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Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Jewish delegation from the Soviet Union will be welcomed at a mass reception Thursday evening, July 8th at the Polo Grounds. This will be the first public appearance of the delegation.

It is the consensus of our committee that you more than anybody else would be the ideal spokesman for the National Jewish groups in this country. Other speakers invited to address this welcome reception: Secretary Harold L. Ickes, Madame I. Litvinoff, Mayor La Guardia, and Governor H. Lehman.

We feel that your participation in this first contact between the Jewish delegation of the Soviet Union and the Jews of this country would symbolize the desire on the part of American Jewery to build better and stronger ties of friendship with their Jewish brethren in the USSR.

We would deeply appreciate your decision at the earliest possible moment since the time is very short for so tremendous an undertaking.

Very sincerely yours,

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P.S. Among those who have already accepted membership on the national reception committee outside of yourself are Albert Einstein, Henry Monsky, Mrs. de Sola Pool, Yehuda Menuhin, Baron Edward de Rothschild, Eddie Cantor, Max Rheinhardt, Edward C. Carter, Pierre Van Paasen, and Dr. Serge Koussevitsky.

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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THE COMMITTEE OF JEWISH WRITERS AND ARTISTS IS PUBLISHING A SOUVENIR BOOK IN CONNECTION WITH THE VISIT OF PROFESSOR SOLOMON MICHOELS AND ITZIK FEFFER TO THIS COUNTRY. THIS DELEGATION HAS COME HERE TO CEMENT CULTURAL TIES BETWEEN THE USSR AND USA AND TO HELP BUILD A PERMANENT FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. WE ARE INVITING YOU AS ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING MEMBERS OF THE RECEPTION COMMITTEE TO HONOR US WITH A MESSAGE OF ABOUT 100 WORDS GREETING THE DELEGATION AND EMPHASIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THEIR MISSION TO THIS COUNTRY. WE WOULD LIKE TO PUBLISH YOUR MESSAGE IN THE SOUVENIR BOOK. WE ARE GOING TO PRESS IN A FEW DAYS

JOSEPH BRAININ, SECRETARY,  
NATIONAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE  
55 WEST 42ND STREET ROOM 1349



June 30, 1943

Mr. Joseph Brainin, Secretary  
National Reception Committee  
44 West 42nd St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Brainin:

In reply to your telegram permit me to  
send you the following message for the Souvenir  
Book:

"I am happy to join the many friends of the  
Soviet Union in this country in welcoming Professor  
Solomon Michaels and Itzik Feffer who have come here  
at an opportune time to bring greetings from our  
magnificent and heroic Ally, the Russian people,  
and to receive from us not only our expressions of  
profound admiration but our high hopes that our two  
great peoples may continue to work not only for victory  
in war, but for an enduring peace and a better world in  
the years which will follow the war.

"The Jews of America are particularly proud of  
the way in which the Jews of Russia have fought against  
the barbarous Fascist hordes, and together with their  
fellow citizens have checked the cursed blight of Europe.  
We salute them through their distinguished emissaries  
who are visiting our shores, and we should like to convey  
through them our hopes that closer contacts may be established in  
the future between the Jews of the Soviet Union and those of  
the United States."

Very cordially yours,

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55 WEST 42ND STREET, NEW YORK 18, N. Y. • PENNSYLVANIA 6-4474

*Committee of Jewish Writers and Artists*

July 19, 1943

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As you may know, a delegation from the Soviet Union has just arrived on our shores. Professor Solomon Michoels, President of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee of USSR and Director of the Jewish State Theater in Moscow, and Lieutenant Colonel Itsik Feffer, noted Jewish poet, are the two guests.

Professor Michoels and Colonel Feffer are here to bring to the American people in general and to the American Jewish community in particular a first-hand account of the progress of the war in their country, and of the role the Jews of the Soviet Union are playing in it. In view of the renewed offensive on the Russo-German front, their visit is especially timely.

Professor Michoels and Colonel Feffer will be in Cleveland on Tuesday, July twenty-seventh. We should deeply appreciate your joining with us as members of the Cleveland Reception Committee to help make the visit of the delegation of our fighting Russian ally an impressive one. We are enclosing a card for your reply, but since time is short, we shall assume your acceptance if we do not hear from you to the contrary by July 22nd.

The program for the delegation includes a meeting at the Masonic Auditorium, 3615 Euclid Avenue, on Tuesday, July twenty-seventh, at 8:00 P.M., at which the speakers will include the two guests, as well as Mayor Frank J. Lausche and Mr. Edward J. Blythin. Complimentary reserved seat tickets are enclosed.

Sincerely,

Philmore J. Haber, Chairman, Cleveland Reception Committee  
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*Committee of Jewish Writers and Artists*

July 26, 1943

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel and East 105 Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi

Just a final word about the public reception for the delegates from USSR. As you know, the meeting will take place at the Masonic Auditorium, 3621 Euclid Avenue. The program will start at 8:25 p.m., the first number being a playing of the Shostakovich Quintette by Mrs. Jeanette Cherubini, pianist, and four members of the Cleveland Orchestra. After introductory remarks by me, Mayor Lausche will speak, to be followed by you. The remainder of the program, in order, will include Edward J. Blythin, B.Z. Goldberg, Solomon Michoels, Rabbi David Genuth, and Itzik Feffer.

With thanks for your help in making the affair a success,  
I am,

Sincerely yours

*Philmore J. Haber*

Philmore J. Haber, Chairman  
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PROFESSOR ALBERT EINSTEIN HONORARY PRESIDENT AND SHOLEM ASCH PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN COMMITTEE JEWISH WRITERS ARTISTS AND SCIENTISTS JOIN ME IN INVITING YOU TO SEND US A MESSAGE ON THE OCCASION OF THE MEMORIAL SERVICE MEETING TO BE HELD FOR THE HEROIC MARTYRS OF THE WARSAW GHETTO ON APRIL 30 AT MANHATTAN CENTER THE MEMORIAL MEETING WILL PAY HOMAGE TO THE JEWS OF POLAND WHO OPPOSED THE NAZI FASCIST MILITARY MIGHT PREFERRING TO DIE FIGHTING ON THEIR FEET THAN TO HELP IN THE AGGRESSION AGAINST CIVILIZATION YOUR STATEMENT FOR THIS OCCASION WILL BE A MESSAGE OF HOPE AND ASSURANCE TO JEWS THE WORLD OVER THAT AMERICAN LEADERSHIP IS PARTICIPATING IN THIS WELL DESERVED TRIBUTE RESPECTFULLY YOURS=

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