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October 1, 1948

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th & Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed please find a copy of the letter that went out to the eighteen people we mentioned yesterday.

We'll be looking forward to seeing you next Thursday evening.

Cordially yours,

*Ralph*  
RALPH S. BING

RSB/lf  
encl.



October 1, 1948.

Mrs. L. Horvitz  
2515 Kemper  
Shaker Heights, Ohio

Dear Barbara:

Louis Weitz and I should like to invite you to attend a meeting to be held at Lou's on Thursday evening, October 7th at 8:00. The address is 19201 S. Moreland, Apt. 310.

The Temple Alumni Association has several problems confronting it and we feel that you, along with others invited, can offer advice that will aid in their solution.

The meeting will not be lengthy and your presence will be greatly appreciated.

Cordially,

RALPH S. BING

RBB/lr



# The Temple

EAST 105TH STREET AT ANSEL ROAD

TELEPHONES GARFIELD 0150-0151

## Cleveland

JULIUS J. NODEL  
ASSISTANT RABBI

ABBA HILLEL SILVER, D. D.  
RABBI

HARRY A. LEVY  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

November 5, 1948

My dear Friend:

I address myself to you as a member of the Board of Trustees of The Temple. Your membership on the Board indicates your interest in our beloved institution and in the purposes for which it exists.

The two primary purposes for which a religious institution exists are public worship and religious education. The Temple has for nearly 100 years endeavored to serve these purposes.

We are now beginning the new season of Sunday morning services in The Temple. These offer a weekly period of prayer, spiritual uplift, and helpful guidance to the men and women who attend them. They are, I believe, beautiful and impressive. They have been well attended through the years, but many, many more of our Temple fellowship, especially the younger men and women, should be encouraged to develop the habit of Temple attendance. The Temple cannot bring its spiritual message to them unless they come to receive it.

I believe that the members of the Board of The Temple can set an inspiring example to the congregation by their own regular attendance at the Sunday morning services. By so doing, they will render their maximum service as Trustees to The Temple. Their coming will undoubtedly stimulate others. To attend Temple services regularly together with members of one's family is the most direct way by which to make The Temple central and significant in the lives of our people. To invite friends to attend Temple services is to help spread the message of American Judaism in our community.

As we approach our Centennial, I am eager to see our historic institution, which is famous throughout the nation, attain its highest level of spiritual effectiveness. May I count upon you as a Trustee of The Temple to cooperate with me in this most important task.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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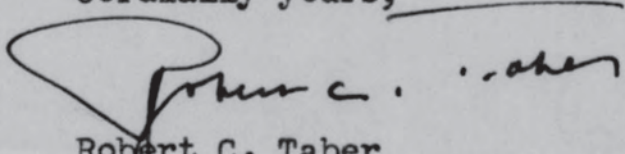
December 20, 1948

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am indeed grateful to you for suggesting that Rabbi Julius J. Nodel serve as a panel discussant for the Delinquency Section of the National Conference of Social Work. Enclosed is a copy of my letter to Rabbi Nodel confirming his acceptance.

Cordially yours,

  
Robert C. Taber  
Director

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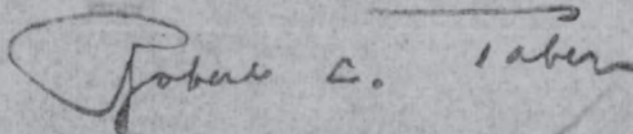
Rabbi Julius J. Nodel  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Nodel:

Thank you for your good letter of December 16 offering to participate in the panel discussion on "The Influence of Motion Pictures and Radio upon Children."

I am delighted with your acceptance, and will look forward to meeting you on Wednesday, June 16. Further details as to time and place of meeting will come to you at a later date.

Cordially yours,



Robert C. Taber  
Director

RCT/bwd



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*Public Relations*

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

Has any thought been given to the possibility of creating a medallion for the 100th anniversary of The Temple? I have in mind a piece about the size of your Spinoza medallion, but in bronze. The face could be the front facade of The Temple, the back could carry the cornerstone inscription and the heads of yourself and the two rabbis who preceded you. Around the rim of the piece could be the dates and any other pertinent copy.

Such a project should be self-liquidating, I believe. In any event, I pass it along as an idea for your consideration in connection with anniversary plans.

Regards

*Stan Friedman*



STANLEY S. FRIEDMAN

*Public Relations*

9 February 1949

Dear Rabbi Silver:

There is now about \$200 in the Neuta Lumberg Fund and I would appreciate your counsel as to the form the memorial should take. You will recall that we discussed this some time ago and felt that the amount raised would influence the nature of the memorial.

As is, for example, the funds could provide an annual award of \$10 in the High School department for twenty years. Over the years contributions could perhaps extend the period, particularly if the fund becomes a regular fund to which people could contribute as they do to the other established funds of The Temple.

Will you please advise me on this matter so that we may go forward with the project and have the award ready for announcement and presentation at graduation exercises this Spring? Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Cordially yours,

*Stan Friedman*



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Congress of the United States  
Committee on Foreign Affairs

House of Representatives

Washington

February 12, 1949

My dear Dr. Silver:

Your letter enclosing copies of the telegrams that you had sent to the President, has just reached me and I am leaving in just a couple of hours for New York. Upon my return, I shall be very pleased to take this matter up personally with the President and explain to him in detail what you and I were talking about. I hope that everything can be arranged satisfactorily.

May I at this time ask you kindly to tell your dear wife that I think she is one of the most wonderful women I have ever met. I watched her all the time I was in Cleveland and she was always so solicitous about you and your tickets, what you were eating and everything else. That is what I call just a dear, sweet wife.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Sol Bloom*

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio

SB:CM



February 17, 1949

Mr. Stanley S. Friedman  
Leader Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Stanley:

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter. I have been out of the city most of the time.

With reference to the use to which the Neuta Lumberg Fund may be put, I do not think that it would be advisable to provide an annual award of \$10 in the High School Department for 20 years. We already have too many small awards in the High School, and we have been thinking seriously of re-converting these awards and reducing their number to make them more significant.

Neuta Lumberg was connected with the Religious School, and I am wondering whether something cannot be set up in the Religious School either in the nature of a collection of volumes on religious education to be placed in our Library and, of course, to carry an appropriate inscription, or perhaps the procurement of a set of maps on the Biblical lands which are so greatly needed in our classrooms. The old maps were also a memorial gift and have now been used for nearly 25 years and they are pretty well used up.

Let me know what you think of it or any other ideas which you may have.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



March 1, 1949

American Friends of the Hebrew University  
10 East 40th Street  
New York 16, New York

My dear Friends:

Does Professor Sukenick intend to lecture in the United States during his visit? I would appreciate if you would let me know; also whether he addresses meetings in English. If so, would it be possible for him to come for a lecture in the next few weeks to Cleveland to speak on some archaeological theme in connection with his studies?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Dictated but not signed



TELEGRAM

MARCH 11, 1949

B'NAI BRITH HILLEL FOUNDATION  
165 WEST 46 STREET  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

WOULD DR. ROTH BE FREE TO OCCUPY MY PULPIT SUNDAY MORNING  
MARCH 27. PLEASE WIRE.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER







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165 W. 46th St.

NEW YORK 19, N. Y.

Phone: PLaza 7-0430

March 14, 1949

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Congregation Tifereth Israel  
E. 105th St. and Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thanks for your wire of the 11th. Dr. Roth can accept the speaking date for Sunday, March 27th, but I rather think it will be necessary for him to travel by air from Cincinnati unless there is a train schedule which will bring him to Cleveland in time for the lecture. He is speaking for Rabbi Heller on the 25th, but Dr. Roth is a Sabbatarian and will not travel on the Sabbath. If he can manage an overnight trip from Cincinnati to Cleveland and arrive on time, I am certain he will agree to that. Should that not be possible, he would probably plan to fly to Cleveland Saturday night and stay there overnight. He must return to Cincinnati for lectures at Hebrew Union College on Monday.

Dr. Roth's fee is \$150 a lecture plus travel expense involved in covering it. Should this be acceptable to you, would you be good enough to fill out the two enclosed Confirmations of Booking and return them to us, naming the subject on which you wish Dr. Roth to speak. The selection could be made from the enclosed listing or on some other phase of Jewish life which you would prefer. Dr. Roth has assured me that he will accept a wide variety of topics. He recently spoke in New York City on "What Does The Future Hold For The Jews."

Perhaps you could also advise us as to the best means of travel for Dr. Roth. I will then ask Cincinnati to make reservations for him. If you prefer that he should come to Cleveland on Saturday night would you be good enough to take care of his hotel expense and advise us where he is to stay.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Benjamin B. Lowell  
National Administrative Assistant

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## CECIL ROTH

Dr. Cecil Roth, eminent Jewish Historian, Reader in Jewish Studies at Oxford University, England, and Lecturer in Jewish History at Jews' College, London, will arrive in the United States for a lecture tour on February 23rd. He will remain in this country during March and April. Dr. Roth has been one of the leading figures in the English Jewish community for the last quarter century. He is equally well known in this country because of his many widely read books on Jewish history and through his previous lecture visits.

At present Dr. Roth is booked for lectures in New York City; at Ohio State University; at Cornell; at the University of Chicago; at Harvard; at Wayne University in Detroit; at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati; at Iowa State University; at the Jewish Publication Society Dinner in Philadelphia; at Brown University; at Wisconsin University; by the Jewish Community in Tulsa and at other universities and Jewish organizations throughout the country.

Dr. Roth who began his historical writings on Jewish subjects shortly after the first World War, is the author of JEWISH CONTRIBUTIONS TO CIVILIZATION, A SHORT HISTORY OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE, THE MAGNIFICENT ROTHSCHILDS, A HISTORY OF THE JEWS IN ENGLAND and many other popular and scholarly works in the Jewish field.

Dr. Roth is a witty and brilliant lecturer, noted for his quick barbs and wealth of clever stories. Though Jewish history has been his major field, he is equally at home discussing French literature or the more amusing aspects of American culture.

Information on Dr. Roth's Lecture Tour may be secured by writing to the National Office of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations, 165 West 46th Street, New York 19, New York, or to the Jewish Center Lecture Bureau, 145 East 32nd St., New York, N.Y.

### Lecture Subjects

Jewish Contribution to Civilization  
~~History of the Jews in Italy~~  
~~History of the Jews in England~~  
~~History of the Marranos~~  
The Jewish Share in the Renaissance  
Unknown Currents in Jewish History  
History and Historiography Illustrated from the  
Jewish Field  
Arts in Jewish History  
The Causal and the Casual in Jewish History  
The Jews in the Italian Renaissance (Academic)  
2000 Years of Jewish Palestine  
The Jewish Revolution of 66-70 (Academic)

February, 1949



March 15, 1949

Mr. Benjamin B. Lowell  
B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation  
165 West 146th Street  
New York 19, New York

My dear Friend:

I am delighted to learn that Dr. Cecil Roth will be able to occupy the pulpit of The Temple on Sunday morning, March 27th. I would appreciate if you would send me some photographs of Dr. Roth and any biographical material which we could use in our publicity. I have chosen as Dr. Roth's subject, "The Jewish Contribution to Civilization".

We are looking forward with great pleasure to Dr. Roth's visit.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



March 16, 1949

Rabbi Benjamin B. Lowell  
B'nai Brith Hillel Foundations  
165 West 46th Street  
New York 19, New York

My dear Rabbi Lowell:

Thank you for your letter of March 14th. Dr. Roth will be able to leave Cincinnati at 11:50 p.m. Saturday night and arrive in Cleveland at 6:55 a.m. Sunday morning in ample time to keep his engagement at The Temple which is at 10:30 a.m. A room has been reserved for him at the Park Lane Villa which is across the street from The Temple. He can leave Cleveland Sunday night at 11:50 p.m. and be in Cincinnati at 7:05 Monday morning in time to keep his appointments at the Hebrew Union College.

There are no early morning flights from Cincinnati to Cleveland. He will, therefore, have to come by train. However, should he wish to leave Cleveland on Sunday afternoon, there is a flight by American Air Lines leaving here at 4:55 p.m. and arriving in Cincinnati at 7:27 p.m.

I would appreciate if you would call the attention of Dr. Roth that his lecture should be in a popular vein - not too technical. He will have about forty minutes for his address. Our services begin at 10:30 and conclude at 12:00. We have selected as his subject, "Jewish Contributions to Civilization".

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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March 18, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Many thanks for your letters of March 15th and 16th  
and for the signed contracts for Dr. Roth's lecture.  
I have conveyed the information to him.

I am enclosing a mat of Dr. Roth and the publicity  
material which we have available.

It is my understanding that you will take care of  
Dr. Roth's travel expenses as well as his hotel  
reservation.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Benjamin B. Lowell  
Administrative Assistant

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March 30, 1949

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Temple Tifereth Israel  
East 105th St. and Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have been informed by Dr. Cecil Roth that his travel expense in order to meet the Cleveland engagement was \$30.89.

I presume this amount will be added to your check in payment of Dr. Roth's lecture. I am taking it for granted that his local hotel expenses were paid by the Temple.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

*Benjamin B. Lowell*  
Rabbi Benjamin B. Lowell  
Administrative Secretary

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March 30, 1949

Dr. Cecil Roth  
B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations  
165 West 46th Street  
New York 19, New York

My dear Dr. Roth:

Upon my return to Cleveland I heard from many who attended the services on Sunday morning of how greatly they enjoyed the message which you brought. I am sorry that I was not in the congregation that morning to hear you. I want to thank you for coming to us, and I hope that I shall have the pleasure of seeing you before you leave the country.

With all good wishes and thanking you again for your kindness in coming to us, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



May 10, 1949

Gov. Harold Stassen, President  
University of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

My dear Governor Stassen:

The Temple of Cleveland, the largest Liberal Jewish congregation in the United States, will hold its 99th Annual Meeting during the week of June 6th. It has been the practice of the congregation to invite to this, the outstanding event of the year, a distinguished personality in American public life to bring a message to the men and women of our fellowship. The Board of Trustees voted unanimously to extend this invitation to you in the realization that a message from you at this time would have great significance not only locally, but nationally as well.

The meeting would be attended by about 2,000 of our fellowship, and your address would be broadcast nationally.

It would give us, and me personally, a deep satisfaction if your crowded schedule would permit you to come. The tentative date for the meeting is Monday, June 6th, but we would be very happy to set it for the 7th or 8th if that would be more convenient for you.

The Temple would, of course, be very happy to meet whatever honorarium is involved.

With all good wishes and hoping that I may hear from you at your earliest convenience, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Via Air Mail



*UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA*

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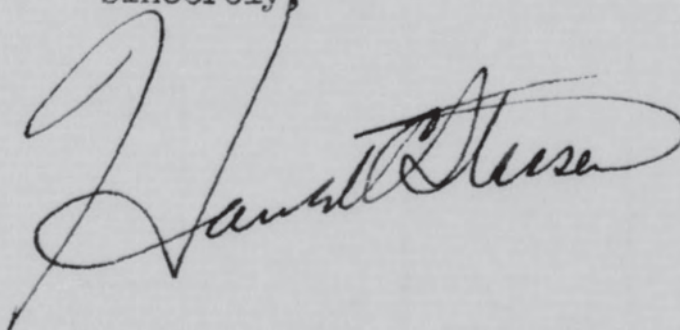
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your kind letter of May 10th, inviting me to address the 99th Annual Meeting of the Temple of Cleveland early this June.

I deeply appreciate this invitation but regret that my schedule at that time due to the Commencement Activities at the University makes it impossible for me to accept.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David D. Reese". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "R".

HES hmo



From Mr. Cecil Roth · 31 Charlbury Road · Oxford  
Telephone 58726

Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> 1949.

Dear Rabbi Silver: -

I can't expect you to  
believe it, but it is true nevertheless.  
But it is only today (while I am  
visiting Jewish candidates  
for the 1950 elections)  
leaving to reply to you  
via note about

my Cleveland address. It was a memorable

occasion for me, not at all because it

was the first time that I have ever

been lectured in a Synagogue: 9.

the audience was most kind.



I was only sorry that I missed  
seeing you on a certain day: next time I hope  
that I will have better fortune. But  
I was at least able to meet you  
somewhere (at Cincinnati). To have  
known me, as well as to your colleagues.

With all good wishes to

You all,

Sincerely yours,

Isidore R.

