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Maimonidean Criticism and the Maimonidean Controversy, 1180-1240, correspondence, newspaper and magazine articles, 1963-1968, 1978.

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August 7, 1963

Dr. Solomon Zeitlin Drake Hotel 15th at Spruce Street/ Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Zeitlin:

It was a pleasure talking to you and to bear you so wall and to have you safely back at home. This is simply to confirm our meeting on Monday, August 19th, at 11:00 A.M.

With all good wishes,

Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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TELEFOONNUMMER (01710) 20426

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POSTREKENING 13921

DIRECTIE FCW/VUP 31379

LEIDEN, September 10, 19 63

Dr. Solomon Zeitlin, The Jewish Quarterly Review, Broad and York Streets, Philadelphia 32, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Zeitlin,

Thank you very much for your kind letter of September 1, asking whether we would be interested to publish Rabbi Daniel Silver's book MAIMONIDEAN CRITICISM AND THE MAIMONIDEAN CONTROVERSY 1180-1240.

In principle we are certainly interested in the publication of this book, and I would kindly ask you to send me the manuscript as soon as it is ready.

It is good to know that the Temple is willing to underwrite the expense of this publication, and on receipt of the manuscript I shall let you know as quickly as possible if we can publish it, and on what conditions.

We have received all the material for the October issue, which is now in the composition department and the July-issue will be shipped, I hope, in the course of this week.

With best wishes, Yours sincerely,

N.V. Boekhandel & Drukkerij Voorheen E.J. Wrill Leiden F.C. Wieder Jr, Director

September 17, 1963

Via AIR MAIL

Dr. Solomon Zeitlin Drake Hotel 15th & Spruce Streets Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Zeitlin:

I am in receipt of your kind letter of September 15th and of the enclosed from Brill. If you will return to me my manuscript, I shall propare a copy for them, taking into consideration any suggestions which you have made.

Again, my thanks for your interest, and my very best for a healthy and happy New Year.

Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

October 1, 1963

Dr. Solomon Zeitlin Drake Hotel 15th &t Spruce Street Philadelphia, Pannsylvania

Dear Dr. Zeitlin:

Now that the holidays are over I!ll have a chance to get down and chip the manuscript into shape. I wonder if you would return it to me with any comments that you wish to make.

Again, I am deeply grateful for your advice and help. With all good wishes,

Cordially yours.

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

January 17, 1964

airo mail

Mr. F. C. Wieder Jr., Director N.V. Boekhandel & Drukkerij Voorheen E.J. Brill Leiden, The Netherlands

Dear Mr. Wieder:

I am mailing to you this date, under separate cover, my manuscript, <u>Maimonidean Criticism and the Mai-</u> monidean Controversy, 1180-1240. I regret the delay, but as Dr. Zeitlin may have told you, my father died and I simply could not attend to this as promptly as I would have vished.

My desire is to have the manuscript printed with the footnotes introduced page by page. Our Mibrarian at The Temple will prepare an index when the proof pages are available.

I am most eager to work out with you any and all further details.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER



TELEFOONNUMMER (01710) 20426

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POSTREKENING 13921

FCW/VUP 32350 DIRECTIE

LEIDEN, February 12, 19 64

Dr. Solomon Zeitlin, The Jewish Quarterly Review, Broad and York Streets, Philadelphia 32, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Zeitlin,

Thank you for sending me the manuscript of Dr. Silver's book.

We have considered it for publication, and I am glad to inform you that we shall gladly accept it as one of our publications.

I understand from one of your earlier letters, that the TEMPLE is going to subsidize this publication. We are now making a calculation of the manuscript, and as soon as we know what the costs are, I will write you again.

With kind regards, I am, Yours sincerely,

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#### February 12, 1964

Mr. F. C. Wieder Jr., Director N.V. Boekhandel & Drukkerij Voorheen E.J. Brill Leiden, The Netherlands

Dear Mr. Wieder:

On January 17, 1964 I mailed to you Rabbi Silver's manuscript, <u>Maimonidean Criticism and the Maimonidean</u> <u>Controversy, 1180-1240</u>. We have not yet heard from you with regards to receipt of this manuscript, and I am concerned as to whether it reached you. Would you please let me know?

Cordially yours,

Mrs. M. L. Goldstein Secretary to Rabbi Silver



TELEFOONNUMMER (01710) 20426

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POSTREKENING 13921

DIRECTIE FCW/VUP 32376

LEIDEN, February 18, 19 64

Mrs. M.L. Goldstein, Secretary to Rabbi Silver, The Temple, University Circle at Silver Park, Cleveland, OHIO

Dear Mrs. Goldstein,

In reply to your letter of February 12, I beg to inform you that Rabbi Silver's manuscript MAIMONIDEAN CRITICSM AND THE MAIMONIDEAN CONTRO-VERSY, 1180-1240, has safely arrived.

I acknowledge the receipt of the manuscript of Dr. Zeitlin, who corresponded about its publication and I regret that I forgot to acknowledge receipt to you as well.

Yours sincerely,

N.V. Boekhandel & Drukkerij Voorheen E.J. Brill Leiden F.c. with

F.C. Wieder Jr, Director

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POSTREKENING 13921

DIRECTIE FCW/VUP 32459

LEIDEN. February 26, 19 64

Mr. Daniel Jeremy Silver, The Temple, University Circle at Silver Park, Cleveland, OHIO 44106

Dear Mr. Silver,

I have now been able to consider your manuscript MAIMONIDEAN CRITICISM AND THE MAIMONIDEAN CONTROVERSY, 1180-1240 for publication, and I am glad to inform you, that in principle we accept it for publication.

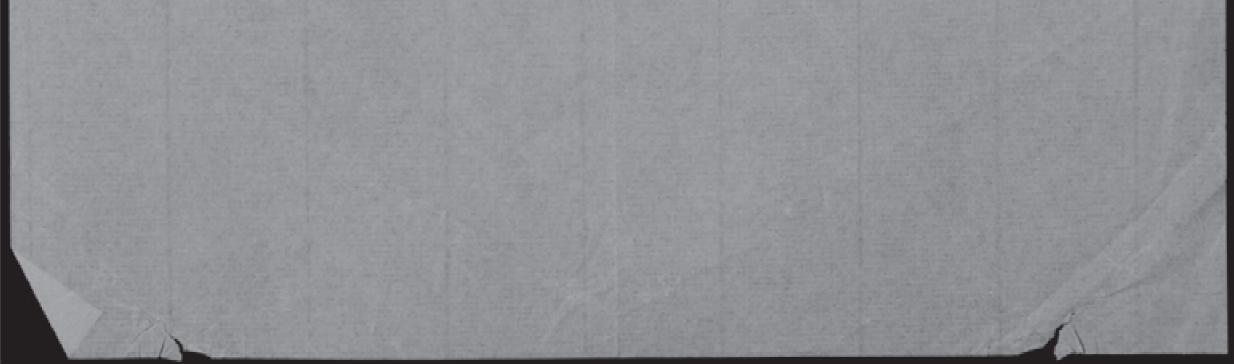
We have calculated the publication costs and in view of the fact that this book will have a limited distribution, we would be very grateful if you could supply a subsidy towards this publication.

We have calculated that this subsidy should have to be fl.5.000, -- (at the present rate of exchange \$1.400, --). I shall be very glad to hear from you, whether you can accept this condition for publication.

I am sorry to read in your letter of January 17, that your Father died during the preparation of your manuscript. I was very sorry to hear this and wish to express you my sympathy. It is a pity that your Father could not live to see your book published. Yours sincerely,

> N.V. Boekhandel & Drukkerij Voorheen E.J. Brill Leiden

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February 28, 1964

Mr. F. C. Wieder Jr., Director N.V. Boekhandel en Drukkerij v/h E. J. Brill Postrekening 13921 Leiden The Netherlands

Dear Mr. Wieder:

I am in receipt of your kind letter of February 26th. We shall be happy to supply a subsidy of \$1400.00 towards the publication of my book, "Maimonidean Criticism and the Maimonidean Controversy." When will you want this money? Ought we not to have some publication contract?

I am concerned with a few technical items:

1) Do you automatically undertake the proper copyright or must I do that here?

2) Must permission be gotten from the few modern volumes quoted? If so, would you do this as a matter of course or should I? If I am responsible, what form should I use?

3) I should like to include a forward by Dr. Zeitlin and have requested this of him.

4) What is the procedure as to galley proofs? I would want to correct these and to give them to our Temple librarian, who has agreed to prepare an index -- a task she has undertaken on numerous previous occasions.

5) Lastly, what is your thinking as to binding, paper, cover, etc.

I am delighted to be working with a house of your standing. I know that all these problems will work themselves out easily. I am enclosing under separate cover for your own library a copy of the Festschrift, "In the Time of Harvest," which it was my privilege to edit for my father a year ago on the occasion of Mr. F. C. Wieder, Jr.

February 28, 1964

his seventieth birthday. I hope you will enjoy reading it. I take some pride, not only in its contents, but in its beauty as a book and the fact that it is one of the first Jubilee Volumes ever to have been published on time.

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Yours sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

February 28, 1964

Dr. Solomon Zeitlin Drake Hotel 15th & Spruce Street Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

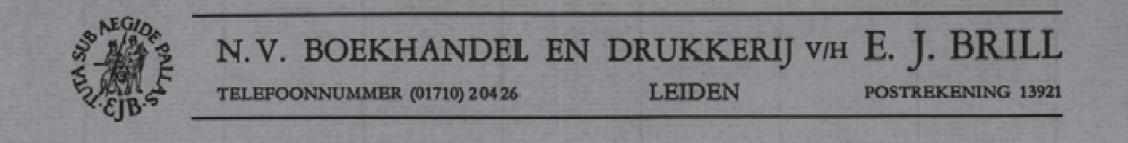
Dear Dr. Zeitlin:

I have received a letter from Brill indicating their willingness to publish my book. I am delighted. The publishing subsidy that they mention is well within line and I have written them agreeing to these terms. I also indicated to them my hope that you would write a forward to this volume. It would add to its merit and it would be deeply appreciated. I am also appreciative of your willingness to look over the galleys when, several months from now, they are available.

Hoping that this finds you in good health, I remain

As always,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER



DIRECTIE FCW/VUP 32506

LEIDEN, March 5, 19 64

Mr. Daniel Jeremy Silver, The Temple, University Circle at Silver Park, Cleveland, Chio 44106

Dear Mr. Silver,

Thank you very much for your kind letter of February 28, giving me your agreement with the payment of a subsidy of \$1.400, -- towards the publication of your book MAIMONIDEAN CRITISISM AND THE MAIMONIDEAN CONTROVERSY. I want this money only, when the book is ready. We shall prepare a publication contract and send you a draft in the near future.

Your technical questions can be answered as follows: 1.Legally the copyright of the book remains with you, but we print on the back of the title page, like we do on each of our publications, that the copyright is reserved in our name. This is sufficient to cover the copyright in your country, which does not belong to the Bern Convention of Copyright which gives protection of copyright in our country, and all the other countries of Europe.

2. I think it is correct to ask permission for any quotations from modern volumes of which the copyright is not yet free. It is best that you request for these permissions, stating that you want to quote from the relative books in your own publication. You might add, that your book is a scientific study, so as to avoid that any charges will be asked for. Usually when we get such requests from our publications, we give the permission automatically, and I think most publishers are doing so.

3. I shall be very happy to have a forward by Dr. Zeitlin, and include it in the book.

4. We are sending a galleyproof first, and after you have sent them back, we send a revised page proof. The galleyproof is already in page form, and an index may be prepared from this.

5. We will send you a specimen page before we start with the actual printing. We would like to use cur normal standard paper, which is of the best available quality and which we use for all our publications. We want to give the book a cloth binding, and if you have any preference for colour, I should be glad to know that.

Thank you for sending me a copy of the Festschrift In the Time of Harvest in honour of your Father. I shall be glad to read it. Yours sincerely, N.V. Boekhandel & Drukkerij Voorheen E.J. Brill Leiden F.C. Wieder Jr, Director



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POSTREKENING 13921

DIRECTIE FCW/VUP 32722

LEIDEN, April 8, 19 64

Dr. Daniel Jeremy Silver, The Temple, University Circle at Silver Fark, Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Dr. Silver,

I beg to send you in the enclosure a specimen page for the printing of your book MAIMONIDEAN CRITICISM AND THE MAIMONIDEAN CONTROVERSY. Will you kindly let me know whether you can approve this specimen page so that we may be able to start with the composition, as soon as we have the opportunity to do so.

I have seen the copy of the book IN THE TIME OF HARVEST which you were so kind to send me, and I thank you very much for doing so. I think the book is beautiful reproduced, and I expect to spend many pleasant evenings in reading it.

Thanking you in advance for your judgement of the specimen page, I am, Yours sincerely,

N.V. Boekhandel & Drukkerij Voorheen E.J. Brill Leiden

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### April 13, 1964

Mr. F. C. Wieder Jr., Director N.V. Boekhandel & Drukkerij Voorheen E.J. Brill Leiden, The Netherlands

Dear Mr. Wieder:

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I am in receipt of your kind letter of 6 April, together with the specimen pages for my book. They are neatly set, although somewhat cramped. I looked through several of your publications which I own, and I found most pleasing the format which was used in the printing of R. J. Thompson "Penitence and Sacrifice in Early Israel Outside the Levitical Law" (1963). If that format can be used, I would be most pleased.

With all good vishes, I remain

Most sincerely yours,

DANIEL JERENY SILVER



TELEFOONNUMMER (01710) 20426

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POSTREKENING 13921

DIRECTIE FC W/VUP 32978

LEIDEN, June 8, 1964

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

Dear Dr. Silver,

We duly received your letter of April 13, about the specimen page for your book, and I sincerely regret that it is only now that I am able to send you another specimen page, which has been prepared in accordance with the format of Thompson, "Penitence and Sacrifice in Early Israel Outside the Levitical Law".

I hope this specimen page meets with your approval, and on receipt of this we hope to start at an early date with the composition of your book.

Thanking you for your kind cooperation, I am, Yours sincerely,

N.V. Boekhandel & Drukkerij Voorheen E.J. Brill Leiden

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#### CHANGING TIMES AND CHANGING TENSIONS

The existence and vigor of a sanctified oral law became a concern to the Church on many counts: first and foremost as a text of blasphemy, especially against the persons of Jesus and Mary: secondly as a tradition of folly heterodoxy; and thirdly as a sanction for Jewish perfidy and dishonesty; and lastly—because of its veneration as a second law and and revealed authority—"Assurunt Iudei legem quem talmut dicitur Dominum edidesse."<sup>1</sup>

Later in the Middle Ages, during the investiture procession of a new pope, the Jews of Rome were ordered to come forward with tokens of fealty, bearing aloft their Torah scrolls. A strange ceremony ensued. The pope received the mandated homage and in turn paid homage to the Torah with this set formula:

The Holy Law, you Hebrew men, we praise and venerate, for through Moses' hands almighty God gave it to your fathers. But your observance and unavailing interpretation of the Law we damn and reject (Observantiam vero vestram et vanam legis interpretationem damnamus et improbamus . . .).<sup>2</sup>

The Church had come up against the age old piety of a Sinaitically revealed Oral Law. The underlying assumptions of Hebraic jurisprudence included the conceit that ordained scholars merely developed, and revealed where necessary, a supplementary oral tradition which had been given verbally to Moses at Sinai. The rabbis avoided in this way two categories of law-one revealed and divinely mandated, the other reasoned and manufactured. The existence of a second revealed interpretation challenged the Church's own second revelation. Many churchmen did not comprehend fully this tradition and to some the existence of a revelation consequent on the Gospel covenant must have seemed subversive and heretical. This would seem to be indicated in the terms Gregory IX chose in response to Donin's «harges: "Ipsi enim cisut accepimus, lege veteri, pretermittentes eadem, affirmant legem aliam, que talmut, id est doctrina, dicitur, dominum edidesse ac verbo Moysi traditam . . ." <sup>3</sup> Further, much of the conversionist energy of the preaching friars was frustrated by this second law. Where it had been believed sufficient to point out the true interpretation of a shared Scripture, now the far more difficult task of opposing a vast body of later revelation had to be faced. The Jews simply had not waited patiently over the long

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Loeb, "La Controverse . . . ," REJ, II (1881), 253.

<sup>\*</sup> A. Patrize (ed., Caeremoniale Romanum 1.2.21.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Grayzel, No. 96.

#### CHANGING TIMES AND CHANGING TENSIONS

centuries during which the Church assumed that their faith consisted largely of reading over a Bible they were unable to compreheno. The Oral Law consecrated rabbinic exegesis. This vast body of erudition had now to be confronted and studied and, as any rabbinic student might have told the Churchmen, this in itself was no mean task.

Gregory seems to have been much exercised—we might even guess surprised—by Donin's charges—yet the Talmud had coexisted with the Church for well on to a thousand years. On June 9, 1239 he ordered William of Auvergne to seize on the first Saturday



June 12, 1964

Mr. F. C. Wieder, Jr., Director N.V. Boekhandel en Drukherij v/h E. J. Brill Postrekening 13921 Leiden, The Netherlands

My dear Mr. Wleder:

I am returning to you a specimen page of my book, and I am happy to say that it meets entirely with my approval.

I do hope that you will be able to move along with deliberate speed.

Cordially yours,

DANIEL JERENT SILVER

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#### July 13, 1964

Mr. F. C. Wieder, Jr., Director N. V. Boekhandel en Drukherij v/h E. J. Brill Postrekening 13921 Leiden, The Netherlands

Dear Mr. Wieder:

I plan to be vacationing in the Low Countries during the week of August 8 through 17, and if you are going to be in your office I should like to meet with you. It is not only that I should like to meet the publisher of my book, but I am taking over responsibilities as senior editor of the CCAR Journal--a quarterly on theology and liturgy published by the Central Conference of American Rabbis-and I should like to discuss with you whether or not it might be printed by your firm.

We will be leaving this country on the 29th of July and we will be spending a week in London before leaving for the Continent. My address here you know. My address in London will be care of Brown's.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS: Lg

November 12, 1964

Mr. F. C. Wieder, Jr., Director N.V. Boekhandel en Drukkerij v/h E. J. Brill Postrekening 13921 Leiden, The Netherlands

Dear Mr. Wieder:

I am mailing to you a clean copy of the bibliography for my book on the Maimonidean Controversy. I can understand the trouble the printers had with the original manuscript.

I am now proofreading the galleys. I hope to have these returned to you within two or three weeks. Our librarian here is making up an index which should be in the mail to you within a week. This will complete the book.

Your people did a very nice job, and I am delighted with it. You may recall that we spoke last summer about the possibility of printing the CCAR Journal. The Board has met once, and we have received a number of tenders for this publication. We are to meet again in December, and I will alert you as to the final disposition of the matter.

In the meantime, many thanks for your attention and your skill.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JERENY SILVER

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December 23, 1964

Mr. F. C. Wieder, Jr., Director N. V. Boekhandel en Drukkerij v/h E. J. Brill Postrekening 13921 Leiden THE NETHERLANDS

Dear Mr. Wieder:

I am enclosing one set of the proofread galleys and a typescript of the index. In addition to the usual copy sditing, you will notice some extensive revisions. It is dangerous to give back to an author his own work! In any case, I am prepared to pay whatever costs are involved in setting these changes.

I would make several comments on the galleys:

(1) A page number is needed for the index on the Table of Contents page.

(2) Page numbers are sometimes missing and often the two or three numbers used are in different sizes of type.

(3) Words inside parentheses simply indicate directions to the printer.

(4) The abbreviation, "stet." indicates to allow the sentence to remain as it was originally set.

(5) I indicates "paragraph".

(6) /\ incicates "insert".

(7) The spacing within words was often awkward, and  $\smile$  indicates to close an unnecessary space. Mr. F. C. Wieder, Jr.

December 23, 1964

(8) "Ital." means to italicize and the italicized word or letter is underlined.

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(9) In half a dozen places I have indicated a desire to space for a two- or three-line spacing between paragraphs. Sometimes I have indicated this need with \* \* \*. The \* \* need not be in the final book, but are simply designed to be eye-catching to the printer.

(10) You will find at the top and the bottom of the page full sentences which duplicate revisions made in the columns. These are simply designed for the case of the printer.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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March 11, 1965

Mr. F. C. Wieder, Jr., Director N. V. Boekhandel en Drukkerij v/h E. J. Brill Postrekening 13921 Leiden The Netherlands

Dear Mr. Wieder:

I am enclosing final corrections on my book. The page proofs you sent are in good shape and when the indicated corrections are made, we should be ready to print it up.

I am concerned only with the Hebrew. There are only 5 - 6 Hebrew phrases. These still have a number of errors. I should either like to see those pages again, or to have you check the Hebrew carefully with some competent Hebrew proofreader.

I am eager to know as to publication date.

If you are going to print up the usual tear sheet I should like to see it so that we can coordinate our own sales campaign with you.

With all good vishes, I remain,

DANIEL JEEBOY SILVER

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TELEFOONNUMMER (01710) 20426

LEIDEN

POSTREKENING 13921

DIRECTIE FCW/EE/34872

LEIDEN, March 24, 19 65.

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

#### Dear Mr. Silver:

Thank you for your letter of March 11, detailing to me the final corrections of your book. Our printer thinks it may be worthwile to send another revised proof, since there still are many things to be corrected. I would kindly ask you to control once again the corrections which you have been made. As soon as we have received the sheets back from you, we shall print the book and hope to have it published within a period of two months.

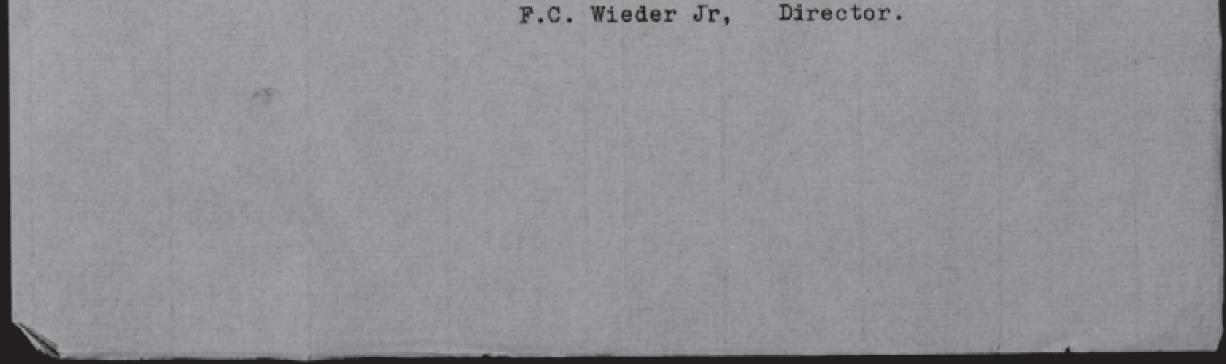
Of course we are going to print a prospectus for the distribution of the book. If you would please be so kind to send me a short text for this, I shall be very grateful.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

N.V. Boekhandel & Drukkerij, voorheen E.J.Brill, Leiden.

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April 1, 1965

Mr. F. C. Wieder, Jr. Director N. V. Boekhandel & Drukkerij voorheen E. J. Brill, Leiden The Netherlands

Dear Mr. Wieder:

I am enclosing the corrected third proof of my book. We are going to have a magnificently clean copy and I have been pleased with the care and skill of your firm. I am also enclosing some suggested text for a prospectus. You may rearrange this review as you please. It's hard to synthesize your own writing.

I would like to think aloud with you about the publication of this book. I know you have your own catalog and that it is widely distributed. I wonder if arrangements could not be made with the Jewish Fublication Society and/ or Bloch's to include a notice and brief review in their schedule. A number of libraries, including our own, have arrangements with Bloch's whereby they send the Judaica and we simply keep those which we choose.

I will, of course, publicize the book through my local channels and arrange for my own reviews. Is it your practice to send copies out for review, and if so, to whom? If there is any cost involved beyond the ordinary, I shall be happy to undertake it. Finally, when the book is published, will you send on 100 copies to this address and bill me accordingly. By the way, what price will this book carry?

With kind regards I remain most sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:mgm

June 24, 1965

Mr. F. C. Wieder, Jr. Director N. V. Boekhandel & Drukkerij voorheen E. J. Brill, Leiden The Netherlands

Dear Mr. Wieder:

I am writing to inquire the whereabouts of my book and to make sure that the corrected third galley, which I returned three months ago, in fact arrived. Would you please inform me when I can expect publication?

Have any arrangements been made with American distributors? I should like to coordinate their plans and those of our Temple.

With all good wishes, I remain,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS :mgm



TELEFOONNUMMER (01710) 20426

LEIDEN

POSTREKENING 13921

DIRECTIE FCW/VUP 35512

LEIDEN, July 1, 19 65

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

Dear Dr. Silver,

Thank you for your letter of June 24, which crossed a first copy of your book which we sent to you by airmail, on June 22.

I hope that it has arrived safely in the meantime. We sent another 6 copies by surface mail, and we also sent out review copies to periodicals.

We have made no arrangements with American distributors, because I think that this publication, owing to its character, can better be distributed direct from here.

If we make arrangements with American distributors, they have to take a certain number of copies at once, and the practice has showed us that this is only possible economically, if they take 1.000 copies or more! I do not think that this could be realized with yourbook, and since we are perfectly able to reach all libraries and institutions and many private scholars in your country by our publicity material, I think we shall be able to give your book a fair distribution in America.

A prospectus is being printed shortly, and will be distributed all over the world. With my best wishes, I am, Yours Sincerely,

> N.V. Boekhandel & Drukkerij Voorheen E.J. Brill Leiden

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### F.C. Wieder Jr, Director

### July 6, 1965

Mr. F. C. Wieder, Jr. N. V. Boekhandel & Drukkerij E. J. Brill Leiden The Netherlands

Dear Mr. Wieder:

I was delighted to receive the first copy of my book. Your letter of July 1 indicated that six copies were being sent by regular mail. I wonder if you received my letter of early May in which I asked for 100 copies and to be billed accordingly. I understand and appreciate your comments on American distributors. I can do a great deal from The Temple itself and I would appreciate your forwarding to me, as soon as possible, the publicity material so that we can review it and get it out.

With all good vishes, I remain,

DANIEL JEREDIY SILVER

DJS : MOR



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LEIDEN

POSTREKENING 13921

DIRECTIE VP/VUP 35590

LEIDEN, July 14, 19 65

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

DearDr. Silver,

The copy you received of your book, was an advance copy. Now the other copies have come from the binder, so I hope to send you the other ones ordered, from July 14 on, in 4 packages with an interval of 10 days'time, in order to avoid eventual difficulties with the customs' authorities in the USA.

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You will the discount for the 100 copies which we give usually to booksellers when they are ordering this number. The bill will be added to the fourth parcel.

About the publicity material, I can inform you that you will receive one of these days a letter from Mr. Verschoor, who is dealing with these subjects.

Yours Sincerely,

N.V. Boekhandel & Drukkerij Voorheen E.J. Brill Leiden Dr B.A. van Proosdij, Ass.Director

July 23, 1965

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Dr. Ellis Rivkin Mebrew Union College Clifton Averue Cincinnati, Ohio 45220

Dear Ellis:

My book "Maimonidean Criticism and the Maimonilean Controversy 1180 - 1240" has finally been bound and mailed. I am writing to you in the hope that you will undertake to review it for the Journal. I realize that as editor I am in an askward position here. Rest assured that I would not tamper with your text. I am sending on a copy with this note. If you can find the time to do this for me, I would appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS :mgm

JEWISA BRJLY REVIEW

July 23, 1965

Dr. Solomon Zeitlin Dropsie Collage for Hebrev and Cognate Learning Broad and York Streets Philadelphia, Penna. 19132

Dear Dr. Zeitlin:

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My book has finally made its way trans-Atlantic and I want to thank you for your advice and help in bringing it to light. A copy is enclosed with a word of personal gratitude.

I wonder if I could add the request that this work be reviewed in the JQR? Would you help arrange this for me?

Hope this finds you in good health. With all good wishes, I remain,

DANIEL JERENY SILVER

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August: 6, 1965

Mr. F. C. Wieder, Jr. Director N. V. Boekhandel & Drukkerij voorheen E. J. Brill, Leiden The Netherlands

Dear Mr. Wieder:

I have received six copies of my book, but I have not yet begun to receive the 100 copies which I ordered. With this note, I want to order 200 more.

I have not yet received your mailing on this book nor any indication on its price to the general public. I am most anxious to receive the books and the publicity information as soon as possible. Frankly, I do not understand the current delay.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS :mgm

RIVKIN SORCCAR JOURN

August 11, 1965

Rabbi Ellis Rivkin Hebrew Union College Clifton Avenue Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Ellis:

In response to your kind note from Vienna, I shall be happy to receive your review of my book in December, although a November 15 deadline would make it possible for us to place it in the January issue. I trust that the summer is up to your expectation and I am delighted that you have agreed to do the review.

With all good wishes,

#### DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:mgm

"RECONSTRUCTIONI'ST"

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August 12, 1965

Rabbi Ira Eisenstein c/o RECONSTRUCTIONIST 15 West 86th Street New York, New York

Dear Rabbi Eisenstein:

I am enclosing a copy of my recently-published study on the Maimonidean Controversy. I have tried to bring order and perspective to a dramatic moment in our history and I am happy to send the book on to you for review.

With all good wishes, I remain, as always,

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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August 12, 1965

Rabbi Steven Schwarzschild c/o Judaism 15 East 84th Street New York, New York 10028

Dear Steven:

I have written and had published the enclosed volume which I trust is not without merit. I have tried to place in time and culture an interesting conflict. I pass the book on for review.

I trust that you have been reading the CCAR Journal of late and approved of our renewed seriousness. There is nothing to prevent an editor from writing in another Journal and I should be happy to have you represented in our pages.

With all good vishes, I remain,

DANIEL JEREMY EILVER

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" MIDSTREAM "

August 12, 1965

Dr. Emanuel Neumann 515 Park Ayenue New York, New York

Dear Emanuel:

I am enclosing a copy of my new book which I hope you will read and enjoy. I tried to draw together a complicated story and I hope that I have been successful. I would appreciate it if you would arrange to have the book reviewed in Midstream. I don't expect a fantastic sale but I should like to have it read by those who can.

All is well here. Mother spent the summer in Cleveland and she seems fine. It is now time for regirding of the loins and yomtov. Where has the summer gone?

With all good wishes,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:mgm

August 12, 1965

Mr. Meir ben-Horin c/o Jewish Social Studies 1841 Broadway New York, New York 10023

Dear Mr. ben-Horin:

I am happy to include a copy of my newly published book on the Maimonidean Controversy. It is a serious attempt to write the history of a dramatic controversy in Jewish life. I should be pleased to have it reviewed in the pages of your magazine.

With all good wishes, I remain,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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FREEHOF

August 13, 1965

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof Rodef Shalom Temple 4905 Fifth Avenue Pittsburgh 13, Fenna.

Dear Dr. Freehof:

I am enclosing a copy of my new book which I hope you will sharp. I have tried to bring order and some sense into an interesting and complicated crises and I would be interested in your reactions.

With all good vishes, I remain, as always,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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

#### Dear Dr. Silver,

Thank you for your letter of August 6, in which you inform me about the receipt of 6 copies of your book. I hope that in the meantime you will have received the first parcel of the 100 copies which you ordered. We shipped them in parcels of 20 copies each, with an interval of about one week's time. We always do this, to avoid difficulties with the customs' office on your side. The last parcel of the shipment has been sent a few days ago.

Thanking you for the order of another 200 copies, I would now like to have your advice as to how we shall ship these copies. Shall we do it on the same way as we did with the first order? It takes of course some time, but it prevents that you come into difficulties with the American customs, which office, as we have experienced, may be rather particular about the import of books of American authors, printed in Europe.

We could make of course a bulk shipment of the 200 copies, but I think it is safer to use the previous procedure. If we reduce the interval to about 3 - 4 days, so that each shipment does not arrive in the same mail, in your country, the time needed for the shipment of the 200 copies may be reduced to about 2 months. Please let me know what to do.

The price of the book is Duth Gls. 28, -- per bound copy. We have printed a prospectus and this has been shipped to all our addresses all over the world, on July 27. I regret that no copies of this prospectus have been sent to you, I am enclosing a few in this letter.

Orders have already come in, and I hope that many more will be re-

#### ceived as soon as the prospectus has reached the addresses in your country. N.V. Boekhandel & Drukkerij Yours sincerely, Voorheen E.J. Brill Leiden

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Fabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver

Dear Rabbi Silver:

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Having just completed your MAIMONIDEAN CRITICISM, I feel constrained to compliment you on an excellent piece of scholarship. As one whose preoccupation has been the study of Jewish philosophy for many decades, I found your work illuminating and instructive. I have always felt that Sarachek's work did not touch upon the sociological factors enough, a feature that your study amplifies, particularly with regard to the conflict between the Exilarch and Gaonate. The analysis of Provence Jewry was also well presented.

Incidentally, have you observed the possible association between the quotation you give in your Eighth Chapter, from the 51st Chapter of the GUIDE, and Spinoza's "amor deus intellectualis"?

Being somewhat of a bibliophile in this area, I felt most pleased that I possessed many of your references, even those in periodicals. Have you noticed Leo Strauss' work, PERSECUTION AND THE ART OF WRITING, with its essay on Maimonides? This should prove quite interesting, particularly with reference to the differences between the M.T. and the GUIDE.

Again, thanks for providing me with an excellent book, a worthy addition to my studies and library.

June Lurk Irving Levitas



LEVITAS

August 17, 1965

Mr. Irving Levitas Apt. 4G 3512 Oxford Avenue Bronx, New York 10463

Dear Irving:

I am delighted that you have read my book and found it of interest. I have read Strauss'"Persecution And The Art Of Writing" as well as his introduction to the translation of the Moreh. I disagree fundamentally with his understanding of the Maimonidean sodot. Most of these "mysteries" were fully explained by Abraham Maimonides in his "Highways of Perfection."

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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August 18, 1965

Mr. F. C. Wieder, Jr. Director N. V. Boekhandel & Drukkerij voorheen E. J. Brill, Leiden The Netherlands

Dear Mr. Wieder:

In response to your letter of August 13, I accept your plan to continue shipping my book in packages of 20 at several days interval.

As always, I have found your advice correct and helpful. With all good vishes I remain,

DANIEL JERENY SILVER

DJS :mgm

JOURNAL OF RELIGION

Dr. J. Court Rylaarsdam University of Chicago Chicago, Illinois 60637

Dear Dr. Rylaarsdam:

I am pleased to enclose a copy of my book The Maimonidean Criticism and the Maimonidean Controversy for possible review in the Journal of Religion. It was my privilege to do most of this work at the University of Chicago and I think you will find it a useful study of an interesting religious crises.

With all good wishes, I remain,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS :mgm

"DIALCOUC'

Professor N. M. Estall Department of Philosophy Queens University Kingston, Ontario, Canada

Dear Dr. Estall:

I am pleased to enclose a copy of my new book for a possible review. in "Dialogue." I believe you will find it an interesting and useful interpretation of a classic medieval debate between philosophy and religion.

Sincerly yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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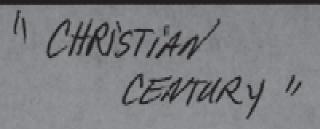
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I am pleased to enclose a copy of my new study of The Maimonidean Controversy. I believe that you will find it a useful study and worthy of review.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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Dr. Kyle Haselton Christian Century 407 South Dearborn Street Chicago, Illincis 60605

Dear Dr. Easelton:

You may recall that when we spoke together at Akron University I spoke to you about my new book. I am pleased to enclose a copy . You might find it not inappropriate for review.

With all good wishes, I remain,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This concerns the work entitled MAIMONIDEAN CRITICISM AND THE MAIMONIDEAN CONTROVERSY 1180--1240, which was recently registered in this office under registration number A19969.

Unfortunately, at the time the registration was made and the certificate issued, we failed to observe that an excess fee had been charged, and entered on the application and certificate.

Under the circumstances, we must request that you return certificate number A19969, in order that we may make the necessary corrections to our records. After we have corrected our records, we shall reissue your certificate, and use the excess fee of \$2.00 as part of the registration fee for one of your works, which is short a \$2.00 fee.

We regret that this matter did not come to our attention prior to registration, and apologize for any inconvenience we may have caused. A postage free self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your use.

In your reply, please refer to the date of this letter and to our FOREIGN FILE (S).

Sincerely yours,

Herbert O. Roberts, Jr. Reviser, Book Section Examining Division

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you very much for your letter of the 12th. I hope to get to looking at the book in a very short time so that I can decide to whom to assign it for review.

Congratulations, in the meantime, on having completed the work.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely, senstein

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August 27, 1965

Mr. Wes Lawrence Book Editor The Cleveland Plain Dealer 1801 Superior Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Dear Wes:

Enclosed is a copy of my new book.

Dr. Bernard Martin's address is: Mount Zion Hebrev Congregation, 1300 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55105.

With all good vishes, I remain,

DANIEL JEKENY SILVER

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# Mount Zion Hebrew Congregation

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August 30, 1965

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

Dear Dan:

Many thanks for having my library list checked. I will send you another list within a few days and would appreciate your having this one checked also. Then when I see you in Cleveland, we can talk about ways of getting the University library to order the books it does not now have.

I should be more than happy to review your book for the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Where can I get a copy? I have not yet heard from Mr. Lawrence but when I do, I will reply promptly.

Do you have some idea for a topic for your address here on October 29? Please send it to me as soon as possible, because we are working on a brochure now listing all of our Friday night speakers and their topics.

It will be good to see you again in Cleveland. In the meantime, with all good wishes for you and Adeles and the children, I am

cordially. Most

Bernard Martin

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## EMANUEL NEUMANN 515 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK 22, N. Y.

August 31, 1965

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

Dear Daniel:

I have been away from my office for awhile and upon my return have found your book and your covering note.

I am very glad to have the book, although I am somewhat awed by the title. I am ashamed to say that what I do not know on the subject of Maimonides could probably fill a sizeable library. After going through it I will see what can be done about having it reviewed, as you suggest.

I am delighted to learn that mother is well and so are the rest of the family. Please give her my warmest regards.

"Where has the summer gone?" I wish I knew, sc far as I am concerned; but, as for yourself, it evidently went into the preparation of your book and seeing it through to publication. My congratulations!

With best wishes for the coming New Year,

As ever

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September 1, 1965

Dr. Daniel Jeremy Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I hope you hadaa pleasant and rewarding summer.

Have been wondering why I have not heard from you.

When do you expect that your book will be published. I look forward eagerly to see the fruit of your scholarly labors.

With warm wishes to you and the family, I am

Cordially,

Solomon Zeitlin

KADISH WRY

September 2, 1965

Dr. Mortimer R. Kadish Chairman, Dept. of Philosophy Western Reserve University Room 207 Mather Memorial Building University Circle Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Dr. Kadish:

I am honored to enclose a copy of my new book which I hope you will find of interest.

We spoke informally at Gwinn of your Fhilosophic Colloquiums. I do hope to attend some of these during the year.

With all good wishes, I remain,

DANIEL JERIMY SILVER

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JENISH ORIGY REV. ZEITLIN

September 3, 1965

Dr. Solomon Zeitlin Drake Motel 15th & Spruce Streets Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Zeitlin:

The book is out. I engerly sent you a copy early in July but it was addressed to you at Dropsie and you have probably not received it yet. A second copy is being mailed today to the Drake. The printing worked out well. Needless to say, I am grateful to you in so many ways.

in my covering latter I had asked whether you could arrange for a review in the Jewish Quarterly Review. I think this would bring the book to the proper attention.

As you may know, this past year I became the Editor of the CCAR Journal. I should like to inaugurate a new feature - - informal conversation with the scholars of our day. Mhat I propose is to meet with you and a tape recorder to spend an afternoon talking about the Dead Sea Scrolls, Russian Jewry, American Yeshibah's, The Jewish Quarterly Journal, Dropsie College, etc. I would them edit the tape and, of course, submit the material to you prior to publication.

I feel that in this way we would get to know the personality and the man behind the books which line our shelves and shape our thinking. If this project is agreeable to you I would like to come to Failadelphis sometime early in October and spend an afternoon with you.

(Sept 3, 1965]

The family is well, Mother has been doing nicely, and The Temple year is about to get into full swing.

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With all good wishes, I remain,

DANIEL JEHEMY SILVER

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September 3, 1965

Dr . Raymond A. Bouman Oriental Institute University of Chicago Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Lowman:

I have in the past years revised my doctoral thesis for publication and I am pleased to include a copy of the printed volume. I have indicated in the book my appreciation to you for your gracious help with this work.

With all good wishes, I remain,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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September 6, 1965

Dr. Daniel Jeremy Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I was in the college last Friday and, upon looking over a number of books and parcels, I found your book which you had sent me last July and I hasten to acknowledge it.

I thank you for sending the book and appreciate your personal acknowledgment to me. My heartiest congratulations on its publication. It will be a credit to you for your scholarly achievements. I am proud to have my name associated with this fine book.

Do you know of anyone qualified to review the book in the JQR?

With warm wishes and felicitations. I am

Cordially yours,

-Solomon Seithi

Solomon Zeitlin

September 8, 1965

Dr. Solomon Zeitlin Drake Hotel 15th & Spruce Streets Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Zeitlin:

and in the

Many thanks for your most kind note of September 6. You will find that our letters have crossed but, in any case, I am delighted that you received the book.

I have asked Rivkin to review the book for the Central Conference Journal and he has agreed. Perhaps Twersky the Harvard man might write a review. Reyond that your own A. A. Neuman knows this field and has written about it.

With all good wishes for the holidays I remain,

DANIEL JEFEMY SILVER

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September 8, 1965

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It embarrasses me to say it, but your book, <u>Maimonidean</u> <u>Criticism and the Maimonidean Controversy</u> is much too technical and too scholarly, much too close a piece of work to be reviewed in The Christian Century. You have obviously done a magnificent piece of work for which Christians as well as Jews are indebted to you, but the books we review in The Christian Century must have a broader interest than yours has.

If you desire, I can send the copy you submitted to us for review wherever you want it sent. I am hoping, however, that you will take my not too subtle hint and let me keep this copy for myself. You may remember that I have some interest in Maimonides. Or, to be more businesslike, tell me the price of the book and we'll send you a check.

It was a joy to be on the same platform with you at Akron University.

Most cordially,

Sale Warden

Kyle Haselden Editor

KH/ek

September 9, 1965

Dr. Jacob Heusner Assistant Professor History Dartmouth College Hanover, New Hampshire

Dear Dr. Neusner:

As Editor of the CCAR Journal I am making arrangements for the review of your book "A History of the Jews of Eabylonia." I wonder if you would be kind enough to mail us a copy for this purpose. Cur Journal budget simply does not permit the purchase of copies for review.

I feel a certain affinity to your book in that it is being publicized by Brill along with my study of the Maimonidean Controversy. Turn about is fair play and I am sending on a copy of my work under separate cover.

With all good wishes, I remain,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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September 10, 1965

Dr. Kyle Haselden Editor The Christian Century 407 South Dearborn Street Chicago, Illinois 60605

Dear Dr. Maseldon:

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provided it is read. With all good wishes,

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Dear Rabbi Silver,

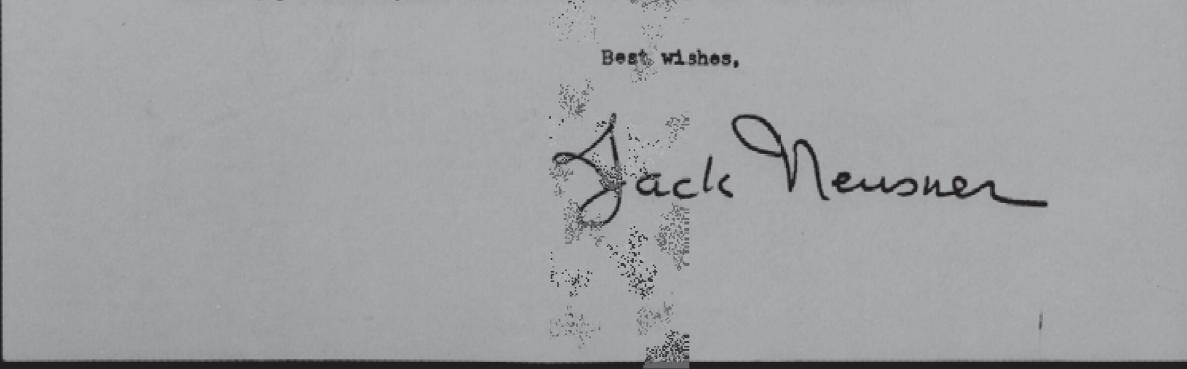
What a welcome, cordial gesture! I am most grateful for your book, because I had just ordered it for the Dartmouth library, and had planned to buy a copy for my own as well. Indeed, to give you an idea of the affinity -- just this week I wrote in my column in the Connecticut Jewish Ledger (to appear Oct. 21) about current periodicals, and included a sentence about the CCAR Journal and your editorship which was something of a compliment.

I should be glad to send a copy of my History (vol. I), but I don't have any at hand. Further, I am certain that Brill will send you a review copy if you write and ask. I had asked them to send one to the CCAR Journal in any event, so I'd check with the NYC office to see whether it came. But it would probably be best simply to write to Dr. Wieder and request one free for the CCAR Journal. If you don't succeed, then let me know and I shall provide one. You should not have to buy it.

But to you personally, I am sending copies of two collections of essays which I published recently. FELLOWSHIP appeared in England in 1963, and has not had a review in the CCAR J., though I believe a review copy was sent. HISTORY AND TORAH a is to be published in Oct. by Schocken, and the magazine will certain by get a review copy, where Those I am sending now are for your personal library.

As to your book, I shall read it very shortly, and review it in the Connecticut Jewish Ledger, and if I think I have something worthwhile to say (apart from a description for LEDGER readers), will review it somewhere more weighty, perhaps the Reconstructionist. Since I do not specialize in medieval history, I do not feel competent to offer a scholarly review; but I can <u>appreciate good work & say so</u>, and many editors are glad to have such rejews.

May I add that your success has meant a lot to those who, like myself, grew up in Zionist families (my father, along with A. J. Feldman, was one of the founders of the Conn. ZOA), and who cherish the memory of your father [5], and rejoice that he has a worthy heir and successor.



## JACOB NEUSNER Box 164 Norwich, Vermont, 05055 Telephone 802-649-1540

#### 9.20.65

Dear Rabbi Silver,

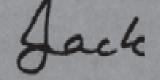
The enclosed will appear in the CONNECTICUT JEWISH LEDGER Nov. 4, 1965. I am submitting it also to THE RECONSTRUCTIONIST. You may if you want give it to the Cleveland English-Jewish weekly, if there is one that prints book-reviews.

As I said, I think you have written quite a fine book. I did not occasionally, sermonic. criticize your style in the review, but I think it is too precious, and/ "To cinder" is not a verb, certainly not a transitive one. You use the "baggage" image so often I felt like calling a porter. And so forth. I think you just tried too hard; many of the metaphors are unnecessary, and some "affirmed and squirmed" are tasteless. I prefer a simpler, more unadorned style. I also think the book would have been easier to follow if you had written more thoughtful summaries where needed, or perhaps a summary chapter, in which you might spell out exactly what you have proved. I did not do this in some of my books, and regret it; but I did a popular summary of my Parthian volume, which will be useful to lay - readers; it will be published sometime this year, I think, in JUDAICA. You might give thought to a longish (35p) summary-essay, for JUDAISM or a similar, good journal.

# But, as I wrote, in the balance it is a solid and very fine book, and you

have every reason to be proud!

Best wishes,



MAIMONIDEAN CRITICISM AND THE MAIMONIDEAN CONTROVERSY 1180-1240 by Daniel Jeremy Silver. Leiden, 1965: E. J. Brill. 219 p.

[Sept 20, 1965]

#### Reviewed by Jacob Neusner

Dr. Silver, who is Rabbi of The Temple, Clefelmand, Ohio, here presents a thorough and perceptive account of the controversies aroused by the legal and philosophical writings of Maimonides, which led to the farly burning of the "Guide to the Perplexed" in the 13th century. Silver treats the historical, religious, and soci@logical background of the controversy, showing the roots of pietists' suspicion of the entire philosophical enterprise; the figure of Maimonides himself; the Near Eastern reaction to his work; the criticism of his legal efforts; the debate on resurrection and other central themes in Maimonidean thought; the controversy over anti-anthropomorphism, and the like. He cites sources, and interprets them carefully; provides a thorough bibliography and index; and repeatedly relates the narrow subject at hand to the breader religious issues contained within it.

His view is that the controversy was rendered more bitter by the growing interest of the Church in Judaism and its beliefs, and that it was particularly consequential because of the growing fear that philosophical interests were, in the end, permicious to good religion. He holds, "Exx Israel stumbled into a Maimonidean controversy. It was not fear of philosophy nor ignorance of philosophy which precipitated it but a breakdown of faith among certain elements

with the western communities..." At the same time, Silver pays close attention to the personal qualities of these involved in the debate, and repeatedly raises the question of why particular nen at particular times joined the disputes, trying to account for these who held rationalist or mystical positions in terms of education and environment. Thus he penetrates the surface-issues, and uses his studies as a means of illuminating proader historical issues. For instance, he sees in the eager defense of Maimonides by cultivated Jewish figures high in Spanish society an effort to prove the metaphysical unities of Islam, Christianity, and Judaiem, "To doubt that Judaiem's God was identical with the universally acknowledged philosopher's God was to doubt the rationalisation which established Sheshet as an equal in his own eyes."

[sept 20,1965]

In all, this is a thoroughly imaginative, sophisticated, and comprehensive study, which makes a significant and substantial contribution to knowledge. Rabbi Silver writes in a lucid and graceful style.

I an troubled by his failure to make significant use of Isidere Tworsky's "Rabad of Posquieres, A Twelfth-Century Talundist" (Hervard University Press, Cambridge, 1962). While Silver Manthe does not list the book in his bibliography, he does gite it occasionally. Yet Twersky's work on the Rabad's criticism of the Mishneh Torsh, /to which Silver pays considerable attention, is a masterful and comprehensive account; he devoted more than seventy pages to it, and discussed every possible issue. Silver discusses treats at some length Rabad's criticism of Maimonides' philosophy. but finds it organising principles within his helakhic comments, "The difficult to 4 hassagot have ever defied categorization, for they touch almost every area of the rabbinic geography and range widely and seemingly erratically." I believe that Twersky has provided adequate 'estegorisation' of these comments, and has organized them as well as they will ever be organized. I hope that in future research, Silver will indicate, at the very least. what it is that he finds unconvincing or insdequate in Twersky's studies,

# which, to my way of thinking, are m/definitive. and ought not to be passed over in silence.

In the balance, as I said, Silver has given us a very good book indeed, one which will long be consulted by students of Jewish philosophy, and the implications of which for modern Judaian are substantial. It is worth noting, finally, that Rabbi Silver serves a large and dis-

tinguished congregation. That he has been able to pursue very serious research in addition is a good augury. I hope that many others, similarly burdened with communal responsibilities, will join in the scholarly enterprise, from which no learned Jew is excepted. This is still another work of what a French-Jewish reviewer referred to as "the American Jewish school of scholarship", one which grows by the day, which is enriching our knowledge of & Judaism, and which signifies the growing maturity of our community. Scholars in/rabbinical, and university posts, orthodox, reform, and conservative alike, are working at in a novel way the frontiers of Jewish knowledge, not merely repeating/the information and insights of others, but contributing new learning and new understanding. Their works have yet to find a worthy audience; that Rabbi Silver's book had to be published abroad indicates that there is as yet no satisfactory domestic publisher, or audience, for serious Jewish scholarship. But that too will cone. WRHS

(sept 20,1965)

Professor Neusner, who teaches at Dartmouth College, is author of "A History of the Jews in Babylonia, I. The Parthian Period" (Leidan, 1965) and other books.

September 23, 1965

Mr. F. C. Wieder, Jr. Director N. V. Boekhandel & Drukherij voorheem E. J. Brill Leiden The Netherlands

Dear Mr. Meder:

I am pleased that my book is arriving in quantity. There is quite a good sale here.

This note, however, has to do with Dr. Heusner's book on the "Jews in Habylon, Volume I". As you know, I am Editor of the CCAR Journal and we want to review Dr. Heismer's book. He informs me that he had requested that a volume be sent. A check at our New York Office informs me that it has not yet arrived. Would you be kind enough to send me a copy at the letterhead address.

With all good wishes I remain, as always,

DANIEL JEREOU SILVER

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#### THE PLAIN DEALER, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1965



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Dr. Deniel Jeromy Silver

# Dr. Silver Explores Medieval Polemic

### By Bernard Mantin.

Mozes Malmonides (1135-J204) was the greatest Jewish figure of the Middle Ages. A brilliant expounder of the traditional law, a first-rate physician and medical investigator and a boldly creative religious philosopher, he was without peer in the medieval Jewish world.

#### His chief philosophical

work, "The Guide to the Perplexed," exerted a considerable influence on Albertus Magnus and St. Thimas Aquinas as well as severe criticism from some on other great scholastic of his contemporaries and for

Church, and later in the 17th century on Spinoza.

Yet in his lifetime Maimonides was the object of thinkers of the Catholic a century after his death a

great controversy raged in many Jewish communities of Europe over his works:

IN HIS EXHAUSTIVE and painstaking Malmonidtan Criticism and the Maimenidean Controversy 1180-3240 (E. J. Brill, Leiden, \$7,50) Dr. Daniel Jeremy Silver, rabbi of The Temple in Cleveland, provides a most valuable historical analysis of the motives behind the criticism levelled against Malmonides by some of his fellow rabbis while he was still alive and the postmmous polemic that culminated in the scandal of he public burning of his "Guide to the Perplexed" at Montpellier in France some three deba-les after his death.

Raobi Silver's is a book of genune scholarship. He has carefully examined all of the vast literatures, of both a primary and a secondary nature, in Hebrew, French, German and English, bearing on Malmonidean critieism and the Malmonidean

The great rabbinic criffes. of Malmonides' codification of Jewish law -- men like doses Ha-Kohen of Lunel and Abraham ben David ei Posquieres - were actuated. Robht Silver shows us by genuine religious concern "vhen they criticized Maimonides' neglect of local "ariations in religious pracfice and his failure to give sources and authorities lor

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AND THE Jewish scholars of France and Spain who looked with dislavor on "The Guide to the Perplexed? slid so because they feared that, rather than serving its author's intended purpose of providing a reasoned defense of Judalam for the sophisticated connoisseurs of Greek philosophy and science, it might lead them to religious indifference and even apostaxy from Judaism.

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Dr. Silver also shown how the adoption of a harsher and more repressive attitude toward the Jews and Judaism by the Cethelic Church in the 13th century aroused fears of the attracted of philosophical questioning and intellectual openness The leaders of many European Jewish communities saw in this attstude and in Malmonides, whom they regarded as its chief source, at threat to Jewish survival.

In a book of thereash scholarly competence but written with verve and style. Rabbi Silver has riven us on illuminating study of tragedy and heroism.

Dr. Bernard Mertin. nois rabbi of Mount Zien Rebrew Congregation, in St. Paul, will come to Western Reserve Universit city in January to fill the Abba Hillel Silver Chair of Jewish Studies.

### Psychiatris- Turns Biographer

# Did Head Injury Affect Lincoln?

#### guished scientist who has searched diligently and long for "a more fundamental understanding of how bio-psycho, and socio-synamic interactions produce healthy minds and societies." In Abraham Lincolh's Philosophy of Common Sense: An Analytical Biography of a Great Mind (Jew York Academy of Sciences, 3 vols.,

\$30) he applies the skills and

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#### By Sell L Wiley

One of the significant trends in recent scholarship is the utilization by historians of sociology, psychology and other disciplines for better understanding of our past,

Edward J. Kempf. a native of Indiana who graduated in 1910 from the Western Reserve Medical School, 1s not a historian but a distin-

insight gained from medical study and many years of psychiatric practice to probe and evaluate the mind, personality and achievement of Abraham Lincoln. The resulls are informative, stimulating and provocative.

DR. KEMPF, a sometime sculptor, in studying photographs and life masks of Lincolh preliminary to carving the President's head, noted irregularities of features, including a scar on the forehead and an upward till of the left eve. References to himory disclosed that Lincold when nine years old was kicked in the head by a house and us seriously hart

that emotional stress of any kind tended to aggravate discomfort and nervousness, he practiced patience, restraint, deliberation and common sense in dealing with the problems and responsibilities of life. A part of the compensation-adjustment process, influenced by sensitiveness to his mother's illigitimacy, according to Dr. Kempfi was an earnest effort on Lincoln's

part to be compassionale and just in his dealing with the humble and the oppressed and to achieve high standing among his fellows.

Limitations of space and lack of competency in Dr. Kempf's fields of specialization will not permit me adequately to discuss his findincs as he traces Lincoln's

bat excessive gloominess he told humorous stories; more important, because he found soulrowersy.

CONNECTICUT JEWISH BY NEWSNER

September 28, 1965

Rabbi Jacob Neusner Box 164 Norwich, Vermont

Dear Jacob:

I appreciate your fine review and your appended comments. I am glad you found the book of merit. I have written to Brill for a copy of your history and I will see that it is properly reviewed.

I read Fellowship over the week-end and found it interesting and suggestive. One of the most arresting facts in Contemporary Jewish life is a proliferation of Academic Chairs in Jewish Studies. Perhaps those of you who are not so intimately tied with congregations and therefore to the community, will find a way to create fellowship separate from yet within.

With all good wishes for the New Year I remain, as always,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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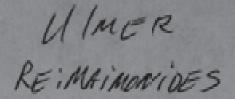
To start the New Year right I must tell you what an excellent and attractive volume you have authored. Your presentation on the questions of controversy are most enlightening and convincing. I presume the book represents the heart of your doctoral dissertation. Brill did a magnificent job in publishing.

I am presently engaged in a similar process with regard to my dissertation, the program for which I am very happy to include for your perusal.

I look forward to seeing you in the not too distant future and remain

Most sincerely,

Jed



October 1, 1965

Mr. J. M. Ulmer 1130 B. F. Keith Building 1620 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Yank;

Thank you for the most flattering review and for your very kind words. Coming as they do from a man whom I respect greatly they are doubly appreciated. I don't know if you have ever seen the Journal of the Central Conference of American Rabbis which I edit, but I am sending one on to you and if you would like to receive it regularly I will see to that too.

Again, good wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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Gottschalk HUC-Jir L.A.

October 7, 1965

Dr. Alfred Gottschalk Hebrew Union College -Jewish Institute of Religion 8745 Appian Way Los Angeles, California 90046

Dear Fred:

Thank you for the fine note and for the prospect of a good book. I am delighted that you found my book attractive. I trust you will find its argument equally convincing.

What about doing something for me for the CCAR Journal? I don't know what you have been working on. Come up with a good idea and you will find me an eager Editor.

With all good wishes for the New Year, I remain,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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ARTIUR WEYNE, Editor ALFIED E. HERSH, Advertising Director

October 15, 1965

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

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The rabbis invited to extend New Year greetings to our readers were selected on the basis of their positions in the Cleveland Board of Rabbis. Rabbi Cohen is the president, and Rabbi Ielyveld is the vice president. As for Rabbi Porath, he was asked to participate because of his preeminence in the orthodox rabbinate in Cleveland. This was a Committee decision.

There will be other years and I hope we will be around to invite other rabbis in the community to extend their greetings.

Sincerely,

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Arthur Weyne Editor

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October 19, 1965

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Mr. Arthur Weyne Editor The Cleveland Jewish News 2108 Fayne Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Dear Arthur:

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I appreciate your letter of October 15 and I am confident that you will handle these purely ceremonial decisions with a measure of balance.

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

Dear Dan:

Many thanks for the book and the inscription. Obviously I have not yet had a chance to read it. I will be particularly interested, as I remember learning from Sam Sandmel, "there was no one like Moses from Moses to Moses."

Sincerely,

A. M. Gennybacher /mir.

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A. M. Pennybacker (transcribed and signed in the writer's absence)

November 2, 1965

Dr. Sholom A. Singer B'nai Torah Highland Park Reform Temple 2789 Oak Street Highland Park, Illinois

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Dear Sholom:

Thanks for the congratulations. When does your book come out?

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER DJS:mgm

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### Dear Dan:

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Thank you ever so much for the autographed copy of your new book on Maimonites. I have scanned it quickly and have promised myself a careful reading in the near future. The pleasure in reading it will be the keener for the valued friendship between the author and me.

I also am enjoying currently the latest issue of the CCAR Journal. The articles by David Polish on "The Nature of God and the God of Existence" and Henry Enoch Kagan on "Psychology and Religion" are, so to speak, "right up my alley." With renewed thanks, warm regards and best wishes as always,

Cordially yours,

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Dear Dan:

Thank you so much for sending me a copy of your just published book, and also for the Journal. I have read just enough from the book to whet my appetite. I look forward with great anticipation to exploring it more fully.

I will always treasure this book and especially your inscription on the fly leaf.

With kindest regards and best wishes always, I am

> Cordially yours, Bob

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Dear Dan:

Just a note of deep appreciation for your most gracious gift of your book on the Mainonidean Criticism and Controversy . I will read it with a great deal of interest.

I also have appreciated receiving the CCAR Journal which you edit.

We are looking forward to your being with us on Thanksgiving morning and eagerly anticipate your message. As Harry likes to wear his hood, perhaps you will want to bring yours. Then we will be set regardless of what decision we make.

BTL/nmc

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