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6/4/63

Dear Rabbi Dan,

Will you please enlist Jack Mandel  
(Express 1-8300) to assist us by contacting  
the following (they have received a letter as per  
a Hachiel sample) for a contribution of a scholarship

Harold Kahn - WA 1-7933

Morris Stonehill - WA 1-5730

Albert Lefter  
for letter



Thank you

Sam Givelber  
Ernie Siegler





KFAR  
SILVER

June 6, 1963

Mr. Jack Mandel  
Premier Industrial Corporation  
4415 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland 3, Ohio

Dear Jack:

As you probably know, Sam Givelber and Ernie Siegler are spearheading a drive to provide fifty scholarships at Kfar Silver in honor of Leo Neumark. They are seeking to enlist your help in contacting two people, Harold Kahn and Morris Stonehill. I am relaying this request to you at their request, because of my obvious interest in the success of their project associated with Kfar Silver and with the name of Leo Neumark.

A scholarship to Kfar Silver costs \$750.00 per year. As for details, I am enclosing a copy of a letter Sam and Ernie drafted which gives the pertinent details.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation, I remain as always,

Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg



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November 20, 1967

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
The Temple  
Silver Park at Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Pursuant to our recent conversations, the Cleveland Zionist District is again planning to sponsor a Kfar Silver Benefit Concert at Severance Hall, which will take place Saturday, February 17, 1968. Since we felt that this concert should continue to be on a high musical plane, we have contracted to feature Jan Peerce.

It is my sincere hope that you will consent to act as co-Chairman of the Concert, and I would appreciate meeting with you at your convenience regarding this.

I have been waiting to discuss this matter more fully with you before contacting your mother.

Sincerely,

*Gilbert Savransky*  
Gilbert Savransky, President  
Cleveland Zionist District

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Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver

The Temple

University Circle at Silver Park

Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I should like to add my personal thanks to that of our Board in appreciation of your graciously accepting the Co-chairmanship of our second annual Kfar Silver Benefit Concert. As was the case last year, Maurice Saltzman will serve as Co-chairman.

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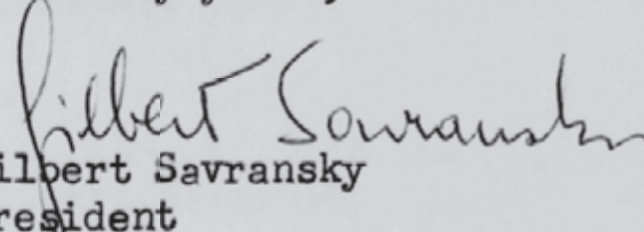
Milton Wish

We are also indebted to you for permitting us to use the facilities of your Social Hall on the evening of February 17th, 1968 for the Sponsors and Patrons reception.

It is our hope that this second concert will permit us to raise a greater sum than was possible at the first one because of the prominence of the artist.

Again, our deepest thanks to you.

Sincerely yours,

  
Gilbert Savransky  
President

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December 12, 1967

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

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed herewith are drafts of two letters to go to the prospective concert audience. Letter #1 will go to prospective Patrons and Sponsors, who were not Patrons or Sponsors last year. Letter #2 will go to those who were Patrons and Sponsors for our first concert. These letters will be reproduced on Kfar Silver Benefit Concert stationery, listing you and Maurice Saltzman as Co-Chairmen, giving the names of the Rabbinic Concert Committee and the Civic Committee chaired by Conrad Morgenstern.

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Stanley Weinberg  
Milton Wish

We should very much like to be able to send letter #1 to your Congregation and you may recall that you gave us permission to send a similar mailing last year.

If you approve this draft, please ask your secretary to call the Z.O.A. office, so that they may go ahead with the preparation of this material.

Many thanks.

Sincerely yours,

*Gilbert Savransky*  
Gilbert Savransky, President  
Cleveland Zionist District

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Encl.



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# Zionist Organization of America

## Cleveland Zionist District

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Friend:

Because of your interest and generosity the first Kfar Silver Benefit Concert at Severance Hall last year proved to be a musical as well as a financial success and we were sufficiently heartened by your response to make the concert an annual event.

Metropolitan Opera star Jan Peerce will be the artist at this year's concert, to be held at Severance Hall on Saturday evening, February 17th.

All proceeds are earmarked for Kfar Silver which, as you know, was founded in tribute to the late Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. Its support must come from interested friends. Kfar Silver, and the new Mollie Goodman Academic High School recently opened on the campus, are the two schools in Israel accredited by the New York Board of Regents.

Sponsors and Patrons are essential to the success of this venture. We are writing to urge your support of the Benefit, which promises to be a rewarding musical experience. Sponsor tickets (Box seats) at \$50.00 per couple, Patron tickets at \$30.00 per couple and seats at \$7.50, \$5.00 and \$3.50 each are available. Following the concert, Sponsors and Patrons will have an opportunity to meet the artist at a private reception at The Temple. Won't you help make this event a success by sending us your check?

Sincerely,

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver      Maurice Saltzman  
Co-Chairmen

PLEASE SEND ME \_\_\_\_\_ SPONSOR \_\_\_\_\_ PATRON TICKETS.

PLEASE SEND ME \_\_\_\_\_ TICKETS AT \$ \_\_\_\_\_ EACH.

Enclosed is my check and stamped addressed return envelope.

I AM UNABLE TO ATTEND. ENCLOSED IS MY CONTRIBUTION TO ENABLE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS AND THE AGED TO ATTEND.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



# *Zionist Organization of America*

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Friend:

Because many of us wanted to insure the continued successful operation of the Kfar Silver Agricultural High School in Israel, a Kfar Silver Benefit Concert was held at Severance Hall last year. It proved to be a musical as well as a financial success and we were sufficiently heartened by your response to make the Concert an annual event.

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



December 14, 1967

Mr. Gilbert Savransky, President  
Cleveland Zionist District  
2490 Lee Boulevard  
Cleveland, Ohio 44118

Dear Gil:

I will be happy to have letter #1 go to members of  
The Temple. You can work out the details with  
Mr. Bamberger.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf



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## SECOND ANNUAL

## Kfar Silver Benefit Concert

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver    Maurice Saltzman  
Co-Chairmen

January 5, 1968

Dear Friend:

Because of your interest and generosity the first Kfar Silver Benefit Concert at Severance Hall last year proved to be a musical as well as a financial success and we were sufficiently heartened by your response to make the Concert an annual event.

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Sincerely,

*Daniel Jeremy Silver*

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver

*Maurice Saltzman*

Maurice Saltzman

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PLEASE SEND ME \_\_\_\_\_ TICKETS AT \$ \_\_\_\_\_ EACH.

Enclosed is my check and stamped addressed return envelope.

I am unable to attend. Enclosed is my contribution to enable religious school students and the aged to attend.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_



February 5, 1968

Mr. Sydney N. Galvin  
13700 Fairhill Road  
Cleveland, Ohio 44120

Dear Sydney:

Thank you for the check for K'far Silver Concert which  
I will forward so that we can see that some young people  
who can enjoy the concert will be there.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf



February 29, 1968

Mr. Gilbert Sevransky  
Cleveland Zionist Council  
2055 Lee Road  
Cleveland, Ohio 44118

Dear Gil:

Will you please take care of this check and see that it is put to the Kfar Silver project.

Sincerely,

DJS:mgm  
Encls. Check \$100

Daniel Jeremy Silver



February 29, 1968

Mrs. Abe M. Luntz  
18975 Van Aken Boulevard  
Shaker Heights, Ohio 44122

Dear Fan:

I mailed on your check to the Kfar Silver School. I am sure the committee will acknowledge it appropriately. It is a wonderful place and some very fine work is being done there.

As always,

DJS:mgm

Daniel Jeremy Silver



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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your Chairmanship and support of the Kfar Silver Benefit Concert these past two years has meant much to the Cleveland Zionist District. It not only has created a community-wide interest to support this great institution, but has made it possible for us to make our financial contribution to the Kfar Silver Agricultural High School for the second consecutive year.

I am very pleased to inform you that with your help and that of your Temple this year's concert will enable us to send approximately \$5500 to Kfar Silver.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Cleveland Zionist District, I wish to express our appreciation and to thank you, personally, for your participation in this meaningful project.

Sincerely yours,

*Gilbert Savransky*  
Gilbert Savransky, President  
Cleveland Zionist District

GS/nb



April 17, 1968

Mr. Bernard Greenspan, Director  
K'far Silver  
Ashkolon, Israel

Dear Mr. Greenspan:

Some friends of Dr. Silver have raised a few thousand dollars which they would like to transmit directly to K'far Silver for use in the agricultural school. How is this done?

With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf



Joe T Selzman  
24008 Edgemoor  
Cleveland 21

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Judge Sittart  
2718 Green  
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Albert B

Leffers

17100 Van  
Akens  
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# KFAR SILVER. כפר סילבר

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April 22, 1968

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was stunned, probably and error, that your letter was addressed to Mr. Bernard Greenspan as director of Kfar Silver and not to me.

In my memory I do recall the fine hours I spent in your Temple, a year ago when I visited Cleveland, and came to see you as well as your late father's Temple. You'll also recall that I spoke to your student's assembly and told them about Kfar Silver and its students body.

Recently we expected the visit of Mrs. Aba Hillel Silver but her visit was somehow cancelled in the last moment. How is your mother and is she planning to honor us with her visit on another date?

We are making fine progress and we have now 350 students. Ken Yirbu! There are additional buildings, more facilities and this institution, which carries your father's name, has gained honors and a good reputation. Two of our boys have received the highest honors of the Six Days War. Four of our graduates lost their lives in this same war to preserve this country of ours (one of them missing on the submarine "Dakar").

We are glad and we thank you about the few thousand dollars Dr. Silver friends have raised for Kfar Silver.

You can transfer these funds directly to Kfar Silver by sending us a check to the order of:

Kfar Silver Agricultural High School

Warm regards to you and your family. Many thanks.

Sincerely,

Aaron Bilau  
Director



May 1, 1968

Mr. Aaron Bilas M. Sc.  
Director  
Kfar-Silver Agricultural High School  
Kfar-Silver-Ashkelon  
Israel

Dear Aaron:

Forgive my secretary. I simply asked that a letter be sent to Kfar-Silver requesting specific information for mailing you a check. It is intended specifically for the school. I am enclosing the check. Acknowledgment should be made to the three names indicated below at their addresses:

Mr. Jos. T. Selzman  
24008 Edgehill Drive  
Cleveland, Ohio 44121

Judge Joseph H. Silbert  
2718 Green Road  
Cleveland, Ohio 44122

Mr. Albert B. Lefton  
17100 Van Aken Boulevard  
Cleveland, Ohio 44120

With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf



May 8, 1968

Mr. Aaron Bilau  
Kfar Silver  
Ashkelon, Israel

Dear Aaron:

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Rittenbaum of Birmingham, Alabama will be visiting Israel during the last two weeks of May. The Rittenbaums are leaders in their community and wonderful people. They are very close to members of my family and are particularly interested in Kfar Silver. I have asked them to contact you on their arrival so that they can get a complete tour.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf



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20.8.1968

לכבוד  
ד"ר ב. סילבר  
קליבלנד - אוהיו

ארצות - הברית

ד"ר סילבר הנכבד,

- אנו שמחים להודיע לך, כי בתרומת חבריך, שהעברת אלינו לשפור הציוד הלימודי והכדורי של ביה"ס,
1. צידנו את המעכדה לכיולוגיה ולכימיה באביזרי למוד חדישים - מיקרוסקופים נוספים - 2 כינוקולרים, ו *(OVERHEAD) PROJECTOR*
  2. התקנו באודיטוריום כל הסדורים הדרושים להאזנה למוסיקה ולהקלטת מוסיקה והרצאות וכן סדורי פרויקציה מיוחדים, כולל האפלה ורהוט מיוחד לכך.
  3. רכשנו ציוד משוכלל להקרנת סרטי כדור להניכים, בשעות היום והלילה, בעוצמה אור רבה כמיוחד *(ARC LAMP)*.
  4. הוספנו לאינוונטר במחלקה לכלכלת הבית *(HOME ECONOMICS)* ולאגרומכניקה ציוד מודרני ומשוכלל וע"י זה הרחבנו האפשרות ללמד בקבוצות גדולות יותר וכרמה גבוהה יותר.
- אנו מודים לך פעם נוספת על התענינותך בעבודתנו ובצרכי המוסד, ועל העזרה שהושטת לנו בעזרת האפשרות לרכש כל אלה, אשר בתקציבנו השוטף לא יכלנו למצא הסכום הדרוש לכך.
- אנו מצרפים גלוית בית - הכנסת שלנו, אשר בו התקין אביך, ד"ר אבא הלל סילבר ז"ל המזווה הראשונה.

בברכה,  
א.כילאוס  
מנהל



KFAR  
SILVER

August 29, 1968

Judge Joseph Silbert  
2718 Green Road  
Cleveland, Ohio 44122

Dear Joe:

The enclosed letter acknowledges the receipt of the check from The Zionist Society to Kfar Silver and indicates the use to which the money was placed. It ought to be kept in the files of the society.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf



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October 4, 1968

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As I discussed with you on the phone today, the ZOA House in Tel Aviv has made an urgent request for new material by and about Dr. Abba Hillel Silver which is badly needed and not available in Israel.

This material is necessary for high school students who enter the Annual Contest. The theme: "Dr. Silver's Role in Some Area of Zionist or Jewish Life." The awarding of the prizes takes place at a special anniversary on the day of Dr. Silver's Yahrzeit, so you see time is of the essence.

In accordance with your suggestion, may I ask you to gather as much material as you can (a few copies of each), and mail them, air freight, direct to ZOA House, Tel Aviv. Let us know what you have sent and the expenses involved which are to be reimbursed. If it is too much trouble to dispatch this material to Israel, send it to our New York office and we shall forward it to Israel.

If it is at all possible to make a donation of some of the literature I know that it would be most appreciated.

Yes  
May I remind you of some of the books we mentioned.  
1. "Therefore Choose Life."  
2. "In Time of Harvest."  
3. "Moses and the Torah."  
I know that you will add other material.

I am also following up your suggestion in tracking down articles and other books.

Many thanks for your help.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,

*Leah Weisman*  
Leah Weisman, Director  
Program, Education and  
Hebrew Culture Department

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November 27, 1968

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I want to express my deep gratitude to you for again accepting Co-Chairmanship for the coming Kfar Silver Benefit Concert.

I am enclosing herewith draft of a suggested letter. Please feel free to make any changes you think are indicated. If this letter meets with your approval, and because time is of the essence, I would appreciate your calling the ZOA office to let them know that it may go into the printer.

I hope you will again permit us to use the Temple mailing list, so that the letter may reach the widest possible number of people. When you are in touch with the ZOA office, perhaps arrangements can be made to run off the necessary envelopes.

Again, many thanks for your generous assistance.

Sincerely,

*Gilbert Savransky*  
Gilbert Savransky, President  
Cleveland Zionist District

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KFAR SILVER BENEFIT CONCERT LETTERHEAD

Dear Friend:

Because of your interest and generosity in the past, we are writing to urge you to support the Third Annual Kfar Silver Benefit Concert at Severance Hall, which will be held on Sunday evening, January 5, 1969. Visiting artists will be three rising young musicians from Israel who possess exceptional talent, Miss Zitta Finkelstein, piano; Yehuda Hanani, cello and Yosef Yankelev, violin.

All proceeds are earmarked for the Kfar Silver Agricultural High School which, as you know, was founded by the ZOA in tribute to the late Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, and its support must come from interested friends. Kfar Silver, and the Mollie Goodman Academic High School recently opened on the campus, are the two schools in Israel accredited by the New York Board of Regents. Sponsors and Patrons are therefore essential to the success of this venture. Sponsor tickets (box seats) are \$50.00 per couple, Patron tickets are \$30.00 per couple and seats at \$5.00 and \$3.00 each are also available.

Please help us make this concert a success for Kfar Silver by sending us your check now.

Sincerely,

Co-Chairmen

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PLEASE SEND ME \_\_\_\_\_ TICKETS AT \$5 \_\_\_\_\_ \$3 \_\_\_\_\_ EACH.

My check is enclosed

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_



November 29, 1968

Mr. Gilbert Savransky, President  
Cleveland Zionist District  
2055 Lee Road  
Cleveland, Ohio 44118

Dear Gil:

The letter which you suggest is perfectly satisfactory. I want to make it clear, however, that the moneys we are raising are going to the Kfar Silver project and not to the Goodman High School.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:bfm



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Dec. 15, 1968

The Rethi of the  
The Temple  
105th + Euclid Aves  
Cleveland Ohio

Re - Kfar Silver

Dear Rethi

Last year upon the demise of our secretary Mr. Julius Halpern we collected a sum of money in his memory to be applied to a project at Kfar Silver, Israel.

Since we wish the money to go direct to the recipient Kfar Silver we would like to know the means we must use to achieve this purpose. Possibly a plaque in Mr. Halpern's memory at Kfar Silver would be a consideration.

In any case we'd like some particulars in going about to do this.

Thanking you for your reply, I remain

Sincerely yours

Maurice Fleysher, President  
Bf. Dist. Z.O.A.

P.S. We do NOT wish the money to go thru Z.O.A. - It's a direct project on our part.



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January 9, 1969

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

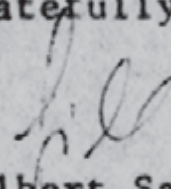
Your Co-Chairmanship and support of the Third Annual Kfar Silver Benefit Concert has resulted in making this event a success in every way. Because of your leadership and efforts, I am certain that the financial rewards of this concert will be greater than ever before and I want you to know how deeply the Board of Directors of the Cleveland Zionist District, as well as I personally, appreciate your support and help.

After talking with Gerda and some of our workers who are still clearing up assignments, I am certain we will net at least \$6,000.

This concert certainly was a cultural success as evidenced by the extremely favorable critiques in the Plain Dealer and the Cleveland Press, which indeed adds to the prestige of this undertaking.

Again, I wish to thank you personally and on behalf of the Zionist Organization of America.

Gratefully yours,

  
Gilbert Savransky  
President

GS/sw



October 3, 1969

Mr. Eugene Zeidman  
3008 Overhill Road  
Birmingham, Alabama 35223

Dear Eugene:

Enclosed is the address of the man at KFAR Silver with whom you ought to correspond. My suggestion would be that you work out with him a specific memorial before any funds are transmitted. In that way we have something to check up on.

Everyone is well here. The weather is the usual Cleveland, gray, wet and cool. We send our love.

Mr. Aaron Bilau  
Director  
KFAR Silver  
Ashkelon, Israel



[1970]  
December 8 .

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Last time I wrote we were still part of the group of new immigrants scuffling around from place to place trying to be understood, trying to find a place in our new society. Now I walk about the street offering aid to anyone who is looking for directions, and giving advise to friends who have just arrived. My Hebrew is still limited, but I feel right at home. Tom is very caught up in his work at the University, with all but two of his courses being in Hebrew.

I found it impossible to do the amount of traveling necessary for the job at Kfar Silver, and the salary they were offering was extremely low. I was very sorry to leave, for in the few weeks I was there I'd become fond of the kids. I'm probably not in the position to judge the school after such a short time there, but I was quite disturbed by what I saw. Although the situation is ideal for bringing together Israeli youth and American students; it is practically not done. There is an agriculture school with its fields and this is the first year that the Amer. students are working there, and very few hours from what I can tell. I know that a boarding school, and particularly one so far from the students' homes, is difficult to run, but I had the feeling that the administration was working against the students and not for them. Two things kids need are responsibility and affection (understanding) and they seemed to get little of either. The teachers are discontent and there is a rivalry between the 2 heads (principal and dean of students) this I am sure the students know as well as I. The turn-over of students at the school, and the letters concerning them and their problems, reinforced my beliefs. It certainly isn't a situation that could be remedied easily, but to me it seems a great shame that a school like this one<sup>that</sup> has the potential for doing great things appears to be tangled up in petty rules (that are almost impossible to enforce) and the details of "traditional" education.

I am spending the year working as the English secretary for Magen David Adom. Most of the work is boring, but occasionally I



am involved in something like preparing packages for the Israeli prisoners of war or the preparations for sending relief to a disaster stricken country. I have begun studying Hebrew again, 2 nights a week, and if the teachers' strike ever ends, I hope to give private English lessons.

As days pass, and they do extremely quickly, we think more and more seriously about kibbutz. The values, ideals, the combination of work and intellectual opportunities is most appealing to us.



Rabbi and Mrs. Harold Silver  
77 Lyman Road  
West Hartford, Connecticut  
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We are aware that all kibbutzim are not like the one we were on, but that a place like it does exist is meaningful.

A very happy Channukah to you and your family.

Most sincerely,

*Shirley + Tom*





# THE CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

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RABBI HAROLD STANLEY SILVER

December 15, 1970

Dear Dan:

I do not know how close you are to the inner workings and administration of the Agricultural School at Kafar Silver but the enclosed letter, which I received the other day, disturbed me. The young lady is a former confirmant of mine from Pittsburgh who is presently living in Israel with her Gentile student husband. Her parents were both trustees of my former congregation and very committed Reform Jews. She originally wrote to me several months ago that she was considering some kind of a job at Kafar Silver but, obviously, this did not materialize. The note of frustration and irritation in her letter I think is a genuine one and I am more than curious to know whether you have sensed any other criticism of the administration there dealing with this problem. I pass this along to you for your perusal and comment. I would appreciate your returning this note at your convenience. The young lady in question is no crackpot.

You will be interested in learning that at a meeting of our Hartford Jewish Federation, I was instrumental in having the Federation grant your Cultural Foundation the complete financial allocation requested. So few laymen have any idea as to what is involved with the scope and the purposes of the organization.

Otherwise, things are proceeding smoothly here in New England. Ruth Lee and I are planning to take our winter vacation during the last two weeks of January and we hope to spend it at Little Dix Bay and Dorado Beach. We are both ready for some hot sun, golf, and beachcombing.

Ruth Lee joins me in sending love to you, Adelle, and your mother.

As ever,

*Harold*



December 18, 1970

Rabbi Harold S. Silver  
The Congregation Beth Israel  
701 Farmington Avenue  
West Hartford, Connecticut 06119

Dear Harold:

I have made a xerox copy of your letter on Kfar Silver and will pass its criticisms along. I know very little about the internal running of the school but we will see what happens.

Thank you for your help with the Hartford allocation. The Foundation is just beginning to come into its own and to a meaningful piece of work.

I know of your long standing interests in curriculum matters and education and I wonder if you would like to do an evaluation piece of the many rather radical and new departures being attempted by various religious schools. Rather than getting the Union's view on this it would be interesting to get someone's views who is responsible for a congregation.

I was delighted that you are getting away. Perhaps our paths will cross. If all goes well Adele and I plan to be in Little Dix from the 12th to the 28th of January. It would be a treat if we could see you there.

As always,

DJS:mgm



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March 12, 1982

TO ZOA LEADERS

KFAR SILVER UPDATE  
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Dear Fellow Zionist:

You are aware that I spent several months in Israel as representative of the ZOA. While dealing with a variety of problems, the major part of my time was devoted to our Israel projects and in the first place, Kfar Silver. The purpose of this letter is to acquaint you with the latest developments in Kfar Silver and to update the information contained in a similar communication a year ago.

PEAK ENROLLMENT

1. 710 students (359 boys and 351 girls) are enrolled in Kfar Silver this school year 1981-82. It is the largest enrollment thus far in Kfar Silver's history.
2. 276 students live in dormitories on campus. They have come from all over Israel, from as far as Metullah on the Lebanese border in the north to Eilat in the south. 434 commute from the adjoining cities and agricultural settlements.
3. Kfar Silver is a microcosm of Israel as a whole. The "ethnic" composition of the student body is a true mirror of Israel's population. While the majority of our students are Israeli born, their parents have come from 37 countries.
4. Special mention deserves the class of students from Mexico who arrived in Kfar Silver from the Hebrew Tarbut School of Mexico City under the auspices of Youth Aliyah. A special program was designed for



them in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and the Jewish Agency. General academic subjects are conducted in accordance with regulations of Mexican educational authorities and are taught in Spanish. English is taught as a foreign language. They are combined with a curriculum of intensive study of Judaic subjects such as Bible, Jewish history, Hebrew language and literature, all taught entirely in Hebrew.

I met these students during my frequent visits to Kfar Silver. They represent excellent human material. Most of them are bright, intelligent, well-behaved youths who seem to have gone through with relative ease what is often a complex adjustment process. As part of Kfar Silver's programs for foreign students, this one lasts for a period of five months (one semester). It is hoped that a similar semester program for American students in the Mollie Goodman High School will commence in September.

#### 5. MAKEUP OF KFAR SILVER COMPLEX

7 schools make up the Kfar Silver complex. The 1981-82 breakdown is as follows:

Science and Agriculture	-	149 students
Sylvia and Alexander Hassan Technical	-	70 "
Aviation	-	47 "
Nursing	-	98 "
Social Studies	-	32 "
Junior High	-	289 "
Foreign Program	-	<u>25</u> "
<u>Total</u>	-	<u>710 students</u>

#### 6. BUILDING PROGRAM

Parellel with the increase of the student population went the expansion of the physical facilities of the campus. The major part of the Sports Center has been completed. It will enable to centralize physical education and athletic programs under one roof during the winter months. The 10,000 square foot floor area provides seating capacity for 650 spectators, which enables use of the center for



student assemblies, school concerts and other events. To complete the Sports Center we need to build tennis courts, a handball field, practice grounds, additional approach roads, as well as lighting and landscaping of the surrounding area.

We urge Districts and Regions to look for major contributors among those actively involved in American sports. They are the ones who may be interested to provide financial support.

7. Another major capital development this past year was the erection of the Junior High School building. On two floors it comprises 10 classrooms and related service facilities. We are looking for a donor for the entire school. Quite apart from that, Regions and Districts ought to adopt individual classrooms at \$25,000 per room.
8. In addition, we have completed construction of 10 one-family faculty and staff houses. Each house consists of five rooms. In this case too, Regions, Districts and individual donors can easily adopt them as projects. The cost of one faculty residence is \$30,000.

It is gratifying to note that the Rockaway Park District in the Long Island Region has already adopted a faculty residence as a project in honor of their esteemed veteran leader Ben Bienenfeld.

For price estimates, please see the enclosed Guide for Donors of ZOA Projects in Israel. Photographs of the above projects are available upon request.

The building of the Junior High was made possible through the cooperation of the Regional Council Hof Ashkelon. The support extended to us by the Israel Government through the Ministry of Education and by the Jewish Agency through its Education and Youth Aliyah Departments are a public expression of recognition extended to Kfar Silver. We are proud to note that this ZOA educational complex has gained a place of honor among the best schools in Israel.

9. Our past President, Herman L. Weisman and Mrs. Weisman, under whose leadership the Palm Beach Womens Committee raised very substantial funds for the Aviation High School building, are expected in Israel this spring. The agreement for the construction of this project will be signed during their visit. The Palm Beach Womens Committee deserves special credit for its eminently successful fund raising drive in behalf of the Aviation High School which was opened in 1978-79. The cost of the building will run in the neighborhood of \$550,000 - \$600,000. The first class of 12 students graduated last spring. All of them joined the Israel Air Force.
10. Notwithstanding this impressive capital development program, the



increased enrollment has strained the infrastructure of the campus' physical plant. The principal item in our immediate development plans is modernization and enlargement of the dining hall and kitchen facilities which serve daily close to 1,000 people (students, faculty and staff and their families). A special effort is now afoot to obtain funds from outside sources for this purpose.

#### 11. PROGRAM OF STUDIES

Apart from the diversified vocational training programs, the academic studies are divided into the following five departments:

##### Alfred Gottschalk Department

###### of Judaic Studies

Hebrew Language  
Hebrew Literature  
Bible  
Talmud

##### Milton and Beatrice Shapiro

###### Department of Foreign Languages

English  
Arabic

##### Jeanne and Irwin Levy

###### Department of Social Studies

General and Jewish History  
American History and Government  
Geography  
Citizenship

##### Sonia and Aaron Levinson

###### Department of Science

Biology  
Chemistry  
Physics

##### Mathematics Department

#### 12. CAMPUS ORGANIZATION

A word about the general organization and structure of the Kfar Silver campus.

Kfar Silver is divided into two basic components:

- a) A junior high school program (7th, 8th and 9th grades).
- b) Various high school programs (10th, 11th and 12 grades).

The educational programs follow three general trends:

- a) Academic studies.
- b) Vocational studies.
- c) Programs for foreign students.

Each trend is further divided into two levels: one leading towards a



full matriculation diploma entitling to university admission. The other leads towards a vocational certificate. The program for foreign students consists of a five month semester program, a full year program and a program for new immigrants.

13. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The extracurricular activities this year will center around the 100th anniversary of agricultural settlement in Israel. As part of this program, students will meet leaders involved in agricultural settlement. They will take trips and will attend and stage theatrical performances on this subject.

14. The students elect and run their own student council. They edit and publish a student newspaper and they run a broadcasting station that is listened to on the entire campus two hours daily.

Club activities include the orchestra and choir, drama, folk dancing, arts and crafts, graphics, plastic arts and a wide range of sports.

15. AGRICULTURE

The past year witnessed impressive gains by the Kfar Silver farm.

- a) A wide variety of field crops are grown on some 1,400 dunams of irrigated land (orchards, cotton, wheat, corn, hay, sunflowers).
- b) 250 heads of cattle produce 480,000 liters of milk annually.
- c) The chicken coops house 4,000 hens that produce 700,000 eggs every year. 30 tons of meat are produced as well.
- d) The beehives produce 6.5 tons of honey annually.
- e) 100 dunams of land are set aside for garden plants. The Kfar Silver nursery supplies the needs of the campus and sells plants on the open market.

Every Kfar Silver student works one day a week on the farm. 110 students are at work in the various branches of the farm at all times.

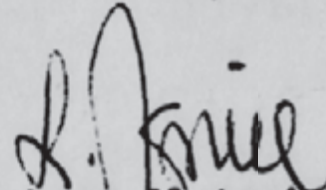
It has been a long way from the day Kfar Silver opened its doors to the first class of 12 immigrant students. From a small agricultural school set on bare sandy hills, Kfar Silver has grown into a multi stream comprehensive



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educational complex whose beautiful modern campus and farm are a landmark of Israel's education system and the crowning achievement of the ZOA in Israel.

Cordially,



Leon Lutovich  
Executive Vice Chairman

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