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Rabbi Daniel Silver,
Yarnton Manor,
Yarnton,
Oxford OX5 1PY.

5 October 1979

Dear Danny,

Enclosed is a timetable. I did not have it in front of me at home and gave you false information. As you see, your lecture will be on Tuesday afternoons at 2.15 p.m.

If you want to come in for 12.30, I will be happy to take you to lunch before the lecture. If 2.15 suits better, we can at least have a cup of coffee after class and arrange for a longer get-to-gether.

Do let me know which suits you better. In any event, I will be at the College on Tuesday to greet you.

In friendship,

Sincerely,

S. H. Friedlander

Rabbi Dr. Albert H. Friedlander
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TERM COMMENCES: MONDAY 8 OCTOBER 1979

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October 8th, 1979.

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver, Ph.D.,
The Appleloft,
Yarnton Manor Estate,
Yarnton, OXFORD, OX5 1PY

Dear Rabbi Silver,,

Thank you for your letter of the 27th
July.

I trust you are well and have now
settled down comfortably in Oxford.

We look forward to your lecture on
"When Moses was an Embarrassment" on Tuesday, October
16th, 1979, at 8.30 p.m. at the New London Synagogue
Hall, 33, Abbey Road, St. John's Wood, London, N.W.8.

I enclose several invitation cards
for your own use and look forward to seeing you on the 16th.

With best wishes

Yours Sincerely,

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09. October 1979

Mr. Daniel Jeremy Silver
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University Circle at Silver Park
Cleveland, OH 44106

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your payment for the land portion of Tour
EC 130A, scheduled to leave New York on January 3, 1980.

Unfortunately, due to schedule changes on the Nile cruise
portion of this tour, we have had to change the departure
date to January 21, 1980.

We certainly hope you are still able to participate in this
tour; however, if your schedule does not permit it, please
advise us at your earliest convenience for a full refund.

Thank you.

Cordially,

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Rabbi Daniel Silver,
Oxford Centre for Post Graduate
Hebrew Studies,
45 St. Giles,
Oxford.

22nd October, 1979.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Thank you for your letter of the 1st August in which you said you would speak at our Synagogue on Sunday 2nd December. This is just to confirm your coming and to clarify that we look forward to seeing you at 11.15 a.m. on that morning and your talk will commence at 11.30 a.m. As we know that you have done a lot of work on Maimonides we would like you to talk on his life and times and the relevance of his teachings to our present day. The audience will consist mainly of adults with some teenagers, probably in the region of 40-50 people. Perhaps you could let me have your title soon so that I can prepare the publicity and I would be very pleased to invite you and your wife to lunch at my house after the talk. Please speak for 30 - 40 mins. and questions and discussion will follow.

I am sure you would find it useful if we could talk to each other over the phone so that I can tell you how to get to our Synagogue which is on the extreme N.W. edge of London or, if you are coming by train I can arrange to have you collected at Paddington Station. My home phone number is 954 3415 or perhaps in your letter you can give me your number and tell me when it is best to phone you.

With kind regards, and I look forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Leigh
Rabbi Michael Leigh

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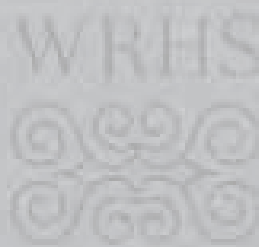
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Ms. Jane Rasmussen, Operations
Travel Plans International
1301 West 22nd Street
Oak Brook, Illinois 60521

In re: Tour EC 180A

Dear Ms. Rasmussen:

I am in receipt of your letter of October 9 regarding
change in departure date and would appreciate your
sending me a full refund at your early convenience.
Thank you.



Sincerely, .

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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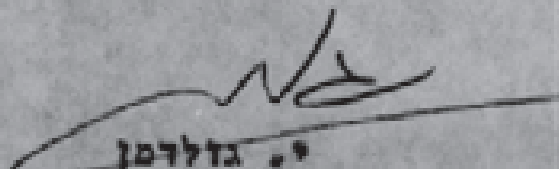
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י. גולדמן

מרכז ענייני נהול רכוש

November 7, 1979

MEMO

To: Rabbi Stuart Geller

From: Daniel Jeremy Silver

Dear Stu:

Forgive this way of communication but you know that my scrawl is indecipherable and I really want you to know something about our life here.

We're living in a delightful little doll's house with five different kinds of heaters to keep out the English damp. Actually, the weather has been quite nice. Today is the first day of cold, clammy rain that we have had. We have met a lot of people and seen a few good shows: an excellent production of the Merry Wives of Windsor at Stratford; an interesting play called Whose Life which I understand is coming to the states. It's the story of a man who is paralyzed from the waist down who demands of the hospital which has kept him alive after an automobile accident the right to die. If the play is ever produced on television it is an interesting discussion vehicle for a high school group.

I have met with a number of the Reform rabbis here in England. I spoke to their national assembly yesterday, there are about twenty of them, most of them ordained within the last ten years. Hugo Gryn seems to be the guiding light among them. They are liberal in theology and rather conservative in practice. English love pomp and ceremony and all of that. They are working on a new mahzor. Their was published several years ago and has a number of interesting features in it, one particularly important for their congregation, and that is a series of sketches of the major synagogues of Europe so many of which, of course, have been destroyed. Their liturgy is essentially traditional with changes, and they speak of davinning rather than worship. I spoke to them on the mission of Israel and we had an interesting discussion. Essentially, British Jewry seems to have accepted its role on the periphery of society and you can see this even in the synagogue architecture. The West London Synagogue, Hugo Gryn's, numbers twenty-five or twenty-six hundred families. You know what Temple Emanuel looks like. All you can see of Gryn's Synagogue is the entrance way. Everything else is hidden behind slats and you get this sense in much that happens here. They are not quite ready to go out and proclaim themselves openly. They want to seem very British and so Jewish is a very private thing reinforced by a hearty degree of anti-semitism, at least social anti-semitism in the society itself.

We have met some interesting people and I have enjoyed my class at Leo Baeck. I have about fifteen students, which is about two-thirds of the student body. They range in age from twenty-three or four to

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fifty-five and I would say that their training is no better, in some degrees far less adequate, than that of the average student brought to the College. The school itself has a remarkable degree of informality to it which I am afraid translates, to a certain degree, into the requirements, but European Jewry needs people and the school serves a significant need.

Adele and I have enjoyed ourselves a great deal and we've kept in touch with the kids and with mother. I gather that nothing much has happened at home as to this date and I hope it stays that way.

Give our love to Ellen and to the kids.

As always

DJS:mp



November 7, 1979

Ambassador Leonard Unger
Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy
Tuft University
Medford, Mass. 02155

My dear Ambassador:

I am grateful for your letter of October 8 and for the time that you took to write to various people on our behalf. We are now situated in Yarnton Manor, Oxford. The Post Graduate Center for Hebrew Studies here operates a center where a number of fellows live during the year and are allowed to pursue their individual work. I was fortunate enough to be invited to be here until the end of December.

I am writing to you through my secretary in the states because I have an indecipherable scrawl and I wanted to make sure that you knew how deeply I appreciate your efforts on our behalf.

We had hoped to visit Chiangmai during our stay in Thailand and as things look now we will have the time to do so.

May I wish you all good luck with your new academic assignment.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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November 8, 1979

MEMO

To: Rabbi Stephen Klein

From: Daniel Jeremy Silver

Dear Steve:

Please forgive me for corresponding with you in this way but you will do much better with a letter typed by Marie than with my indecipherable scrawl.

It has been an interesting experience so far. Our little cottage is a doll's house and the whole estate is quite magnificent. We have rented a car and can get in and out of Oxford with ease. I have explored the libraries here and though the one here at the Centre concentrates largely on Zionist materials and modern Hebrew literature, the library of the Oriental Institute has everything that I need in the bodleian which is one of the richest depositories in the world. The only problem there is it takes three to four hours to order up the book, but I had a good chance to work on Moses

I have had a good chance to work on Moses and what with teaching a course generally in the same area I have made some real progress. I have spoken for Hugo Gryn and Louis Jacobs at the synagogues. Jacobs is an interesting man. He broke with the orthodox establishment here when they refused him the principalship of Jews College because they suspected his views on revelation. He is highly productive, highly nervous and very bright. Hugo Gryn is a lovely human being, devoted to his congregation which, believe it or not, numbers over twenty-six hundred families. He is warm and I have enjoyed being with him and with his family. I have seen a few plays, eaten rather well when we are out and relaxed a good bit.

Adele joins in sending our love to Joanne. We hope you are having a good year. The Temple seems to be rolling along as it should.

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November 8, 1979

Dear Bobbie and Jimmie,

Please forgive this form of correspondence, but my writing is indecipherable - I am sure you know - but I did want you to know something of our doings.

This is the first day of really wet weather we have had in about ten and it coincided well with the chance to spend some time at the desk. I have had the opportunity to really get down to the book and I hope to have it essentially shaped up before we leave. It now seems like a realizable goal.

I spent yesterday lecturing to the Assembly of Reform Rabbis. There are about twenty-five such scattered about England and they met for a three-day session in Rugby to prepare a new high holiday prayer book. I spent the afternoon with them. I spoke to them about the concept of the mission of Israel and we had a good discussion which was informative on all sides. Reform Judaism is more like the conservative tradition back home. England is a rather formal place and the liberal community, which is like our reform, is smaller than the conservative. Actually, the rabbis are trained in the same seminary and, in terms of ideas, I cannot see any significant difference between them. Some of them are very intelligent, all of them are rather British which is to say that they like form and they love to talk and they talk well. English Jewry is much less confident of itself than we are. You can see this in the synagogues. The West London Synagogue, where I spoke last week, is the largest. It numbers about twenty-six hundred families. It is the size of Temple Emanuel in New York, but the only thing that you see from the street is the large entranceway. The rest of the building is masked by apartment buildings and office buildings from the major thoroughfares. English Jewry lives at the side of English society rather than as an integral part of it. Even though individual Jews have risen to positions of prominence in the arts and the newspaper world and commercial world, the Jewish community as a community does not feel itself fully integrated. You see this in many ways, large and small, but it is in greatest evidence when it comes to things Jewish. Being Jewish is a very private affair. You do it in your home, it involves some of your social life, but it is not something that a student, for instance, would do at his public school or university. The idea that students in a very impromptu way get together and organize a seder seems simply not to happen in this tight little island.

My work at the College is pleasant. The class numbers about fifteen

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or sixteen which is about sixty percent of the total student body. Most of them are in their middle twenties but there are one or two who are going into the rabbinate after careers in other fields. I would say that they are no better or worse prepared than the students at the Hebrew Union Collge in Cincinnati. We have had good discussions and I have enjoyed it thoroughly. We meet from two until four-fifteen on Tuesday afternoons which gives us at least a day in London weekly. We also were in London on Saturday. Adele and I went to the theatre to a matinee where we saw a fascinating play called 'WHOSE LIFE'. It's the story of a man who was paralyzed from the neck down by an automobile accident. The doctors patch up and he insists that he wants the right to die. The issue is a relevant one and it is beautifully acted. I understand that it is going to come to the states, but that the roles are going to be reversed and that they are planning to cast Mary Tyler Moore, of all people, in the role of the bed-ridden patient. I hardly think that the production will live up to the one we saw here.

Last week I spoke at the West London Synagogue and also at the Synagogue of Louis Jacobs. Louis Jacobs is an interesting fellow, a prolific writer in his late fifties or sixties. He was once slated to be the principal of Jews College, which is the orthodox seminary. However, the powers that be were suspicious of his theology and refused him the position, and he has built for himself a non-orthodox congregation which argues against the intransigence of the lack of foresight of the entrenched traditional bureaucracy. England's Jewry is essentially orthodox and this is again that tradition thing. The people are not, ~~at-
least in practice~~ outside the home, and certainly not in their stated views. Their hold with forms is evident in all aspects of Jewish life.

But it has not been all work. The cottage continues to delight both of us. We've met some fascinating people, eaten some excellent meals and enjoyed ourselves in every way possible. Up to now I will have to say, and Adele would agree with me, that the sabbatical has been an unqualified success.

I'm sorry that I was not here when you called Monday, but I got involved in a long, long piece of work in the bodleian library and did not get back in time. I will try to call on Wednesday next at about the time of the staff meeting.

We think of you often, our love to the girls and Ira.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:mp

Just in their garden

November 8, 1979

Dr. Michael Eisner
Box 868
Fairfield, Iowa 52556

Dear Michael,

We wish you a happy new year. I know that my secretary has already sent you the holiday sermons. I hope that you are in good health and inside yourself.

We are having an excellent experience here at Oxford. I have been able to get some work done on the book; I have had a number of interesting assignments, academic and congregational. England is an attractive world and we have had a good break with the weather.

If you are here visiting Ellen for any other reason before the end of the year do give us a call.

. As always,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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November 8, 1979

Mr. Paul Bernstein
10 Nightingale Path
Newton, Mass. 02159

Dear Paul:

We received your New Year's card in Oxford and were delighted to hear from you. I am on a sabbatical and we are spending the first part of it here at Yarnton Manor which is the housing facility for fellows of the Post Graduate Centre for Hebrew Studies. We have been here a little over two weeks and it has been a fascinating time. I even had the opportunity to do a good bit of work on the book.

I hope your new assignment suits you. When we leave here we will meet our children for a couple of weeks in Morocco; then we will gypsy it, mostly in Southeast Asia and the Far East, until about the first of May. Is there any chance that you will be in Cleveland after that time? You know that Michael is in Boston. He is finishing his junior year at Harvard. If you get a chance, his phone number is (617) 498-2646. We were sorry to miss your dad's dinner, but I was leaving so soon after I could not possibly get away from Selihot.

Please pardon this way of communication but I have an indecipherable scrawl and I find it best to tape my letters back home where my secretary types them up. At least that way you can read what I have in mind.

Adele joins in sending our love. With all good wishes I remain

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:mp

November 8, 1979

Dear Mother,

Please pardon this way of writing, but you know how bad my handwriting is, and I want you to know something about our lives here.

I am writing this on Sunday, October 28. It is hard to believe that the first month of the sabbatical is almost behind us. It has worked out as well as we could have possibly expected. Our house is, as you know, a little doll's house on the side of Yarnton Manor. The original house was built in 1611 by the Spencer family. It has been revised many times since and has gone through a series of owners. Its present owner is the Wilson Trust from which the Oxford Centre for Post Graduate Hebrew Studies rents it. The building itself is little used during the week. During the summer it is a convention center for conferences on Jewish Studies. At this term there will be only one at one-day sessions on Jewish Law sometime next month. About twice a month there are dinners for local teachers and people who might be interested in supporting the Centre. The fellows are asked to deliver a talk after dinner and mine is scheduled to be late in November.

On Friday we had Shabbas dinner with David Patterson at his home. Two of the other fellows were there. One is a little older than I am, Allen Crown, who comes from Sidney, Australia, whose field is Samaritan Literature and he also teaches the Bible. The other man is a man named Moshe Harran who has Hesko Kaufman Chair of Bible at the Hebrew University. He just published a book on how the priests organized worship in the sanctuary in Jerusalem. He also is a man in his early sixties and both of them are interesting. David Patterson is a man also about sixty. His field is modern Hebrew literature and he is the guiding spirit of this Post Graduate Centre. Enough about the place itself.

Adele flew over this weekend to be with Jonathan in Paris. She is due back on Monday. I have three days to really hit the books. I've gotten about six chapters well on their way and things seem to be working out. I think now that I will be able to have a completed first draft of the manuscript finished before we leave for the Orient.

Regarding of the Orient, our plans have changed a bit. The Egyptian trip fell through. The company we were going with has delayed the tour, probably because there were not enough who signed on so we think

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now that we will move directly from Morocco to India and Nepal. As soon as our itinerary has been revised we will give you a revised itinerary and send it on.

I found teaching interesting. I have a class of about fifteen which represents about two-thirds of the student body of Leo Baeck. Some are well-trained, some are not. English training seems to be narrower than American training, which has both advantages and disadvantages, but I have enjoyed very much being with them.

I went on Wednesday to Rugby where the Association of Reform Rabbis had their annual convention and invited me to give a talk. We had about three hours of talk and discussion. There were some thirty men, most of them fairly young, and I enjoyed myself thoroughly. Reform Judaism in England is the equivalent of the conservative tradition in America, but many of these men are graduates of the Hebrew Union College and we had a great deal in common.

I have been working rather steadily and so my reading has been limited to a series of novels about life in Oxford and to one or two mystery stories outside my own work. There are advantages to this but I will be glad when I can broaden out again.

From first reports Jonathan sounds to be in fine fettle. He takes his language exams on Tuesday, but nothing very much seems to ride on it. He is still undecided about the future but I hope that in the next months he will begin to decide something about the path that he wants to walk. Adele reports that he is in good physical condition and happy and that his apartment is quite adequate.

We talked to both Sarah and Michael in the last week and they seem, at least from the brief conversations we have had, to be fine and in good spirits.

Adele comes back on Monday. Tuesday we go in to teach and then we will have dinner with some friends who have invited the Israeli Ambassador. The thing that I have enjoyed about Oxford is being away from the newspapers. I guess the evening will pull us back for awhile into reality.

Next weekend we are going up to the lake country for three days. It is the one break in the routine and we have scheduled ourselves into a hotel called Miller Howe where we understand the rooms are comfortable, warm, and the food is quite excellent. Speaking of food, our favorite

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subject, it's actually not been bad. We found some nice little restaurants in Oxford and have nothing to complain of.

I hope that you are in good health and that your eyes are not giving you too much trouble. The children report that you have been in frequent touch and it is a source of much comfort to us. Have you made any plans for the winter?

Love

DJS:mp





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Northwood, Middlesex.
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9th November 1979

Rabbi D.J. Silver,

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Mary thanks for your letter of the 25th October. I am delighted you can be with us on the 11th December. Taking notice of your request to start earlier, may I suggest that you begin at 11.45 a.m.? We can then continue a dialogue over lunch, giving you ample time to get away to the Leo Baeck College for 2.00 p.m.

I look forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely,

Rabbi Andrew Goldstein,
Chairman, Education Committee

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From

RABBI JOHN D. RAYNER, M.A.

22nd November 1979

Rabbi Dr. Daniel J. Silver
Oxford Centre for Postgraduate Hebrew Studies
45 St. Giles
Oxford

Dear Daniel,

I am sorry that I have allowed several days to elapse since your Montefiore Lecture, but of course I have been meaning to write and thank you and it is only unusually heavy pressure of work which has caused the delay. Your lecture was a tour de force which, I am sure, the entire audience, like myself, listened to with admiration and appreciation. We really are extremely grateful to you, and it was also a very great pleasure for us to meet your wife and parents-in-law.

Please accept the enclosed cheque, an all-too-small token of our gratitude.

I do hope we shall have other opportunities to meet while you are in this country.

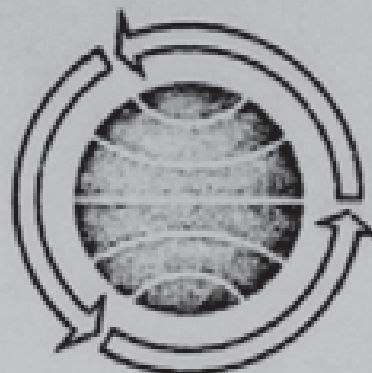
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Yours sincerely,

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November 23, 1979

Rabbi and Mrs. Daniel Silver
% Yarnton Manor Estate
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Dear Rabbi Dan and Adele,

Delighted to ^{learn}~~know~~ from Mrs. Kluth that all is going along fine and among other things, you are proceeding with speed on your new literary project.

We have made all of the requested changes in your itinerary and everything is confirmed. All arrangements in Morocco are as per the itinerary. Please note that the Marhaba Hotel in Agadir never mailed us a confirmation, but cashed our deposit check. The Sahara Agadir, as of this writing, has not cashed our check, but did send us a letter of confirmation. You decide how you wish to handle this matter and try to recover the \$150.00 deposit from whichever hotel you do not stay at. If they insist upon returning the credit to our office, we will credit your account.

Please note that we authorized Avis to give you a 15% discount on both the milage and the daily rate and I remind you that Mr. Tolendano might be helpful to you.

The enclosed revised vouchers are self explanatory.

With every good wish for continued good health and happiness. Barbara joins me in wishing you Happy Holidays.

Very truly yours,

Sidmon J. Kaplan



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Rabbi Michael P. Sternfield

November 26, 1979

Rabbi Daniel Silver
The Temple - Tifereth Israel
University Circle at Silver Pk.
Cleveland, OH 44106

Dear Daniel:

At the upcoming convention of the Pacific Association of Reform Rabbis (PARR), Rabbi Herbert Morris has asked me to share with our colleagues some innovative ideas for WEDDINGS. I am writing to ask you for any material which you might have utilized in the past and have found to be successful. (Full credit will, of course, be given.)

Specifically we are searching for:

- 1) Innovative ceremonials, e.g., kindling of candles, special moment honoring parents, etc.
- 2) Your favorite wedding talk.

Officiating at as many weddings as I do, I know how difficult it is continually to come up with new ideas and inspirational "sermonettes," but if we can all share a little bit with each other, I know that this will enhance all of our efforts.

The material which you send will be assembled in a pamphlet for the convention which I will be pleased to send along to you.

Would you please try to respond by December 15th? Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely

Rabbi Michael P. Sternfield

mps/ec

November 27, 1979

Dear Claire and Stan,

I received a packet of material on China from Marie which included material from you both and we're very grateful. It's hard to believe that the visit here is half over but I have accomplished a good bit of work and both of us feel that we are well into the sabbatical. The house is, as you know from Patty's and Hadley's description, something of a doll's house but it suits our needs. Yarnnton is a lovely place and the weather has been exceptional for this time of the year. My courses have worked out beautifully. I have enjoyed the students though they are not as willing to challenge you as their American counterparts and my opportunities to speak to and visit with the leadership of English Jewry have been rewarding. I have a feeling, for the first time, of what it's like to be a Jew here and it's very different. The Jewish community is largely orthodox. Probably eight out of ten congregations are traditional. That is not to say that eight out of ten Jews observe all the laws. Orthodoxy seems to be in part a reflex of England's love of ceremony and tradition. Certainly, you find many Jews who, while members of orthodox congregations, do not keep the dietary laws outside the home and I suspect that some of them are rather lax about it within. The religious leadership here is not a particularly dynamic one. There are a number of exceptionally bright rabbis, but the number is few. The Reform community here, which would correspond to our Conservative tradition, seems to be making some inroads in the traditional group largely by offering the sense of ceremony and tradition, but, at the same time, by insisting on a more modern and critical approach to religious issues. The community is intensely supportive of Israel, except for a small ideological left, and does what it can, particularly in a private way. Indeed, that old American Jewish committee type of approach to matters Jewish seems to be characteristic of much of the English approach.

One of the interesting things about Harvard and Cambridge is that there is no equivalent to Hillel. There is a Jewish Club which comes together at the beginning of each term and tends to disband at the end of each term, but there is no professional leadership and the community has not seen fit to appoint such. Apparently, when you come up to the universities you want to do so to become English. There is a sense of relief that you for a moment have left the encircled Jewish world and can participate in the larger community. None of the colleges here have a seder. Distances are small and I suspect most of the students go home. The very fact that there has been no pressure in that direction is again indicative of something very basic in English life.

We had a lovely weekend. Adele's parents were over as well as Nancy and Philip. It was their fiftieth wedding anniversary and we had a couple of grand din-

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ners together and saw a few shows. These are nice moments and they are to be cherished.

I trust everything is well with you. Adele was very grateful for the things that Claire sent over and they have added to her comfort.

Please forgive this form of communication but I'd like you to know what I was thinking and not simply receive a letter which was indecipherable. Tell Patty and Hadley just to enjoy the house as we enjoyed having them here.

All our love,

Daniel Silver

DJS:mp



November 27, 1979

Dear Norm:

Please pardon this way of communication but my handwriting is nearly indecipherable, so I have decided to take advantage of the miracles of modern communication.

I was delighted to receive your letter and to hear about your meetings with Harry Horvitz and Peter Galvin. Obviously, it is a one-on-one task which is going to take some time and we've simply got to begin putting all the dominoes in place. The thing that has become clear to me as I have had a chance to think away from the telephone is that once I come home we should work out together a schedule of so many people to meet every few months and simply go about it in as systematic and logical way as we can. In the meantime, good fishing. The only reservation about your conversation with Harry is that I don't think we have any responsibility to the Federation. They have their own financial problems though they are much better off, in the area of Foundation funds. They'll do everything they can to keep our goal overly modest though they would never admit it to suggest to some of our better people that what we are doing is really not that important. Harry would make a commitment now of size which would be a wonderful start.

Sorry to hear that Charles will not be in Malaysia when we're there, but I am delighted that he'll be home and I hope that he'll find work that suits his skills. We've moved up our trip to Asia. The Egyptian tour fell through. I think they failed to get a sufficient number of people to sign on for the tour this time of year. So we'll be in Malaysia by about the first week in February. If there is any chance that Charles will still be there please drop us a line with his address.

The trip is working out beautifully. Our cottage is something of a doll's house but I've been able to get a lot of work done. I've enjoyed my lectures and the course. Oxford is filled with an interesting group of people and a good conversation going on almost any subject. One of the things that you discover quickly is that English learning tends to be focused rather than broad and often when you move beyond the particular areas of a student or don's competence you find suddenly that he either turns the conversation back to the original subject or simply falls silent. It's been a particularly nice week for us. Adele's mother and father came over to celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary. We had a great weekend of reunion.

Everything I hear from home suggests that The Temple is in good shape, as I knew it would be, and that things are moving along smoothly. I know that it isn't just happening and I am grateful for your part in it.

Adele joins in sending our love to Alice and yourself. I suppose you'll be leaving soon for the south. Have a wonderful winter and we'll see you around the first of May.

Sincerely,

Daniel Silver
Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:mp

November 27, 1979

Dear Mother,

We were glad to receive the letter that you had Marie type and to talk to you on the phone. You sounded well and I hope that by now your problems with your girl have been resolved as you wish.

Our lives continue to be very happy. Adele's folks are over. They arrived last Thursday as did Nancy and Philip. As you know it's their fiftieth wedding anniversary. On Friday we went to the West London Synagogue for their six o'clock service and then to the National Theater for a play with Paul Schofield called Amadeaz. It's a story of a contemporary of Mozart's with the genius of the musician. Skalyeri was the Italian capelmeister of the Austrian Empire who recognized the unique capacity of Mozart, but disliked him as a human being and felt that his art, threw all of his, Skalyeri's accomplishments, into a bad light. Paul Schofield was at his dramatic best and it was a good evening of theater although the play is not one of the most significant we have ever seen. We then went back to the room. Jonathan had brought over from Paris a bottle of Donperingen champagne and we enjoyed champagne, cheese, crackers and each other. Jonathan looks wonderful. He's done well in his French examinations. His apartment seems comfortable and he's settled into a life with a great deal of variety and many friends. I think he's beginning to finally get down to work at the Seance Pol. The school starts very late, late October, early November, but then it runs until the first of July. He says that his French is now fluent in terms of understanding and almost fluent in terms of speech, and I think the experience of learning to adjust to a different civilization has been an excellent one for him. He was a delight.

Saturday Jonathan, Adele and I went to lunch after a brief walk at a French restaurant and had a delightful time. That afternoon we returned to one of the other theaters, the International Theater Complex, where we saw Merset Mon play which was originally written in 1932 about the problems of a war veteran readjusting to civilian life. It's a period piece but beautifully staged and, as almost everything here, well acted. The piece de resistance for Saturday was dinner at the Carnat in grand old empire style. The food was excellent and the service incredible and we all left mumbling about the good old days. Jonathan left the next morning for Paris and we came back out to Oxford where it's been a return to the routines.

This week I am to give the Claude Montefiore Lecture at the Liberal Synagogue of St. John's Woods. I am talking on the book of Jonah. It turns out that Claude Montefiore had one great vanity and that was that he should read the portion of Jonah on each Yom Kippur so that gives me a good jumping-off place. It's a piece I've done before so it required no special work. My class at the university seems to be pleasant. I go into London tomorrow to teach. I've gotten to the point where we're discussing

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Moses as he was developed in Islam and how Judaism responded to the Islamic developments. I find the students as a whole about the same as American students except that their field of reading is much narrower. From the time that they enter high school their reading and studies become more and more focused until by the time they come to the university they are simply doing one thing. There is no such thing as distribution requirements, and often with a student you find he is terribly knowledgeable in one area but the minute you get him into some very basic things in a related area he's completely at sea.

The Moses book is coming along well. I've finished all the chapters except the last and hope to have that done, at least in first draft form, by the end of the week.

As you know, the plans for Egypt have fallen through. Apparently the company could not get sufficient people to sign up and cancelled the trip. We have made plans to spend a few days in Rome after we leave Morocco and then to spend the extra time in the Far East. Marie will give you a complete itinerary with dates, hotels and so on as soon as it's finalized.

The news from home seems to be The Temple is moving along nicely. We keep in touch with Jim Reich and Marie and I hope that the material is getting there in time for The Temple Bulletin.

The weather has continued to be exceptionally good. The days are clear though there is a good bit of snap in the air and usually a little bit of rain falls some time during the day, but we have nothing to complain of. The problem, if it be, is to keep the house fairly warm and comfortable. There are eight different kinds of heating units in the place and an incredible balancing act to get them working as they should be. Always something is on the fritz. We are making plans to have a big Thanksgiving Day dinner here on the Saturday of Thanksgiving Day weekend. Jonathan has invited a number of his friends from Cambridge, Oxford, Paris etc. and we've added several young people we've met while we are here. Adele is going to have sherry in the big manor house and then we'll have a buffet in our own apartment. It's a bright lot of young people and we ought to have a very good time.

We're well, we're happy. The sabbatical is working out beautifully. We hope you made some plans for the winter and we'd love to hear what they are. Adele joins me in all the above in sending our love.

Dan

November 28, 1979

Dear Jim,

I'm sorry that I missed you yesterday but was delighted to hear from Marie that all is well and plans are continuing for Coping, Thanksgiving Service and ~~XXXXXX~~ Sunday morning.

It's been a pleasant week or two here. Adele's parents are in England. We spent last weekend celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Adele's brother and sister-in-law, Philip and Nancy Zeidman, also came over so it was a real family reunion. We had a wonderful dinner at Canat and saw two plays. The only one that I would whole-heartedly recommend is a new play at the National Theater called Amadeus, after Mozart's middle name, in which Paul Schofield stars. It's a wonderful story about a man who is competent but who lacks genius, and the anger that builds up with him when a man of explosive genius like Mozart suddenly appears on the scene. He dislikes Mozart as a human being and has every reason to do so, but, at the same time, he respects his genius and recognizes that Mozart's music will put his ultimately to shame. though he for the moment is the popular and well-known figure. It's a fascinating evening of theater and Schofield is a master on the stage.

My class at the university continues to be interesting to me. There are great differences between the young English students and American students, not all to the disadvantage of ours. Indeed, it seems that ours are enjoying a breadth of learning which is sadly lacking here. From the time they enter High School distribution goes by the board and their learning becomes more and more focused. They are extremely competent professionals, but it destroys the ease with which a number of subjects ought to be discussed.

Tuesday night we had a lecture here at the Manor by a young legal scholar, Bernard Jackson, who spoke and compared English and Jewish laws with respect to evidence. It was an interesting evening and last night I went in to London where I gave a lecture at the Liberal Synagogue. It was a memorial to Montefiore who was for many years both their President and the leading scholar in liberal Jewry here. Liberal Jewry is closer to what we used to call Classical Reform than American Reform, but it shares many attitudes and Rabbi John Rayner is a lovely man. I spoke on the Book of Jonah and the evening was most pleasant.

And now I have a few days to work on the book. Marie is getting the chapters back to me in good shape and I hope to have a full revision completed before we depart for points east.

I received a letter from Norm Klivans telling me of his visit with Harry Horvitz and I hope that he has set some things in motion before he leaves for the south. I am more and more convinced that on my return we'll have to make out with you and Norm a list of people who should be seen on a one-to-one basis and that one

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or two of these should be tackled each month. It's slow work but I think it will pay dividends and we certainly need to build up our Foundation resources.

The news, as we get it here, suggests that next year's political campaign will be a long and dirty one and certainly full of unfortunate and unexpected episodes like the current business in Iran. At some point America is going to have to stand up on her hind feet. She can't allow herself to be pushed around endlessly but I guess the President had no choice but to plead for time, although I must say I hope that he finds ways to punish Iran once this is completed.

We are well. Jonathan came over for the weekend and he is finally well into his studies. The French system starts late and runs until the end of June. He seems thoroughly at home in French and more or less at home with the French. They are a difficult people, but he has made a good adjustment and it was a delight to have him.

You know what my writing is, so forgive this way of communication. Adele joins in sending our love to Eobbie, to you, to the girls, Ira etc.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver



DJS:mp

November 28, 1979

Dear Bud,

It's been a wonderful few weeks. I've been able to complete a lot of work and have enjoyed a number of opportunities to speak with and be part of English Jewry. We have worshipped at the Westminster Synagogue where you were for Rosh Hashanah, and I have spoken to an adult education group there. The rabbi, Hugo Gryn, is an old friend and it has been a delight to be with him.

The Oxford experience is a happy one. The men who are here are all very pleasant and quite distinct in their particular interests. One is an Australian who is an expert in Samaritan Literature; another an Israeli from the Hebrew University whose field is the institutions of Biblical times; another Israeli who deals with modern social thought; and there's a man from Northwestern who is interested in modern Jewish thought. It's a nice community and no one intrudes on anyone else's life.

This weekend Adele's parents were over. They were celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Philip and Nancy Zeidman, Adele's brother and sister-in-law, also came over to London and we had a two-day family celebration which included dinner at Canaught's and several fine shows. If you come back I recommend particularly Amadeus which stars Paul Schofield. It's at the National Theater and it essentially sets up a conflict between a man of good character and competence and a man, Mozart, of erratic character and genius.

The news from home indicates that The Temple is moving along nicely; Cleveland, fortunately, has a new mayor; and that next year's political campaign threatens to be one of the bitterest and ugliest in quite some time. The thing that struck me is how little people talk about American politics. They take it for granted that our economic strength and problems affect theirs. It's as if they really don't want to think about the lack of power and direction which is now emanating in Washington.

Please give Doris my love. I appreciate her note and one of the few drawbacks to a sabbatical is that it doesn't give us the opportunity to be with and enjoy good friends.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Dan
Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:mp

The Appleloft
Yarnton Manor Estate
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November 28, 1979

Dear Ellen and Bob,

I'm taking advantage of Daniel's tape recorder and the good nature of his secretary to send you a letter telling you how very much we're enjoying our sabbatical, largely because we know you have been so kind and attentive to Sarah. We try to talk with her every Monday night, fairly late for us, but it's about six o'clock her time, and she often reports that you've called, Ellen, and she's been sorry that she hasn't been able to be with you more, but she has found her work load, I think, more than she anticipated.

She seems to be working moderately hard. For Sarah I think that's quite hard because she really has now only begun to learn what's involved in study and in the satisfactions of the academic life. She seems to be doing well in several of her courses and very very poorly in one, a science course in astronomy, that she had been told would be easy. She's learning differently. Everything she tells us about her life at school rings true with us. She's enjoying the work. She's enjoying her track. She's meeting lots and lots of people. She's somewhat disappointed in the kind of social life - I think largely because it centers around fraternity parties and she's not yet gotten into Philadelphia, I think - and most of all because in the first six weeks away from home she has missed both the intimacy of family and of the very small prep school that she attended. I think that the size of Penn was very attractive to her because she felt the surge of independence rising in her, but, at the same time, she misses not having some very close friends and people with whom she can feel completely at home. I think that once she has learned to manage her time better and has sorted through the dozens and dozens of people she is meeting and friendships she is making, some of that will settle down. She is very candid and frank about her disappointments as well as her pleasures, and I hope that she continues to be frank with you, too, whenever you are with her because that seems to be central to her temperament.

Ellen, you wouldn't believe the cottage we're living in. It makes the apartment on Tenth Street look like a comfortable middle-class home and the apartment in Tudor City look palatial. We have no central heating and Daniel has become very adroit at filling the coal grate, usually at six in the morning, and keeping a fire going until we come home at the end of a very late evening. It's a charming little house, really, despite the lack of central heating. It's an old Coteswold cottage, probably two hundred years old, with foot-thick walls and a stone tile roof, one large room downstairs, a living room, dining room, study, whatever you want to call it; and upstairs two bedrooms. On the first floor there are also a tiny bathroom and a tiny kitchen which Daniel and I together cannot both manage, and yet we planned out of that kitchen, with the help of the local butcher, to put on a Thanksgiving Day feast next week for Jonathan's friends, some dozen of them, who are coming from different spots to have an American turkey. Thank God it's an English butcher who knows how to fix an American turkey because my oven isn't big enough for anything more than a pot full of dressing.

Most of our life here in Oxford has centered around Yarnton Center itself. There are several other fellows here from Australia, Israel and the States, and there are weekly or bi-weekly events at the Manor House which we generally attend. I've gone

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into Oxford just, really, to get to know it a bit and have attended some lectures. Both of us have used the library, Daniel with far more purpose than I, and we explored some of the surrounding countryside as well. During the last week we've been spending a good bit of time in London because my parents have been here, as well as Philip and Nancy, and Jonathan who came over from Paris, celebrating my folks' fiftieth wedding anniversary. We've heaped activities on them to the point where I think they will be very glad to go home. My father seems absolutely exhausted by the round of activities, but it's given us an excuse to have lots of very good meals and go to lots of theater and we have really enjoyed giving them a kind of splash.

Daniel goes into London every week anyway to teach a seminar at the Leo Baeck College which is the rabbinic seminary for liberal and reform rabbis for the Commonwealth and for the continent. I think he has found it an interesting experience, somewhat challenging because the educational systems outside of the United States do turn out students who are somewhat different than the students Daniel is accustomed to in the States. I think his impression is that their educations are far narrower than ours so that the students do come up with rather detailed and intricate questions and ideas about small topics, but find it very difficult, even though they are graduate students, to make connections among various fields such as history, politics, art, literature and economics which is the sort of connection Daniel feels most useful for anyone to be able to make.

We've seen Clare Newman Frankel and her husband a few times. They have a lovely house in the center of London and they've been very cordial to us and we've enjoyed their company very much. From the five years Clare's been married to William, Ellen, she's made some real adjustments to a life that is much more intensely Jewish than anything she's ever known before, and it's been an interesting experience for me to hear her talk about it because I think it's been an experience of some real consequence for her. She seems very happy in her new marriage and I think William is a lovely man. Daniel and I really feel very good about their lives and pleased that they've been generous enough to include us.

I'll write again when I don't have a tape recorder, but this is my first effort to break out of the lethargy that surrounds me on Daniel's sabbatical - he's very energetically working away at his book, but I am just relaxing.

Take care of yourselves. My love to Tony and especially to you and, again, our thanks for your affectionate interest in Sarah. Please keep in touch with her and with us. Write whenever you have the time and the inclination.

Much love,

Del and Daniel

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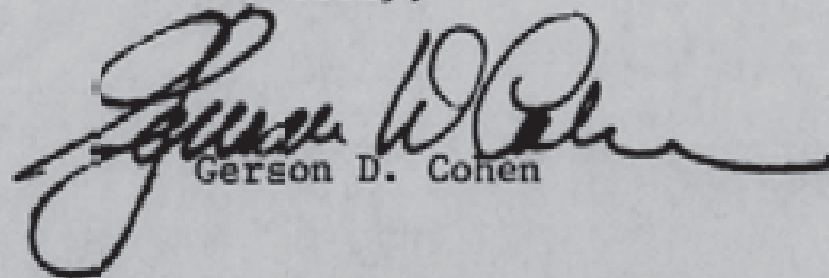
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Dear Professor Silver,

I would like to invite you to nominate candidates for the Charles E. Revson Fellows Program at the Graduate School of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. The program is designed to identify promising and talented students planning to enter the field of Judaic scholarship. These students will be offered the opportunity to pursue their doctoral studies in our Ph.D. program, with an award which includes a full tuition scholarship and a cash stipend of up to \$5,000, depending on family obligations. A housing and travel allowance for summer travel in connection with the Fellow's studies may also be available. The initial term of the fellowship is for one year. Fellowships may be renewed by reapplication.

As you know, our Graduate School excels in its range of offerings and depth of faculty. Study here is further enriched by our own library resources and by consortium agreements with other institutions of higher learning in the area including Columbia University, Princeton University, Union Theological Seminary, City University Graduate Center, and Y.I.V.O. The Graduate School of the Jewish Theological Seminary admits students irrespective of age, sex, race, religion or national origin. I hope that you will nominate students who can take full advantage of this unique opportunity.

Sincerely,


Gerson D. Cohen

GDC/dks

November 28, 1979

Rabbi Richard Litvak
Temple Beth El
920 Bay Street
Santa Cruz, Calif. 95060

Dear Rabbi Litvak:

I am most grateful for your kind letter of October 26 which was forwarded to me here in England where I am on sabbatical.

I have not published in collected form any of my sermons, but will continue to do so in The Temple Bulletin. Since I will not be at my pulpit this year our Bulletin will have letters from the trip rather than sermons or lectures.

With kind regards I remain

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:mp

November 28, 1979

Mrs. Samuel Sandmel'
3875 Clifton
Cincinnati, Ohio 45220

Dear Frances:

I was saddened to hear of Sam's death but I was glad that I was able to attend the Memorial Service for him which was held at the Leo Baeck School in London. Rabbi John Rayner spoke beautifully. Albert Friedlander read a well-selected reading from Sam's writings, and Hugo Gryn conducted a beautiful memorial service. It was a chance to say goodbye to a good friend and a man whom I greatly respected. Sam brought not only great scholarship to his work but great dignity. He was a man of fine and noble convictions. It was always a pleasure to be with him and a privilege to call him friend.

Please accept my deepest sympathies that so many of us share, each in our own way, in your sorrow.

Sincerely, .

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:mp

November 29, 1979

Mr. Harry A. Blachman
12700 Lake Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio 44107

Dear Harry:

Thank you for sending on your letters to the Press about apportionment and Kennedy. We received the news about the Cleveland election several days late and I must say that despite my feelings that Kucinich was right about the Munny Light Plant, I was glad he was defeated. Our town can take that kind of divisiveness only so long.

England has been a wonderful experience for us. We have had a chance to explore the countryside and Oxford's libraries have given me an excellent opportunity to do some work. There are an interesting group of fellows associated with Yarnnton and we have made some good friendships.

Adele joins in sending our love to Sarah and you yourself. With all good wishes I remain

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:mp

November 29, 1979

Mr. Ted Luntz
29776 Gates Mills Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio 44124

Dear Ted:

I received your letter of November 13 and the address in Penang of James Belcher. We plan to be in Penang and if there is a chance we will look him up. Would you think it advisable if you dropped him a line ahead of time? It looks as if we will be there around the last week in March.

Our sabbatical has worked out beautifully. We live in a little doll's house here in Oxford and I've had a great deal of time to work as well as to explore the countryside and all the attractions of London. I teach a course one day a week at the Leo Baeck Seminary in London and we've made a number of interesting contacts.

I trust that all is well with you. Please give my love to Idarose and the kids and a very special hello to the folks. Adele joins in sending our best.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:mp

November 29, 1979

Mr. Jonathan Andell
No. 9, 1378 South Roberta St.
Salt Lake City, Utah 84115

Dear Jonathan:

It was kind of you to drop me a note and I am delighted that you appreciated the Rosh Hashanah sermon. I am in England where my wife and I are enjoying a sabbatical. We are living in Oxford where I am a Fellow at the Post Graduate Centre for Hebrew Studies. I have had a chance to explore the country as well as to do a good bit of work.

I hope that next time you are in Cleveland you will stop by and say hello. Again, I am grateful for your note.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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Dear Mother,

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It's the day before Thanksgiving and Adele is out making preparations for our big Thanksgiving feast. We're going to hold it on Saturday. We think there will be about a dozen of Jonathan's friends and one or two young people whom we've met here at Oxford. The local butcher is baking a sizeable turkey. I'm responsible for the wine and the weather is lovely; it ought to be a fine occasion. Jonathan is coming over late today. He's going to stay with some friends in London until Friday and then come out and spend the weekend with us here. Needless to say, we are looking forward to it.

Yesterday was a London day. I went in the morning and worked at the College. Then Albert Friedlander, its director and an old friend, took me to lunch at the Athenaeum. The Athenaeum is a London club, perhaps the most famous of all the vestiges of imperial days. It's a great Georgian building with massive halls, a men's only structure which has only recently admitted the rabbis etc. The food is bad, the chairs are old and the leather broken, but there are rooms upstairs which are the length of the building, lined floor to ceiling with books. The club maintains a full-time librarian and there are all manner of comfortable chairs and coffee is constantly available. That part of it is really a lovely setup. I had a good class in the afternoon and then I spoke to Albert Friedlander's congregation that night. This is the congregation that Rabbi Reinhardt helped found after the second World War. His widow still lives in the building and she attended the lecture. She asked to be remembered.

The weekend, working backwards, was a quiet one. I got a lot of work done, and Sunday Adele and I drove out in the Cotswold; it's beautiful rolling countryside full of rather quaint villages whose buildings look older than they in fact are. We had an excellent lunch at a place called Stow on Wold and the weather was lovely so we enjoyed ourselves thoroughly.

I was delighted to hear that you had a day with Ray and I'm sure your visit with Florence was a pleasant one. You did not mention how the household was working out. Your health problems remain essentially what they were. I'm sure you're getting the best of medical advice and you've always been good about taking it. It sounds as if you're

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having a busy enough social life. We received a letter from Marion Englander saying that she and Allen had seen you and another one from Ted Luntz saying that he had bumped into you at the Museum. I hope by now you have heard from Ida and Gene about their visit. They said they would call immediately on getting back into the States. They looked well. and I think they had a good time. I was glad to hear from your letter that everything is working well at The Temple. That's the impression that I get from Jim Reich's notes also.

All our love,

Dan

DJS:mp



November 30, 1979

Rabbi Michael P. Sternfield
Congregation Beth Israel
2512 Third Avenue
San Diego, California 92103

Dear Rabbi Sternfield:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 26th to Rabbi Silver. This is to advise that Rabbi Silver is away on sabbatical and will be out of the country until about the first of May.

Sincerely,

Marie Pluth
Secretary to Rabbi Daniel Silver

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November 30, 1979

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

Dear Daniel:

This is a very belated response to your letter of July 27. Regrettably it was lost in a huge pile of mail which I attempted to handle immediately upon returning to work from the Shivah for my mother. It's interesting how many loose ends remain from that period.

If the program you describe for the conference, exploring how we arrive at "Jewish" positions on social issues, is still a reality, I would be very interested in participating. Particularly from this vantage point as a community relations specialist, where I deal with social issues daily, I have had an opportunity to examine my own decision-making processes and positions quite extensively. It would be interesting to participate with colleagues in such an experience.

Forgive my delay in responding. If my tardiness has foreclosed participation, I certainly understand. If it is still an open issue, count me in.

Shalom,

Herman J. Blumberg, Rabbi
Director
New England Region

HJB/jmg

NOVEMBER 1979

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ACTIVITIES OF THE
OXFORD CENTRE FOR POSTGRADUATE HEBREW STUDIES
 DURING MICHAELMAS TERM 1979

Littman Lectures

Professor Manfred H. Vogel of Northwestern University, and Littman Fellow for Michaelmas term, will deliver a series of eight lectures under the title "The Impact of Emancipation on Modern Jewish Thought". The lectures will be held on Tuesdays at 5.15 p.m. in the seminar room, 45 St. Giles, commencing Tuesday, 16th October.

Evening Talks at Yarnton Manor

Talks have been arranged for the following evenings at 9 p.m.

Thursday, 18th October	Professor M. H. Vogel: Theological Issues Confronting the Modern Jew.
Wednesday, 31st October	Dr A. D. Crown: Aspects of the Samaritan Massorah.
Tuesday, 13th November NB at 8.30 p.m.	Joint meeting of the Jewish Law Association and the Jessel Society Dr B. S. Jackson: Aspects of the Jewish Law of Evidence
Wednesday, 28th November	Dr D. J. Silver: Moses - An Embarrassing Hero.
Wednesday, 12th December	Mr R. Judd: Is the Hebrew Book Hard to Handle?

Classes in Modern Hebrew and Yiddish will be given in the seminar room, 45 St. Giles, as follows:

Modern Hebrew - Mrs Nitz Spiro
commencing Monday, 15th October

Elementary	2.45 p.m. (language laboratory) 3.45 - 4.45 p.m.
Intermediate	5.00 - 5.45 p.m.
Advanced	6.00 - 6.45 p.m.

Yiddish - Mr Dovid Katz
commencing Wednesday, 17th October

Elementary	2.00 - 3.00 p.m.
Intermediate	3.00 - 4.00 p.m.

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October 16th	The Centrality of the Philosophic Expression in the Period of the Emancipation
October 23rd	The Impact of the Emancipation on the Structure of Faith of Judaism
October 30th	The Issue of Worship: Classical Reform Judaism
November 6th	The Question of Anthropologization of Religion: Samuel Hirsch
November 13th	The Question of God: Hermann Cohen and Martin Buber
November 20th	The Issue of Halakhah: Buber and Rosenzweig
November 27th	The Encounter with Christianity: Leo Baeck
December 4th	The Encounter with Christianity: Franz Rosenzweig

December 5, 1979

Dear Mother,

It's the Wednesday after Thanksgiving and we just about recovered from sixteen for Thanksgiving dinner and eight for the weekend. Jonathan's friends are a delightful lot of very bright and talented young people. We demolished a thirty-five pound turkey and stayed up late and got up late and a good time was had by all. It was a delight to have them and we had some chance to spend a little time with Jonathan both before and after they left. He is fine. The school has finally settled down to its routines and he seems to be enjoying the reading and the courses. He is beginning to wrestle with the question of what to do next year and I hope that within a month or two he will have some rather defined ideas.

Adele and I went into London yesterday and I taught another session of my class at Leo Baeck and she went to a film at the film festival. The class is coming along nicely and the youngsters are beginning to loosen up a bit with me. After class we went to a major exhibit of post-impressionist paintings at the Royal Academy. There are a number of magnificent Gog^{and} Van Gogh's in the show and quite a lot of lesser paintings by French, British, Italian and other European artists. It's a mass of painting and quite interesting, though it's hard to see what it is that brings all of these pictures into a single school or period besides the fact they were all painted between 1880 and the first World War. After dinner we walked down to Soho and had dinner at an Italian restaurant which was recommended to us. The food was good but the wine was poor and we came back here to Oxford. Today we are going to stay in. I have to do a lecture tonight here at Yarnton. Each of the fellows must give a lecture during the term and tonight is my turn. There is a formal dinner and then around nine o'clock I speak. It's not the best time for a lecture, but the hall in the Manor is lit nicely and I'm sure we'll have a good time. Clare and Bill Frankel are coming up from London, so we'll have a chance to visit.

Thank you for spending such good time with Sarah. She seems to be going through the usual uncertainties of the freshman year. I am glad you pushed for tutoring for her astronomy and I am doing the same. All in all she seems to be working pretty well and I hope she is learning what learning is all about. We are looking forward to the mid-winter break and the chance to spend some time with our American children.

Nothing much else new here. I trust that the cortisone is helping and that you are comfortable. I'm glad that people have been so attentive. You know you have all of our love.

Love,

Dan

December 6, 1979

Mr. Sidney Vincent
Jewish Community Federation
1750 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Sid:

I am most grateful to you for being with the congregation. They stand to benefit from your wisdom and, of course, your presence allows me to continue enjoying this wonderful sabbatical. I hope you had a good morning; I know you were among old friends.

England has been a delight. Yarnton is a little village about three miles from Oxford. The Manor House was bought from the Wolfson Trust for the Oxford Postgraduate Centre for Hebrew Studies. There are a number of rooms in the Manor and four cottages of which we have one on the grounds.

The fellows here are a very pleasant lot. One, Uri Tal, I am sure you know, is here for the year finishing up a major work on Nazism. He is trying to show that it was in fact a form of pagan religion. I have made it a point to lecture here and there as well as to teach a course at Leo Baeck. I have had a chance to speak at the institute which Louis Jacobs runs and to give the Claude Montefiore Lecture for the liberal Jewish community. Anglo Jewry, as you know, is a quite different world. If this society were ever to open up I am afraid that the disintegration of the Jewish community would be a precipitous one. The hand of a rather dull orthodoxy is heavy on the land. A newspaper announced recently that Jews' College is going to be sold and the group would move to a school of one of the synagogues in another part of London. Apparently there have been only three students in the rabbinic department over the last four or five years.

The liberal-reform movement has been making strides. They are the one group who seems to be emphasizing substance as well as form. It is still a minority within the community. Israel plays a major role here. Shimon Argov is the new ambassador. We had dinner with him the other night and he is a talented and judicious man. I only wish he had better bosses in Jerusalem.

Adele joins in sending our love to Bea and to yourself. May Hanukkah be a happy season and the new year a wonderful year for you and for yours. Again, many thanks.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:mp

December 7, 1979

Dr. Gerson D. Cohen
The Jewish Theological Seminary
of America
3080 Broadway
New York, N.Y. 10027

Dear Dr. Cohen:

This letter is by way of acknowledging yours of November 28
and also to let you know that Rabbi Silver is away on sab-
batical and will not return until the first of May, 1980.

Sincerely,

Marie Pluth
Secretary to Rabbi Daniel Silver

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December 7, 1979

Rabbi Herman J. Blumberg
The American Jewish Committee
New England Region
72 Franklin Street
Boston, Mass. 02110

Dear Rabbi Blumberg:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 30 and also let you know that Rabbi Silver is away on sabbatical and will not return until the first of May 1980. However, I have forwarded your letter to him at Oxford and you may receive a reply if it gets there in time.

Sincerely,

Daniel Plath
Secretary to Rabbi Daniel Silver

mp

December 7, 1979

Dr. Thomas Campbell
Cleveland State University
1860 E. 22nd Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Tom:

I am extremely grateful for your willingness to be at The Temple and I trust that you had a pleasant morning. I know that your wit and your energy, as well as your wisdom, was of benefit to the congregation. I am sorry that we could not be there, but the sabbatical is a delight and I would not pass it up for anything.

We are stationed at Yarnton which is a little village about four miles from Oxford. The Manor House was taken over by the Oxford Centre for Postgraduate Hebrew Studies and it makes an excellent center around which there are a number of small cottages of which we occupy one. The fellows here are a pleasant lot and it is good to have collegiality. I teach a course one day a week in London at the Leo Baeck Seminary and have a number of lecturing obligations here and elsewhere, but essentially, it has been a quiet time for work and for visiting London and the countryside.

The English are a sturdy and patient lot. They put up with inefficiency in almost every aspect of their lives which Americans would not tolerate, but I guess that is what got them through the blitz. It also makes for a sturdy conservatism and for the fact that those who oppose the system must stand outside of it and develop an ideology which is as strong and in its way conservative as that of the tradition. The result seems to be that the middle way is disintegrating and labor is getting more radical even as Mrs. Thatcher tries to put back the old-fashioned Tory government. As a believer in democratic reform, I wish that the polarities were not as distant and as obstinate.

Adele joins in sending our love to Peggy and to yourself. May the new year be a happy one for you and yours. We look forward to seeing you on our return. Again, many thanks.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:mp

P.S. Please forgive this way of communication but my handwriting is illegible and so I have become a devotee of modern technology.

December 7, 1979

MEMO

To: The Staff

From: Daniel Jeremy Silver

Friends,

We are now two months into the sabbatical and it has been an absolute delight. The Yarnon is a sea of quiet in a confused world and our little cottage is a doll's house where we keep a fire stoked and have a chance to work. As Marie can tell you, from the mount of material I have sent back, the book is slowly falling into shape and this period has been well used.

We have traveled about a good bit and made it a particular point to try and see as much of Anglo Jewry as we can. I have spoken at a number of synagogues and institutes as well as offered my course at the Leo Baeck. There is nothing like The Temple here. Congregations are much quieter affairs. English Jewry is very diffident about being Jewish, though they are quite ceremonial and formal in the way that they worship. I still find it interesting to see the rabbi dressed in a long robe and a tall black hat with a small Puritan-like bib collar falling over the top of his robe. If I had to describe the rabbinic role here I would say it is closer to that of the Anglican parish priest than of the American rabbi.

London is one of the most exciting and pleasant cities in the world. Things are not so sky-scrapery that you feel demeaned and the city is full of art, music and good theater. Costs have gone up and Englishmen speak of coming to the United States for a cheap vacation, but the differential is not yet so overwhelming as to be prohibitive.

We miss Cleveland but not enough to want to cut this sabbatical short. It is a rare opportunity and we are trying to use every minute of it.

Adele joins in sending our love, happy Hanukkah and a happy New Year.

DJS:mp

December 7, 1979

Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Krohngold
1 Bratenahl Place
Cleveland, Ohio 44108

Dear Connie and Bert:

Please pardon this way of communication but I have an illegible scrawl and I would like you to know something of our life.

These have been wonderful weeks. Yarnnton is an oasis of calm, a beautiful Manor house surrounded by little doll-like English cottages. I have been able to get a lot of work done. Adele and I have lived as if the confusions of the real world did not exist.

I have been enjoying a course I am teaching at the Leo Baeck Seminary in London where the rabbis of Europe are trained, and this gives us an opportunity to be in the capital and to take part in its many attractions. We have seen a bit of theatre and a number of exhibitions in galleries. There is a large post-impressionist show at the Royal Academy which has a number of marvelous Gogh's and Van Gogh's. The theater has not been exceptional. We saw a marvelous production of a play called Amadeus, which is a fascinating story of a musician at the time of Mozart who recognized Mozart's genius, but also the self-indulgence and the lack of character of the composer. He knew that Mozart's music would disown him, which was merely competent, in his favor and he hated Mozart with a passion because of it.

One of the nicest things of the year happened over the last weekend. We had a Thanksgiving party. Jonathan came over from Paris and we invited a dozen of his friends who were scattered around Europe on fellowships who came from Cambridge, Paris, London and here, a lovely group of young people, and we had a delightful time with them over the weekend. Eight slept in our little cottage. They ate us out of house and home, including a thirty-five pound turkey, but a good time was had by all.

I have spoken to a number of congregations and institutes and I think I have a good feeling about English Jewry. They are surprisingly different from us. It is a matter of some moment to be very English and there is much less willingness to talk of or publicly display the Jewish sides of one's life. At the same time, the class nature of this society keeps the Jews more or less at arm's length and so the traditions survive.

[Dec 7, 1979]

We hope that you are well. Mother sends us news of Cleveland and things seem to be much as they have always been. The Temple seems to be getting along beautifully. We have been enjoying ourselves. Adele sends our love and the hope for a very healthy and happy new year.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:mp



December 7, 1979

Ms. Lois Katovsky
Jewish Community Center
3505 Mayfield Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44118

Dear Lois:

Thank you for your kind letter of November 20 and the invitation to send a tape for the Jewish scene in Cleveland. Unfortunately, our stay in Oxford is drawing to a close and I've really got to concentrate on finishing up the work that I have undertaken trying to get a book done in time. I will be happy to reminisce with the Jewish scene on our sabbatical when I get back to Cleveland.

With all good wishes for the new year I remain

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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

12/7/79

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Thank you for your last letter. We would be delighted if you would give a talk to our Synagogue on a Sunday morning, as part of our Adult Studies programme.

Perhaps you would be good enough to let me know which would be the most appropriate date for you, so that we can make the necessary arrangements?

Yours sincerely,

Michael Leigh
Rabbi M. Leigh.

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Rabbi D. Silver,
Yarnton Manor,
Yarnton,
Oxford.

December 13th 1979

Dear Danny,

Now that the term is drawing to an end, I can only once again express my deep appreciation to you for all that you have done for the Leo Baeck College. Your lectures had a deep impact on our students and I know that they will hopefully remember to forget Moses. More than your subject matter, the informal discussions on the nature of progressive Judaism have been of enormous help to all of us. You did kindly suggest that we utilise the fee for your lectures for the welfare of the College in some fashion. I do want you to think about this again - the amount is approximately £130 and we could always remit this to Cleveland for you. If you do want to make a gift to the College you might want to designate the exact use of the money. Would you like it to be for library books, or student welfare or to help us for various aspects of the curriculum? If you have nothing specifically in mind, we would just use it for general purposes.

In any event, I hope your relationship with the College will continue. As you requested, we will put you on our mailing list for our Newsletter. Also I enclose Rabbi Jacobs' article dealing with the humility of Moses.

I hope we will see each other in the summer.

With much affection, from house to house,

A. H. Friedlander

Rabbi Dr. Albert H. Friedlander
Rabbinic Director



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ALVIN CRONIG
Executive Secretary

DEC 15, 1979

DEAR MALE,

PLEASE LET ME STRAIGHTEN OUT WITH
LANDSEAR / SID KAPLAN.

1) An envelope no Home Hotel Voucher
which we will not use. They should get the money
back and we should not pay it.

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ABADIA and should get it back from MANORAN -
that \$100 has already been paid and should
be a credit.

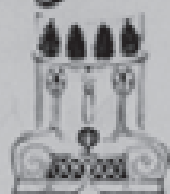
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have already paid and check my new invoices
against it -- Denying what I owe -

Thank

Like - Dan

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MAMOUNIA-MARRAKECH
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DEC 27, 1979

MARLE,

I bought today for THE TEMPLE
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A TEMPLE CHECK.

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COMES IN FOR 4,270 DIRHAMS = APPROX \$1250⁰⁰
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MY ACCOUNT TO CASH IT - AND, OF COURSE,
MY BILL WOULD ALSO INCLUDE MANY OTHER
PERSONAL ITEMS, IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS
MR. REIL CAN HELP YOU - TELL HIM, I
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FROM WHEN I GET HOME,

THE PLACE IS A BEAUTY; BUT NO CLAIM NEEDS
A LOT OF WORK - TWO OF THE HOLDING LINKS ARE
BROKEN, BUT THEY ARE EASILY FIXED.

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Rabbi PMN



January 2, 1980

Dear Nancy and Philip,

It's the Sunday before Hanukkah and it's hard to believe that we have only ten more days here in our little doll's house. We have been spending a good bit of time in London, trying to do a lot of the things we suddenly realized we would not have all the time in the world to accomplish.

We had dinner with Claire and William Frankel last week. They had the photographer, Alfred Newman, and his wife. He was opening a show ~~on~~ on eminent English folk at the National Portrait Gallery. He is a warm man of about sixty and it was a delight. We stayed the night and I said my final lecture at the Leo Baeck the next day while Adele was involved with museum work. She has been meeting with people at the Commonwealth Institute and a few other institutions, and there seems to be real interest in the book and in her work.

We went over for tea last night to the home of Susan and Michael Gilbert. He is a bright young historian who has been assigned the task of completing the authorized biography of Winston Churchill which Randolph began. They are on volume seven or eight. He works at home in a beautiful house on the hillside overlooking all of Oxford and seems remarkably put together. They are leaving for Israel in January where he will teach at the Hebrew University, and he seems to be directing his life more and more to half a year there and half a year here in England.

When we came home a young Israeli author, Gideon Telpaz, came to dinner. He is a forty-year old writer who is now trying to complete a doctoral program in Hebrew Literature. He is a very sensitive man and Adele has been reading a number of his stories which she finds quite good.

Today Albert Friedlander, a classmate of mine from the Hebrew Union College and the rabbi at Westminster Synagogue in London, is coming with his family for dinner. We have added two of the men who are here alone - Uri Tal, a delightful man who teaches at Tel Aviv University, and the family of Manfred and Susan Vogel, who teaches Modern Jewish Thought at Northwestern and who is a very interesting and intelligent person. He and Adele get along well and they have two boys who will add to the tumult and the pleasure of the two girls whom Friedlander is bringing along.

The week ahead is a busy one. Monday we are going with the Vogels to a little restaurant which we have heard about. Tuesday I speak twice in London, and then we are going to an evening sponsored by the Jewish Chronicle. It is their equivalent of Jewish Book Month, and then we are going to take Claire and William Frankel out to dinner. We will stay over. Sherman Lee is coming in on Wednesday and we are going to have dinner. I don't know quite what brings him to London. On Thursday we are going out with a man named S. Montefiore. He is related to the Montefiore family whose name you may remember where I gave a lecture, and she is a friend of Ellen Kay who has been so nice to

[Jan 2, 1980]

Sarah in Philadelphia. On Friday we are going to the Copesaro's for a Hanukkah party. Diane Copesaro and Adele have become great friends. They are a lovely couple. We are trying to crowd in everything we can in the last few days.

We have changed our plans a bit on how to get to Morocco. We are going to leave here on Wednesday, December 19, and fly to Malaga to pick up a car and take it by ferry over to Morocco. We discovered that we could rent a car in Spain for about one-third of what it would cost us in Morocco, and because of the cancellation of the Egyptian trip we have the time to take it down from Tangiers to Casablanca and bring it back again. Our stay in Morocco will remain as it is on the itinerary you have. We have decided to stay at the Sahara Agadir rather than the Marhaba. You have both addresses on the list. In all probability we will not spend Sunday, December 31, at Palais Jamais in Fez but will move on directly to Casablanca. They require that you attend their New Year's Eve dinner and it is quite expensive. We will leave directly from Casablanca and will drive the car back up through Spain and spend two or three days driving around southern Spain, and then take the plane from Malaga to Madrid and from Madrid directly to New Delhi.

You must be looking forward to having everyone together for Hanukkah. Needless to say, we are anticipating having the kids together in Morocco. I spoke the other night to a group of the students at the Jewish Center here. One of the young men who is reading Oriental Studies - which is their way of saying Hebrew - has been raised in England, but whose family lives in Washington where his father works for the World Bank. His name is Benedict Roth and we gave Betsy's name to him. He is a bright young fellow and if he calls I think she will enjoy him. Michael enjoyed so much being with you and the Harvard Yale game, and I gather that though the game was not well played Harvard won. The international edition of the New York Tribune reprinted Red Smith's article. Thanks for thinking of him.

Adele adds that we still have not made maquisine, but we have eaten well. London is a town of restaurants. Incidentally, we went to the little Chinese restaurant that you recommended and had an absolutely delightful evening.

Again, happy Hanukkah and all our love.

Dan

DJS:mp

January 2, 1980

Dear Mother,

It's the Sunday before Hanukkah and no snow on the ground. It hardly seems possible that we have only another ten days here. Good times always pass so swiftly.

I received a nice long letter from Ray telling me that your household problems seem to have stabilized and that he had a very pleasant visit with you. He said that you are handling the problems of your eyes with the usual resoluteness and you continue to get cut. Have you made any plans to leave Cleveland during the winter season?

Tuesday I had my last class at the Leo Baeck. It's been an interesting assignment. I enjoyed the students. We're going to stay the night in London to attend an award ceremony by the Jewish Chronicle for Jewish Book Month. Adele and I are going to take Claire and William Frankel to dinner. They have been just wonderful to us. Remember, William Frankel is the lawyer. Today Albert Friedlander, a classmate from HUC, is coming with his family for Sunday dinner. Albert has a congregation in London. It's the congregation from which the Czech Torahs came which are now in the Ark in the Branch. I have seen a good bit of him since he is the active dean of Leo Baeck.

Last night we had tea with Michael and Susan Gilbert. He is the young Jewish historian who has been assigned the task of writing the authorized biography of Winston Churchill. He is now on volume seven and he also published in thirteen volumes the Churchill papers. They are a bright and intelligent couple and it's a pleasure to be with them.

Adele and I have switched our plans for Morocco just a bit. We are leaving here on Wednesday, December 19, flying to Malaga. We discovered that renting a car in Spain costs about one third of what a similar car is in Morocco, so we are going to stay on Wednesday night at the Holiday Inn in Torremolinos, take the ferry over the next day to Tangiers and drive down to Casablanca. Our itinerary will otherwise remain the same. On Friday the 21st we will be at the El Mansour Hotel in Casablanca; ^{from} Sunday, the 22nd, to Wednesday, the 26th, at the Sahara Agadir in Agadir; from Wednesday, the 26th to Sunday, the 30th, La Mamounia in Marakesh; on Sunday, the 30th, at the Palais Jamais in Fez; the 31st, 1st and 2nd back at the El Mansour in Casablanca. Then we will drive back up with the car to Malaga. Our intention now is to travel through southern Spain for two or three days and then to fly from Malaga to Madrid, from Madrid directly to New Delhi.

Letters have been taking about a week to arrive, so you might gauge yourself accordingly. For southeast Asia you will probably have to allow a little more time. Jim Reich has kept me abreast of things at The Temple. Everything seems to be moving along as it should. I am grateful and delighted. Keep well, Happy Hanukkah. All our love.

Dan

January 2, 1980

Dear Bobbie and Jim,

We have already gotten to the stage where we are discussing how to send back some clothes that we are not going to need on the rest of the trip. It's hard to believe that this period of our travels is behind us. It's really been wonderful. I've had a chance to really put in the hours on the book. Adele has learned Oxford and the Cotswold countryside and this place, as you can imagine, is full of interesting people. The last to arrive is a man named Buri Tal. He teaches Modern Jewish History at Tel Aviv University. He is working hard on a major text which tries to understand Nazism as a form of pagan religion. He will be here for a year or two. His wife is still in Israel where she teaches immigrants. He has been lonely and we have been feeding them up. You may have seen him in the States. He has done a lot of work for Federations. He is a sensitive and intelligent man. I hope some day to bring him to The Temple to one of our First Fridays.

Last night we had tea with Susan and Michael Gilbert. He is a thirty-three or thirty-four year old historian who has been handed the task of concluding the authorized biography of Winston Churchill which Churchill's son, Randolph, began. There are six or seven volumes done and thirteen volumes of texts and three or four more to go. It's a project of several decades, but he writes well and they are a pleasure to know. They are beginning to develop a life where they are six months in England and six months in Israel. He teaches at the Hebrew University. He is another man who I would like to bring to First Friday. He told me that he's going to be in Fulton, Missouri in 1981. It would be nice to bring him over at that time. I am certainly going to try. They are a very attractive couple. She is the daughter of ? .

We have several Hanukkah parties planned, one for all the fellows here at the Manor; one for the staff at the Leo Baeck in London; and our real Hanukkah party will be with the kids when we all get together in Morocco. We have seen Jonathan and he is fine, but we are eager to get our arms around the other two. Thanksgiving weekend dinner worked out beautifully and we ran a hotel. We had about twenty for Thanksgiving supper and slept eight of the youngsters in our little doll's cottage. They were an exceptionally nice group and we had a wonderful time with them. One or two of our new friends here came along and there was a baby for everyone to fondle, so it was a warm, family kind of Thanksgiving, a bit of home away from home. Incidentally, I was glad to hear that the Thanksgiving Service looked up in attendance. I am afraid that if we had one more fiasco we would have to bury what is a very good and useful program.

We have a busy week planned. We are going to the literary awards event of the Jewish Chronicle; it's their equivalent of Jewish Book Month. I will be giving my last class at Leo Baeck and speaking to rabbinic group of the Union of Liberal Progressive Synagogues on Tuesday. A classmate of mine from Hebrew Union College, Albert

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Friedlander, is coming for lunch today with his family and we'll spend a good part of the week repaying, as best we can, the warm hospitality which has been showered on us.

Our love to Amy, Ira and Carol, and know that we're thinking of you this Hanukkah.

As always,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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Rabbi Eric Hoffman
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Dear Eric:

I do not know what to advise you on the Vanik matter. I have been on a sabbatical since Yom Kippur and really out of touch. It has been a wonderful chance to do some work on Moses and other things unrelated to our immediate struggles, and I hope that you are having similar good fortune with your work at the College.

Everyone is well and we hope if you are back our way after the first of May, when we return, that you drop in and say hello.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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Dear Clare and Stan,

We are very grateful for your many kindnesses to Sarah during her stay in Cleveland. She told us that you made it seem like home and that Patty and Hadley had handled her beautifully, giving her a great deal of freedom, at the same time making her understand there were certain things that needed to be done. She said she felt very mature.

We have received your note and the addresses which it contained. Believe me, if we need to, we will use them. Are your plans for this spring any further along? We leave here a week from Wednesday and will meet the kids in Casablanca on Saturday. As you can imagine, we are eager. It's been a wonderful visit, I've gotten a lot of work done, and we've really seen a good bit of England and got a feel of its Jewish community and of its educational system. Oxford is an exciting place, full of interesting people and a few eccentrics. Time has passed all too quickly. We had a break with the weather. There has been a fair amount of rain in the last two weeks, but part of every day has been dry and there's been no bitter cold.

We just want you to know that we've been thinking about you at Hanukkah time and hope that everything is well with all three of your families.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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(This was dictated the Sunday before Hanukkah, the tape took a long time to get here.)
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