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Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
The Temple  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

May I again thank you for your kind acceptance of our invitation to address the City Wide Women's Division Lunch in Omaha on Wednesday, April 7.

We will secure transportation leaving Cleveland on the evening of April 6 at 4:15 p.m. arriving in Omaha at 6:30 p.m. For your return on April 7, you will be departing at 2:40 p.m. arriving in Cleveland at 7:19 p.m.

In due course I will be writing to you with additional details of this meeting.

It is indeed good to know that we can count on your generous assistance.

Best personal regards,

Cordially,

*Seymour Lesser*  
Seymour Lesser  
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Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
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Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am confirming our 'phone conversation today in which you indicated that you are agreeable to addressing a Men's Initial Gifts Fund-Raising function in Omaha, on the evening of Tuesday, April 6.

You, of course, recall that you have already accepted their invitation to address the Women's Division Luncheon on Wednesday, April 7.

I have advised the folks in Omaha that you plan to arrive around 6:30 P.M. on the evening of the 6th. In order to assure that you have time to rest before the meeting, they will not schedule this session until around 8:00 P.M. In a few days I will be sending you your transportation and hotel reservations, as well as further details of these meetings.

With kind regards,

Cordially,

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

For your visit to Omaha on Tuesday, April 6, tickets are enclosed for your use on the following schedule:

Lv: Cleveland	4:15 p.m.	via United Airline #491
Ar: Chicago	4:23 p.m.	April 6
Lv: Chicago	5:05 p.m.	via United Airline #265
Ar: Omaha	6:20 p.m.	April 6

You will be met on your arrival and escorted to the Blackstone Hotel where reservations have been secured.

You, of course, are familiar with the fact that the community is planning an Initial Gift's Meeting on the evening of the sixth, as well as a Women's Division Luncheon on Wednesday, April 7. It is expected that about 60 men will be at the evening affair and approximately 400 women at the luncheon.

For your return to Cleveland on the afternoon of April 7, please use this schedule:

Lv: Omaha	2:40 p.m.	via United Airline #264
Ar: Chicago	3:49 p.m.	April 7
Lv: Chicago	5:15 p.m.	via United Airline #432
Ar: Cleveland	7:19 p.m.	April 7

It would be helpful for you to have the name of the Executive Director, Mr. Paul Veret, who can be reached at: office - 342-1366; home - 553-3601. Our representative is Louis Wernick.

It is difficult for us to express our thanks for your very generous cooperation but I know you are aware of our deep sense of gratitude.

With kind regards,

Cordially,

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To live & be surprised! War context economic landscapes to history  
simple task! Bloody reality which seeking to make something! <sup>history</sup>  
fence down south wall out of house - For you good decision to action  
economic cycle - new <sup>lengthways</sup> ~~columns~~ based, yet handbooks - type  
not typical - Pure down <sup>green</sup> ~~yellow~~ val alone stock -

To live is to be human! We cannot eliminate ourselves to create this  
simpler world! Religion we can not kill it from ourselves. There  
 is nothing in religion - Consider that well now!



The words here are about given on - & of several could you <sup>Apr 5, 1965, P. 4</sup> find in for  
Revels -

friendship encounter - specific

← feeling  
fervor

new 2nd path

Why should we have attention to this word.

Could not or not from - study - thoughts - absent - perfect

let me put it on more selfed basis - come it to ourselves

The other young man. for - should be a - clean eyes - perfect  
has not well seeing, balanced himself - with for or eyes as had  
every dependent

Why. because we have proven ourselves men - we have  
out of small - plainness - make every attempt of little  
hired nothing, nothing -

Wishes - 900 new - 1000

Since coming 90 hours to day

An eye on eye - in eye of mind - we have changed - no  
little but prose - we should not have the land of rebellion  
insincerely feel eyes on the other shoulder - So we must be  
anyway, to stand just life everywhere

I hope of ourselves  
Love is possible to world!

Don't always judge - But of world here - 1000 men -  
Today is very new sense is just out - equal invisibility!

[Apr 5, 1965, 1955]

I please to be  
and be able to show in the  
when I have a few of them. I am

my mind can never - let me tell you - the power of the human mind is  
 great of power to be used. - <sup>find</sup> I have known - "Vocabulary" (Pencil guide)  
 is learned in the ground - VTA known in the ground in the ground in the  
 in the different languages and it can come along to you and assist in the  
 of the mind can change you to give."

of various substances previously known with my addition of  $[\beta_2, \text{etc.}]$

21 D<sub>2</sub>O 100% to water glass -

Black Cat - a very nice cat - of a medium size - very much - pleasant  
for sight

How long? it is a mere nothing? As a woman life is nothing for

Good - has been very

When a Great Power is "Right" we in France are  
convinced we are "Right" - in a broad sense and  
the final moral test of our conduct is the  
goodness, for which we are responsible, in our  
conduct, for the sake of France, and of the  
world, and of the future.

the amount of 200,000 / 160,000 (15,000)

[illegible]

Why must we remain like every - because Original and not ours -  
because we ~~have~~ <sup>have</sup> the same nature as - Because we have lost  
our nature so terribly. If seeing an immortal & seeing himself  
the person and I have would not know of each other and say.

Why must we help these Jews - Documenting your case what  
 on the assumption you're here - Why is it our responsibility?  
 Because they're on blood friends  
 Because it's our full  
 Because we share the same

20 yrs ago - modern - "If you must not go - to help  
 Americans will have a major plan" - small - not - not  
 organized help - or 10-12 centuries when European Sp. - Prussia  
just left suffering Reign - and the rest - it was just by  
Conscience & Time which some money you - in which the most main

Why must we help these Jews? Because we're for - human rights  
 268 778 17200 - ethical issues - Because our eyes are supposed  
 of you don't not preclude our support of any very other worthwhile  
causes - Document last Visit you in last C.C. - be able  
find etc. 2 for you are kind in terms of the moral position of  
a few also under the name of their promises - anyway to remember the  
you to with the idea of the promise of the gift disclosure - when  
they spoke you promised

Then not permit until the day of the day of the day  
 (4 M. 12 100th) all the the

3) Does Israel still need money?

Friend - entire to the the  
 money "all the rest"

all the money we make now continue - visit - business

Documenting - Why do we still need all the money -

Because the need is still there - job holders (most of it is unemployed)

with 60,000 workers  
 200,000 New frontiers not incidentally returned  
jump to 100 million -  
 36,000 Million - unemployed people

Money - money - social service

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HOME OFFICE OF THE AMERICAN, N. Y., N. Y. 10019 - PLAZA THREE - CABLE ADDRESS: UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, NEW YORK

April 15, 1965

April 9, 1965

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

Mr. Seymour Lesser  
United Jewish Appeal  
1290 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, New York 10019

Dear Sy:

I had a most pleasant visit in Omaha and I hope a financially useful one. On my way home the Chicago-Cleveland jet was cancelled and I flew home on a regular propellered plane. There is some rebate due the UJA and I am enclosing the appropriate forms. My out-of-pocket expenses totalled \$4.20.

With all good wishes, I remain,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:mgm  
Encls.

Lv: Hartford  
Ar: Cleveland

9:30 a.m. via UAL 773  
10:50 a.m. April 27

May I take this opportunity to wish you a happy Passover.

Cordially,

Seymour Lesser  
Director  
Speakers' Division

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Enc.

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April 15, 1965

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

For your visit to Hartford on Monday, April 26, we are enclosing tickets for your use on the following schedule:

Lv: Cleveland	12 Noon	via UAL #604
Ar: Hartford	2:00 p.m.	April 26

You will be met on your arrival and escorted to the Statler Hilton Hotel where reservations have been secured.

The dinner affair of the Greater Hartford Division will be at the West Hartford Emanuel Synagogue. They expect an attendance of around three hundred.

It would be helpful for you to have the name of the Executive Director, Bernard Gottlieb, who can be reached at: Office - 236-3278; Home - CL 2-5758.

For your return to Cleveland on the morning of Tuesday, April 27, please use this schedule:

Lv: Hartford	9:30 a.m.	via UAL #73
Ar: Cleveland	10:50 a.m.	April 27

May I take this opportunity to wish you a happy Passover.

Cordially,

*Seymour Lesser*  
Seymour Lesser  
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April 28, 1965

Mr. Seymour Lesser  
United Jewish Appeal  
1290 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, New York 10019

Dear Sy:

Enjoyed my visit to Hartford, Connecticut. It seemed to be a good meeting. My expenses totaled \$38.00 for hotel, taxis, etc.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:mgm



Cordially,

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May 13, 1965

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

Dear Daniel:

Enclosed you will find a check representing reimbursement for your expenses in relation to your visit to Hartford.

May I tell you how pleased the folks were that you found it possible to be with them. I understand you left quite an impact.

Again thanks for your generous assistance.

Best regards,

Cordially,

Seymour Lesser  
Director  
Speakers' Division

SL:NW  
Enc.

PENDING  
JAN 12

December 14, 1965

Rabbi Levi Olan  
Temple Emma-El  
8500 Hillcrest  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Levi:

I am scheduled to be in Dallas for the opening of the Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal campaign on Wednesday, January 12, at noon. I will be staying overnight and I expect the opportunity to visit the Temple and hopefully pick up your article for the April Journal.

By the way, if I can be of any use that evening in the way of adult education it would be my pleasure to enjoy a busman's holiday. With all good wishes for a happy Chanukah, I remain,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER  
DJS:mgm

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

May I tell you how pleased the folks in Dallas were to learn that you have accepted their invitation to address the Women's Division Pacesetters Luncheon on Wednesday, January 12.

In accordance with our discussion we will secure transportation for you on the following schedule:

Lv: Cleveland	7:30 p.m.	via AAL #35
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Ar: Cleveland		

Within a few days, I will be writing to you again with additional details of this meeting as well as your hotel and plane reservations.

May I again thank you for your most generous assistance.

With kind regards.

Cordially,

*Seymour Lesser*  
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Director  
Speakers' Division

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LEVI A. GLAN  
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December 20, 1965

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver  
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Dear Daniel:

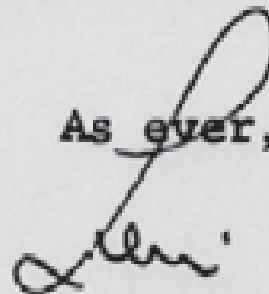
I am delighted to learn that you will be here on January 12. I hope you will keep the afternoon free after your talk so that we can spend some time together.

I am going into the program at the Temple and as soon as I know definitely whether there will be a group meeting at that time or whether we can set one up, I will let you know. I am very anxious for all of our people to hear you.

As for the article, I feel awfully guilty. I have some material which I would like to put together, but I have undertaken three lectures on the West Coast, three lectures at T.C.U., and I just haven't the time to sit down and fully work out what I would like to submit to the Journal. However, I want to and will do it as soon as I can.

With all good wishes for a Happy Hanukkah to you and your loved ones,

As ever,



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December 23 , 1965

Mr. Seymour Lesser  
Director  
Speaker's Division  
United Jewish Appeal  
1290 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, New York 10019

Dear Seymour:

In response to your letter of December 15, I find that I must be in Cleveland for a Temple Board meeting on Tuesday night, January 11. There is a morning flight, American Air Lines #357, which is non-stop to Dallas, arriving at Dallas at 11:32 a.m. If the connection is too close I wonder if there is an early morning flight at 7 or so from Chicago? I could take a later evening hop over and fly out of there the next morning. Of course, I would prefer to take the direct flight.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER  
DJS:mgn

December 27, 1965

Mr. Raymond D. Nasher  
937 Republic Bank Building  
Dallas, Texas 75201

Dear Mr. Nasher:

My brother, Raphael Silver, has told me of his pleasant contacts with you during committee preparation for the recent White House conference. I plan to be in Dallas on Wednesday, January 12 at a luncheon meeting on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal and my schedule is such that I must stay over on Thursday. It would be a distinct pleasure for me to have a chance to meet you and to learn through you something of the life and lore of your city and community. Would it be possible, say, for us to have lunch on Thursday? If this is in any way an imposition please have no hesitance in saying so.

With all good wishes for the New Year, I am sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER  
DJS:mgm

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It would be helpful for you to have the name of the Executive  
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January 7, 1966

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver  
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Dear Daniel:

I have just returned from the Coast and find that our program in the Temple is such that a Wednesday evening meeting is impossible here on the 12th. I look forward, however, to your visit and when you are through with the ladies, perhaps one of them will take you over to the Temple and we can spend some time and then we will go to the house at night and have some good talk together. There is also a Civic Music program in town presenting Mathis and if you would like to attend that, we can arrange it. Anyway, I look forward to your being here.

Sincerely,



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UNITED JEWISH APPEAL CAMPAIGN

DALLAS, TEXAS

JANUARY 12, 1966

My oldest boy is taking piano lessons. The "C" scale and "Mary Had A Little Lamb" sound endlessly through the house. Frankly, for all of my hopes for his musical achievement, I have tuned him out. Though God did not give us ear lids we can and do turn off the world when it serves our purpose. In a strange <sup>WAY</sup> my son's piano explains my presence here. Campaigns and fund-raising luncheons have become rather routine and predictable elements in our lives. We expect to be asked, we expect to give and far too often we tune out the purpose and the reason for our <sup>GIVING</sup> ~~contribution~~. We are preoccupied by the paraphernalia of campaign rather than by the precise cause, <sup>AND WE GIVE LITTLE IF</sup> the philosophy of life which summons us to a luncheon such as this. <sup>Any thought</sup> ~~AND MORE'S THE pity~~.

God bless this instinctive generosity. A recent study in Fortune magazine estimated that we Jews give more than 625 million dollars each year for educational, welfare and relief causes. Three and one-half per cent of the American people give 15% of our nation's total contributions. I doubt that there has been a similar level of generosity. But in the process we have become a little careless and indiscriminate. Often the extent of our gift depends on who asked us and how often we <sup>HAVE</sup> asked them, rather than on the urgency and scope of the cause. <sup>SO A</sup> Too often the gift makes no impact on our spiritual lives. It has become perfunctory <sup>PROBABLY A DECISION HANDLED</sup> ~~if not often handled~~ by our husbands' auditors.

Why am I here? Hopefully, so that you will unstop your ears and allow yourself to hear a simple statement. One-half million lives depend in large measure on the success of the United Jewish Appeal. The United Jewish Appeal is the foundation stone on which the physical renewal and personal rehabilitation of the Jewish people rests. <sup>THE U.S.A.</sup> ~~This is the reason that it~~ cannot be seen as just another campaign. This is the cause which supports the

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dispossessed, sustains the undernourished, counsels the confused, provides transportation and seed money for the settler, makes it possible for him to have hope in a new land.

I am a Rabbi and not a professional fund raiser. ~~I have probably sat in as many similar meetings as this as anyone here.~~ Permit me, therefore, to turn aside from the familiar path taken in such appeals, to concentrate rather on the questions and the feelings which we share when the time comes each year for this campaign. "What, another massive multi-million dollar campaign? More talk of ~~urgency~~ and emergency quotas. We had an urgent drive last year and the year before. Not again!" Yes, again, and <sup>you</sup> probably will have a similar drive next year and your children's children <sup>such</sup> also a drive 40 years from now. We live in a turbulent age and the business of survival is a costly and difficult undertaking which can never be run at a profit. Perhaps, some day, every man will live under his vine and under his fig tree and none will make him afraid. But not in our day ~~and~~ not while the cold war burns not, ~~Not while~~ violent passions surge through our world. In the late 1940's we thought that the need <sup>had fixed limits that it</sup> could be rather clearly described, <sup>and handled within a few years.</sup> We would settle those who ~~had~~ would survive the war and Nazi holocaust and who were still suffering in those bleak camps for displaced persons. Herculean effort supported by the most generous giving cleared the camps and gave five million people a new start in life. But our job was not over. We suddenly became aware of the hundreds of thousands of Jews who live in Yemen, Syria, Iraq and Egypt. Many of them in medieval squalor. The Arab governments began a program of systematic harassment against these unfortunate. Again, <sup>through</sup> the personal sacrifice and dedicated energy <sup>with which</sup> we brought them out of the Mellahs to freedom and opportunity in Israel. One million human beings received a new lease on life but our job was not over. There was revolution in Algeria, ~~There~~ was political terror in Tunis, ~~There~~ was a <sup>hopeless</sup> quality to life behind the Iron Curtain. <sup>The</sup> Work of relief went on at a high rate in Israel and in France. Hundreds passed daily

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through Vienna in search of a little peace and security. / Need arose in unexpected places. Five-thousand Jews had to flee the Congo, twelve thousand Cuba. Nor is it difficult to see where need continues and may <sup>also</sup> arise. Two and one-half million Jews remain in Russia where many suffer economic and religious indignity. Time is running out for the 300,000 Jews of the Union of South Africa even as time is running out for the misbegotten white minority of that unfortunate land. Yes, there will be other United Jewish Appeal campaigns, other 73 million dollar quotas, other years in which 50,000 refugees are on the highways of this world. I think quite often of the anonymous citizen of our Bible who cries out to the guard of the city walls "Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?" The guard's cautious, realistic reply, "The morning cometh, but also the night."

It is not that we have not done enough, it is rather that bitter passion still roils the politics of our world. ~~There will be many another campaign~~ such as this. <sup>But</sup> Let us not be blind to what has been accomplished. Those of you who have visited Israel have seen the dramatic, almost unbelievable <sup>OF A NATION OF EXISTENCE</sup> achievement ~~by men and women who were once~~ refugees. How they have created a vigorous and creative democracy out of a barren and sandy place which, but a half century ago was the home of a few Bedouin and the jackals. Many of you have been to France and you have probably not seen the community of North African refugees who are being given dignity and opportunity and whose young are being educated in the intricate responsibilities of our technological age. The work of Jewish survival goes on as it has always gone on. // You know there is really no mystery to the survival of the Jewish people. Our survival rests on the age-old sense of being one people (Hebrew *יְהוּדָה אֶחָד* *יהודה אחד*) The strong and successful in the family have always willingly lent their strength to those whose lives have been darkened. We are spending, today, many millions to succor the Jewries of North Africa and to welcome them into lands of larger political freedom. Seven-hundred years ago their great, great grandfathers, then the leaders of a secure and proud community,

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spent equivalent sums to save the Jews of Spain, whose safety and lives were threatened by the actions of fanatic Barber tribes-people. Shall we not say then, in the very real sense these refugees are not receiving charity but simply the return of a long-term loan extended generations ago by our forefathers. But, let's turn back for the moment, to Dallas, January, 1966 and to ourselves.

We grumble a bit. How often can we be asked to give and even as we grumble the answer comes loud and clear "Would you really rather have to receive?"

What I should like to suggest this noon is that if we <sup>make an</sup> ~~are~~ ~~scrupulously~~ <sup>honest</sup> <sup>about</sup> <sup>we would have to admit that</sup> we benefit tremendously by the giving. The generosity of the American Jew has been one of the major factors which has kept us human. Money is a blessing but also a subtle poison. Money is power and power corrupts. Those who have the good things of life and can purchase respect often end up by feeling that they are somewhat better and apart from the rest of the human race. One of Sholam Alechem's delightful characters put it this way.

"If you have money, you are wise and handsome and can sing." Now, those who sing their own praises find many reasons to speak degradingly of the less successful.

Put silver in back of a piece of glass and you can no longer see the beauties of nature and the throngs milling the street but only your own anxious and drawn countenance. When we turn away from the responsibilities of citizenship, when we lose our sense of partnership in the human enterprise, we end up being imprisoned in our own narrow and anxious prison - world. Let me make this point by re-telling for you a poignant family history first set down by the brilliant Yiddish writer I. L. Peretz. He makes his point without action, simply by <sup>re-telling</sup> ~~the contents~~ <sup>of</sup> four wills in four generations of one family. When Reb Eliezer died they found under his pillow the following will: "It is my wish that my children remain associates in my timber trade. After my death they are to make a new enclosure around my cemetery and repair the roof of the synagogue. My wife, may she live, shall occupy the house by herself but

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take in a poor orphan girl to live with her so as not to be lonely. She and the children are to have equal shares in my estate." When his son Benjamin

died he left a longer will: "With regard to my wealth, I leave no will, for I am convinced that the members of my family will either live in peace and in unity among themselves or will divide my wealth among themselves justly. It is my wish that my wife and my children should distribute alms annually, one-tenth of their profit. Should it happen that the business does not show a profit they should give charity all the same. By no means should they help a poor relative from the amounts destined for charity. A man should not derive personal benefit from charity and when he gives away money to poor relatives it is just as if he had given it to himself. I beg that my sons be not given too much to vanities or be too anxious to grow rich, for the bigger the merchant the smaller the Jew in him." When Maurice the grandson died, he died in Paris

and not in Poland and he left a careful will giving 5% to charity and the rest to his only and beloved son. When Maurice died his will was of another nature.

"I, Maurice Ben Ditzon, Jr. am leaving this world neither in joy nor in grief but account of its emptiness. I can no longer live because I no longer have anything to do here. I have drunk fully from the goblet of life. I have been taught many things but never how to live. I inherited a vast fortune and it grew without help on my part. It grew until it has outgrown me. Frequently my heart wept for I was desirous of wanting something or having something to do. The doctors wanted me to take long walks, to travel, to take up some sport, but this was not life but a substitute for life. Everything has been bought for me. The smile of a friend, the kiss of red lips, even the Kaddish for the soul of my father. At the most I have paid for things but I have never been taught to give to bestow. I am dying because I am barren physically and mentally. I have been treated after the manner in which a peasant treats a pig. I have been stuffed. When the pig is fat enough the peasant kills it. The arsenic is upon my table." Peretz's language is melodramatic but the point

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THE SENSE OF PURPOSE WHICH  
MAKE IT PLEASING

is clear. To take and not to give is to drain life of one of its basic <sup>opportunities</sup> pleasures.  
To live but not to serve is not to live at all.

Of course, there are other ways in which we must serve. Citizenship is a full time vocation and a grand <sup>opportunity</sup>. Surely this service is a fit and proper beginning. Surely the question today is not "how easily can I afford it?" but, "can I afford not to give?" Permit me just this final post script. Your gift today is only a small down-payment on life, ~~it~~ is a tentative statement that you and I share ~~in~~ the confusion and uncertainty which we call history.

Go one step further. Force yourself to think beyond the reality of the pledge card.

Of Those who suffer dislocation, ignorance, uncertainty. Admit to yourself that <sup>that you share their</sup> ~~you~~ do not live in a quiet suburban street, but on a restless, and trembling <sup>and their</sup> ~~planet~~ planet. Admit that <sup>that</sup> ~~you~~ live is to be bruised <sup>but</sup> ~~but~~ to live is to know bitterness and fear. That we are, in the final analysis, <sup>frail</sup> ~~frail~~. <sup>weak</sup> ~~Among those who walk a~~ ~~dimly lit way~~ can the way be brightened? It can. This is a difficult life but not a hopeless one. But the security and the peace for which we pray cannot be purchased except by sacrifice. Throw yourself into the causes which can light lights for mankind. Be a bearer of light in the dark loneliness of stricken lives. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ For, in the day of wrath, if it comes, your quiet street and happy home will be engulfed with the rest.

January 18, 1966

Dr. Levi Olan  
Temple Emaru-El  
8500 Hillcrest  
Dallas 25, Texas

Dear Levi:

I am now safely back in slush and snow and remembering with pleasure the pleasant evening you afforded me in Dallas. Your hospitality made my stay a memorable one. What can I say except that Adele joins me in an open invitation. The house will not be as quiet with three little ones underfoot but we hope the next time you are here you will be with us.

I have been giving a good bit of thought to our conversation about the Conference and its program. It seems to me that a wonderful week could be built around the theme "What Is Man?"

I would envision an anthropologist, who would speak on "The emerging human being," a professor of psychology, who would speak on "The new assumptions about the inner man," two or three Rabbinic scholars, who would discuss "The theology of man" (in the Bible, in the mystical literature, in Musar literature, etc.) and a panel to discuss "the relations of man to ethical and religious disciplines." I think such a program would take us beyond the God problem, beyond amateur Freudism, and into one of the most vital, urgent areas of human thought.

Again, my thanks.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER  
DJS:mgn

January 24, 1966

Mr. Seymour Lesser  
United Jewish Appeal  
1290 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, New York 10019

Dear Seymour:

I will try and straighten out the ticket business which was a bit of a mess but basically due to a secretarial error in my office. In any case, let's make sure we don't get billed doubly for the one-way passage. If I get billed for the Cleveland - Dallas - Detroit ticket I will send this on to you. My expenses for incidentals were \$65.00.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER  
DJS:mgn

June 6, 1966

Mr. Seymour Lesser  
United Jewish Appeal  
1290 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, New York 10019

Dear Seymour:

In January I went to Dallas for the UJA. There was some confusion with my ticket and I had the one that was charged to your office cancelled and took out another on my own travel card. I have been billed \$171.26 for that trip and I should like to be reimbursed for it. Would you verify from your records in fact that your tickets were cancelled.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER  
DJS:mga

January 24, 1966

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New York, New York 10019

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Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER  
DJS:mgm

[Jan 24, 1966]

Rabbi Dan:

I actually submitted to Mr. Lesser, along with the American Airline tickets, a slip from American Airlines indicating that the travel card charge was to be changed from Midwestern Land Development Air Travel Card to the United Jewish Appeal as was on their original tickets sent to you. This, to me, would indicate that Mr. Lesser's office did not recognize the purpose of the change of charge slip enclosed with the tickets and our letter of January 18.

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January 24, 1966

Mr. Raphael Silver  
Midwestern Land Development Corp.  
1724 Superior Building  
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Dear Ray:

You will be receiving a bill on a flight of mine to Detroit.  
I did not use the enclosed ticket from Detroit to Cleveland.  
It should be returned for refund.

DJS :mgm

January 18, 1966

Mr. Seymour Lesser  
United Jewish Appeal  
1290 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, New York 10019

Dear Seymour:

I enjoyed my visit to Dallas and I trust it was a profitable one for the United Jewish Appeal.

I am returning my ticket which has an unused Detroit-Cleveland section. I felt that my Detroit audience ought to pay that section not the UJA. My expenses were \$65 for cabs, hotel, etc. With all good wishes, I remain,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER  
DJS:mgn

Encls.



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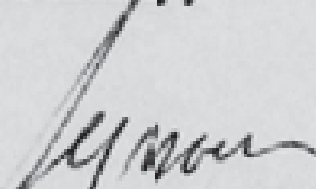
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I received your note regarding your expenses in relation to your visit to Dallas. You enclosed an unused airline ticket. I note that this entire ticket was actually purchased by you. Therefore, if apparently you did not use the ticket we sent, you are entitled to a refund on the purchase price of the ticket.

I would appreciate your letting me know just exactly what is due you.

With kindest regards,

Cordially,

  
Seymour Lesser  
Director  
Speakers' Division

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P.S. Enclosed you will find your ticket.

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May 3, 1966

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This is to confirm your gracious acceptance of our invitation to address the Annual Dinner of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Rochester on Tuesday, June 14.

As you requested, we will secure the following transportation:

Lv: Cleveland	12:50 p.m.	via AAL #916
Ar: Rochester	2:42 p.m.	June 14
Lv: Rochester	8:00 a.m.	via AAL #929
Ar: Cleveland	9:17 a.m.	June 15

In due course, I will be writing to you with specific details of this function.

I know that you are aware of our deep sense of appreciation for your generous assistance.

With warm regards.

Cordially,

Seymour Lesser  
Director  
Speakers' Division

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UNITED JEWISH WELFARE FUND OF ROCHESTER, N. Y. , INC.  
129 East Avenue, Rochester, New York 14604 325-3393

May 5, 1966

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are happy to know that you will address the Annual Dinner Meeting of the Jewish Community Council and United Jewish Welfare Fund, Tuesday, June 14, 1966 at 6:30 p.m. at Temple Beth El.

At this meeting we are particularly interested in a presentation giving the broad areas of responsibility and concern of the American Jewish community and particularly as they devolve upon the local Jewish community.

I had the occasion to talk to Philip Bernstein of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds , who mentioned that you have given several addresses along these lines in various Jewish communities recently.

What I am trying to say, in effect, is that we are not interested at this juncture in a "UJA" speech, but in a talk which will encompass the totality of Jewish communal responsibility and concern with particular emphasis upon the participation of the local organized Jewish community.

Based upon this information, would you be able to give us a specific title for your talk which we could use in the invitation for the meeting?

If you should require more specifics, I certainly would be happy to try to delineate them, but I am sure that you have the general concept and will evolve a presentation which follows your interests as they are applicable to our general theme.

We look forward to greeting you and can assume, I suppose, that at this time of year snow-storms will not prevent us from the opportunity of greeting you warmly and with great anticipation.

Cordially yours,

Elmer Louis  
Executive Director

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June 1, 1966

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University Circle at Silver Park  
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Rabbi Silver:

For your visit to Rochester on our behalf on Tuesday, June 14, tickets are enclosed for your use on the following schedule:

Lv: Cleveland	12:50 p.m.	via AAL #916
Ar: Rochester	2:42 p.m.	June 14

You will be met on your arrival and escorted to the Downtowner Motel where reservations have been secured.

I know that the Executive Director, Elmer Louis, has written to you giving you some background information on this function. The Annual Meeting of the Rochester Jewish Community Council and United Jewish Welfare Fund will be at Temple Beth El and is scheduled to commence at 6:30 p.m. As I previously indicated, they anticipate an attendance in excess of 600.

It would be helpful for you to have the telephone numbers of Mr. Louis; Office - 325-3393; Home - GR 3-5592.

For your return to Cleveland on the morning of Wednesday, June 15, please use this schedule:

Lv: Rochester	8:00 a.m.	via AAL #929
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May I again extend our sincere thanks for your gracious cooperation.

With warm regards.

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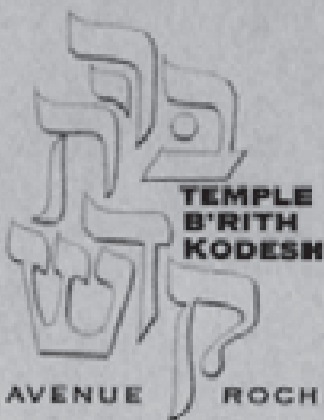
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June 6, 1966

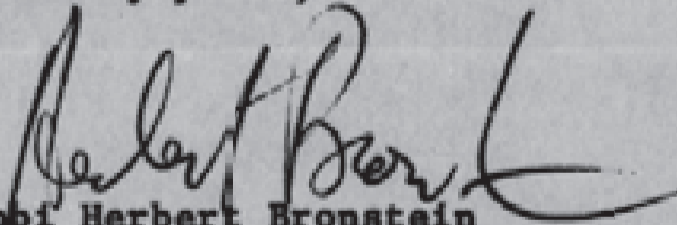
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Dear Danny:

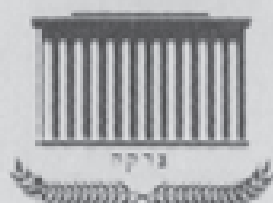
I was delighted to learn that you will be in Rochester to address the closing meeting of the Welfare Fund. I look forward very much to seeing you again. The president of the Welfare Fund has asked me to introduce you: therefore, would you send biographical material.

I am eager to know if there is any way I can help to make your visit to Rochester pleasant and comfortable.

Cordially yours,

  
Rabbi Herbert Bronstein

HB/sg



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Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
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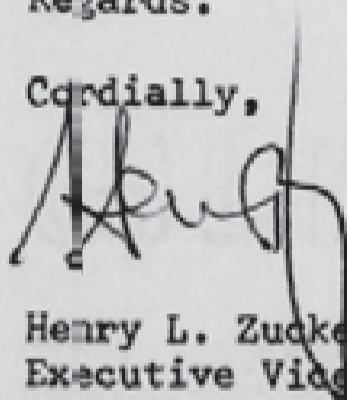
Dear Rabbi:

I am pleased to see that you are addressing the Annual Dinner Meeting of the Jewish Community Council of Rochester on the subject "The Jewish Community in the United States: Its Present and Its Future".

If you have a spare copy of the address, I should be glad to have a chance to read it.

Regards.

Cordially,



Henry L. Zucker  
Executive Vice President

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Rabbi Daniel J. Silver  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

In relation to your visit to Rochester on our behalf on Tuesday, June 14th, you will want to know that the community has changed your hotel reservations to the Sheraton. They felt that it would be more convenient for you.

With warm regards,

Cordially,

*Seymour Lesser*  
Seymour Lesser  
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Speakers' Division

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June 9, 1966

Mr. Henry L. Zucker  
Executive Vice President  
The Jewish Community Federation  
of Cleveland  
1750 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Henry:

If my notes become a manuscript I will be delighted to send it on, but in all probability, I will speak from one of my undecipherable scrawls.

Thanks for asking.

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER  
DJS:mgm

June 9, 1966

Rabbi Herbert Bronstein  
Temple B'rith Kodesh  
2131 Elmwood Avenue  
Rochester 18, New Yrk

Dear Herb:

Enclosed please find the biography. I'd love a chance to see  
The Temple while I am in town, beyond that I would love to have  
a drink with you either before or after the meeting.

With all good wishes,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER  
DJS:mgm

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(Hebrew) pi' 'la d'f'f' /'u' d'f'f' 'la pi' /'u'

"There is no day without its night. There is no night without its day." Light and darkness - promise and danger are inseparable. So it is written in that mystical treasury we call the Zohar. <sup>So it has always been in Jewish history</sup> I would take the intermingling of frustration and achievement, of danger and of promise, as the <sup>framework</sup> ~~theme~~ of our discussion of the American Jewish Community.

We live under changing skies. Struggle and determination will be required of us as they have been required of every generation of Jews in our long ascent through history.

Let us begin with the sunshine. These are prosperous and relatively painless years for our Communities. There are few poor among us. The vast majority of American Jews belong to the middle class and their aspirations soar even higher. Professional and academic skills are in short supply and an exceptional number of our men and women are qualified. <sup>AND ACTIVELY CUMULATING THE ~~holder~~ OF SUCCESS</sup> Strange is it not that centuries devoted <sup>to</sup> Torah (to learning) <sup>OF</sup> <sup>has</sup> <sup>IN OUR DAY</sup> ~~have suddenly~~ paid ~~on~~ such an extraordinary dividend?

There is, of course, discrimination. The unwritten rule 'no Jew need apply' still <sup>flourishes</sup> ~~exists~~ in the upper echelons of industry. This is especially true in the executive suites of the major banks, in the larger utilities, in the giant steel and automobile corporations. ~~Not~~ The average Jew <sup>finds</sup> ~~found~~ these restrictions more irritating than shackling. There are many roads to a good living. <sup>There are no</sup> ~~There are~~ <sup>few</sup> ~~skies~~ <sup>done of which we does not know</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~the only limit.~~ A Jew had ~~been appointed~~ Ambassador to the United Nations. Another is among the closest advisors of the President. A third had been named an associate Justice of the Supreme Court - more Jews were elected to ~~the last~~ <sup>the last</sup> Congress <sup>Today, last</sup> than to any other in our history. Our children are perhaps the first generation ~~of Jews~~ in all of our history who shake their heads in bemusement when <sup>an elder</sup> ~~someone~~ speaks ~~the~~ the bitter but loving plaint ~~of our father~~ 'schmerz zu seinem Yid.'

The Jewish community <sup>Feels</sup> ~~is~~ at home and the American Jew returned <sup>to</sup> to his nation a full measure of gratitude. A survey by Fortune magazine revealed that individual Jews contributed some 625 million dollars annually to educational, cultural and welfare causes. This sum represents 15% of the total sum of monies given - given, be it noted, by a group which represents 3 or 3-1/2% of the population. This survey disproved ~~and for all~~ the occasionally heard peeve of our nervous Nellies: <sup>Jews</sup> "We give - but only to our own causes." Roughly 1/2 of this 625 million was given to the United Appeal, Medical Research, colleges and universities and to all that promotes the general welfare.

<sup>at the 'to pi' pi'.</sup> 'There is no day without its night.' The sunlight always casts a shadow. Anti-semitism <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ not dead. Its ugly voice <sup>in the</sup> ~~was heard in the New York~~ <sup>in the</sup> ~~sexuality~~ <sup>campaign of last fall</sup> ~~It could be heard in a New Rochelle Civil Rights meeting where Jewish shopkeepers and apartment owners were flayed by intemperate organizers. It could be heard in the hush quiet of select and restricted Clubs as the privileged complained against the parvenue who <sup>were</sup> ~~was~~ challenging <sup>them</sup> ~~their~~ generation for control of the city. It could be heard <sup>in a Chicago Park where a</sup> ~~among the~~ white ethnic crowds <sup>as these</sup> ~~as these~~ <sup>local swastika speakers</sup> ~~flayed~~ the unwanted forces of change crowding <sup>upon</sup> ~~about~~ them. It could be heard in the ~~shrill vitriol of an American Nazi Storm Trooper rallying his few paranoid followers and in the ugly venom of those who~~ <sup>bestride</sup> ~~bestrode~~ the south in the inquisitional white of the Klan. Each of us heard unexpected words spoken unexpectedly from unexpected lips. No one could be sure what ~~would~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~happen~~ if the economy went into a tailspin. However, we preferred not to worry over much and to live by the philosophy "be sufficient unto the day <sup>is</sup> ~~for~~ the evil thereof." This generation <sup>is</sup> ~~accentuates the~~ <sup>even on dark days</sup> ~~positive.~~~~

Most Jews, I believe, looked on the Vatican Council as <sup>The</sup> ~~a~~ happy symbol of an era of good feeling. A careful <sup>Review of</sup> ~~look at~~ the Council makes it clear that the Roman Catholic Church has not disbanded its missions, nor denied its historical claims as the only proper repository of truth. Pope Paul obviously lacks the largeness of spirit of Pope John. But in Cleveland and in Chicago, in St. Louis and Boston,

and I am sure also here in <sup>EL PASO</sup> ~~El Paso~~, individual priests and church men met <sup>with us</sup> ~~and~~  
~~concerned~~ on many <sup>many</sup> levels of community concern. If dogma remained largely  
medieval most Jews <sup>WERE CONFIDENT</sup> ~~had~~ the experience of working together would inaugurate a  
new era in Catholic-Jewish relationships. Would it? Were we living in a  
fool's paradise? <sup>our</sup> ~~The~~ answer <sup>RESTS</sup> ~~is~~ with <sup>our</sup> ~~the~~ ~~subject's~~ emotional set and  
historical perspective. <sup>For</sup> ~~There are some who~~ ~~that~~ two days bracket every night —  
<sup>For</sup> ~~and others who~~ ~~that~~ two nights bracket every day.

Our ~~Jewish~~ communities are continuing their now familiar work of local welfare <sup>health and</sup>  
and <sup>of</sup> overseas rescue and relief. The ever-increasing efficiency of our federations  
tended <sup>s</sup> to make many overlook the scope of this service and the number served. Each  
year the statistics on campaign brochures comes as something of a shock. <sup>WE TALKED THE UNUSUAL COMMUNITY FROM</sup> ~~These~~ past  
years Federations have emphasized two areas of planning - the raising of capital  
reserves and the cultivation of new leadership. Both of these concerns reflect the  
atmosphere of success which permeates our communal establishment. We are looking  
ahead and we are looking ahead with a great deal of confidence. In many communities  
~~where allocations depended on annual collections~~ there are now reserve funds which  
<sup>can</sup> ~~will~~ tide the agencies over most short-term business recessions <sup>and permit the</sup> ~~and permit the~~ <sup>comprehensive</sup>  
agencies to experiment with new dimensions of service. <sup>At the same time</sup>

The emphasis on smoothing the road ahead has lead to an emphasis on leadership  
training. Little groups of the carefully selected are being cultivated assiduously.  
As a result their individual pledges have increased but may I speak a word of caution.  
The emphasis on youth, especially on the gilded youth, is potentially self-defeating.  
Too often young men who have no other recommendation than a sizeable inheritance are  
precipitated into responsibilities for which they have not qualified themselves.  
Lionized by a community which pants for their pledge they <sup>quickly begin</sup> ~~have begun~~ to patronize  
the federation which courts them. The emphasis on the gilded youth has also  
tended to alienate the gifted youth <sup>who TIRE US OFF AS GRASSHOPPER MATERIALIST</sup> ~~We~~ need men of substance and we need men  
of substantial learning. We cannot afford to alienate our best minds by a leadership  
selection which measures only a man's stock portfolio.

ALSO

The emphasis on finance brushes our federations with a sticky varnish of political timidity. Everything is going so well, no one wants to rock the boat. ~~The courageous involvement of the NAACP, the CORE, and the major religious bodies~~ on the national level <sup>is</sup> ~~has been softened on the local scene.~~ <sup>Y SORT PEPALED</sup> ~~We raise money for~~ <sup>CONCENTRATE ON RAISING</sup> supportive services to our own middle class people. Our health and counseling agencies render specific services to the indigent, but our name and our presence is too often missing from these programs of political and social action by which the poor and outcast of the land demand their rightful place in our society. Protestants have their inner city parishes. Catholics have Vista and PEACE. We have an exceptionally large number of Jews active in the NAACP, CORE, HEAD START and the rest, but the central institution of our community, the Federation, is present ~~only~~ only by indirection. We prefer to have the Congress or Committee or the Congregations sponsor controversial marches and meetings - in so doing we allow ourselves to be ticked off as a smug and self-satisfied suburban group <sup>who</sup> ~~with~~ <sup>SEEK TO ESCAPE THE STICKY RACIAL MATTER.</sup> ~~only a minority interest in change.~~ I believe the change to be unfortunate - I wish I could say untrue - and I believe our people by and large demand far better of us. Parenthetically, I might add that in Cleveland we have established a Public Welfare Committee within the Federation - I have the honor to chair this committee, and we have brought onto our staff a full-time executive who will be responsible for enlisting our corporate strength in the War on Poverty.

Permit me to revert for still another moment to the programs of leadership training because I believe these tend to have far too narrow a focus. The average program includes visits to local institutions and a careful analysis of local and national agency structure and perhaps an Israel study mission. All the ingredients are there but the soup has no flavor. The ~~tem~~ the instinctive and humane sympathy which is the Jewish way of looking at things is missing. Permit me an example. An increasing number of these carefully cultivated young people are becoming finicky about the way in which monies are raised. If their grumbling means that George Jessel and/or a fashion show has no place on a fund-raising

program I could not agree with them more, but if they mean that the community has no right to solicit them energetically and to expect a meaningful response I could not agree with them less. The Protestant Church may pass the charity plate. Synagogues are financed by membership dues or, if they are old-fashioned, by a public " ref 'n " "let everyone hear", the process of selling aliyahs. Overly discrete campaigning is not only ineffective but unJewish.

~~We must find a way of training men and women not only to staff our social work agencies but to make their judgments by the twin standards of professional competence and Jewish tam. It is not enough to train men and women to be members of hospital Boards if they training does not emphasize a difference between a Jewish and a county hospital. I am speaking now not of the elemental requirements of having kosher facilities in the kitchen and a place for a ritual brith in the nursery. These I take for granted. County hospitals make such provisions. Rather I am thinking of Board attitudes toward the pay scales of orderlies or the unionization of hospital employees and its concern as to the quality of medical service offered clinic patients.~~

~~I WILL ADD ~~have long been convinced~~ that we are guilty of over-developing loyalties to the EL PASO ~~Rockefeller~~ or the Cleveland Jewish Federation and of soft-pedaling the truth that the Jewish community is spiritually world-wide and indissoluble and that the need of a psychologically disturbed and handicapped Moroccan Jew or Maabaaranik has as urgent a claim upon us as our desire to have an indoor swimming pool at our center or to place another marriage counselor on ~~our~~ <sup>A</sup> Family Service staff. Today men are appointed to a local board. They become immersed in its on-going program. A staff request for a research study on adolescent behavior or for the purchase of new equipment for the golden age center which becomes the urgent focus of community interest. ~~The~~ Budget Committees of Federations are badgered with such requests and they are finding it difficult to allocate sufficient funds for overseas relief and rehabilitation. ~~Today our annual campaigns raise fairly steady sums.~~ Every addition to the local budget represents a subtraction from the international life-saving and life-giving enterprise. I recently visited one community which had cut~~

substantially its JDC and UIA allocation in order to underwrite the Sunday School education of each child in the community.

Our communal enterprise is humming along, but 'there is no day without its night.' There are storm clouds heavy in the communal sky. The American Jewish Community seems to be floundering, emotionally uncertain of itself, its reason for being, or its future. We hear these questions raised most pointedly as the communities digest the statistics of inter-marriage. Apparently from 12 to 20% of <sup>the</sup> marriages of ~~Jews and marriages~~ <sup>OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS</sup> involve unions with brides or grooms of other faiths. The less sanguine shake their heads sadly and say kaddish forgetting that we gain just as many converts as we lose by defection. The more perceptive realize that the problem is not one of numbers - it cuts much more deeply. The third generation young adult is asking a simple and <sup>DEBATING</sup> ~~basic~~ question. 'What concrete and positive difference will it make for me if I remain a Jew?' "Prove to me that it is important for me to remain Jewish." Unfortunately, all too often the experience of his parents is no help. He demands something more than membership in a Jewish <sup>Social</sup> Country Club, the annual signing of a United Jewish Appeal card and high holy day attendance in the synagogue. He cannot see what was unique or urgent about a Jewish hospital or a Jewish old folks home.

The Jewish press is full of Jeremiahs on the sterility of Jewish life - philanthropy without philosophy - the edifice complex - the gilded ghetto. <sup>X</sup> This is not, of course, the whole story. Slowly but perceptibly the congregations and, to a lesser degree, the community have moved from building to program - from pledges to piety - from membership to mitzvah and it is none too soon (if it is not already too late) (Judaism has been for far too many, for far too long, a sociological label - ~~and~~ a status-giving <sup>structure</sup> ~~occupation~~ rather than a spiritual devotion. ) The ~~emphasis has~~ been on the ~~fallen~~ - ~~but we ought to see the problem in some historical perspective.~~ Forty years ago only one Jewish family in ten had any synagogue affiliation, less than two out of ten youngsters received a single hour of religious instruction and

only one in a hundred spent any time in class beyond the age of thirteen. Center programs were secular - and congregation programs often more of the same. Assimilation was a popular goal. Zionism was a queer and suspect atavism. We had to depend for our intellectual and rabbinic leadership on men who had been trained abroad. Today we can look back on a generation in which American Jews have published more on substantive Jewish themes than the entire literary product of the Spanish golden age. Six families in ten are affiliated with the synagogue and over 90% of our children receive some religious instruction. The recent ~~ABC~~ study <sup>of</sup> Wilkes-Barre revealed an encouraging level of interest among our adolescents. I have in my own congregation some 200 high school-age youngsters who are enrolled in a strong academic program. But if we believe in the continuity of our Jewish communities <sup>This is only a beginning.</sup> much greater effort will have to be made in the areas of learning and understanding. We have been remarkably unenlightened in exploring meaningful cooperation between congregations and communities. Federation programs rarely deal with the challenging religious problems of the day. Congregational programs and curriculums rarely deal of community structure and philosophy. We spend money on squash courts and billiard rooms for our centers but not on libraries in the same buildings. We need to take a new hard look at the Hillel structure <sup>which too often betrays the scholarly interests of their members</sup>. There is evidence of a burgeoning interest <sup>Some communities have established chairs of Jewish studies</sup> in local universities. Far more ought to. The Jewish student wants ideas and <sup>as local UNIV.</sup> challenge rather than cookies and a second-rate fraternity. Community leaders require Torah as well as welfare expertise. Why not institutes in which the executive Board of the Federation is informed by scholars and rabbis as well as by agency heads and federation executives? In an age where Federal funds increasingly finance ~~hospitals~~ <sup>sick</sup> and health services perhaps it is time to turn ~~these~~ institutions over to the community and spend our monies and efforts on colleges of Jewish study and teacher-training institutes. Ignorance <sup>is the</sup> ~~threatens~~ <sup>to</sup> the life and wholeness of every Jewish community.

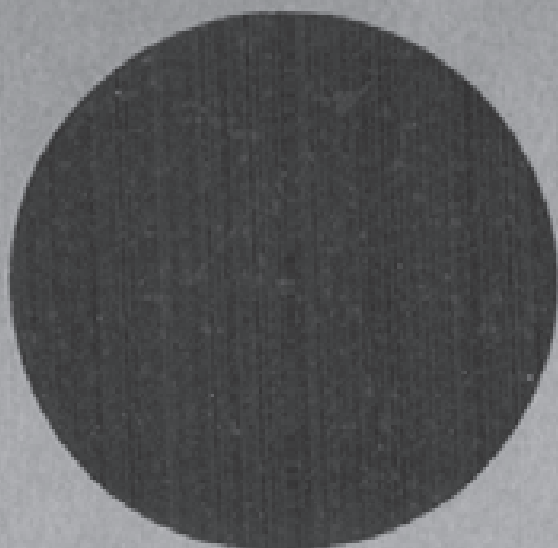
There are those who believe that because the Jewish Federation is strong that it ~~will~~ always be so and this is not necessarily so. There ~~are~~ those who believe that

But, as we should have learned in the Kashmir arms sent for cold war purposes quickly become involved in the petty hot wars of small nations. Recently when the king of Jordan ceremonially received a shipment of heavy American tanks he publicly announced "we are now prepared to set the time and place for the final attack on Israel." More recently the Russians have, for the first time, publicly underwritten the Arab program of revenge.

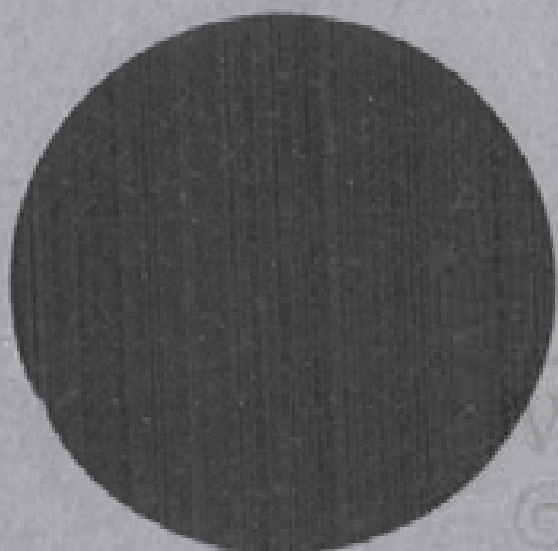
The day darkens. The responsibilities of the Jewish community multiply. We have mobilized an inordinant amount of concern over Soviet anti-semitism. I have never been an unqualified supporter of these protests. There are two-and one-half million Jews in Russia who cannot leave our mass meetings and marches and return to secure and well-protected homes. The Russian bear has a notoriously evil temper and if he is goaded too far he may take a brutal swipe with his paw at those Jews who live behind the Iron Curtain. But, today I have another fear in this area. Russia seems to be relaxing some of the more minor restraints on Jewish life (the baking of matzoh) at the same time increasing the shrillness of her attacks on Israel and on Zionism. She is cunningly playing on the innocence of not a few within our communities. She hopes a few prayer books will silence our public outrage at her mischievous and callous encouragement of Arab bloodlust. Russia is playing a deliberately provocative game in the Middle East and I am afraid the United States is playing an unwittingly provocative game. The United States has favored Israel with financial support and political encouragement - and well we might. Israel is our one stable friend in that part of the world. The Israeli radio is the one broadcast which does not spew anti-American venom. Israel's technical and economic aid to the Sub Sahara African nations is the one element of stability which is effective in that area. But our government has shied off from a final commitment to the Israeli security - a guarantee of her and our borders American Jewish Community has shied away from publically calling for such a pledge. Yet, we will have spent our billions in vain if war destroys all that we have helped to build.

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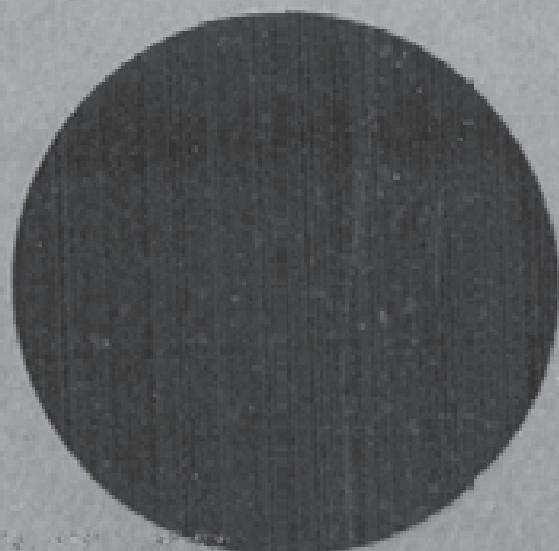
I am of the opinion that the era of calm and routine is over for our Jewish community. It is no longer enough to do well, but we have always done well. The shadows are darkening. The interest of your children's generation in Jewish affairs may not be taken for granted. Our educational enterprise requires a complete overhaul. We can no longer be satisfied simply to sustain and improve the quality of our welfare services. We need to study the rationale of all of our institutions - to drop those whose tasks are now public policy and to multiply those which we alone can create. We can no longer be non-political if to be political is to be enrolled in the cause of racial and economic justice. We can no longer be non-political if to be political is to voice publicly our concern with international safeguards with the State of Israel. I am confident that Israel will survive and that Judaism will survive. But we cannot depend upon the goodness of God alone. Vision and ingenuity is demanded of us. A new set of priorities and a revised blueprint for our communities. <sup>q</sup> Let me close with a parable from the book of Jeremiah. It is night in a small-walled Palestinian city. One who is abroad late calls out to the guard on the wall: "Watchman, what of the night?" and the watchman answers: "Morning cometh, but also the night."



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## MEET OUR GUEST

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver is an active participant in many humanitarian movements in his native city of Cleveland. He is a member of the Executive Board of the Cleveland Jewish Community Federation. He is also Chairman of Federation's Public Welfare Committee, President of the Cleveland Zionist Society, Co-Chairman of the Greater Cleveland Conference on Religion and Race, and a member of the Commission on Jewish Education and the Bureau of Jewish Education.

Rabbi Silver was a confirmand of The Temple which he now serves as successor to his father, the late Dr. Abba Hillel Silver. An honor graduate of Harvard University, he was ordained Rabbi at the Hebrew Union College and received his Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Chicago.

Dr. Silver is editor of the Central Conference of American Rabbis Journal and edited "In the Time of Harvest—Essays in Honor of Abba Hillel Silver on the Occasion of his Seventieth Birthday," which was a living tribute to his late father.

Rabbi Silver is actively identified with a number of non-sectarian groups concerned with the betterment of health and social welfare. He is on the Executive Board of the National Advisory Committee of the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation. He is also a member of the Executive Board of Unicef, the National Advisory Committee of the World Federalists, the local Consumers League and the Boy Scouts of America.



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June 15, 1966

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for the excellent presentation which you made before our Annual Dinner Meeting.

I am sure that you were able to gauge the great responsiveness of your audience. I have had so many people subsequent to the meeting tell me how impressed they were by the thoughtfulness, content and delivery of your address.

I am happy that finally Rochester became accessible to you. We do hope that we may have many opportunities in the future to welcome you to our community and benefit from your wisdom and stimulating challenges.

With kindest personal regards,

Cordially yours,

Elmer Louis  
Executive Director

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June 17, 1966

Mr. Seymour Lesser  
Director  
Speaker's Division  
United Jewish Appeal  
1290 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, New York 10019

Dear Sy:

My expenses for Rochester were \$13 for the hotel and \$9 for  
taxi and incidentals.

It was a very pleasant meeting.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER  
DJS:mgm

June 17, 1966

Mr. Elmer Louis  
Executive Director  
Jewish Community Council of Rochester, N.Y.  
129 East Avenue  
Rochester, New York 14604

Dear Elmer:

It was a pleasure being with you at your closing dinner and I appreciated the unexpected chat over a night cap. You have a fine and enthusiastic community and I wish you great luck in the years ahead.

I enjoyed my visit very much.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER  
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June 24, 1966

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed is a check representing reimbursement for your expenses in relation to your trip to Rochester on our behalf.

The folks in Rochester are still talking about the wonderful address you gave. Needless to say, we here are deeply grateful for your gracious efforts on our behalf.

With warm regards.

Cordially,

*Seymour Lesser*  
Seymour Lesser  
Director  
Speakers' Division

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[June 1966]

## M. Levinson To Receive Award

Morris Levinson, president of Star Super Markets and active worker in the Jewish community, will receive the Annual Recognition Award from the Jewish Community Council of Rochester and the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Rochester.

He will receive it at a combined annual dinner of both groups at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, in Temple Beth El.

Levinson is former president of the temple, treasurer and charter committee member of the Jewish Community Council, is on the board of trustees of the Jewish Home and Infirmary, and has held several positions for the Jewish Welfare Fund. He is a director of Central Trust Co.

The award cites his outstanding service to the Jewish community.

At the dinner, Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver of The Temple in Cleveland, Ohio, will speak on "The Jewish Community in the United States: Its Present and Its Future."

Rabbi Silver succeeded his late father, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, as rabbi of The Temple.

The Fund's division chairmen will receive leadership citations at the dinner. They are: Dr. Morris J. Shapiro, Philip Kates, Gertrude Wieder, Jacqueline Eissenstat, Harold R. Parker, Justin L. Vigdor, Seymour C. Zloth, Merwyn M. Kroll, Charles S. Chadwick, Rose Wolf, Arnold J. Goldman Jr., Fred B. Kravetz, Andrew S. Lovenheim and Paul T. Missal.

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September 27, 1966

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It was indeed most gracious of you to accept our invitation to address the Annual Dinner Meeting of the Jewish Community Council of El Paso, Texas, on Monday, November 14th. As I indicated they expect an attendance of about 300 at this affair.

In due course I will be writing to you with specific details of this event as well as your transportation and hotel arrangements. In the meantime, I thought you would want to have this reminder for your diary.

I know you are aware of our deep sense of appreciation for your continued assistance.

With kind regards.

Cordially,

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing to you in reference to the visit you will be making on our behalf to El Paso on Monday, November 14th. Since the situation is a rather difficult one, I wanted to write you ahead of time so that you might be able to consider some of these points when you prepare your presentation for the meeting.

Ostensibly, your visit to El Paso will be highlighted by two functions. One is the groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Jewish Community Center at 4:00 p.m., to be followed by a community-wide dinner celebrating that occasion later in the evening. Originally, the community had planned to use this occasion for their annual meeting, but then decided to change it and put all emphasis on the groundbreaking and festive ceremonies in connection with the Jewish Community Center to be built. You may ask yourself what the United Jewish Appeal has to do with the groundbreaking for a Center. Very much, indeed, since we have already been informed that because of the new Center, the UJA proportion might have to be cut considerably -- that is, unless additional funds are raised. The fact is that over the last years the total amount raised in El Paso has gradually decreased. With the new Center making additional demands for funds from the Welfare Fund, this can have a very serious effect on the amounts received by UJA. The Center, therefore, has a very direct relationship to the UJA. It would, therefore, be most helpful if you would keep these things in mind for your presentation.

Community leadership is quite concerned about meeting its obligations both to the Center and to the UJA, and hopes that your presentation to the entire community leadership will make them realize that greatly increased funds have to be raised to meet all the needs of the community.

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver

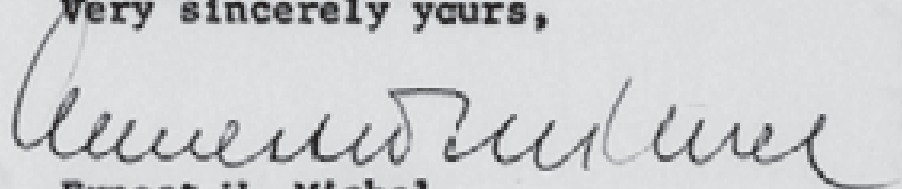
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I hope this information will give you some understanding of the problems which are involved. Should you desire any additional, more detailed information, I will be very happy to send it to you.

In the meantime, I want to join Sy Lesser in extending our thanks to you for accepting this very important meeting.

Very sincerely yours,



Ernest W. Michel  
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ERNEST W. MICHEL, Western Region Director

October 5, 1966

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Immediately after talking to you I spoke to the President of the El Paso Jewish community Dr. Vincent Ravel. I gave him the gist of our conversation and made it clear to him that the evening's program should be separated from the dedication activities. What makes the situation really easy are two facts:

1. Dr. Ravel is not only the President of the Jewish Community Council, but is also President of the Jewish Center.
2. Dr. Ravel is primarily interested in the UJA and his major concern is that the community leadership be made aware of the totality of the needs, in view of the additional demands being made on them.

The invitation to the evening dinner will be along the suggestions you made, calling it "AN EVENING OF JEWISH CONCERN". You will be the only speaker on the program. There will be no local dignitaries and no speeches on the plans for the Jewish Community Center. These things will be done at the groundbreaking ceremonies at 4:00 p.m.

Based on Dr. Ravel's assurances, I told him that you will be coming, and I am writing to you, therefore, to reconfirm the visit.

As I indicated to you in our phone conversation, we are facing a very difficult situation in the community and your visit can help us tremendously. I appreciate your cooperation and I want to thank you again for reconsidering.

Very sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Michel  
Western Region Director

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Oct. 19, 1966

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Having missed you in Dallas last year, I'm hoping to see you here in El Paso in November.

Bill and I moved here from Dallas one and one half weeks ago. Bill is now out of the government and in private practice of law, specializing in Federal Taxation. We got a good offer from an attorney here doing the work; we fell in love with the place; and now we're here. The kids are quite excited about the move, and, bless them, have been very good.

We are eagerly anticipating your visit, and will see you then.

Sincerely,

Margi Adelman Herbert  
(Charles & Florence's dgr.)

October 25, 1966

Mrs. Williard Herbert  
201 Thunderbird Drive  
El Paso, Texas 79912

Dear Margie:

I am looking forward to my visit and am delighted that our paths continue to cross. The occasion for coming to El Paso is a day of Jewish concern sponsored by the Community Jewish Appeal. From what I have heard of El Paso, it is a pleasant and friendly town and I trust that you are finding your lives rooted and happy there. I look forward to seeing you. With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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Rabbi Daniel J. Silver  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

For your visit to El Paso on Monday, November 14th, tickets are enclosed for your use on the following schedule:

Lv: Cleveland	12:00 noon	via United #149
Ar: Chicago	12:11 p.m.	November 14
Lv: Chicago	2:30 p.m.	via American #313
Ar: El Paso	5:28 p.m.	November 14

You will be met on your arrival and escorted to the Sheraton Motor Inn where the function will be held. I know that our Regional Director, Ernest Michel, has been in touch with you regarding the details of this meeting. It would, however, be helpful to have the name of the person in charge of this meeting, Mr. Elias G. Krupp, who can be reached at: Office 533-3451; Home 533-5683.

Later that evening you have this schedule for your trip to Dallas:

Lv: El Paso	9:50 p.m.	via Continental #156
Ar: Dallas	12:42 a.m.	November 15

Reservations in Dallas are at the Ramada Inn.

On Tuesday, November 15th, for your return to Cleveland, please use this schedule:

Lv: Dallas	1:30 p.m.	via American #358
Ar: Cleveland	5:33 p.m.	November 15

Again our deepest thanks for your generous assistance. With warm regards,

Cordially,

Seymour Lesser  
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pi' 'fo a si' ji a si' 'fo pi' ji

"There is no day without its night. There is no night without its day." Light and

darkness - promise and danger are inseparable. So it is written in that mystical

treasury we call the Zohar. So it has always been in Jewish history. ~~It is~~ <sup>So it is Today</sup>

~~the~~ The intermingling of frustration and achievement, of danger and of promise, is

~~the~~ <sup>As it has always been</sup> ~~the framework of our discussion~~ <sup>within which</sup> the American Jewish Community <sup>Task.</sup> ~~does about it~~

Let us begin with the sunshine. These are prosperous and relatively ~~affluent~~ <sup>affluent</sup>

years for our communities. There are few poor among us. The vast majority of

American Jews belong to the middle class and their aspirations soar even higher.

Professional and academic skills are in short supply and an exceptional number

of our men and women are qualified and ~~actively climbing~~ <sup>hoisting themselves quickly up</sup> the ladder of success.

Strange is it not that centuries of devotion to Torah (to learning) has paid in our

day such an extraordinary dividend?

There is, of course, discrimination. The unwritten rule 'no Jew need apply'

still flourishes in the upper echelons of industry. This is especially true in the

executive suites of the major banks, in the larger utilities, in the giant steel and

automobile corporations. ~~But~~ The average Jew finds these restrictions more

irritating than shackling. There are many <sup>old</sup> roads to a good living. There are few

door ~~on~~ which we dare not knock. A Jew is Ambassador to the United Nations.

Another is among the closest advisors of the President. A third has been named

an associated Justice of the Supreme Court - more Jews were elected to Congress

Tuesday last <sup>last</sup> than to any other <sup>in our history</sup> in our history. Our children are perhaps the first

generation in all of our history who shake their heads in bemusement when an

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elder speaks the bitter but loving plaint 'schmerz zu seinem Yid.'

The Jewish community feels at home and the American Jew returns to his nation a full measure of gratitude. A survey by Fortune magazine revealed that ~~individual~~ Jews contributed some 625 million dollars annually to educational, cultural and welfare causes. This sum represents 15% of the total sum of monies given - given, be it noted, by a group which represents 3 or 3 1/2 % of the population. This survey disproves the occasionally heard peeve of our more nervous ~~Natives~~ <sup>"bas Iken hood niks"</sup>: "Jews give - but only to our own causes." Roughly 1/2 of this 625 million was given to the United Appeal, Medical Research, colleges and universities and to all that promotes the general welfare.

(Hebrew pi' 'da a fil' ju a fil' 'da pi' j'u)

'There is no day without its night.' The sunlight always casts a shadow. Anti-semitism is not dead. Its ugly voice could be heard in a New Rochelle Civil Rights meeting where Jewish shopkeepers and apartment owners were flayed by angry and intemperate organizers. It could be heard in the hush quiet of select clubs as the privileged complained against the parvenue who were challenging them for control of the city. It could be heard in a Chicago park where a white ethnic crowds ~~heard~~ <sup>cheered</sup> swastika <sup>FLUTING</sup> speakers <sup>AS THEY PLAYED ALL THEIR HIT OF WHITE MAN AMERICA</sup> ~~they the unwanted forces of change crowding upon them.~~ It could be heard in the ugly venom of those who bestride the South in the inquisitorial white of the Klan. Each of us heard unexpected words spoken unexpectedly from unexpected lips. No one could be sure what would happen if the economy went into a tailspin.

✓ ~~However~~, we preferred not to worry over much and to live by the philosophy ~~we~~ "sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." <sup>(This generation of Jews wears sun-</sup> glasses even on dark days.)

Most Jews, I believe, looked on the Vatican Council as the happy symbol of <sup>NEW</sup> ~~an~~ era of religious good feeling. A careful review of the Council makes it clear

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that the Roman Catholic Church has not disbanded its missions, nor denied its historical claims as the only proper repository of truth. Pope Paul obviously lacks the largeness of spirit of Pope John. But in Cleveland and in Chicago, in St. Louis and Boston, and I am sure also here in El Paso, individual priests and church men met with us on many levels of community concern. <sup>church</sup> If dogma remained largely medieval most Jews were confident the experience of working together would inaugurate a new era in Catholic-Jewish relationships. Would it? Were we living in a fool's paradise? ~~Our~~ Our answer rests with our emotional set and historical perspective. For some two days bracket every night--for others two nights bracket every day.

Our communities are continuing their now familiar work of <sup>double</sup> ~~double~~ health and welfare and of overseas rescue and relief. The ever-increasing efficiency of our <sup>operation</sup> ~~operations~~ tends to make <sup>us</sup> ~~many~~ overlook the scope of this service and the number served. Each year the statistics on campaign brochures comes as something of a shock. <sup>41</sup> These past years Federations have emphasized two areas of planning - the raising of capital reserves and the cultivation of new leadership. Both of these concerns reflect the atmosphere of success which permeates our communal establishment. We are looking ahead and we are looking ahead with ~~a great deal of~~ confidence. In many communities there are now reserve funds which can tide the agencies over most short-term business recessions and at the same time permit the agencies to experiment with new dimensions of service.

The emphasis on smoothing the road ahead has lead to an emphasis on leadership training. Little groups of the carefully selected are being cultivated assiduously. <sup>usually</sup> ~~usually~~ their individual pledges have <sup>increased</sup> ~~increased~~ but may I speak a word of caution. The emphasis on youth, especially on the gilded youth, is potentially self-defeating. Too often young men who have no other recommendation than a sizeable inheritance are precipitated into responsibilities for which they have not qualified themselves.

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Lionized by a community which pants for their pledge they <sup>insistently</sup> ~~quickly~~ begin to patronize the federation which courts them. The emphasis on the gilded youth has also tended to alienate the gifted youth who tick us off as gross and materialist. We need men of substance and we need men of substantial learning. We cannot afford to alienate our best minds by a leadership selection which measure only a man's stock portfolio.

The emphasis on finance also brushes our federations with <sup>The</sup> sticky varnish of political timidity. Everything is going so well, no one wants to rock the boat. We concentrate <sup>on ourselves</sup> on raising money for supportive services to our own middle class people. Our health and counseling agencies render specific services to the indigent, but our name and our presence is too often missing from these programs of political and social action by which the poor and outcast ~~of the land~~ demand their rightful place in our society. Protestants have their Inner City parishes. Catholics have Vista and PEACE. <sup>The Urban</sup> ~~We have~~ An exceptionally large number of Jews active in the NAACP, ~~and~~ <sup>LEADS</sup> HEAD START, and the rest, but the central institutions of our community, ~~the Federation~~ <sup>ARE</sup> ~~is~~ present only by indirection. We prefer to have the Congress or Committee or the Congregations sponsor controversial ~~meetings and meetings~~ - unfortunately in so doing we allow ourselves to be ticked off as a smug and self-satisfied suburban group who seek to escape the sticky responsibilities. I believe the change to be unfortunate - I wish I could say untrue and I believe our people by and large demand far better of us. Parenthetically, I might add that in Cleveland we have established a Public Welfare Committee within the Federation - I have the honor to chair this committee, and we have brought onto our staff a full-time executive who will be responsible for enlisting our corporate strength in the War on Poverty.

Permit me to revert for still another moment to the programs of leadership training because I believe these tend to have far too narrow a focus. The average program includes visits to local institutions and a careful analysis of local and

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national agency structure and perhaps an Israel study mission. All the ingredients are there but the soup has no flavor. The tam, the instinctive and humane sympathy, which is the Jewish way of looking at things, is missing. Permit me an example.

An increasing number of these carefully cultivated young people are becoming finicky about the way in which monies are raised. If their grumbling means that George Jessel and/or a fashion show has no place on a fund-raising program, I could not agree with them more, but if they mean that the community has no right to solicit them energetically and to expect a meaningful response I could not agree with them less. The Protestant Church may pass the charity plate. Synagogues are financed by membership dues or, if they are old-fashioned, by a public "let everyone hear," the process of selling alyiahs. Overly discreet campaigning is not only ineffective but un-Jewish.

I would add that we are guilty of over-developing loyalties to the El Paso or the Cleveland Jewish Federation and of soft-pedaling the truth that the Jewish community is spiritually world-wide and indissoluble and that the need of a psychologically <sup>educationally</sup> disturbed and handicapped Moroccan Jew or Maabaaranik has as urgent a claim upon us as our desire to have an indoor swimming pool at our Center or to place another marriage counselor on a Family Service Staff. Today men are appointed to a local board. They become immersed in its on-going program. A staff request for a research study on adolescent behavior or for the purchase of new equipment for the golden age center ~~which~~ becomes the urgent focus of community interest. Budget Committees of Federations are badgered with such requests and they are finding it <sup>increasingly</sup> difficult to allocate sufficient funds for overseas relief and rehabilitation. Every addition to the local budget represents a subtraction from the international life-saving and life-giving enterprise. I recently visited one community which had cut substantially its JDC and UIA allocation in order to underwrite the

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Sunday School education of each child in the community.

Our communal enterprise is humming along, but 'there is no day without its night.' There are storm clouds heavy in the communal sky. The American Jewish Community seems to be floundering, emotionally uncertain of itself, its reason for being, or its future. We hear these questions raised most pointedly as the communities digest the statistics on inter-marriage. Apparently from 12 to 20% of the marriages of our sons and daughters involve unions with brides or grooms of other faiths. The less sanguine shake their heads sadly and say kaddish forgetting that we gain just as many converts as we lose by defection. The more perceptive realize that the problem is not one of numbers - it cuts much more deeply. The third generation young adult is asking a simple and devastating question. 'What concrete and positive difference will it make for me if I remain a Jew?' 'Prove to me that it is important for me to remain Jewish.' Unfortunately, all too often <sup>his parents</sup> the experience of ~~his parents~~ is no help. He demands something more than membership in a Jewish social club, the annual signing of a United Jewish Appeal card and high holy day attendance in the synagogue. ~~He cannot see what was unique or arguable about a Jewish hospital or a Jewish old folks home.~~

The Jewish press is full of Jeremiahs on the sterility of Jewish life - philanthropy without philosophy - the edifice complex - the gilded ghetto. Judaism has been for far too many, for far too long, a sociological label / a status-giving structure rather than a spiritual devotion. // This is not, of course, the whole story. Slowly but perceptibly the congregations and, to a lesser degree, the community have moved from building to program - from pledges to piety - from membership to mitzvah and it is none too soon (~~if it is not already too late~~). Forty years ago only one Jewish family in ten had any synagogue affiliation, less than two out of ten youngsters received a single hour of religious instruction and only one in a hundred spent any time in class beyond the age of thirteen. Center programs were secular - and congregation:

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programs often <sup>with</sup> more of the same. ~~Assimilation was a popular goal.~~ Zionism was a queer and suspect atavism. We had to depend for our intellectual and rabbinic leadership on men who had been trained abroad. Today we can look back on a generation in which American Jews have published more on substantive Jewish themes than the entire literary product of the Spanish golden age. Six families in ten are affiliated with the synagogue and over 90% of our children receive some religious instruction.

<sup>OUR LEADERSHIP IS LARGELY DRAWN FROM OUR OWN CHILDREN</sup>  
~~The~~ recent study of Wilkes-Barre revealed an encouraging level of interest among our adolescents. I have in my own congregation some two hundred high school -age youngsters who are enrolled in a strong academic program. But if we believe in the continuity of our Jewish communities, this is only a beginning. Much greater efforts will have to be made in the areas of learning and understanding. We have been remarkably unenlightened in exploring meaningful cooperation between congregations and communities. Federation programs rarely deal with the challenging religious problems of the day. Congregational programs and curriculums rarely deal of community structure and philosophy. We spend money on squash courts and billiard rooms for our centers but not on libraries in the same buildings. We need to take a new hard look at the Hillel structure which too often betrays the scholarly interests of ~~its~~ namesake. There is evidence of a burdgeoning interest in local universities. Some communities have established chairs of Jewish studies at local universities. Far more ought to. The Jewish student wants ideas and challenge rather than cookies and a second-rate fraternity. Community leaders require Torah as well as welfare expertise. Why not Institutes in which <sup>the</sup> executive Board of <sup>the</sup> Federation is informed by scholars and rabbis as well as by agency heads and federation executives? In an age where Federal funds increasingly finance health services perhaps it is time to turn such institutions over to the community and spend our monies and efforts on

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colleges of Jewish study and teacher-training institutes. Ignorance is the threat to the life and wholeness of every Jewish community.

It is not enough to tick off Jewish survival as a miracle. Jews have survived because we have been a realistic and responsible community. ~~I am of the opinion~~ <sup>Nov</sup> ~~that the era of calm and routine is over.~~ <sup>WHAT WE HAVE DONE ALL</sup> It is no longer enough to do well. The interest of your children's generation in <sup>Jewish</sup> ~~human~~ affairs cannot be taken for granted. Our educational enterprise requires a complete overhauling. ~~We can no longer be satisfied to improve existing welfare services.~~ We need to study the rationality of our institutions, to discard those whose tasks are now public policy and to multiply those which increase our self-awareness and spiritual awareness. We can no longer be non-political, if to be non-political is to isolate oneself from the problems of race and poverty and our role in the nation. I am confident that Judaism will survive but we cannot depend upon the goodness of God alone. Vision and ingenuity is demanded of us--a revised blueprint <sup>AND NEW</sup> ~~instead of~~ priorities for our community.

Above all else we need to re-emphasize the interdependence of the family of Israel. The existence of the State of Israel has encouraged and given pride to this generation of American Jews. We have visited--we have marveled at the pioneering spirit--it has redeemed some of the materialism of our lives. American Judaism has responded nobly to the needs of immigration, resettlement and rehabilitation.

Our support is required now in another direction. Israel can survive economically only as a brain bank, and idea center, for the developing nations of our world. Israel has made a fine name for herself in Central Africa and in Latin America but there is an educational crisis in Israel to-day. 60% of the children in Israeli schools come from African and Oriental homes ~~many~~ of which do not have the tradition of European literacy. Israel can finance free public education <sup>only</sup> through the 8th grade. Although

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scholarships are made available to many beyond this point, less than 4 in 10 ~~of~~  
~~her children~~ go on to an academic high school and less than 1 in 2 of these matriculate  
in college. Israel is expending a surprisingly large percentage of her budget for  
~~education~~ ~~cultural achievement~~ <sup>education</sup> -- to keep ~~her~~ schools in less advantaged areas open from dawn  
to dusk. She requires 64 new high schools, scholarship monies, <sup>and</sup> doubling of  
her college enrollment, and all of this yesterday.

If Israel were not threatened by her neighbors, she could generate educational  
monies from her own resources. Because of Arab intransigencies, <sup>the</sup> ~~her~~ defense  
budget is high and <sup>she must call on our help -- and we must respond,</sup> ~~for the sake of Israel we will have to participate in the effort to~~  
~~build up the Israeli school system.~~ <sup>IT IS WELL TO</sup> ~~After~~ I am often asked, 'Can Israel survive?' <sup>Remember that</sup>  
<sup>all the</sup> ~~State~~ of Israel is the third Jewish commonwealth, the first two went down  
in flames.' No one can give you a certain answer. In my grayer moments I wonder  
whether our world will survive <sup>the</sup> ~~with~~ bitter national rivalries and the flare of napalm.  
<sup>4</sup> I am confident that Israel can and will defend herself--the youth is strong and the  
nation sturdy. You have heard of the now almost nightly incidents <sup>and</sup> ~~at~~ Israel's  
borders. I was there this summer when the Syrians <sup>blew</sup> ~~plowed~~ up some farm buildings  
and planted mines which killed two farmers. I <sup>saw</sup> ~~happened to see~~ the Delta-winged  
French mistere fighter-interceptors as they flew off in a retaliation raid. Israel  
has been remarkably restrained in the face of extreme provocation. Israel has  
brought the issue of border peace to the United Nations. Israel desires peace and  
is prepared to negotiate directly with all of her neighbors. The Arabs a month ago  
refused once again the Secretary General's plea for a conference on these issues.  
Damascus boasts openly of the dynamiting and murder achieved by El Fateh marauders.  
The King of Jordan has said that Israel must be liquidated and Nasser has promised  
to march into Israel on a red carpet of blood. <sup>4</sup> We cannot blink away the fact that

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the Near East is tense, volatile and engaged in a <sup>fractious</sup> ~~country~~ arms race. 12,000 Arab ne'er-do-wells, <sup>the</sup> so-called Palestinian Liberation Army of Ahmed Sukary, ~~the~~ <sup>ARE</sup> ~~is~~ receiving Red Chinese arms, and his payroll is met by Kwait oil royalties. Nasser has received 550 Soviet war planes, 1200 tanks, 80 warships, 100 ground to air missiles and an undetermined number of Russian technicians, in all some 200 billion dollars worth of military aid. Syria which is on its way to becoming the first Soviet satellite in the Near East has received almost a billion dollars of military hardware and some 600 technicians in the past six months ~~alone~~. Jordan has received American tanks and planes. Israel has bought counter-balancing weapons from the West. Syria, especially, has been truculent. <sup>#</sup> The time does not seem to be a likely one for a co-ordinated Arab attack. Nasser's best troops are committed to his conquest of the Yemen. Cairo's economy teeters on the brink of bankruptcy. Jordan and Saudi Arabia have united in a new American sponsored military <sup>Alliance to counter</sup> ~~attack~~ <sup>ABALOMANAR</sup> ~~generated against~~ Nasser's ambitions. Radio Cairo has called for Hussein's assassination. Syria has had three governments and five revolts in the past 18 months--the <sup>GOVERNMENT</sup> ~~nation~~ is <sup>in</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>chaos</sup> and the economy is disrupted. Most of her professional army officers are currently in exile, apparently planning another <sup>COUP</sup> ~~coupe~~.

If realism governs public policy then it is unlikely that the Arab states will launch an attack against Israel now. But deperate men take desperate chances. The Damascus government is throwing caution to the wind trying to distract public attention from the near anarchy in Damascus. Syria is counting on the many pledges of complete support which Moscow has made these past twelve months. Moscow has promised Syria complete support in any border undertaking. Moscow will determine in <sup>later</sup> ~~later~~ measure whether there will be peace in the Middle East.

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Russia's long term ambition is to replace the West as the dominant economic factor in this part of the world. If Russia wants to co-exist with the West she will restrain the Syrian hot heads. If she wishes to embarrass the West and open up a second front to make our involvement in Vietnam even more difficult she can do so in the Middle East without too great cost to herself. A Syria with full Russian backing feels herself more powerful than an Israel with uncertain support. <sup>AS</sup> And so often in the past, the United States is ~~inevitably~~ involved in the problems of peace keeping. If the United States publicly commits itself to the support of Israel, Russia will inevitably weigh her decisions more carefully. <sup>4</sup> At the moment, Washington is building a Saudi-Arabia, Jordan, Iranian alliance to counter-balance Russia's control of the United Arab Republic. The danger here is that we are backing royalist and feudal government and the time for reform and revolution must come. The danger here is the lesson of Kashmir that weapons sent for one purpose can be quickly ~~redeployed~~ <sup>Redeployed</sup> to satisfy the petty ~~missions~~ <sup>ambitions</sup> and large hates of the smaller nations. Recently, when the King of Jordan ceremoniously received a shipment of heavy American tanks he ~~stated~~ <sup>stated</sup> ~~announced~~ "We are now prepared to set the time and place for the final attack on Israel. <sup>4</sup> The question of peace in the Middle East is a small part of the larger question of peace in the world. In the Near East only Israel is democratic and under the rule of law. American and Israel interests coincide. The American Jewish community has a profound responsibility to explain this coincidence of interest to their neighbors so that our government can count on our nationwide support if and when it determines publicly to support the political integrity of Israel's borders.

The responsibilities of the Jewish community multiply. We have mobilized a concern over Soviet Anti-semitism. May I humbly suggest one danger implicit in this program. ~~There are 2 1/2 million Jews in Russia who cannot~~

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our mass meetings and marches and return to secure and protected homes. The Russian Bear has a notoriously vial temper and if he is goaded too far he may take a brutal swipe with his paw at those Jews who live behind the iron curtain. ~~At the moment~~ I have another fear. Russia seems to be relaxing some of the more minor restrictions on Jewish life--"the baking of matzohs" but at the same time increasing her support of Syria and her shrill attacks on Israel and on Zionism. She is playing cunningly on the innocence of not a few in our communities. She thinks that a few prayer books will silence our public outrage at her callous bloodlust. <sup>SUPPORT OF</sup> We must be clearly aware that Russia threatens the security of 2 1/4 million Jews of Israel quite as dangerously as she threatens the religious welfare of the Jews of the Soviet Union.

Again, the Jewish community cannot avoid mixing in politics. The United States has favored Israel with ~~AID AND LOANS~~ <sup>and well we might.</sup> Israel is our one stable friend in that part of the world. Radio Israel is the one broadcast which does not spout anti-American venom. Israel's technical and economic aid to sub-Sahara nations is a major element of stability in that area. Our government has shied off from a final commitment to Israel's security and guarantee of her borders and the American Jewish community has shied away from calling publicly for such a pledge. ~~Then~~ <sup>PART</sup> we will have spent our billions in vain if we are ~~NOT CAREFUL TO~~ that which we have helped to build. "There is no day without its night. There is no night without its day." There is no assurance of the survival of Jewry but there is every indication that Jewry can survive wholesomely and usefully if we bestir ourselves and take our responsibilities in hand.

May I close with a parable from the Book of Jeremiah: It is night in a small walled Palestinian city. One who is abroad late calls out to the guard on the wall, "Watchman, what of the night?" and the watchman answers, "Morning cometh, but also the night."

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The very stimulating and pleasant evening you made possible for El Paso was marred only by the brevity of your visit. Many wanted to thank you personally for coming, and we all appreciate the inconveniences you had to undergo to be with us.

I believe your address will prove to be most helpful. We are concerned that our Center not develop at the expense of the UJA, and you put the relation in a meaningful perspective.

Again, please accept our thanks for coming here, and we shall look forward to having you return when it is possible for you to stay a bit longer.

Sincerely,

*Vincent M. Ravel*

Vincent M. Ravel, M. D.  
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November 16, 1966

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver  
The Temple  
Univ Circle at SilberPk  
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Rabbi Silver:

"Words of great men.....leave behind..."a Neiman -Marcus tie, attached herewith.

We couldn't deplore more the limited time you had with us. The assemblage was fascinated and I hope you had some pleasure from your too short stay. At least we should have given you an opportunity to smack the flavor of Latin-America as you cross the Santa Fe bridge into Mexico; an opportunity to smell the rare and variegated odors of the famous Juarez market, to see the glass blowers and to visit the new Mexican Pronof complex of which we are so proud.

I suffered a little at your indictment of backsliders from synagog attendance and hoped for some chance for a little give and take in this area.

After all, from one point of view, bagels and lox, kreplach, a love of somaltz herring, and even a little pinochle do contribute to Jewishness and are a part, albeit a small one, of the total Jewish culture.

I would prefer to believe that the adherence to the Jewish ethic, and the Jewish ideals of compassion and tolerance, are at least as important as one's physical presence in a religious edifice.

But there is much to discuss and we can only hope that your next visit, es zoll zein bald, will give us a chance to go into these areas.

With warmest thanks,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bill Shapiro".

William M. Shapiro

WMS/s

November 18, 1966

Mr. Seymour Lesser  
United Jewish Appeal  
1290 Avenue of The Americas  
New York, N. Y. 10019

Dear Mr. Lesser:

My expenses to El Paso were \$45.00. In all candor I must say that I do not believe the visit was worth the expense to the U. J. A. The meeting was not a dinner but simply held in the vestry of the temple. There were possibly 160 people present. There was no communal mention of U. J. A. The community had obviously rejoiced in the dedication of its center the day before and had not done much for this program.

I think you have a professional problem with the director of the center. My only contact with him was a brief handshake at the meeting. For some reason he studiously avoided me all evening and in no way lent his person to what we were trying to do.

The laymen were most kind but I think your U. J. A. people better go into this town and stay there for a while and straighten it around. With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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November 18, 1966

Mr. William M. Shapiro  
Sunkist Supply Co., Inc.,  
Dr. Vincent M. Ravel, President  
Jewish Community Council and Center  
402 Mills Building  
El Paso, Texas 79901

Dear Dr. Ravel:

It was a pleasure meeting you and your charming wife and visiting with you if all too briefly. I want to thank you for your hospitality and trust the meeting gave a small nudge to more serious concern in El Paso for the U. J. A. and for the survival of Jewry. With your leadership, I am confident this will be accomplished.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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Sincerely,

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November 30, 1966

November 23, 1966

Mr. William M. Shapiro  
Sunland Supply Co., Inc.,  
P. O. Box 1736  
El Paso, Texas

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your tie and for your hospitality. I enjoyed my all too brief visit. I wish I could give you dispensation but that is of another faith. Judaism rests on two principles—the deed—which you emphasized and the search, the Torah, which I insist on. The motivation for our deeds in a complex society such as ours quickly becomes a non-Jewish and often without our knowing it a perversion of our Jewish ethic. Typically the emphasis on tsedakah becomes the United Appeal and then an attack on the welfare state though Jews have lived in the welfare state throughout most of their history. The synagogue, competently organized, remains the one place where we search for the uniquely Jewish and where these values are thrown up at us and taught. In any case, I am grateful to you. With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed you will find a check representing reimbursement for your expenses for your visit to El Paso, Texas.

I know by this time you have received a letter from our Regional Director, Ernest Michel, in regard to this meeting. I do understand your questioning whether this visit was worth the expense to the UJA. However, as you so rightly point out, we are having some difficulty in this community and it was felt that your presence would go a long way towards putting them on the right track.

From what Mr. Michel tells me, there is a much better atmosphere as far as the community is concerned. I know it was an arduous trip, but, believe me, it really was a great assistance to us.

Thank you again for your generous cooperation.

With warm regards,

Cordially,

Seymour Lesser  
Director, Speakers Division

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