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Committee on Public Information (U. S.), concerning speaking  
engagements re: war effort, 1918.

June 20th, 1918

Mr. John M. Culver,  
Office of the Camp Quartermaster,  
Camp Pike, Arkansas.

My dear Mr. Culver,

I was deeply moved by the most beautiful words of appreciation contained in your letter to me. It was more than an inspiration for me to read them. Somehow, one feels after reading words such as those, that all his humblest and greatest efforts are not spent in vain.

I am thinking of publishing, this summer, a collection of sermons and addresses, and I shall deem it a privilege to send you a copy of them.

I hope that I shall at some time have the extreme pleasure of making your acquaintance.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours for Victory,



September 9th, 1918

Mr. George Creel,  
Chairman, Committee on Public Information,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Creel,

It was by appointment of Mr. Will Irwin that I went, as agent of the Committee on Public Information, to France, and also at the request of the French High Commission of the United States. I understand that Mr. Irwin has resigned his position, and therefore take the liberty of writing to you personally.

I spent two months in France, visiting the American and the French front, studying our service of supply and devoting much time to our camps and hospitals in France. Much of this work was done under the guidance of Mr. Kirney, your representative in Paris.

I feel that I have gained a fairly comprehensive view of our labors and preparations in France, and I would now place my knowledge at the disposal of your Committee.

If there be any service in the nature of propaganda, writing or lecturing that you feel I can render your Committee, I should be most happy to do so. I should like to use the information which I gained in France in behalf of our common cause.

Very sincerely yours,



GEORGE CREEL, CHAIRMAN  
THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
THE SECRETARY OF WAR  
THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 18, 1918.

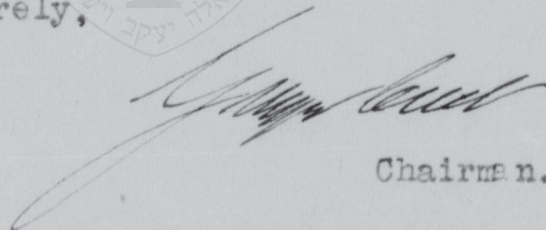
Dr. A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Doctor Silver:

I remember your services in France with warm appreciation, but a policy of retrenchment, forced upon me by a cut in my appropriation, makes it impossible for me to send speakers about the country just at the present moment.

I am handing your name to the Head of the Speaking Division, however, and very likely you will hear from him as to occasional and important engagements.

Sincerely,



Chairman.



[September 1918]

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Washington, D.C.

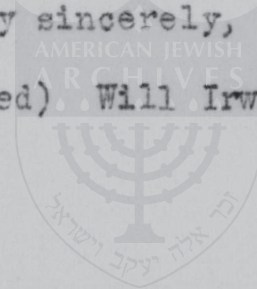
Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

If you go to France next summer, you can  
do invaluable work for us there. I decidedly advise  
you to go - and to see me in Washington before going.

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) Will Irwin





GEORGE CREEL, CHAIRMAN  
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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 5, 1918.

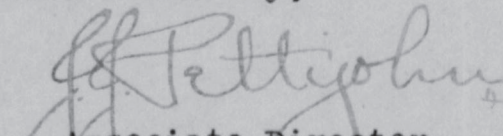
Dr. A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:-

Your letter of September 9th, after considerable delay, was referred to me for further consideration. My absence from the city has delayed replying further.

Just at present we cannot take on our staff more speakers, but I am sure your valuable experience should be of service to us a little later. Meanwhile I suggest that you write to Mr. Carl E. Parry, chairman of the Speaker's Bureau of the Ohio State Council of Defense, at Columbus. His office is in the State House. Mr. Parry will have many calls for speakers in Ohio, and he could use your services to advantage. In the meantime, we will be pushing our program forward as rapidly as possible, and thereby may be able to use your services sometime in November.

Yours sincerely,

  
Associate Director,  
Four Minute Men.

JJP:H



October 9th, 1918

Mr. Carl Parry  
Chairman Speakers Bureau  
Ohio State Council of Defense  
Columbus, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Parry,

Mr. J. J. Pettijohn of the  
Committee on Public Information at  
Washington has asked me to write to you.

The Committee at Washington  
has arranged a lecture tour for me for  
the month of November. I traveled in  
the interest of that Committee through  
France last summer. Mr. Pettijohn urges  
me to put my services at your disposal.

I shall be happy to hear from  
you, when I shall endeavor to be of service  
to you in your splendid work.

Sincerely yours,



OHIO BRANCH  
COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

STATE HOUSE, COLUMBUS

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LOWRY F. SATER

October 11, 1918.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,

The Temple, East 55th St. & Central,

Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:--

I have known about you ever since the City Club of Cleveland made such an enthusiastic report upon the occasion of your address to them last winter at the time when Captain Amunsden was to have been there. I did not know, however, until I heard from Mr. Pettijohn, that you have had recently European experience.

I am delighted to know that Mr. Pettijohn has arranged a tour for you, and I shall hope to make use of you in Ohio either before or after you finish that tour.

You may expect to hear from me again.

Sincerely yours,

*Carl E. Parry*  
Director, Speakers' Bureau.

CEP/PW



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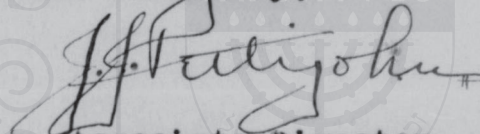
October 29, 1918.

Rabbi Abba Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Would you be willing to speak for our Committee  
during the two weeks of November 3 and 10? Please wire us on this  
matter.

Yours sincerely,

  
Associate Director,  
Four Minute Men.

JJP:H



# POSTAL TELEGRAPH - COMMERCIAL CABLES

RECEIVED AT MAIN OFFICE  
COR. SUPERIOR AVE. AND W. 6TH ST.  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

Telephones: BELL, MAIN 6620  
CUYAHOGA, CENTRAL 6228

CLARENCE H. MACKAY, PRESIDENT.

## TELEGRAM

DELIVERY NO.

*Rec 1330*

The Postal Telegraph-Cable Company (Incorporated) transmits and delivers this message subject to the terms and conditions printed on the back of this blank.

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Rabbi A H Silver

The Temple Cleveland O

Time is so short and election being tuesday we shall  
not plan to use your services until Wednesday November  
sixth

Pettijohn

TELEPHONED  
TO *Ph* BY *Ph* AT *4-50*  
CONFIRM BY *Ph* 11-1-18



CLASS OF SERVICE	SYMBOL
Telegram	
Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

If none of these three symbols appears after the check (number of words) this is a telegram. Otherwise its character is indicated by the symbol appearing after the check.

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RABBI A H SILVER

THE TEMPLE CLEVE; AND O

WIRE RECEIVED TRANSPORTATION BOOK DELAYED BEING SENT TO OKLAHOMA CIT  
% WESTFALL TODAY STOP PROCEED TO OKLAHOMA TODAY REPORT TO MR WESTFAL  
AND FILE EXPENSE STATEMENT WITH US AND WE WILL REFUND MONEY

PETTIJOHN

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November 5, 1918 Form 1204

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RABBI A H SILVER

THE TEMPLE CLEVELAND O

UNABLE TO MAKE DEFINITE ASSIGNMENT FOR YOU YET OWING TO INFLU  
SITUATION STOP WILL KEEP YOU POSTED

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# Expense Account.

Nov. 11. - Monday.

Rt. + Pullman to St. Louis 22.57

Nov. 12.

Breakfast - 1.00  
 Dinner 1.20  
 Tips + Incidentals 1.00  
 Barber shop 1.00  
 Supper 19.93

Fare to Okl. City 3.30  
 Pullman to Tulsa 1.25

Telegrams 1.15

Pullman to Okl. City + extra 1.15

Tips .25

Nov. 13. Breakfast 1.00

Taxi .50

Barber .40

Supper 1.25

Incidentals .50

Nov. 17 - 18.

Telegrams - 2.50

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# TELEGRAM

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

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RABB! A H SILVER

HOTEL KETCHUM TULSA OKLA

YOU ARE SCHEDULED FOR CARTHAGE MISSOUR! TUESDAY TOMORROW NIGHT  
 STOP REPORT TO PRES!DENT OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE THERE STOP  
 SCHEDULED TO SPEAK NOON LUNCHEON CITY CLUB DECATUR !LL!NO!\$ WEDNESDAY  
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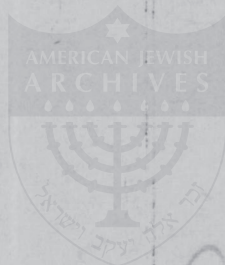
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THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
THE SECRETARY OF WAR  
THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

@ 11/25/18

November 21, 1918.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

Please send us a statement of your expenses to Oklahoma City as soon as possible and we shall audit them and forward check to you. Did you receive our transportation order book in time to use it en route to Carthage and on to Cleveland? I greatly regret that the matter of sending it was held up in our office so that you did not receive it in time to use in going to Oklahoma. Will you kindly return the transportation book to us also? We are closing up the work of this division as soon as possible, and would like to get our accounts settled up at once.

We should also be glad to have a statement from you regarding the work you did for us in Oklahoma and en route back to Cleveland, the number of meetings you addressed, etc. I trust you had a pleasant trip, and I wish to thank you for your willingness to do this work for us.

Yours sincerely,

*J. F. Fitzgibbon*

Associate Director,  
Four Minute Men.

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November 25th, 1918

Dr. Menkes,  
522 West National Bank Bldg.,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

My dear Dr. Menkes,

I have just returned home and am taking this first opportunity of telling you how much I appreciate the kind hospitality which you extended to me during my most pleasant visit to your city. I hope that I shall some day have the pleasure of reciprocating in some small measure your kindness and courtesy.

Please convey my best wishes and my thanks to Mr. Wiseman. I trust that I shall be able to see him soon.

With kindest regards, I beg  
to remain

Very sincerely yours,



November 35th, 1918

Mr. Pettijohn,  
Committee on Public Information,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Pettijohn,

I have just returned from my trip out west. I addressed meetings in Oklahoma City, Muskogee (noon and evening) and Tulsa, Oklahoma; Carthage, Missouri and in Decatur, Illinois.

The meetings were very well attended and I feel that they have been productive of some good results.

I received your transportation check a few days after I started. My expenses up to that time were sixty dollars.

I am at your disposal for similar service at any future time that will be convenient for you.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,



COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 29, 1918.

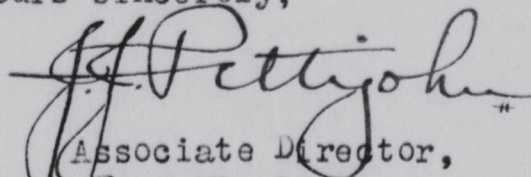
Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

Enclosed is the voucher for your expenses on your recent trip for this Committee. If you will kindly sign the voucher on the line marked "Payee" and designated by an x in lead pencil, and return it to us we will have your check issued as soon as possible.

We have received your letter of November 25th, and are glad to know that you had a pleasant tour. We shall probably not have occasion to call upon you for future services since our Committee is closing up its work. Our office closes tomorrow noon. We greatly appreciate your kind offer of services and also the good work which you have just done for us.

Yours sincerely,

  
Associate Director,  
Four Minute Men.

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GEORGE CREEL, CHAIRMAN  
THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
THE SECRETARY OF WAR  
THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dec. 12, 1918.

Enclosed please find official check No. 15175  
dated Dec. 11, 1918, for \$ 60.00 drawn on the  
Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., by  
C. D. LEE, Special Disbursing Agent, to the order of  
A. H. Silver,  
in payment of account rendered the Committee on Public  
Information for services.

Very truly yours,

DIVISION OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

By

*E. H. Stolley*  
*for*

The above amount is in payment of your in-  
voices as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Amount.</u>
Services Nov. 11 to Nov. 20.		\$60.00



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE CAMP QUARTERMASTER  
CAMP PIKE, ARKANSAS

[1918]

FROM: John M. Culver, Office of the Camp Quartermaster, Camp Pike, Arkansas.  
TO: Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Jewish Temple, Cleveland, Ohio.  
SUBJECT: Your Recent Address at the "Victory Chest" Meeting.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

In a leading Southern newspaper I today read a portion of the wonderful address you delivered at the "Victory Chest" meeting held in Cleveland recently. Words more beautiful or thoughts more nobly expressed I have never read. Future students of Literature in searching for a poetic masterpiece written in prose will surely end their search after reading the first musical paragraph of your late prose poem. It thrilled and inspired me; it enthralled and electrified my friends to whom I read it; and when I had finished the reading and had given your name to them as the writer I was surprised to hear this exclamation from one of my auditors; "Rabbi Silver of Cleveland. My Rabbi-- A man inspired of God!" The speaker was Mr. Jean Strauss of your temple and from him I learned of your great ministry and how gloriously you had succeeded in your work at Cleveland.

Out of my deep enjoyment for your words and thoughts I am writing you asking if you have a publication containing your sermons and addresses. If so is it possible to obtain this work thru any book company? I know of no joy more keen than that which I experienced in reading your few words from the printed page today. You may rest assured that you have a host of new disciples and that we should and will count the hours most advantageously spent reading together from your writings and teachings. Kindly letters of cheer are the soul strings of our existence; words of love and teachings of great truths coming from a man of genius are the very essence of our martial life. We thank you Rabbi Silver for those delightful five minutes we spent in reading your address; we thank you doubly for the enduring inspiration which it has engendered. God is good when he gives to the world such a man as you must surely be.

Very sincerely yours,

John M. Culver.