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Boston, Massachusetts, 1918-1926.

31 Bedford Street,
Boston, Mass.,
April 15, 1919.

Rabbi Abba Silver,
55th and Central Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

The Committee on Arrangements cordially invites you to be one of the speakers at the banquet to be held Wednesday evening, May 21st.

We are planning to have a symposium on Religious Reconstruction as follows:

Mr. H. W. Asher, New Haven, Conn.,
"The Layman and Religious Reconstruction."

Mr. Samuel Schulman, New York City,
"The Synagogue and Religious Reconstruction."

Mrs. Abram Simon, Washington, D. C.,
"The Jewish Woman and Religious Reconstruction."

and yourself.

For your own topic we thought you might like to ^{suggested} speak on some phase of religious reconstruction as presented to you by your experience with the army over seas.

Owing to the limitation of time, our plan calls for a twenty-minute address from each of the four speakers named and we take the liberty of asking that the time limit be adhered to.

I would appreciate it very much if you would wire me on receipt of this letter whether or not you will be able to accept our invitation.

Assuring you of our pleasure in having you with us,
I am

Very truly yours,

J. R. Morse
Chairman

Committee on Arrangements.
Convention of Congregations and Sisterhoods

JRM LEE

Copy of Telegram

April 19, 1919.

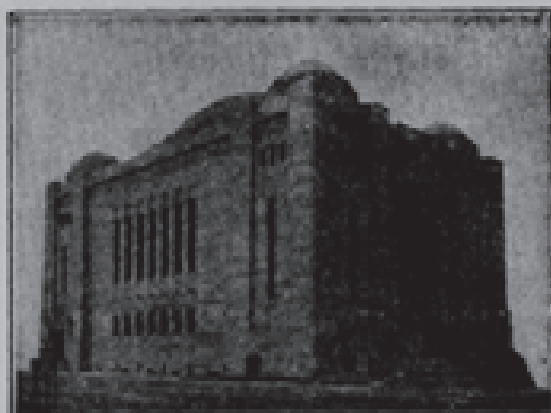
J. R. Morris,
31 Bedford Street,
Boston, Mass.

Am pleased to accept your kind invitation to speak on Wednesday,
May 21st.

(Signed) Rabbi A. H. Silver.

TEMPLE ISRAEL

JACOB R. MORSE,
PRESIDENT
LOUIS STRAUSS,
1ST VICE PRESIDENT
FELIX VORENBERG,
2ND VICE PRESIDENT
LOUIS HYNEMAN,
TREASURER



HARRY LEVI, RABBI
24 VERMONT ST., BROOKLINE
LEO J. LYONS, SECY
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TELEPHONE MILTON 2342-J

CONGREGATION ADATH ISRAEL
COMMONWEALTH AVE. AND BLANDFORD ST.
BOSTON, MASS. May 1, 1919.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
55th & Central Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear friend,

When I instructed Mr. Scharf to write you a week or two ago inviting you to speak on the banquet evening of the Union meeting I asked him to inform you that the general subject for the evening was to be "Religious Reconstruction." Also to tell you that Mrs. Abram Simon of Washington is to speak on "Woman and Religious Reconstruction," Mr. Asher of New Haven on "The Layman and Religious Reconstruction." At the time, I thought that Dr. Schulman was to take as his topic "The Synagog and Religious Reconstruction." Rabbi Calisch of Richmond, Va. will take this topic now.

Will you let me know please at once just the exact form of your subject under the general heading? Please see that your topic fits in with the rest. May I hear from you promptly? The program goes to print on Monday.

With very kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harry Levi

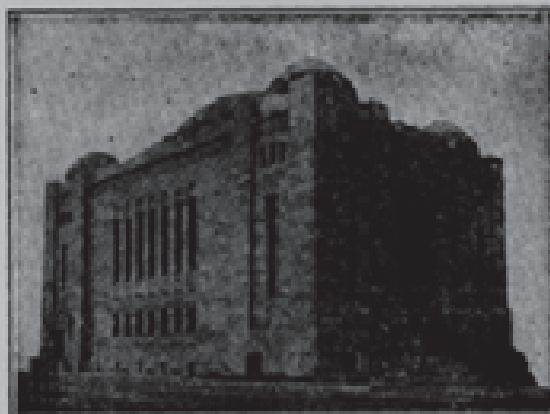
Rabbi Harry Levi - 24 Vermont St.
Brookline, Mass.

My letter
replied
May 18th
4 p.m.

Please pardon delay in answering your letter of first, due to many trips out of town and accumulation of correspondence. My subject will be "The Faith of the Returning Soldier."

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CONGREGATION ADATH ISRAEL

COMMONWEALTH AVE. AND BLANDFORD ST.

BOSTON, MASS.

Sept. 17, 1919.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
55th & Central Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear colleague,

I wrote you some three months ago asking you if it would be possible for you to speak for the Forum at the Temple this winter and requesting if you could make arrangements to come, that you acquaint me with the fee that you would expect. I never received an acknowledgment of my letter. Will you please let me know at once whether you can come?

Sincerely yours,

Harry Levi
H. L.

September 27th, 1919

Rabbi Harry Levi,
24 Vernicle Street,
Brookline, Mass.

My dear Rabbi Levi,

I am indeed very sorry that your first letter escaped my notice. I was out of the city all of last summer and have only just been able to look through my correspondence.

I should be very glad to accept your invitation to speak at your Temple Forum some time this winter, but cannot at this writing specify the exact date. I am planning to be in the East for a week or so this winter and could arrange to give you a date then, if that would suit your convenience.

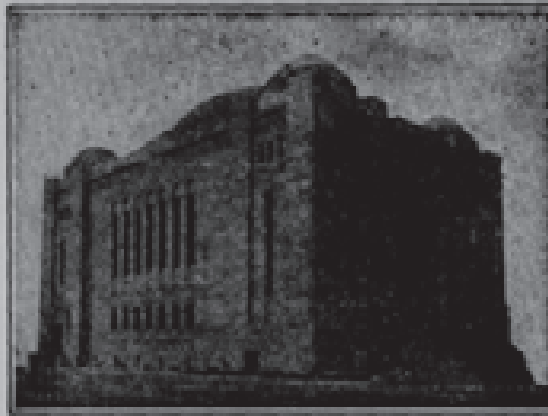
My fee would be \$75.00 and traveling expenses.

With kindest regards, and wishing you a very happy New Year, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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CONGREGATION ADATH ISRAEL

COMMONWEALTH AVE. AND BLANDFORD ST.

BOSTON, MASS. Oct, 19, 1919.

Rabbi A. H. Silver
c/o The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I am very glad to know
that there is a probability of your being
able to come to our Forum this winter. I
want to issue a complete program of our
Forum season by the first of December. If
your plans are definite by that time please
let me know. I hope you will be able to
arrange to be with us. I need not tell you
that a cordial welcome will await you. If
you come we shall be happy to meet your
terms.

Sincerely yours,

Harry Levi

HL/GH

Thurs. Jan. 15

November 8th, 1919

Rabbi Harry Levy,
24 Vernalde Street,
Brookline, Mass.

My dear Rabbi Levy,

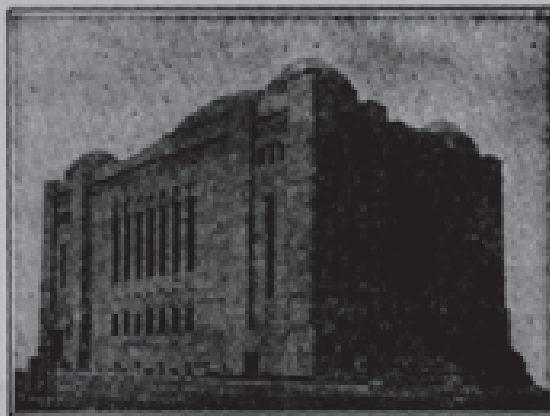
I am wondering if Thursday,
January 15th would be an acceptable date
to you. If so, I should be very happy to
come then.

When I hear from you again,
I will send you a few subjects from which
you may choose.

With kindest regards,
Very sincerely yours,

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CONGREGATION ADATH ISRAEL

COMMONWEALTH AVE. AND BLANDFORD ST.

BOSTON, MASS.

Nov. 10, 1919.

Rabbi Abba Silver
The Temple
E. 55th St. & Central Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I am just in receipt of
your letter of the 8th. Our Forum meetings
are held on Sunday evenings. Jan. 4 and 18
are already engaged but I shall be very glad
if you could see your way clear to coming
on either of the other Sundays of January.
The 28th of December is also open, altho
I am now negotiating for some one for that
date, but if the date is interesting to you
and you could wire me a reply I could
probably arrange matters satisfactorily.

May I hear from you promptly please?

Sincerely yours,

Harry Levi
S. H.

telegraphed
reply 11/20/19

November 14th, 1919

Rabbi Louis Kopald,
Temple Beth El,
Tulamore Avenue,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi Kopald,

Replying to your letter of the sixth-
I should appreciate it very much if you could arrange
to occupy my pulpit on Sunday morning, December 7th.
I shall, of course, be most happy to reciprocate on
some Friday evening in the near future.

Please let me know as soon as possible,
so that I may give your coming all possible publicity.

With kindest personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

~~Handwritten signature~~

Handwritten notes and signatures at the bottom of the page, including "pulpit" and "11/20/19".

December 16th, 1919

Rabbi Harry Levi,
24 Vernale Street,
Brookline, Mass.

My dear Rabbi Levi,

I have your kind letter of the tenth.
I regret exceedingly that I shall be unable to
avail myself of the pleasure of addressing one
of your Forums. I cannot leave Cleveland on a
Sunday.

I hope that at some future time I may
have the pleasure of addressing one of your meet-
ings.

With kindest personal regards to yourself and
Mrs. Levi, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,



Girls' Latin School

Boston, Nov. 5, 1928

My dear Dr. A. H. Silver,

The Hadassah Chapter
of Boston is very anxious
this year to get the help-
ful message of as
many of our Zionist
leaders as possible. We
hope that you will be
in our vicinity in the
very near future and
will be able to talk to us.
I cannot tell you, perhaps
I need not tell you, how
the work is quickened
by the inspirational
word.

If that word could
come to us here in Boston
as I heard it from you
in London last July
I know that it would



Boston, _____ 191

be as gratefully received as it was here. I felt then, and I feel it more now, that every Jewish centre as well as every Zionist centre - are they becoming synonymous? - ought to heed the ringing word of appeal and encouragement.

This is impossible; but were I to choose one out of the entire list to deliver the cumulative message, frankly, I should choose our American representative of that platform to deliver the word to America.

Is there the possibility of arranging this treat for Boston? I should, indeed, be infinitely grateful. a

With the hope that Hadasah may be so privileged, I am,

Sincerely yours

Frances Burnee
Chairman
Program Comtee.

Home address
20 Buckminster St
Allston, Mass

November 12th, 1930

Miss Frances Burnee,
20 Buxton Street,
Allston, Mass.

My dear Miss Burnee,

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of the eighth and for the invitation it contains. I should be most happy to avail myself of your kindness were I in a position to do so, but I am not planning to be in Boston in the near future.

If at any time during the winter months I find myself in that vicinity, I shall be very glad to communicate with you.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

DAVID A. LOURIE, *Chairman*
SAMUEL L. DANA, *Vice-Chairman*
LOUIS LEVIN, *Treasurer*
H. M. COMINS, *Secretary*
MRS. EMILE FRIEDMAN
ALEXANDER BRIN

כל המקיים נפש אחת כאילו קיים עולם שלם
"He who saves one life is considered as if he had preserved the whole world" (Talmud)

A. BENJ. WERBY
MRS. N. PELONSKY
S. B. FRIEDSON
MRS. I. K. E. PRAGER
HENRY PENN
MRS. GEORGE WYNER

Boston Convention Committee
THE JEWISH CONSUMPTIVES' RELIEF SOCIETY OF DENVER

Convention at Boston June 4, 5, and 6, 1921

Convention Committee Office:

25 TREMONT STREET, BOSTON, MASS.
Sixth Floor

DAVID STOFFER, *Executive Sec'y*

TELEPHONE HAYMARKET 4900

April 22, 1921.

Rabbi A Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:

The Jewish Consumptives' Relief Society of Denver, an organization with whose work you are undoubtedly familiar, is to hold its Seventeenth Annual Convention at Boston on June 4th, 5th and 6th.

In the light of the work which the JCRS is at present undertaking; namely, that of education regarding the tubercular menace, one of the most important events of the Convention will be the mass meeting on Sunday afternoon, June 5th. Through this large gathering we hope to reach out to the Boston community.

On an occasion such as this it is essential that the speakers be men whose words on the existing Jewish problems will carry weight. The Convention Committee would be gratified if you found it possible to accept its invitation to address this meeting. We feel certain that the effect of your presence would be most beneficial and that the effort involved will be more than compensated by the result. In addition to the Bostonians about 300 delegates from various parts of the country will be present who will carry back to their respective communities the thoughts that are stimulated in them. We certainly hope, therefore, that you will be able to make the trip to Boston as our guest.

Sincerely yours,

David A. Lourie

CHAIRMAN BOSTON CONVENTION COMMITTEE

April 27th, 1921

Mr. David A. Lourie,
25 Tremont Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Lourie,

Permit me to thank you for your
kind letter of the 22nd and for the invitation to
address the Seventeenth Annual Convention of the
"British Consumptives' Relief Society of Denver, to
be held in Boston on June 4th, 5th and 6th.

I should be most eager to avail my-
self of your kindness if I were in a position to do so.
Unfortunately, the latter part of May and the early
part of June are booked up with many speaking engage-
ments and with the extra work incidental to the clos-
ing of the Congregational year and the preparation for
Confirmation, which falls on June 12th. I cannot,
therefore, see my way clear to come.

I wish your convention every success
and hope that at some future time I may be able to
serve your Organization.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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BOSTON CHAPTER OF HADASSAH

MRS. SAMUEL W. MYERS, President
MRS. MORRIS FRANK, Secretary

152 Humboldt Avenue
Roxbury, Massachusetts
December 30, 1921.

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver,

It has been brought to our
attention that there is a possibility of your
being in Boston sometime about January 18th,
which is the date of our Hadassah meeting.

We will be very much pleased
and honored if you find it possible
to be our speaker for that evening.



BOSTON CHAPTER OF HADASSAH

MRS. SAMUEL W. MYERS, President
MRS. MORRIS FRANK, Secretary

If your stay in Boston does not include that date, we will, if possible, change the time of our meeting to coincide with your engagements - perhaps a Saturday evening or Sunday afternoon.

Very cordially,

Miriam Frank (Mrs. M.)

Secretary for Hadassah.

January 6th, 1922.

Mrs. M. Frank,
153 Humboldt Ave.,
Dorchester, Mass.

My dear Mrs. Frank,

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of the 30th of December. I am not planning to be in Boston during the next few weeks. If my work will bring me to your part of the country later in the year, and if I will be in a position to give you an evening, I shall be happy to do so.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

OPEN FORUM SPEAKERS BUREAU

THE ACCREDITED AGENCY OF THE NATIONAL OPEN FORUM COUNCIL

GEORGE W. COLEMAN, CHAIRMAN

MABEL B. URY, COUNSELLOR

MILDRED CHATFIELD SMITH
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
TELEPHONE BRACH 7278

LITTLE BUILDING, ROOM 4045
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MASS.

June 6, 1932

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Rev. David R. Williams of the North Church Forum in Cleveland has spoken of you a number of times to Mr. Coleman of the Ford Hall Forum in Boston, and has suggested that sometime we must surely have you on our program.

Your name has been in our minds for the past three or four months as one of our first choices for the coming season, and I am writing thus early in the hope that you can find a Sunday for us among the many that are open on our schedule.

Ford Hall is not in position to pay more than a flat \$50 per speaker, from which is deducted our own 20% commission, but it is very often possible for us to arrange one or two connecting engagements, usually on Sunday afternoon and the Monday evening immediately following, and we can count upon \$50 to \$75 for each of these. Thus the week-end would amply cover your traveling expenses and net you a moderate fee in addition, if we had good luck in arranging a group of engagements.

Would you be willing to set aside a Sunday from the following dates and let us try to work up such a grouping?

The Ford Hall audience is one I am sure you would enjoy addressing. It is made up largely of young Jews of more or less radical tendency, keen, intelligent, thoroughly alive in the question period following the address. The hall holds an audience of one thousand to twelve hundred and is packed to overflowing practically every Sunday.

Their open dates are:

November 12, 26
December 17, 31

January 7, 14, 21, 28
February 4, 11, 25

March 11, 18, 25
April 1 (Easter)

Dates previous to March would be better for us from the point of view of securing connecting engagements.

The enclosed program will give you an idea of speakers and topics. I hope very much we may have a favorable reply.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred C. Smith
Executive Secretary.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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Boston
Ford
Hall
Forum

June 14th, 1922.

Miss Mildred Chatfield Smith,
Room 1243 Little Building,
80 Boylston Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Smith,

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address the Ford Hall Forum some time this season. I shall be glad to come some Sunday in January, preferably the 14th.

I would prefer that you make no additional engagements for me for that day or the day following, in as much as I have already a few invitations from Boston and the neighboring cities which I now hope to be in a position to accept.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain,

Very sincerely yours,

1243 OPEN FORUM SPEAKERS BUREAU June 19, 1922
Room 1048, Little Building, Boston.....

..... Rabbi A. H. Silver.....(Lecturer)

Will you please hold the following dates as definite:

Date	Hour	Forum	Fee
Jan. 14, 1923	7:30 p.m.	Ford Hall, Boston	\$50
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Full instructions will be sent 10 days before the meetings.

Mildred C. Smith, Executive Secretary.

OPEN FORUM SPEAKERS BUREAU
Room 1243, Little Building, Boston,..... June 28, 1922.....

..... Rabbi A. H. Silver..... (Lecturer)

Will you please hold the following dates as definite:

Date	Hour	Forum	Fee
Feb. 15, 1923	8:15 p.m.	Cooper Union, N.Y.	\$50
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Full instructions will be sent 10 days before the meetings.

Mildred C. Smith, Executive Secretary.

OPEN FORUM SPEAKERS BUREAU

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
TELEPHONE BEACH 7275

LITTLE BUILDING, ROOM 1043¹²⁴³
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MASS.

June 19, 1922

My dear Rabbi Silver:

January 14, 1923 will suit us very nicely for Ford Hall. Will you kindly consider the engagement definitely scheduled. We shall be glad to have you submit two or three possible subjects, from which Mr. Coleman can make his selection.

I note that you do not care to have us arrange additional engagements for Sunday or for Monday. The Cooper Union Forum in New York City, meeting on Tuesday evenings, has asked us to let them know whenever you are to be in the East. Would it be possible for you to speak for them on Tuesday evening, January 16th, fee \$50, if that date is still open on their schedule? It seems too bad to be in this part of the country and miss the opportunity of talking before the oldest forum in the United States. They have a very wonderful organization.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred C. Smith
Executive Secretary.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

June Twenty-second
1922

Miss Mildred Chatfield Smith,
Little Building, Room 1243,
80 Baylston Street, Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Smith,

I have noted January 14th, 1923 as the
date of my engagement with Ford Hall.

I shall be very happy to accept the invitation of the Cooper Union Forum, but I am afraid I cannot give them January 18th, as I do not wish to be away from Cleveland that length of time. I shall be glad to give them some date in February or March, provided I can arrange for one or two other lectures in New York City around that time.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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TELEPHONE BEACH 7378

LITTLE BUILDING, ROOM 1048
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MASS.

June 28, 1922

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I find that the regular Cooper Union Forum meetings are to be changed this season from Tuesday to Sunday evenings. Mr. Martin would be very happy to have you with them some Sunday in February. Suppose we make it February 25th, so as to keep the two trips some weeks apart; final confirmation to depend upon the securing of one or two additional engagements. I doubt if we can help very much in placing other engagements; our contacts in the New York territory are much more limited. However, I should like your permission to offer Friday evening, February 23 to the Jersey City Forum and Sunday afternoon, February 25, to Summit, N. J. No doubt you have many personal contacts that will mean engagements for you.

May we have your list of subjects within the next week or ten days? It is difficult to suggest you to new groups without them.

Rabbi A. M. Silver,
Cleveland, Chic.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred C. Smith
Executive Secretary.

July 7th, 1922.

Miss Mildred C. Smith,
Room 1048 Little Building,
89-Boyleston Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Smith,

I am afraid I shall not be able to accept the Cooper Union Forum engagement. I do not wish to leave Cleveland on a Sunday, in as much as most of our Congregational activities take place on that day. I have made an exception in the case of the Ford Hall, but I do not wish to be away from my pulpit any other Sunday during the coming year.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Ford Hall Forum

LITTLE BUILDING, ROOM 1243
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MASS.

October 27, 1922.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Very soon the Ford Hall Forum will be sending its program to the printer which will include the January and February meetings. We shall need from each speaker some biographical data (something about a page in length for newspaper use as well as for the program) and a photograph, and also, of course, we must know the topics and their exact wording.

I think thus far we are needing all of these three things in order to have the full information that we need for your meeting on January 14th. I shall, therefore, very much appreciate it if you will see that we have this on hand within the next few days.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred C. Smith
Executive Secretary.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
East 55th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

W. H. Ury

November 7th, 1933.

Miss Mildred C. Smith,
Room 1243 Little Bldg.,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Smith,

I am afraid that I shall have to put you to some trouble. When I accepted the date of January 14th for my address before your forum, I did not then know that I might have to be married that month. I find now that I shall probably be married the first week in January and that I might be gone for about a month.

I could give you a Sunday in March or April, if you would let me know what Sunday you have free, if any. If not I shall put myself at your disposal for the rest of the year. I am sorry that I am compelled to trouble you at this late hour.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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LITTLE BUILDING, ROOM 1243
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MASS.

November 9, 1922.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We shall, of course, be glad to release January 14th. We are putting you down instead for Sunday evening, March 18th.

We shall want your choice of subject right away even though you are not coming until the later date. The entire list of speakers from Christmas to April with their topics, will appear on the next program.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred C. Smith
Executive Secretary.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
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East 55th St., and Central St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

November 15th, 1922.

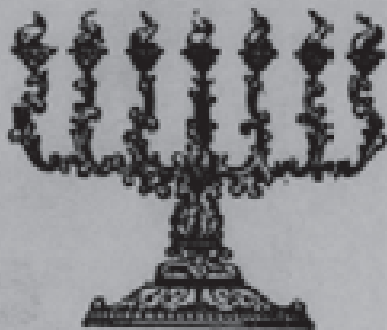
Miss Mildred C. Smith,
Room 1243 Little Bldg.,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Smith,

I shall be with you on
Sunday, March 18th if all is well. I
shall speak on "Christian and Jew - Will
They Ever Meet".

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



AMOS LODGE, No. 27

Independent Order B'nai B'rith

MEETING NIGHTS: 2ND AND 4TH MONDAYS
OF EACH MONTH

MEETING PLACE: BEACON HALL, COOLIDGE CORNER

BENJ. J. SHOOLMAN, PRESIDENT
MARK GOLDEN, VICE-PRESIDENT
MAURICE N. ABRAHAMSON, REC. SEC'Y
JOSEPH M. BURROWS, FIN. SEC'Y

Feb. 5, 1923.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
43 TREMONT STREET
ROOM 1108
BOSTON, MASS.
TELEPHONE HAYMARKET 51808

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland,
Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

We have just learned that you will be in Boston on Sunday, March 18th, when you are scheduled to address a forum meeting at Ford Hall. We take this opportunity, therefore, of inviting you to address a meeting of the Amos Lodge on the following night:

Monday, March 19th.

The Amos Lodge is the largest branch of the B'nai B'rith in this district, having a membership of about 1500. In addition, we have a Ladies' Auxiliary with about 400 members.

You will render us a great service if you will accept our invitation to address a joint meeting of the Amos Lodge and Auxiliary on the 19th of March.

Hoping that you may find it possible to reply favorably, I am

Sincerely yours,

Robert L. Lissman

Chairman Intellectual Advancement Committee

RE/RE

Handwritten notes and signatures on the right margin, including "27.2.23" and "H. G. A."

February 7th, 1923.

Mr. Robert Silverman,
43 Tremont St.,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Silverman,

Permit me to thank you
for your very kind invitation to address
your Lodge on Monday, March 19th. I
wish I were in a position to avail myself
of your kindness. Unfortunately, I am
compelled to leave Boston the very night
of my address as I must return to Cleveland
the following day. Perhaps at some future
time I may be of service to you.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



BOSTON CHAPTER OF HADASSAH

MRS. A. E. WAGMAN, Sec'y
168 Harvard Street, Dorchester

May 19th 1920

Rabbi A. A. Silver
c/o The Temple
Cleveland Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I write to ask whether
it would be possible ^{for you} to address
the Boston Chapter of Hadassah
on March 21st. I understand
you will be in the vicinity of
Boston in March, and therefore
the chapter does not want
to lose this opportunity
of hearing you. If the date
is not convenient, we may
be able to change the date to
suit you.

Thanking you in advance, I
am
very sincerely
(Mrs) A. E. Wagman sec'y

January 11st, 1922.

Mrs. A. E. Wagon,
168 Harvard St., Dorchester,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mrs. Wagon,

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address the Boston Chapter of Hellenes. I wish I could accept your invitation. Unfortunately I cannot. I shall arrive in time to deliver a lecture before the Boston Forum and leave again that same evening. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Feb. 6, 1923

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Will you kindly send us a photograph within the next few days from which the Ford Hall Forum can have a cut made for use in their program. It will not be long now before their next program goes to the printer.

We should like to try to arrange an afternoon forum meeting for you on the day you come to Ford Hall, unless your time is already fully taken up.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred C. Smith

Executive Secretary.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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February 9, 1923

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Our forum in Ironton, Ohio, has just written to ask if there is any possibility of your being available to speak for them some Monday evening in March, probably March 5th or 26th, on the topic "Jew and Christian -- Will They Ever Meet?". The fee would be \$50 plus your round trip expenses from Cleveland.

I shall be glad to know as promptly as possible whether you will be available and I can send you definite word as to the date within two or three days after hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred Chatfield Smith
Executive Secretary.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 55th St. & Central,
Cleveland, Ohio.

February 10th, 1923.

Miss Mildred C. Smith,
1343 Little Building,
80 Boylston Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Smith,

I am mailing you today,
under separate cover, a photograph
of myself. I shall be unable to
accept any more engagements for the
day when I shall be in Boston.

With kindest regards,

I am

Very sincerely yours,

February 12, 1923.

Miss Mildred C. Smith,
1243 Little Blg.,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Smith,

I am afraid that I shall not be able to accept any more speaking engagements this year. My work here is very great and I am already heavily booked up.

Looking forward with pleasure to meeting you when I come to Boston for the Forum, I beg to remain,

Very sincerely yours,

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February 15, 1923

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

Cleveland, Ohio

Esteemed Rabbi Silver:

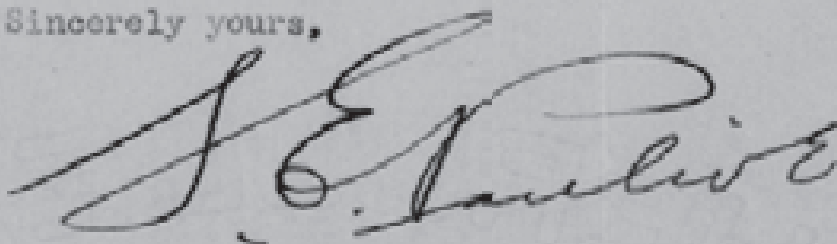
I was delighted to note in the Boston Ford Hall Bulletin that we are to have the pleasure of seeing and hearing you in Boston on the eighteenth of March.

In a humble way we are trying to render some service to the community of Chelsea by having a few worthwhile men speak on the platform of the Chelsea Y. M. H. A. I can assure you that the people of Chelsea would be delighted to have you as their guest and speaker during the time of your stay in Boston at a time that would be convenient to you; either on Friday evening, Sunday afternoon, or Monday evening. I simply enumerate these dates immediately before and after your engagement at Ford Hall, under the presumption that that would be most convenient.

I sincerely hope that you will see your way clear to accept our most cordial invitation and that it may bring to you pleasant memories of your early efforts as a student.

With most cordial greetings and esteem, I am

Sincerely yours,



SEP-JM

*Chelsea
Mass.*

February 20th, 1923.

Mr. E. E. Paulino,
5 Everett Avenue,
Chelsea, Mass.

My dear Mr. Paulino,

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of the 15th, and for the invitation to address the Y.M.H.A. during my forthcoming visit to Boston. I wish I were in a position to accept it. However, I shall be in Boston just for the evening lecture and I shall leave the same night. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

4 STORY STREET
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

February 27, 1923.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

A small group of Jewish students have been meeting together at Phillips Brooks House for Friday evening prayers since the beginning of the fall term. We have been anxious to lay the foundation this year, if we could, for a student congregation.

Would it be at all possible for you to be with us and conduct the service on March 16 at the time of your Ford Hall visit? We should appreciate it very much indeed if you could.

Very sincerely yours,

Marcus L. Casan

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Fifty-fifth and Central Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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Feb. 28, 1933

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I find to my dismay that we have never had any biographical data from you, and the new Ford Hall program is practically ready for the printer.

Do you think you can get something off to us in the next mail? We need it badly.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred C. Smith
Executive Secretary.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
East 55th St. & Central,
Cleveland, Ohio.

MCS

March 1st, 1923.

Mr. Marcus Lester Aaren,
4 Storey Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Mr. Aaren,

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address your Jewish students at Phillips Brooks House on Friday evening, March 16th. I wish I were in a position to accept it. Unfortunately I cannot. I plan to come to Boston Sunday morning and leave again Sunday night. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

The Jewish Advocate

251 CAUSEWAY STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

March 2, 1923

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Please favor us with an advance copy of the address which you are to deliver in Boston this month, as well as with a biographical sketch of yourself.

Thank you for your compliance with our recent request for a photograph. I presume that the picture has been returned to you, since we have already made a cut of it.

Very cordially yours,

JB/BAB

Joseph G. Brin
Managing Editor.

March 2nd, 1923.

Miss Mildred C. Smith,
Little Mag., 80 Boylston St.,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Smith,

The only biographical information that I can give you is that I was born on January 28th, 1893, graduated from the Hebrew Union College in 1915, was two years Minister in Wheeling, W. Va. and at the age of 24 was called to the pulpit of The Temple in Cleveland. I was in France during the war and was decorated by the French Government, and have been conducting a forum in my own Temple with marked success during the past five years.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

P. S. Enclosed are a few
comments clipped from
papers in cities where
I have spoken.

4 STORY STREET
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

March 5, 1923.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I want to thank you very much for your kind letter of March 1. I am very sorry indeed that you will not be able to be with us.

Very sincerely yours,

Marion Lester Aaron

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



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Rabbi Abbi Hillel Silver,

Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:-

Referring to your engagement in Boston on March 18th to speak at Ford Hall, I saw Mr. Coleman last night and suggested to him that you deliver a short prayer before your address and he seemed to think well of the idea.

We would consider it a privilege if you would break bread with us either for Sunday dinner at one o'clock or take tea with us and we could then take you down to Ford Hall in time for your address.

It was my privilege to be a Delegate to the New York Convention and hear you speak.

If it meets with your approval, I shall be glad to meet you on arrival of your train, if you will notify me.

Very truly yours,

Edward Rintels

MMC

March 8th, 1933.

Mr. Jos. O. Brin,
The Jewish Advocate,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Brin,

The general substance of my forthcoming address before the Ford Hall Forum is contained in my address on Jew and Christian -Will They Ever Meet? which was published in the Jewish Criterion and American Hebrew. I am sending you a copy of it. You may use part or the whole of it. I am also sending you a copy of the letter which I sent to the secretary of the Ford Hall Forum which may give you the biographical information which you request.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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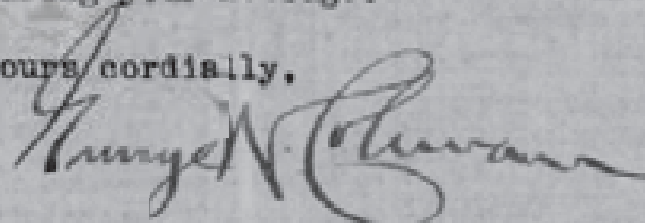
March 9, 1925

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We occasionally have a brief invocation at the opening of our Ford Hall Forum, almost invariably by myself. The audience is so mixed as to religion and anti-religion that such an invocation has to be exceedingly broad, so as to include in its thought and feeling even the doubter and agnostic. Mr. Riatels, a Jewish business man who is devoted to our work, suggested that you might offer the invocation the night you are at Ford Hall. I should be very happy if that is agreeable to you.

We are looking forward with the keenest anticipation to meeting you and hearing your message.

Yours cordially,



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 55th Street and Central,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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3. The fullest and freest open public discussion of all vital questions affecting human welfare.
4. For free participation from the forum floor either by questions or discussion.
5. The freedom of forum management from responsibility for utterances by speakers from the platform or the floor.

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March 9, 1927

My dear Dr. Libin -

I was delighted to hear that you are speaking in Boston at Faneuil Hall on March 18th. Would you care to dinner with my wife and me Sunday noon? I should welcome the opportunity of renewing our friendship.

Also, we have been meeting with a group led by Maurice Hexter for discussion of social philosophy - I believe you and Hexter went to school together - It is now in charge of the Boston Federated Charities. Rabbi Wise, who knows a number of the group, met with us informally on his last visit to Boston, and we wondered if you would care to join us after the Forum.

Most of the group are going just now as far as our religion is concerned, and we thought you might discuss with us informally, "Why a Church?" or "Why a Synagogue" or any other subject you might desire.

I would thank you very much to let me know at your earliest convenience so that we could make arrangements accordingly.

Very sincerely yours,
Samuel Markell

March 12th, 1923.

Mr. Edward Rintels,
180 Boylston St.,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Rintels,

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of March 7th. I am writing to Mr. Coleman today suggesting that perhaps it would be better that he continue his practice of giving the Invocation himself.

I wish I could be with you for tea on Sunday but I have already accepted another invitation.

Thanking you for your kindness and thoughtfulness I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

March 12th, 1923.

Mr. George W. Coleman,
Ford Hall Forum
1244 Little Bldg.,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Coleman,

In reply to your letter of March 9th. I feel that it would perhaps be better that you continue your practice of delivering the invocation yourself. I understand this is your almost unbreakable custom and I would rather have it so.

With kindest regards and anticipating with great pleasure our meeting, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

March 14th, 1923.

Mr. Samuel Morkell,
73 Tremont St.,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Morkell,

Permit me to thank you
for your kind letter and for your
invitation to meet with your group
after the forum which I am to address.
I am afraid that I shall not be able
to do it. I plan to leave shortly
after the forum for Cleveland. I
also regret that I cannot accept your
very kind invitation to have dinner
with you Sunday noon. I shall not
arrive until Sunday afternoon and I
have already accepted an invitation
for Sunday tea.

Thanking you again and with
kindest regards I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ENGAGEMENT ON DATE OF: March 18, 1923

TOWN Boston, Mass. FORUM Ford Hall

AUSPICES Ford Hall Forum

CORRESPONDENT Alice H. Samson, 60 Trenton St., E. Boston Tel. E. Boston 1548 J

LECTURER Rabbi Abba H. Silver

SUBJECT "Christian and Jew - Will They Ever Meet"

DATE Sunday, March 18th, 1923 HOUR 7:30 P.M.

HALL Ford Hall Location Ashburton Place

Capacity 1000 Average attendance 1000 Tel.

OTHER ENGAGEMENTS

TRAIN SCHEDULES: IMPORTANT: Confirm all train schedules.

Via: New York Central and B. & A.

Lv: Cleveland, Saturday at 8:45 P.M.

Ar: Boston, Sunday at 3:15 P.M.

Kindly telephone Miss Samson soon after your arrival in Boston

Returning: Lv: Boston, South Station, Sunday at 11:00 P.M.

Ar: Cleveland, Monday at 5:32 P.M.

MEETING DATA: preliminaries music - 1 hr 50 minutes address 50 minutes questions 50 minutes

Previous speaker S. K. Ratcliffe, Mar-11 subject England Changing Hands

Next speaker Harry F. Ward date March 25 subject Can Civilization Continue?

REMARKS Audience made up largely of keen young Jews. Question period always

lively! Attendance this meeting?

LECTURER: That you may be reached quickly in emergency, please notify the Bureau in advance of (1) Your address for the week-end; (2) Your time of arrival.

IN EMERGENCY: Both forum and lecturer should call immediately by telephone:

1. Local correspondent.
2. Open Forum Speakers Bureau, Beach 7275
3. Executive Secretary: Miss Mildred C. Smith, Newton North, 2162 N. 673 R
4. Chairman: George W. Coleman, Back Bay 6648.

PAYMENT: All payments are made through, and all checks should be made payable to:
OPEN FORUM SPEAKERS BUREAU. The Bureau pays the lecturer.

NOTE: After the lecture—PLEASE RETURN this notification of engagement with notations either on front or back of sheet giving (1) your comments on the meeting. (2) Additional data regarding forum which should be included on instructions.

THESE INSTRUCTIONS SENT IN DUPLICATE TO LECTURER AND FORUM.

Mon. ~~unhappy~~
Wed. ~~app.~~

Thurs. ~~unhappy~~

Fri. ~~unhappy~~

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Memoranda of account between

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Single engagements:

Ford Hall, Boston, Mass., Date March 18, 1923

.....Date.....

.....Date.....

Total fee.....\$ 50.00

Less 20% commission on \$ 50.00.....\$ 10.00

Balance due lecturer.....\$ 40.00

Check Enclosed For: \$ 40.00

March 23rd, 1923.

Miss Mildred C. Smith,
80 Boylston St.,
Boston, Mass.,

My dear Miss Smith,

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your check for \$40. The amount of course scarcely covers my traveling expenses, but I was happy of the opportunity to address the Ford Hall Forum and I enjoyed the experience immensely.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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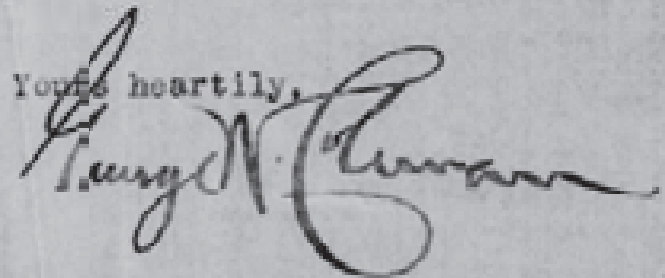
My dear Rabbi Silver:

You do not need to be told that your night at Ford Hall was a red-letter occasion in the history of our Forum. After seating 1,000 and standing 300, we had to close the doors ten minutes before the meeting began and turned away other hundreds.

Your message carried us all with you and made those of us who are Christians as proud of you as any Jew could be. It was a delight to us to provide the platform and the occasion for such a noble address. I am sure you must have felt how completely the audience was with you.

We trust that you will find it possible to come to us again next season.

Yours heartily,



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 55th Street and Central,
Cleveland, Ohio.

March Twenty-sixth
1923

Mr. George W. Coleman,
Ford Hall Forum,
1244 Little Building,

My dear Mr. Coleman,

Permit me to thank you for your lovely letter of the twenty-third. I need not tell you that I enjoyed greatly the experience of addressing your unusual Forum audience. You have at Ford Hall an organization which is unique in the United States. It is a real stronghold of all American ideals.

It was a pleasure to have met you and to have had the pleasure of contemplating the great service which you are rendering Boston.

Trusting that I shall have the pleasure of meeting you again, I am, with kindest regards

Very sincerely yours,

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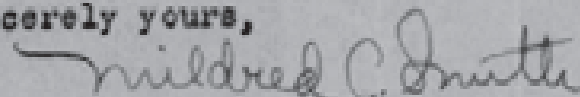
May 14, 1923

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We want you very much at Ford Hall again. I wonder if you can plan to be our opening or our closing speaker? That is what we should like. The season will begin on Sunday evening, October 21, and close on Sunday evening, April 6. Or if neither of those dates is possible, we can offer any Sunday between with the exception of Nov. 18, Dec. 9, Jan. 5, and Jan. 13. The fee would be \$50 as it was this year. It would be a little difficult for us to place an afternoon engagement for you unless you came between November and the middle of March, but no doubt you would have personal engagements as you did this season.

If there is more than one Sunday evening that you would be available in Boston, the Boston Y.M.H.A. has asked us to be sure to save a date for them. They, too, pay \$50.

Sincerely yours,



Executive Secretary

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

MCS

Ford Hall

May 10th, 1923.

Miss Mildred C. Smith,
Little Building,
80 Boylston Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Smith,

Permit me to thank you for
your kind letter and for the invitation
which you extend to me, to address the
Ford Hall Forum again. I think that I
shall be able to be with you on Sunday,
April 6th, 1924.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Banquet

FEBRUARY 28, 1923

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Sidney Hillman Speaking and George W. Coleman Presiding

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OF BAPTIST PARENTAGE

The Ford Hall Forum is the child of the Boston Baptist Social Union, and it has never left the home in which it was born. Daniel Sharp Ford, in his will, urged the Social Union to use their new building as a common meeting-ground with the working men and women of Boston. For nearly twenty years Mr. George W. Coleman has been chairman of the committee of the Social Union which spends the income from the Ford bequests. He persuaded his committee to venture forth with this new type of meeting, and ever since has been the director and chairman. The Social Union still grants the Forum the free use of the halls in the Ford Building, but for the last seven years the running expenses have been met by the collections taken at the meetings and by the contributions of friends, including many members of the Social Union. Mr. Coleman and a host of forum folks, besides a number of members of the Social Union (notably Mr. J. Arthur Sparrow and Mr. James P. Roberts), have given their time and energy and money to the work of the forum and they feel that it has been a privilege to do so.

ABLE AND DEVOTED SECRETARIES

From the beginning, Mr. Coleman has had the assistance of able and devoted secretaries. Miss Mary Caroline Crawford's initiative and energy as Executive Secretary for thirteen years made a large contribution to the success of the meetings. Her ingenuity and enterprise were vital factors in the growth and development of the movement. Miss Alice H. Samson, who became Executive Secretary immediately following the 1920-1921 season, has been Mr. Coleman's private secretary for many years. She did all the clerical work in connection with the first season and ever since has been greatly devoted to the forum. No one, not even Mr. Coleman himself, has shown greater devotion or made more sacrifices than has Miss Samson.

FIFTEEN CONTINUOUS SEASONS

Even the stress of the war did not blot out the forum meetings, although the seasons at that time had to be shortened. Coal and money were hard to get.

The Ford Hall programs for fifteen seasons comprise 326 Sunday evening meetings. During this period 244 different speakers have given their message on the Ford Hall platform. Three quarters of all these speakers have appeared on the Ford Hall platform but once; only 12 per cent of the entire number have made a second appearance; but 9 of the 244 have been presented three times; only 6 four times; 2 five times; 3 six times; and 2 seven times. Charles Zuehlke holds the record of having spoken to the Ford Hall Forum audience thirteen times.

Of our total number of speakers, 33 (about 14 per cent) have been women. Nearly 28 per cent (or 66 exactly) of the speakers have been ministers, priests or rabbis. Eight medical doctors have addressed the crowd, and 22 college professors. Among the remaining group of 115 are found business men, lawyers, judges, poets, social workers, publicists, representatives of labor, journalists, authors, lecturers and educators. Almost never have we had men in high political office.

The late Henry Abrahams, long Secretary of the Boston Central Labor Union and recently its President, was one of the speakers on the opening night, fifteen years ago, and a member of the Committee of Citizens from the beginning.



OFFICERS, USHERS AND ASSISTANTS, JANUARY 14, 1923

OUR AUDIENCE

A fresh census of the Ford Hall Forum audience, based on the return of 674 blanks, reveals these interesting facts. Sixty-one per cent of the audience are regular attendants. Fifty-eight per cent are men. Twenty-five per cent of the audience are under 30 years of age; 44 per cent between 30 and 50 years of age; and 31 per cent above 50 years of age. Just one third of the audience are foreign born, while 61 per cent are of foreign parentage. One hundred and thirty-four different occupations were designated on the census blanks and 37 varieties of religious faith, with only 7 per cent indicating an absence of any faith. Fifty-eight per cent lean toward Protestantism, 22 per cent are Jews, and 6 per cent acknowledge Catholic affiliation. Only 2 per cent confess to Agnosticism or Atheism. In indicating the speakers that are best liked, John Haynes Holmes leads the list overwhelmingly, and Margaret Slattery comes second. Even speakers who have not appeared on our platform for many years received generous marks of preference.

The space here is insufficient for the presentation of other interesting details which the census blanks revealed.

SPREADS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

From the very first, the Ford Hall Sunday evening meetings attracted wide attention. They very soon became the inspiration and model for other forums, first throughout New England and later all over the country. The necessity for providing forum literature, supplying speakers and gathering forum leaders together for fellowship soon resulted in the formation of the Open Forum National Council. The first meetings were at Sagamore Beach in connection with Mr. Coleman's Sociological Conference. Subsequently, annual gatherings of considerable import were held in Boston, Buffalo, Chicago and New York City.

SPEAKERS' BUREAU REQUIRED

The Open Forum Speakers' Bureau, initiated and fathered by Dr. Harold Marshall, the founder of the Melrose forum, and managed for years with great devotion and self-sacrifice by Miss Mabel B. Ury (now Mrs. F. Morton Leonard), furnishes speakers to forum platforms in twenty-one different states. The offices of the Open Forum National Council, the Speakers' Bureau and the Ford Hall Forum are all in the Little Building, Boston, Rooms 1243 and 1244. The Bureau is managed by Miss Mildred C. Smith, and the National Council work is handled by Miss Alice H. Samson.

A FORUM MISSIONARY

Mr. Coleman has been the President of the National Council from the beginning and has traveled over 40,000 miles in a single year, presenting the forum message in every section of this country and Canada. In connection with war work he planted forum seed in England, speaking in the City Temple, London, and in Old Boston, Lincolnshire.

During the last four years Mr. Coleman has conducted at the mother Chautauqua, New York, under the auspices of the National Council and in co-operation with the Chautauqua Institution, a Summer School of Open Forum Methods, with classes twice a day and great evening forums with three or four thousand in attendance.



MONTHLY SUPPER OF THE FORD HALL FOLKS

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FORD HALL FORUM

FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

FEBRUARY 28, 1923

Program

COURTENAY CROCKER, Chairman

PROF. DAVID D. VAUGHAN—Invocation

DeWITT G. WILCOX, M. D., Toastmaster

President, Boston Baptist Social Union

HON. ALVAN T. FULLER, Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts

HON. JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor of Boston

RABBI HARRY LEVI, Temple Israel

EDWARD A. FLENE, Chairman Citizens' Committee

DENIS A. MCCARTHY, LL.D.—a poem written for the occasion.

RESPONSES

Mrs. Susan W. FitzGerald

Dr. I. G. Leavitt

Robert Fechner

Rev. Harold Marshall, D.D.

Rolfe Cobleigh

Charles Kroll

Arthur E. Perkins

George E. Roewer, Jr.

George W. Coleman, LL.D.

Song Leader, DELCEVARE KING

Orchestra under the leadership of Louis G. Goldberg

Menu

Grape Fruit with Cherries

Roast Turkey

Mashed Potatoes

Escalloped Oysters

Celery

Banana Fritters

Lobster

Strawberry Mousse

Raspberry Bisque

Pound

Crackers and Cheese

Olives

String Beans

SALADS

FANCY CREAMS

CAKE

Lady Fingers

Coffee

Cranberry Sauce

Virginia Baked Ham

Sweetbread Patties

Radishes

Sauce

Chicken

Cafe Parfait

Frozen Pudding

Macaroons

Cocoa

C. C. WHITTEMORE, Caterer

Some Anniversary Greetings

WILLIAM CARDINAL O'CONNELL: "I offer you my hearty congratulations on the approach of the Fifteenth Anniversary of the foundation of the Ford Hall Forum. It must be a great personal satisfaction to you to know that the work of the Forum has been very successful and has done so much good. Although all the problems concerned have not been definitely solved, yet the very discussion of them has been helpful to parties of different opinions on each question. I earnestly hope that the Forum will continue to meet with the success it deserves, and I wish all those who will be present at the banquet on February 28th a very pleasant evening."

JOHN GRAHAM BROOKS: "The conditions of a working democracy have their perfect statement in four crisp sentences of your Platform. Such chances as democracy has are more surely found in the organized and fearless practice of those principles made familiar to us in Mr. Coleman's center at Ford Hall than in any other existing institution known to me."

ROGER W. BABSON: "On this Fifteenth Anniversary of the Ford Hall Forum, I desire to send you my personal greetings. I have watched your Ford Hall meetings since they began in 1908. I fully appreciate all the trials and difficulties that you have encountered through these past fifteen years. I also appreciate the leadership that has made these meetings the most talked of and the most influential in molding public opinion of any agency in Boston."

RT. REV. WILLIAM LAWEENCE, LL. D.: "Congratulations upon fifteen years of helpful work in enabling people, especially those who have lately come to this country, to ask questions and speak their mind."

MRS. LUCIA AMES MEAD: "The discussion of social, educational, political, industrial, and economic problems—all intensely human—which the Ford Hall Forum presents, are aimed to restore sanity and balance to a world that knows more about mechanics than about human relations. Hearers have learned to surrender prejudice and snap judgment and to find nothing human, foreign. Ford Hall has been a Beacon flame lighting many candles far and near because its founder and director, like his Master, has loved common folks and understood their needs."

W. E. BURGHARDT DUBOIS, Ph.D.: "I believe that there is no problem of human democracy that could not be settled and settled right, if the American people would seriously and continuously develop the public forum idea as exemplified in Ford Hall."

MISS MARGARET SLATTERY: "Fifteen years of honest, fearless searching for Truth, of courageous, daring pursuit of the Light, of earnest endeavor to use the Truth to make life happier and the Light to make man a better brother to his fellows, gives cause for sincere congratulation and reason to believe that for the forum idea in America, even greater days lie just ahead. May all of us who believe in the banishment of hate and the establishment of love as the basis of human relationships pledge ourselves again to

'Follow, follow, follow the Gleam
Of the Light that shall bring the Dawn.'"

SHERMAN L. WHIPPLE: "The activities of the Ford Hall Forum, under your leadership and with your inspiration, have been of distinct benefit to our citizenship. They have had a real educational value, and have contributed much to lifting our civic standards. I send you, on the occasion of the Fifteenth Anniversary, most cordial greetings and congratulations on your success, and I venture to express the hope of even greater achievements in the years to come."

REV. JOHN A. RYAN, D.D.: "I congratulate you and the other officers of the Ford Hall Forum on the attainment of its fifteenth anniversary. You have afforded thousands of the citizens of Boston opportunity for enlightenment upon and discussion of the great problems of our time, and you have provided a model and an inspiration for other forums throughout the United States. Such institutions are more necessary today than ever before, to counteract the pernicious activities of the various special groups that would stifle free speech in the interest of their narrow conceptions of public welfare. May Ford Hall continue to lead and to flourish!"

PRES. L. H. MURLIN, LL. D.: "When, fifteen years ago, I first learned of the inauguration of the 'Ford Hall Forum' movement, it excited at once my warm admiration for the fine motive back of it, the boldness of the venture and the high faith expressed in our common humanity. I am firmly convinced that we need to understand each other a little better if the world is to get on more peacefully. 'Come now let us reason together.' The remarkable success of the Ford Hall Forum so far augurs a greater future, and I congratulate you upon the achievements of the past, and the well-grounded prophecies for the future."

ROBERT S. HOLMES (Director, Florida Forum and Assembly, and Secretary of the Open Forum National Council): "Congratulations on the fifteenth anniversary of the Ford Hall Forum, ever the lodestar amongst the forums of America. You have regenerated one of the fundamental principles of our early history: 'that a free people should have an untrammelled platform for the discussion of public questions for the purpose of forming a true public opinion.' Your example of tolerance and hospitality towards new ideas and insistence upon open discussion as the prerequisite to intelligent action have made conservatives more liberal and radicals more conservative. May your leadership continue, and may the Open Forum slogan, 'Education by Discussion,' reverberate in every city and hamlet of America."

EVERETT DEAN MARTIN (Director, Cooper Union Forum, New York): "I am glad that you are to have your Fifteenth Anniversary this month. We had our twenty-fifth last fall. May I extend to you and to your Ford Hall folk greetings and congratulations of the Cooper Union Forum? The completion of fifteen years of splendid activity at Ford Hall marks a great achievement. The Ford Hall meetings have won their place not only in Boston but in the country at large. The Forum has become a national American institution, and I am sure that I am speaking for the forum movement generally in saying that the movement as a whole is greatly indebted to your personal efforts and inspiration for its wide extension throughout the country."

ARTHUR E. BESTOR, LL. D. (President, Chautauqua Institution): "Heartly congratulations on your Fifteenth Anniversary. Ford Hall has blazed the way for the forum movement throughout the country. May your unselfish labor seem to all of you as much worth while as it does to your myriad friends everywhere. May your work of leadership and inspiration continue unabated. Macaulay's dictum is always true of a democracy, 'Men are never so likely to decide wisely as when they discuss freely.'"

JAMES A. McKIBBEN (Secretary, Boston Chamber of Commerce): "Greetings on the fifteenth anniversary of the beginning of the Ford Hall Forum. Getting at the other man's point of view and seeing the facts through his eyes is the only way in which mutual understanding can be attained, either between individuals or in the larger field of community relationship. For fifteen years Ford Hall has stood as a symbol of the amity and progress toward clear thinking that comes when people get together and endeavor to understand the point of view of the other man. Not only Boston but other places as well have benefited from the existence of Ford Hall, for several hundred forums scattered all over the United States have radiated from the original little organization which you established in 1908. It is a helpful leavening influence, tending to bring all classes and creeds together in the great common denominator of Americanism."

JAMES DUNCAN (International President, The Granite Cutters' International Association of America): "Being much interested in the liberality of public debate and in the dissemination of progressive information, I look upon the Ford Hall Forum as being in this particular co-equal in progressive economics with Faneuil Hall as our national cradle of political freedom."

RABBI STEPHEN S. WISE, Ph.D.: "Dear Ford Hall Forum: (which means George W. Coleman) You are about to celebrate your fifteenth birthday, and no one rejoices in that birthday more than do I. I know what the Ford Hall Forum has meant to Boston. I know what it has meant to me. I know what it has meant to the country. It has been a power for good throughout the land. It has made the forum idea acceptable, very largely, however, because of the wisdom and the breadth and the vision of its leader. I wish every forum in the land were as wisely and as sanely conducted as is the Ford Hall Forum. It is hospitable to all men and to all views, but supremely hospitable to truth. Therein lies its strength and its distinction. "As a rabbi, I trust I may be permitted to make a reference to the circumstance that in the Hebrew tongue the number fifteen is expressed by two Hebrew letters

which together constitute the name of God. So this is your fiftieth year, and it is inevitable that I should ask that the blessing of God be with the Ford Hall Forum in the years that are to come. An instrument of mighty service has been fashioned for you by that fine American, George Coleman. Let it be well and worthily used, not to serve a faction nor to further partisan views, but in the interest of truth and truth alone, the truth which not alone makes men free but the pursuit of which emancipates the spirit of men.

God be with you in the years that are to come and make the Ford Hall Forum another Faneuil Hall for Boston and all America.

"With warmest greetings to all the blessed company of sane cranks, who together make up the constituency of the Ford Hall Forum, and my affectionate greetings to dear George, whom you must not let do it alone."

SPECIAL: These few lines have been inserted after the last poem passed under the eyes of our ever vigilant Executive Secretary. Saturday evening, February 24, Miss Alice H. Sumner was surprised at her home by a committee who presented her on behalf of the Ford Hall Folks with a handsome Victrola and a library of fine records. She was given to understand something of the esteem, regard and affection in which she is held by the Folks, and the gratitude we all feel for what she has done through these fifteen years for the Ford Hall meetings and the forum movement generally.

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MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL T. RUSH

Celebrating their 50th Anniversary and Mr. Rush's 80th Birthday.

There are no more ardent devotees of the Ford Hall Forum than Mr. and Mrs. Michael T. Rush, who celebrate tonight Mr. Rush's 80th Birthday and their 50th wedding anniversary. These friends came from England forty years ago. By their sterling character, warm-heartedness and ready interest, they have endeared themselves to all who come in contact with them. We all join with their special guests of the evening in wishing that they may be spared to our fellowship many years and that they may always enjoy that richness of life which they so well deserve.

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May 16, 1923

Dear Forum Leaders:

You will find enclosed the list of speakers available for next season. We have tried to make it more helpful by including subjects, so that it will be suggestive not only of speakers but of a wide range of topics suitable to forum discussion. The names of many speakers, not before listed, have been added.

Last year we served forums and clubs in twenty states, supplying practically full programs in several forums many hundreds of miles from headquarters. We could do this for many more provided forum leaders would send us now (in May or early June) the list of speakers whom they are most eager to secure. Almost every day from May to October, some speaker is writing us of his plans and itinerary for next winter. Perhaps he is the very man you want, and if we know you want him, correspondence is under way immediately to secure him for you, and to combine engagements so as to secure him most economically. No engagement is definitely settled until we have written you the details and secured your final confirmation.

Let us help you all we can.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred C. Smith

Executive Secretary.

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May 28, 1933

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Is there any Sunday evening next season that you could give to the Peoria, Illinois, Forum at \$75? Their meetings run from early November through March, I think. The forum has been running for a number of years and has been one of the most successful in the Middle West.

Requests continue to come for you from forums in and around Boston. If you could come on for Sunday, November 25, I think we could arrange morning, afternoon, and evening meetings at the Boston Community Church, the Arlington Forum, and the Boston Y.M.H.A. Forum, fee \$150 for the day. Could you consider it?

Sincerely yours,

Mildred C. Smith

Executive Secretary.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
East 55th and Central St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

MCS

May 11st, 1911.

Miss Mildred C. Smith,
80 Boylston Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Smith,

Permit me to thank you
for your kind letter of May 20th. I
cannot accept any more Sunday engagements
for the coming season. Most of our congrega-
tional activities take place on that day and I
feel it my primary duty to be in Cleveland on
Sunday. I am afraid that I shall not be able
to do much additional forsworht this coming
season in as much as I am making a rather extensive
tour through the southern cities during the months
of December and January. I shall therefore not
be able to accept many more engagements.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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June 8, 1923

My dear Rabbi Silver:

When you are in Boston for the Ford Hall Forum on April 6, 1924, would you want to speak in the morning at the Boston Community Church? Their service is held at 10:45 a.m.. It means an address of about three-quarters of an hour, with twenty minutes of questions at the close. It is an audience well worth while, and I think you would enjoy meeting them. And I already know from several sources that they are most eager to hear and know you. The fee is only \$30, but that would help just so much toward the expenses of your trip.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred C. Smith
Executive Secretary.

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

June 14th, 1923.

Miss Mildred C. Smith,
80 Boylston Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Smith,

I am afraid that I shall not
be able to accept the kind invitation
of the Boston Community Church as I shall
in all probability not get to Boston until
late Sunday afternoon.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

16 Wallingford Rd.,
Brighton, Mass.,
June 22, 1923.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It was very kind of you to promise to try to reach Boston in time to address the congregation at Harvard. Of course we realize that it is impossible for you to promise definitely at this early date, but we shall keep the date open, in the hope that you will be able to visit us. About a month before the date on which you are scheduled to speak in Boston, therefore, we shall attempt to get in touch with you, and learn what the possibilities are.

With the assurance of
our deep appreciation of your courtesy,
I am

Very sincerely yours,

Arthur H. Marget

RABBI SAMUEL J. ABRAMS
26 FULLER STREET
BROOKLINE, MASS.

Oct. 7 3/13

Dear Abe, '-

I understand you are to appear in Boston shortly for an address - (at Ford Hall?) May I ask you to let me know the date of your arrival and your contemplated stay, and whether you would oblige me by addressing my Temple or any of its organizations within the time that you are here? I shall appreciate it very much.

I trust you and Mrs. S. are well. Sarah and I send you our best wishes.

Sam -

November Second
1923

Rabbi Samuel J. Abtens,
26 Faller Street,
Brookline, Mass.

My dear Sam,

I shall be in Boston on Sunday,
April 6th. I do not wish, at the present
writing, to make any other engagements for
that day, as I shall leave early the follow-
ing morning. Please write to me a little
later.

Remember me to Sarah. With kindest
regards to you and to her, I am

As ever yours,

RABBI SAMUEL J. ABRAMS
24 FULLER STREET
BROOKLINE, MASS.

Jan. 22/26

Dear Abe, :-

Sometime ago you wrote me that you were coming to Boston for the Ford Forum. What date is that? And can you also tell me when you are coming here to address the Harvard Student Congregation? Can you arrange to stay overnight to address my Temple on Saturday morning? I would appreciate it very much.

I hope you and yours are well. With personal regards -

Sam -

January 29th, 1934.

Rabbi Samuel J. Brown,
34 Fuller Street,
Brookline, Mass.

My dear Sam,

I am not scheduled to be in
Boston until Sunday, April 6th. I have
accepted an invitation for the 7th in
New Haven. If I can get away in time to
be in Boston on Saturday morning I shall
be glad to address your congregation.
Please remember me to Sarah.

With kindest regards, I am

As ever,

*Open Forum
Speaker's Bureau*

January 28th, 1924.

Miss Hilma C. Smith,
60 Baylston Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Smith,

I regret very much that I
will be unable to accept an invitation
from the All-Holyoke Forum for the seventh
of April. I have already accepted an en-
gagement for that day in New Haven.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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LITTLE BUILDING, ROOM 1243
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MASS.

January 25, 1924.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The chairman of the All-Holyoke Open Forum, Holyoke, Mass., has just written to ask tentatively whether you would be available for their April meeting which falls on Monday evening, April 7th - the day after your Ford Hall engagement.

Would you be able to remain over should their committee ask us to make arrangements and what fee would be necessary? They usually pay \$75 to \$100.

May I hear from you promptly about this? By return mail if that is possible.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred C. Smith
Executive Secretary.

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

MCS:F

P.S.-- The check for Wm. R. George has not yet reached us. If it is not already on its way, will you kindly ask your treasurer to get it into the next mail?

TEMPLE ISRAEL
BOSTON, MASS.

Feb.
4 th
1924

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
55th & Central Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Colleague:

I understand that you are coming here some time in March or April to address Ford Hall, and I am writing to extend an invitation to you to occupy my pulpit the morning of that day. I hope you will find it possible to do so. I need hardly assure you of a very cordial welcome on the part of my congregation and myself.

With all good greetings in which Mrs. Levi joins to you and Virginia, I am.

Faithfully yours,

Sherry Lewis

HL:B

February 7th, 1934.

Rabbi Harry Levi,
Temple Israel,
Doston, Mass.

My dear Rabbi Levi,

Permit me to thank you
for your letter of February 4th and
for the invitation which you extend
to me to address your congregation.
I shall be in Doston on the 12th of
April and I shall be pleased to occupy
your pulpit that morning.

With kindest regards to
Mrs. Levi and the children in which
Virginia heartily joins me, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
% The Temple,
55th & Central Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

At a meeting of the Executive Committee in connection with our forthcoming local drive for the Jewish Theological Seminary Endowment Fund, I was requested by our Chairman, Mr. Louis E. Kirshtein, to extend to you an invitation to address us at a dinner to be given at the opening of the above drive on Sunday, March 9th, 1924 at 6:30 P.M., at the Elysium Club, Boston, Mass.

It was felt by all present that your presence at this dinner will be of great help to us in our effort to obtain the desired results.

The other speaker of the occasion will be Mr. Louis Marshall the National honorary chairman of the drive.

We shall appreciate it greatly if you will kindly inform us by return mail as to whether you will be with us on that date.

Hoping that you will find it possible to comply with our request, I remain.

Very truly yours,

Louis I. Goldberg

(LOUIS I. GOLDBERG)
CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR FOR NEW ENGLAND.

LIG/LS

Keep the light of Judaism burning
If you won't - who will?



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BOSTON, MASS.

February 13, 1924.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I very much hope you can accept the invitation which has just come to us for you from the Y.M.H.A. in Brockton, Massachusetts.

The secretary of the Associated Y.M.H.A. telephoned me this morning to ask whether they might engage you to speak on Sunday afternoon, April 6th, before the public forum in Brockton which is run under the auspices of the Y.M.H.A. in their auditorium. It seats almost a thousand people and I believe they ordinarily have an excellent attendance.

Their plan would be to motor you out to Brockton from Boston for a meeting at 2:00 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. and bring you back again by automobile after the meeting. This would give you some time to rest before your appointment at Ford Hall in the evening.

They would like to count on you for the same fee you are getting at Ford Hall (\$50) but are ready to increase this to \$75, if necessary.

I should very much appreciate a prompt reply.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred C. Smith
Executive Secretary.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
E. 55th Street & Central,
Cleveland, Ohio.

MCS:F

February 15th, 1934.

Niece Mildred C. Smith,
60 Baylton Street,
Boston, Mass.

My Dear Niece Smith,

I am sorry that I cannot
accept the invitation of the Y.M.H.A.
of Brighton. I have already accepted
an invitation from Dr. Leck to address
his congregation in the morning and I
do not think I could ~~go~~ ^{do} it three times
a day.

With kindest regards, I beg
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

TEMPLE ISRAEL
. BOSTON, MASS.

Feb.
13 th
1924

Rabbi A.H. Silver,
The Temple,
55th & Central Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am just in receipt of your note informing me that you will occupy my pulpit on the 6th of April. I am very glad to know that this is to be the case. At your convenience please let me know the subject of your address.

I hope when you come that you will bring Virginia with you. Mrs. Levi joins me in very cordial greetings to both of you.

Sincerely yours,

Shalom Levi

HL:B

Dear Mr. Gilman,

With kindest regards and wishing
you every success, I am to remain

Very respectfully,

As well as the conference itself, my hope
much of the time that I cannot in justice to
you. Again, I have been out of the city so
congregational activities the place on that
relative to an Sunday morning and most of our
during the year. As you know, our principal
with the possible exception of one or two
I do not as a rule leave Cleveland on Sunday
also I would not be able to accept it.

Trusting this message find on your side. I
meeting in behalf of the Jewish Theological
the first invitation to attend the
Permit me to thank you for

My dear Mr. Gilman,

Boston, Mass.

41 Mr. Vernon St.,

Dr. Louis T. Gilman,

February 15th, 1894.

March 12th, 1934.

Mr. Arthur W. Marget,
56 Eymont Street,
Brookline, Mass.

My dear Mr. Marget,

It is not likely that I will
get to Boston on Friday, April 4th. If
I can see my way clear to come I shall
inform you early enough so that you can
make your arrangements.

With kindest regards and thanking
you again for your invitation, permit me to
remain

Very sincerely yours,



TEMPLE ISRAEL
BOSTON, MASS.

March
19 th
1924

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
55th & Central Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Friend:

Will you let me know the subject
you expect to discuss before my congregation on
Sunday morning, April 6th? I should like to
make announcement in my weekly bulletin. Please
send me the topic as soon as convenient.

I trust that all goes well with
Virginia and yourself. With all good greetings.

Sincerely yours,

Harry Levin

HL:B

March 21st, 1924.

Rabbi Harry Levi,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Rabbi Levi,

I think that I shall
speak on "The Fundamental Needs of
Human Life".

Looking forward with
pleasure to seeing you again and with
kindest regards to Mrs. Levi, permit
me to remain

Very sincerely yours,



TEMPLE ISRAEL
BOSTON, MASS.

March
28 th
1924

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
55th & Central Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Friend:

Thank you for letting me have the subject of your address at our Temple on Sunday morning, April 6th. What hour do you expect to arrive, and where do you expect to stop? I wish I could ask you to be our guest at our home. Unfortunately we haven't a single spare room. I do hope however that you will find it possible to take dinner with us. Both Mrs. Levi and I hope that you will bring Virginia with you.

Sincerely yours,

Harry Levi

HL:B

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April 7, 1934.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Such glowing accounts have come to me of last night's meeting! I hope you enjoyed your audience as much as your audience enjoyed you.

The leader of one of our suburban forums heard you and telephoned me early this morning to say that they "must" have your message in Arlington next season. Is it too early for you to set a Sunday? They meet at 4:00 p.m., Sundays, and would prefer one of the following dates:-

January 4
January 18
February 15

The Boston Y.M.H.A. or the Haverhill Forum would take the evening, I feel certain; if you felt like speaking three times in one day, we might arrange for the Community Church in the morning.

We should like to arrange the meetings at \$50 each if you have three or four dates together; if you felt you could take only two meetings on Sunday, we could increase the fee to \$65 or \$75 each on a pinch. (These terms do not apply to the morning service at the Community Church; the fee there is always only \$30).

At any rate, I hope there may be one or two Sunday between November and April which you can set aside for engagements around Boston and New York.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred C. Smith

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April 14, 1934

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The forum season just closed has been the busiest the Bureau has ever known. The organization of so many new forums and the steady progress of the older ones have been most heartening. It is an inspiration to glance over the forum programs as they come to our desk from groups all over the country and see the type of speakers and the wide range of subjects covered. The demand for earnest and reliable speakers on present-day problems has never been so great as at this time.

We believe you are as interested as we are to do what you can to help along the forum idea. We, therefore, again invite your cooperation. Whether you can give us a dozen Sundays or only one or two, we need you and your message.

Some of the forum leaders plan their programs very far ahead. We are, therefore, asking you as early as this to answer the few questions at the bottom of this sheet, which we should like returned to us promptly.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred C. Smith
Executive Secretary.

1. Present occupation or activities:
2. General type of subject:
3. Subjects, in order preferred (give exact titles with explanatory line where needed)

a.

b.

c.

(Additional topics may be given on other side of paper)

4. When, between next October and April, are you likely to be available for an engagement or two in or near the following centers?

New York	Boston	Cleveland
Chicago	St. Louis	Florida

5. Is your address as given below correct?

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
E. 55th St. and Central
Cleveland, Ohio

April 14th, 1921.

Mr. P. M. Leavitt,
3 Tremont Row,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Leavitt,

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of April 10th. I am afraid that it will not be possible for me to come to Boston again this season. I am quite heavily booked up with lecture engagements for the next few months many of them being Horan Haywood campaign meetings.

Hoping that I may be of service to you at some future time, I am

Very sincerely yours,

"Let there be light"

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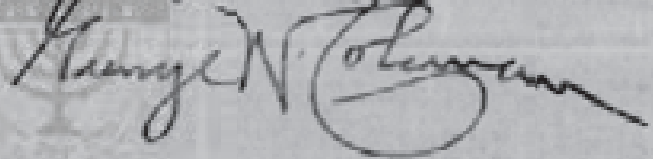
ALICE M. PARNELL, Treasurer

April 15, 1924

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Now that the rush and excitement of our annual banquet is over, let me take time to express to you our high appreciation of the wonderful message you brought us on the closing night of our Ford Hall season. You do not need to be told what an inspiration it was to all of us. Even the old timers are wondering if we ever had anything more vital and helpful. You certainly closed our season for us in a blaze of glory, and we are all deeply grateful to you.

Yours very heartily,



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

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4. For free participation from the forum floor either by questions or discussion.
5. The freedom of forum management from responsibility for utterances by speakers from the platform or the floor.

April 17th, 1934.

Miss Mildred C. Smith,
80 Boylston Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Smith,

In reply to your letter of April 7, I am afraid that it is altogether too early for me to make any engagements for next season. I do not know how much time I shall have for out of town engagements. If you will write me later on, say in the early part of the fall, I shall be glad to inform you. I enjoyed my Boston meetings very much.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

P.S. You may add to my list of
lectures : 1. Is Progress a Myth?
2. Have we an American Civilization?

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April 24, 1924

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The Arlington people will try to wait until September before definitely closing their entire program, in the hope that you will then have a Sunday afternoon for them. I might say that November 30 is the date they would prefer. You can be bearing that in mind as you arrange your other appointments, and perhaps try to keep it free for us.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred C. Smith
Executive Secretary.

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

MS

Could you see Mrs. J. Durand of the Lebo Temple School, N.Y.C.
at your own forum on March 20, 1925 or Charlotte Perkins
Jelks on Feb next?

408 ^{in fact}

Walter F. Ellis

HARVARD CLUB OF BOSTON

374 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE

~~Wednesday~~ May 12, 1924.

My dear Rabbi Silver,

At the urgent invitation
of my friend Rabbi Levi,
I attended Temple Israel
on April sixth and heard
your noble address, which
you so brilliantly emphasized
in the evening at Ford Hall.

For the past two years
I have been endeavoring to
consolidate public sentiment

in the Boston suburb in which I live for more interest in the general welfare and in cultural and intellectual matters.

A series of addresses by prominent ^{men} which we have dignified with the title "Forum" has done much in this last direction, and Dr. Stearns of Andover closes the series next Thursday evening.

We propose to continue
this plan next autumn,
commencing November
tenth and holding "Forums"
on the second and fourth
Monday of each month
thru April.

If you come to Boston
next winter, will you give
us an evening for one of
these addresses?

You will do a lot of good,
you will help further an
altruistic movement which

is well started and you
will receive the cordial
gratitude of the writer.

Ask Rabbi Lur why
he spoke in Dedham
for Ellis - and possibly you
will feel the same
impulse. At any rate -
permit me to inscribe
myself with high respect

Very cordially yours,
Walter F. Ellis

159 Court St. - Dedham, Mass.

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May 19, 1924

My dear Rabbi Silver:

In the fall when your plans are more settled, I will write you in detail about whatever forum invitations have come to us for you during the summer months. Meanwhile, however, I am going to drop you a word now and then telling you what forums are interested, and if you find anything you can accept right away, so much the better.

This particular letter is to tell you that Mr. Coleman wants you back at Ford Hall next season. He has in mind a New Year's message from you on Sunday evening, December 28. We might be able to shift the Arlington forum from Nov. 30 to Dec. 28, so as to fit them both in on one trip.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred C. Smith
Executive Secretary.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

May 26th, 1934.

Mr. Walter F. Ellis,
179 Court Street,
Dorham, Mass.

My dear Mr. Ellis,

Permit me to thank you very much for your kindness in inviting me to address one of the meetings of your forum. I shall be very happy to keep you in mind for next season. If it is at all possible I shall give you an evening.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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BOSTON, MASS.

June 30, 1924

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We could not wait longer to hear from you about speaking at Ford Hall on December 28, because Mr. Coleman is sailing for the Holy Land this week and as much of the forum program as possible had to be decided upon before he left. We are leaving some open dates along towards the end of the season, and perhaps one of these will still be available in the fall when you know more definitely about your plans.

What about your own forum? Are you not ready now to be thinking about speakers? We have a few new people, not on the list, like Dr. Stanton Coit of England, Dr. Kammerer, the eminent biologist from Vienna, Dr. Henry P. Fairchild of the University of New York, and Madame Arctowska of Poland.

I shall be away from the office during the entire month of August, and while I shall still be handling such mail as comes in, from my summer address, I can, of course, work much more effectively in the office with booking calendars and everything right at hand. Naturally, I am urging forum leaders to plan now and not wait another month before making at least a start on their programs.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred C. Smith
Executive Secretary.

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

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BOSTON, MASS

September 10, 1934

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

We have noted with much interest that you are to be speaking in the La Follette campaign during the next few weeks.

I am wondering what the prospects are for your filling the forum invitations we have for you later in the season. I have been holding December 28th open these many weeks on the Arlington, Mass. program in the hope that you could eventually say "Yes".

If you can come to Boston that Sunday, we could arrange for you to speak in Arlington in the afternoon at seventy-five dollars and before the Boston Y. M. H. A. at fifty dollars, *on the evening*

Couldn't you somehow arrange to give us this one date for Boston and perhaps one more for New York and vicinity. The Cooper Union Forum and the Brooklyn Jewish Centre are both asking for you and probably could be put into the same week-end.

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 55th St. and Central
Cleveland, Ohio

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Executive Secretary

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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DONT FDNE 105 AND ANSEL RD CLEVELAND OHIO

WOULD IT BE TOO MUCH OF AN IMPOSITION TO ASK YOU TO SEND ME THE POEM
IN HEBREW AND ENGLISH WHICH YOU GAVE AT THE CONCLUSION OF YOUR SERMON
"THE FUNDAMENTAL NEEDS OF LIFE" AT TEMPLE ISRAEL BOSTON, THE END OF
LAST YEAR. THE POEM ENDED WITH WORDS SIMILAR TO THE FOLLOWING "GOD
IS WITH ME-WHO NEED I FEAR" IT MADE AN INDELIBLE IMPRESSION ON MY MIND
I WOULD FEEL DEEPLY OBLIGATED IF YOU COULD MAIL IT TO ME AT ONCE IF
POSSIBLE. I WOULD LIKE TO USE IT IN A FEW DAYS APPROPRIATE ACKNOWLEDGE
WILL BE MADE

ALEXANDER L. FAINESTEIN 263 COLUMBIA RD
DORCHESTER MASS

850A

RABBI SAMUEL J. ABRAMS
24 FULLER STREET
BROOKLINE, MASS.

Nov. 21/24.

Dear Abe, -

I am told you are coming here to open the local Keren Hayesod drive on Dec. 10. When do you expect to get here and how long will you stay? Do you expect to be in Boston or near Boston later in the season again? I trust you will answer at your earliest convenience. I am wondering whether you would favor me by addressing a large gathering of my Congregation to spur them in the building of our new Temple and Center. I believe I can arrange this meeting to take place during one of your visits to Boston. I trust you are well -
As Ever, Sam

December First
1924

Rabbi Samuel J. Abrams,
24 Fuller Street.
Brookline, Mass.

My dear Sam,

Thanks for your letter of November
twenty-first. I shall be in Boston just for
the evening of December tenth. I plan to return
later on, perhaps some time in the spring.

With kindest regards to Sarah, in
which Virginia joins me, I am

As ever yours

December First
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My dear Rabbi Abrams,



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RABBI A H SILVER

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SHALL BE EVERLASTINGLY GRATEFUL IF YOU WILL ACCEPT INVITATION
TO SPEAK AT INITIAL PROSPECTS DINNER OF FEDERATION WEDNESDAY
EVENING JANUARY 14TH. PLEASE DO THIS FOR COMMUNITY AND ME
WILL APPRECIATE IMMEDIATE FAVORABLE RESPONSE

JACOB BILLIKOPF

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AMOS LODGE BNAI BRITH ANXIOUS YOU ADDRESS MEETING THURSDAY

DECEMBER ELEVENTH WIRE ME CONDITIONS AT ONCE

ALEXANDER BRIN PUBLISHER JEWISH ADVOCATE

251 CAUSEWAY ST

Collect Message:

1219P

Alexander Brin, The Jewish Advocate

251 Causeway Street, Boston, Mass.

I must leave Boston same night. Regret exceedingly

cannot accept your invitation.

A. H. Silver.

collect

12/23/24

Rabbi Jacob Billikopf
Federation of Jewish Charities
Philadelphia, Pa.

1512 Walnut St.

Regret exceedingly cannot accept your
kind invitation. Have wedding scheduled
for that evening.

A.H. Silver.

RABBI SAMUEL J. ABRAMS
24 FULLER STREET
BROOKLINE, MASSACHUSETTS

TEMPLE OHABEI SHALOM
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Boston

March 6/25.

Dear Abr.:-

Our Temple Center is practically completed and we are planning the dedication for sometime in May. Is it at all possible that you may be in or near Boston at that time. We can set the date to meet your convenience. When you were in Boston the last time, you will recall I spoke to you about this matter and you suggested the possibility of your coming here to participate in the dedicatory exercises. I need hardly add that any expense you incur we shall gladly defray, regardless of what distance you come from. I do hope you can arrange to do this and thus oblige me personally as well as the congregation.

Awaiting an early reply, Sam, with best wishes
Sam.

RABBI SAMUEL J. ABRAMS
24 FULLER STREET
BROOKLINE, MASSACHUSETTS

March 31/55.

Dear Abr.:

Sometime ago I wrote you about the dedication of our New Temple Center which is to take place May 29, 30, 31 and June 1. I asked you whether you can arrange to be with us on June 1, 16 P.M. at our Banquet. He would, of course, meet all your expenses. You have not replied, as yet, and we are anxious to hear from you. Please answer. I do hope you can come and be the speaker at the Banquet.

Sincerely,

March 31st, 1925.

Rabbi Samuel Abrams,
24 Fuller Street,
Brooklyn, Mass.

Dear Sam,

Please pardon the long delay in answering your letter. I have been out of the city most of the time. There is a possibility of my being in your part of the country the week of May 4th. I could not come on Sunday. I may be in New York on the 4th and in Providence on the 5th and in Boston for your meeting on the 6th. These arrangements are tentative pending final arrangements with the New York K.H. office. As soon as I hear from them I will get in touch with you.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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March 5, 1926

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am beginning my annual series of letters to you to ask whether you can get to Boston for forum engagements on one or two Sundays the coming year, that is, between November 1st, 1925 and April 1st, 1926.

We have tried for at least two years to find a date that you could give to the Arlington forum and to the Boston Y.M.H.A. forum; both groups already have their requests in for you for next season. Is there some Sunday, preferably in November, December or January, that you can come? If so, I think you can count on a fee of one hundred and twenty-five to one hundred and fifty dollars for the two engagements together.

I do hope we can have a favorable reply.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 55th St. and Central
Cleveland, Ohio

Sincerely yours,

Mildred C. Smith
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COMMUNITY OF MATAPAN BOSTON BOUGHT A LOT ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN THOUSAND
SQUARE FEET FOR TALMUD TORAH AND COMMUNITY CENTER CAN YOU COME SUNDAY APRIL
TWENTY SIXTH TO ADDRESS MASS MEETING WHICH WILL INITIATE CAMPAIGN FOR A TWO
HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR BUILDING FUND IF UNABLE TO COME APRIL TWENTY SIXTH
WHAT SUBSEQUENT SUNDAY CAN YOU AM VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN THIS PROJECT AND
SINCERELY HOPE YOU WILL ACCEPT THIS INVITATION

LOUIS HURWICH SUPERINTENDENT

BUREAU OF JEWISH EDUCATION
24 PROVINCE ST BOSTON MASS

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Collect Message

March 21st, 1925

1. P. M.

Louis Hurwich
Bureau Jewish Education
24 Province Street
Boston, Mass.

Regret Impossible for me to leave Cleveland on Sunday.

A. H. Silver

RABBI SAMUEL J. ABRAMS
24 FULLER STREET
BROOKLINE, MASSACHUSETTS

TEMPLE OHABEI SHALOM
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

April 1/15.

Dear Abr.:

I sent you a second letter which I suppose crossed your letter I just received. I do not recall now whether I stated May 6 as the date of our meeting. If I did, then it has been changed. As I wrote you, we are dedicating our new Temple Center on Friday evening May 29, Saturday morning May 30, Sunday morning (children) May 31, Monday Eve (Banquet) June 1. Is it possible for you to be the speaker at one of these occasions. We would all prefer to have you on Monday Eve June 1. But if this is impossible, I do hope you can come on any of the other dates. May I ask you to wire your reply, collect at this end?

Best wishes.

Samu -

April 6th, 1925.

Rabbi Samuel J. Abrams,
24 Fuller Street,
Brookline, Mass.

My dear Sam,

I am very sorry that I shall not be able to come to you at the close of the month of May. As you know we have our Confirmation Service on the 29th. I have the Confirmation Service of the Orphan Home booked for the 31st and I have half dozen weddings scheduled for the first of June. I am leaving, as you probably know, for Europe on the fourth of June. I am sorry that I shall not be able to be with you on the great occasion but you know that my best wishes are with you. Please accept my heartiest felicitations.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

5/25/25

Rabbi Samuel Abrams,
Boston, Mass.

24 Fuller St - Brooklyn, Mass.

The Rabbi and officers of
The Temple of Cleveland send their
heartiest felicitations on the occasion
of the dedication of your new Temple
Center. May your splendid ministry lead
your congregation to ever higher levels of
service and achievement.

A. H. Silver.

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43 TREMONT STREET ROOM 1108 BOSTON, MASS.
TELEPHONE HAYMARKET 1808

June 19, 1925

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland
Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

As president of Amos Lodge #27, I.O.B.B., I have the pleasure to extend to you an invitation to address the Jewry of Boston on such a date this coming fall or winter as you may still have open.

Would it be possible for you to give us a day this coming November or December? Possibly you are contemplating a trip east during that time of the year.

In any event, I would appreciate it if you would advise me shortly as to the possibility of having you with us this coming fall.

Thanking you for your courtesy in the matter, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours,

George E. Gordon
PRESIDENT

G:M

June Twenty-fourth
1925

Mr. George E. Gordon,
Amos Lodge No.27, I.O.B.B.,
43 Tremont Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Gordon,

Your letter of June 19th addressed to Rabbi Silver, has been opened by me in his absence. Rabbi Silver is spending the summer in Europe and will not return to Cleveland until September.

I would suggest that you write Rabbi Silver again early in September, if it be not too late for your purpose.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

North Adams

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October 6, 1925

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The North Adams folks have chosen the topic "Is Progress a Myth?" for your lecture on December 21st.

You did not send me any word about Cooper Union. I know you do not want to take on a Sunday address but couldn't you give them Tuesday, March 9th, following your Brooklyn appointment on the 8th? Cooper Union pays only \$50. as you doubtless know.

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th at Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio

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Executive Secretary

TEMPLE OHABEI SHALOM

TEMPLE CENTER

1187 Beacon St.

BROOKLINE, MASS.

October

13,
1925.

HERTHA SCHUBERT
Temple Center Clerk

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
c/o The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Abe,

I believe you know that we are holding our services in our new edifice in Brookline. We had hoped to have you with us when we dedicated our building, the latter part of May 1925, but owing to your contemplated trip abroad you could not accommodate us. May we hope to have you with us shortly?

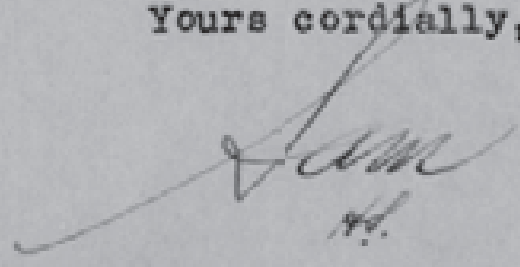
In addition to our Friday evening and Saturday morning service we have also instituted a Sunday morning service, beginning November 1, at 10.45 A. M. Are you planning in the near future to be in the vicinity of Boston? May we hope to have you address the Congregation at any one of the services enumerated in November or December? Whatever you do I assure you we shall appreciate your courtesy.

We are all well and trust you and yours are enjoying good health. I presume I shall meet you at the conference at Cincinnati.

With sincerest wishes, I am

Yours cordially,

SJA:HS



*Answered by Rabbi Silver
in person at Central
Conference meeting in
Cincinnati.*

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Lecturing
Sunday 10*

November 4, 1926

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We are already beginning to think about the Ford Hall Forum program for 1926-27. They wish very much that you could come to them on Sunday evening, October 24th. Do you think you can let us put you down for that date? As you know, they pay only \$50. But, it is very likely that you or we can find some additional appointments for you to tie up with it.

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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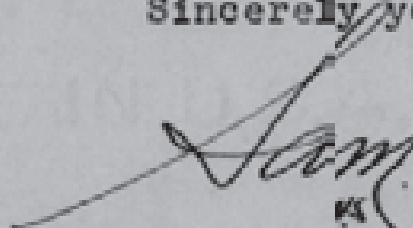
Dear Abe:-

Just a line to remind you that I
waiting to hear from you as to when you contem-
plate being in or near Boston, so that I might
have to opportunity, with your consent, to have
you address my organization.

Will you please let me know when
you expect to be around this vicinity?

I trust that you and Virginia
are enjoying good health.

Sincerely yours,



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RABBI ABBE HILLEL SILVER

THE TEMPLE OR AT HIS HOME CLEVELAND OHIO
NEW ENGLAND COMMITTEE FOR UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL PLANNING LUNCHEON
IN YOUR HONOR DECEMBER TWENTY ONE ONE PM COMMITTEE ANXIOUS TO HAVE YOU
SPEAK 6 PM INSTEAD IF POSSIBLE STOP WOULD MUCH BETTER SERVE OUR
PURPOSE STOP IN ANY EVENT WIRE TIME OF YOUR ARRIVAL AND HOW LONG YOU
WILL REMAIN IN BOSTON

ROBERT SILVERMAN REGIONAL DIRECTOR.

Rabbi Silver:

New England Committee for Palestine Appeal planning Luncheon
in your honor, December 21st 1:00 P. M. Committee anxious to
have you speak 6:00 P. M. instead, if possible. Would much
better serve your purpose. In any event wire time of your
arrival and how long you will remain in Boston.

WRHS
Robert Silverman

Regional Director.

December 14th, 1925.

Rabbi Silver:

Wired you yesterday to ascertain time of your arrival and length of stay in Boston, December 21st. Please wire.

WRHS
Robert Silverman,
Regional Director
3 Tremont Row,
Boston, Mass.

December eighteenth
1928

Miss Mildred C. Smith,
Open Forum Speakers Bureau,
60 Boylston Street,
Boston, Massachusetts.

My dear Miss Smith,

Replying to your kind letter of
November 4th, response to which has been
delayed by much absence from the city,
permit me to say, that I have decided not
to accept any Sunday lecture engagements
for the future.

With kindest regards and wishing
the Ford Hall Forum all success, I am

Very sincerely yours,

EXECUTIVE OFFICES

Wm. Filene's Sons Company

BOSTON
January
sixteenth
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Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

About two years ago there was a very serious discussion in our community as to the advisability of raising several million dollars for a proposed new Jewish Hospital.

I need not tell you of the arguments pro and con when I tell you that the portion of the community opposed to a Jewish Hospital are the same individuals who, by and large, have been opposed to things Jewish, Zionism and others of kindred nature.

The situation was so acute at that time that it was only by herculean efforts that we prevented an irremediable break in the community. In that first campaign, the portion of the Jewish community already convinced of the need of a hospital, raised one million dollars. We prevented a permanent rupture in the community about a year after this first attempt, when plans were effected whereby the entire community might rightly feel that this was a communal project. We promised to attempt to raise the balance necessary -- about a million dollars. It is now

up to some of us, who, although of the older Jewish settlers, are profoundly interested in the Jewish aspect of Jewish communal affairs to attempt to secure an additional million. It is a big task because there are many of the older Jews who are still uninterested, either emotionally or financially. That small group who are associated with me in this enterprise need your help, and we hope you can assist us by coming to speak at the banquet which will open our campaign on Sunday, March 7th.

We would not urge you to come unless we felt that only you could help us bring about the result that all of us want. That is, the price that men who have the capacity to serve and to achieve always have to pay. Men hereabouts still talk of your marvelous address a few years ago at the Convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. A group of us were discussing the matter a few days ago and not one could think of anyone who could compare with your attraction for this purpose.

We know that you serve frequently and at great sacrifice, and yet we have no hesitancy in asking you to do this because the results you will surely achieve are commensurate with the effort involved in your leaving your community to come here. After all, there is more than a hospital involved in this present campaign. Communal peace, upon which all things Jewish, in their Jewish aspect, national and international, depend, rests upon the success of the present effort.

May we not, therefore, in view of the situation count upon your service at this time. I need not add that all of us will feel greatly

relieved if you will accept.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Louis E. Kirstein

(Louis E. Kirstein)

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January 25th, 1926.

Mr. Louis E. Kirstein,
Wm. Filene's Sons Co.,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Kirstein,

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of January 16th and for the invitation which you extend to me to address a banquet which will open your campaign for the Jewish hospital. I wish I could see my way clear to accept it but it is nigh impossible for me to absent myself from my pulpit on a Sunday. I am away from Cleveland so much of the time that I feel that the week-ends I owe to the congregation. Besides I have booked so many engagements for the next two or three months that I would find it difficult indeed to get away even on a weekday before the month of April.

Trusting that I may be of service to you at some future time, and with kindest personal regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

"Let there be light"

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May 4, 1926

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Ford Hall Forum needs you this coming year. I know that you have been compelled to refuse many invitations for speaking, but this coming season we are very anxious to stress the important work the young men and women are doing in the service of humanity, and we know of no one that renders a greater service than yourself. We should be glad to give you any one of the following Sunday evenings that suits your convenience:

October 17 (Opening night of season)

November 14, 21 and 28

December 12 and 26

February 13, 20 and 27

March 6, 13, 20 and 27

April 3 (Closing night of season)

Please reconsider your plans for this coming fall and winter and if you can at all work us in for a night, do so.

If we can at any time be of any service to you, do not hesitate to command us.

Cordially yours,

David K. Niles

Assistant Director

accept for Apr. 3,

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

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re Natl. Conf. Jew. Soc. W.

May 9th, 1926.

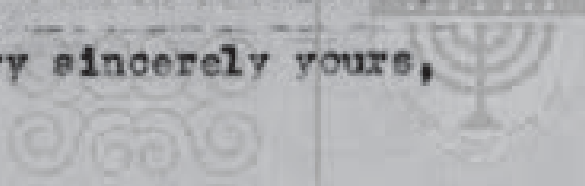
Dr. Maurice Hexter,
Jewish Federation,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Hexter,

I understand that I am
to discuss the paper which you are to
read before the National Conference of
Jewish Social Workers on Sunday, May 23rd.
I would appreciate very much if you would
send me a copy of your address so that
I can prepare a few notes in advance.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



May Tenth, 1926

Mr. David K. Niles,
Ford Hall Forum,
1243 Little Building,
Boston, Massachusetts.

My dear Mr. Niles,

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address the Ford Hall Forum during the season beginning October 17th, 1926. I believe I could give you the evening of Sunday evening, April 3rd, the closing date of your Forum. I have entered this date in my engagement book and shall be with you at that time if nothing unforeseen occur.

With kindest regards and best wishes for a successful new season, I am

Very sincerely yours,

"Let there be light"

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May 14, 1926

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your letter of May 10 has gladdened all our hearts. We are setting you down definitely for April 3, and hope the same kind fate that inspired you to say "Yes" will continue to guide you so that "nothing unforeseen" will occur to prevent you from fulfilling the engagement.

As soon as you have decided on a topic, you can let us know. We are worrying now as to whether we can fill the rest of our program commensurate with the brilliant closing you will give us, but we shall do our best.

We want you to consider our Ford Hall Forum office your Boston office. Our secretaries and telephone are always at your disposal when you are here. If we can be of any service to you, do not hesitate to command us. Sometime we might be able to render some long-distance service to you that you might want attended to in Boston or New England.

Sincerely yours,

David K. Niles

Assistant Director

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Cleveland, Ohio.

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May 17, 1926.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 10th St. at Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I will send you my paper on Wednesday of
this week. I am looking forward to seeing you, because it
is so many years since we have had a chance to talk.

With fondest greetings,

Sincerely yours,

Maurice B. Hexter



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May 19, 1926.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I enclose, herewith, the paper I shall
present on Sunday night. I have not timed it so that I
may find it necessary to abbreviate it before presentation.
I trust you will pardon grammatical and typographical
errors which may still exist, because I wanted to get it
off to you quickly and have not had a chance to read it
are doing so. Remember, on Sunday night, that charity
begins at home so that you do not criticize too much.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Maurice B. Hexter

When am I invited for Fred Hall *



BOSTON
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

April 3.
Dedham, Mass

Aug. 23, 1926.

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cannot
accept

My dear Rabbi Silver,

Mrs. Ellis and I continue
to recall with eager interest
the addresses we heard you
deliver here at Fred Hall
and at Rabbi Levi's Temple
Israel. I trust you will
remember my story to you
of the Dedham Open Forum -
my chief avocation - and
my desire to have you address
us when it became possible.

evenings of Feb. March & April.

Knowing your interest in this sort of community effort, I feel confident you will not consider my invitation inappropriate and that you will come to us if you can.

Here is our Program for last season - first Series: Interest increased with every meeting. Our Hall is always well filled.

With high respect, I am

Very cordially yours,
Walter F. Ellis.

As I plan an schedule for
the coming season, I am
hopeful that your visit to
Boston will be so timed that
you can be my guest at
dinner on one of our Monday
evenings and give to the
Dedham group of six hundred
an hour of your instruction
and inspiration.

Our meetings will occur
on Nov. 8 + 22 - Dec. 13 + 27,
the January dates being filled
and the second series of
meetings not yet arranged -
but they will undoubtedly
come on the 2d. + 4th. Monday

September Twelfth
1926

Mr. Walter F. Ellis,
Boston Chamber of Commerce,
Boston, Massachusetts.

My dear Mr. Ellis,

I found your kind letter on my desk upon my return from a summer abroad, but have been delayed in replying to it because of the accumulation of details which required immediate attention.

I wish I could accept the invitation to address your interesting Forum at Dedham but regret that I cannot see my way clear to do so. I am scheduled to address the Ford Hall Forum on April third and must return to Cleveland at the close of the lecture.

Perhaps next season I may be able to spare a date for you if you still desire to have me.

With kindest regards and hoping I may have the pleasure of seeing you when I am in Boston, I am

Very sincerely yours,



B.
Jr. and Sr. Hadassah

The Boston Section Council of Jewish Women

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TEL. HAYMARKET-8974
Hancock 4330

September 21, 1926.

Rabbi Silver,
3 105th St. & Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I have just learned that you are due in Boston, at Ford Hall, on the first Sunday of April. May I humbly ask if you will be good enough to address a joint meeting of the Junior and Senior Hadassah of Boston, on the next night (Monday night).

I know you could do much to stimulate all of us to service for the land we love so much.

Will you kindly let us hear from you at your earliest convenience. With best wishes for a happy New Year for you and your wife, and with kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Thiviam Rone

MR:ED

September 24th, 1926.

Miss Miriam Rome,
24 Province Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Rome,

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of September 21st and for the invitation which you extend to me to address a meeting of the Junior and Senior Hadaassah of Boston the night following my address at Ford Hall. I regret that I am unable to accept your invitation as I have already accepted another engagement for that day.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

D- (Dedham)

THE · TWENTIETH · CENTURY · CLUB

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Sept. 22, 1926.

My dear Rabbi Silver,

My letter of several weeks ago probably failed to reach you.

When I talked with you last at Temple Israel here, you expressed interest - at a favorable opportunity - to speak at the Dedham Open Forum, which I organized nearly five years ago and which now has an attendance of more than 500.

We have two available dates on our Program for the Fifth Season - both Monday evenings - Nov. 22d. - and our grand finale on Jan. 24th.

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Because you can do us very
much good by your vigorous
appeal and because you will
add a great deal to the dignity
and prestige of our Program,
I invite you if another
engagement brings you to Boston
near either of these dates -
to be my guest at Dedham
and address an Open Forum
in the Town Hall. If I were
to choose - I should say Jan. 24th.
which will be the final meeting
of our Fifth Season - when in
addition to your principal address
there will be brief remarks by
several others. Dr. Sec. E. Vincent,
Rabbi Levy, Rabbi Krass, Mauley
Anderson and Prof. Kirsapp Lake have
already addressed us. Good company!

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I have endeavored to hold to a very high standard in our programs and to this is due in large part our growing success and prestige in the Community.

I expect to pay you a paper fee - in keeping with our abilities and feel sure you will come to us if your plans permit. With high anticipation, I am

Cordially yours,
Walter F. Ellis.



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September 28, 1926.

Rabbi Silver,
E. 105th St. & Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I have your letter of the 24th advising me that you will be unable to speak here the night following your address at Ford Hall.

Will it be possible for you to give us any evening during your stay in or around Boston? We who have been fortunate enough to have heard you, feel that you could do so much for our Hadassah girls in arousing further interest. We will be glad, as far as I know now, to arrange any evening that meets your convenience, if you can arrange to give us such time.

Very truly yours,

Miriam Rose

MR:ED

September Twenty-ninth
1926

Mr. Walter P. Ellis.
The Twentieth Century Club,
3 Joy Street, Beacon Hill.
Boston, Massachusetts.

My dear Mr. Ellis,

My letter of September twelfth, which was addressed to you care of the Boston Chamber of Commerce (this was the only address your letter of August twenty-third contained) seems to have gone astray. I am enclosing to you herewith a copy of that letter.

Regretting that I shall not be able to be with you during this present season, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MASS

October 13, 1926

My dear Rabbi Silver:

When you come East in April to speak before the Ford Hall Forum on April 3, would you be willing to consider additional lectures on the two or three days preceeding and following? And what would be your terms?

The Associated Y.M.H.A. office is asking in the thought that several of their groups might like to take advantage of your coming.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred C. Smith
Executive Secretary

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

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No more lectures

November Tenth
1926

Miss Mildred Smith,
Open Forum Speakers Bureau,
Room 1243, Little Building,
50 Boylston Street,
Boston, Massachusetts.

My dear Miss Smith,

Dr. Silver, who has been out of the city much of the time since the receipt of your letter of October thirteenth, requests me to reply to you. He regrets that it is not going to be possible for him to accept any additional engagements to speak in and around Boston when he comes there in April to address the Ford Hall Forum. He must make the trip within the briefest time possible.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

Some material for
Forum publicity
Season 1925-26

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1243 Little Bldg.,
Boston, Mass.

ABRAHAM SILVER
Rabbi, The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio

SUBJECTS

Wandering at the Cross Roads.
~~In Democracy the best road is Government~~
~~is Progress a Myth?~~
Jew and Christian - Will They Ever Meet?
The Rising Tide of Cholera
The Fundamental Basis of Human Life
Is Evolution the Foe of Religion?
~~Jewish's Noblest Quality - The "Kibbuts"~~
The Eternal Quality of the Bible.

Please O.K.
(in name + O.K.)
+ return for
1927-28

Rabbi Silver was born in 1893, graduated from the Hebrew
Union College in 1913, was two years minister in Wheeling, W. Va.,
and at the age of twenty-four was called to the pulpit of The Temple,
in Cleveland, Ohio. *the Temple*
He was in France during the war and was decorated
by the French Government. ~~Rabbi Silver has been conducting a forum in~~
~~his own Temple for the past seven years with marked success.~~

*liberal by approach
in America*

He is Vice-President of the Zionist Organization
America, ~~from 1919-1924~~
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Day Letter

To Rabbi Harry Levi
Street and No Temple Israel Boston, Mass
Place

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I had decided to cancel my engagement with your brotherhood due to Mr. Vorenberg's correspondence. However in order not to embarrass you ^{or} the organization I shall come. My subject Jew and Christian, will they ever meet?

A. H. Silver

WB Sent 2:10

SAMUEL J. ABRAMS, Rahn

B.

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ERWIN WOLKOWICH, Center

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TEMPLE CENTER

1187 Beacon St.

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November 5, 1926.

MISS HERTHA SCHUBERT
Temple Center Clerk

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
c/o The Temple,
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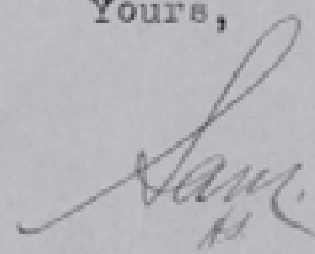
Dear Abe:-

Thank you for the child's prayer that
you have sent me.

I had hoped that it would be possible
for you when coming here as you say for your April
third engagement to occupy my pulpit on the Friday
evening and Saturday morning previous. I understand
you are coming here for the Zionist Conference this
month. Do you think you can arrange to address my
Congregation on the Friday evening or Saturday morning?
I wish you could.

With best wishes, I am as ever

Yours,



SJA:ESA

11/12/26

Mr. Jacob Rabinowitz,
60 Scollay Square,
Boston, Mass.

Find it impossible to attend conference
on November 21st. Regret cannot accept your kind invitation.

A.H. Silver.



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Boston, Mass.
11/5/26

A.H. Silver

Rabbi Levy making special arrangements
to have you occupy pulpit Sunday morning, November 21st.
Your address to be broadcasted throughout. Very important
in interest of our cause that you accept invitation. Will
appreciate immediate wire of your acceptance.

Jacob Rabinowitz

60 Scollay Square

Boston, Mass.

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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CARE THE TEMPLE

THIRD BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF JEWISH WELFARE BOARD WILL BE HELD IN BOSTON
DECEMBER NINETEENTH THERE WILL BE THREE SESSIONS MORNING AFTERNOON AND
EVENING AND MY ASSOCIATES AND I ARE VERY ANXIOUS TO HAVE YOU AS PRINCIPAL
SPEAKER TO DISCUSS JEWISH EDUCATION AND THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER AT
ANY ONE OF THREE SESSIONS THAT SUITS YOUR CONVENIENCE BEST STOP WE PREFER
EVENING SESSION SINCE IN ADDITION TO DELEGATES COMMUNITY WILL BE
REPRESENTED IN LARGE NUMBERS STOP SHALL REGARD IT AS GREAT PERSONAL FAVOR
IF YOU WILL ACCEPT PLEASE WIRE ME COLLECT MY NEWYORK OFFICE 36 WEST 44 ST

IRVING LEHMAN

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*Mr. Conrad
Leah Cohen
Sunday*

Collect day message

See
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Boston. Meet. ✓*

November 19, 1926

Irving Lehman

36 West 44th Street

New York city.

Must decline kind invitation. Cannot leave Cleveland on a Sunday.

Abba Hillel Silver