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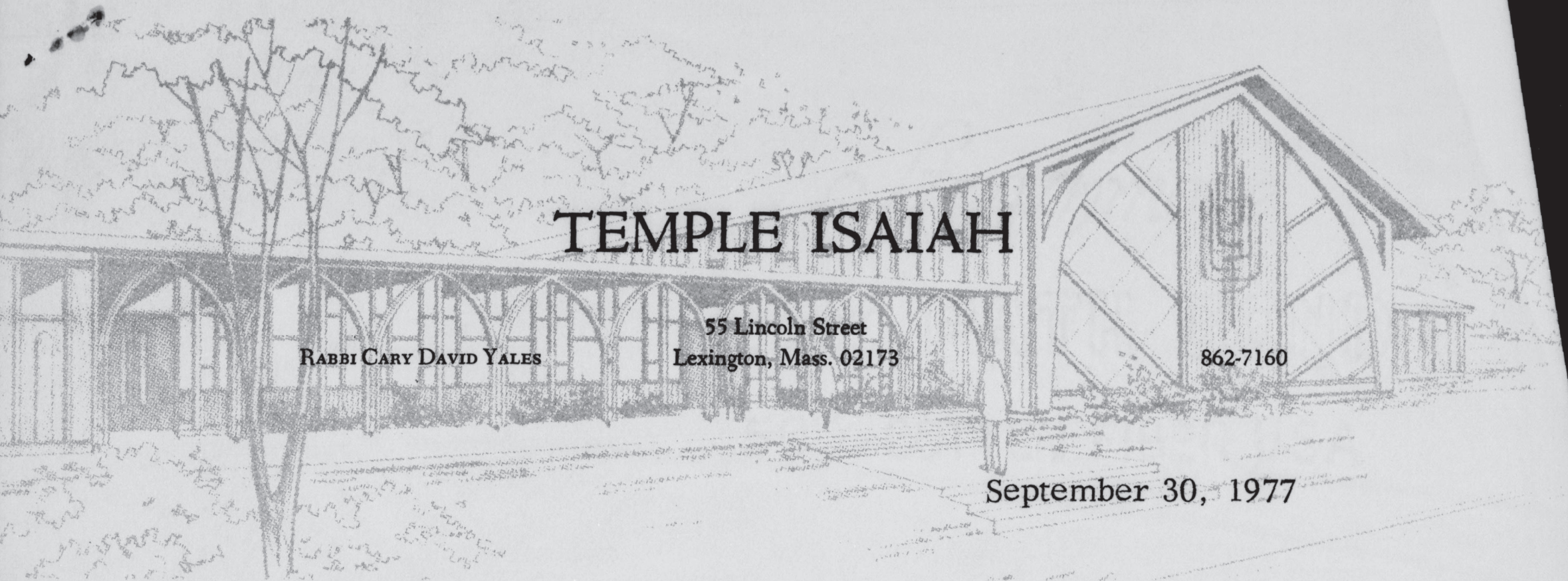
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September 30, 1977

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
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Dear Dan:

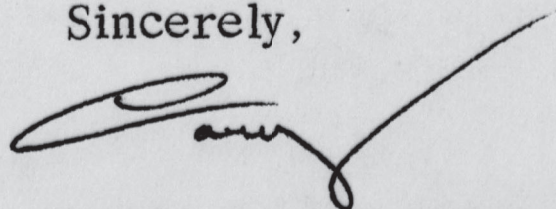
We are delighted that you will be able to speak to the colleagues of the Northeast Region as a representative of the Task Force on Identity on November 9, 1977.

There are generally 25 to 40 men in attendance at our meetings and we will be getting under way at 10 A.M. For purposes of your planning, I think it would be safe to say that you would have an hour and a half before lunch and one hour after lunch. It would be very helpful to me if you could delineate the issues that you will be addressing in these two presentations as I would like to include them in the announcement of the meeting. Since November 9th is just around the corner, I would appreciate your expediting that to me.

I have made a reservation for you at the Sheraton Sturbridge Inn for the night of Tuesday, November 8th, indicating a very late arrival. The Sheraton is located on U.S. 20 opposite Old Sturbridge Village in Sturbridge, Mass. The telephone number is (617) 347-7393.

I look forward to hearing from you and, of course, to seeing you on November 9th. Hag Sameach!

Sincerely,



Rabbi Cary David Yales

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October 5, 1977

Rabbi Cary Yales
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Dear Cary:

If I were to suggest a theme it would be "Do We Mean What We Say? Do We Say What We Mean?" The reform movement rarely has faced up to the issue of particularism. We have talked a lot about being both/and-ers, and most of us are deeply involved in the politics of survival, but you would not know this from the daily routines of the synagogue where universalist themes remain dominant.

I propose to take the Centenary Perspective as a base line and place various Task Force studies of synagogue practice against its general statements. This exercise highlights the gap between theory and practice, and forces us to ask, 'why the falloff between word and practice?' There are many answers. I plan to examine the one which most concerns rabbis: reform's theological stance as expressed in such favorite terms as "prophetic Judaism" and "the mission of Israel."

The bottom line is that our heart seems to be in the right place, but we still have some bad habits.

I look forward to seeing you on November 9.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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Rabbi Murray I. Rothman

October 17, 1977

Dear Cary:

I am grateful to you for your gracious invitation to be a respondent to Danny Silver's presentation. I wish I could accept, because you asked me and because Danny is a cherished colleague whose friendship I treasure.

Unfortunately, I have already accepted an invitation to deliver a major paper in Washington, D.C. on December 7 and must, therefore, reluctantly decline your invitation.

Please accept and convey my regrets and regards.

It was great being with you and Bonnie to, at and from Sturbridge.

Charlotte joins me in sending our love to you both.

Rabbi Cary David Yales
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*Dear Danny -
I sincerely regret that I have
to turn this invitation down.
But - as always - I look forward
to being with you.
With love
Murray*