 10, 1959 was reviewed and a number of clarifications seemed in order. We raise these now with the University for discussion.

[Dec 26, 1963]

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1) The memorandum of September, 1959 was vague as to the specific focus of this Professorship. Dr. Silver was devoted to his faith, to its history and to its literature, its poetry and its holy language. A Chair established in his honor would most properly be established in the Departments of Religion or of Philosophy, or in a Committee such as some Universities entitle "The History of Ideas." A primary focus on Hebrew, the language and its literature, would also be appropriate.

2) Once the Chair is established, there is the question of the nomination of its occupant. Since a purpose of this proposal is to honor Dr. Silver, it is beyond question that the holder of this Chair not represent a point of view negative to the values to which Dr. Silver was dedicate. These include an affirmative and forward-looking religious faith, a positive commitment to the renaissance of modern Israel, and a deep pride in the contribution of Jewish life and thought to human civilization. Would the University, while retaining its proper academic responsibility, welcome suggestions as to the criteria for the holder of this Chair as well as a list of individuals who might be considered by the selection committee? Granted that there is always the problem of succession, what continuing advisory role can be suggested for the Jewish Community Federation?

3) It is the feeling of the Federation that if the University is interested and if satisfactory arrangements can be completed, there is a real possibility of establishing this Chair. However, many issues need to be tied down and it is important that there be complete clarity as to the fiscal, administrative, and substantive responsibilities before any further steps are undertaken.

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AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES

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December 31, 1964

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
Congregation Tifereth Israel
University Circle and Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Rabbi:

I read an announcement to the effect that an Abba Hillel Silver Chair will be established in one of the local universities. I know that you will have something to do with the selection of the person to fill this important post.

In the event that you are going to consider some young scholar, I would like to recommend Raymond L. Weiss, 3001 South Parkway, Chicago. He is a graduate of the Hebrew Union College, and is getting his Ph.D. in philosophy and ethics at the University of Chicago. He has been working under Dr. Leo Strauss whom you no doubt know. His knowledge of Hebrew is adequate for the position. He is a fine young man, quiet and amiable.

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

Very cordially yours,


Jacob R. Marcus

JRM:jw

original of this letter mailed to
Dean Hurley at Western Reserve with
attached letter, 1/15/65

January 6, 1965

Dr. Jacob R. Marcus
Director of Archives
American Jewish Archives
Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio, 45220

Dear Dr. Marcus:

Thank you very much for your very kind letter of December 31st. Rabbi Silver is out of the city for a few weeks, and your letter will be called to his attention upon his return.

Cordially yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

/bd

January 15, 1965

Dr. Jacob R. Marcus
Director of Archives
American Jewish Archives
Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio, 45220

Dear Dr. Marcus:

I have just returned from a two-week vacation in the south and I hasten to answer your letter of December 31.

A Chair of Jewish Studies has been established at Western Reserve University in Dad's name. A committee of six is concerned with placement. Our thought is to find someone of some accomplishment in the academic world, rather than a man who is just beginning. If such a person cannot be found, there is even some discussion of asking one of those who have been retired to help set the Chair up. I am grateful to you for your consideration and I will see to it that your letter is passed on.

More personally, we are in good health and life continues to be a pleasant challenge. My book on Maimonides is to be published this spring and I trust that you will find it not unworthy of your training.

With all good wishes, I remain

As always,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:bd

January 15, 1965

Dean Frank H. Hurley
Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Western Reserve University
Cleveland, Ohio, 44106

Dear Dean Hurley:

I received the enclosed letter from Dr. Marcus at Hebrew Union College and I am passing it on to you for what it's worth. I have already simply acknowledged it and I am sure that no further action is necessary.

My wife and I have just returned from a two-week vacation and I have a suntan and a flattened wallet, but feel much better for it. I'm going to call you in a day or so about the luncheon we spoke about a month ago.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES

CLIFTON AVENUE • CINCINNATI, OHIO 45220

January 20, 1965

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

Dear Dan:

Many thanks for your kind letter of January 15. If I can think of any good names, I will get in touch with you.

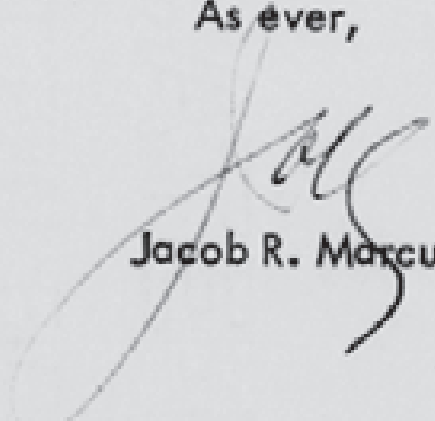
The following suggestions may be of interest. I understand that Dr. Samuel Atlas, Professor of Philosophy and Talmud, at our New York School, is going to retire very shortly. He is a fine Talmudist, and he is also a very distinguished student of Maimonides.

Rabbi Solomon E. Starrels, of Savannah, Georgia, who has a Ph. D. in Comparative Religion, plans to retire soon from the Savannah congregation.

I am looking forward to the appearance of your book on Maimonides.

With all good wishes, and with the hope that our paths may cross before too long, I am,

As ever,


Jacob R. Marcus

JRM:sg

January 22, 1965

Dean Frank H. Hurley
Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Western Reserve University
Cleveland, Ohio, 44106

Dear Dean:

I received this additional letter which may be of interest to you in reference to the Chair in Jewish Studies. I called your secretary a few days ago about a luncheon date. She was to call back and we have not heard. Do you still want to meet? Ought we not to get this Committee back on the road?

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:bd

enclosure:

*photo of
letter from Dr. Marcus*

February 24, 1965

Dr. Cecil Roth
c/o Bar Ilan University
Tel Aviv, Israel

Dear Dr. Roth:

Quite recently a chair in Jewish Studies was established at Western Reserve University in my father's memory. The Abba Hillel Silver chair is designed to present a scholar of first rank and to establish a program in Jewish thought and history. The chair calls for a full professor at a quite fine salary. I am taking a stab in the dark, but I thought that you might be interested to spend a year or two here and get a new project launched.

If you are at all interested^{ed} I would be happy to communicate with you on further details.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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March 26, 1965

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
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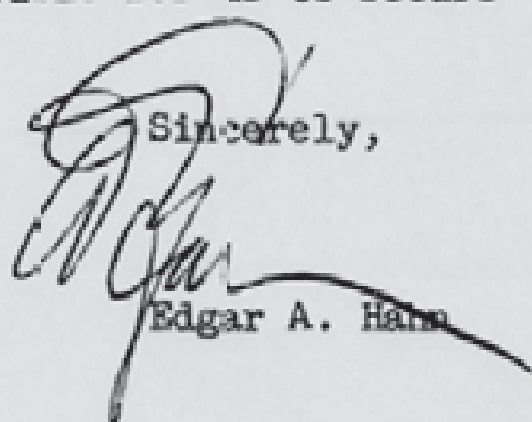
Dear Rabbi Daniel:

Thank you for sending me Cecil Roth's answer. While he might have made a distinguished addition to our local cultural scene, the impediments as outlined in his letter, I am sure would have proved to be insurmountable.

I am returning to you Professor Roth's letter which I have had copied, and of which I am sending you a carbon.

I hope that it will be possible for us to secure Professor Sandmel for the position.

Sincerely,



Edgar A. Hahn

EAH:fj
Encl.

April 20, 1965

Dean Frank H. Hurley
The Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Western Reserve University
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Dean Hurley:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of April 16. May I tell you how deeply honored I feel at being considered for the Abba Hillel Silver professorship in Jewish Studies and how very grateful I am for your invitation to visit Western Reserve University in this connection.

I should be very glad to come to Cleveland on the day you propose, Wednesday, May 5. Following your suggestion, I shall plan to fly down Tuesday evening and spend the night at the Wade Park Manor Hotel. If you would be good enough to let me know when and where we are to meet on Wednesday morning, I shall come there directly from the hotel.

Looking forward to the pleasure of meeting you, and with every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

cc: Rabbi Daniel J. Silver ✓

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STUDY OF
RABBI BERNARD MARTIN, PH.D.

April 20, 1965

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

Dear Dan:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter which I sent today to Dean Hurley at Western Reserve.

I need not tell you, I think, that I am genuinely flattered to be considered for this distinguished post and am most grateful to you for everything in connection with it.

On looking into airline schedules I find there is a flight that would get me to Cleveland Tuesday evening at 8:33. If you are free that evening, perhaps I could take a taxi over to your house directly from the airport and you might fill me in with some more information. Or, alternatively, if you are tied up all Tuesday evening, perhaps we could get together for breakfast or earlier at the hotel Wednesday morning - Or maybe you have some other suggestion. In any case, I should be most grateful if we could have an hour together before meeting with the committee.

I hope you and Adele and the children are enjoying a happy Pesach season. Nancy and our children join me in sending all of you our fondest greetings and good wishes.

Most cordially,

Bernard

encl.

April 27, 1965

Rabbi Bernard Martin
Mount Zion Hebrew Congregation
1300 Summit Avenue
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Bernie:

We have the graduation of our high school on Tuesday, May 4th. Why don't you go directly to the Wade Park Menor and I will meet you there and have a drink as soon as I can break away, which ought to be no later than 10 p.m. and you really won't get there much earlier than that.

Delighted you will be here. Adele joins me in good wishes to Nancy and children.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:mgn

from the desk of
BERNARD MARTIN
RABBI, MOUNT ZION TEMPLE

Wednesday, 12 May 1965

Dear Dan,

Enclosed are some reprints of CCAR articles. I shall have two or three other things "thermofaxed" and send copies to you sometime next week.

I was very pleased to get an encouraging report on the progress of matters at Western Reserve in a call from Dean Husley today.

Again, my sincerest thanks for all you have done and are doing in connection with this

I convey love to me in sending you and Adele our warmest greetings and good wishes - Fernie

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

Rabbi Silver - for information

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17 May 1965

VIA AIR MAIL

Dr. Bernard Martin
1359 Fairmount Avenue
St. Paul, Minn.
55105

Dear Dr. Martin:

I am pleased to extend to you an invitation to join the Faculty of Arts and Sciences as Abba Hillel Silver Associate Professor of Jewish Studies in the Department of Religion. The appointment will be for a term of three years, with consideration for promotion and appointment with tenure before the conclusion of the three year term.

The initial salary will be \$16,000.00 annually. Annual appointments include one month of vacation, normally taken during the summer. In addition we will reimburse you for the expenses of moving from St. Paul to Cleveland up to a maximum of \$900.00.

This invitation comes with enthusiastic approval of the Committee on Appointments and the Executive Committee of the Faculty based on the unanimous recommendation of the special committee for the Abba Hillel Silver Chair. President Millis and I are in fullest agreement with these committee recommendations.

We all hope you will decide to accept this invitation. It would be most desirable to have you begin the appointment on September 1 if you can make satisfactory arrangements to leave your congregation on that date. This would enable you to begin teaching in the first semester of the academic year. If this cannot be arranged, I would suggest January 1, 1966 as our second choice for a stating date.

Members of our faculty have an opportunity to take a retirement income contract with the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America in support of which the individual contributes 5% of his base salary with an equal amount from University funds. The University participates in the social security program calling for a monthly deduction of 3-5/8% on the first \$4800.00 of salary with matching payments by the University. Group life insurance in the amount of \$2500.00 and major medical expense insurance are provided by the University for all members of the staff, and group hospital and surgical insurance is available on a voluntary basis.

Dr. Bernard Martin
17 May 1965

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Under separate mailing, I am sending you a copy of our Faculty Handbook in the last section of which you will find the "By-Laws of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences." The Handbook will give you some additional information about the University.

I shall look forward most hopefully to a favorable reply from you.

Sincerely yours,

FM

Frank H. Hurley, Dean
Faculty of Arts and Sciences

cc to Mr. Millis

May 20, 1965

Rabbi Bernard Martin
1359 Fairmount Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55105

Dear Bernie:

Congratulations! and welcome to Cleveland.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:mgm

from the desk of

BERNARD MARTIN

RABBI, MOUNT ZION TEMPLE

20 May 1965

Dear Dan,

Enclosed is a copy of
the letter I sent today
to Dean Hurley.

Again, my warmest thanks
to you for everything.

My best also to Abe
and the children.

Rennie

May 20, 1965

Dear Dean Hurley: I was very pleased to receive your letter of May 17, 1965, regarding my appointment to the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Western Reserve University as Abba Hillel Silver Associate Professor of Jewish Studies in the Department of Religion, and I accept it with great pleasure.

AIR MAIL

Dr. Frank H. Hurley, Dean
The Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Western Reserve University
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Dean Hurley:

I am deeply honored to receive your invitation, extended in your kind letter of May 17, to join the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Western Reserve University as Abba Hillel Silver Associate Professor of Jewish Studies in the Department of Religion, and I accept it with great pleasure.

It is not necessary, I think, to tell you that I regard this appointment as a high privilege. To teach Jewish Studies at a distinguished seat of learning such as Western Reserve represents for me the fulfillment of a long-cherished wish, and to occupy a chair honoring the memory of the late Rabbi Silver, for whose magnificent person and achievements I have the profoundest admiration, adds to my sense of privilege. You may be sure that I shall do everything in my power to justify the confidence that you and the university have placed in me.

The terms of the appointment as outlined in your letter are quite satisfactory. As far as the question of starting date is concerned, I believe January 1, 1966 will be best. Upon discussing the matter with several officers of my congregation here, I found their feeling to be that it would require at least six months to find a replacement. They have asked me to remain, if at all possible, until the end of the year, and I feel I am honor-bound to fulfill their request.

Page 2 - Dr. Frank H. Hurley

May I take this means of thanking you for your many personal courtesies during my visit to Western Reserve two weeks ago. You were most kind to take time out of your busy day to show me your lovely campus and all the fine cultural institutions surrounding it.

I look forward with much pleasure to serving under you at the university and to our association.

With kindest personal greetings and with every good wish, I am

Very sincerely yours,

cc: Rabbi Daniel J. Silver ✓



Mount Zion Hebrew Congregation

1300 SUMMIT AVENUE

Saint Paul

STUDY OF
RABBI BERNARD MARTIN, PH.D.

May 27, 1965

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

Dear Dan:

Many thanks for your terse but very expressive note of welcome. The prospect of coming to Cleveland is, I assure you, a very delightful one and I am exhilarated by it.

Again, my deepest thanks to you for all that you have done in connection with this. I hope that we shall have a chance to sit down for awhile during the conference in Cincinnati and talk over some matters of mutual concern.

In a letter that is being sent out to every member of the congregation today, I am announcing my resignation here, effective in December of this year; so, if you and the people at the university want to proceed with an announcement in Cleveland, that would be perfectly appropriate.

Looking forward to seeing you soon, and with warmest greetings and all good wishes for you and Adele and the children, I am

Most cordially,

Bernard

P. S. After dictating this today, I had a call from Mr. Charles M. Davis, the Public Relations Director of the university, who requested a photograph and indicated that the university would postpone its announcement until after the trustees' meeting next week.

June 1, 1965

Rabbi Bernard Martin
Mount Zion Hebrew Congregation
1300 Summit Avenue
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Bernie:

I am glad things are working out so well. The Cleveland Jewish Federation and the Union are cooperating in the announcement of your appointment and I will send you these materials as they come out.

I plan to be at the Conference Monday afternoon and hopefully through Wednesday. I must be back on Thursday for that high holiday known as The Temple picnic. I will see you at the Journal Board and then we can talk and make plans to relax together.

Keep well and see you soon.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:mgn

CLEVELAND PRESS - JUNE 3, 1965

WRU Names Minnesotan to New Post

Western Reserve University today announced the election of Dr. Bernard Martin of St. Paul, Minn., to its new Chair of Jewish Studies which honors the late Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

The post was created last fall through a \$500,000 endowment fund contributed by the Beaumont Foundation, the Edith Anisfield Wolf Fund of the Cleveland Foundation and the Jewish Community Federation.



DR. MARTIN

Dr. Martin will come here Jan. 1 from St. Paul where he is rabbi of the Mount Zion Hebrew Congregation.

He holds degrees from the University of Chicago, the University of Illinois and Hebrew Union College and is the author of two books, "The Existentialist Theology of Paul Tillich" and "Athens and Jerusalem: The Philosophy of Lev Shestov".

The teaching post in Western Reserve's Department of Religion was established as a memorial to Dr. Silver, rabbi of the Temple for 46 years and a noted Jewish religious leader and scholar.

Cleveland Plain Dealer
Monday, June 7, 1965

St. Paul Rabbi in WRU's Chair Honoring Silver

The chair of Jewish studies at Western Reserve University established last fall to honor the memory of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver will be occupied by Dr. Bernard Martin, now rabbi of the Mount Zion Hebrew Congregation in St. Paul, Minn. He will join the faculty Jan. 1, 1966.

Dr. Martin received his B.A. degree from the University of Chicago in 1947 and was ordained as rabbi and awarded a Master of Hebrew Letters degree by Hebrew Union College. He has a Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Illinois.

The Silver Chair of Jewish Studies was made possible by a half-million dollar endowment announced last September. Three Cleveland philanthropic foundations each contributed one-third of the amount to honor the memory of Dr. Silver who served as rabbi of The Temple for 46 years.

The foundations were the Louis D. Beaumont Foundation, the Edith Anisfield Wolf Fund of the Cleveland Foundation and the Endowment Fund of the Jewish Community Federation.

July 30, 1965

Mrs. Carolyn Neff
Co-ordinator of the
Visiting Committees
Western Reserve University
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Neff:

Our visit this year concentrated entirely on the Department of Religion and its staff problems which seem largely to have been solved. They have had a serious problem in the recruitment of graduate students. The University rule requiring one year's residence for the PhD candidates has restricted interest in this area. A majority of the PhD candidates in Religion have already completed graduate seminary work and the added year imposes a financial burden. Approaches should be made by the faculty to various foundations for fellowships.

We discussed the closing of the Oberlin Theological School and the responsibility of the Department of Religion which is now the sole focus of academic religion in this area. I undertook to contact Oberlin to see whether arrangements could be made to take over part or whole of the Oberlin Theological Library. Copies of the relevant correspondence are in Dr. Hurley's files.

I was impressed by the signs of concern expressed by faculty and administration relative to the health of the humanities. I am of the opinion that these areas have been subordinated to those where financing is more readily available and that the University has primary responsibilities in this area. The entire day was graciously and wisely handled.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:mgn

Mount Zion Hebrew Congregation

1300 Summit Avenue • St. Paul, Minnesota 55105

August 13, 1965

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

Dear Dan:

I am having typed up a basic list of Judaica that I think the Western Reserve Library ought to have, and I am enclosing the first 20 pages of the list. More will follow later.

You indicated sometime ago that you would have your Temple Library check Reserve's holdings and see what they have.

Please bear in mind that this is a very basic minimal list. I will be working in the next few weeks on some other supplementary lists.

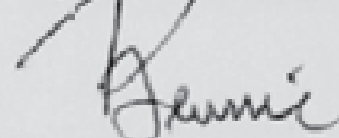
Have there been any new developments regarding the Oberlin Theological Library? Please do keep me posted.

Vacation is now over and I will have to start plugging away preparing for the High Holidays.

I shall have to be in New York September 20-22 and am planning to stop over in Cleveland for a few hours on Monday, September 20. I know this is just before Rosh Hashanah, but nevertheless I hope you may have a spare hour and that we will be able to visit a bit that day.

Hoping that you and Adele and the children are all well and enjoying a pleasant and restful summer and with warmest greetings and good wishes, I am

Most cordially,



Bernard Martin

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August 27, 1965

Rabbi Bernard Martin
Mount Zion Hebrew Congregation
1300 Summit Avenue
St. Paul 5, Minnesota

Dear Bernie:

Enclosed is a completed list. The checks represent books available in the Western Reserve University Library.

I believe that Wes Lawrence of the Cleveland Plain Dealer will contact you about a review on my new book for his paper. I would very much appreciate it if you would undertake this as there is no one in Cleveland who is capable of dealing with it.

I am looking forward to seeing you on the 20th.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:mgn

Encls.

Mount Zion Hebrew Congregation

1300 SUMMIT AVENUE

Saint Paul

STUDY OF
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August 30, 1965

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

Dear Dan:

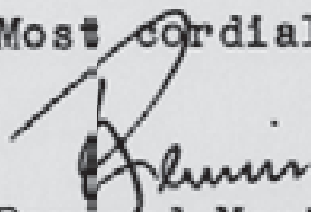
Many thanks for having my library list checked. I will send you another list within a few days and would appreciate your having this one checked also. Then when I see you in Cleveland, we can talk about ways of getting the University library to order the books it does not now have. ✓

I should be more than happy to review your book for the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Where can I get a copy? I have not yet heard from Mr. Lawrence but when I do, I will reply promptly.

Do you have some idea for a topic for your address here on October 29? Please send it to me as soon as possible, because we are working on a brochure now listing all of our Friday night speakers and their topics.

It will be good to see you again in Cleveland. In the meantime, with all good wishes for you and Adele and the children, I am

Most cordially,


Bernard Martin

BM dm

Mount Zion Hebrew Congregation

1300 SUMMIT AVENUE

Saint Paul

STUDY OF
RABBI BERNARD MARTIN, PH. D.

September 24, 1965

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

Dear Dan:

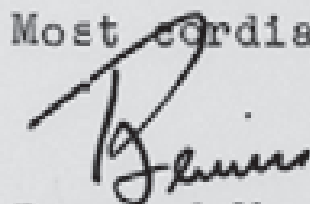
Nancy and I are back home after our sad mission to Danville. Casper certainly had a happy and very good life, but it was nonetheless difficult to part with him.

After leaving you last Thursday, I spoke with Frank Hurley about the library problem. He agreed that the money for the purchase of these books should come from the endowment. Could you make whatever arrangements with Mr. Hahn and/or others ~~as~~ are necessary, and then send the enclosed list over to Rolland Wolfe. He indicated that he would be glad to arrange for the library officials to order those volumes on the list that Western Reserve presently does not have.

It was good being with you in Cleveland and I appreciate your "shlepping" me out to the house in University Heights. Nancy was glad to get the measurements and other information she wanted.

With best wishes for you and Adele and the children for a Shanah Tovah, I am

Most cordially,



Bernard Martin

BM dm

September 3, 1965

Rabbi Bernard Martin
Mount Zion Hebrew Congregation
1300 Summit Avenue
Saint Paul 5, Minnesota

Dear Berrie:

I will see to it that your library list is gone over as soon as it reaches here. What I should like to do with you in Saint Paul is to discuss my new book. Tentatively, I would suggest the title "The Great Controversy" with the sub-title "When Men Burned and The Books of Maimonides."

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEFEMY SILVER

DJS:mga

September 28, 1965

Rabbi Bernard Martin
Mt. Zion Hebrew Congregation
1300 Summit Avenue
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Bernie:

I am not quite sure what I am to do with the list. What would you estimate would be the cost of buying what is needed? Send me a note and give me an estimate and I will talk it over with Edgar Hahn.

I hope these last days have not been too trying and that the New Year was as happy as it can be.

As always,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:mgm

Mount Zion Hebrew Congregation

1300 SUMMIT AVENUE

Saint Paul

STUDY OF
RABBI BERNARD MARTIN, PH.D.

October 1, 1965

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

Dear Dan:

My guess, and it is no more than that, is that the books on the list, excluding the journal series, would cost about \$5,000.

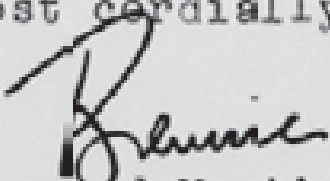
I would appreciate your taking the matter up with Edgar Hahn and, when purchase has been authorized, sending the list over to Rolland Wolfe. He indicated that he would have the library officials at Western Reserve order the books.

There is no rush on this; I know you must be up to your neck in work at this High Holiday Season.

Nancy and I are looking forward with much pleasure to seeing you on October 29th. I am enclosing a copy of our adult education brochure in which the announcement of your lecture is included.

In the meantime, with warmest good wishes for you and Adele and the children, I am

Most cordially,


Bernard Martin
Rabbi

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October 9, 1965

Dr. Roland Wolfe
Chairman, Dept. of Religion
Western Reserve University
Room 212 Mather Memorial Building
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Dr. Wolfe:

Enclosed you will find an alphabetical book list with the volumes which Bernard Martin needs to begin his courses. Those checked are already in the Western Reserve Library. Those not checked are to be purchased.

The bill for these books is to be sent to the Beaumont Foundation attention Mr. Edgar Hahn. He requests that they be sent in at one time rather than in dribblets. If you have any questions about this material our Librarian, Meriam Leikind, is thoroughly familiar with this category of publications and can be of great help. I know that Bernie has kept you abreast of this material.

May I wish you and your dear wife all manner of good in the New Year.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER
DJS:mgn

Encls.

October 12, 1965

Professor Rolland E. Wolfe
Chairman, Dept. of Religion
Western Reserve University
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Rolland,

You will shortly be receiving, if you have not already done so, from Rabbi Silver a list of Judaica to be purchased for the library.

Rabbi Silver indicated that he had received authorization from the trustees of the Endowment Fund to go ahead with the purchase of these books.

Would you please have the library authorities proceed to order them? It would be most helpful to have all or most of these volumes by February.

Hoping this finds you well, and looking forward to seeing you again in the near future, I am

Most cordially,

Bernard Martin
Rabbi

cc: Rabbi Silver
mm

October 13, 1965

Rabbi Bernard Martin
Mount Zion Hebrew Congregation
1300 Summit Avenue
St. Paul 5, Minnesota

Dear Bernie:

The Beaumont Foundation will turn over a check for \$5,550 to Western Reserve University to permit payment of library purchases. Dean Burley is arranging the transfer with Edgar Hahn.

I have been thinking of your proper introduction and I am wondering if it might not be worthwhile to bring into being a monthly meeting with a dozen men or so. We could organize these evenings around a paper and discussion. Each of us would deliver some material of interest to him, the general fields of Rabbinic History, Theology, etc. I would think of inviting Cohen, Lelyveld, Kabakoff, Herman, Spero, etc. This would permit you to get involved with the rabbis in the right level and I think might prove a useful addition to the community. Write me any suggestions as to names, times, structure, etc.

With all good wishes, I remain,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:mgm

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

COPY

13 October 1965

Mr. Edgar A. Hahn
The Beaumont Foundation
National City Bank Building
629 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio
44114

Dear Mr. Hahn:

We are now at the point where it would be helpful to receive from The Beaumont Foundation the accrued interest on the principal sum to be contributed to the endowment of the Abba Hillel Silver Chair of Jewish Studies.

In accord with our earlier conversations, we will place the interest received in a special account to be used for the purchase of library materials and other expenses incidental to establishing the new program of studies next semester.

We will appreciate it if you will send the check for the accrued interest to Mr. Harold R. Burke, Comptroller of Western Reserve University.

It is my understanding that the principal sum will be transferred to the University shortly after January 1, 1966, when Dr. Bernard Martin joins the faculty.

May I express once again our gratitude to The Beaumont Foundation for its part in making the new chair possible and especially for your personal interest and assistance in the new program.

Cordially,

Frank H. Hurley
Frank H. Hurley

cc to President Millis
Mr. Harold R. Burke, Comptroller
bcc to Mr. Clifford
Dr. D. J. Silver ✓

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Jewish Scholar Coming to WRU Speaks Nov. 28

Rabbi Bernard Martin of Mount Zion Hebrew Congregation, St. Paul, will be the speaker at the second annual Abba Hillel Silver Memorial Lecture at the Temple, University Circle.

He will talk on "Can American Judaism Endure?" at 10:30 a. m. Sunday, Nov. 28.

On Jan. 1, Rabbi Martin will occupy the A. H. Silver Chair of Jewish Studies at Western Reserve University. The late rabbi's son, Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver, is the Temple's spiritual leader.

Rabbi Martin came to the U. S. as a boy from Czechoslovakia, has degrees from the University of Chicago, Hebrew Union College and the University of Illinois.



A. H. SILVER memorial lecturer will be Rabbi Bernard Martin of St. Paul. He is joining the Western Reserve faculty Jan. 1.

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November 4, 1965

Dr. Bernard Martin

was *4/2 W.D.*
Dr. Martin is rabbi of the Mount Zion Hebrew Congregation in St. Paul, Minnesota. He received his B.A. degree from the University of Chicago in 1947 and was ordained as rabbi and awarded a Master of Hebrew Letters degree by the Hebrew Union College. He has a PhD in philosophy from the University of Illinois. Rabbi Martin was born in Czechoslovakia but came to the United States as a young boy.

Dr. Martin is the author of two books, "The Existentialist Theology of Paul Tillich" and "Athens and Jerusalem: The Philosophy of Lev Shestov."

December 10, 1965

Rabbi Bernard Martin
Mount Zion Hebrew Congregation
1300 Summit Avenue
St. Paul 5, Minnesota

Dear Bernie:

I hope the problems of moving, packing, etc. are not too tedious. I have one note from here. Karl Likover called. He will, of course, do what you asked, but he mentioned that the walls in the bedrooms needed a thorough cleaning. I pass it on to you for what it is worth.

I am enclosing the check for your expenses. There is an additional gift, but rather than send it up and only to have you cart it back, I will wait until you come.

Bill Treuhaupt and I plan a reception for Nancy and yourself sometime in January. Bill is the man who was instrumental in getting the gift from the Foundation and one of our leading citizens. We are meeting Sunday to discuss the dates and I will be in touch with you about this.

As always,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER
DJS:mga

Encls.

Hotel Oliver Ginnell,

West- 72nd Street,

New York.

15.11.65.

Dear Rabb Silver:-

I am writing from Jerusalem,
but as from the above address, where I am to
arrive next week, staying until after Passover. —

I am greatly flattered by your invitation.

But - apart from other considerations - I have
been pretty ill, & cannot face the prospect.

just now, of embarking into a new
enterprise which, however pleasant, cannot

be other than arduous. My gratitude to

you for thinking of me is enhanced
by the very high regard I have of

your unforgettable Father.

Sincerely yours

Cecil Roth

Cecil Roth
21 Rehov Balfour
Jerusalem, Israel

Hotel Oliver Cromwell

West 72nd. Street

New York

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing from Jerusalem, but as from the above address, where I am to arrive next week, staying until after Passover. I am greatly flattered by your invitation. But - apart from other considerations - I have been pretty ill, and cannot face the prospect, just now, of embarking into a new enterprise which, however pleasant, cannot be other than arduous. My gratitude to you for thinking of me is enhanced by the very high regard I had of your unforgettable Father.

Sincerely yours,

S/ Cecil Roth

Cecil Roth
21 Rehov Balfour
Jerusalem, Israel

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Jan 2, 1966

was treated there and released to police, who took him to the Juvenile Detention Home.

death at a New Year's Eve dance when crowds surged from a balcony at Nuneaton's cooperative hall.

WILLIAM, SON OF THE LATE MRS. KACZMAREK OF 3717 Archwood Avenue S.W.

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and two daughters. His Service will be Czeslowski, Gaur

At WRU

Jewish Studies Prof Relishes Challenge

An opportunity to teach college students religion at a time they are "questioning the assumptions of their childhood and adolescence" presents a new challenge to the first Abba Hillel Silver, professor of Jewish studies at Western Reserve University.

Rabbi Bernard Martin, 37, officially began duties yesterday. The chair was established in honor of the late Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, spiritual leader of the Temple for 46 years.

Rabbi Martin will conduct classes at undergraduate and graduate levels. It will be his first teaching position.

"There is a resurgence of interest in religion," Rabbi Martin said. "Students today are interested in the intellec-

tual problems of religion, not just formal religiousness.

"STUDENTS TODAY think in an open, critical approach, rather than in the dogmatic, preach approach. College students don't take well to dogmatism.

"I feel it is important now for both Jewish and non-Jewish students to obtain a mature and adult understanding of Judaism at the university level.

"Most students go through a period of criticizing. Now is the time to search for more relevant and intellectually sophisticated faith."

It will be the first time Jewish studies will be offered as a course in the WRU religion department. Rabbi Martin expects that the

courses will draw many non-Jews.

"I feel particularly proud to occupy the chair honoring Dr. Silver," he said. "Dr. Silver was one of the great Jews of the 20th century.

"HE HAS GIVEN life-long effort on behalf of Judaism and creative Jewish survival in America."

Rabbi Martin spent 4½ years as senior rabbi of Mount Zion Congregation in St. Paul, Minn., before taking his new post.

The Martin family moved to 2503 Dysart Road, University Heights, last week. They have two children, Rachael, 9, and Joseph, 5.

Rabbi Martin received a B. A. from the University of Chicago in philosophy in 1947.

He holds a masters' degree and doctorate degree in philosophy from the University of Illinois.

A native of Czechoslovakia, he came to this country when he was 6-years old.

HIS WIFE, NANCY, holds a law degree from the University of Chicago. She expects to do volunteer work with the Legal Aid Society once the family is established.

The Silver chair of Jewish studies was established by a \$500,000 endowment, announced last September, through funds from the Louis D. Beaumont Foundation, the Edith Ainsfield Wolf Fund of the Cleveland Foundation and the Endowment Fund of the Jewish Community Federation.



Rabbi Martin sits with his family, from Rachael, 9, Joseph, 5, and his wife, Nancy. Photo by William G. 1

John J. Grady (Medicine) is president of the Ohio Society of Internal Medicine and will serve as Ohio delegate to the American Society of Internal Medicine in New York city in April.

Studies by **Steven I. Hajdu** (Medicine) and co-authors have been published, or will soon appear, in *Cancer* and *American Journal of Diseases of Children*. Dr. Hajdu is also co-author of several papers submitted for publication in professional journals and also of several in preparation. His research dealing with "Epithelial linings of female sex organs" is supported in part by the American Cancer Society, Cuyahoga County division.

Carol Ann Hall (Medicine), formerly technician in the department of physiology, is now secretary-technician.

John F. Hall (geology) addressed the earth science classes at Madison High School, Madison, Ohio, Feb. 3.

John R. Haserick (Medicine) addressed the Toronto Academy of Medicine, Feb. 10, and the Montreal Academy of Medicine Feb. 28.

Herman Hellerstein (Medicine) was a member of the visiting faculty of the American College of Cardiology postgraduate program in La Jolla, Calif., recently.

Frederick Herzberg (psychology) gave the keynote address at the annual meeting of the Pittsburgh Personnel Association Feb. 9. An interview with Professor Herzberg was broadcast over Radio Free Europe in February.

William M. Heston (vice provost) will speak March 27 in Yellow Springs, Ohio, on "Men, Machines, and Metaphysics." He will be chairman of a session on New Goals in Mental Health at Cleveland's Health and Welfare Institute March 22.

Robert A. Hingson (Medicine) was a speaker at the annual dinner meeting of the Milwaukee Academy of Medicine in January. While in Milwaukee he also addressed the Milwaukee chapter of the Lutheran Medical Mission Association.

Eugene Z. Hirsch (Medicine) is engaged in research in cardiology and radioisotopes. He is coordinator of a cardiac rehabilitation program in addition to his teaching. He is interested in metabolic studies regarding lipids and cholesterol in coronary heart disease.

William D. Holden (Medicine) has received a USPHS grant of over \$50,000 for the first year of a study of cellular and subcellular changes in shock. Working with Dr. Holden on the project are **William R. Drucker**, **Ralph G. DePalma**, and **Stanley Levey** (all of Medicine).

Charles L. Hudson (Medicine) spoke at Southwestern College, Memphis, Tenn., recently in its Dilemma '66 Symposium.

Priscilla Jennings (Law) has been promoted from faculty secretary to secretary, School of Law.

Geneva R. Johnson (director, physical therapy curriculum) attended a meeting of the Committee on Graduate Education, American Physical Therapy Association, in Chapel Hill.

Viktors Kalnins (Dentistry) and co-authors including **Bruce L. Motter** (also Dentistry) have an article in the February issue of *Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine and Oral Pathology*.

Philip Kazdan (Medicine) is chief, department of ophthalmology, and secretary of the staff at Huron Road Hospital.

John H. Kennedy (Medicine) is principal author of an article on "Use of a Pump Oxygenator in Clinical Cardiac Failure" in the *Journal of the AMA*. Dr. Kennedy reports papers presented at the Society of Thoracic Surgeons in Denver and the Scientific Council, Heart Association of Northeastern Ohio, Inc. Co-participant with Dr. Kennedy at the latter meeting was Maurice McGregor, M.D., director of cardiovascular research, Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal.

Clifford L. Kiehn (Medicine) attended the Ohio Valley Plastic Surgery Society in Columbus on March 1. He is also attending the American College of Surgeons meeting March 14 to 17 in Cleveland.

Ruth Kimmerle (Nursing) is now assistant in administration, Registered Nurse Program. She was formerly assistant to dean, School of Nursing.

Norma Kolthoff (Nursing) took part in the American Nurses Association's Nursing Research Conference recently.

L. O. Krampitz (Medicine), director of the WRU department of microbiology, was one of three Macalester College alumni who took

part in a science symposium opening the new Olin Hall of Science on the St. Paul, Minn., campus.

Thomas F. Linke (Medicine) spoke on "Calcific Tendinitis of the Shoulder" in a panel discussion of shoulder arm pain for the Interstate Post-Graduate Medical Association of North America.

Roswell Lowry (Medicine) attended a meeting on "Aero-Space Medicine" held in Dayton in January by the Ohio Society of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

Sven Lundstedt (psychology) has been reappointed a trustee of the Cleveland Mental Health Association. He recently lectured before the U.S. Civil Service Commission, Washington.

Stefan Machlup (physics) attended the annual meeting of the American Physical Society in New York between semesters.

Bernard Martin (religion) is author of "Judaism and Christianity: Dialogue or Polemic?" in the *Journal of the Central Conference of American Rabbis*, January 1966. He gave two addresses Feb. 7 at an all-day Institute for Christian Clergy in Dayton. His audience included 350 Protestant and Roman Catholic clergy.

John W. Martin (Medicine) is active in the American Heart Association as chairman of the nominating committee, and member of the Professional Education Committee and the Board of Directors.

Joseph P. Martin (Medicine) was an invited participant in the White House Conference on Health last November. In January he addressed the Goodrich Sterling Board of Trustees to solicit increased community action for public birth control clinics.

LeRoy W. Matthews (Medicine) spoke on Pulmonary Function Testing and on Inhalation Therapy at a UCLA post-graduate course on Current Developments in Cystic Fibrosis in Los Angeles in February. He is scheduled to speak in Gainesville, Fla. in May before the Florida Medical Association meeting.

Betty Hosmer Mawardi (Medicine) spoke on research in medical education and career study at the Center for Clinical Research, Stanford University Medical School on Feb. 11. She has been named chairman of group planning the 5th annual Conference on Research in Medical Education to be held in San Francisco next October. Mrs. Mawardi also was a panel member at the AMA's 62nd annual Congress on Medical Education in Chicago Feb. 7.

Jessica S. Melton (Documentation) presented a seminar in a series on Information Sciences sponsored by the NSF at Lehigh University in February. March 4-6 she attended a three-day invitational conference at Airlie House, Warrenton, Va.

Harvey J. Mendelsohn (Medicine) spoke on his experience aboard the *S.S. Hope* before the Women's Fellowship meeting of the Medina United Church of Christ Jan. 5.

Hermann Menges, Jr. and **Walter H. Pritchard** (both Medicine) are co-authors of a recent article in *American Heart Journal*. Dr. Menges recently addressed the Wayne County Heart Society on "Recent Advances in Cardiovascular Disease."

Margaret L. Moonan (Medicine) has been named technician in the department of anatomy. She was formerly laboratory helper.

Leonard Pearson (psychology) participated as a panelist in a two-day workshop sponsored by the Vocational Rehabilitation Administration, HEW, for directors of Ph.D. programs in rehabilitation psychology in New York city.

Michael D. Petti (Medicine) reports that his syndicated newspaper column "The Specialists" which appears in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* with articles by WRU medical faculty now appears in papers in Ohio, Florida, Indiana, Massachusetts and Virginia. The Department of Health, Education and Welfare has requested all back issues and future issues for the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, Md.

Virginia Lee Rabe (biology) has received a change in title from typist to secretary, department of biology.

Charles H. Rammelkamp, Jr. (Medicine) was the Ben Taub Visiting Professor of Medicine at Baylor University, Houston, Texas Feb. 24-26. He also lectured at Harvard Feb. 28 and March 1.

James W. Reagan (Medicine) was one of four medical educators who spoke in San Diego in January at a Symposium on Current Advances in Female Reproductive Physiology.

June 9, 1966

Professor Abraham Kaplan
Department of Philosophy
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Professor Kaplan:

I should like to invite you to speak to this congregation on either Sunday morning November 6 or November 13, 1966. I should like to have you discuss with us the general theme of science and faith. This congregation is one of the few which retains not only Sabbath worship but a Sunday morning lecture service which begins at 10:30 a.m.

The worship service lasts about one-half hour and there is then a forty-minute address. There is a large congregation present. You will find them a high level - if non-academic - audience.

The Chair of Jewish Studies at Western Reserve University has been established in memory of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, who occupied this pulpit for almost half a century. We try to share our guests with the Western Reserve University. Dr. Bernard Martin, who presently occupies the chair, is eager to arrange a University lecture for you on the Monday following either of these dates. He too would like you to deal in the general area of contemporary philosophy and theology. If you agree to our invitation we will correspond more directly.

There is an honorarium of \$500 attached for this lecture, and we would, of course, defray all your expenses. I have not had the privilege of meeting you personally but I have heard you lecture and would consider it a privilege to introduce you here. With all good wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER
DJS:mgm

10/19/66 Edgar Hahn
Accepted invitation
via phone.

October 18, 1966

Mr. Edgar A. Hahn
800 National City E. 6th Building
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Dear Edgar:

Dr. Bernard Martin, The Abba Hillel Silver Professor of Jewish Studies at Reserve, indicated the other day that he would like to make a detailed report of his progress to the three of us (William Treuhart, yourself and myself). He is happy with his progress and would like to lay out some guidelines for the future.

Would the date of Monday evening, November 21st be agreeable? We could meet at 8:00 P. M. over coffee at my house. If the date is agreeable would you so indicate to my secretary because I should like for everyone to be present. If it is not, we will search for another date. I know that Dr. Martin is more than gratified with the level of interest shown in his work and for the support he has received in the community.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf

October 25, 1966

Mr. Henry Zucker
The Jewish Community Federation
of Cleveland
1750 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Henry:

On Monday, November 21st, Bill Treuhart, Edgar Hahn and I are meeting with Dr. Bernard Martin to receive a report on his first year in The Abba Hillel Silver Chair. The meeting will be at my home at 8:00 O'clock. I should be very pleased if you could join us. If possible, would you so indicate to my secretary. With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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Some Suggested Lecturers:

1. Jacob Agus (Baltimore): Jewish History and Philosophy

2. Alexander Altmann (Brandeis): Bible, Philosophy

3. Eugene Borowitz (AUC-NY): Philosophy, Theology

4. Robert Gordis (NY-ITS): Bible, History

5. Nelson Gluckstein (AUC-NY): Archaeology

6. Abraham J. Heschel (I.T.S.): Bible, Philosophy, Theology

7. Irving Howe (Brandeis) or Lech Fiedler:

The Jew and Judaism in Contemporary American Literature

8. Irving Kristol (ed., Public Affairs, N.Y.):

Judaism and Psychoanalysis; Politics

* 9. Abraham Kaplan (Phil.-U. of Mich.): Judaism and Science,
Chassidism

10. Howard Sachar (Brandeis): Modern Jewish History



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11. Jacob Petuchowski (AUC): Theology, Rabbinics
12. Maurice Samuel (Y.Y.)
13. Steven Schwartzchild (Washington U., St. Louis): Theology
14. One of the "death-of-God Theologians"

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June 15, 1966

Mrs. Charles Auerbach
18507 Newell Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44122

Dear Mrs. Auerbach:

Enclosed are some biographical notes you requested on Dr. Bernard Martin. You might wish to contact his office at the University directly to get more details regarding the speaking engagements he has accomplished since January 1st.

I didn't know whether or not you wanted to mention the fact that Rabbi (Dr.) Martin is a member of The Temple.

Dr. Martin's phone number at WRU is CE 1-7700, extension 363.

Sincerely,

Margurite G. Mihok
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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[June 15, 1966]

DR. BERNARD MARTIN

BA - University of Chicago 1947
in Philosophy
Master of Hebrew Letters and ordained rabbi from Hebrew Union College
Master's and
Doctorate in Philosophy - University of Illinois

He was appointed to occupy the Abba Hillel Silver Chair of Jewish Studies at Western Reserve University on January 1, 1966, which Chair was established by endowments through the funds of the Louis D. Beaumont Foundation, the Edith Ainsfield Wolf Fund, the Cleveland Foundation and the Endowment Fund of the Jewish Community Federation.

Rabbi Martin spent 4-1/2 years as senior Rabbi of Mount Zion Congregation, St. Paul, Minnesota before taking his new post.

Dr. Martin and his wife Nancy and two children, Rachael and Joseph reside in University Heights. Mrs. Martin holds a law degree from the University of Chicago.

Dr. Martin has authored two books, "The Existentialist Theology of Paul Tillich" and "Athens and Jerusalem: The Philosophy of Lev Shestov."

He was the guest speaker at the Second Annual Abba Hillel Silver Memorial service at The Temple last November and has been guest speaker and lecturer in many cities since coming to Cleveland.

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Centennial Honors Dean Boyle, Dr. Janke

Dean Paul E. Boyle of the WRU School of Dentistry was last month awarded the Callahan Medal, highest honor of the Ohio State Dental Association, at its 100th anniversary convention in Columbus. The award was bestowed "in recognition of the high merit of the scientific contributions which he has made to humanity and the healing professions."



Dean Boyle

A Centenary Citation expressing appreciation to the WRU School of Dentistry as "an institution devoted to the providing of high quality dental education and to the furnishing of dental manpower since 1892" was also presented by the OSDA.

Dean Boyle is also new president of the Ohio Division, American Cancer Society.

Dr. Harvey Janke of the WRU dental faculty, took office as president of the OSDA at the anniversary meeting. Drs. Benton Cole and Erwin Raffel were speakers on the program.

Dr. Martin translates work of Russian philosopher

Dr. Martin Translates Work Of Russian Philosopher

Dr. Bernard Martin, Abba Hillel Silver Professor of Jewish Studies, has translated into English for the first time *Athens and Jerusalem*, major work of the Russian Jewish philosopher Lev Shestov who died in 1938. Dr. Martin's translation and critical and interpretive introduction has just been published by the Ohio University Press.

Another major work of Shestov entitled *Potestas Clavium* has also been translated by Dr. Martin and will be published by the Ohio University Press next year. Shestov has been described as "the least known of the great religious thinkers of the 20th Century." Russian-born he spent the last 20 years of his life teaching at the Sorbonne. English, French and Russian scholars and critics held his work in highest esteem.

Dr. Martin's book, *The Existentialist Theology of Paul Tillich*, originally published in the U.S. in 1963, has been brought out in a British edition recently. An article on "Paul Tillich and Judaism" by Dr. Martin appeared in the Spring issue of *Judaism: A Quarterly Review*.

Full-Time Faculty and Staff May Obtain Improved Blue Cross Coverage

A new and improved contract for hospital care and medical-surgical services is being offered to all full-time faculty and staff members through Blue Cross of Northeast Ohio in a campaign ending Nov. 23, 1966.

The new Comprehensive Contract carries \$300 increase in surgical benefits (present, \$200; proposed, \$500) and \$430 increase in medical care services in the hospital

NEW ASSISTANT DEAN FOR WRU DENTAL SCHOOL

Prof. George S. Moore, D.D.S., a member of the dental faculty since 1962, has been named Assistant Dean in the School of Dentistry.

Before coming to WRU as a member of the faculty, Dr. Moore served 26 years with the dental corps of the Army and Air Force, including three years (1959-62) as Director of Dental Services at the Headquarters, Air Defense Command, Colorado Springs. Earlier he had served in an administrative capacity in the Headquarters, USAF, Office of the Surgeon General, Washington, D.C. as Deputy for Dental Requirements World Wide.



Dean Moore

Cleveland-born Dr. Moore holds the B.S. from Adelbert College and the D.D.S. from WRU as well. He served during World War II in the Army Dental Corps, and after a year of post-war private practice returned to military service in 1947, retiring in 1962 with the rank of Colonel.

His professional publications include book reviews in the Armed Forces medical bulletins. He is a member of national, state and local dental societies and associations and of Omicron Kappa Upsilon (dental honorary).

William Stewart, formerly assistant administrator, Riverside Hospital, Toledo, is now business administrator, School of Dentistry. Michael E. LaBosky, administrative assistant for more than seven years, is now Assistant to the President, University Circle Development Foundation.

(present, \$245; proposed, \$675). It also adds coverage for a wide range of diagnostic tests and therapeutic services in the hospital or doctor's office to the minimal services provided in the present contract.

These increased benefits for surgical and medical care are available at a nominal per month increase of only \$4.80 for the family contract and \$2.90 for the one-person contract.

The Comprehensive Contract will be available to the University, however, only if 75% of those eligible elect to accept it. Faculty and staff members who want the improved contract are urged to register their acceptance at once, before the Nov. 23 deadline.

If the required enrollment is achieved, the contract will become effective Jan. 1, 1967, for those who have enrolled.

Any full-time faculty or staff member who has not been given an opportunity to enroll should call the Administrator of Faculty Benefits, Ext. 2562, or Personnel Office, Ext. 771.



On behalf of the Cleveland Museum of Art Mrs. R. Henry Norweb, president, accepts from President Millis a resolution of the WRU Board of Trustees commemorating the Museum's 50 years as a neighbor of the University, at "WRU Night at the Cleveland Museum of Art". Speaker of the evening was Dr. Sherman E. Lee, director of the Museum and Professor of Art at WRU.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Ellenor Tallmadge

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LEO S. BAMBERGER
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

January 2, 1967

On Sunday morning, January 14, Dr. Bernard Martin,
Professor of Abba Hillel Silver Chair of Jewish Studies
at Case Western Reserve University, will occupy The
Temple pulpit and will speak on, Must We Say Kaddish
For Soviet Jewry?

Dr. Martin has just returned from the Soviet Union.
This will be his first report on conditions within Russia
and the fate of its large Jewish community.

Services begin at 10:30 a.m. The public is invited.

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August 28, 1967

Dr. Bernard Martin
Religion Department
Case Western Reserve University
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Martin:

Please accept my heartiest Mazel Tov upon your appointment as Head of the Department of Religion. It was a surprise since neither you nor Rabbi Dan gave me any indication of this wonderful happening.

I wish you a most successful beginning followed by an even greater success in the future. May you be blessed and inspired and guided by Him whom we thank for our daily existence.

It has been such a pleasure knowing you. I hope we shall continue to see you at The Temple on some of your missions as in the past, though your visits have been somewhat infrequent.

With best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely,

Margurite G. Mihok
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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DR. WALTER JACOB

RABBI

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FIFTH AND MOREWOOD AVENUES

PITTSBURGH, PA. 15213

December 10, 1969

Dear Dan:

This is a letter of inquiry about the Abba Hillel Silver Chair at Case Western Reserve which was established a few years ago. I am now trying to establish a Chair at the University of Pittsburgh in honor of Dr. Freehof. In order to proceed, it would be very helpful to know the endowment which the Chair in Cleveland has. Are there any special provisions for type of person who will occupy the Chair? Did you find any reluctance on the part of the University about such provisions? Let me ask you, in your capacity as President of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture, what the current salary expectations are of young Jewish scholars.

Now, with best wishes for a happy Chanuko,

Sincerely,



Walter Jacob

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Dr. Daniel Jeremy Silver
The Temple
University Circle and Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

December 15, 1969

Rabbi Walter Jacob
Rodef Shalom Temple
Fifth and Morewood Avenues
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213

Dear Walter:

The Chair at Reserve was created by a \$500,000.00 endowment set up by three Cleveland foundations (1) our Jewish Federation, (2) The Greater Cleveland Foundation, and (3) a private foundation. Election to the Chair is through a six man committee, three from the University, one from the Jewish Federation and one from the Cleveland Foundation and the rabbi of The Temple. Specifically, it is designed to be in the Department of Religion. The focus is on undergraduate teaching.

You asked about salary levels. An associate professor can expect to receive \$13,000.00 a year plus normal medical and pension benefits. I must caution you that while there will be no dearth of applicants ^{there is} a real dearth of scholars who are also willing and competent to teach undergraduates. The National Foundation for Jewish Culture is currently in the middle of a study of the academic Judaica scene which raises questions as to the availability of manpower and the proper placement of Chairs, etc. Probably your best bet would be to invite people like Lou Silberman and Bernard Martin to come down and talk the whole issue through with you. I will be happy to help in any way I can.

With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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RABBI MALCOLM H. STERN

April 7, 1970

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

Dear Dan:

I have just read with great interest your NEJC Reporter, and commend you on it.

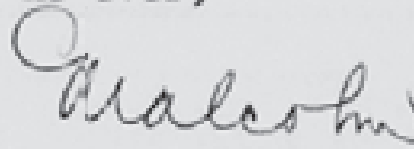
From time to time I get requests from qualified colleagues asking for openings in the area of Jewish Studies. At the moment Hillel Fine would be very interested in such a chair, if it could be combined with a small pulpit.

If you know of any such openings, I would be delighted to hear about them, and would advertise them, if you like in my Newsletter.

I gather that you will have your pick of the graduating class for your two vacancies, and wish you success in finding appropriate people.

With best wishes from our house to yours, I am

As ever,



Malcolm H. Stern

MHS:sb

April 17, 1970

Rabbi Malcolm H. Stern
Director of Placement
CCAR
790 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10021

Dear Malcolm:

Thank you for your note of April 7th. I will keep Hillel Fine in mind as far as the chair of Jewish Studies is concerned. We have tried in our office to stay away from placement and it is only by chance that such information comes to us. I ought to say also, like everything else, academic placement is tightening up and very fast.

We have picked Max Roth of the Cincinnati School to be here next year. I am still looking for the right second man but the worst of the pressure is off.

With all good wishes to you for the Passover season,
I remain

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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April 23, 1970

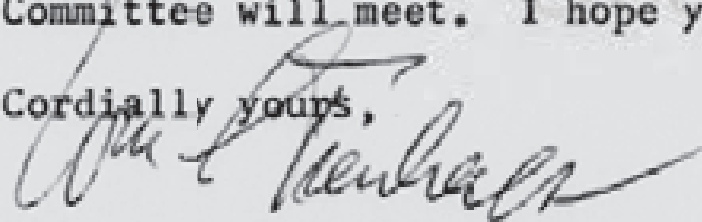
Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
The Temple
University Circle
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have invited Dr. Bernard Martin to meet with our Endowment Fund Committee to give us a report on the developments at Case Western Reserve University in connection with the Abba Hillel Silver Chair of Jewish Studies.

Because of your close association with this project and your continued interest in it, I extend to you a cordial invitation to join Dr. Martin on Wednesday, June 3 (12:00 noon - luncheon) when our Endowment Fund Committee will meet. I hope you will find it possible to be with us.

Cordially yours,


William C. Treuhaft, Chairman
Endowment Fund Committee

WCT/fr

April 24, 1970

Mr. William C. Treuhaft, Chairman
Endowment Fund Committee
The Jewish Community Federation
1750 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your invitation to attend the
Endowment Fund Committee meeting when
you will discuss the Abba Hillel Silver Chair
of Jewish Studies. I will make every attempt
to be there.

Sincerely,

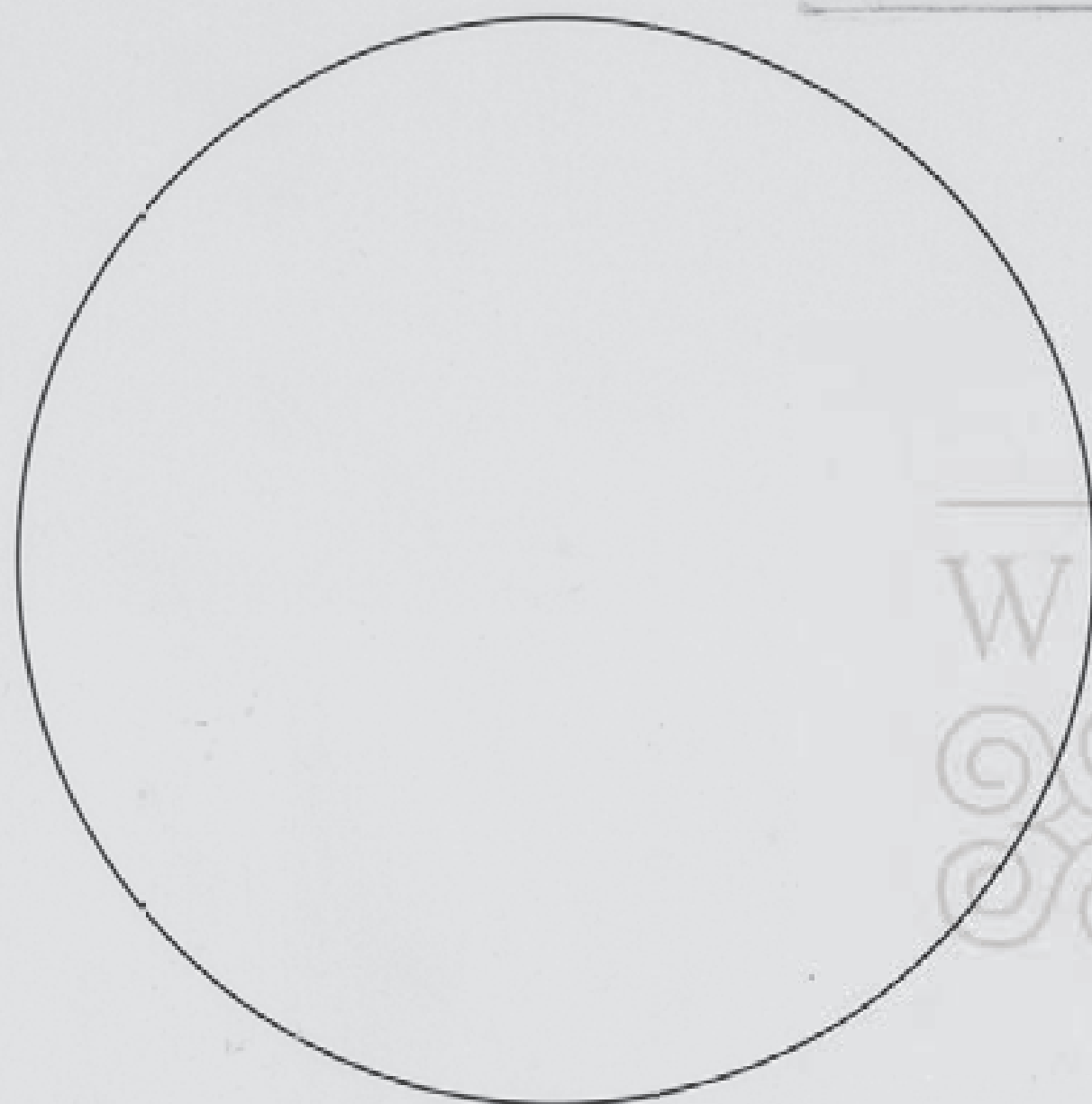
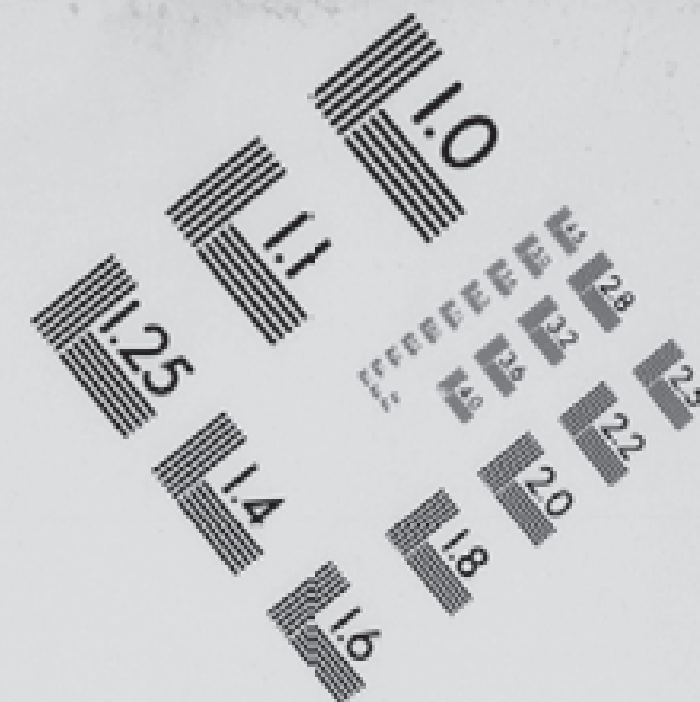
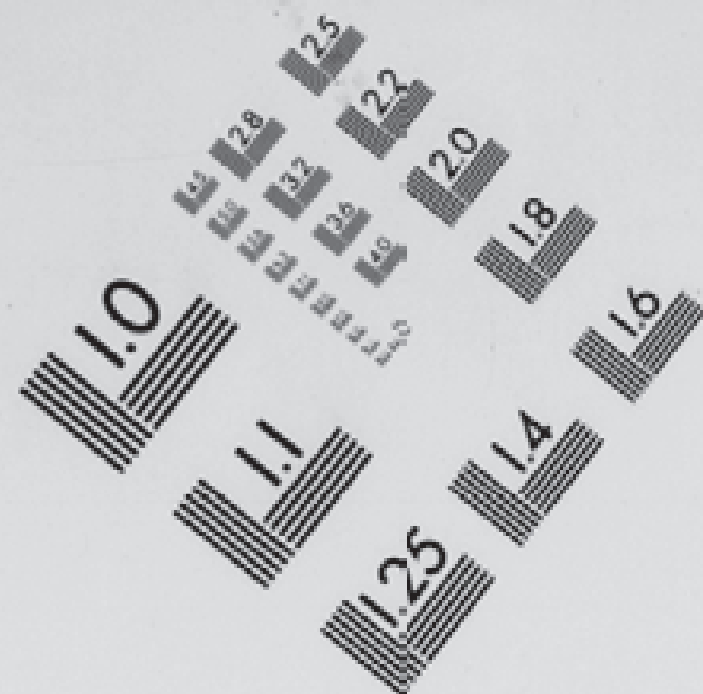
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