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October 18, 1977

Mr. Yitzhak Rahmani
14 Emek Rephaim St.
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Yitzhak:

I am bringing to Jerusalem another of our small groups of senior Cleveland clergy - by number, three. We will be in Jerusalem from the 27th of December through the 31st and I would very much like for them to meet you. Will you be in Jerusalem during that period. You have always been so generous with your time in the past and I would like to bring them to the museum. Would you be available for dinner or coffee one of those evenings?

Everyone is well here. The two boys are both at Harvard. Sarah is in the eleventh grade. Adele is hard at work at the museum and as a theater-movie critic on our local TV. Life has been good to us and I will look forward to catching up on the Rahmani family.

As always,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:mp

October 18, 1977

Dr. Moshe Davis
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Institute of Contemporary Jewry
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Moshe:

Hatati - I have delayed reviewing your volume on the '73 war for the CCAR Journal, but have agreed with Bernie Martin that I will prepare a review of volumes one or two. I promise it will be in before the Messiah comes.

I am bringing to Israel three of our senior Cleveland ministers and we will be in Jerusalem between the 27th and 31st of December. They would very much like to meet with you. Would you be available for dinner or coffee? Failing that, could we spend a little time with you at your office? I know it is a bad time, but it is the only way our schedules could work out. Are any interesting things happening in Jerusalem over that period that I might want to get them caught up into?

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:mp

October 18, 1977

Rabbi Ezra Spicehandler
Hebrew Union College
13 King David St.
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Ezra:

Again going to be traveling with three of our senior local ministers to Israel. We will arrive on Tuesday, December 27. We will be in Jerusalem through Saturday, the 31st and I will bring them to the College. If the Rainbow Group is meeting over this period I would like to have a chance for them to come along. If not, would it be possible some evening to have them share reflections with a number of Israeli intellectuals?

These trips have been very useful in the past and you have always been helpful. I look forward to seeing you then. With all good wishes I remain

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:mp

October 19, 1977

Drs. Trude and Moshe Dothan
24, 29th of November St.
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Trude and Moshe:

I plan to be in Israel for about nine days, beginning on the 27th of December. I am bringing with me three of our senior Cleveland ministers. This is the third time I have taken such a group across and it has paid important dividends. They would like very much to meet with you and discuss some of your sociological studies.

I do not know if you plan to be in Jerusalem between the 27th and 31st of December, but if you are would you be willing to have dinner with us one night or coffee, or would it be better to visit with you at your office?

Adele joins in sending our best.

As always,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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October 19, 1977

Dr. Simon Herman
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Institute of Contemporary Jewry
Jerusalem, Israel

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THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM

INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY JEWRY

Nov 7, 1977

המכון ליהדות וזמננו



Dear Daniel,

I am delighted to learn from your letter of Oct 19 that I shall be seeing you in Jerusalem in December.

I shall be very glad to meet with you and the members of the group. The meeting could take whatever form you prefer. As for the time of the meeting I would suggest you call me (home phone 31585) soon after arrival and we could then fix a mutually convenient time (I am generally at home in the very early morning and in the evenings) but if you need to schedule the meeting before you come, I would suggest that you let me have some alternative times from which to choose. (In the period 27-31 Dec the only time already taken up is the 27th when I have one of my regular seminars.)

Since the group would wish to discuss the studies we have been doing you may wish to recommend that they glance at some of the chapters in my new book, Search Identity: A Social Psychological Perspective (published in the Sage Library of Social Research, Beverly Hills and co-published by Knopf Press, N.Y.)

With warmest greetings to you, Adele and your family,

Yours sincerely
Shimon Horan

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HEBREW UNION COLLEGE - JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION
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13th November 1977

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

Dear Dan,

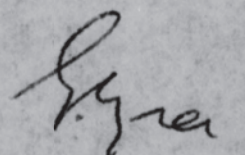
I was delighted to hear of your plans to come to Jerusalem at the end of December, and we are looking forward to seeing you.

Unfortunately the Rainbow Club will not be meeting officially during the Christmas/New Year period.

However, I have arranged for a number of both Jewish and Christian intellectuals to meet your group here at the College on the evening of December 29th.

With best regards from house to house.

Sincerely,



Ezra Spicehandler



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Tuesday, December 27

Arrival at David Ben-Gurion International Airport

Transfer to Jerusalem

7:00 p.m. - Dinner at hotel with Dr. M. Bernard Resnikoff,
Director, American Jewish Committee's Israel Office

Overnight: Hilton Hotel
Jerusalem

Wednesday, December 28

Breakfast at hotel

8:00 a.m. - Leave hotel for tour of "Hills around Jerusalem"
Mount Scopus, Mount of Olives, Abu Tor.
Visit Christian Holy Sites in the Old City - starting in
Gethsemane, continuing through the Lions Gate along the Via
Dolorosa to the Holy Sepulchre

12:30 p.m. - Visit the Knesset Building (Parliament)
Lunch with M.K. Yossi Sarid, member of Maarach Party (Labor)

Afternoon - Visit the Israel Museum and Shrine of the Book, where
the Dead Sea Scrolls are displayed

Dinner at hotel

8:30 p.m. - Meeting with Prof. Simeon Herman, Department of
Contemporary Judaism at the Hebrew University, at your hotel

Overnight: Hilton Hotel
Jerusalem

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Thursday, December 29

Breakfast at hotel

8:00 a.m. - Depart hotel for tour of Dead Sea and Judean Hills

En route visit - Bethany, Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, and Massada, desert fortress where Jews made their last stand against the Romans in 70 C.E.

Lunch

Return to Jerusalem via:

Beer Sheva, the modern capital of the Negev

Hebron, where the tombs of the Patriarchs are located

Bethlehem, with its Church of Nativity

7:00 p.m. - Dinner at hotel

Evening free

8:30 Breakfast



Overnight: Hilton Hotel
Jerusalem

Friday, December 30

Breakfast at hotel

8:30 a.m. - Meeting at the Foreign Office with Mr. M. Bavli,
Deputy Director of North American Division

+ Shmuel Rabinovitch

10:00 a.m. - Tour of Yad Veshem, Holocaust Martyrs and Heroes
Memorial Authority, with Member of Knesset Gideon Hausner,
Chairman of the Council of Yad Veshem

+ Dr. N. G. ...

12:00 noon - Visit the scale model of Jerusalem on the eve of its
conquest by the Romans in 67 C.E. at the Holyland Hotel

Lunch - Kline Davis

Afternoon - Tour of Orthodox suburbs in Jerusalem

Bethlehem

Participate in ushering in the Sabbath (Kabalath Shabbat) at the
Western Wall

Haredim

7:00 p.m. - Dinner at hotel

Arbuzov

Evening - Home hospitality, Prof. M. Davis

Overnight: Hilton Hotel, Jerusalem

Saturday, December 31

Breakfast at hotel

9:30 a.m. - Leave hotel for Ramallah, prominently Christian town in the West Bank

10:00 a.m. - Meet with Mr. Basaam Shakaa, the Mayor of Ramallah, at his office

11:30 a.m. - Visit Kfar Givon, a new settlement in the West Bank

Lunch

Afternoon - Free for meetings with clerical counterparts in Jerusalem

7:00 p.m. - Dinner at hotel

Evening - Free or entertainment program on request

Overnight: Hilton Hotel
Jerusalem

Sunday, January 1

Breakfast at hotel

Morning prayers

10:30 a.m. - Leave for Mevassereth Zion Absorption Center. Meeting with new immigrants

11:30 a.m. - ~~Proceed to Ashdod~~

Return to Jerusalem

Dinner

12:30 p.m. - Visit Weizman Institute. Lunch at the Institute

Afternoon - Proceed to Ashdod Port

Return to Jerusalem via Lachish area

7:00 p.m. - Dinner at hotel

Visit at home of former Mayor of Beit Jalla, Farah el Araj

Overnight: Hilton Hotel
Jerusalem

12:30
Lunch at free
boys

Monday, January 2

7:00 a.m. - Breakfast

8:00 a.m. - Depart from Jerusalem for Haifa

10:00 a.m. - Visit Malben Old People's Home at Pardess Chana
Tour of Home with Mr. Yosi Natani

Tour the excavations of Caesaria

Lunch

Drive to Haifa, tour the modern city with its beautiful panoramic
view of the bay

7:00 p.m. - Dinner at hotel

Evening free



Overnight: Dan Carmel
Haifa

Tuesday, January 3

7:00 a.m. - Breakfast at hotel

8:00 a.m. - Depart hotel for tour of Galilee
Visit the city of Acre, with its underground Crusader Castle and
Museum

11:00 a.m. - Visit Beit Kay at Nahariya, a military rehabilitation
institution for the wounded

Lunch

Proceed through the Lower Galilee to Nof Ginnosar on the Lake of
Galilee, passing Nazareth and Kfar Cana

7:00 p.m. - Dinner at guesthouse

Overnight: Nof Ginnosar
Guesthouse

Wednesday, January 4

7:00 a.m. - Breakfast at guesthouse

7:30 a.m. - Depart for Metula, an old established village on the Lebanese border

Visit the "Good Fence" accompanied by representative of the Spokesman's Office, Israeli Defence Forces

Continue to the Golan Heights

Lunch en route

Afternoon - Visit the Christian Holy Sites on the northwestern shores of the Lake of Galilee

Continue to Tel-Aviv

Dinner at hotel

Evening free



Overnight: Dan Hotel
Tel-Aviv

Thursday, January 5

Departure

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Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
Jewish Community Federation
1750 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland Ohio 44115

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Dear Rabbi,

I sincerely hope that your brief visit to Israel was succesful, and that you have returned home well and satisfied.

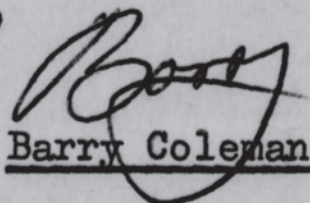
Elaine and I were dissapointed to have missed you last Tuesday when you came to Amiad. Unfortunately we were returning from a wedding in Jerusalem on that day. In fact that had been the first day that we had been away together for some eight months. We were sincerely sorry to have missed the oppertunity of meeting you, and personally hosting your short visit to the Kibbutz.

I understand that you were well received, and that after lunch you had a meeting with a number of members. I do hope that you found the contact useful and fruitful.

Sincerely hoping that the oppertunity to meet again will be afforded in the not too distant future,

All the very best from Elaine and myself,

Sincerely,


Barry Coleman

January 23, 1978

Dr. and Mrs. Yitzhak Rahmani
14, Emek Rephaim Street
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Batya and Yitzhak:

This is my first day back at my desk following Israel and two weeks in Athens and Crete with Adele. I hasten to write and thank you for a wonderful evening. As usual, the men were captivated and it was one of the high points of our trip. I think the visit accomplished all that could be hoped for. The men learned a good deal. At the very least, they now know the complexity of the issues and they were able to examine their own souls.

Athens was cold, but it is a fascinating place. We had a chance to visit Corinth with one of the men who is in charge of the dig there and we met a number of interesting people from the university.

I look forward to receiving your daughter's curriculum vitae and I will do all that I can to help her visit here along.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

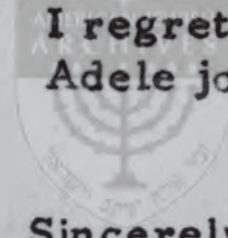
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January 23, 1978

Drs. Trude and Moshe Dothan
24, 29th of November St.
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Trude and Moshe:

I tried to call several times during our hectic visit in Jerusalem and was not able to reach you. As guide on this clergy mission my life was not my own. I regret our chance to meet, but there will always be another. Adele joins in sending our love.



Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:mp

January 23, 1978

Dr. Moshe Davis
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Institute of Contemporary Jewry
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Moshe:

As always, you were most kind with your time on our visit and it was one of the high points for the men. I have just returned from a post trip vacation with my wife in Athens and Crete and so this bread and butter note is somewhat delayed. I hope to see you in Cleveland in the near future.

May I remind you, I will be happy to check my father's library and my own for volumes on American Experience In The Holy Land which are not available at the Hebrew University.

With all good wishes I remain

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:mp

January 23, 1978

Rabbi Ezra Spicehandler
Hebrew Union College
13 King David St.
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Ezra:

I have just returned to my desk. Adele and I enjoyed two weeks in Athens and Crete after I put my clergy on their plane. It was a good trip. The visit with your group from Rainbow was one of the high points. They spoke the language that my men understood and they left Israel not only having learned something about our concerns, but having examined their own souls. As always, you were most helpful.

You mentioned, when we had a chance to visit after the meeting, that you had in your possession material on Petirat Moshe. I would appreciate your mailing it to me.

As I mentioned, I am going on Sabbatical after the holidays in 1979. We plan to be in Jerusalem for a few weeks in January and early February. If I can be of use at the College it would be my pleasure.

With all good wishes I remain

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:mp

January 23, 1978

Dr. Simon Herman
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Institute of Contemporary Jewry
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Simon:

I have just returned to my desk following our visit in Israel and a two-week vacation in Greece with my wife. Despite the cold weather, Adele and I had an interesting trip.

I think you will be interested that the visit with the clergy worked out extremely well. They left Israel having examined their souls and somewhat sensitized to our particular concerns. Needless to say, your evening with us was a wonderful start for our visit. I am deeply grateful for your gift of self and time. I have asked the office of the CCAR to forward to you several copies of the issue which contains the papers delivered at our first conference on Jewish Identity. In the meantime, I am enclosing two papers of my own on the subject. Again, many thanks.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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Encl.

January 23, 1978

Mr. Moshe Bavli
Deputy Director
North American Division
Foreign Office of the State of Israel
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Mr. Bavli:

I want to thank you for your time in meeting with my group of clergy from Cleveland. It was a useful visit and helped to put things in perspective.

I understand that you have been posted to Boston. I wish you all manner of success in your new assignment.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:mp

January 23, 1978

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Coleman
Kibbutz Amiad
12335 D. N. Chevel Korazim
Israel

Dear Elaine and Barry:

Our visit to Amiad could not have been a happier one - the only fly in the ointment was that you were away. The fault was mine. We had to reschedule the trip to take advantage of certain opportunities that became available at the last minute. That we missed each other simply means that you will have to come back to Cleveland or I will have to return on my next visit. Those who met us could not have been more gracious. We were fed, provided a tour of the kibbutz and had an opportunity to sit down with various members to discuss the kibbutz's operation and philosophy. It was a most enlightening afternoon. Please thank all who were so gracious. The ties between Amiad and Cleveland are close and I trust that they will remain so.

I am taking the liberty of sending to the kibbutz for your library the two-volume A History of Judaism which Dr. Martin and I published a year or two ago. You will remember Bernard Martin as the Professor of Jewish Studies at Case Western Reserve University.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:mp

January 23, 1978

Rabbi Elliott Stevens
Central Conference of American Rabbis
790 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10021

Dear Elliott:

Would you be kind enough to send several copies of the CCAR issue, Summer 1977, which include the texts of our seminar on Jewish Identity to Dr. Simon Herman Herman, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Institute of Contemporary Jewry, Jerusalem, Israel? I will be most grateful.

Incidentally, when will publicity be coming out on our March program?

With all good wishes I remain

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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January 23, 1978

Dr. Bernard Resnikoff
Rehov Ethiopia 9
Jerusalem 95 149
Israel

Dear Dr. Resnikoff:

I have just returned to my desk after our visit and a two-week vacation with my wife in Greece. I hasten to express my gratitude for your help in expediting our visit. You were a gracious host and most helpful in making plans and in their execution. I know that I was not the most compliant guest, but various last-minute changes of itinerary in no way represent a reflection on your plans for us. We simply had to take advantage of various unexpected opportunities. The men left Israel encouraged and informed and our community relations program will be more effective for this visit.

We did not get to Dimona. It was just too far. Inge Gibel may have written you that we had another unfortunate incident involving Israeli officials and members of our black community. Luke Owens, a former football player with the Cleveland Browns, and father of a daughter at Dimona was held up at the border for half a day and then put on the next plane back to the states. He had gone to talk his daughter into coming home. We have made contact with the Philadelphia Counsel and have raised the funds to send this man back to Israel with proper authorization. Sometimes we are our own worst enemies.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:mp

L. Y. RAHMANI
14, Emek Rephaim Street
Jerusalem, Israel

Jerusalem, 25th October, 1977

Dear Daniel,

Many thanks for your kind letter of the 18th. It goes without saying that you and whosoever to bring along, are and will always be welcome. I have thus made a note to keep some 2-3 hours free for you - any morning of one of the days: 27th to 30th - please let me have your choice. I should also be very happy if you - with Adele perhaps - would accept an invitation, together with your three wise men of the West - for a nott-any-more-Christmas and not-yet-New Year, but simply Shabbat-Dinner on the 30th, around 19.30 hours. Would you care to confirm?

Fine to hear that all is well with you. Here all is well: my big girl has meanwhile married; both she and her husband are clinical psychologists, almost M.A. The little one as well is on her way towards an M.A. in clinical psychology. Basia has her job to take care of; I handed in my thesis Erev-Rosh-Hashana and expect to hear from our University's senate in about a half-a-years time.

Give my love to all your crowd. They may guess, that I have not stopped caring about Jews in general; perhaps just now - a bit more about Jews in the States.

In friendship
L.Y.R.