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The Congregation Emanu-El
Arguello Boulevard and Lake Street
San Francisco 94118

(415) 751-2535

JOSEPH ASHER, RABBI

June 27, 1974

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

Dear Daniel:

You may recall my speaking to you in Jerusalem about extending an invitation to you to lecture at our Adult Institute. We just began planning our fall session, and our committee joins me in conveying to you this formal invitation.

I enclose brochures of our two most recent Institutes to indicate to you the scope of our program.

We have scheduled the next one to begin on Wednesday, October 9, and for your appearance to start it off. Thus, our preferred date for your visit here would be October 9.

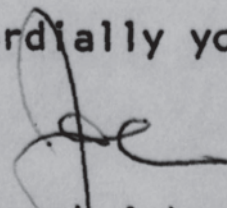
The format for the evening would be for it to begin at 8:00 promptly, that you speak for no longer than one hour, and for a question and answer period not exceeding thirty minutes.

The usual budget available to me for a speaker runs to about \$500-\$600. In view of the long distance you will have to come, I am confident that I can stretch it a little. I would not wish the limit on the budget to stand in the way of having the pleasure of your visit here.

I hope I can expect to hear from you soon and affirmatively.

With warmest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Joseph Asher
Rabbi

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July 15, 1974

Rabbi Joseph Asher
The Congregation Emanu El
Arguello Blvd. and Lake Street
San Francisco, California 94118

Dear Joe:

Please pardon my delay in responding to your kind note of June 27th, but I have been in Israel and Turkey the last three weeks. I took three of our local clergy to Jerusalem and then vacationed with Adele.

I would be very happy to be with Congregation Emanu El on Wednesday, October 9. My usual honorarium for such a visit is \$400 plus my expenses. I hope this does not stretch your budget too much. I frankly don't know what airline costs to the coast are. What specific area of Jewish thought do you want me to tackle?

Looking forward to seeing you in October and with all good wishes I remain

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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AIR MAIL

The Congregation Emanu-El
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JOSEPH ASHER, RABBI

August 6, 1974

Dear Daniel:

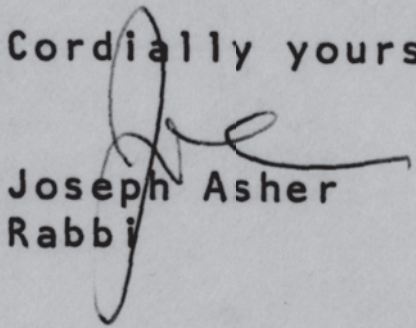
I was delighted to receive your letter of July 15 accepting our invitation to join us on October 9. Will you make your own arrangements regarding your accommodations here, or would you prefer if I were to make them for you? There is a very comfortable hotel near the Temple, where we could put you up. If you will let us know the time of your arrival in San Francisco, someone will meet you at the airport.

As for the theme of your lecture: I was much intrigued by the reprint you sent me from the Jewish Quarterly Review, and my own preference would tend toward your speaking on this subject. However, it seems too specialized and therefore we would suggest that you pick up on the subject you spoke of at the CCAR meeting in Jerusalem and/or your essay that appeared in Contemporary Reform Jewish Thought.

Since we print our brochure to be mailed early in September I would appreciate your sending me the exact title of your address, biographical sketch and a photograph.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Joseph Asher
Rabbi

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

August 12, 1974

Rabbi Joseph Asher
The Congregation Emanu-El
Arguello Blvd. & Lake St.
San Francisco, California 94118

Dear Joe:

I am looking forward to being with you on October 9. If you want me to speak on the general theme that I touched on in Jerusalem let's call it "Liberal Judaism Today - The Transformation of a Movement."

I have one other suggestion which you may find has some possibilities. Bernie Martin and I have finished a sizeable two-volume History of Judaism, a study of the development of Jewish ideas, which will be released by Basic Books in late September. I wrote volume one through Maimonides and Bernie brought matters up-to-date. While working on this project I became intrigued by the impact of historical insight on the emergence and development of contemporary Judaism and have developed a lecture on "The Possibilities of the Past - Jewish History Fashions the Jewish Future." We might make the evening a publishing event. The book will be hot off the presses and the Temple might make a little money by selling it. It's expensive, retailing at \$30.00. Obviously, I would be pleased to do a little bit of autographing. If you are interested, and I am not at all pressing you on this, you might write to Susan Loisel at Basic Books Inc., 10 East 53d St., New York, N. Y. 10022 about procuring copies for that night.

(Aug 12, 1974)

I am enclosing a bio and a photograph. As the time approaches I will be back in touch as far as time of arrival, accommodations etc. Drop me a line with your choice of subject. With all good wishes I remain

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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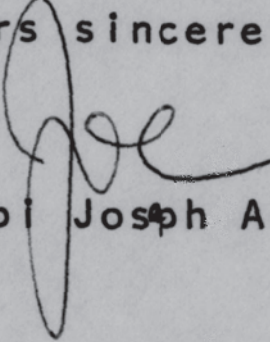
August 19, 1974

Dear Daniel:

Thank you for your letter of August 12. The suggestion regarding the publication of your new book sounds most intriguing. I shall be in touch with Basic Books, Inc. How many copies we can sell at this price is difficult to determine. Nevertheless, I would chose the topic you recommend that corresponds with the book.

With every good wish, I am,

Yours sincerely,


Rabbi Joseph Asher



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September 25, 1974

Rabbi Ralph D. Mecklenburger
The Congregation Emanu-El
Arguello Blvd. and Lake St.
San Francisco, California 94118

Dear Rabbi Mecklenburger:

I look forward to being with you on October 9. Will you please tell Joe I will miss him but wish him well. When you are a rabbi you have to grab vacations when you can.

I would appreciate your making reservations for me. I will be arriving at 12:25 P. M. on Wednesday, October 9. I will actually be staying in San Francisco through Friday night. In that regard I would be happy to have the JCRC tape an interview on Thursday if that is possible.

I appreciate your kind invitation to dinner and will look forward to meeting you and being with you. With all good wishes for the New Year I remain

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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October 14, 1974

Rabbi Herman E. Schaalman
5959 N. Sheridan Road
Chicago, Illinois 60660

Dear Herman:

That was quite a to-do you had yesterday. I hope it was as much of a financial success as it was an obvious congregational success. I enjoyed being part of it.

My expenses to Chicago were \$99.27 for the airline ticket and \$80.00 for taxis, hotel and a couple of meals.

I wish you all manner of success with the Torah project and look forward to spending some time with you the next time we meet.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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October 14, 1974

Rabbi Joseph Asher
The Congregation Emanu-El
Arguello Blvd. and Lake St.
San Francisco, California 94118

Dear Joseph:

It was a pleasure being at the Temple. My only regret was that you were not there. I am delighted to know that your boy is well on the mend and that it is now time for a vacation. We had a pleasant evening and I enjoyed the people.

Permit me one suggestion. As I met some people in San Francisco the next day at the Federation and elsewhere a number of old friends simply did not know the meeting was scheduled. Each speaker has his own group of friends. A little newspaper publicity can bring them in.

My expenses to San Francisco were \$319.27 for airlines ticket and \$40.00 for taxis and incidental expenses.

Hope to see you soon. With all good wishes I remain

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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October 14, 1974

Rabbi and Mrs. Ralph D. Mecklenburger
The Congregation Emanu-El
Arguello Blvd. and Lake St.
San Francisco, California 94118

Dear Anne and Ralph:

I want to thank you for your hospitality and the lovely dinner. I enjoyed meeting you both. I trust that when you come to Cleveland on your way to Canton you will give me a call and drop by. With all good wishes I remain

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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Reservations for Daniel J. Silver

Lv. Clev. Wednesday, Oct. 9 United #71 at 10:35 A. M.
Arr. San Francisco 12:25 P. M.

Lv. San Fran. Sat. Oct. 12 United #120 at 7:35 A. M.
Arr. Chicago 1:30 P. M.

Lv. Chic. Sunday Oct. 13 United #348 at 7:50 P. M.
Arr. Cleve. 9:57 P. M.



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Registration Information

WHERE: Congregation Emanu-El
San Francisco, California
Arguello Blvd. entrance
(corner Lake Street)

WHEN: By returning registration card
on or before October 2.

Advance registration is requested as enrollment in some of the courses is limited. Please indicate first and second choice on the reply card.

Bibliographies for assigned or independent reading will be given at the opening session. A limited number of books are available in the Voorsanger Library at the Temple, the Bureau of Jewish Education and the San Francisco Public Library and its branches.

A coffee hour will follow each session of the Institute.

Committee

Russell J. Tat, M.D., *Chairman*
Mrs. William M. Bransten
Melvin Dvorson
Dr. Irving Halperin
Mrs. Henry S. Leff
Saul Madfes
Joseph B. Hendelson
Mrs. Max Semel
Sherman H. Strauss, M.D.



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1974 FALL SEMESTER — OCTOBER 9 TO NOVEMBER 27

Emanu-El Institute of Jewish Studies

The Fall Semester, 1974, will begin with a Special Lecture on Wednesday evening, October 9, 8 p.m. by Rabbi Daniel J. Silver (see Special Lecture panel for details.) Class sessions will continue for seven additional Wednesday evenings, October 16, October 23, November 6, November 13, November 20 and November 27.

Seven courses will be offered in San Francisco and a concurrent Institute will be given in Marin County on Unusual Biblical Passages with Rabbi Mecklenburger. New to the faculty this semester are Dr. Michal Artzy and Dan Laor, both natives of Israel. Returning to the faculty will be Ilse Sternberger, Helen Ducoff and Dr. Irving Halperin.

Advance registration is suggested as enrollment in several of the courses is limited.

The Institute courses are open without charge to members of Congregation Emanu-El. The fee for non-members is \$8 for a single registrant and \$15 per couple.

UNUSUAL BIBLICAL PASSAGES

Rabbi Ralph D. Mecklenburger

A survey of some of the best known and/or most misunderstood passages in the Bible: Lot's daughters in Genesis, the trial by ordeal of the suspected adulteress in Numbers, the real meaning of Ecclesiastes' "to every thing there is a season," etc.

Beginning Wednesday evening, October 16, for seven consecutive weeks in private homes. The first session will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Sperry, Jr., 20 Crest Road, Belvedere.

The Courses

I. THE HUMAN NATURE OF THE BIBLE: REDUCING THE SOCIAL DISTANCE OF OUR BIBLICAL ANCESTORS

Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein

This course will endeavor to free the Bible from its black covers and its bleeding edges and reveal the folk wisdom, the shrewd insights, the earthy human, the simple faith of its heroic and not-so heroic characters. Relieved of the halos and the starch which tradition has imposed on them, they may be able to talk to us as friendly members of our family tree.

II. CURRENT JEWISH EVENTS, TRENDS AND PROBLEMS

Rabbi L. Elliot Grafman

Some events cast long shadows. Often they forecast or reflect important changes and trends. Many current Jewish events invite study, for they are reflecting significant trends in current Jewish life. Some are already confronting us with serious problems and are the subject of impassioned controversy in various segments of American and world Jewry. This course will consider such "current Jewish events, trends and problems" and will invite class discussion of their portent.

III. HOLY LAND ARCHAEOLOGY

Dr. Michal Artzy

This course is designed for those who want to find out more about what archaeology is as well as for those who are interested in the position of ancient Palestine in the Near East and the important sites in Israel.

IV. HOW TO LOVE HEBREW (AND READ AND SPEAK IT!)

Helen Ducoff

Students who read Hebrew phonetically will be able to continue to build up their knowledge of the language by participation in this course. Students will

develop fluency and comprehension in reading Hebrew and will also acquire some elementary conversational skills.

V. THE AMERICAN JEWISH WRITER

Dr. Irving Halperin

This course will be concerned with the writings of American Jews that have been published from the turn of the century to the present time. We will examine some major "Jewish" themes in this body of literature: the need to find parochial ties; the search for Jewish identity; suffering as a way to the "buried heart"; fathers and sons generational stresses, and conflicts between tradition and assimilation.

Background reading will include Bellow, Malamud, Roth and others.

VI. MODERN HEBREW FICTION

Dan Laor

Included in this course will be selected reading of twentieth century Hebrew fiction. The texts will be read in English translation. The course will suggest a general historical outline of the period, though its main concern will be the analysis and appreciation of individual works. A variety of authors will be introduced—among them "classics" like Samuel Joseph Agnon and Haim Hazaz, as well as contemporaries like S. Yizhar and Abraham B. Yehoshua.

VII. STRANGERS IN STRANGE LANDS

Ilse Sternberger

This course will embark on a rediscovery of long-forgotten Jewish communities, heroes and heroines, with particular emphasis on one of the most stirring periods in Jewish history: the Middle Ages.

After a general historical survey, we will focus on prototypes in China, England, Mexico, Spain and Turkey.

Optional background reading will include selected works by I. Abraham, Benjamin of Tudela, A. Hyamson, Cyrus H. Gordon, S. B. Liebman, Ronald Sanders, Simon Wiesenthal, Lucien Wolf and others.

Special Lecture

THE POSSIBILITIES OF THE PAST— JEWISH HISTORY FASHIONS THE JEWISH FUTURE



RABBI DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 9, 1974
GUILD HALL

Rabbi of The Temple of Cleveland, Ohio; graduate of Harvard University; ordained Rabbi, Hebrew Union College; served as a chaplain in the Navy during the Korean conflict; Doctor of Philosophy, University of Chicago.

Editor of the Central Conference of American Rabbi's Journal published quarterly; author of *Maimonidean Criticism and the Maimonidean Controversy; 1180-1240*; co-author of *History of Judaism*; editor of *Judaism and Ethics: a collection of essays, From the Rabbi's Desk*, and the Jubilee Anthology, *In The Time of Harvest*, essays in honor of Abba Hillel Silver, on occasion of his 70th birthday.

He is Adjunct Professor of Religion, Case Western Reserve University; president, National Foundation for Jewish Culture; chairman, Israel Task Force, Cleveland Jewish Federation; chairman Public Welfare Committee of the Cleveland Jewish Federation, United Appeal (Cleveland), American-Israel Public Affairs Committee and Synagogue Council of America.

The Faculty

RABBI RALPH D. MECKLENBURGER—Assistant Rabbi of Congregation Emanu-El. Graduate of the University of Cincinnati in English Literature. Ordained in June, 1972, from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (Cincinnati, Ohio).



RABBI JACOB WEINSTEIN—Rabbi Emeritus of K.A.M.-Isaiah Congregation of Chicago, the oldest Jewish congregation in the Middle West, where he served for 28 years. He was Rabbi of Sherith Israel of this city from 1930 to 1932 and for four years (1935-1939) served as head of the School of Jewish Studies at 3261 Clay Street. He has contributed to the Nation's leading Jewish journals and is author of *The Place of Understanding* and *A Rabbi's Rabbi*, a biography of Solomon Goldman. With his wife, the former Janet Harris, he now makes his home in San Francisco and works on his memoirs in Temple Emanu-El when not attending the hearings of the Public Review Board of the United Auto Workers Union.



RABBI L. ELLIOT GRAFMAN—Received his A.B. University of Cincinnati. Ordained at Hebrew Union College. Juris Doctor from John Marshall Law College, Chicago. Served three years as Army Chaplain. Retired in 1956 after 18 years as Rabbi of Temple Israel, Long Beach, California. Recently retired as interim Senior Rabbi of Congregation Emanu-El.



DR. MICHAL ARTZY—Born and raised in Israel, received her Ph.D. from Brandeis University in Mediterranean Studies. Has participated in archaeological excavations, worked in museums and lectured about the archaeology of the Near East. She is currently doing research in provenience studies of ceramics, the University of California at Berkeley.