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Bay City, Michigan, 1921-1934.

Trinity Episcopal Church

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

May 28th., 1921.

Rabbi Abba Silver,

Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

A number of your Bay City friends have given me your name as a possible speaker for an early session of the Forum which we have been conducting at the Elk's Club since 1918. I hope that you can see your way clear to come.

We want constructive talks upon the vital questions of the times,- industrial, civic, sociological etc. We have a "stag" dinner about 6:30 p.m., after which the address of the evening is given, followed sometimes by questions from the men. The attendance varies between one and two hundred, and is composed of representative men from diversified vocations and professions.

The matter of the date is subject to your convenience, except that we should have this meeting before the 15th of June. We of course pay expenses, and such honorarium as may be determined in each case.

I should be glad to receive your early reply and acceptance, if possible, together with such information as you can give us for publicity.

Sincerely yours,

J. A. Schaud,
Chairman Forum Committee

May 31st, 1921

Mr. J. A. Schaad,
Chairman Forum Committee
Trinity Episcopal Church,
Bay City, Mich.

My dear Mr. Schaad,

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address a meeting of your Forum. I should be delighted to avail myself of this opportunity, but my lecture program for the season is closed, and I shall in all probability leave on my vacation the early part of June.

Trusting that I may be of some service to you at a future date, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,



Office of the Secretary

Bay City Lodge, No. 178

I. O. B. B.

Regular Monthly Meetings Every Alternate Sunday, 2 P. M.

Bay City, Mich., March 18, 1922

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

I wish to inform you that Bay City Lodge, I. O. B. B. #178, will celebrate a Golden Anniversary to which all the Lodges of the State of Michigan and the officers of the Grand Lodge will be invited. We intend to celebrate with a Banquet at which about six hundred people will be present and have been planning on you for some time as principal speaker of the celebration.

As Chairman of Intellectual Advancement Committee, I, in the name of the Bay City Lodge, take the pleasure and liberty of extending to you the invitation.

In the past we have been honored with the pleasure of hearing our late beloved Brother, Professor G. Deutsch on several different occasions.

Please let us know at once if you will be in a position to accept our invitation on any of the following dates, April 28th, May 6th or May 13th, the earlier dates preferable.

We assume all expense and our Lodge and visitors will be very sadly disappointed if you cannot accept as we have been anticipating the pleasure of hearing you for some time.

Anxiously awaiting your reply, I am

Very respectfully yours,

A. A. Immerman

Chairman Intellectual Advancement Committee.

GRABOWSKY BROTHERS

JEWELERS—OPTICIANS

PHOENIX BLOCK

BAY CITY, MICH., 3/20/22.

Rabbi A.H. Silver.

Cleveland, O.

Dear Sir,—

The Rev. J.A. Schaad, Rector of the local Trinity Episcopal Church, is chairman of the Forum Committee of #88 local lodge of Elks. I am not a member of the committee, but like myself, Rev. Schaad had heard a good deal about you. Last year, Rev. Schaad requested me to procure your address, stating that he wished to write to you. Since then he has mentioned a few times that he wrote to you and never even received a reply, which seemed rather embarrassing to me. He and I, still hope to get you here for a talk before the Elk's Forum, and trust you will be able to come just after Easter.

The Forum is preceded by a dinner about 6.30 P.M.; then the speaker is introduced and gives his talk; and then the Speaker is ready to answer any questions that may be asked. It is a very informal affair. Last year we had such men, as Prof. Wenley of the U. of M., Bishop Williams of Detroit, and others; and last year's last speaker was Rabbi Franklin of Detroit. Rabbi Franklin made a wonderful impression and was considered "a star"; and he told me how well pleased he was with his trip here. I wish you would write him about the nature of his talk and his visit here.

Rev. Schaad is a very democratic man, very jovial and tactful and is well known throughout Michigan. The author of the book, "The Inside of the Cup" obtained some of his inspirations from Rev. Schaad. My sister, Miss Belle Grabowsky, often writes about her visits to your Temple. I would be very grateful if you will write direct to Rev. J.A. Schaad. for detailed information. Hoping to hear favorably from you, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

Sam A. Grabowsky

copy of this
letter sent to
Benj. F. Heener, Flint, Mich.
Mar. 29/22

March 21st, 1922.

Mr. A. A. Immerman
Bay City Lodge, No. 178, I.O.B.B.
Bay City, Michigan.

My dear Mr. Immerman,

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter. I wish I were in a position to avail myself of your kind invitation to address the Golden Anniversary of the Bay City Lodge, I.O.B.B. I have been compelled on account of my state of health to decline any more engagements for the coming months. As it is, I am over crowded. I trust that your celebration will prove a great success and I do hope that some time in the future I may have the opportunity of being of service to you.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Bay City
Michigan Council of B'nai B'rith Lodges

Organized Dec. 5th, 1920

Flint Mich 3/14/22
Rabbi Abba Kille Silver
Cleveland Ohio

My Dear Rabbi -

The Mich Council of B'nai B'rith
Lodges have the honor of inviting
you to be the speaker of the evening
at Bay City Lodge #178 either on April 18th,
May 6th or May 13th on the occasion
of their Golden Anniversary Celebration
sum one of the above dates agreeable
to you. As President of Mich Council
of B'nai B'rith Lodges I hope this
opportunity is pleasant & extending
to you this invitation to honor
& grace this historical & significant
occasion with your presence &
your eloquence.

Trusting to receive a favorable
reply I am very

Sincerely yours

Benj. F. Wiener
301 N. Sag. St.

Flint Mich

March 29th, 1922

Mr. Henry Hurwitz,
Intercollegiate Menorah Assn.,
167 West 13th Street,
1001 South Saginaw Street,
Flint, Mich.

My dear Mr. Hurwitz,

My dear Mr. Wiener,

I am now interesting a group of college

men of this city in the Menorah work. I plan to hold
a meeting as soon as the arrangements are made.
Permit me to thank you for your kind
invitation. I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter
which I sent to Mr. A. A. Immerman, under date of

the 21st instant.

Thanking you again for your kind in-
vitation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

GRABOWSKY BROTHERS

JEWELERS—OPTICIANS

PHOENIX BLOCK

BAY CITY, MICH., 4/4/22.

Rabbi A.H.Silver.
Cleveland.
Dear Sir,-

Your esteemed favor of the 3rd. duly noted.

Perhaps at some future time an arrangement may be made so
that you can visit Bay City and address both the B'nai
B'Brith and the Elk's Forum.
me, I beg to remain,

Thanking you for writing

Sincerely yours,

Sam G. Grabowsky
Chas Silver

April twenty-ninth, 1922

Mr. Samuel A. Grabowsky,
Bay City, Michigan.

My dear Mr. Grabowsky,

I do not recall having received a letter from Rev. Schaad. It may have been received here during my absence, or it may have gone astray.

I should have ~~felt~~ very happy to comply with Rev. Schaad's invitation to address the Forum of the Elks, but unfortunately I shall not be in a position this season to do so. I have just been compelled to decline the invitation of your local B'nai B'rith Lodge, as I am very much overburdened with lecture engagements for the next two months.

Perhaps next season I may be able to be of some service to you.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

My Dear Dr Silver:

Just heard you were coming to Atlantic City from address on November 1st & 2nd. As program chairman of Council of Jewish Women wondered if you could address us so we could make a little money for our welfare work. At this year as buying books for children in Junior & Senior High Schools. If you could give us Sun day, Monday or Tuesday evenings it would give us an

opportunity of hearing you that
we all here have long wished
for. Do hope you can join
us and if you have the
evening free perhaps you could
dine with us go its many
years since I heard you in
Pittsburgh. Kindest
regards I am

Very sincerely yours
(Mrs Fred) Daisy Susterick.

October 23, 1934.

Mrs. Fred Wolf,
5001 Atlantic Ave.,
Atlantic City, N.J.

My dear Mrs. Wolf:

Let me thank you for your kind letter. I wish I were free to accept your invitation. Unfortunately I must return to Cleveland immediately after my address before the New Jersey State Teachers' Association.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK