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The Jewish Advocate

251 CAUSEWAY STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

March 12th, 1923.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

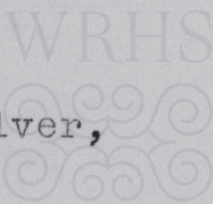
Thank you kindly for furnishing, at our request, MSS. and biographical sketch for publication in the March 15th issue of The Advocate. Our mailing clerk has been instructed to forward you a copy of that edition.

Very cordially yours,

Joseph G. Brin
Managing Editor.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
c/o The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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19 South St.,
Boston, Mass.

Mar. 20, 1923.

Dr. Samuel J. Abrams,
24 Fuller St.,
Brookline.

Dear Doctor,

I take the liberty of enclosing a clipping from Monday's Herald, purporting to be a partial resume of Doctor Silver's address at Ford Hall, Sunday evening.

As you will note, the tenor of the article is a gross misrepresentation of the opinions and sentiments expressed by the speaker and is bound to create in the mind of the reader an utter misapprehension of the attitude of the Jew in his contact with his neighbor of different faith.

Out of justice to Doctor Silver and to our race, I believe that the article in question should be brought to the attention of the editor of the Boston Herald with a view to having a corrected version of the speech published at an early date.

Knowing that you were present at Ford Hall, Sunday evening, I believe that you will see the necessity of not allowing to pass unnoticed this report of a speech which contained no statement which could be construed to disparage any creed and which, in no instance, proclaimed arrogantly or otherwise the superiority of our race.

I am certain that a note from you to the proper authority will bear great weight and will result in a satisfactory explanation.

Respectfully yours,

J. E. Hicken

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Dear Abe - I thought this might interest you -
I have not answered this individual nor taken
his suggestion to write the Herald. Knowing that you
have attended to that already - Thus far, your
letter has not appeared - I'm watching closely, and if it
does not appear shortly, I shall inquire - I trust
you and Virginia are well - Sarah, the children (that vamp,
Hilda!) and I send you our best -
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Rabbi S.J. Abrams
24 Fuller St.,
Brookline, Mass.

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published my letter.

A. H. Silver.



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YOUR LETTER UNPUBLISHED AS YET

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Rabbi S. J. Abrams,
24 Fuller St.,
Brookline, Mass.

Please inquire Boston Herald why my
letter is not published. Highly important that
it should be. Please wire my expense.

A. H. Silver.



March 24/23

Dear Abe, -

The enclosed appeared in the Boston Herald on Saturday morning March 24. Your reply has not appeared as yet. Are you sure yours was properly addressed and mailed? I can't understand why it should not have been printed thus far? Have you written them again? I received your wire, and wired back.

Best wishes from Abrams Quartette -

Fam.

March Twenty-seventh
1923

Editor, The Boston Herald,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:-

On Monday morning, March 19th, there appeared in your paper a report of the address which I delivered before the Ford Hall Forum, in which there was a gross misstatement of my position on the subject of intermarriage.

I took the occasion that same morning to write you a letter (a copy of which I am enclosing herewith) correcting the account. Rabbi Abrams wires me that my letter has not yet appeared in your Newspaper. I wonder why? Did you receive my letter?

It is highly important that that serious misstatement which appeared should be corrected.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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March 19
1923

To the Editor of the Boston Herald,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

I feel constrained to write this note in order to correct some statements made in the report of my lecture printed in your esteemed paper on Monday. The reporter unfortunately misquotes me.

In my lecture at Ford Hall on "Christian and Jew, Will They Ever Meet?", I stated quite clearly that the Jew's opposition to inter-marriage is not one of race but of religion; that it is not because he regards himself as belonging to a superior race but because to sanction inter-marriage would be to sign his death warrant, inasmuch as the second and third generations of an inter-marriage are invariably non-Jewish.

One of the principal ideas which I endeavored to stress in my address was, that the doctrine of race superiority was one of the supreme fictions of the nineteenth century, and that physical merger is not at all necessary for true spiritual unity and fellowship.

Very sincerely yours,

April 9th, 1923.

Mr. Alexander Briss, Editor

The Jewish Advocate,
251 Causeway,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr.

You will recall that on Sunday evening, March 18th I addressed the Ford Hall Forum. The Boston Herald the following morning, in reporting my address grossly misstated my position on the very vital subject of intermarriage and on the subject of the Jews' attitude towards his own race. That same morning I took occasion to write to the Boston Herald a letter, a copy of which I am enclosing herewith. The newspaper did not print that letter. On March 27th, Rabbi Abrams of your city wired me that my letter had not yet appeared. I wrote again to the Boston Herald on March 27th a letter, a copy of which I am enclosing herewith. I have not yet been able to learn why the Boston Herald has consistently refused to publish my letter or to correct its report which misrepresented my position. I am inclined to think that it was not a matter of oversight.

I am anxious that you should give this matter publicity through the medium of your esteemed paper.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

The Jewish Advocate

251 CAUSEWAY STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

13th April 1923.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Referring to yours
of the 9th and enclosures.

I am taking up the
matter with the Boston Herald, and will let
you ^{know} of the results, if any. It is unfor-
tunate that you should have been misquoted.
Though, all in all, I think the splendid
impression you made in Boston has hardly
been detracted from. Yet you can hardly
be blamed for being sensitive about this
editorial manipulation.

With kindest wishes and regards,

Alexander Brin
Editor and Publisher.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

B/R

The Jewish Advocate

251 CAUSEWAY STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

Re Boston Herald

April 21, 1923.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed please find
communication and enclosure received this
morning from the editor of the Boston Herald.



Very cordially yours,

Alexander Brin

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

(enclosures.)

THE BOSTON HERALD

R. L. O'BRIEN, EDITOR

April 20, 1923

My dear Mr. Brin:

This statement by Meyer Shore covered the Rabbi Silver matter so effectively that I did not think it necessary to do it over again, and I assumed that the Rabbi would see the enclosed. One correction of a mistake is about all we can give space to.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. O'Brien

To
Mr. Alexander Brin
The Jewish Advocate
251 Causeway Street
Boston



April 25th, 1923.

Mr. Alexander Brin,
The Jewish Advocate,
251 Causeway St.,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Brin,

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of April 21st. The letter of Mr. O'Brien is of course utterly unsatisfactory. He does not state why he preferred to publish the statement of Mr. Shore while refusing to publish the statement of the speaker himself, nor does he explain why he did not display the minimum courtesy of answering either my first or second letter. I think that the gentleman in question is a mischief maker and should be watched.

With kindest regards I am,

Very sincerely yours,

P.S. You may make whatever use you wish of the correspondence which I sent you.