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Altoona, Pennsylvania, 1922-1941.

NATHAN L. M. FINEBERG
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW
ALTOONA, PA.
320-321 COMMERCE BUILDING

Altoona

May 10, 1922.

Rabbi Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

The Pennsylvania State Federation of Young Men's Hebrew Associations, and kindred organizations, will hold their State Convention in the City of Altoona, on the 3rd and 4th days of September, 1922.

I am writing you at this time, on behalf of the State Federation, the State Convention Committee, and our local Y. M. H. A., with a view towards ascertaining whether or not you will be in a position to address the Convention mass meeting on Sunday evening, September 3rd. I can assure you that your presence here is greatly desired, and nothing would please the State Federation, its officers and members, more, than your presence at this mass meeting, and I am sure your presence here would do much towards assuring the success of the Convention, and advancing the interests of the State Federation.

I would, therefore, at this time respectfully urge a favorable consideration, and reply that you will attend, at the earliest possible moment.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy and consideration, as well as your prompt attention, I beg to remain

Very respectfully yours,

Nathan L. M. Fineberg
Chairman, Convention Committee.

NF/ER.

May sixteenth, 1922

Mr. Nathan L. M. Fineberg,
Attorney-at-Law,
320 Commerce Building,
Altoona, Penna.

My dear Mr. Fineberg,

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address the Pennsylvania State Federation of Y.M.H.A. Associations on Sunday evening, September 3rd. There is a possibility of my being on the Pacific Coast during the first and second week of September. I cannot, therefore, definitely accept your invitation. Should my plans permit me, however, to remain in this vicinity, I shall be glad to avail myself of the opportunity to visit Altoona.

With kindest regards, I beg to
remain

Very sincerely yours,

NATHAN L.M. FINEBERG
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW
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May 26, 1922.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

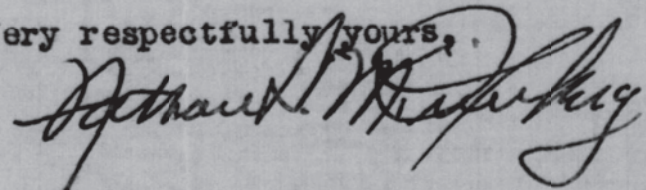
My dear Rabbi Silver:-

I was delighted to receive your reply of the 16th relative to my inquiry as to whether or not you could address the Pennsylvania State Federation of Y. M. H. A. associations, on Sunday evening, September 3rd, at Altoona, Pennsylvania. The mere possibility of securing your services for that evening has created such a profound interest and keyed up everyone in Altoona and vicinity, that it would be a keen disappointment if we would be unable to secure your services for the date stated.

I would, therefore, appreciate your early advices, as to whether you can give me anything more definite as to your trip, to the Pacific Coast, or, could your calendar in any way be arranged at this time so as to make it possible for you to come to Altoona.

In closing I beg to acknowledge my deep appreciation for your kind and prompt reply. Awaiting your further advices, and with kindest regards, I am

Very respectfully yours,



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Altoona, Pa. ✓ X

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RABBI SOLOMON N. BAZELL
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February 4, 1926.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

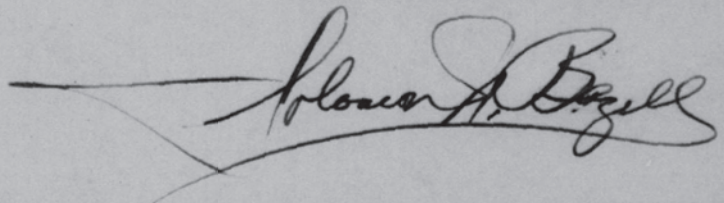
At a meeting last night held by a joint committee it was decided to hold a mass meeting Sunday night February the twenty-first to begin a joint drive for funds for the United Palestine Appeal, the United Jewish Appeal and the local Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

The date that has been chosen had been set at a previous meeting by a small committee for a single purpose, some arrangements had been made and the joint committee therefore thought it advisable to retain the date for the meeting tho it proposed to widen its scope.

I have been asked to communicate with you to invite you to address the meeting. I trust that no previous engagement will prevent your being with us, and am looking forward to being with you on that occasion.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Fraternally yours,



February Seventh
1926

Rabbi Solomon Bazell,
Commerce Building,
Altoona, Pennsylvania,

My dear Rabbi Bazell,

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address the U.P.A. mass meeting to be held on Sunday evening, February 21st. I wish I were in a position to avail myself of the opportunity. I cannot, however, leave Cleveland on a Sunday. It is the day of our principal service of the week and many of our important congregational activities occur on that day.

With kindest regards and wishing
your community every success in your campaign,
I am

Very sincerely yours,

4/12/26

Altoona*

A.H.Silver,

Pittsburg, Pa.

In behalf of myself and West Pennsylvania Executive Committee of United Jewish Campaign and Executive Committee of Altoona Campaign, I request you deliver principal address of opening of Altoona campaign. Altoona not only important and liberal city itself but we have made community center for various surrounding towns with excellent possibilities for our cause.

Altoona, suggest Sunday May 2nd but are prepared to fix date any Sunday in May according your convenience. We urge you accept in order to assure success to this highly important local campaign.

H.C.Lehman, Chairman.

Regret cannot accept your kind
invitation —



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April 19, 1926.

Altoona, Penna.

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My dear Doctor Silver:

Upon my return to Pittsburgh I received your wire saying you could not go to Altoona, to help in the cause of this \$15,000,000 drive.

Mr. Shelang, who is Chairman at Altoona just sent me an urgent message through one of my field men saying they want you, want you badly and do not want anybody else. They are willing to fix any date that is convenient for you, even the first week of June.

I know it is asking a tremendous lot of you, but I would like very much to have you try to arrange a date to go there. I would like to go with you if you can make it. Please again look over your schedule and see if you cannot help me out in this particular instance.

I want to explain to you I am holding the drive all through Western Pennsylvania, eliminating Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh will have its drive in October. If you will help me out in Altoona I will promise to be a good boy and not disturb you again until next Fall.

With kindest personal regards, and awaiting a prompt reply, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Albert C. Lehman

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
% The Temple,
105th St. & Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

*cannot accept
very sorry, Crowder*

April Twenty-fourth
1926

Mr. Albert C. Lehman
Blaw-Knox Company,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr. Lehman

I regret very much indeed that I cannot accept the invitation to go to Altoona in behalf of the ~~Balser~~ *Palestine Campaign*. It will be impossible for me to leave Cleveland for speaking engagements during May. I am very much crowded with the preparation of my Confirmation Class and many important events incident to the closing of my Temple season.

I hope at some future time I may be able to help the Altoona ~~community~~ *community*, but I really cannot accept their invitation for this season.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours

Altoona Community

TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL

NATHAN E. BARASCH, RABBI
2617 BROAD AVENUE

ALTOONA, PA.

Nov 8, 1927

Dear Friend and Colleague:

Mrs. L. Schein wrote to you
and asked you to accept an invitation to
come to Altoona for the Silver Anniversary.
I, too, want to assure you that we would
consider it a privilege to have you
here. If it is possible for you to
accept our invitation we shall do our
utmost in making it pleasant for
you during your visit.

With kindest regards and
best wishes,

Very truly Sincerely
Nathan E. Barasch.

Altoona, Pennsylvania

November 8, 1927.

Rabbi Abbe Hillal Silver,
Euclid Avenue Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

The Sisterhood of the Beth Israel Congregation, Altoona, Pa., is desirous of having you here as their speaker at the Anniversary Banquet in March to which meeting they invite all the members of the Congregation.

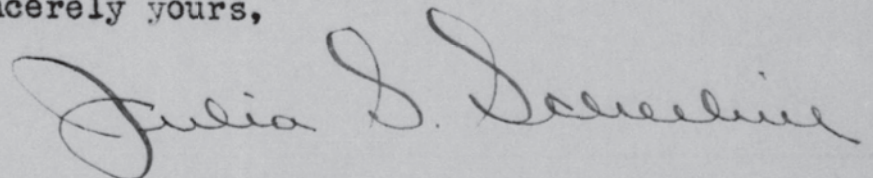
The Sisterhood is now located in the Community center of the new Temple, and want to make this occasion not only a festive affair but one that will bring into the ranks of the Sisterhood many women from the city who ought to be members and to encourage many others to join the Temple. The Sisterhood is not a large body, having in its membership at present but sixty members.

We appreciate that it would be quite impossible for us to extend to you the usual fee that comes to you as a Lecturer of national reputation. We, however, would be delighted to offer you an honorarium of \$100.00. We appreciate that we cannot pay you for your services and that your time is exceedingly valuable but the small communities do need the stimulation from men who are active in the larger field.

We are hopeful that you will find it possible to come to us. We would be delighted to let you set the date in March. Our anniversary falls on the first Wednesday in March, and, of course, the nearer we are to the birthday the more it will seem like an anniversary affair. We do hope that we may have the privilege and the pleasure of having you with us in this community.

With kindest greetings, I am,

Sincerely yours,



Chairman of the Program Committee.

November 23d, 1927.

Miss Julia S. Scheeline,
Altoona, Pa.

My dear Miss Scheeline:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address the Sisterhood of the Beth Israel Congregation on the occasion of its Anniversary in March.

I wish I could see my way clear to accept but unfortunately I am so crowded with lecture engagements this season that I cannot in justice to myself accept any more.

Perhaps at some future time, I may be of service to you.

With kindest regards and wishing you great success in your work, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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DOCTOR ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Oct. 31st, 1928

Rabbi Eugene E. Hibshman
Altoona Jewish Brotherhood
Altoona, Penna.

Regret exceedingly can not accept any more lecture
invitations until next spring. Thanks

A. H. Silver



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Beth Israel Sisterhood

ALTOONA, PA.

January 8, 1932.

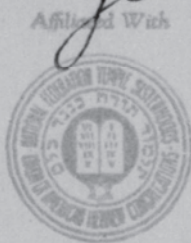
Mr. Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Silver,

Our sisterhood would like to sponsor a lecture, if it would be possible for you to arrange to speak for us some time in April.

I would appreciate hearing from you by return mail, stating what your fee would be, and also what date would be open. We expect to have the lecture given for the general public, Gentile & Jew, & feel confident we can successfully do so, if we get can get as great a speaker as you are. However, if it is impossible for you to come, is there anyone else you could suggest?

Very sincerely
(Mrs. L.T.) Stella D. Sax
2227 Beale Ave.



Jan. 15th, 1932

Mrs. L. T. Sax,
2227 Beale Ave.,
Altoona, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Sax:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of January 8th and for the invitation which you extend to me to address your Sisterhood some time in April.

My program for the month of April is filled and I can not accept any more engagements. I shall be in the East the second week of May and it may be possible for me to come to you on Monday evening, May 16th. My customary honorarium is \$250.

With kindest regards and best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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January 19, 1932.

Mr. Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver,

We regret that we will be unable to take advantage of the opportunity to have to speak for us on May 16th. It would almost be impossible at this time to carry out our plans, as we have no (surplus) funds reserved for speakers, & although we are not thinking of the lecture as a money-making feature, still we would expect the sale of tickets to cover all expenses, & it would be very difficult to sell \$250. - worth of tickets. Personally, I regret exceedingly that we will be unable to have the lecture, but I hope some other time to have the pleasure of hearing you.

Very sincerely,
(Mrs. L. I.) Stella D. Say



MRS. JULES WEINBERG
1502 NINETEENTH STREET
ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA

December 17, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I take the liberty of addressing this communication to you inasmuch as I am president of the Altoona Chapter of Senior Hadassah. We are planning for our Donor Dinner during the first week of April.

We know that you are somewhat familiar with Altoona and its surroundings, but somehow or other Hadassah has not made the progress by way of membership that we feel it should have in the past several years. As for myself and my associates, we are unalterably of the opinion that our membership can be tripled at such a dinner as the Donor Dinner with you to inspire local Jewry. However, our membership is of such limited number, and our funds are so meager that we have long debated the question of presenting our problem to you and asking for your able assistance. Knowing that your heart and soul is devoted to Palestine, we are being bold enough to ask you to come to Altoona as a speaker for our Donor Dinner although we are not able to expend more than the sum of one hundred and no/100 dollars (\$100.00) for the occasion.

We full well realize that this is an imposition upon you Rabbi, but we feel so keenly about the activities and work of Hadassah that we proffer this to you in every hope you will find it possible to lend your great personality to this area for the sole purpose of engendering a paramount interest in Hadassah work.

Accept our thanks for considering this letter. We anxiously await your reply that you will consent to come to Altoona to inspire local Jewry in behalf of Hadassah. Should the first week of April not be convenient for you, you may set any date during that month which coincides with your other plans.

Sincerely yours,

Escher C. Weinberg
Mrs. Jules Weinberg

January 3, 1941

Mrs. Jules Weinberg
1502 Nineteenth Street
Altoona, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Weinberg:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your kind letter. I have been away from Cleveland most of the time and my correspondence has unfortunately lagged.

I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness in inviting me to address the Donor Dinner of the Altoona Chapter of Hadassah. Were I free, I would be delighted to come. Unfortunately I am so overburdened with work in connection with the United Palestine Appeal that I cannot in justice to myself take on any additional responsibilities. As it is, I am away from my own Temple three and four days a week. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes for success in your splendid work, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK