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Men's Club, Toronto trip, correspondence, 1973-1974.

June 20, 1973

Rabbi Jordan Pearlson
Temple Sinai
210 Wilson Avenue
Toronto 12, Ontario, Canada

Dear Jordy:

I had hoped to see you at the Conference but both Adele and Michael went in for some elective surgery on Sunday and I have to stay here.

I am writing specifically on behalf of our Men's Club which is planning a Couples' Visit to Toronto over the weekend of October 12 through 14. This group is not the usual "40 and 8 Society" and they are eager to get away, to do some studying and to meet another community - they are serious about it. They asked me which service in Toronto would be most satisfying for them and I replied yours. They asked whether you and I might work out a pulpit dialogue or something of the kind and I answered that I would ask. They asked me to extend an invitation to you to be our guest Saturday night, hence the letter.

I suppose we will bring up 50 or 60 people. They are interested in learning something about Canadian Jewry, but programatically we can do anything that is appealing. It might be interesting to have a discussion on the difference in being a minority on either side of the border.

I am keeping this letter deliberately vague because a) I am hoping that you will see possibilities and be willing to join with us and b) that you will be able to suggest ways in which we will not be too intrusive on your own plans.

I trust everything is well. With all good wishes from house to house I remain

Sincerely,

NECSON SPECTOR Rabbi Jordan Pearlson ENECULIE PIRECTOR TEMPLE SINAI, 210 WILSON AVENUE, TORONTO 12, ONTARIO · 487-4161 (416) 225-1803 July 3, 1973. Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Sitver The Temple, University Circle at Silver Park, Cleveland, Ohio 44106. Jenont alamond Teners Francy Serie Dear Danny: Energy Polices of Let's lock the weekend in. At the very least we will share Shabbos together. If you would like, our caterer can set up a dinner here for you at Temple, which would simplify the logistics of the evening. Please confirm, and at that point I will get in touch with my team and begin implementing. Most cordially, Rabbi Jordan Pearlson North Strille

August 8, 1973 Dr. Emil L. Fackenheim c/o Holiday Inn Marble Arch London, England Dear Dr. Fackenheim: I am writing to you on behalf of the Temple Men's Club which is planning a weekend visit to Toronto on October 12, 13 and 14th. We will be holding services at Temple Sinai with Jordan Pearlson on Friday night and we will be spending the wekkadd not only enjoying the city but in urban retreat. I thought as a general theme for the weekend we might take that of Judaism After the Holocaust. I was wondering if you would be willing to spend Saturday evening with us talking about Jewish thought in this tragedy born age. We will have about 25 to 30 young and middle-aged couples and a few guests from Toronto. Both Rabbi Pearlson and I would make presentations at other times which would be in keeping with the general theme of the weekend. I have never had a chance to present you to the Temple congregation and I look forward to this opportunity. There would be an honorarium of one hundred dollars for the evening. I know this is quite modest but I do hope our interest and warmth will make up for it. Trusting this finds you in good health and with all good wishes I remain Sincerely, Daniel Jeremy Silver DJS:mp

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קפנ ראשון

Rabbi Jordan Pearlson
Temple Sinai
210 Wilson Avenue
Toronto 12, Ontario, Canada

Dear Jordy:

Plans are moving apace for our Men's Club weekend in Toronto. I finally tracked Fackenheim down in Jerusalem and he agreed to spend an evening with us. His note indicates he misunderstood the date as Friday instead of Saturday night, but I will wait until he gets back and I'll straighten it out. I proposed as a general topic, Judaism After the Holocaust.

If possible I would like to make Friday and Saturday congruent. If this were Cleveland I'd suggest that you and I make a fifteen to twenty minute presentation after the service, one of us taking as his theme "The Synagogue After the Holocaust" and the other "The Jewish Community After the Holocaust;" but Cleveland is not Toronto and I feel embarrassed in suggesting any format for the evening. I have plenty of licks with these people so any way you organize things will be fine.

It is my understanding that our men have contacted your Temple caterer and we will have our Shabbat dinner in the building. The program Saturday morning will be a service and if what I suggest seems inappropriate for that Friday we will structure it into the morning. My people are going to be free on Saturday from noon until the evening - which is Fackenheim's - we will have a brief wrapup Sunday morning. Adele is coming along so I hope the four of us can have a little time just by ourselves.

Isn't it terrible how fast the summer passes?

As always

September 7, 1973 Dr. Emil L. Fackenheim Professor of Philosophy University of Toronto 563 Briar Hill Ave. Toronto 12, Ontario, Canada Dear Dr. Fackenheim: Welcome back from what I am sure was a wonderful summer. I was delighted to receive your letter from Jerusalem indicating you could be with us when our Men's Club descends on Toronto. I just wanted to clear up one point. I had hoped in my original letter that you could be with us on Saturday night, October 13. Your warm and gracious acceptance indicated you would be with

us on Friday, the 12th. If our only way to have you is that evening we will, of course, do it. We are really looking forward to spending a full evening with you on Saturday. I do hope this will not inconvenience you nor be impossible for you.

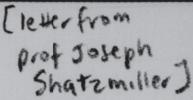
I am looking forward eagerly to getting to know you other than through your books. Incidentally, we share a publisher. Basic Books will be bringing out in the spring a two volume History of Judaism which Bernie Martin and I have written. It is an attempt to present a developmental history of concepts and ideas.

Hoping this finds you in the best of health and with all good wishes I remain

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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## Rabbi Jordan Pearlson

TEMPLE SINAI, 210 WILSON AVENUE, TORONTO 12, ONTARIO · 487-4161

September 19, 1973.

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

Dear Dan:

Emil called me the other day to indicate that he had no secretary and perhaps it would be best if I helped him with the correspondence.

Saturday night is fine for him: he will be with us. He has accepted the fee, but made it clear to me that his usual fee is \$500.00 (which is the same fee I was just given by Marty Cohen when I asked that he come to discuss his new book on the Marrano Martyrs of Mexico). I think he would be much happier if it could be \$200.00 or so. He has a sick son, a couple of young kids and imposed retirement coming up at him with express train speed.

For Friday night I would suggest that we stay with the earlier theme. You will indicate the genesis and emergence of the American Jewish community; I will talk of Canadian Jewry and some of the differences.

Geri's mother's death last Shabbat leaves the social overtones very much up in the air. It was in a complex relationship and I will have to see how Geri settles before I can make any plans.

I am looking forward to seeing you both and being with you again.

Have a good year, a sweet and joyous one,

Fondly,

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September 20, 1973 Prof. Joseph Shatzmiller Dept. of History University of Toronto Toronto, Ontario, Canada Dear Dr. Shatzmiller: I received the reprints on the Maimonidean Controversey and Asher ben Gershom's letter and I look forward to reading them as soon as the Holiday crush is over. I plan to be in Toronto over the weekend of October 12-14 with a group of people from our congregation. If you will not yet have moved on to Harvard perhaps we can get together and share a common love. With many thanks for your thoughtfulness I remain Since rely, Daniel Jeremy Silver DJS:mp



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October 15, 1973

Rabbi Emil Fackenheim University of Toronto 563 Briar Hill Avenue Toronto 12, Ontario CANADA

Dear Emil:

I tried to reach you Saturday morning early before my session and before my hasty departure. I am head of the Israel Task Force here and we have been meeting night and day. I had to get back.

I have heard nothing but raves about your paper and your warmth, I am humbly and deeply grateful.

Toronto gave us such a warm welcome that I am sure we will be back. When we come, I will covet some time with you. Again, my thanks.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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October 15, 1973 Rabbi Jordan Pearlson Temple Sinai 210 Wilson Avenue Toronto 12. Ontario CANADA Dear Jordie: My people were moved and invigorated by last Saturday night. Your congregation welcomed us so warmly, your service was a beautiful one, and the spirit of the evening was one of fra-

ternity.

I know that Cleveland isn't the attraction that Toronto is, but we would like to reciprocate. The whole weekend was such a success that I wouldn't be surprised if we would be up to see you again.

We had two massive rallies here Sunday night. I only wish that we could translate our concern directly into an end to the fight for peace.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:1r

October 22, 1973 Prof. Joseph Shatzmiller Dept. of History University of Toronto Toronto, Ontario, Canada Dear Dr. Shatzmiller: As you can imagine the war tore great holes in my plans to spend a pleasant weekend in Toronto. I was there for only twelve hours, only long enough to speak so our meeting will have to be postponed. If you are ever in Cleveland please look me up. If not, perhaps we will see each other in Israel. With all good wishes and my regrets I remain Sincerely, Daniel Jeremy Silver DJS:mp

June 12, 1974

Rabbi Jordan Pearlson
Temple Sinai
210 Wilson Avenue
Toronto, Ontario, M5M 3Bl,
Canada

Dear Jordie:

I trust this finds you in good health and letting down a bit after the plunge towards Confirmation.

The Temple would again like to be a self-invited guest. The Toronto visit was such a success last year that we plan to repeat it. Our dates are October 25, 26 and 27, 1974. We would like very much to be able to make the same arrangements for Friday night dinner before services as we did last year. As last year, we will tailor our post-service program to your plans.

Again, I hope this can work out because I enjoy the opportunity to spend a little time together. Adele joins in sending her love.

Sincerely,

DJS/la

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

### Rabbi Jordan Pearlson

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June 19, 1974.

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

Dear Dan:

October 25th looks fine here. Let's stay in touch as the program begins to develop. The full weekend is open so that we can, I think, plan Friday night or Saturday morning or both.

Love from home to home.

Fondly,

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Rabbi Jordan Pearlson

September 10, 1974 Rabbi Jordan Pearlson Temple Sinai 210 Wilson Avenue Toronto, Ontario, Canada Dear Jordy: First, a happy New Year. We are looking forward to being with you on the 25th. How would you like the Friday evening to go? Do you want to follow the format of last year and have the two of us discuss a theme of joint interest? If so, I would suggest that we might deal with the following: What our respected communities are and can do to help the larger community understand the problems of the Middle East or the changing synagogue as seen from across the border. If you have any better suggestions I am in the market. Bernie Martin and I have finished a two-volume intellectual history which is being published October 1 by Basic Books, Inc., 10 E. 53d St., New York, N. Y. 10022 under the title A History of Judaism. It is a major two-volume work and Temple Sinai might be able to make a little money that night by getting some copies on consignment and selling them. Obviously I am eager to get the book as well launched as possible. I trust this finds you in good health. Adele joins in sending our love and this time I hope she is going to come with me. Since rely, Daniel Jeremy Silver DJS:mp P.S. I am enclosing an offprint of a JQR article which you may enjoy.

# Rabbi Jordan Pearlson

TEMPLE SINAI, 210 WILSON AVENUE, TORONTO 12, ONTARIO . 487-4161

September 19, 1974.

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

Dear Dan:

Thank you for acquainting me with your monograph on Father Moses and the Big Birds. It was fascinating.

How would it be if you and I discussed the importance of Jewish history to a modern Jew at the Oneg Shabbat following the service.

It would give us a chance to push your book as well as to explore the role of the past in structuring the identity of the present.

See you soon.

Fondly,

Rabbi Jordan Pearlson

September 27, 1974 Rabbi Jordan Pearlson Temple Sinai 210 Wilson Avenue Toronto 12, Ontario Dear Jordy: The idea of talking about the importance of Jewish history to a modern Jew is an excellent one - especially since I have already done the work for a lecture or two on the theme. We are bringing a slightly larger group than last year and everyone looks forward to being with you. Adele joins in sending our love. Sincerely, Daniel Jeremy Silver DJS:mp