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Birmingham, Alabama, 1921-1960.

April 26th, 1921

Rabbi Morris Newfield  
Temple Emanu-El,  
Highland Ave. and Twenty-first St.,  
Birmingham, Ala.

My dear Rabbi Newfield,

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address a meeting of your community, some time in May, in the interest of the Palestine Restoration Fund.

I should indeed have been most happy to accept, but unfortunately, the month of May is very much overcrowded with rabbinical duties incident to the Confirmation season and the closing of the congregational activities for the summer. I cannot, therefore, leave Cleveland.

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

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,



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MRS. W. L. MURDOCH  
4008 NINTH COURT SOUTH  
BIRMINGHAM  
ALABAMA

January 7

Rabbi Silver , Cleveland  
Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver;

Would it be possible for you to  
be the chief speaker at the Alabama Conference of Social  
Work in April?

We know the many demands upon your time and those of  
us who had the inspiration of your words in Cleveland know  
how many are deamnding your presence , but we wonder if  
any state needs you more than Alabama/

We are , I believe the only state which has a legisla-  
tive session only once in four years , this is the year-  
so it is a strategic time in Alabama , and we feel you  
could bring such inspiration to us as few in this country  
re able to do.

We want you for the evening on the 3rd-

which is Sunday and there is a through sleeper from Cleveland which comes to Attalla and a Taxi takes you to Gadsden where the meeting is to be held.

Will you not try to make some plan by which you can do this? Dr Newfield is our President and I am Chairman of the Program committee and we all feel if you would just come to us our Conference would be a success.

Sometimes it is better to do such missionary work as this would be , than to go to a great center where the audience would be larger but perhaps the opportunity for service not so great.

May I ask if you will let me hear from you as to this? The Conference can only promise to pay expenses.

Hoping to hear that you will be with us ,

Most cordially yours ,

(Mrs W L. Murdoch)

*W. L. Murdoch*

MRS. W. L. MURDOCH  
4008 NINTH COURT SOUTH  
BIRMINGHAM  
ALABAMA



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January 24th, 1927.

Mrs. W. L. Murdoch,  
4008 Ninth Court South,  
Birmingham, Ala.

My dear Mrs. Murdoch,

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of January 7th. I wish I could see my way clear to come to the conference of the Alabama Social Workers in April. Nothing would please me more but I am so heavily booked up with lecture engagements for the next few months 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,

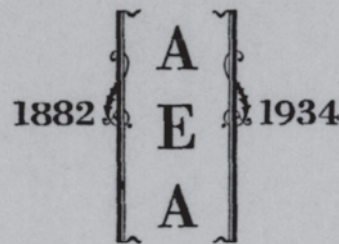


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MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA  
January 12, 1935

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Would it be possible for you to address a general session of the Alabama Education Association in annual convention in Birmingham, on Thursday evening, March 28, next? Our Association enrolls about eleven thousand superintendents, principals, supervisors, and classroom teachers. We have about twenty-five hundred present at the general sessions.

At this time, I am not ready to suggest a topic to you. In fact, I am perfectly willing to leave the theme of your talk to you, feeling certain that your address would prove profitable to us.

Please let me know whether we may look forward to having you with us next March and what compensation you would expect in case you find it possible to accept this invitation.

Yours very truly,

Frank L. Grove,  
Secretary.

FLG/1



January 21, 1935.

Mr. Frank L. Grove, Secretary,  
Alabama Education Association,  
21 Adams Ave.,  
Montgomery, Alabama.

My dear Mr. Grove:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of January 12 and for the invitation which you extend to me to address the Alabama Education Association on March 28. It would have given me great pleasure indeed to accept your invitation. Unfortunately my schedule will not permit me to absent myself from my duties here for the three or four days that it would require to go to Birmingham and return. My schedule for the next few months is very crowded with both local and out of town lectures.

Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you. With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



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700 NORTH EIGHTEENTH STREET

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BENJAMIN A. ROTH  
*Executive Director*

September 24, 1935

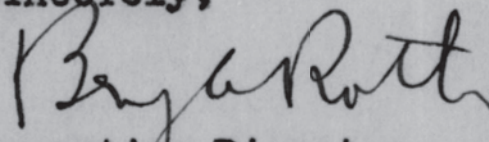
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I understand that you will be on a speaking tour in this vicinity this winter. I am wondering whether or not we could arrange to have you speak here while on your tour. As our Educational Committee does not have much money to spend on speakers, I would appreciate your advising me what your minimum charge would be.

Thanking you for your attention to this, and with best wishes for the New Year, I am

Sincerely,




Executive Director



September 30, 1935

Mr. Benjamin A. Roth,  
Young Men's Hebrew Association,  
700 North Eighteenth Street,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

My dear Mr. Roth:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of September 24 and for the invitation which you extend to me to address a meeting under the auspices of the Young Men's Hebrew Association. 

I have accepted no invitation in your vicinity this year. I do not know whether I shall be able to get away for a few lectures down south this season. If I have the time, I shall be very pleased to get in touch with you.

With all good wishes for a happy new year,  
I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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2100 HIGHLAND AVENUE

PHONE 3-9583

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

DR. MORRIS NEWFIELD, RABBI  
RABBI MYRON SILVERMAN, ASSISTANT

EDNA WALD, OFFICE SECRETARY

October 19, 1938

Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Friend:

I am requested by the President of the United Jewish Fund to contact you in a matter that is of great importance to our community.

Several years ago, the Jewish community, embracing all congregations <sup>and other organizations</sup> in our city, have formed a joint body to make an Annual Appeal in behalf of all overseas and national institutions who need our support. You may recall that two years ago, I endeavored to secure your visit to Birmingham for the purpose of having you address our united community in behalf of that Appeal. Previous engagements prevented your acceptance of my urgent invitation. You also assured me of your willingness to come on some other occasion. This encourages me to renew my former invitation and my urgent request for a favorable answer.

Our Annual Appeal will be held either the first or second week of January 1939. Our plan is to open the Appeal with a large banquet at which you are to deliver the address outlining the situation and the need for wholehearted and generous response for help on the part of the Birmingham community. For your information, I want to tell you that of the funds gathered, we always budgeted the same amount to the United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee. In addition, we appropriate a large amount for the Hadassah work. As the Chairman on the United Palestine Appeal, you will be glad to know of this situation.

We will not set a date for the banquet until we hear from you as to your choice of date during the first ten or twelve days of January.

Please take this invitation as coming not only from myself but from the entire Jewish community who are most eager to have you visit us and come under the spell of your eloquence. Last year our guest-speaker was Rabbi Isserman, and two years ago, was Dr. Freehof, both of whom made very eloquent and forceful appeals. Our community responded whole-heartedly. The situation abroad is desperate and we propose to raise larger funds than in any previous year. We are confident that if you accept our invitation, we will achieve our goal.

Let me appeal to you personally. I would love to have you visit us. You expressed your willingness to me personally that some day you will do it. This is the time when we need you most.

Hoping for an early and favorable answer, I remain

Yours fraternally,

*Morris Newfield*

Morris Newfield



November 1, 1938

Dr. Morris Newfield  
Temple Emanu-El  
2100 Highland Avenue  
Birmingham, Ala.

My Dear Dr. Newfield:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your letter. I was confined to my home with a severe cold for nearly a week and my correspondence has accordingly lagged.

I greatly appreciate your kind invitation to address the opening meeting of your United Jewish Fund Campaign in January. I have been going through my schedule and I find it very crowded. I have but one free day and that is on Monday, January 16. I will be in Washington the day before, and I am scheduled to address the convention of the American Hebrew Congregations on Tuesday. I may be able to sandwich in an engagement in Birmingham on the 16. Let me know if that evening is convenient for you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



## Temple Emanu-El

2100 HIGHLAND AVENUE

PHONE 3-9583

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

November 3, 1938

Dr. Abba Silver,  
The Temple,  
E. 105 St. at Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:

I am taking the liberty of answering your communication to Dr. Newfield with reference to an address for our United Jewish Fund Campaign on the night of January 16.

I know you will be distressed to learn that Dr. Newfield suffered a severe heart attack this past week-end and is in the hospital. His doctors assure us, however, that he is making a steady improvement which is quite encouraging and we hope to have him at home in about ten days.

In the meanwhile I have referred your letter to Mr. William Engel, President of the United Jewish Fund, who is calling a meeting immediately to consider the date you suggest. You will, no doubt, hear definitely from him within a few days.

I trust that you have completely recovered from your recent illness. With sincere personal greetings, I am

Very cordially yours,

Myron Silverman



ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42nd STREET  
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

March 23rd, 1949

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Abraham Berkowitz of Birmingham, Alabama has requested me to extend to you his cordial invitation to address the Alabama Annual Zionist Day banquet in Birmingham on May 15th.

I shall be grateful if you would advise me at your earliest convenience whether you can accept this invitation.

Very sincerely yours,

*Judith Daniel*  
Mrs. Howard Daniel  
Speakers' Bureau

JD:gh



April 1, 1949

Mrs. Howard Daniel  
Zionist Organization of America  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, New York

My dear Mrs. Daniel:

In reply to your letter of March 23rd, it will not be possible for me to address the Alabama Annual Zionist Day banquet on May 15th since I must be in my own pulpit in Cleveland on that day. Will you please convey my regrets to Mr. Abraham Berkowitz.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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February 6, 1950.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

In January, 1939, you addressed the Birmingham Jewish Community on the occasion of the opening of the 1939 campaign of the United Jewish Fund (the Birmingham Jewish Welfare Fund.) Those who heard you have never forgotten your address. Some of those in attendance could not grasp your description of conditions in Germany, Italy, Eastern Europe and the Arab countries with their effect on the World Jewish Community. But they know now and have known for a number of years that your vision was clear.

At the close of the meeting I requested that at some near future date you address the membership of the Birmingham Zionist District. Your response was that as soon as possible you would return to Birmingham. But the events that followed convinced us that your time must be spent elsewhere--the British White Paper, the War, the liquidation of millions of Jews, the Anglo-American Committee on Palestine, the United Nations, the Unscop, the U.N. Resolution on Partition of Palestine, the British Evacuation of Palestine, the Jewish-Arab Wars, the Establishment of the State of Israel, the Internal Dissensions on the WZO with the tragic results bringing about your temporary retirement.

I am no longer young and cannot get about much. But I know that the dynamic urge toward the realization of the Basle Program has been spent and a feeling of lethargy prevails among the membership of the ZOA. We are losing ground and are in danger of disintegration. We need a strong "Shot in the arm" as there is much yet to be done. I had contact with most of the able men who led the Zionist Movement in the U.S.--Gottheil, Magnes, Wise, Brandeis, Mack, Lipsky, Friedenwald and those who came later. In my book Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver is, has been and will be the most potent Zionist leader that America has produced. This is not flattery. I have expressed this opinion privately and from the platform.

Now, to the point. On Sunday night, May 14th, Birmingham Zionists will hold their Ninth Annual Zionist Day; also the celebration of the Second Anniversary of the Proclamation of the State of Israel. Aside from the purpose of propaganda we raise the Zionist funds necessary--American Zionist Fund, Brandeis Camp and general Youth Work; and to, and including 1949, J.N.F. May we hope that you will address the meeting on May 14th, 1950? Birmingham

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Zionists need your presence on that occasion, particularly the new crop of Zionists, many of whom joined because of the philanthropic appeal. You alone can give us a new starting point and direction for the work yet to be done by American Zionists.

Hoping for an affirmative reply I remain

Faithfully yours,

Ike Abelson

Habitat 66, Hillside, Chicago, Illinois

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Enclosed for you are the minutes of the meeting of the American Jewish Archives, held on the 15th of January, 1950. I am sure that you will find them of interest. I am also enclosing a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the American Jewish Archives, held on the 15th of January, 1950. I am sure that you will find them of interest.



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February 8, 1950

Mr. Ike Abelson  
Alabama Novelty House, Inc.  
2201 Second Ave., North  
Birmingham 3, Alabama

My dear Friend:

I thank you very much for your letter of February 6th. I deeply appreciate all the kind things which you say about me. I should like to come to Birmingham, but my schedule for the remainder of the season is so heavily crowded with out-of-town engagements that I cannot, in justice to myself, take on any additional ones.

The meeting to which you refer and which is to be held on May 14th would be one which I should like to attend. However, my Temple is celebrating its 100th anniversary on that very day. In fact, I have been extremely busy with activities in connection with this Centennial event.

I hope that fortune will favor me and that I shall be able to come to Birmingham some time in the future.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er





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Feb. 10, 1950.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Permit me to thank you for your prompt reply to my letter of the 6th inst. Of course I am deeply disappointed that you cannot be with us on May 14th.

I shall turn your letter over to the younger members of our official Zionist family. Perhaps they will be favored with a visit by you in the not too distant future. Time is running out for me. Physical infirmities have slowed down my activities to the proverbial "whisper." But the Cause is still dear to me.

Hoping that the Centennial of the Temple will prove to be everything you desire I am

Faithfully yours,

*Ike Abelson*



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=TODAY OVER LONG DISTANCE AS CHAIRMAN OF UNITED JEWISH FUND FOR BIRMINGHAM I ENDEAVORED TO TALK TO RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER TO ASK HIS ASSISTANCE IN BEING WITH US FOR OUR 1951 DRIVE FOR UNITED JEWIS FUND AT OPENING MASS MEETING MONDAY NIGHT NOVEMBER 6TH SOULD YOU KINDLY WIRE ME COLLECT NIGHT LETTER YOUR THOUGHTS IF WE MIGHT BE FORTUNATE TO HAVE HIM WITH US ON THAT DATE FOR THIS IMPORTANT WORTHY OCCASION THANKS=

=HYMAN S MILLER 1924 2ND AVE N=



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August 14, 1950

Mr. Hyman S. Miller  
1924 2nd Ave.  
Birmingham, Ala.

Dear Mr. Miller:

In response to your telegram of August 11th, it is impossible to make any arrangements for my father to accept any speaking engagements. I shall suggest, however, that you try to reach my father sometime after August 25th when he is expected back.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel Silver

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DISTANCE TALKS WITH MR BAMBERGER HOW DESIROUS WE ARE OF HAVING  
YOU WITH US FOR THE BEGINNING OF OUR 1951 UNITED JEWIS FUND  
DRIVE ON THE EVENING OF MONDAY NOVEMBER 6TH WE HAVE A BIG JOB  
TO DO HERE A JOB THAT WILL TAKE EVERYTHING WE HAVE TO BE  
SUCCESSFUL AND IMPETUS GIVEN AT THE BEGINNING WILL BE THE MOST  
DECISIVE FACTOR IN ACHIEVING SUCCESS THERE IS A UNAMOUS FEELING  
AMONGST ALL MEMBERS OF THE BHAM FUND BOARD THAT YOU ARE THE  
MAN OF ALL MEN THAT HAS THE NECESSARY POWER AND CONVICRION YOU  
HAVE SO MANY ADMIRERS FROM YOUR PREVIOUS VISIT HERE THAT THE  
ENTREE IS ALREADY MADE WE NEED YOU VERY VERY MUCH WE OF COURSE  
WILL BE GLAD TO TENDER HOMORARIUM AND EXPENSES PLEASE GIVE US  
EVERY CONSIDERATION FOR A FAVORABLE AFFIRMATIVE REPLY REGARDS  
=HYMAN S MILLER CHAIRMAN 1951 UNITED JEWISH FUND  
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AUGUST 28, 1950

HYMAN S. MILLER  
1924 SECOND AVENUE NORTH  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR GRACIOUS INVITATION. REGRET VERY MUCH  
THAT OWING TO OTHER COMMITMENTS I AM UNABLE TO ACCEPT IT. I  
WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER





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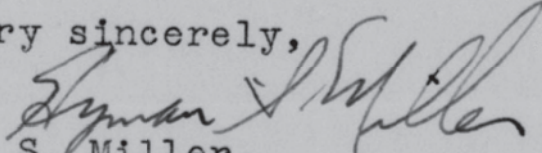
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D.D.  
% The Temple  
East 105th St. at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It was with deep regret that we read the wire which you was kind enough to send us, advising that due to previous commitments you could not be with us on November 6th to Spearhead our 1951 United Jewish Fund Drive.

Thanks for your good wishes, and may I wish you everything good for the New Year.

Very sincerely,

  
H. S. Miller  
Chairman 1951 Drive

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# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42nd STREET • NEW YORK 17, N. Y. • MURRAY HILL 2-3205

January 21, 1953

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

This letter is addressed to you in behalf of the Jewish community of Birmingham, Alabama.

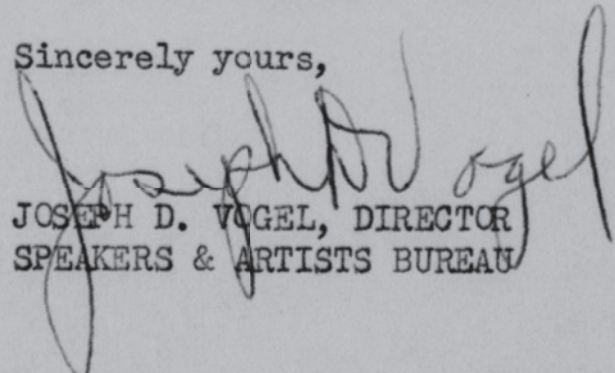
Each year, Birmingham Jewry climaxes its fund-raising efforts for Israel with a huge banquet, the principal event on the calendar of the Jewish community. The day of the event is designated as Annual Zionist Day.

You would be conferring a great distinction upon the Birmingham Jewish community by accepting the invitation to be the guest of honor on this significant occasion.

It is planned to hold the event during April or May. The Birmingham Jewish leaders would, however, be most happy to set the exact date for any Sunday evening during those two months which would be agreeable and convenient to you.

It is our earnest hope that you will look favorably upon our invitation. We look forward eagerly to hearing from you that you will find it possible to make room for this important affair on your crowded calendar.

Sincerely yours,

  
JOSEPH D. VOGEL, DIRECTOR  
SPEAKERS & ARTISTS BUREAU

JDV:sd



February 13, 1953

Mr. Joseph D. Vogel  
Zionist Organization of America  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, New York

My dear Friend:

Thank you for your letter of January 21st. I wish I were free to accept your gracious invitation to go to Birmingham in connection with the fund-raising efforts for Israel. I am afraid that it will not be possible. I have already committed myself to more out-of-town engagements for the next few months than I should have. I am leaving in a few days for an extensive visit on the Pacific coast and in Mexico. April and May are unusually crowded months for me with many convention dates which I have had to accept.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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ARTHUR FISHZOHN  
UNITED JEWISH APPEAL  
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NEW YORK, NEW YORK

DEEPLY APPRECIATE REQUEST OF BIRMINHAM COMMUNITY TO ADDRESS ~~B~~  
~~MEETING~~ MEETING NOVEMBER SECOND. BECAUSE OF SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES  
IN MY TEMPLE REGRET IMPOSSIBILITY OF ACCEPTING SUNDAY ENGAGEMENTS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER





# Zionist Organization of America

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October 10, 1960

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
THE TEMPLE,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Because I am so fully in agreement with the sentiment of the letter, dated September 13, 1960, by our newly elected President Max Bressler, that I feel inspired to write you. In this letter Mr. Bressler begins with "It was indeed a privilege to be with you and our other fellow Zionists at the HISTORIC CONVENTION BANQUET IN HONOR OF DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER".

It was my personal dream to bring home your tape-recorded speech, and that our New York office promised to obtain for me, and use it throughout the state of Alabama, as a means of creating inspired "converts" to our cause. This, however, was not to be, as the tape recorder used failed in its duty.

Perhaps it is too much to hope that you remember my giving you regards from your two precious grandchildren, and my personal friends, Ida and Gene Zeidman. Even an angel from heaven would have been too excited to remember anything so human, after a speech like yours, and the ovation you received. All I can say is, that I am happy to have been there to hear you.

Suddenly I get "tongued-tied", and I am groping for words to express the request I am about to make of you. We have discussed this problem in Birmingham before, and always the answer seemed to be "Dr. Silver is just too big for so small an enterprise". To me this Annual ZIONIST DAY AFFAIR never seemed small, as hundreds of devoted hearts participate in it to make it as BIG AS POSSIBLE.

On this special day, which usually falls in May, we give a Dinner, for which we RAISE IN ADVANCE several thousand dollars, for JNF, KFAR SILVER, ZOA HOUSE, and other worth-while causes.

Birmingham being your daughter-in-law's and your grandchildren's second home, may I ask you for an affirmative reply to this question: "Will you honor us next year as the Speaker of The Evening, at this Birmingham Zionist Day Dinner, to thrill several hundred of our most prominent Jews? Please.

Most sincerely,

*Joe H. Radoms*  
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TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS  
OF BIRMINGHAM ZOA:

FIGURE THIS OUT FOR YOURSELF .....

From Mr. Ernest E. Barbarash, Editor, THE AMERICAN ZIONIST, I received a friendly letter which reads in part: "I wish to thank you most heartily for your courtesy in sending me a copy of your letter to Mr. Billy Rose. Your letter is indeed couched in warm and homey terms, and it should "melt the heart" of a Billy Rose... "You are to be congratulated on the splendid job you are doing in your community."

AM I? Can I do it alone? And if the job is worth while are YOU doing all YOU can to help? Need I be the one to remind any of YOU, who are every bit as intelligent as I am, of the great need for JEWISH unity at this time, and the tremendous part ZOA is yet to play in our lives?

THE ANSWER IS IN YOUR OWN HEARTS AND MINDS...We have so much yet to do together, and your presence is needed and expected at every Board meeting.

Please come to our next Board Meeting, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, 1960, 11:55 A.M., at the ALABAMA NOVELTY HOUSE....If you happen to see another Board member on that day or a day before, won't you, please, remind him to come...When Mrs. Clara Davis phones and you assure her that you will come, do not disappoint us.

Until then, with kindest personal regards,

As ever,

Faithfully yours,

*Joe*

Joe H. Radoms  
PRESIDENT



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October 17, 1960

Mr. Joe H. Radoms  
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My dear Mr. Radoms:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of October 10th. I deeply appreciate your gracious invitation to address the Birmingham Zionist Day Dinner next May. I would have been delighted to accept it, more especially because it would have given me an opportunity to visit with the Zeidmans, but I have been compelled to reduce my out-of-town engagements very sharply in the last year -- first, because of my many commitments in connection with the Bonds for Israel campaigns in all parts of the country and secondly, because of the need not to over-do it physically. I know that you will understand.

I was pleased to have seen you at the recent ZOA Convention in New York. With warmest regards and all good wishes for the New Year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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