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The Story of Scripture, correspondence (post publication),
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Silver, Daniel Jeremy.

The Story of Scripture: From Oral Tradition to the Written Word.

Basic Bks. May 1990. c.320p. bibliog.

Index. LC 89-43086. ISBN 0-465-

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Silver, author of several works on the history of Judaism, has here written a controversial but interesting and lucid analysis of the development of scripture in Judaism. Pointing out that the truly creative period in each of the major Western religions was in its pre-written scripture period, he argues that "some scriptural material is neither high minded nor significant." Silver analyzes the emergence of scripture in relation to the spread of literate society and describes the importance of the development of the alphabet to this phenomenon. Using archaeology and the history of culture and civilization to buttress his views, he examines the differences between the first scripture, the Bible, and the second, the Talmud—also showing how the scriptures of both Christianity and Islam developed similarly. Recommended to libraries with an interest in Jewish studies and comparative religion.—*Maurice S. Tuchman, Hebrew Coll. Lib., Brookline, Mass.*

Porter, Rosalie Pedalino. **Forked Tongue: The Politics of Bilingual Education.**

Basic Bks. 1990. c.288p. index. LC 89-

43088. ISBN 0-465-02487-4. \$22.95. ED

This book provides a well-documented description and criticism of the 20-year bilingual education movement in the United States and certain foreign countries. Porter draws on her own experience as a language minority student and teacher of bilingual education to provide a serious and sometimes opinionated look at the programs in the public schools. Noting that "extreme positions are the rule rather than the exception in the bilingual debate," she discusses both sides of the issue and proposes the inclusion of alternative programs and more attention to individual student needs. Several chapters are devoted to the political climate of bilingual education and the assumptions behind it, which she claims are erroneous. This is an important book that is bound to be controversial. Recommended for public and academic libraries.—*Sharon L. Bestick, Univ. of Toledo Lib., Ohio*

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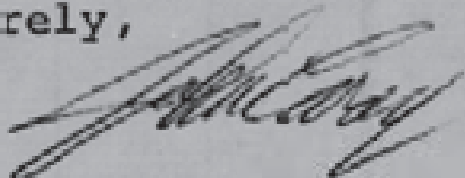
May 24, 1990

Adele Silver
2841 Weybridge Road
Cleveland, OH 44122

Dear Mrs. Silver,

Enclosed is a review of The Story of Scripture from
the Library Journal of May 15, 1990.

Sincerely,



John Carey
Assistant to Steve Fraser



5/29
Dearest Jonathan,

Back at Temple

I'm so happy that you were here when Dad's book arrived. I've taken great pleasure from having it, and now I'm getting even more pleasure from sending on the few copies I have to people who will feel as I do—Michael and Sarah, Ray, Philip, Big Daddy (to whom I will take a copy this weekend when I visit for his birthday). The Temple's program on Friday, July 6, is set: Peter Machinist will talk, with some thoughts tentatively titled "The Rabbi-Scholar: A Jewish Tradition"; I will have dinner for the family—and Peter and his wife Alice, plus Rosie and her husband, since a Temple rabbi is always included in such evenings; I hope that Michael and Deborah will serve as "hosts" that night at the program at the Branch, which means that Deborah will say the blessing over the candles and Michael over the wine, and then introduce Peter; and there will be an Oneg Shabbat after the program. You can readily imagine that the Friday night after July 4th is not going to find a huge number of people in town, but I hope that at least those who are here will try to come. I'd like for this book of Dad's, which was such a triumph of his will over all that confronted him, gets a full measure of attention, credit, praise. The woman in charge of marketing at Basic Books, Lois Shapiro, has been—at least in phone conversations—very enthusiastic; she began her career at World Publishing, an old Cleveland outfit long since taken over by Simon & Schuster, so she feels some personal link as well as a professional one. I certainly hope to take a copy to New York to the National Foundation board meeting, and while in New York to meet Lois Shapiro. If you have any ideas or tactics you'd like to suggest to me, please do!

finance

The visit you and Richard paid me was fun, as well as enlightening. I hope that Richard will prove as absolutely reliable and prompt in his record-keeping as in everything else. I'm looking forward to the memo he promised to write, summarizing our conversation, goals, and plans. And maybe, once the 1989 taxes, the Harvard book arrangements, the final thank-yous to the Rabbis who have written and made contributions in Dad's memory, and now the book promotion, are all behind me, I can begin to learn something about finances, specifically my own. I'm very grateful to you for your willingness to guide me and take ultimate responsibility for all this money. I hope that eventually yours will be penultimate and I will feel capable of making the ultimate—but I readily acknowledge that's a long way off. Until then, please keep me trying to learn and don't let me fall into the dependency I inflicted on Dad. Poor dear, he was always trying to teach me, to make me understand what was what and where everything was, but my eyes always glazed over. I don't have—or, I think, want—that luxury now, so don't dangle it in front of me by your generosity and competence.

Speaking of money, I'm enclosing a copy of the Art Museum's most recent transactions. Yes, of course, these are confidential, coming to Dad only because he was on the finance committee. I've always tossed them out, but it finally occurred to me that these decisions for the Museum may have some merit for me. If these continue to come—and I don't know when they will finally cease—shall I send them on to you? And would you like to hear about some of the local things that I hear floated? We all seemed to agree that local possibilities would be potentially useful investments, so I can mention something called A. Schulman & Co, as the first that has penetrated: it's not a "discovery"—in fact, I think it's already one of the Fortune 500—but it's a company Carol and Marv know well (one of her uncles was the A. Schulman) and that Elliot Schlang has been very highly recommending. David Jackson was here for lunch one day this week and talked with me about his hopes for his company; he was NOT asking me to invest but only reporting about his progress. He had come to town to talk with a man, a former board member or president at Mt. Sinai with whom David had worked while here, about more investors, at \$50,000 per unit, with a promise for a second \$50,000 when some R&D had been achieved. That's clearly larger investment than we'd talked about for me, but I thought you might like to know that's where David is and what he's trying to accomplish. By the way, on the subject of money: Peter's company Progressive, is now doing better than it was, especially since Al Lerner took over the investment end of it. Would that be a useful investment for either you or me?

Harvard

I'm also going to include in this envelope a draft of a letter I want to send to Henry Rossovsky. It seems to me appropriate that I should write, again, to thank him for his willingness to undertake this process with you and Ray, and to let him know what my thoughts are. If you have any comments at all, I would like to have them before I complete the draft, edit it, and mail it. I'm sending to Sam Karff a duplicate of this draft, so that his judgment will be incorporated; after all, there may be some aspects of this that the rabbinate itself would have good ideas or intelligent reservations about. And I think I will also send one to David Ruderman, in part out of courtesy to his very thoughtful and sincere efforts to inform our thinking at the outset, in part to keep him involved in some way, even though his position at Yale may mean he'll have no say in anything that happens; he is a more aggressive and ambitious person than Peter Machinist, more openly emotional as well, and I hope he will continue to feel the ties to us that he and Dad felt for each other. Once I have those observations back, I'll send a final letter to Henry, with copies to you and Ray.

I hope this past weekend was wonderfully relaxing for you and Tina, that the house and compound seemed all you'd hoped they would be, that New York felt a million miles away!

Speaking of New York: I hope that you and Tina can have dinner with me in New York, probably on Tuesday night as our best bet. (You're to be in Washington, as I recall, ~~the~~ two nights previously, and if Ray's letter to Henry Zucker signals a Thursday morning meeting here in Cleveland, you may not be in NY on the Wednesday night) This all refers to the first week in June—4th through 7th. My present plan is to return to Cleveland at the end of the day Thursday, just in time for a dinner party Thursday night, but it seems to me far wiser, if your Thursday morning meeting is really taking place, and if you go from here to Boston for your meeting on Friday morning with Henry and Hugh, that for me to return midday so that we can have a little time to talk between those two meetings. I'm absolutely prepared to do that, but you have to focus for a minute on the way you want to spend your Thursday afternoon and what makes the most sense for us as you prepare for the Harvard meeting. Please let me know.

Much love to you and Tina—I'll be eager to talk with you after you receive this. Thank you again for everything you do and are.

*(Added PS asking if he'd been in touch w/ Henry R?)
" " " " received letter from Ray*

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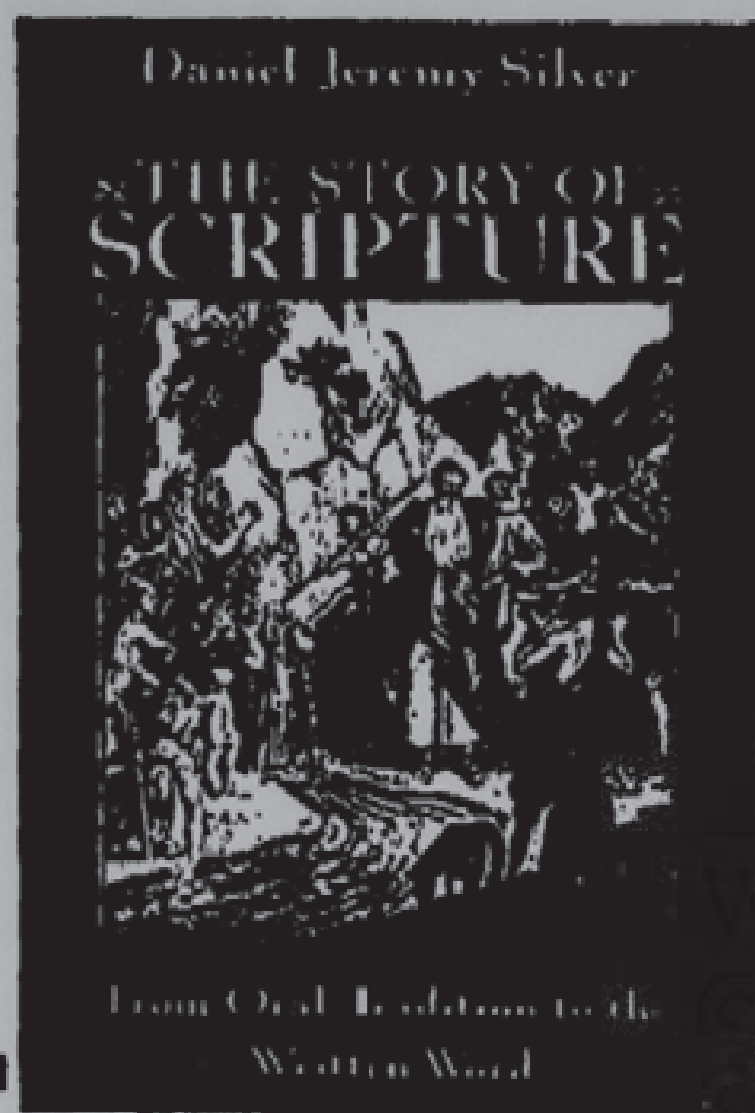


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A Reflection on
Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver's Last Book

July 6, 1990

FIRST FRIDAY

OUR 17TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

8:15 P.M. —
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Dr. Peter Machinist



- Dr. Peter Machinist, our July First Friday guest, will speak on Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver's last book, *The Story of Scripture: From Oral Tradition to the Written Word* to be published late June. Dr. Machinist, Associate Professor of Biblical and Ancient Studies at the University of Michigan, will become Professor of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations at Harvard in January, 1991. His topic will be "The Scholar-Rabbi and Scripture in the Jewish Tradition."
- First Friday programs are free and open to the public, but reservations are necessary. Call the Temple Branch at 831-3233.
- An Oneg Shabbat will follow the program.

Richard A. Zellner

June 9, 1990

Mrs. Adele Silver
2841 Weybridge
Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120

Dear Adele:

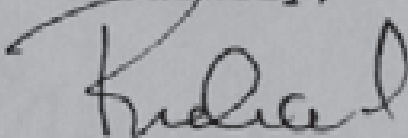
I happened to be reading a volume entitled Critical Studies in American Jewish History, published in 1971, that I bought at a book sale. The volume included an essay by Leon I. Feuer in which he reminisced about Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. The essay evidently first appeared in 1967.

I do not know whether you are familiar with the essay. In the event you have not seen it, I thought you might enjoy it.

Since I know that Tom Mann would also enjoy reading it, I am sending a copy to him as well.

Best regards.

Cordially,



Richard A. Zellner

RAZ/jdj
cc: Thomas A. Mann
Enclosure

Shankel
4/19/90

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CHAGRIN FALLS, OHIO 44022

1000 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10028

June 13 '90

Until Nov. 8th

Dear Adele,

Thanks so very much for
alerting me to Daniel's forthcoming
"From Oral Tradition to the Written
Word". I will be needing a
copy. But, unfortunately, I am not
happy going places at night
and probably will not show up
at the First Friday program on
July 6th.

Come out when you can,
with kids. Kids? !

Love, appreciating,
Kay

DAVID S. BAMBERGER
12520 EDGEWATER DRIVE, #705 • CLEVELAND, OHIO 44107

June 13, 1990

Dear Adele,

Thanks so much for thinking of us, and sending the flyer about July 6. We would have loved to attend.. but will be in London at the time.

Part of Steven's scholarship to Duke was fine weeks as Oxford this summer, so with that and our 25th wedding anniversary as incentives we are all three leaving together this weekend for Rome, Florence, Paris, and Amsterdam before visiting Carol's family in London and dropping Steven off. And Carol and I won't be back until July 9.

It is wonderful that, despite his illness, Daniel was able to complete an additional element in his remarkable legacy. We salute you .. and him .. on this inspiring event.

Carol joins me in sending

fondest regards,

David

JORDAN C. BAND

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June 13, 1990

Ms. Adele Silver
2841 Weybridge Road
Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120

Dear Adele:

Alice and I were delighted with your invitation to attend the First Friday lecture of Dr. Machinist on July 6 at The Temple.

Unfortunately, we will both be out of the city at that time. We are planning a week's trip to the Pacific Northwest in honor of Alice's "milestone" birthday.

Thank you very much for having thought of us. I hope that the event will be a satisfying and enjoyable one for you and the Silver family.

Sincerely,



Jordan C. Band

JCB/rh

Mrs. Joseph E. Adams
3031 Manchester Road
Shaker Heights, Ohio 44122

June 12, 1980

Dear Adele -

Joe and I are very disappointed! We would like so much to see you, and also to hear Doctor Machinist speak on David's book. I'm sure it is wonderful.

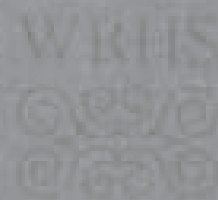
Unfortunately, Joe has a board meeting for the orchestra and he is committed to appearing.

Thank you so much for your kind invitation. We're looking forward to

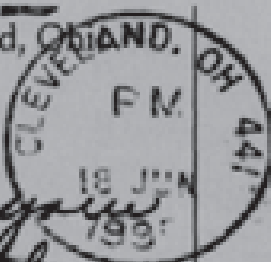
reading the book, and hopefully
to spending an evening with
you soon.

Goudly.

Educa



Historic Shaker Square in Cleveland, Ohio.
Sketch by Eleanor Shankland.



Dear Adele —

We received your
note and the flyer
about Blonell's book.

Unfortunately, we
will be on vacation
in Michigan during
the first part of July.

Please keep us informed
of another occasion.

Ted sends his best —
as does — Pat



Mrs. Adele Silver.
2841 Heybridge
Shaker Hts

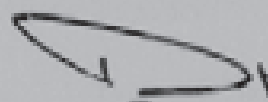
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June 14, 1990

Adela -

Thanks for sharing with me the views of
Dan's book. I was also pleased to note the name
of a former colleague - Peter Machmont - who
will speak. July 6 will I will lecture in Kyoto
with my daughter. I think of you and
Dan - I'll do so then.

 Dixon
[Long]

From the desk of . . .

ERNEST H. SIEGLER

6/18/90

DEAR ADELE,

MANY THANKS FOR THE DINNER,
ENCLOSED INFO & YOUR LOVE &
FRIENDSHIP.

HAVE A GREAT TIME IN
L.A. MARC'S No. 828-1837.

LOVE,

CC. HANK GOODMAN
JACK MANDEL
ELIJAH SIEGLER (GRANDSON).
Ernie

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From the desk of:

MARTHA TRIPI

June 19, 1990

TO: ALICE LICKER
RE: FIRST FRIDAY JULY 6

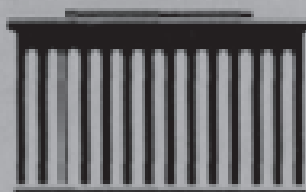
Mrs. Silver is going to take care of the flowers for First Friday when Dr. Peter Machinist is here to speak on Rabbi Silver's last book.

I have advised her to send them to your attention so that they will be properly channeled and used for their intended purpose. I also advised Mrs. Silver to have them delivered before 4:00. Please be sure the air-conditioning is left on. The flowers are coming from Segelin's.

If it is necessary to make any changes, kindly notify Mrs. Silver. Thanks.

Martha

cc: Adele Silver



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June 19, 1990

Mrs. Daniel Silver
2841 Weybridge Road
Cleveland, OH 44120

Dear Adele:

Thank you for your kind note and invitation to the First Friday on July 6. I have put it on my calendar and have every intention of being there.

I knew that Eldon would be calling you. It appears that we're going to pursue our search in a very deliberative fashion, not jumping too quickly at what is available. I suspect that Eldon will try to get us together over the summer.

It was very nice hearing from you, and I look forward to seeing you when I return from Israel at the First Friday occasion.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Stephen H. Hoffman
Executive Vice President

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June 20, 1990

Mrs. Adele Silver
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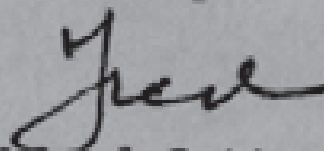
Dear Adele:

Thank you so much for sending me your very gracious and kind note together with the copy of the funeral service for Daniel. This service certainly is a most fitting tribute to a wonderful, kind rabbi and human being who is sorely missed by his colleagues as he is by his family.

I very much look forward to the publication of Daniel's last book, "The Story of Scripture: From Oral Tradition to the Written Word." It, too, will be a most fitting memorial to his scholarship and erudition.

With warmest best wishes, in which Dee joins me,

Sincerely,


Alfred Gottschalk

AG/ns



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1027 SUPERIOR AVENUE
CLEVELAND, OHIO 44114 - 2560

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June 20, 1990

Dear Adele,

I truly regret that I will be in Chicago on July 6, 1990 for the wedding of my niece and so will not be able to join you for the celebration of the posthumous publication of Daniel's final book.

It was so good of you to think of inviting me. I trust you understand how badly I feel about being unable to come. Please be assured of my best wishes for the success of the evening.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Most Reverend Anthony M. Pilla
Bishop of Cleveland

Mrs. Daniel J. Silver
2841 Weybridge Road
Shaker Heights, OH 44120

JACK N. MANDEL

4500 EUCLID AVENUE • CLEVELAND, OHIO 44103

June 20, 1990

Dear Adale:

Thank you very much for the book. I am sure I will
enjoy it -- learn from it -- and cherish it.

With best regards from Lil.

Sincerely,


JACK N. MANDEL

Ms. Adale Silver
2841 Woodridge Road
Shaker Hts., Ohio 44120

DAVID N. MYERS

June 20, 1990

Dearest Adele,

You have a special place in our hearts and your thoughtfulness in sending Daniel Jeremy's book gives us great pleasure.

Anything that we can do to keep the memory of his life and great deeds in the minds of those he served so well, and every one who knew him or knew of him, will be a privilege and an honor to us.

May you have all the blessings we wish for you.

Fondly,

Ing & Dave

Mrs. Daniel Silver
2841 Weybridge Road
Shaker Hts., Ohio 44120

JAMES M. REICH
2619 COURTLAND OVAL
SHAKER HEIGHTS, OHIO 44118

June 23

Dear Adele,

Thank you very much for the copy of Daniel's book which you sent to Bobbi and me. We deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness in including us in the "advance distribution" prior to the publication date. We are both well aware of the gallant and super human effort that Daniel put forth to complete "The Story of Scripture" and the very vital role that you filled in making it all possible. Your devotion and determination to see it through under the most difficult circumstances was a determining factor in making it happen. We are looking forward with pleasure to reading Daniel's words.

Bobbi and I will be leaving for New York on the 27th. That is the day Carol will undergo her Caesarean. We'll stay until July 2, and so will be home to hear Peter Machinist at
(over)

June 24, 1990

Dear Adele -

We were really pleased and touched that you thought of us for the talk on Dan's book. We won't be there but for the fact that we'll be on the New Jersey shore that week with Bob's two brothers and their wives. I hope to read his book if it's not Too learned.

Did I tell you that Sally + Rick are having a baby in August? Andrew is $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Hope you're getting along OK & that we'll see you before Too long. Love.

Jane C.

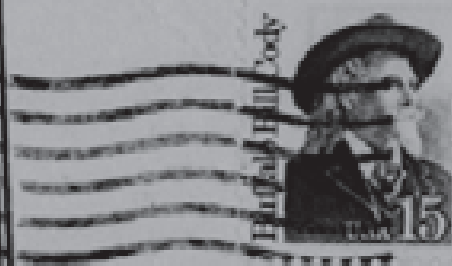
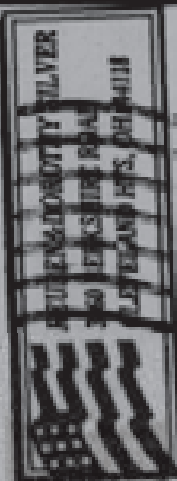
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Donald Harvey, Two Bridges, 1984, ink on rice paper, 25 1/2 by 38 inches.

Dear Adele, will
be out of town on
July 6. My regret
missing a celebra-
TION for pride and
joyful remembrance.
we'll be in touch -
LOVE,

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First Friday. We look forward
to seeing you there. It should
be a fine evening.

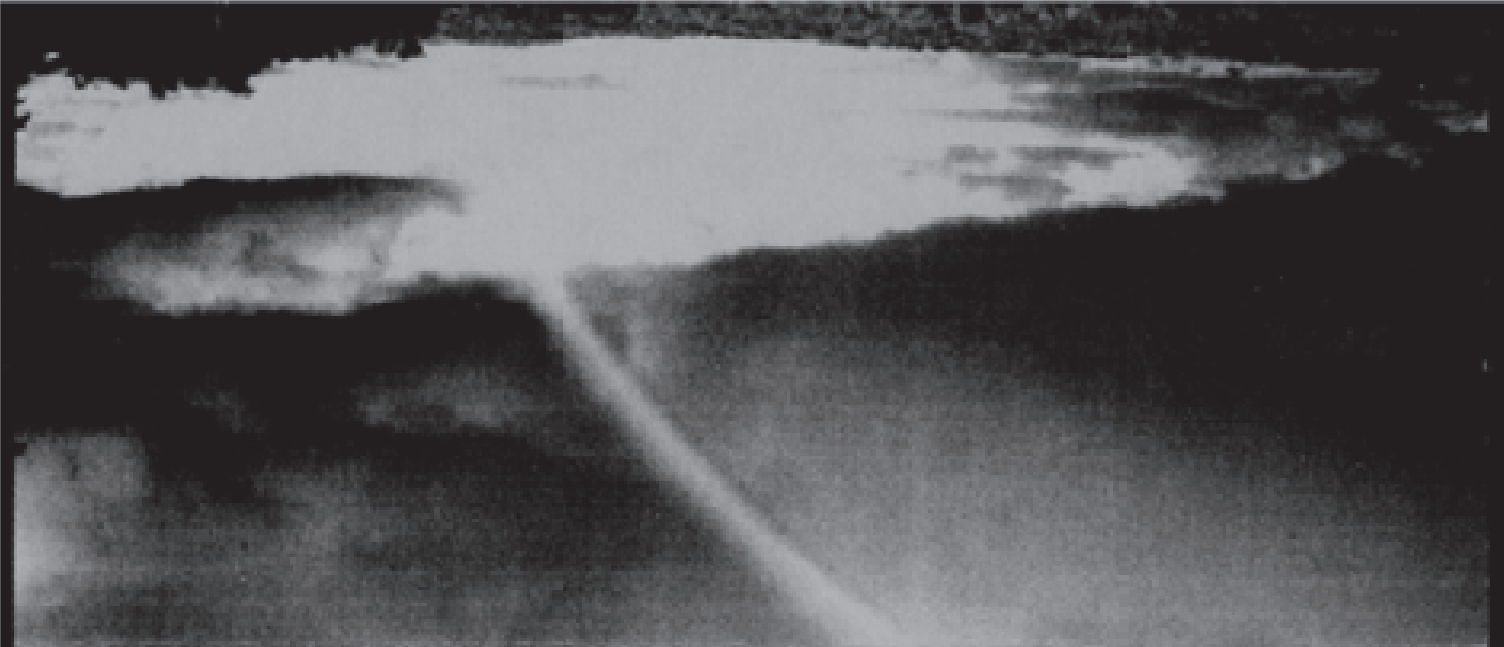
Love,
Jim



Jan 24, 1991

Dear Adele,

I just finished reading
Dawn's book, The Story of Scripture,
and I told Edna Sara that I really
wanted to write and tell you how
much I enjoyed it. There was so
much in there that contributed to my
basic knowledge of Judaism. I
especially appreciated the incorporation
of information from the Dead Sea Scrolls.
Ever since their discovery I've been
waiting for someone to do that.
You know, when Fritz died,
one of the things that was hardest for me



to accept ~~was~~ that all of his particular knowledge died, too. It ~~was~~ something I never thought about. How nice that Danny was able to write this book and share so much with us, the readers!

I hope you are well. I suppose, like ^{with} me there are good days and bad. The world news is enough to make anyone unhappy!

This is a photo of where I live. Let me know if you're ever coming up this way. Regards, Danny LeBeau

RABBI ARTHUR J. LELYVELD

June 25, 1990
2 Tammuz 5750

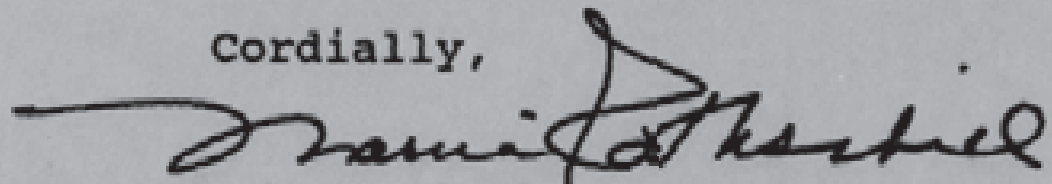
Mrs. Daniel J. Silver
2841 Weybridge Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44120

Dear Mrs. Silver:

Rabbi Lelyveld is out of the country for an extended period of time; so on his behalf may I thank you for the kind letter and the beautiful brochure with the remarks from Rabbi Silver's funeral. I am forwarding your letter and enclosure to Rabbi Lelyveld in Oxford. I know he will be very grateful for your thoughtfulness. Regrettably, he will be away until the end of August and therefore, will be unable to join you on July 6 for the evening with Dr. Machinist and the discussion of Rabbi Silver's book. I know he and Teela will be disappointed at having to miss this special event.

Warm greetings from Rabbi and Mrs. Lelyveld. May the evening be very successful and personally gratifying.

Cordially,



Marcia Rothschild
Rabbi Lelyveld's secretary

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25%

HENRY L. ZUCKER
4500 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44103

June 25, 1990

Dear Adele:

Many thanks for sending me Dan's book and thanks also for your lovely note.

I am looking forward to reading the book which is the very next one on my schedule.

Warm regards.



Hank
Henry L. Zucker

Mrs. Daniel Jeremy Silver
2841 Weybridge Road
Shaker Hts., Ohio 44120

P.S. I have had a good time getting to know Jonathan. A very lovely and perceptive young man.

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We hope your California trip was a good one and that all is well. Please give our love to one and all, as we send it to you.

Judy & Mike - Annie & Elle -



June 26, 1990

Dear Adele,

Thank you so very much for sending us the text of the service for Daniel. We were deeply moved and very nostalgic as we read it, and we appreciate your thinking to include us. (Several months ago I had asked my folks if such a reprint existed, so you must have read my mind!) We understand from my parents and Joel that your visit in



New York was a delight for them. They reported that you look and are great, and have been extremely busy. We are sorry to have missed this little reunion, and hope your travels bring you to Boston.

Annie and Ellen started camp programs this week, with some transitional uneasiness but also with their characteristic enthusiasm. We are all looking forward to our two weeks on the Cape in August - we are overdue for sustained family time together.

CHARLES RIVER AND BEACON HILL
Frederick Childe Hassam, American, (1859-1935)
Oil on canvas, 18 1/4 x 20 1/4 inches, c. 1892

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, BOSTON
Arthur Gordon Tompkins Collection
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June 26, 1990

Dear Adele,

Thanks so much for letting us know about the celebration of Daniel's "The Story of Scripture." Our son Tony is home for a brief vacation from his teaching job in Guatemala; July 6 is his last night here; and it looks as if some friends are having a gathering for him. If it ends early, and we can get to the Temple Branch on time, we will of course come. If we don't, I know you'll understand.

Also, if we can't make it, and if you have an extra minute, please give Peter Wachinist best regards from Peter Salun, who remembers him with affection and respect.

It should be a memorable evening, a fine and deserved tribute to Daniel.

fondly,

June

June 26/90

Dear Edelle

Thank you for your invitation to the posthumous

publication of David's last

book - I would not

have known about it if

you had not written.

Yes, indeed, I will

be there - I look forward

to the event and especially

to seeing you - I feel

like a godmother to

David's writing.

Love.

Edna

Marc Lee Raphael
2031 Beverly Road
Columbus, Ohio 43221-4207

6/27

Dear Adele:

Linda, Cara and I will
make every effort to be at
The Temple (branch) on Friday,
July 6. Thank you for
bringing this to our attention.

Warmly,

Marc



26500 Shaker Boulevard Beachwood, Ohio 44122 216 464-4050

June 27, 1990

Ms. Adele Silver
2841 Weybridge
Cleveland, OH 44120

Dear Adele,

Thank you so much for the personal invitation to "First Friday" in July. Jean left for Israel today and passed your gracious letter along to me so that I could respond for both of us. I am leaving for Israel on Friday and we will both be spending a week in Jerusalem to attend the 25th annual conference of the Association of Jewish Libraries. Jean will be staying on for the rest of the summer and giving a wedding for her daughter in Jerusalem the end of August.

It was a pleasure and honor for the staff of the library to assist you and Rabbi Silver with his work on this last book. I am sorry that Jean and I will not be in town to attend the lecture and reception July 6th. I look forward to reading *The Story of Scripture* on my return.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Merrily Hart'.

Merrily Hart

June 27, 1990

Dear Adele,

How thoughtful of you to send us a copy of "The Story of Scripture". The book and your gracious note are most appreciated.

I've just begun to read it, with great pleasure. It's like hearing a rare voice of intelligence and compassion that I have missed.

It is, as you said, a triumph that the book was completed, and a wonder. The dedication offers an explanation. I'm sure that it's a bittersweet triumph for you, but what a gift to the world.

Thanks for thinking of us.

Love,

Jois

Dear Adele - Just another
return home Tuesday I got
I think we can go to home



Dr. Peter Machinist whose car
calendar has gotten jammed
while we were away - It
would be nice to have a chance
to meet him after the talk.

We've had great weather
but will return to mountain
work. We'll try to leave in
July. Best Love

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June 28, 1990

Mrs. Daniel J. Silver
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Dear Adele,

Last week's mail brought your note with the copy of the funeral service. Coming on top of the earlier gift of Daniel's last book, which arrived "with the compliments of the author" and which I am sure I owe to his generosity and your thoughtfulness, it put me doubly in your debt. I am looking forward to reading the book in depth, since it touches on matters close to my current interests and since I have always found Dan's publications thought-provoking and original. At the same time I will read it as a moving memorial to the man himself, and to his determination to carry on bravely to the very end. He truly has been an inspiration to all his contemporaries, and while we shudder at the thought that life can be so short we have to marvel at the same time that it can be so full and rich.

Please let us know if ever you are in this vicinity (which seems a likelier prospect than that we will soon be in yours), or if there is any help I can usefully extend.

With thanks and renewed good wishes, also from Edith,

as always,

Will

Cityline

Dr. Machinist to review Rabbi Silver's book

Dr. Peter Machinist, First Friday guest speaker on July 6 at 8:15 p.m. at The Temple-Tifereth Israel Branch, 26000 Shaker Blvd., will discuss the late Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver's last book, *The Story of Scripture: From Oral Tradition to the Written Word*.



Machinist

Dr. Machinist, associate professor of

Biblical and Ancient Studies at the University of Michigan, will become professor of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations at Harvard in January of next year. His topic will be "The Scholar-Rabbi and Scripture in the Jewish Tradition."

An Oneg Shabbat will follow the program. First Friday programs are free and open to the community, but reservations are necessary. Call the Temple Branch at 831-3233.

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DISCUSSION OF RABBI SILVER'S BOOK: Peter Machinist, an associate professor of biblical and ancient studies at the University of Michigan, will speak at 8:15 p.m. Friday at the Temple Branch, 26000 Shaker Blvd., Beachwood, about the last book written by Rabbi Daniel J. Silver before his death in December.

The book, titled "The Story of Scripture: From Oral Tradition to the Written Word," was published this month. It was completed by Silver just before his death.

Machinist's theme is to be "The Scholar-Rabbi and Scripture in the Jewish Tradition."

Machinist was a colleague of Silver's when they taught in the religion department at Case Western Reserve University several years ago. Silver was spiritual leader of the Temple for the last 30 years of his life and was a leader in both community and religious affairs in Greater Cleveland.

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July 2, 1990

Dear Cedile,

Thank you for sending me
a copy of the Funeral Service. It was
comforting to read his thoughts and
to share his ideals and concerns.

Mayer and Shera were friends
of mine and Ellie.

The Jewish community has
suffered great losses.

Fond regards to you.

Irwin

July 2, 1990

Dear Adele,

We wish we could be with you on July 6 for Peter Machinist's observations on Daniel's last book and are sorry not to be able to do it.

Rather than calling you, I wanted to write to thank you for sending us the very special items that make up the service for Daniel. It does of course do as you suggest -- summon wonderful memories of Daniel. It is a treasure that we shall turn to from time to time. Even Arnold Newman's portrait of Daniel is special.

Milt and I feel that it was a brilliant idea to use Daniel's own words at his funeral service; and we especially admire the courage of Jonathan and Sarah to quote him.

We were always rewarded when we went to Temple on the Sundays when Daniel spoke. We have been enriched by his words, and continue to be.

We so much appreciate your sending this gift to us. Thank you, Adele.

It came to me at a very personal time and has helped me a little to grapple with my upcoming 60th birthday. It is the first birthday I have given any thought to as a turning point. It is no longer possible to say, "I'll do it next year," but rather "day-to-day" I must now do my best. And somehow Daniel's words lead the way for me to reconcile myself.

We look forward to seeing you soon and meanwhile send you our love.

Milt & Lisa

[June 30, 1990]

Dear Adele,

I just returned to my desk after a two-weeks-long business trip and found your lovely letter on my desk.

I felt very touched and honored by your kind invitation. It will be my privilege to attend the First Friday program on July 6th reflecting on Daniel's last book. You honored him

by bringing out his last work.
And you know it was always
a pleasure to see him in
John G. White. He was such
an exceptional human being—
his deeds and influence will be
long lasting.

Affectionately,

Alice.

(Corinth)

P.S. My husband will be accompanying
me.

Suttapitaka

Fo shuo i-ch'ieh ju-lai chen-shih shê te-ch'eng hsiên-chêng
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RABBI ARTHUR J. LELYVELD

Oxford
July 2, 1990

Dear Adele -

Your June 20th note was forwarded to us here where we are again spending July and August at the Oxford Centre. Tessa and I remember now with deep sadness what was in retrospect a very happy meeting of the four of us — Dan's last visit here.

I wish I might have been with you to hear Dr Machinist and Tessa and I am very grateful that you thought to invite us personally. I look forward to reading "The Story of Scripture" —

We send our warm good wishes and hope to see you on our return —

Arthur

THE TEMPLE

Tifereth Israel

Daniel Jeremy Silver

THE STORY OF SCRIPTURE



From Oral Tradition to the
— Written Word —



Photo by Herbert Ascherman, Jr.

A Reflection on
Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver's Last Book

July 6, 1990

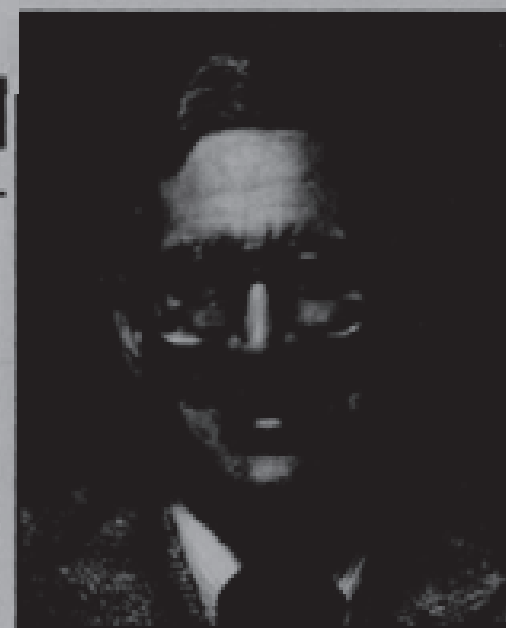
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Dr. Peter Machinist



- Dr. Peter Machinist, our July First Friday guest, will speak on Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver's last book, *The Story of Scripture: From Oral Tradition to the Written Word* to be published late June. Dr. Machinist, Associate Professor of Biblical and Ancient Studies at the University of Michigan, will become Professor of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations at Harvard in January, 1991. His topic will be "The Scholar-Rabbi and Scripture in the Jewish Tradition."
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- An Oneg Shabbat will follow the program.

WELCOMING REMARKS JULY 6, 1990

Shabbot shalom. Good evening and welcome to the Temple. I'm Michael Silver. My wife Deborah Lader and I want to welcome you to this evening of special importance to the Temple family. Our family is pleased and grateful that the Temple is celebrating the publication of my father's last book, The Story of Scripture, ^{FROM ORAL TRADITION TO THE WRITTEN WORD} as part of the First Friday series he started ¹⁷ years ago. We are particularly pleased to welcome tonight's speaker, Professor Peter Machinist.

Professor Machinist is Associate Professor of Biblical and Ancient Studies at the University of Michigan, ^{AND HIS WIFE ALICE} where he has been on the faculty for ²² years. Many of us remember him fondly as a member of our congregation when he was a colleague of my father's in the Religion Department at Case Western Reserve. This ^{WINTER} ~~fall~~, Professor Machinist will be leaving Michigan to assume the Hancock Professorship in ^{NEAR EASTERN LANGUAGES & CIVILIZATIONS} ~~at Harvard~~ at Harvard. He ^{will be} is the first Jewish professor appointed to this senior and highly visible chair since it was first established more than 250 years ago.

Professor Machinist will be speaking to us tonight about "The Scholar-Rabbi and Scripture in the Jewish Tradition". The subject touches on the important role Jewish scholarship played in my father's life. For him, congregational life and academic reflection were always inextricably interwoven and each gave beauty and meaning to the other.

As many of you know, we hope to ~~be able to~~ carry on my father's commitment to both of these ideals. The fund established in my father's name here at the Temple will help to bring the best minds and spirits in Jewish life to our congregation for events like this one, to promote fellowship and discussion of important aspects of Jewish life.

The fellowship established in his memory at the Center for Jewish Studies at Harvard will enable congregational rabbis to spend a period in concentrated work and study in an area of Jewish thought or history, in much the same way as the Temple enabled him to spend several important and productive months at Oxford. The Story of Scripture, which occupied my father there is, in a sense, his own memorial to this kind of Jewish scholarship.

Please join me in welcoming an old Temple member, a superb Jewish scholar, and a dear friend...Peter Machinist.

draft for Michael for Friday, July 6

Shabbat Shalom--good Shabbas. I'm Michael Silver. My wife, Deborah Lader, and I welcome you to The Temple's First Friday program. Our family is pleased and grateful that The Temple is celebrating the publication of my Father's last book, The Story of Scripture, and [that we are] welcoming Peter Machinist back to The Temple.

Professor Machinist and my Father were colleagues in the Religion department at Case Western Reserve University in the 1970s (exact dates?) when Peter Machinist was fresh from his doctoral studies at Yale. At that time Peter (and Alice?) Machinist joined The Temple and were thoughtful members of our congregation. He is now at the University of Michigan and will soon go to Harvard--where he did his undergraduate work--to succeed one of his former teachers as Hancock Professor of Hebrew Bible/Literature (exact title?)--the first Jew appointed to that Chair since it was established 260 years ago.

The topic Professor Machinist has chosen--"The Scholar-Rabbi and Learning in the Jewish Tradition"--focuses on/touches on a powerful element in my Father's devotion to his rabbinate. We hope that this devotion will be carried on in my Father's memorial at Harvard, which will enable congregational rabbis to spend a sabbatical semester at Harvard--much as The Temple enabled my Father to spend happy and productive months at Oxford, working on The Story of Scripture--and in my Father's memorial here at The Temple, which will bring the best minds and spirits in Jewish Studies to this community and to this congregation my Father loved.

Please join me in welcoming Peter Machi^N_{is} back to The Temple.

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8 July 1990

Dear Adele,

Just a short note to follow up on my phone message, because I was unable to reach you later. I want to thank you - and Alice, of course, joining me - for the very special evening you hosted on Friday. I really feel honored that you and your family asked me to participate, and things could not have gone, in terms of your own work, better. I hope I was able to add something as well, but really, I am convinced, it was Dan talking through us all,

After such a long time, it was good to see Sarah and Michael and to know that they are rapidly moving toward positions of strength and satisfaction in their careers,

Be well. We'll be in touch again before too long. Sincerely,
Ketr

7/10

Dear Ocala -

Although I was unable to be there I did hear from those who were ~~that~~ the meeting last Friday.

was a beautiful event and that it almost brought back the feeling of Daniel being at the Temple again.

This note is to say "hello" and to hope that all is going well for you.

I am,

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RABBI SAMUEL E. KARFF
5600 N. BRAESWOOD BOULEVARD, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77096

3 day.

Dear Adele,
Charlene has been beautiful and troubled. My mother
is dying. I was in Phila. ten weeks ago and am
returning Tuesday. She is not in pain and seems reconciled
to the last journey.

Reading David's book was a sheer delight. Remarkably, it
is vintage Silver — with clarity, creativity and
eloquent spirituality.

I hope you are doing well and that your
summer has been pleasant. — and that the Harvard
Project is proceeding nicely.

Reminds me to your children

With fondness

Sam

961 FENIMORE ROAD
LARCHMONT, NEW YORK 10538

August 4, 1990

Dear Adèle,-

We are touched and most grateful to receive
"The story of the Scripture" and your comments accompanying
it.

We shall treasure the book for many reasons, quite aside from
dealing with a fascinating subject most intriguingly told.
It so reminds us of Daniel, it so reflects-to us-the trauma
and sadness of the past three years, it is-we know-in many
ways your book as well, since you played so pivotal a part in
its furtherance and completion, and it epitomises triumph
over tragedy and thus the indomitable and unquenchable
spirit that was in Daniel.

Thank you, Adèle-

With our love

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Mark : Gairn.

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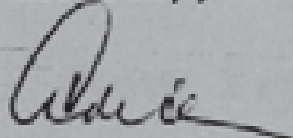
Steve Fraser
Basic Books, Inc.
10 East 53rd Street
New York, N.Y. 10022

Dear Steve,

Your assistant, John Carey, was kind enough to send me a copy of the Library Journal's review of The Story of Scripture. I want to give you, in turn, the review that appeared in The Cleveland Jewish News, and I'll send the Plain Dealer's whenever it appears. I hope that you're getting reviews elsewhere; I've seen no others. I also hope the book is being well received in bookstores; it's selling here, but then Cleveland is home. I'd like so much to know how you think the book is faring, without Daniel to lecture on it or to help it along.

With all good wishes to you and to Phoebe, whose help meant so much to us.

Sincerely,


Adele Z. Silver

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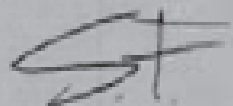
Adele Silver
2841 Weybridge Road
Cleveland, OH 44120

Dear Adele,

Thanks for the review from the Cleveland Jewish News. We're pleased with how the book is doing both critically and in terms of sales: so far it has sold 2,006 copies (as of July 31).

I had also wanted to send you a list of journals and papers where the book has been advertised and promoted, but the marketing person in charge of that is currently on vacation. I will ask her to prepare such a list when she returns.

Best regards,



Steve Fraser

SF/jc
dictated and signed
in his absence

Look at Books

By Sol H. Marshall, Written exclusively for The Messenger
Continuous Reading For Constant Study

THERE MAY BE FOUR major movements within Judaism, but there are divisions within these streams of belief. In the same manner, there are varying interpretations of the "written word" of Judaism.

Scholars and teachers exchange ideas and develop new concepts and interpretations. These are disseminated in their sermons, lectures, speeches and finally, in their books.

The vast scope of material published indicates the task of constant reading in order to keep abreast of all the new material on Judaism which comes into the marketplace each month.

Arguing With God: A Jewish Tradition. By Rabbi Anson Laytner. Jason Aronson, Inc. \$22.50.

As an old proverb puts it, "Two Jews, three opinions." In the long history of the Jewish people, this characteristic contentiousness has often been extended even unto Heaven.

"Arguing With God" is a study that skates along the edge of this theological thin ice—at times verging close to blasphemy—yet also a source of some soulful expressions of human anguish and yearning.

The name *Israel* literally denotes one who "wrestles with God." And, from Jacob's battle with the angel to Elie Wiesel's questions about the Holocaust that hang in the air, Rabbi Laytner details Judaism's tradition of calling God to task over human suffering and injustice.

It is a tradition that originated in the biblical period itself. Abraham, Moses, Elijah and others all petitioned for divine intervention in their lives, or appealed to God to alter His proposed decree.

Other biblical arguments focused on personal or communal suffering and anger: Jeremiah, Job, and certain Psalms and Lamentations. Rabbi Laytner delves beneath the surface of these "blasphemies" and reveals how they helped to refute the claims of opponent religions and advance Jewish doctrines and teachings.

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Introducing the Old Testament. By John Drane. Harper and Row. \$22.95.

Combining Drane's acclaimed works on the Old Testament, this volume provides a guide to the greatest treasures of the Bible.

"The Old Testament Story" surveys the history of the Old Testament as a living chronicle of the relationship between the Hebrew people and their God, from Abraham to the Maccabees. "Old Testament Faith" explores the relationship between history and faith. Together in one volume, the illustrated texts explore the writings and beliefs of the Hebrews in the context of their historical and cultural background. Drane elucidates the moral and religious ideas of the Old Testament, the spirituality of the Psalms, the wisdom of Proverbs, and the uncompromising faith of the prophets.

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The Jewish Guide to the Here and Hereafter. By Lionel Blue and Jonathan Magonet. Crossroad Publishing Company. \$18.95.

Funny, wise and sometimes tragic, this anthology spans the centuries and the world, from the Old Testament to modern times.

Both the famous and the countless unnamed who have contributed to the immemorial tradition of the Jewish aphorism and story lead us from the everyday business of life—getting up, growing up, breaking down—to eternity.

At once enlightening and entertaining, this is a worthy tribute to a people noted for their wisdom, humor and closeness to God, and a book which will bring the richness of Jewish spirituality to readers of every tradition.

Rabbi Lionel Blue is Convenor of the Religious Court of the Reform Synagogues of Great Britain, and a popular radio and TV personality. Rabbi Dr. Jonathan Magonet is Principal of Leo Baeck College.

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The Story of Scripture: From Oral Tradition to the Written Word. By Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver. Basic Books, Inc. \$22.95.

Rabbi Silver challenges the popular conviction that scripture is a sacred text, the literal word of God that may not be tampered with. He argues instead that the truly creative era in each of the three major Western religious traditions—Judaism, Christianity and Islam—occurred before they had developed a written scripture. Thus, much of what is now reported to be the word of God originated in oral traditions that were subject to frequent revisions through the ages.

"The Story of Scripture" recounts in detail how the spread of literacy among the upper classes, more than any religious imperative, prompted the community to write down its living oral traditions. The emergence of a scripture helped define a faith's teachings with greater precision but, at the same time, hampered the faith's freedom to adapt to changing circumstances.

A second scripture inevitably arose—the Talmud in the case of Judaism—which was more systematic and pedantic, less evocative and poetic than the original scripture, and which tended to justify and interpret positions adopted by new religious leaders.

The history of scripture, says Rabbi Silver, depended on who controlled the interpretation and what readings they authorized. "The Story of Scripture" provides a corrective to the dangerous dogmatic pronouncements that have marked the recent global explosion of religious fundamentalism.

The Jewish People: Their History and Their Religion. By David J. Goldberg and John D. Rayner. Penguin Books.

Why add another book to the enormous stockpile of literature which over the centuries has accreted around 'the people of the Book'? That Jews should be interested in themselves is understandable, but their experience in history has aroused almost as much interest and comment from outside observers. Their stubborn fidelity to the faith of their ancestors, their resilience in adversity and their knack of adapting their talents and energies to changed circumstances, have ensured their survival long after the Greek civilization, which treated them with condescension, and the Roman empire, which held them in contempt, have passed into oblivion.

The two great religions of Christianity and, to a lesser extent, Islam, owe their complexities of coping with a rejected mother religion whose adherents refused to convert or disappear encouraged medieval Christianity to excesses of anti-Jewish persecution which led, ultimately and inexorably, to the horrors of Hitler's Holocaust. Even Islam, with a theology more respectful towards Abraham and his monotheistic descendants, has on occasion been guilty of savage hostility towards its Jewish subjects.

Small wonder, then, that this numerically insignificant people and their religion—located, by chance or providence, at the geographical and cultural crossroads of early Western civilization—should have exerted such a perennial fascination.

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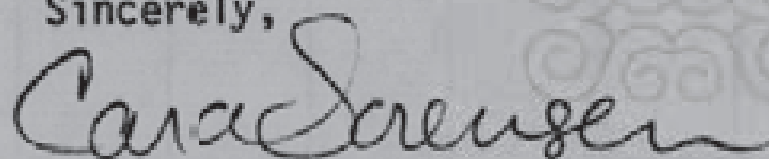
September 12, 1990.

Adele Silver
2841 Weybridge Road
Cleveland, OH 44120

Dear Ms. Silver,

Here is the list of journals and papers that Steve Fraser mentioned to you in his August 21 letter. To date, advertisements for The Story of Scripture have appeared in The American Historical Review, Publishers Weekly, Association of Jewish Book Publishers, Journal of Reformed Judaism, Judaica Book News, Journal of Biblical Studies, Journal of Religion, Prooftexts, and Church & Synagog Library. There are additional ads to come, including ads in Judaica Book News and the Association of Jewish Studies Journal.

Sincerely,



Cara Sorensen



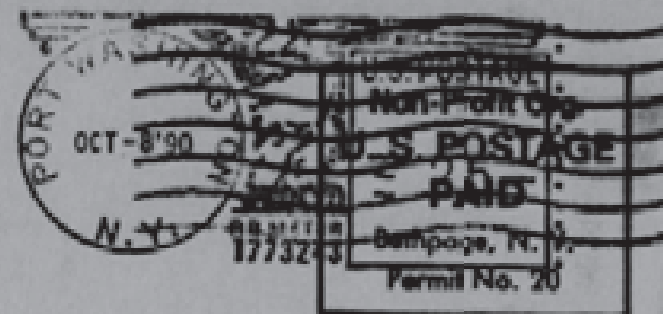
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Eugene B. Borowitz, editor
Sh'ma
a journal of Jewish responsibility
P. O. Box 567
Port Washington, N. Y. 11053

THE STORY OF SCRIPTURE. Daniel Jeremy Silver. Basic. \$22.95.

The untimely death of this scholarly rabbi makes this volume his communal memorial. A modernist's interpretation of the *Tanakh's* origins and later use, it displays breadth of learning, a feel for social development and religious sensitivity—but should not be identified as the current academic consensus.

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REVIEWED
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Basic Books Inc.
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In the Beginning: Biblical Creation and Science. By Nathan Aviezer. Klav, 138 pages, \$19.95. The Story of Scripture, From Oral Tradition to the Written Word. By Daniel Jeremy Silver. Basic Books, 302 pages, \$22.95.

In times past, rabbis represented the pious response to incongruities in Bible and theology, while scientists represented a rational and often cynical position on the same issues.

It is therefore quite paradoxical that, in the case of two books reviewed here, the rabbi is the doubter and the scientist is the believer. The problem is that both argue their cases with conviction and much persuasive powers.

Nathan Aviezer, a physicist at Israel's Bar-Ilan University, claims in his thesis that the first verses of Genesis, far from being a poetic rendering of creation, constitute a literal description of the origins of the universe.

Aviezer's technique is simple: he examines verses in the Torah which appear to be non-scientific or contrary to known scientific knowledge and shows them to be quite consistent with the latest theories in cosmology.

Creation out of nothing, a scandal to early physicists, is now seen to be the Biblical version of the "Big Bang" postulate. The "Tohu Vavohu" — the darkness and void which accompanied creation is the Torah's idiom for "chaos theory," the latest scientific explanation for the random chaotic state of the early universe.

Critics of the Bible have always asked how the light could have been created before the sun, which is the source of light. Aviezer asserts that this "may be understood as referring to the decoupling of light from the dark fireball-plasma mixture" from which the universe was formed.

The author also has an explanation of how waters below and above the firmament were separated (Genesis 1:7). The upper waters, he claims, refer to the

It is paradoxical that the rabbi is the doubter and the scientist is the believer.

masses of water found in outer space, on planets and other celestial objects. The passage in question refers to the creation of the solar system as well as Earth.

Book Review

by Prof. Arnold Ages

Creating the world and scripture

The third day of creation, with its appearance of dry land and plant life, describes a geological event that was disbelieved until early in this century, when Alfred Wegner, a German meteorologist, proposed the continental drift theory. Wegner's theory, at first ridiculed, is now virtually an orthodoxy; it dovetails moreover, with the Biblical description of waters receding and continents being uncovered.

Aviezer notes also that the Torah's mention of the sun and the moon (Genesis 1:14) is not a trivial detail but an acknowledgement of the importance of these spheres in regulating time and seasons on Earth: "The Biblical passage that describes the sun and moon as 'the two large luminaries' as if they were the same size, may be understood as referring to their apparent size, which are in fact exactly equal. The subsequent Biblical passage that describes the sun as 'the large luminary' and the moon as 'the small luminary' refers to their true sizes."

Among the most important of Aviezer's arguments are those which revolve around his view of the creation of man and his explanation that the Torah uses different words for creating and making. The first implies creation from nothing; the second does not. This permits an accommodation with certain, though not all, aspects of evolutionary theory.

Again, the idea that the entire universe exists for man, as Genesis 1:29-29 suggests, might be dismissed as human arrogance. The author responds by arguing that our knowledge of astronomy has taught us that even the most distant stars are part of the chain of life because the origin of the chemical elements necessary for man's survival — carbon, oxygen, nitrogen and other elements — are found within those celestial bodies.

I do not know how Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver (son of the great Abba Hillel Silver) would have responded to Nathan Aviezer's thesis. Tragically, Rabbi Silver died just after finishing *The Story of Scripture*. He probably would have been bewildered by Aviezer's exercise, because for Silver there would have been no need to affirm the literal truth of the Torah.

As he suggests in his book, the Torah is the imperfect and concealed written record of oral traditions that were carried around by the Jewish people for a thousand years before they were rendered in writing shortly after the destruction of the First Temple.

The Torah is not, in his view, a direct revelation from Sinai, but the embodiment of the Jewish people's inherited view of the divine.

In his provocative book, Silver tries to show that in ancient Israelite society the power of the spoken word was all-important, since in a largely nonliterate society it conveyed special resonances. The fact that God "spoke" to Moses and the prophets is significant. "God did not send Jeremiah a letter detailing his mission. Jeremiah felt the word of God as a burning fire within him."

Silver makes the rather bizarre suggestion that both Moses and the prophets were illiterate, and that indications to the contrary were interpolated by later generations embarrassed by such a possibility.

Again, Silver argues that the Torah

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came into written form when the Jewish people became literate: "Religions tend to attribute their scriptures to divine inspiration, but the prosaic truth is that scriptures exist in the first instance because men learned to read and write."

Scripture becomes invested with sanctity, Silver says, when vested interests want the text to remain unchanged; when there is a need to believe that texts are repositories of rock-solid, sacred writings. This is accomplished by attributing the text to God and surrounding it with taboos.

Silver observes that when oral tradition becomes sacred scripture, some rich parts of that scripture are lost.

THE PLAIN DEALER

Sept. 27, 1990

Dear Adele,

I am so truly sorry that you did not see this and for not having yet been able to do with Daniel's book what you would like us to. We did send copies of the enclosed to Basic Books, and I regret all the more that we did not send these tear sheets to you sooner, realizing that you did not see it. Walter

From the Desk of JANICE HARAYDA, Book Editor

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policy, which I inherited,
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sity of London, in which he argued that artistic success results from following a determined "pattern of progress."

For the Young
■ **Inspirations: Stories About Women Artists** (Albert Whitman & Co., 5747 W. Howard St., Niles, Ill. 60648, 800-255-7675; \$16.95, ages 7 & up), by Leslie Sills. A beautifully assembled collection of profiles of four female artists: Georgia O'Keeffe, Frida Kahlo, Alice Neel and Faith Ringgold.



Moses striking the rock

Daniel Jeremy Silver's "The Story of Scripture: From Oral Tradition to Written Word" (Basic Books, \$22.95) has recently arrived in bookstores. Its author was rabbi of the Temple from 1956 until his death in 1989.

and consult their Rolexes for the time and their Rolodexes for the phone numbers of the rich and famous.

And that's only the beginning of the name-dropping Raskin does as she firmly inserts tongue in cheek and writes a wildly improbable tale peopled with characters who are wonderful caricatures of hipness and hype. The book is set in Washington, D.C., with most of the action taking place in frightfully chic Georgetown in the summer of 1988 shortly before the Democratic National Convention (which lets the characters name-drop knowingly about The Duke and Jesse).

The story is told by Natalie Karavan Myers, a forty-something social worker who works with the homeless (an acceptably "in" cause) and whose journalist husband (Pulitzer-winning, of course) is going through a mid-life crisis. That leaves him prone to such cliched comments as: "I've got nothing left inside. For me or for you."

But Natalie's real problem is her famous younger sister, globe-trotting journalist Shay Karavan, who has been on the cover of People magazine, has had so many lovers (including "friendships with revolutionary leaders on four continents") that "she couldn't identify 50% ... in a line-up."

Her name is the answer in a New York Times crossword puzzle (Popular lady Sandanista supporter?) and the title of a sandwich served by a Washington restaurant (corned beef, melted Brie and sauerkraut on a croissant.)

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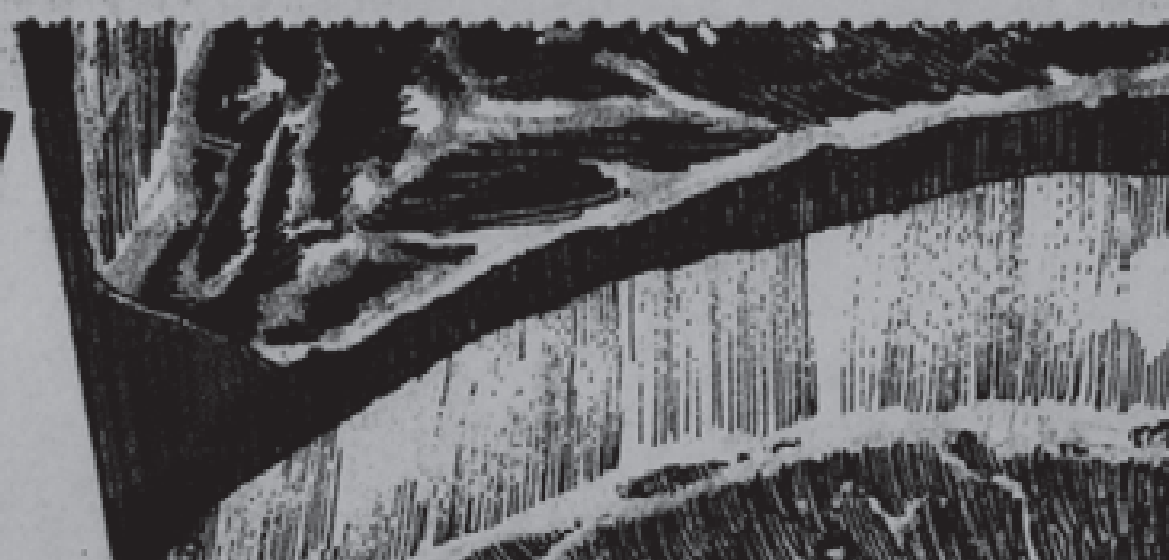
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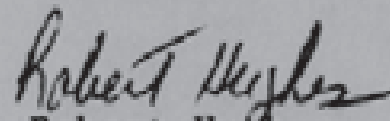
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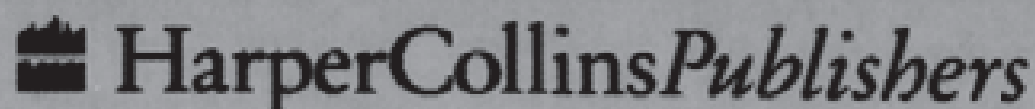
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Dear Adele,

This is a difficult time for you, I'm sure,
but we wish you strength and all the best.

I have nearly finished reading "The Story
of Scripture" and wanted to tell you what a
marvellous piece of work I have found it to be. In a
field plowed so often, Daniel found a truly new thread
to pursue and followed it with insight and thoroughness.
I have recommended the book to my colleagues and
will use it to introduce my own lecture on "the canon"
at Columbia next month.

Please let us know if you are ever
in the area.

As ever, Bill



All the new year's best to you.

Fondly,

Edith and Bill

Ans
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October 31, 1990

Lois E. Shapiro
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Dear Lois,

Thank you for the clippings. I hope you found the message I left on your machine: that Jan Harayda at the PLAIN DEALER wants to use a second rights review—for reasons I don't understand—and that I don't know if you believe that the double review from the Los Angeles paper would serve her purpose. To refresh your memory: it is a review of Daniel's book and a book by a scientist, Nathan Aviezer. What do you think?

All good wishes,

Adele Z. Silver

**The Story of Scripture:
From Oral Tradition to the Written Word**

Daniel Jeremy Silver

Basic Books, \$22.95

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver, late Rabbi at The Temple in Cleveland, Ohio, summarizes this posthumous book on its last page:

The Jewish spirit did not set out to develop a scripture; that during most of the biblical period a written scripture played no significant role; that the rabbis made prodigious efforts to mitigate the limitations imposed by the existence of a scripture; that the concept of an oral memorized law in part reflects these efforts; and that until the European centuries, Judaism more or less effectively escaped the limitations of scripture. (286)

Although Rabbi Silver is an elegant writer, capable of striking formulations and commanding a formidable array of historical and sociological data, any reader of, say, Jacob Neusner (*Invitation to Midrash, Writing with Scripture, or The Bible and Us*) would know this story already.

There are points of difference, of course. One could quarrel over Rabbi Silver's "modest" account of inspiration, which "nonfundamentalist communicants" substitute for revelation. When read in such close proximity to his definition of commentary as "that massive body of interpretation designed to remove anachronisms, rationalize

outdated ideas, and read new ideas into the text" (11) (the new "three Rs?"), we can see that the "partnership between man and God" expressed by the Dual Torah may not always produce, in Neusner's image, a bridge with traffic in both directions. In the hands of someone with little respect for the past, and sanguine about the results of imposing his bright new ideas on his community, Rabbi Silver's text could become a mirror reflecting any current secular fashion. Respect for tradition, for what has been handed down, is more than "human nature and the need for reassurance" (10); it provides a check on the progress of the new.

Still: why this book? The answer Rabbi Silver provides is strange, but reflects an attitude common among what has been called "the knowledge class":

I was drawn to the study of Scripture by the resurgence of scriptural innocence in our time (1)

"Scriptural innocence" means "fundamentalist scriptural religion". It is typified by "the successful activities of the Ayatollah Khomeini, Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, and the Reverend Jerry Falwell". Indeed, "powerful forces are at work in the Jewish, Christian and Islamic worlds: black-hat orthodoxy, evangelical churches, and the Muslim Brotherhood, each out to coerce its community. . . ."

Now, the naive might think these groups have little in common; perhaps they themselves would be surprised to find themselves yoked in this way. But Rabbi Silver's obsessive linking of them is based on one factor: they are too stupid to understand that Scripture is an inspired document that needs commentary (the Oral Torah, the New Testament) so that new ideas can be read into it. Instead, "in their eyes, [Scripture] is all-knowing, infallible, the source of all truth" (12).

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But what is this to Jews? Encouraged, or perhaps frightened by the "successful activities" of Khomeini and Falwell, the Israeli black-hats are on the move, making Israel a living hell for normal folks, and even creating "pressures to obey the Torah" in American communities (284). Thus, "the time is appropriate to clear up as far as one can the conventional idea about Jews and their books" (285). "Jews secularized their unique tradition of sacred learning as they entered civic life" (286). *Lernen*, a "discipline intended to transform Scripture into life", became "book learning". Moreover, the stupid Christians, having forgotten that their New Testament was a commentary on the Old, (the Jewish tradition being "unique", you see), loved what they thought of as "The Book". So, Jews began to call themselves "The People of the Book", to "emphasize a bond they hoped the other 'People of the Book' would also feel". Thus did the Jews sell their birthright, and for what? Christian antisemitism did not abate, and now religious Jews have no way to resist the siren call of Schneerson. Striving to assimilate, they are now hapless allies of the Ayatollah. The solution is to read Rabbi Silver's book, and return to that oddly modern tradition of the Two Torahs, Scripture and commentary; only in this way can the Jews truly enter the modern, secular world.

What this book adds, then, to the well known story of the Dual Torah is a walloping dose of secular triumphalism, a thinly veiled contempt for anyone who reads Scripture differently, and an appalling ignorance of what such people believe. Its chief value is as evidence for the beliefs held by "the new knowledge class". Rabbi Silver defines this class (for us) as "those of us who received a liberal education in mid-century". "We" "believed that fundamentalism was a relic of the past". Its "revival . . . is one of the surprises of the late twentieth century" (1). And what is Fundamentalism (or Evangelical Christianity, for the two are the same for Rabbi Silver)? It is a literal understanding of Scripture, but hypocritically (because unknowingly) selective. It reads into Scripture its own "small-town, middle-American morality" (2). "Many Fundamentalist believers take a particular side" regarding abortion or the death penalty "not on the merits of the issue but because they believe their scripture has foreclosed all but one choice" (12-13). "Some believe that this kind of piety exists only in the Middle-American states called the Bible Belt", reports the intrepid explorer, but "where millions" of the elite "find an intense and rather narrow piety", Rabbi Silver actually knew one person "who found civil rights in his Bible" (13). At this point, we should heed Richard John Neuhaus's advice, "to consider whether there is not an element of the fanatical in much of the reaction to Fundamentalism."

Additionally, one can learn from this book how to understand a recurring paradox in secular thinking. It is perfectly, though unwittingly, expressed by Rabbi Silver: "Though ours may be a 'post-christian' society, traditional Christian norms still shape its thoughts and attitudes" (285). Well, which is it? The secular elite doesn't live in "smalltown middle-America", and doesn't know any fundamentalists or evangelicals (just as Pauline Kael didn't know anyone who voted for Nixon). It truly lives in a "post-(judeo)-christian

world". Suddenly, that world is full of Christian and Jewish Fundamentalists! How could this happen? For Rabbi Silver, the answer is that normal, secular people, "despairing of the human capacity to build a bright future, turn back to texts that speak of a Second Coming and a supernatural intervention" (10). Scriptural Fundamentalism results when normal people suffer a failure of nerve.

There's something to that, but the failure of nerve took place in the twenties, when evangelicals expressed their faith in a second coming by *turning away* from politics. They were content to live their 'middle-American' lives as long as the elite left them alone. In the sixties, they began to feel pushed around by the elite, and so they began to push back. The "revival" that surprises Rabbi Silver was the re-entry of evangelicals into the public square.

In fact, one could hardly ask for a better example of the "naked public square" which the secular elite has been forcing on "middle-Americans" (in the name of "the human capacity to build a bright future"—alone) than the choice Rabbi Silver poses to those who would "take a particular side" (and we know what side that is) "of some of the most contentious issues of the time . . . not on the merits of the issue but because they believe their scripture has foreclosed all but one choice". Surely the choice here is supposed to be: Fundamentalism, or else the Dual Torah (or what Newman would call the "development of Christian doctrine"). But Rabbi Silver has slipped here, and the alternative to Fundamentalism is "the merits of the issue", without, presumably, any "religious" input at all. Of course, an "inspired" commentary might be permitted, but one suspects such a commentary will sound more like Mario Cuomo than John Paul II.

In brief, Rabbi Silver is promoting the scholarly concept of the Dual Torah in the hopes that the modern Oral Torah will sanctify a commentary so willful and "liberal" that social issues will once more be allowed to speak for themselves, without any interference from traditional religions. I fear, though, that this book will not achieve its goal, for the author's tone and assumptions will leave him preaching to the converted.

HOLIDAY BOOK GUIDE

FROM PAGES

Woodward, Newsweek's religion editor, demystifies the politics of canonization in his engrossing "Making Saints: How the Catholic Church Determines Who Becomes a Saint, Who Doesn't and Why" (Simon & Schuster, \$21.95).

... A Quilter

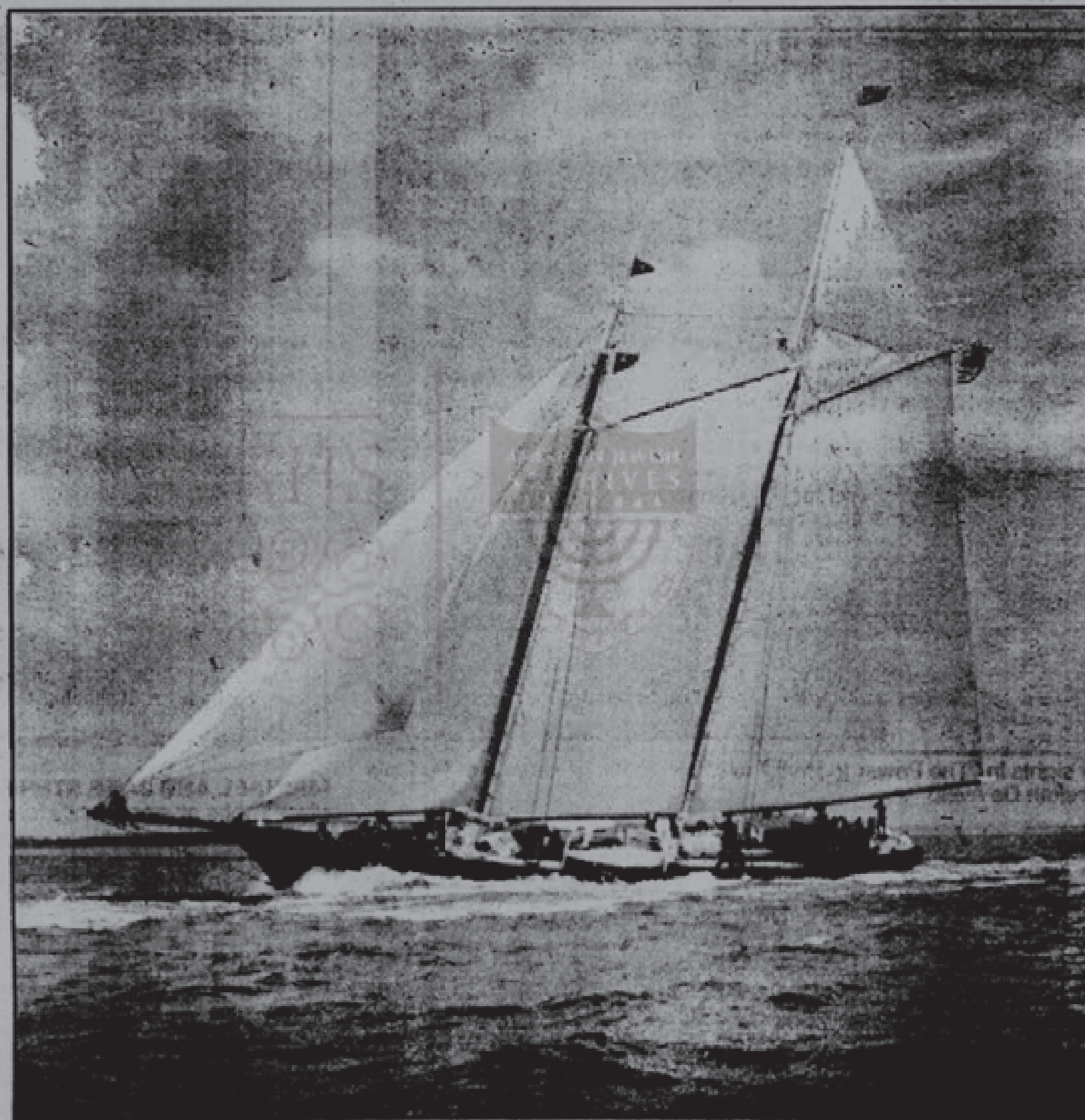
More than just a wonderful gift for a quilter, Robert Hughes' "Amish: The Art of the Quilt" (Knopf, \$100) would also thrill a lot of students of Amish life. This boldly designed, slipcased art book contains 82 reproductions of bed-coverings made by the women of Lancaster County, Pa., between 1870 and 1950. For a less expensive but no less carefully conceived book, don't miss Amélia Peck's "American Quilts and Coverlets: The Metropolitan Museum of Art" (Dutton, \$50), which shows all 119 quilts or coverlets in the collection of the country's preeminent art museum.

... A Rabbi

Again, a Cleveland shows that religious writing doesn't have to be the sort of pap that publishers tend to serve up under the label "inspirational." Daniel Jeremy Silver, the late rabbi of the Temple, looks at the origin and development of Scripture in Jewish tradition in his final work of scholarship: "The Story of Scripture: From Oral Tradition to the Written Word" (Basic Books, \$29.95).

... A Romantic

We all know the dangers of a giving a book to a romantic, chief among which is that he or she might instead prefer a diamond the size of a sweet potato or a customized red Lamborghini. On the other hand, you can't press roses between the facets of a precious stone or inscribe love poems on the fender of a world-class sports car, so a book has advantages.



The schooner "America," as shown in "The America's Cup: 1851 To the Present," a gift for yacht owners.

toons. One of the most famous shows a skier whose tracks to have straddled a tree; in three of his characters prep pour boiling oil on carolers have turned up at the door of house.

... A Veteran

The cannibalization of the Life magazine continues with Philip B. Kunhardt's "Life: War II" (Little, Brown, \$50), a collection of black-and-white photographs that has become the series of books of images from the pages of that American icon. But would any true-blue veteran care that another such emerges every year? Probably not, given that this one contains photos by such towering figures as Eugene Smith, Robert Capa, and Margaret Bourke-White.

... A Wine Lover

The nice thing about buying books for oenophiles (unlike, say, collectors of Depression or Civil War memorabilia) is each year brings a new vintage of many sorts of wine, so there's always something new they can read up on. A book that can't wait for a new edition of a long out-of-favorite: "The New Joys of Wine" (Abrams, \$60), by Clifton Fadiman and Sam Aaron.

... A Yacht Owner

Anyone who owns a yacht would like to — is a good candidate to get "The America's Cup: The Present" (HarperCollins). This oversized photographic book looks back on the world's premier yacht race from its inception through 1988.

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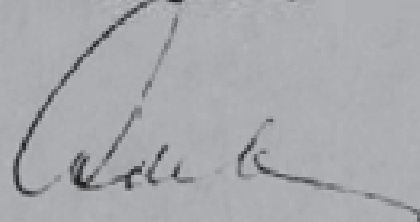
Perhaps this entry should have said "What to give... if you are a naive." Abbeville, the distinguished art publisher, has apparently decided to make a holiday tradition of issuing the season's most op-

Dear Jan,

Your selection of Daniel's The Story of Scripture as one of the choice books of the 1990 year gave me great pleasure. Thank you. If you could send me a copy of the brief item, I would be grateful--the children have made off with the one in my paper.

A happy and a healthy year to you and to all who are dear to you. I hope the year brings good times to all of us, and to you and me a chance to spend some time together.

Warm regards,



Adele Z. Silver

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Daniel Jeremy Silver '48, The Story of Scripture, Basic Books (\$22.95).

Silver's analysis of the emergence of scripture relates it to the spread of literacy and, using archaeology and the history of culture, examines the differences between the first Jewish scripture, the Bible, and the second, the Talmud, and notes similar development in the scriptures of Christianity and Islam.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Samuel E. Karff

"Some rabbis, you ask them a question and the first thing they do is look in a book to give you the answer. Another rabbi first looks in your eyes, comes up with an answer, and then looks in the book."

These remarks were quoted from an interview with Rabbi Marc Angel of the Spanish and Portugese Synagogue, currently the president of the RCA. Angel identifies the second rabbi with his own Sephardic temper. We would identify the same rabbi with our liberal perspective on halacha.

Rabbi Angel would insist of course that the texts to which he turns to validate or temper or delimit his response are believed to be God's teaching Torah mi-Sinai. Whereas I a Reform rabbi, believe the covenant is rooted in divine revelation but the texts of Torah are human responses to God's gift and God's presence.

In his last scholarly work, our colleague Daniel Silver, z"l, probed the historic tension between the authority of text and the demands of life. His book, "The Story of Scripture" notes that while we were the first people to consecrate written texts as God's authoritative teaching, the formative and most creative periods in biblical and rabbinic Judaism were marked by teaching committed to memory and studied and transmitted orally. Eight hundred years separate Moses from the scrolls of Moses, and the tradition of meticulous scribal copying without any insertions or deletions with the dawn of the Common Era. Those long periods of a genuinely oral law engendered openness and fluidity.

Once a written text was regarded

without qualification as divine teaching there were two possibilities. Creative exegesis could preserve the text's fluidity and responsiveness to life. Indeed "the rabbis made prodigious efforts to mitigate the limitations imposed by the existence of a scripture." But divine texts could also be rigidly restrictive. Reform is a movement that arose against "the authoritative, book-dominated side of the tradition." Daniel Silver concludes: "The text is not our homeland; life is... except under rare circumstances in Jewish history the texts did not define life. Far more than has been generally recognized, life defined the texts."

For an Orthodox colleague who believes in being open and human-centered the challenge is to keep the written teaching from being overly defining; for us the challenge is to find within the texts as we understand them the authority not only to expand - but also to limit the perimeters of the permissible. My moments of institutional soul-searching these days seems to focus on that issue. After looking that questioner in the eyes, are we able to say "no" as well as "yes?"

"PRIORITIES"!!!

We were shocked when, at the CCAR Executive Board meeting just finished, at the completion of Priscilla Poller's splendid report on the Spouse Support Group which she chairs, far less than half of the members of the Executive Board were able to say that they have filled out the "Priorities" booklet of the SSG which has been distributed to all spouses. We blame rabbis regularly for not sharing with spouses and now it's the other way around.

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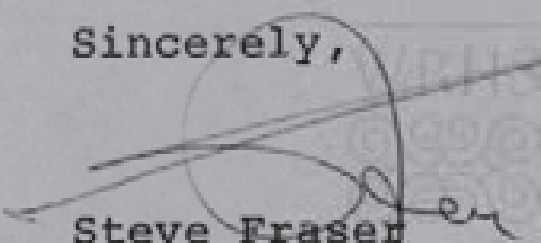
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Adele Silver
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Dear Adele,

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Mr. Steven Fraser
Executive Editor
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Dear Mr. Fraser,

We gratefully acknowledge receipt of a complimentary copy of the following of Basic Books' fine publications, authored by the late Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver,-

The Story of Scripture: from Oral Tradition
to the Written Word
(c1990)

This book will be a most welcome new addition to our collections which already contain six of his earlier publications. Incidentally, "The Story of Scripture" will be cited in one of the forthcoming issues of the JNUL's bibliographical quarterly, "Kiryat Sefer".

We thank you very much indeed for this contribution, and for your kind thoughtfulness and interest in the Jewish National and University Library.

Yours truly,

Roberta Markus

Roberta Markus

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P.S. I have noted that according to the second card enclosed in the volume, the late Rabbi Silver had intended that his book be donated to the JNUL: thus we should greatly appreciate your conveying to his widow and family our sincere thanks for his thoughtfulness, as well as our condolences at his sad and untimely demise. Thank you.

copy: Prof. Malachi Beit-Arie
Director



March 1, 1991

Stephen Fraser
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Dear Steve:

The reviews of Daniel's book by more conservative--probably Orthodox--Jews have intrigued me. I wish he could have read them and told me what he thought of them! Despite the disapproval, and even the tone of hurt, that flavors most of them, I'm glad to have them and grateful to whoever at Basic is charged with the task of sending them on to me. In turn, I'm sending you--very belatedly, for which I apologize--the Plain Dealer's mention of it in the Christmas book section (page 6).

I hope you're well and that Basic is flourishing.

All good wishes,

Adele Z. Silver
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society, politics and philanthropy.

The Journey from Prague Street by Hana Demetz (St. Martin's Press) is a sequel to the author's previous autobiographical novel about a young girl's experience in wartime Czechoslovakia. This is about a marriage gone sour, and a woman's attempts to find a meaningful existence. Life in war devastated Eastern Europe, and in the America of the 1950s, are all very well described.

Doctor 117641 by Louis J. Michaels, M.D. (Yale University), a moving Holocaust memoir by a psychoanalyst, describes his experiences in death camps after the Nazis invaded the Netherlands. The author, a Jewish medical student, was caught crossing the border into Belgium and sent to Auschwitz. This is a very personal story of his survival as a productive human being.

Between Redemption and Perdition by Robert S. Wistrich (Routledge) examines modern anti-Semitism and Jewish identity. **My Brother's Keeper** edited by Antony Polansky (also Routledge) is about recent Polish debates on the Holocaust. Both these books are excellently written and provide a vivid picture of Old World prejudice against Jews—both in the past and the present. They are well worth reading.

Sacred Fragments by Neil Gillman (Jewish Publication Society) attempts to answer some very difficult questions of our modern times. Rabbi Gillman argues that there are still viable answers for doubters among us. Each chapter addresses a different perplexing issue of modern Jewish theology, and studies the philosophies of some of the most

accomplish goals and take charge of our lives.

The Story of Scriptures by Daniel Silver (Basic Books) provides fascinating detailed information on the spread of literacy among the upper classes which resulted in Mankind's recording of living oral traditions. The truly creative era in each of the three Western religions—Judaism, Christianity, and Islamic, blossomed before writing was developed. Thus, much of what is now reputed to be God-given has been subject through the ages to frequent revisions.

One by One: Facing the Holocaust by Judith Miller (Simon & Schuster) represents fine investigative reporting on how various countries react to memories of the Holocaust. Young people in Germany are ashamed of their nation's Nazi past. Austrians picture themselves as Hitler's first victims. The Netherlands have more or less accepted Anne Frank as their unofficial patron saint. The Soviet Union has not yet recognized the Holocaust, even though the Nazis exterminated some 700,000 Soviet Jews.


Emma Goldman in Exile by Alice Wexler (Beacon Press) traces the life of a fiery radical, remembered for her ardent support of anarchism and the militant labor movements of early 20th Century America. Her views on free speech, free love, and the rights of striking workers and homosexuals are a matter of record. She spent the last two decades of her life without a home, speaking out against Russia, and seeking love and friendship. Near the end of her life, she found contentment among Spanish peasants. This is a fascinating portrait of an intensely interesting troubled free soul.

The Papers of Thomas A.

all American history. It details their rise and subsequent fall. The author is a scion of that family, practicing law in New Jersey. The book describes the extravagances of the very wealthy and their heartaches as well.

Current paperback offerings include the **Joy Luck Club** by Amy Tan (Ballantine Books) offering vignettes that alternately delineate the lives of four Chinese women and their American-born daughters in California. The stories reflect the common bond between mothers and daughters the world over, in all generations. **Fire On the Rim** by Stephen J. Pyne (Ballantine) about wildland firefighters, describes one season in the activities of a crew working in the Grand Canyon. **Gone With the Wind** by Herb Bridges and Harry C. Boodman (Fireside Books; originally published by Simon and Schuster) honors the 50th anniversary of that great movie, which has become an endearing classic reshown periodically. Numerous excellent photographs accompany the text.

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Dear Adele,

Bob and I look forward to
joining you for dinner on July 6th.

Pete and Alice have spoken of you
often and we are delighted to have
this chance to meet you. Fondly
Bobbi Pincus

MERRILL D. GROSS

Tuesday

Dear Adele -

I know that I thanked you
personally for your heart-warming
note about your visit with my
mother so many years ago, and
for your contribution to Martha's
and my fund at The Temple.

I am ever highly complimented,
especially coming from you, on
"my golden pen", which sadly
is running a little dry, so

I will try to turn words into
deeds, and do everything possible
to make the "First Friday in
July" all that you would hope
it to be.

Sincerely,
Merrill

Dear Del,

The first line in Daniel's book is speaking to me--he put it very nicely, to say 'the spiritual innocent'. He could have honestly said--ignorance. This book, obviously is trying to correct that failing, and the first chapter (introduction) already illuminates your understanding, and certainly stimulates your thinking.

We are very pleased to have this edition of his book and thank you for sending it to us. We are sure it was a monumental task for you to see this through its publication, but are proud that he could make yet another contribution to Biblical Literature even in his poor state of health. The presentation by Prof. Machinist will be outstanding, I am sure--no more than the book deserves. Needless to say, it is our terrible loss that this will be the last from his fertile mind.

Our family is scattered all over--Lynn, Shira and Nadav with Janie and David and Dara are in Israel for another three or four weeks, Jonathan and Daniel at Camp in Ga., and Gennye left yesterday for two months at Camp Ramah in Mass. So, I only have to keep tabs on Arie, Sammy, Mother, Leon,--and our new addition! The girls gave Leon a Pomeranian for his birthday, and this 5 lbs of fluff can keep you busy.

Gene tells me you had a nice occasion in California and will ^{have} additional days of relaxation at the beach with Betsy. That sounds great, and I hope the heat will not be unbearable. It is hot here, too, but nothing out of the ordinary for us--maybe, a little hotter. The reports from the West are scorching just to hear about the temperatures.

We hope this finds you well. I am sure the children will come in for the special presentation. Give them our best regards.

Love and Kisses,

Ray

Wednesday -

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Dear Adeb -

Thank you so much for
sharing Dan's funeral service
a lovely photograph of Dan
on the cover -

I especially liked Rabbi
KARFF's adjectives about you -
"Vibrant, Expressive, Warm -"
and what an important

Contribution you made to Dan
and to Your Children.

Let's Keep in Touch &
Let us know when you
expect to be in Chicago.

Much Love,

Jan -