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Hebrew Union College, Los Angeles, Skirball Museum,  
correspondence, 1979-1982.



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March 21, 1979

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

Dear Daniel:

Thank you for your gracious note of March 14. I have been out of the city and unable to reply to it before now. We are delighted to have your gift of the seventeen Hermann Struck etchings. Nancy Berman is the director of the Skirball Museum in Los Angeles and I am sure she would be delighted to receive this very special gift.

All is going well here, and I am very grateful to you for your inquiry and for your thought of us.

Sincerely,

Alfred Gottschalk  
President

AG:em



March 27, 1979

Ms. Nancy Berman  
Skirball Museum  
HUC-JIR  
3077 University Mall  
Los Angeles, Calif. 90007

Dear Ms. Berman:

I wrote to Fred Gottschalk about my desire to contribute seventeen Hermann Struck etchings of Israel to the College's Museum. He indicated that you would be happy to receive them. Should I send them directly to you in Los Angeles? I will need an accession record from the Museum.

I would like the card to read: Given in memory of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

With all good wishes I remain

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:mp





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March 29, 1979

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

Dear Daniel:

Though I don't really know you, I have had the great pleasure of sharing moments with Adele at several museum conferences, hence the liberty of saluting you informally. Let me hasten to add to Dr. Gottschalk's response that the HUC Skirball Museum would be grateful to include 17 Hermann Struck etchings in its collection.

Struck is one of the finest of the European graphics makers who became involved in modern Jewish history and art.

Please do not hesitate to write or call me about making any further arrangements about your generous gift.

With best wishes for a Happy Pesach,

Sincerely,

Nancy Berman  
Director  
HUC Skirball Museum

cc: Dr. Gottschalk

NB:cmk

*Hello to Adele*





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April 9, 1979

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Nancy Berman left for Israel on Friday and she asked that I write you in regards to the Struck etchings. It seems that each of your letters to each other have gotten crossed. I assume that you have received her letter by now.

In any event, she would very much appreciate it if you would send the works directly here to the Museum. You will of course receive a letter of thank you for the donation, and if you require any further records we will be happy to supply you with them.

If I can be of any help, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Carole M. Kirschner  
Administrative Secretary  
HUC Skirball Museum



April 16, 1979

Ms. Carole M. Kirschner  
Administrative Secretary  
HUC Skirball Museum  
3077 University Avenue  
Los Angeles, California 90007

Dear Ms. Kirschner:

The Struck etchings were mailed from the Cleveland Museum of Art to the attention of Nancy Berman this past weekend. I am sure they will arrive in time and in good shape.

I would appreciate receiving from the Skirball Museum a notification of their accession into your collection.

With all good wishes for your program I remain

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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May 1, 1979

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The lovely Struck etchings have arrived safely and we are happily accessioning them into our permanent collection. The Israeli landscapes are particularly welcome as they compliment our collection of Struck portraits. Your gracious and thoughtful act in giving these historic and aesthetic works to our Museum is much appreciated. They will be enjoyed and studied by our public for years to come.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nancy Berman  
Director  
HUC Skirball Museum

cc: Mr. Bernhard  
Dr. Gottschalk  
NB:kp



September 10, 1979

Ms. Nancy Berman  
Skirball Museum  
HUC-JIR  
3077 University Mall  
Los Angeles, Calif. 90007

Dear Nancy:

I am sending to you under separate cover a large bronze plaque entitled A Jewish Mother executed by Boris Schatz some time in the early 1920's. It is a fine example of his work and I am pleased to donate it to your museum. Since there is no one here who can appraise the piece, I wonder if you would arrange to do so? I would, of course, bear any expenses involved.

It is a pleasure to contribute again to the Museum's collection. Please tell Bill Skirball that I am doing this in honor of a very pleasant dinner. With all good wishes I remain

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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December 13, 1979

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

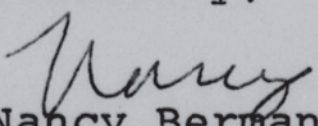
Dear Dan:

On behalf of the Hebrew Union College Skirball Museum,  
I gratefully acknowledge your gift of the plaque by  
Boris Schatz.

The piece arrived in good condition and is a welcome  
addition our collection of 20th century Jewish art. We  
appreciate your interest in enhancing this Museum's collec-  
tion and your concern for directing this material where it  
can best be used for exhibition, and educational purposes.

It was my pleasure to talk to you during my time in  
Cleveland at the AAM meeting. I hope you will be able to  
visit our Museum in the near future.

Sincerely,

  
Nancy Berman  
Director  
HUC Skirball Museum

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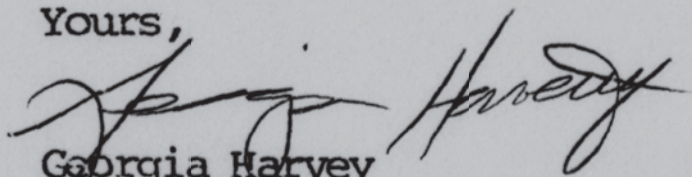
Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
The Temple  
University Circle at Silver Park  
Cleveland, OH 44106

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Please find enclosed the Deed of Gift. It should be signed and one copy returned to the Hebrew Union College Skirball Museum in the enclosed envelope. The other copy is for your records.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to call. I would appreciate it if you would return the Deed of Gift at your earliest convenience.

Yours,

  
Georgia Harvey  
Registrar  
HUC Skirball Museum



December 28, 1979

Ms. Georgia Harvey, Registrar  
HUC Skirball Museum  
3077 University Avenue  
Los Angeles, California 90007

Dear Ms. Harvey:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 13 with the Deed of Gift enclosed, asking that one copy be signed and returned for your records.

At present Rabbi Silver is out of the country on sabbatical leave and is not expected back until May 1. I will hold this for him and it can be sent back to you upon his return.

Sincerely,

Marie Pluth  
Secretary to Rabbi Daniel Silver

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DEED OF GIFT

TO THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE SKIRBALL MUSEUM:

I (we), Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver

of (address) The Temple, University Circle at Silver Park, Cleveland, Ohio 44106

am (are) the owner(s) of the property described as follows:

Property

one plaque

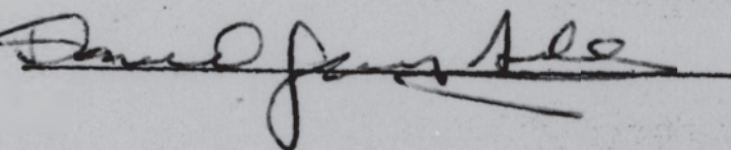
Title, Description, and Artist (if applicable)

A Jewish Mother, bronze plaque  
Boris Schatz

I (we) desire to transfer said property as a gift to the Hebrew Union College Skirball Museum, granting to the Hebrew Union College Skirball Museum full discretion as to the use and disposition thereof.

I (we) do hereby irrevocably assign, transfer, and give all my (our) right, title, and interest in and to the above-described property to the Hebrew Union College Skirball Museum.

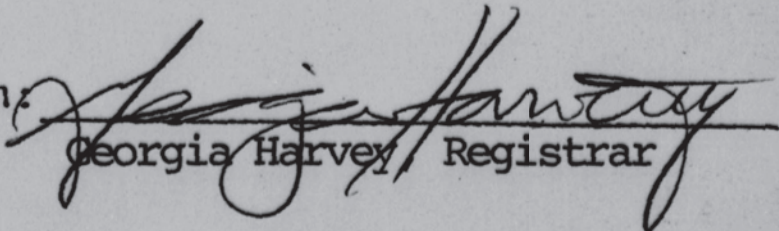
I (we) have hereunto set my (our) hand(s), (donor)



(donor)

this 14<sup>th</sup> day of Feb., 1980.

Accepted for the Hebrew Union College Skirball Museum:

  
Georgia Harvey Registrar



February 14, 1980

Ms. Nancy Berman, Director  
HUC Skirball Museum  
HUC - JIR  
3077 University Ave.  
Los Angeles, Calif. 90007

Dear Nancy:

I am returning the transfer papers on the Schatz plaque.  
As I indicated in earlier correspondence, I would like  
some indication of the value of the piece either from you  
or from somebody you know who could make such evaluation.  
If it requires money from the outside I would be happy to  
pay the cost.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:mp

Encl.





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February 22, 1980

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

Dear Dan,

Thank you for signing the deed of gift forms for the very beautiful bronze placque by Schatz. The Museum is fortunate to have it, and we very much appreciate your having given it to us.

As I may have told you when we met in Cleveland, the Museum has a Federal legal limitation against providing or obtaining appraisals for donors of works of art. The IRS makes it quite clear that it is the responsibility of the donor to get his own appraisal which by the way is itself tax deductible.

Happily however, I have ascertained that there is someone in L.A. who can do the job. However I must ask you to independently initiate the appraisal job by writing him to ask him to do the work. We will make every accomodation to have him see the work as soon as possible. His name is:

Michael Hittleman (Gallery)  
8797 Beverly Blvd.  
Los Angeles, California 90048

I hope this will have been helpful.

With warm personal regards to you and your wife,

Sincerely,

*Nancy Berman*

Nancy Berman  
Director  
HUC Skirball Museum

NB/ar

*sent to H. Yotter*



March 5, 1982

Ms. Nancy Berman  
Skirball Museum  
HUC - JIR  
3077 University Mall  
Los Angeles, Calif. 90007

Dear Nancy:

I am pleased to mail under separate cover a fine engraving by Lionel Reiss. I am pleased to add this to the various gifts I have been able to make over the past years. In Cleveland I have no way of having the piece appraised so I would appreciate it if you would make those arrangements for me and at a price for the appraisal which would not exceed the value of the gift.

I hope this finds you in good health. With all good wishes I remain

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:mp



March 24, 1980

Mr. Michael Hittleman  
8797 Beverly Blvd.  
Los Angeles, California 90048

Dear Mr. Hittleman:

Rabbi Daniel Silver is out of the country on sabbatical leave and I am writing to you at his direction.

He has donated to the Skirball Museum a large bronze plaque, entitled A Jewish Mother, executed by Boris Schatz some time in the early 1920's. Ms. Berman, Director at the Museum, has advised that you can appraise the piece.

Rabbi Silver would appreciate an appraisal of this piece and will pay for the appraisal and any costs involved. I am sure Ms. Berman will cooperate in any way that she can.

May I hear from you?

Sincerely,

Marie Pluth  
Secretary to Rabbi Daniel Silver

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cc: Ms. Berman, Skirball Museum

213-655-5364

Called 3/28  
to stop appraisal

Rabbi -  
appraisal  
is in income  
tax file



3/28/80

Georgie Hanney -

Piece already appraised on 12/31/79

\$3000<sup>00</sup> -

Misunderstanding

Man who did work: J. A. Bueno  
Antiquities & Fine Art Appraiser



3756 Clarrington Ave  
L9 90034







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March 30, 1982

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
THE TEMPLE  
University Circle at Silver Park  
Cleveland, OH 44106

Dear Rabbi Silver,

On behalf of the Hebrew Union College Skirball Museum, I gratefully acknowledge your recent contribution to the Museum of an engraving by Lionel Reiss.

It will be a wonderful addition to our other works by Lionel Reiss and a welcome addition to the collection. We appreciate your directing this object where it can best be used for educational and exhibition purposes.

Enclosed is the formal transfer of title, the Deed of Gift. Please sign both copies. Retain the original, and return the "Museum Copy" in the attached envelope.

Thank you again for your considerate donation, and your continued expressions of support of the Hebrew Union College Skirball Museum.

Sincerely,

Nancy Berman  
Director  
HUC Skirball Museum

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Please say  
hello to Adele



# The Temple

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DANIEL JEREMY SILVER - RABBI

STUART GELLER  
Associate Rabbi

STEPHEN A. KLEIN  
Assistant Rabbi

ALVIN CRONIG  
Executive Secretary

April 15, 1982

Ms. Nancy Berman  
Director  
HUC Skirball Museum  
3077 University Avenue  
Los Angeles, California 90007

Dear Nancy,

I'm enclosing the signed copy, "The Deed of Gift." May I remind you of my request that the museum acquire an estimate on the Reiss Engraving. I know that this is my responsibility, but this is impossible to manage it in Cleveland. Adele joins in wishing you our best.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:br



May 5, 1982

Ms. Nancy Berman, Director  
HUC Skirball Museum  
3077 University Avenue  
Los Angeles, California 90007

Dear Nancy:

I am sending under separate cover three bronze plaques, executed by Boris Shatz, as a contribution to the Museum. They are lovely representations of his work which I hope the Museum will enjoy having.

Again, I am in the awkward position of having to ask you to arrange for some appraisal since there is no one in Cleveland who can manage this kind of art.

I hope this finds you in good health. It is a pleasure, as always, to be able to contribute to the Museum's collection.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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May 14, 1982

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
2600 Shaker Boulevard  
Beachwood, OH 44122

Dear Rabbi Silver,

On behalf of the Hebrew Union College Skirball Museum, I gratefully acknowledge your recent contribution to the Museum of three (3) plaques by Boris Schatz.

The plaques are a welcome addition to the collection. We appreciate your directing these objects where they can best be used for educational and exhibition purposes.

If you have any information about the three pieces, I would appreciate it if you would send it to me. The information will assist us with our documentation.

Enclosed is the formal transfer of title, the Deed of Gift. Please sign both copies. Retain the original, and return the "Museum Copy" in the attached envelope.

Thank you again for your considerate donation, and your continued support of the Museum.

Cordially,

Nancy Berman  
Director  
HUC Skirball Museum

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May 21, 1982

Ms. Nancy Berman, Director  
HUC Skirball Museum  
3077 University Avenue  
Los Angeles, California 90007

Dear Nancy:

I have very little to tell you about the Schatz pieces. Dad brought them back from Palestine during the 1920's.

I appreciate your willingness to have a local appraisal. There are drawbacks to living in Cleveland.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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Michael Hittleman Gallery

Fine Israeli Art



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6-2-82

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
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I N V O I C E

Fee for appraisal of Boris Schatz plaques ..... \$50.00

Thank you.



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Third Floor  
Beverly Blvd. at Robertson



November 19, 1982

Ms. Nancy Berman, Director  
HUC Skirball Museum  
3077 University Ave.  
Los Angeles, Calif. 90007

Dear Nancy:

I am pleased to be able to send to you for the Museum a lovely Boris Schatz painting in a rather intriguing, almost art deco, frame. The piece is signed and is entitled, "Know Before Whom You Stand."

As I indicated to you in the past, I have no way of having this material appraised in Cleveland and would appreciate your making arrangements with someone to have that done.

With all good wishes I remain

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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*sent 11/19/82 ✓*





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December 1, 1982

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

Dear Daniel,

On behalf of the Hebrew Union College Skirball Museum, I gratefully acknowledge your recent contribution to the Museum of the work, "Know Before Whom You Stand" by Boris Schatz.

The painting with art decor-like metal frame is a welcome addition to the collection. We appreciate your directing this object where it can best be used for educational and exhibition purposes.

Enclosed is the formal transfer of title, the Deed of Gift. Please sign both copies. Retain the original, and return the "Museum Copy" in the attached envelope.

Thank you again for your considerate donation, and your continued support of the Museum.

Cordially,

Nancy Berman  
Director  
HUC Skirball Museum

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*file to Adele*