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CHARGE TELEGRAM

Jan. 29, 1957

phoned to JO 11:15 A.M.

RICHARD TUCKER
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MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

THE TEMPLE FIXED THE DATE OF MY FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE FOR
SUNDAY MORNING MARCH 24th AND WAS DELIGHTED TO LEARN THAT YOU WILL
SING AT THE SERVICE. IT IS A GREAT JOY TO ME THAT YOU WILL BE
WITH ME ON THIS SIGNIFICANT OCCASION. PLEASE CONFIRM THE DATE
AND I WILL SEND YOU DETAILS LATER ON. WARMEST REGARDS AND ALL
GOOD WISHES

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



February 5, 1957

Mr. Richard Tucker
10 Melville Lane
Great Neck, L.I., New York

My dear Friend:

I was delighted to speak to you over the telephone from Miami and to learn that you will be able to be with us at our 40th anniversary service on Sunday morning, March 24th. I need not tell you how much joy this will give me and how delighted our community will be with your presence.

Complying with your request, I got in touch with the authorities of the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra. They have given us official assurance that they have no objection whatsoever to your singing at our service on the 24th. Such assurance is being sent to us in writing.

We shall make reservations for you and whoever is accompanying you at the Wade Park Manor, which as you probably know is a first class hotel within a block from the Temple.

Our Temple organist and director of music, Mr. A. R. Willard, was thrilled when I told him of the prospect of your participation in the service. He is planning an augmented choir for the occasion. He will be very happy to learn when you plan to arrive so that he can go over your music with you.

As to what you are to sing — I leave that entirely to your own judgment. Please select from your rich cantorial repertoire, the numbers which you would like to sing. If you would send me a list ahead of time I would perhaps indicate the numbers that would most probably fit into the setting of our religious service.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HINLEL SILVER

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reservations made at W.P.M.

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3/23/57

RICHARD TUCKER

10 MELVILLE LANE, GREAT NECK, N. Y.

Feb. 24, 1957

Dear Rabbi Silber,

Just a note to let you know my
members, which I hope to sing at your celebration
service on March 24th. I will have to have my own
accompanist for this occasion, as I will arrive late
Saturday evening and won't have time to rehearse with
a string accompanist. He is Erwin Jospe from Chicago
who is the musical director of Temple Anshe Emeth.

Would your committee please arrange a reservation for
me at the Wade Park Manor? I am listing my program
below. Hoping to see you soon and happy to be able to
share in your celebration ceremonies, I remain,

Sincerely yours

Richard Tucker

Program

- A. If with all your hearts
From "Elijah" - Mendelssohn *Before Shema*
B. Elu Di Vorim - JACOB RAPPAPORT *After*
C. Elohai ad shelo notgarti - Rosenblatt. *after p. 322*
(over)

These numbers can be seen at different intervals during the program, in other words one or two at a time.



March 8, 1957

Mr. Richard Tucker
10 Melville Lane
Great Neck, New York

My dear Friend:

I was delighted to receive your note of February 24th and to learn that Mr. Erwin Jospe will be your accompanist at the organ.

I have also noted the numbers which you will sing during the service. I am delighted with your choice.

We have made reservations for you and for Mr. Jospe at the Wade Park Manor. The invitations for the Anniversary Service have been mailed and the community is looking forward eagerly both to the occasion and to your appearance.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:sl

March 26, 1957

Mr. Richard Tucker
10 Melville Lane
Great Neck, L.I., New York

My dear Friend:

Two days have passed since the beautiful Anniversary Service of last Sunday and I am still under the spell of your beautiful voice and the magnificent selections which you sang.

As I told you, you made the holiday complete for me. You must have sensed also the almost palpable reaction of the great throng of worshippers.

What I said Sunday morning about no one experiencing the deficiency of words as much as the grateful heart, applies to your contribution to the Anniversary Service.

I am looking forward to your coming to Cleveland on April 4th when I shall give myself the pleasure of seeing you. Perhaps we can have lunch or dinner together -- if dinner, at my home.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:sl


P.S. At no time did you indicate to me your honorarium. Please do so.

A.H.S.

RICHARD TUCKER
10 MELVILLE LANE, GREAT NECK, N. Y.

March 31, 1957

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Many thanks for your kind letter
and needless for me to say how much I enjoyed
participating in your celebration and Thanksgiving
Service. I hope and pray that God grant you
and your dear ones  Health and long life to carry
on your important work on behalf of Israel and
our Jewish faith.

In regard to my expenses, I think
\$250 should suffice enough for my accompanist
and expenses. I will arrive in Cleveland on Apr. 3rd
and will call you by telephone. Kindest regards
to Mrs. Silver and your dear family.

Sincerely yours
Richard Tucker

April 1, 1957

Mr. Richard Tucker
10 Melville Lane
Great Neck, L.I., New York

My dear Friend:

Thank you so much for your letter of March 31st. I shall look forward eagerly to seeing you in Cleveland.

I will not, however, be here on April 3rd, as I am scheduled to be in New York on that day, but I am coming back on Friday and will be here, of course, over the week end.

I am embarrassed that you will indicate no honorarium and I need not tell you that I shall never forget the graciousness of your coming to my anniversary celebration and adding so much grandeur to the occasion.

You will hear, I am sure, from the Board of Trustees of The Temple before long.

With warmest regards and looking forward to seeing you during your engagement here, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:sl

April 18, 1957

Mr. Richard Tucker
10 Melville Lane
Great Neck, L.I., New York

My dear Mr. Tucker:

The Board of Trustees of The Temple, at its last meeting, unanimously passed a resolution expressing its profound gratitude to you for participating in our celebration on March 24th. They also voted to present to you, as a token of their appreciation, some valuable Jewish ritual object to remember us.

I am now corresponding with several friends, to locate an attractive Seder plate. It may be some time before I locate the proper one but I will send it to you as soon as we get it and it is properly inscribed.

Again thanking you for your graciousness, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:sl

June 18, 1957

Mr. Richard Tucker
10 Melville Lane
Great Neck, L.I., New York

My dear Friend:

Under separate cover I am sending you a Kiddush Cup which I hope will remind you, when you use it, of your visit to Cleveland on the occasion of my 40th Anniversary and of my deep friendship and esteem for you.

May this cup be for you and for the members of your family always a cup of happiness.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:sl

ABBA HILIEL SILVER

Form 3815- (2-54)

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Great Neck, N.Y.
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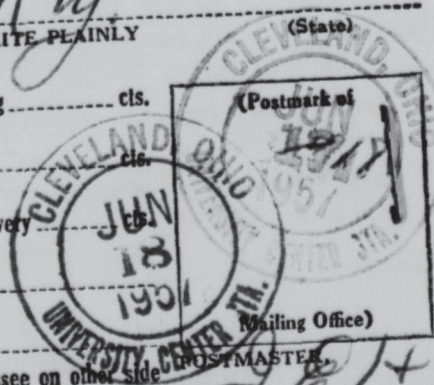
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RICHARD TUCKER
10 MELVILLE LANE, GREAT NECK, N. Y.

July 10, 1957

Dear Mr. Silver,

Just returned from the Far East
after a hectic tour of 2 months, which held many
pleasant experiences for my wife and myself, although
the work was hard due to a very tight schedule.
I received both your wonderful gifts, the Kaddish Cup
and the beautiful water pitcher and tray from
your congregation. My wife and I shall treasure
these gifts with all the warmth of feeling in
which it was given.

May I again say thanks to you and
your congregation, and hope that our friendships will
continue for many years to come. Kindest and
warm regards to you and your family.

Sincerely yours
Richard Tucker

TELEGRAM -(deliver)

Dec. 17, 1957

S.L. - to - D.A.

AMERICAN JEWISH LITERARY FOUNDATION
RICHARD TUCKER TESTIMONIAL DINNER
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NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

HAD HOPED TO ATTEND YOUR TESTIMONIAL DINNER TO MY DEAR FRIEND
RICHARD TUCKER. UNFORTUNATELY I MUST PRESIDE HERE AT A CHANUKAH
CELEBRATION THIS EVENING. I AM DELIGHTED THAT YOU ARE HONORING
A MAN WHO RICHLY DESERVES THE ADMIRATION OF HIS FELLOW JEWS
THROUGHOUT THE NATION, NOT ONLY FOR HIS RARE ARTISTRY WHICH HAS DELIGHTED
MILLIONS BUT FOR THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICES WHICH HE HAS RENDERED HIS
PEOPLE FOR SO MANY YEARS. I SALUTE HIM ON THIS OCCASION AND WISH HIM MANY
MORE YEARS OF WELLBEING AND HAPPINESS

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

RICHARD TUCKER

June 22, 1962

Dear Dr. Silver:

Just a word of sincere thanks for your kind and thoughtful good wishes which cheered me during my recent brief illness. I am feeling fine and getting ready to leave for Rome shortly. I regret that I have had the misfortune of causing such a disappointment and anxiety by having to cancel both appearances but feel reassured that my brother-in-law gave you a wonderful and exciting concert.

Hoping that I may yet have the pleasure of appearing at your Temple and with sincere regards to your wife and family from us all.

Sincerely,

Richard Tucker