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Benton Harbor, Michigan, 1927-1937.



# BENTON HARBOR HEBREW SCHOOL

114 LAKE STREET

## COURSES:

Hebrew, Literature, Modern and Ancient.  
Bible, History, Yiddish, Mishnah, Talmud

Benton Harbor, Michigan

October 24, 1927

Rabbi Abba H. Silver  
Cleveland Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

As a result of the lack of interest in Judaism on the part of the Jewish youth in this city and the lack of funds to get here a Jewish Rabbi, we have established here a Jewish open forum in order to create within them a sense of exultation in those experiences of their people which have constituted for the race the very footprints of God, and to implant within them a high ambition to contribute his share towards the perpetuation and enrichment of its spirit, we therefore appeal to you and beg of you as a famous Rabbi to assist us, to donate to us one evening to come here and speak to us on any topic that you may choose concerning Judaism, it is understood that all expense will be paid by us.

Trusting that you will honor us with a visit at any date you may see fit, . . . Waiting for your early reply, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

*A. B. Cohen Sec.*



November 2, 1927.

Mr. A. B. Cohen,  
Benton Harbor Hebrew School,  
114 Lake Street,  
Benton Harbor, Mich.

My dear Mr. Cohen:

Permit me to thank you  
for your kind letter of October 24th  
and for the invitation which you  
extend to me to address your open forum.

I wish I could see my way  
clear to come but unfortunately I  
am so heavily dated up with lecture  
engagements 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, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:NEB



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Benton Harbor, Michigan

January 2, 1928

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
c/o. The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver;

According to your communication of Nov. 2, 1927. You have promised us that at some future time you may honor us with a visit to our city and address our open forum. I have been informed that you are going to be in Chicago sometime this month, may beg of you again that while in Chicago you may spare one evening and come here to address our forum, our city is only 85 miles of Chicago. With you being here one evening you may do here very much toward awakening in the hearts of our youth the spirit of the Jewish religion, Nationalism and Zionism, which at present they have no interest in all these.

I beg of you again as a famous Rabbi to assist us and donate to us one address any day you may see fit.

Waiting for a favorable reply from you, I remain

Very respectfully yours,

*A. B. Cohen*  
*Sec.*



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January 4th, 1928.

A. B. Cohen, Secretary,  
Benton Harbor Hebrew School,  
114 Lake St.,  
Benton Harbor, Michigan.

My dear Mr. Cohen:-

It will not be possible  
for me to come to you this season. I have  
already involved myself in more lecture  
engagements than I should have and I must  
return to Cleveland immediately after my  
Chicago address.

With kindest regards,  
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS, IR



Benton Harbor - St. Joseph  
Young Men's Christian Association

233 Michigan Street, Benton Harbor, Mich.

TELEPHONE DIAL 5-1158

February 19, 1937

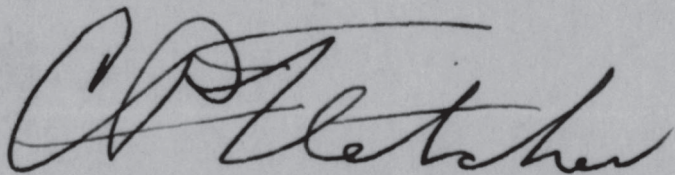
Rabbi Hillel Silver  
Cleveland  
Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I have just been talking with a man who heard you speak at the First Presbyterian church in Kalamazoo this season.

Do you do your own booking, or must one secure you through a bureau? We would like to have you come to this twin city community of Benton Harbor and St. Joseph sometime next winter. Kindly indicate what you would need to charge us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. P. Fletcher".

Secretary

CPF:AA



March 1, 1937

Mr. C. P. Fletcher, Secretary,  
Young Men's Christian Association,  
233 Michigan Street,  
Benton Harbor, Michigan.

My dear Mr. Fletcher:

It may be possible for Rabbi Silver to  
come to your community some time next winter.  
His customary honorarium is \$200.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.