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# Ford Hall Forum

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February 1, 1927.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am beginning to work on the program for the final series of meetings and I am wondering whether you know at this time just how you would like to title the address you are going to give us on April 3.

Will you also be good enough to have your secretary send me a couple of photographs of yourself for the press.

We are having the best season in our Forum history and are sure your night is going to be a wonderful climax.

I need not tell you how much you mean to the Ford Hall Forum audience and we are looking forward with delight to your coming.

Please remember that this office here is your Boston headquarters whenever you please to make it such. Our secretarial force is at your disposal and if there is anything we can do ahead of time to make your visit to Boston a pleasanter one, please do not hesitate to command me.

Cordially yours,

*David K. Niles*  
David K. Niles,  
Assistant Director.

*Democracy at the Cross-roads -*

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*The Open Forum stands for :*

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February Third  
1927

Mr. David K. Hiles,  
Assistant Director,  
Ford Hall Forum,  
1245 Little Building,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

My dear Mr. Hiles,

I want to thank you for your very courteous letter of February first. I am looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to my visit to Boston in April. I am glad that the Ford Hall Forum is having such a satisfactory season.

I think I would like to address your group on the subject - DEMOCRACY AT THE CROSS-ROADS.

I am having a couple of photographs sent to you for publicity purposes.

With kindest regards and best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Hon. BURTON K. WHEELER  
March 6

THE LAST  
FORUM MEETING  
OF THIS SEASON IS  
APRIL 17

THE ANNUAL BANQUET  
COMES WEDNESDAY  
APRIL 27



WALTER DREY  
March 13



SCOTT NEARING  
March 20



JULIUS HOCHMAN  
March 27



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April 3

FORD HALL, Corner Bowdoin Street and Ashburton Place.

Doors open at 7.00 o'clock. Half-hour concert. Address by noted speakers

Questions from the audience

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## Five Successive Programs

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MARCH 6

Hon. BURTON K. WHEELER—U. S. Senator, Montana

*"Dollar Diplomacy"*

Concert at 7.30—ALICE HATCH, Soprano

HILDEGARD BERTHOLD—Violoncello

*A Beethoven (1770-1827) Centennial Program*

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MARCH 13

WALTER DREY—Vice-President, Forbes Magazine

*"The Social Value of Hypocrisy"*

Concert at 7.30—PEABODY HOUSE ORCHESTRA

RUSSELL COOK—Conductor

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MARCH 20

SCOTT NEARING—Sociologist

*"Russian Influence in Mexico—China—South America and the Orient"*

Concert at 7.30—INDIA (Mohammedan)—MOHAMMED FOZLUL KARIM—  
chanting the Moslem muezzin in Arabic

CHINA—TSU ZUI LO—playing the Yang Ching

SYRIA—S. H. ATTAYA—playing the Syrian Cud

RUSSIA—Folk songs on the Balalaika

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MARCH 27

JULIUS HOCHMAN—Vice-Pres., Intern'l Ladies' Garment Workers Union

*"The Menace of Communism to American Trade Unionism"*

Concert at 7.30—Cantor DAVID BRODSKY, Lyric Baritone

*Program of Folk-Songs and Art Song*

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APRIL 3

Rabbi ABBA HILLEL SILVER—Clergyman, Progressive Thinker

*"Democracy at the Cross-Roads"*

Concert at 7.30—THE KNICKERBOCKER STRING TRIO

MARIE ZELENY—Violin

FLORENCE COLEY—Violoncello

MARY SYNOTT—Pianoforte

## PROGRAM EXTENDED TWO ADDITIONAL MEETINGS



**ROBERT EMMONS ROGERS**  
April 10



**SHERWOOD EDDY**  
April 17

### APRIL 10 — A Drama Forum

Prof. **ROBERT EMMONS ROGERS**—Professor of English at M. I. T.  
*"Does the Drama Help or Hinder Social Progress?"*

Illustrated with readings from the three plays that give the history of the labor movement, "The Weavers," "Strike," and Charlot's "Dr. Jonathan." Then some of the modern radical symposium plays such as "Hairy Ape," "Arms and the Man," "Protestantism," "R. U. R.," and others.

Concert at 7.30—**"DIE MEISTERSINGER VON NURNBERG"**

From Richard Wagner's immortal music drama

**THE CONCORD SINGERS and THE BEACON HILL INSEMBLE**

(40 voices)

(20 players)

**WALTHER VON STOLZING—JOSEPH LAUTNER—HANS SACKS—MORRIS BROWN**  
**RUSSELL COOK—Conductor**

### APRIL 17

Dr. **SHERWOOD EDDY**—Clergyman, Y. M. C. A. Worker  
*"Dare We Be Christian?"*

Concert at 7.30—**VESPER BRASS QUARTETTE**

in a Program of Special Easter Music from Bach, Beethoven and Weber  
 arranged for 2 trumpets, horn and euphonium.

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## Forum Songs

### THESE THINGS SHALL BE!

These things shall be! a loftier race  
Than e'er the world hath known shall rise;  
With flesh's of freedom in their souls,  
And light of science in their eyes.

They shall be gentle, brave and strong,  
To spill no drop of blood, but dare  
All that may plant man's lordship firm,  
On earth, and fire, and sea, and air.

Nation with nation, land with land,  
Unarm'd shall live as comrades free;  
In e'er' heart and brain shall shake  
The pulse of one fraternity.

These things—they are no dreams—shall be  
For happier men when we are gone;  
Those golden days for them shall dawn,  
Transcending aught we gaze upon.

—John Addington Symonds.  
—Johann Sebastian Bach.

### A FORD HALL HYMN

Come from many sund'ered races,  
We from all the lands of earth,  
Turn our sunken lifted faces  
Toward a whole world's glad rebirth.  
Thou great Spirit, who hastened  
Under many names, art God,  
Hear our footsteps, still persistent  
In the paths Thy prophets trod.

One in passionate desires,  
One in righteous wrath at wrong,  
Thrilled by sacrificial fire,—  
Here we lift to Thee our song.  
Speed the dawn, so long expected,  
Herald of the common good,—  
Justice, full and resurrected,  
Our triumphant brotherhood.

—Miriam Allen de Ford.

### CHOOSE YE, THIS DAY

Once to e'er' man and nation comes the moment to decide:  
In the strife of Truth with Falsehood, for the good or evil side;  
Some great cause, God's new Messiah, offering such the boon or light,  
And the choice goes by forever 'twixt that darkness and that light.

Then to side with Truth is noble when we shape her watched crest,  
E'er her cause being false and profit and 'tis properous to be just.  
Then it is the brave man chooses, while the coward stands aside,  
And the multitude make virtue of the faith they had denied.

New occasions teach new duties; time makes ancient good uncouth;  
They must upward still and onward who would keep abreast of Truth;  
Lo, before us gleams her lampfire! we ourselves must pilgrims be,  
Nor attempt the future's portal with the past's blood-stained key.

—James Russell Lowell.

### ODE TO JOY

Hail thee, joy! All hail! divinity—  
Daughter of Elysium.  
Oh, receive us where thou shinest,  
In thy sun-enriched dream.  
By thy magic is raised  
What were custom-pained wild;  
All mankind are brothers plighted  
Where thy gentle wings abide.

Joy, 'tis joy! From here's descended,—  
Turns across the wheel of life,  
Joy by love and hope attended,  
Leading hearts from worldly strife.  
Draws the stream from hidden sources,  
Sings the song in such confined,  
Rolls the stars along their courses,  
Moves the hearts of all mankind.

—G. L. L. L.  
—Ludwig van Beethoven.

### THE VISION

(Netherlands Air)

Great hearts that have bated in ages behind us,  
For love of their country, for Justice and Right,  
Behold in a Vision, a People triumphant,  
The shadow of dark error dispersed by the Light.

A heritage noble that bids us be worthy,  
Be brave and be strong with the strength of the Truth;  
A task fit for heroes, for highest endeavor,  
A task for every one of us, maiden and youth.

Oh, what shall we make it, this land of our fathers,  
This realm that expandeth from sea unto sea?  
Be sure the fair Vision, the fairer fulfillment,  
A nation shining glorious, valiant and free!

—Cordelia Brooks Penna.



## Forum Who's Who

**BURTON KENDALL WHEELER**—United States Senator from Montana, was born at Hudson, Mass., February 27, 1842. Elected to the United States Senate in 1922. No American audience need be told very much about Senator Wheeler—of him it can truly be said that he is always on guard protecting the interests of all the people, not only of the great State of Montana but of our entire country. The only mistake he ever made, in our opinion, was moving from Massachusetts to Montana. The road to the White House, Senator, is more direct from the State in which you were born than from the State of your adoption—but, then, detours are often necessary.

**WALTER DREY**—Vice-president and general manager of Forbes Magazine, a conservative business man who writes good poetry. An unusual topic is "The Social Value of Hypocrisy." Why do you tell your friend her new hat is becoming when you think she looks like a fright in it? Why do you ask your guest to come again when you've been bored almost to distraction? Why do you tell your employer he's a fine fellow when all the time you're thinking he ought to be hung, at least? Why do some people come to the Ford Hall Forum 'heresy hunting' instead of with an open mind? Mr. Drey has been gathering material and preparing just for this address for more than a year. Take our word for it—and there is no hypocrisy about it either—you are going to hear the most unusual talk you have ever heard in your life.

**SCOTT NEARING**—Was born in Morris Run, Pa. Received the degree Bachelor of Science in Economics, Wharton School, in University of Pennsylvania 1905; and Doctor of Philosophy there in 1909. Dr. Nearing's lecture work in the field of economics and sociology has been carried on before widely differing groups of people from coast to coast and from Montreal to Mexico City. Whether you agree with him or not, and most people do not, he shakes you out of your complacency and makes you think. He acts as a mental tonic, and this being the first day of spring, we especially urge you to invite some of your sulphur and molasses taking friends to hear our speaker for this evening. The change may do some good.

**JULIUS HOCHMAN**—Graduate of Brookwood Labor College, vice-president, International Ladies' Garment Workers Union, went to work at the age of eleven. He made labor history in 1923 when he successfully conducted a dressmakers' strike in New York City, and was the first man to establish a five day, 40 hour week in the American labor movement. He has led the fight to keep the Communists from gaining control of the Unions he represents and says that they hate him more than they hate any capitalist. You will hear a tale of an industrial struggle that will amaze you; not between Capital and Labor but between two groups within the same labor organization. This will be an especially good night to park your prejudices on the outside.

**ABBA HILLEL SILVER, D.D.**—Rabbi, The Temple in Cleveland since 1907; was born in 1893. One of the ablest orators in America and one of our most progressive thinkers, we are fortunate, indeed, that he is to address us at this time on so pertinent a subject as "Democracy at the Cross-Roads." We call him the "Friend of Ford Hall" and he well deserves the title, because it is only his friendship for our Forum that makes him willing to make the long trip from Cleveland just to address us. We appreciate much this honor that you have conferred on us, Rabbi Silver, in accepting our invitation and trust we may continue to merit your friendship and interest just as we know you will continue to merit that of the Ford Hall Forum.

**ROBERT EMMONS ROGERS**—Professor of English, M. I. T., was graduated from Harvard in 1909, A.B. and A.M., and was one of Professor G. P. Baker's early students in Drama. He taught at Williams College, worked for a time in the theatre with Charles Frohman and Maude Adams, and was special writer on the *Brooklyn Eagle*. Since 1913 he has been in the English Department of the Institute of Technology, specializing in modern American, English and European Literature and the Drama. For a year he gave courses in literature at the Boston Labor Union College, and for the past five years has given numbers of courses in Boston and neighboring cities for the state University Extension. This is something new for our audience—a sort of forum lecture recital. We hope you like the experiment. If you do, you can have more of them another season.

**SHERWOOD EDDY**—LL.D., Y. M. C. A. worker and Clergyman. Appointed Secretary for Asia, Y. M. C. A. work of the International Commission, 1911, working among students of Japan, Korea, China, India, the Near East and Russia. With a group of one hundred speakers and writers, for a part of each year, he has been making a study of the political, industrial and religious situations in twelve of the principal countries of Europe. Mr. Eddy and his party have thus become the unofficial Ambassadors of American culture to these foreign lands, who were beginning to think that our only interests were commercial. We wanted a speaker and topic for this, our closing night of the season that was in keeping with the day and the occasion—"Dare We Be Christian" is the topic that fits the day and Sherwood Eddy, because he practises what he preaches, is the speaker who fits the occasion.

## Speakers and Topics for this Season

- Oct. 17 Prof. JEROME DAVIS—"Is Democracy Succeeding in Russia?"  
 ROGER BALDWIN—"Is Democracy Failing in America?"  
 " 24 Miss AGNES MACPHAIL—"The Rising Tide of Liberalism."  
 " 31 VICENTE VILLAMIN—"The Common Sense of the Philippine Question."  
 MARCIAL P. LICHAUICO—"Why I Disagree with Mr. Villamin."  
 Nov. 7 KENNETH MACGOWAN—"The Theatre of Today and Tomorrow."  
 " 14 EDMUND VANCE COOKE—"The Book of Extemporations."  
 " 21 Miss JUSTINE WISE—"The Challenge of the Passaic Strike to Modern Youth."  
 KENNETH LINDSAY—"The Philosophy of British Labor and Modern Youth."  
 " 28 Prof. JOSEPH IASTROW—"The Psychology of Superstition."  
 Dec. 5 Dr. JOHN A. LAPP—"Capitalizing Prejudices."  
 " 12 NOEL SARGENT—"The Open Shop."  
 JAMES H. MAURER—"The Closed Shop."  
 " 19 Prof. HARRY A. OVERSTREET—"Problems of Adult Personality."  
 " 26 Prof. ARTHUR M. SCHLESINGER—"Conservatism and Radicalism in American History."  
 Jan. 2 Rev. JOHN HAYNES HOLMES—"1926-1927: Toward What Is Humanity Moving?"  
 " 9 JOHN LANGDOFF-DAVIES—"Eugenics: New Religion or Old Superstition?"  
 " 16 ANNA LOUISE STRONG—"Religion and Morals in the Soviet Republic."  
 " 23 DHAN GOPAL MUKERJI—"Caste and Outcaste."  
 " 30 FRANK TANNEZBAUM—"Mexico Misunderstood."  
 Feb. 6 Rev. CLINTON WUNDER—"Is the Church Committing Suicide?"  
 " 13 A. PHILIP RANDOLPH—"The Negro Helps Himself."  
 COUNTEE CULLEN—"Color."  
 " 20 Prof. BRUNO ROSELLI—"Mussolini: Savior of Italy."  
 Rev. BERTRAND M. TIPPLE, D.D.—"Mussolini: Destroyer of Italy."  
 " 27 OSWALD GARRISON VILLARD—"Wanted: A Political Opposition."  
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 " 27 (Wednesday Evening) ANNUAL BANQUET—particulars later.

Oct. 16 Rabbi STEPHEN S. WISE—OPENING NIGHT OF NEXT SEASON.

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N.B.—The membership quota, for this season, limited to 1000 (instead of the 1500 we had last year) was filled in December. This reduction was voted by the Folks themselves so that we would be able to accommodate more of the general public who come in at the front door. If you want to obtain one of these memberships for next season and are not now a member, send in your name and address to the Forum Office, 1243 Little Building, and your name will be put on the waiting list.

# Ford Hall Forum

Re Dr. Levi's Cong. \*  
& Brotherhood.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
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My dear Rabbi Silver:

Your photographs arrived safely for which I want to thank you.

Mr. Jacob Charak, who is President of the Temple Israel Brotherhood of which Rabbi Harry Levi is the spiritual head, called me up a short time ago to ask me to use whatever influence I might have with you to persuade you to stay over in Boston another day when you come to us at Ford Hall.

He would like very much to have you address the Temple Israel Brotherhood at their monthly dinner meeting Monday evening, April 4. They will be glad to extend to you whatever honorarium you would feel you ought to have.

I am sure you know the Temple Israel group; they are one of the most useful groups in our city. Both Rabbi Levi and Mr. Charak are our kind of people from every point of view, doing everything they can to make this community a better place to live in for everybody regardless of race or creed. The Temple Israel Brotherhood, whose guest you will be on that evening, have a membership of six hundred, certainly of the finest type of citizens. Many of them are interested, as is Mr. Charak and Rabbi Levi, in the Ford Hall Forum movement, and I am sure you will enjoy meeting with them and that you will render them a real service if you can find the time to stay over.

Considering the interest that has already been demonstrated at the first announcement of your coming to Ford Hall Forum, we could pack an auditorium many times the size of ours.

If you feel that you can accommodate the Temple Israel Brotherhood, I shall be happy indeed to complete any arrangements necessary.

Cordially yours,

David K. Niles

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return  
to N.Y. for  
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February 21, 1927

Rabbi Harry Levi,  
24 Verndale St.,  
Brookline, Mass.

My dear Dr. Levi,

Please pardon the long delay in answering your letter of January 26th. I have been in correspondence with the Zionist Organization of New York which had co-opted some of my out-of-town speaking engagements.

I appreciate your kindness in inviting me to address your Temple on Sunday morning. Through the Ford Hall Forum Bureau, I have been informed that your Brotherhood desires me to speak on Monday evening, April 4th at their monthly Dinner Meeting. Which do you prefer?

With kindest regards to Ruth in which Virginia joins me, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

P.S. There will, of course, be no charge for my services on Sunday morning: I never accept an honorarium for a sermon delivered during a religious service. There would, however, be an honorarium of \$150.00 for the Monday evening address.



## TEMPLE OHABEI SHALOM

TEMPLE CENTER

1187 Beacon St.

BROOKLINE, MASS.

February 24, 1927.

Miss LUCY COOPER  
Temple Center ClerkRabbi A. H. Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abe:-

About two years ago we dedicated our local Temple Center and now my Congregation is anxious to launch a drive towards the immediate erection of the Temple proper. With that in mind, we are planning a very large gathering consisting of our Brotherhood, Sisterhood and Congregation to be held on Sunday, March 6th either in the afternoon or in the evening.

In view of the fact of the importance of the undertaking and the magnitude of the task, we are anxious to raise quite a sum of money at this gathering and we have all, therefore, suggested that we invite and may I personally add, ask you to come and be the only speaker at this meeting. Should it be impossible for you to come March 6th, we can arrange to hold this meeting the following Sunday, March 13th, in the afternoon or the evening to suit your convenience.

# We shall, of course, be glad to meet all your expenses and whatever fee you may stipulate. I do hope, Abe, that your calendar is such that you might be able to arrange to do this for me and for the Congregation and to wire at once, reversing the charges to me at 12 Fuller Street, Brookline, Mass.

Upon the receipt of your wire, I shall write to you more in detail concerning the meeting.

Trusting to hear from you at once and with kindest regards from house to house I am

As ever yours,

SJA:LC

Rabbi. *Sam*



**Temple Israel**

**BOSTON, MASS.**

March  
First  
1927

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

Dear Friend:

Thank you very much for your kind letter. When I asked you to come and speak from my pulpit, I did not know that the men of the Brotherhood were going to invite you to address their monthly meeting. That information came to me later. Under the circumstances, considering how eager the men are to have you with them, I am going to ask you to accept their invitation and to speak for them on Monday evening, April 4th, instead of speaking for me on Sunday morning April 3rd. Your fee of \$150.00 is altogether satisfactory. At your early convenience will you let me know the subject of your address for the Brotherhood meeting?

I trust that all goes well with you and Virginia. With cordial greetings in which Mrs. Levi joins, I am,

Faithfully yours,

*Harvey Cus.*

HL:B



Collect Day Letter

March second, 1927

Rabbi Samuel Abrams

12 Fuller Street

Brookline, Mass.

Find it impossible to leave Cleveland on another Sunday.  
Will be in Boston April third. Have offered Rabbi Levi's Mens Club April  
fourth. If you can arrange it with them, would be glad to give you that  
evening.

(Signed) Abba

*sent  
5:10 PM  
A.K.*

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RABBI HILEL SILVER

CLEVELAND OHIO

WE LEARNED THAT YOU WILL BE IN OUR CITY ON APRIL THIRD  
OUR BETH EL HEBREW SCHOOL IS CELEBRATING THE FIFTEENTH  
ANNIVERSARY THE HISTORY OF OUR INSTITUTION CANNOT BE  
EXPLAINED IN A TELEGRAM A LETTER WILL FOLLOW BUT WE THE OFFICERS AND  
DIRECTORS URGENTLY REQUEST YOU TO HONOR US WITH  
YOUR PRESENCE TO OUR SIMCHAN KINDLY WIRE COLLECT IF YOU

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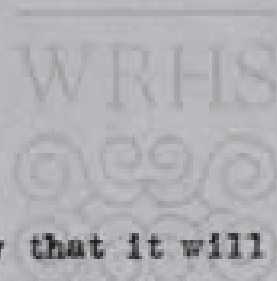
Boston

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Collect Day Letter

March 7th, 1927

A. A. Hurwitz  
19 LaGrange Street  
Boston, Mass.



Regret exceedingly that it will not be possible for me to accept your kind invitation. My brief time in Boston is fully engaged and important interests ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~city~~ ~~of~~ ~~Boston~~ ~~compel~~ me to return at once to Cleveland.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

Sent  
1:43 P.M.  
A.K.

# OPEN FORUM SPEAKERS BUREAU

THE ACCREDITED AGENCY OF THE OPEN FORUM NATIONAL COUNCIL

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TELEPHONE BEACH 7276

LITTLE BUILDING, ROOM 1243  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MASS

March 7, 1927

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
East 105 St. & Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Even as early as this, we must be thinking about and planning the list of speakers for next season's forum and club programs. You will be at least occasionally available, will you not? We should like to present your name again.

Our branch office in Chicago is now well under way and is serving an ever increasing number of middle-western communities, while new contacts in Florida and Texas will enlarge our service in those sections. With this steady widening of our influence, it is more than ever important that we have available the right type of speakers. Your own continued cooperation will be tremendously appreciated.

Will you spare a minute to fill out and return promptly the enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

*Mildred C. Smith*  
Executive Secretary.

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RABBI ABE HILLEL SILVER

CLEVELAND OHIO

MOSHAV ZEKAINIM WILL DEDICATE ITS NEW MILLION DOLLAR BUILDING IN BOSTON ON TUESDAY EVENING MARCH TWENTY SECOND WITH DINNER AT COPLEY PLAZA HOTEL ATTENDANCE OVER ONE THOUSAND ASSURED INSTITUTION UNANIMOUSLY INVITES YOU AS THE SPEAKER YOUR PRESENCE NECESSARY FOR SUCCESS WE HOPE YOU WILL NOT REFUSE US PLEASE WIRE OUR CHAIRMAN YOUR ACCEPTANCE LETTER WILL FOLLOW

MEYER J SAWYER 18 TREMONT ST BOSTON.

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Boston

T E L E G R A M

DAY LETTER - COLLECT

Mr. Meyer J. Sawyer,  
18 Tremont St.  
Boston, Mass.

WRHS  
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Regret exceedingly unable to accept your kind  
invitation for March 22nd. I shall be in  
Nashville, Tennessee on that evening. Wishing  
you success.

A. H. Silver

AHS:NEB

Sent at 3 o'clock.



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LITTLE BUILDING, ROOM 1243  
60 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MASS

March 10, 1927.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Are your plans for next season such that you could possibly set aside one Sunday evening for the big public forum in Waterbury, Connecticut? I know they can pay \$125 and think perhaps they can even meet a fee of \$150 - without expenses. It is my hope that you are planning one or two week-end trips East when you could fit them in. Their own choice of date would be December 11, but if you are not available then, I think almost any Sunday between November 6 and April 8 could be managed.

Sincerely yours,

*Mildred Chatfield Smith*  
Executive Secretary.

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**GILCHRIST COMPANY**  
**BOSTON**

OFFICE OF  
FRED VORENBERG

March 11, 1927

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It is with keenest pleasure that I learn from Dr. Levi of your willingness to speak before Temple Israel Brotherhood on the evening of April 4th, following your address at Ford Hall, Boston, on Sunday.

I understand your compensation regularly is \$150. As our meeting will be held in the body of the Temple, and attended only by our own Jewish members, I wish you would inform me if the same honorarium would be asked under these conditions, and also considering that you will be in Boston and without much added expense.

Sincerely yours,

  
PRESIDENT, TEMPLE ISRAEL BROTHERHOOD.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

March 11, 1927.

Rabbi Harry Levi,  
Temple Israel,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Rabbi Levi:

The following subjects have proved  
of interest to other Mens' Clubs:

- (1) Jew and Christian,--Will they  
ever meet.
- (2) The four major tendencies in  
Jewish life. (This is a discussion  
of prophecy, legalism, mysticism,  
and nationalism in Jewish life).
- (3) A liberal Jew's attitude towards  
Palestine.

Please let me know which you prefer.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Levi,  
in which Mrs. Silver joins me, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:NEB

B-  
Boston

March 14, 1927.

Mr. Fred Vorenberg,  
Gilchrist Company,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Vorenberg:

In answer to your letter of March 11, permit me to say that I explained the matter of compensation fully in my letter to Dr. Levi.

My address before the Ford Hall Forum is complimentary. The remuneration, as you probably know, is \$50.00, hardly covering my traveling expenses.

We are in the habit of paying for all of our speakers here at The Temple Men's Club and I see no reason why other Men's Club organizations should not do likewise. I give my services gratis to charitable organizations, to the Zionist Movement and to Religious services. I do not feel called upon to give my services gratis to Mens' Clubs and other organizations.

Frankly, I was rather surprised to receive your note.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

AHS:NEB

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EXECUTIVE OFFICES

March 17, 1927.

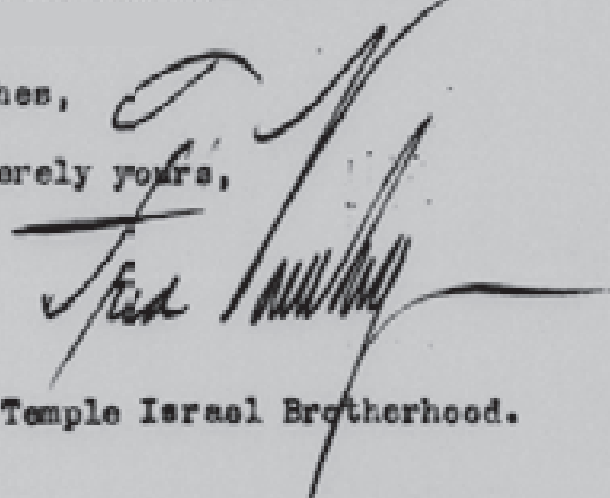
Dear Rabbi Silver:

In answer to your communication of March 14th, I am afraid that you have wholly misunderstood my communication to you dated March 11th.

There was absolutely no intention on the part of our Brotherhood to ask you to address them without any compensation. The feeling among our directors was that inasmuch as you were in Boston and the added expense would be but little extra, that a sum less than your usual charge could be considered by you than if you had come particularly and solely for the purpose of addressing our group. We do want to pay for your services and leave it to your fairness to make whatever concession you will, under the circumstances.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,



Acting President Temple Israel Brotherhood.

FFV-H

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

*Handwritten note:*  
I want to see you about 4-7

March Eighteenth  
1927

Miss Mildred Smith,  
Open Forum Speakers Bureau,  
1243 Little Building,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

My dear Miss Smith,

At Rabbi Silver's request, I am sending you herewith some publicity material, which is slightly revised from the copy you sent to him.

I am directed to remind you at this time, that Rabbi Silver's honorarium for lectures is in no case less than \$200.00. He has been asked on several occasions by the Open Forum Bureau if he would be willing to lecture for amounts less than \$200.00.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary



March 18th, 1927

Paid Day Letter

Mr. Fred Vorenberg  
The Gilchrist Company  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Regret exceedingly will not be able to address your Men's Club on

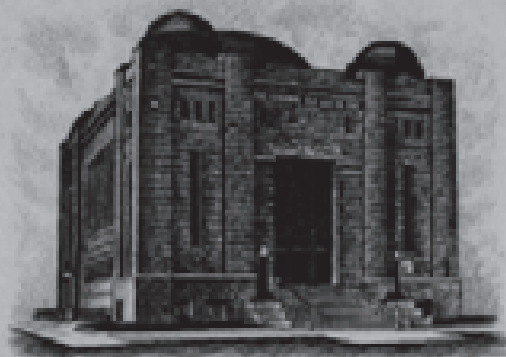
Monday, April fourth.

A. H. Silver.

Sent  
WRB  
3:35

Boston

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**Temple Israel**  
BOSTON, MASS.

March  
18 th  
1927

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have your letter with the three subjects which you suggest. I have referred the subjects to the program committee and very frankly there is absolutely no unanimity of opinion. Under the circumstances I wonder if you can let me have promptly some additional subjects from which the committee may choose. If not then simply take the first subject which you suggest: "Will Jew and Christian Ever Meet?"

If you have a cut which the Publicity Committee can use, I wish you would send this also. Greetings to Virginia and yourself from both of us.

Sincerely yours,

*Harry Gers*

P.S. Please let me hear from you just as soon as possible.

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RAIBI SILVER THE TEMPLE

ANSWER REQUESTED

EAST 105 ST AT ANSEL RD

MAY I HAVE REPLY TO MY TELEGRAM OF EIGHTEENTH NOTICES OF MEETING

MUST GO FORWARD IMMEDIATELY HOPE ANSWER WILL BE IN AFFIRMATIVE

FRED VORENBERG

1230P

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RABBI SILVER

THE TEMPLE EAST 105 ST AT ANSEL RD CLEVELAND OHIO

FEEL YOUR ATTITUDE DOES NOT REFLECT YOUR SPLENDID REPUTATION

ABSOLUTELY EXPECT YOU TO ADDRESS OUR MENS CLUB AT YOUR USUAL FEE

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF YOUR COMING PREPARED MEMBERS KEENLY ANTICIPATE YOUR

VISIT PLEASE WIRE ACCEPTANCE

FRED VORENBERG.

✓ Open Forum  
Speakers Bureau

March 18, 1927.

Miss Mildred O. Smith,  
Open Forum Speakers Bureau,  
80 Boylston St.  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Smith:

In reply to your letter of  
March 10th, permit me to say that I cannot,  
at the present writing, accept any lecture  
engagements for next winter. My plans are  
too indefinite.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely,

AHS:NEB





**Temple Israel**  
BOSTON, MASS.

Boston  
T.L. Men's Club

B ✓

March  
22nd  
1927

Rabbi A.H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Colleague:

Your wire received last night. I am glad you are to speak to our men on April 4th. I hope you understand that I knew absolutely nothing until yesterday of your later correspondence with Mr. Vorenberg. The last I knew of the entire story was when some weeks ago he asked me to get you to come and speak, and made it clear to me that your fee of \$150.00 was altogether satisfactory. I wrote you to this effect. I don't blame you at all for being irritated at what I now know took place. Had a long talk with Mr. Vorenberg yesterday so he now knows not only just where you stand, but where I do also.

I regret the annoyance of the entire development. It should never have occurred.

<sup>Ruth</sup>  
Mrs. Levi joins to Virginia and yourself, I am.

Faithfully yours,

Harry Levi

HL:B



No

T E L E G R A M

Boston Mass.

3/24/27

Rabbi Silver, c/o The Temple - E. 105th & Ansel Rd.

Bureau of Jewish Education of Boston with co-operation of over one hundred organizations including all schools and synagogues will conduct a Jewish Education Week for propaganda purposes during Passover week. No funds will be raised. Principal mass meeting Wednesday evening, April 27 at Mishkan Tefila Temple. We are most anxious to have you as principal speaker. Can give a nominal remuneration of \$250.00 and expenses. Please wire collect.

(Signed) Louis Hurwich  
24 Province St.  
Room 729  
Boston, Mass

N.E.B.



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T E L E G R A M

March 25, 1927.

Day Letter - Collect

Mr. Louis Hurwich,  
24 Province St.  
Room 729  
Boston, Mass.

If I were free, I would gladly have accepted your kind invitation. I have, however, engagements scheduled for the entire week of Passover. Success to you.

Abba Hillel Silver

AHS:NEB  
SENT AT  
P.M.

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T E L E G R A M

Boston, Mass.

March 28, 1927

Rabbi Silver.

Regret exceedingly your inability to come during Jewish Education Week. Understand you will stay over in Boston on April 4th. Can you possibly arrange to address a luncheon meeting on April 4th of Hebrew teachers college Board of Trustees. Kindly wire collect.

Louis Hurwich  
24 Province St. Boston.

# BUREAU OF JEWISH EDUCATION

לשכת החינוך דבוסטון

CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATION OF FEDERATED JEWISH CHARITIES

24 PROVINCE STREET

BOSTON, MASS.

TELEPHONE HANCOCK 4330

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10 CONGREGATIONS  
5 EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

March 28, 1927.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

I was greatly disappointed when I learned from your telegram that you could not come to our Jewish Education Week which will be held during Passover. One thing, however, you can do for us which will be of very material benefit to us.

This month the Legislature of Massachusetts passed a bill granting the Hebrew Teachers College of Boston the right to grant the degrees of Bachelor, Master and Doctor of Hebrew Literature, Hebrew Laws and Jewish Education. This formal recognition of the Hebrew Teachers College is no surprise to those who know it intimately. It has grown by leaps and bounds as far as attendance is concerned. As to the course of study, it calls for a four-year Preparatory Course and a four-year College course, plus a minimum of two years in a secular college before the Bachelor's degree can be granted. There is daily attendance throughout, beginning with 10 hours a week and ending, in the last three years, with 20 hours and more per week. All courses are given in Hebrew. Twenty-four students have already graduated in the last two years, and are doing very creditable work in the Hebrew schools of Boston and other New England towns.

I understand from Mr. Morris Morse, president of the Brotherhood of Temple Israel of Boston, that you will address their Brotherhood on April 4th. If, in the course of your address, you will congratulate Boston on its success with the Hebrew Teachers College, pointing out its significance to the progress of Jewish education in New England, your words will strike home in a very influential quarter. Rabbi Levi has been a very staunch friend of the institution since its inception, and your favorable opinion will carry fruitful conviction.

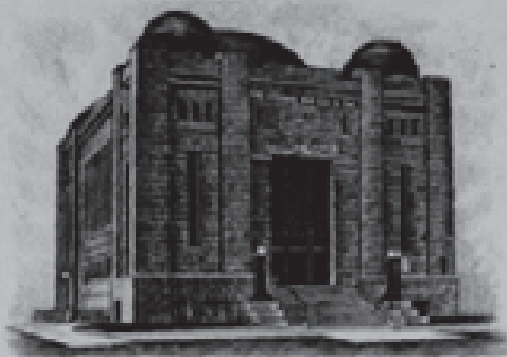
Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of the second Year Book issued by the students of the Hebrew Teachers College. In a few days I shall send you a copy of the course of study of the Hebrew Teachers College.

With kindest personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

*Louis Kurnick*





**Temple Israel**

**BOSTON, MASS.**

March  
29<sup>th</sup>  
1927

Rabbi A.H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.



Dear Rabbi Silver:

I do not know whether in my two letters to you I mentioned the fact that the Brotherhood is to be at dinner at 6:30 on Monday evening, April 4th, when you are to speak. The speaking program will not begin until 8:00 o'clock and will be offered in the body of the Temple. I want you to know, unless you have a conflicting engagement, that we shall be very happy to have you at dinner at the Temple with the men of the Brotherhood at 6:30.

If when you are here, you will let me know where you are stopping, I shall be happy to call for you.

With all good greetings.

Sincerely yours,

*Harvey Levi*

HL:B

Boston -

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T E L E G R A M

Day Letter - Collect

March 30, 1927.

Mr. Louis Hurwich,  
24 Province St.  
Boston, Mass.



Have made other plans for Monday noon April 4th.  
Regret cannot accept kind invitation.

A. H. Silver.

Sent by M.E.B.  
At 12:15 P.M.



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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I do not need to tell you what a wonderful evening yours was at the Ford Hall Forum last Sunday; you could see that for yourself from the reaction of your audience.

The comments all week have been marvelous and would delight you. One of our oldest members and active workers, who has been coming to Ford Hall for many years (a non-Jew), insisted that you were the most useful speaker that we have ever had at Ford Hall.

I need not tell you what your coming has meant to Mr. Coleman and myself, personally. It so happened that it came at a time when we were going through a very trying period as Miss Samson, who had been our secretary, was dying: we buried her yesterday.

I am enclosing a check toward your expenses. I wish it were many, many times the amount; but we are still running behind each year on our budget and we must still stick very closely to the maximum that we can allow.

Your additional compensation will come to you, I know, in the wonderful service you have rendered the liberal causes in general and the Forum movement in particular.

Now Rabbi Silver, I am going to ask you about next year. Our next season is our anniversary year, the twentieth anniversary of the Ford Hall Forum which is the oldest Forum in continuous existence in America, and we are making it a gala year, not only in honor of the Ford Hall Forum but also in honor of George W. Coleman, our chairman, who is known as the father of the Forum movement and who has given his strength and resources unselfishly all these years.

We are planning our program next year to include especially those who stand for the ideals and aims of the Forum movement everywhere. I feel kind of ashamed to ask you to make this long trip again, but perhaps you would be able to come just as

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*The Open Forum stands for :*

1. The complete development of democracy in America.
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Rabbi A.H.S.

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you did this year. If you feel that you can come to us (and we want you so much), will you select some date that is convenient to you. Most of our Sundays for next year are still open, with the exception of the opening Sunday, October 16th, when Rabbi Wise is to be the speaker. I know that this is a long way off to make plans, perhaps; but if you wanted to come to us, say, about the same time as this year, if that is convenient, it would delight the Ford Hall Forum and its constituency. The season will close next year on April 15th. Perhaps you would pick out one of those Sundays in April or in March or anytime that you are contemplating a trip East.

Cordially and respectfully yours,

  
*David K. Niles*  
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(Card)  
October 5, 1927.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am sorry not to have heard at all from you in reply to invitations from some of the New Jersey forums which we passed along to you a few weeks ago.

I am wondering now whether you are going to be able to get to Ford Hall this season and if, in connection with the Ford Hall meeting, you would be willing to speak in the afternoon at a new Jewish forum in Lawrence. While they have asked particularly about April 29th Ford Hall does not meet beyond the 18th. I am sure the Lawrence people could change to meet your convenience. What would your fee be for an afternoon meeting which tied up with Ford Hall? The Lawrence people ought not really pay beyond seventy-five to one hundred dollars.

I am enclosing a personal note from Rabbi Ekstein of Lawrence giving you a little more detailed information about their meetings.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred C. Smith

Executive Secretary.

MCS/B

October 13, 1927.

Miss Mildred C. Smith,  
Open Forum Speakers Bureau,  
80 Boylston St.  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Smith:

Please pardon the long delay in replying to your letters. I have been away from the country this summer and upon my return I became immersed in the manifold activities incidental to our High Holy Days.

I am afraid that I shall not be able to come to Ford Hall this season. I have scheduled two rather protracted lecture tours through the South and the West this year and I shall have to forego the great pleasure of addressing the splendid Ford Hall people this year.

I shall, therefore, not be in position to accept the invitation of the Lawrence Jewish Forum as well as other groups in Massachusetts.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:NEB

RABBI DAVID GOLDBERG

160 Spring Street 191 W. Elm St.  
Brockton, Massachusetts

October 17, 1927

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

My dear Rabbi and Friend:

The holiday season now behind us, I wish to remind you of your promise of some months ago that you would include Brockton in your itineraries to Massachusetts. My congregation and myself are eagerly counting on your coming to us, and you shall have as large an audience of Jews and Gentiles here as in the Hub of our Commonwealth.

You are, of course, at liberty to choose your own topic. But preferably the subject for Brockton should not be of those you have used in Boston, because, whenever you are in Boston, half of Brockton goes to hear you.

Wishing you *שנה טובה*, and hoping that you will not forget us when you think of the rest of the world, I beg to remain,

cordially and sincerely yours,

David Goldberg

P.S.

Am mailing you, under separate cover and with the compliments of my congregation, our first Year Book.

— D. G.

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November 2, 1927.

Rabbi Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:-

I wonder whether you may find time to come to Boston, and speak before Amos Lodge, B'nai B'rith either on Monday, December 26 or Wednesday, December 28 at 8 P.M.

We shall be glad to pay your honorarium, which I understand is \$300.

Trusting to hear favorably from you, I remain

Sincerely and Fraternaly yours,

AMOS LODGE, NO. 27

*David Scott*  
President.

DS\*U

November 4, 1927.

Mr. David Scott,  
Amos Lodge,  
43 Tremont St.  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Scott:

Permit me to thank you  
for your kind note of November 2nd  
and for the invitation which you  
extend to me to address the Amos  
Lodge on December 26th or 28th.

I wish I could see my  
way clear to come. Unfortunately,  
I am so heavily booked with lecture  
engagements for the month of December  
that I cannot accept any more. Perhaps  
at some future time I may be of service  
to you.

With kindest regards, permit  
me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS;NEB



## BEACON STREET TEMPLE

CONGREGATION OHABEI SHALOM

TEMPLE CENTER

1187 Beacon St.

BROOKLINE, MASS.

November 15, 1927.

Miss Lucy Cooper

Temple Center Clerk

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

Dear Abe:-

You will recall that I have been trying to get you to come here for the purpose of addressing a large gathering of my Congregation but you have been unable to do so.

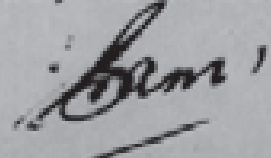
Two years ago we completed our new Temple Center. We are now in the midst of building our new Temple. Within a short time, we plan to lay the corner stone. We are planning to have the exercises of the laying of the corner stone on Sunday, January 8th and a large Congregational Banquet of the Brotherhood, Sisterhood and Temple the evening of that day. We expect to have at this banquet close to a thousand people.

It is to be a two-fold celebration of the 85th Anniversary of the founding of our Congregation and of the laying of the corner stone of our new Temple. The committee in charge informs me that it will be by far the largest and most important function in the history of our Congregation. We plan to secure a good deal of revenue towards our new Temple through this banquet. While there is to be no solicitation of funds that night, we do plan to make a very strong plea or appeal for contributions that will be solicited during that week.

The committee plans to have practically two numbers and that is a singer of outstanding note, possibly one from the Metropolitan or the Chicago Opera and they are most anxious and I am too, to have you come here as the speaker. Whatever fee you set and the expenses of course will all be met cheerfully.

Should that date be inconvenient for you, will you please indicate another date in January preferably a Sunday evening, inasmuch as we desire to hold the function of the laying of the corner stone and the Congregational Banquet on the same day. I do hope that you will not fail me and the Congregation this time and that you will reply as soon as you can that you are coming.

Trusting that you and Virginia are well; with best wishes from Sarah, myself and the family, I am





November 17, 1927.

Rabbi Samuel J. Abrams,  
Beacon Street Temple,  
1187 Beacon St.  
Brookline, Mass.

My dear Sam:

Thank you for your kind letter  
of November 15th.

I should be most happy to be  
with you on the occasion of the laying of the  
cornerstone of the new Temple. It is, indeed,  
a very significant occasion in the life of  
your Congregation and of your community but  
you know I simply cannot leave Cleveland on a  
Sunday. I have had to turn down, literally,  
dozens of invitations this year to very impor-  
tant meetings because they were scheduled for a  
Sunday.

I am away from the city so much  
of the time that I cannot in justice to my  
Congregation absent myself on the day of the  
week when so many congregational activities  
take place, including our Sunday morning service.

Perhaps at some future time, I  
may be of service to you. With kindest regards  
to Sarah and the children, in which Virginia  
joins me, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:NEB

## BEACON STREET TEMPLE

CONGREGATION CHABEI SHALOM

TEMPLE CENTER

1187 Beacon St.

BROOKLINE, MASS.

November 22, 1927.

Miss Lucy Cooper  
Temple Center Clerk

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

Dear Abe:-

Of course I am very sorry to learn that you cannot possibly come here on a Sunday. You overlooked the reference in my letter to the possibility of coming here some day during the week in January. Please let me know what day you would be able to arrange to be here after January 8th.

With all good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

*Samuel J. Abrams*  
Rabbi.

SJA:LC

## BEACON STREET TEMPLE

CONGREGATION OHABEI SHALOM

TEMPLE CENTER

1187 Beacon St.

BROOKLINE, MASS.

November 30, 1927.

Miss Lucy Cooper

Temple Center Clerk

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

Dear Abe:-

Some short time ago I sent you a note inquiring as to whether or not you can arrange to be the speaker at the Banquet marking the 85th Anniversary of our Congregation and of the laying of the corner stone of our new Temple.

We have decided that this event will take place not on a Sunday evening but on Tuesday evening, January 10th and if that is not convenient for you, and if you will designate one or two other evenings I think we may be able to arrange it that way.

I am waiting for your reply. Please do so at once. I hope you can make it. Of course, as I wrote you in a previous letter, we shall meet your fees and expenses.

With all good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

*Samuel J. Abrams*

SJA:LC

card ✓

December 2d, 1927.

Rabbi Samuel J. Abrams,  
1187 Beacon St.,  
Brookline, Mass.

My dear Sam:-

I cannot come on January 10th  
as I am scheduled to be in Chicago the day previous.

It would be possible for me to  
come to you on January 2d or 3d. Please let me  
know if either of these dates are acceptable.

With kindest regards, permit me to  
remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

SAMUEL J. ABRAMS, Rabbi

ERWIN WOLKOWICH, Cantor

## BEACON STREET TEMPLE

CONGREGATION OHABEI SHALOM

TEMPLE CENTER

1187 Beacon St.

BROOKLINE, MASS.

December 5, 1927.

MISS LUCY COOPER

Temple Center Clerk

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

Dear Abe:-

Your reply to my last letter may be on its way. Nevertheless, because of a change in plans, I am obliged to write you and altogether reluctantly, that owing to some difficulties with reference to the date of our Banquet, it will not be advisable for you to come here.

If our original plan had been carried out, of course, we would have been very anxious to have you, but the matter has changed now and you need not consider it any further.

Thanking you for your good will in the matter,  
I am

Cordially yours,

*Samuel J. Abrams*  
Rabbi.

SJA:LC



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January 11, 1928

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
1485 E. 108th Street at Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland  
Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

If you have a circular or list of your lecture topics suitable for schools, please send me several copies as I am often called upon to recommend school lecturers.

If you are interested in securing more engagements to lecture before private schools the enclosed should interest you.

On request, I should be glad to send you a copy of the Handbook of Private Schools for examination.

Faithfully yours,

*Porter Sargent*

PS/EC

If you are no longer interested in lecturing before private schools won't you advise me so that we may remove your name from our lists.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Ford Hall Forum's Twentieth Anniversary Year ends with a Banquet, a special celebration on Tuesday evening, April 17. Mr. Coleman, who is on a trip around the world, will be back a few days before then and we are planning to make this, not only a big Forum event, but a welcome to him and an appreciation of his twenty years' fight for the cause of tolerance in Boston and America. The Ford Hall Forum, as you know, is the mother of forums in America, and we want to make this event a big event in the history of the Forum Movement. I wonder if it is asking you too much to be our guest that evening and bring a word of greeting as the representative forum leader of the Middle West. It is our plan to have well-known persons of various parts of the country interested in the cause of tolerance join with us in this celebration. The Governor of our Commonwealth has already accepted our invitation to be with us, and Miss Jane Addams of Chicago will be with us that evening.

Will you not be able to do this for us? We shall, of course, be glad to pay your expenses if you can come, and the service you will render us will be great indeed.

Sincerely yours,

David K. Niles

David K. Niles,  
Associate Director.

*card ✓*

March 1st, 1928.

Mr. David K. Niles,  
Ford Hall Forum,  
Little Bldg.,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Niles:-

I appreciate very much your kindness  
in inviting me to participate in the Ford Hall  
Forum's Twentieth Anniversary on April 17th.

Nothing would have given me greater  
pleasure than to accept your invitation and to  
share in an event as memorable as this celebra-  
tion is likely to prove. Unfortunately a very  
important congregational meeting long scheduled,  
compells me to remain in Cleveland on that evening.

Please convey to Mr. Coleman my  
heartiest congratulations on the occasion of the  
completion of twenty years of distinguished  
service to the cause of liberal thought in the  
United States.

With kindest regards, permit me to  
remain

Very sincerely yours,

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March 19, 1928.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
East 106th Street at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

All your friends at Ford Hall will be disappointed that you cannot be with us April 17. If by any chance there should be a change in your plans, I hope that we shall benefit by it.

You see, this year our Twentieth Anniversary Year is becoming a very important one in our history.

The Boston Baptist Social Union has taken advantage of Mr. Coleman's absence and is attempting to oust us for next year. The resolution in the enclosed copy of a letter, which was sent around to all the members of the Boston Baptist Social Union, was carried a few weeks ago. I have refused absolutely to spoil Mr. Coleman's vacation by letting him know anything at all about the situation here.

I am hoping that the good judgment of the Baptist Social Union may come to the fore again. The trouble has been that they have been very heavily propagandized by the 100% American organizations, who see red. The D.A.R. here in Boston, the Industrial Defense Association and the Public Interest League have been very hostile to everything that is at all different from their brand of patriotism, and they proclaimed over a year ago that their chief job was to close down the Ford Hall Forum.

Of course, at a time like this, I feel I ought to acquaint all of Mr. Coleman's friends and the friends of the Ford Hall Forum with the present situation that we find ourselves in, and naturally we count you among the most intimate members of the Forum family. We will carry on and if the Baptist Social Union sees fit to sever their relations with us we shall thank them and be grateful to them for what they have done in the past and attempt to run the Forum under a different auspices.

That is why, Dr. Silver, I am hoping that something may happen to make it possible for you to be with us. We are planning to make this a national event and are inviting speakers from different parts of the country. I thought a word of greeting from you that evening to



Dr. A.H.S.

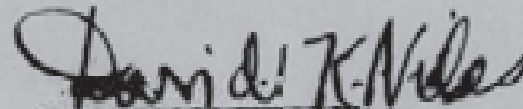
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the Baptist Social Union with your wonderful eloquence and your sincere friendship would do us a world of good and perhaps save the day. Miss Jane Addams has already accepted and will be with us. That evening Robert Shailer Holmes of Florida is to be the Toastmaster, and there will be representatives of business and labor, as well as from other religious groups.

Please do not think me too presuming, but I know how much it would add to Mr. Coleman's joy to have you with us that evening to welcome him back and to express our appreciation to the Baptist Social Union for everything they have done these past twenty years.

Sincerely yours,



David K. Niles,  
Associate Director.

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East 105th Street at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Miss Smith, of our Speakers' Bureau, at my request when I heard that you were coming East next fall, invited you, on our behalf, to speak at the Ford Hall Forum on either November 4th or November 11th. I hope that we will be fortunate enough to have a favorable acceptance from you. You know what the Ford Hall Forum thinks of you and how it inspires and encourages us to have you with us.

You will remember that I wrote you about a month ago that the Baptist Social Union may decide to sever all relations with us. That has come to pass. Being heavily propagandized by 100% Americans, and because of the blacklist psychology, they have for next year decided that they ought not to have anything more to do with us. This is a sort of "kicking us upstairs." Mr. Coleman and I have always felt that the Forum would be much better off without being under any religious auspices. We have had several offers from other denominational groups, but we are determined to run this Forum, from now on, as a purely civic forum under the auspices of the citizens of Boston. We feel sure that after twenty years the citizens of Boston will rally to the support of the Forum and we will be able to do even bigger and better things.

I feel that it is going to be a very good thing, not only for Ford Hall, but for the Forum Movement in general. You can, therefore, see that our next season, the first one under our own auspices, is to be a very eventful one. I hope that you can be with us on, at least, one Sunday evening, not only because of the regard in which we all hold you personally, but because of the good that your presence will do for the entire Forum Movement and the cause of tolerance everywhere.

Sincerely yours,

*David K. Niles*  
David K. Niles,  
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JUNE TWELFTH AND NINETEENTH OK WITH YOU PERIOD REALLY  
NECESSARY TO HAVE YOU WITH US=

WILLIAM M PRUSS SECRETARY.

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YOUNG MENS HEBREW ASSOCIATION LYNN MASSACHUSETTS PLANNING  
 TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET AND REUNION TUESDAY JUNE  
 TWELFTH PERIOD COMMITTEE VERY DESIROUS HAVING YOU AS  
 PRINCIPAL AND ONLY SPEAKER PERIOD WILL GLADLY MEET YOUR TERMS  
 PLEASE WIRE COLLECT IF CAN ARRANGE TO ATTEND=

WILLIAM M PRUSS SECRETARY.

*Collect  
card*

*(over)*

*5-9-21 101*

5/17/28

Only date open Thursday June twenty-first  
Honorarium \$250. and traveling expenses

A. H. S.



RECEIVED MAY 12 1928

May 10th, 1928

Regret can not accept your kind invitation  
have wedding scheduled on that day.

A. H. Silver



*card*

DAY LETTER  
from Lynn, Mass.

May 17th, 1928

Rabbi A. H. Silver

Date you suggest satisfactory. Your presence will make the affair greatest ever given by Lynn Jewry. Honorarium somewhat higher than we were prepared to pay. Would you not, as special favor accept \$250. flat. Sincerely hope the difference of few dollars will not cause you to decline invitation. Great reception awaits you here. Very important we have your definite acceptance before Monday night. Please wire and send us photo and publicity matters immediately.

Wm. M. Pruss

Answer same date

Terms Satisfactory. Publicity being sent to you.

A. H. Silver



69 SUMMER ST.

BOSTON, MASS.,

May 18th, 1928.

Rabbi Abba Hilel Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The writer was very much pleased to receive your acceptance of our invitation to honor us with your presence at the Twentieth Anniversary of the Lynn Y. M. H. A., and I take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for your kindness in coming. It assures the success of this event, and is in line with a number of outstanding events we have had in our city in the past few years.

As a matter of information I am herewith giving you some information about the cities of Lynn and Swampscott, and their contribution in the past five years in a communal way.

The writer has been active in communal work, having been Chairman of the U. P. A., and J. D. C. Drives for the past few years. I am also organizer and President of Congregation Beth El, and have recently completed the building of a beautiful House of Worship.

It might be of interest to you to know that we have just engaged Rabbi Israel Harburg, who graduates from the Hebrew Union College next month, as our spiritual leader. Our Hebrew school teaches about 400 children daily, and we occupy our own building. The Y. M. H. A. also occupy their own building, and in the past ten years the cities of Lynn and Swampscott have contributed half a million dollars to communal and charitable causes both locally and abroad. This good work has been particularly in evidence in the past five years. Our community is growing and is progressing more and more each year on account of the unusually attractive surroundings, with the result that a number of the men whose businesses are in Boston reside either in Swampscott or Lynn. The writer is a member of the Governing Board of the Y.M.H.A., the Hebrew Free School, and Federated Jewish Charities. I have also been active in Boston Communal work.

In closing I also want to mention the fact that the writer was a member of the Congregation in Chelsea when you officiated there at the High Holidays, and look forward to seeing you again. Should you desire any further information I would be pleased to hear from you.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

HY/H

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18 TO 24 CITY HALL SQUARE

LYNN, MASS.

May 23 1928

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Dear Rabbi:

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Executive Secretary

I have delayed confirming our recent telegraphic arrangement for you to speak at our 20th anniversary banquet because I wanted our entire committee to hear the good news of your acceptance. Our committee met Monday night and the action of the subcommittee in arranging your appearance was most heartily endorsed. You may be sure that a most royal welcome awaits you here in Lynn.

It would be presumptuous for me to attempt to tell you what to say, but I believe the following brief statement will prove of use to you:

The Lynn YMHA was organized about 20 years ago, languished for a year and then went out of existence. It was revived a year and a half later and ever since has been in existence, attempting to do good work in the community. For the first three years we carried on in small quarters and our activities were mainly of the type to bring publicity to the association but not fundamental in kind.

Up to two years ago we had purely volunteer workers, periodically flushed with enthusiasm and then cooled off. As a result our organization would one year number a hundred or more and the next would be fortunate to count half that number.

In June, 1925, under the inspired leadership of a young man, we bought our present location at \$75000. The boldness of this step may be imagined when I tell you that we had no money in the treasury and about 30 members. But we put our shoulders to the wheel and raised about \$20000 which we put into alterations in the building. As a result of this step our membership grew by leaps and bounds until we now have about 400, senior and junior. With this increase in membership the need for professional service was realized and I am now trying to do what is necessary to build up a big constructive program.

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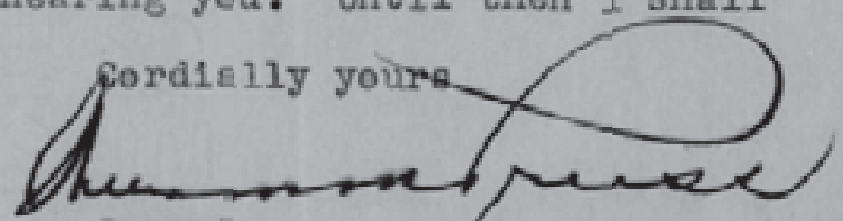
So successful have we been in the past two or three years that we have put over some big projects all of them aimed at wiping out the deficit caused by the purchase of the building and the necessary work done. Our present deficit is \$7000, more or less, and it is our object at this banquet to fund this deficit by issuing bonds in various denominations. In this way we will tie up a number of men to the organization, men who are willing to lend the money, on our promise to pay it back.

It is not, of course, expected that you will make any direct appeal for those present to buy the bonds. We merely hope you will be able to present the case of the YMHA to those present in such a manner that when our president gets up to dispose of them, there may be a ready response.

Now that you know the purpose of our banquet I will turn to other matters. I was talking with the secretary of the local Rotary club and when I told him you were coming to Lynn Thursday June 21, he told me that his members would be delighted to have you as their guest. Their meetings are held at 12:15, and they generally have a speaker. He asked me to sound you out on the question, and if you find it convenient to attend, a formal invitation would be extended. Will you please let me know?

I guess you will think me a garrulous young man to write such a lengthy letter, but after all you should know something about the affair at which you are to be the guest of honor. I will keep you advised concerning the progress made by our committee. I shall count the days until I shall have the pleasure of hearing you. Until then I shall remain,

Cordially yours



Secretary

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Rabbi A Hillel Silver

The Temple

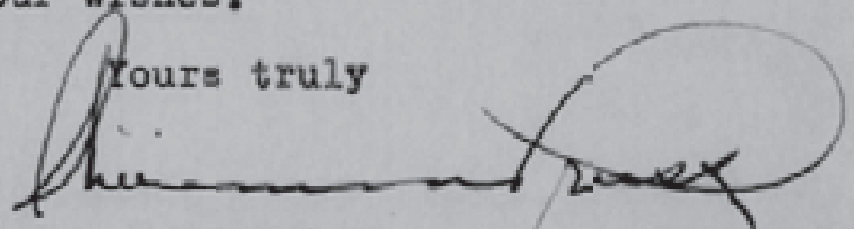
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

The committee in charge of the banquet is working hard to make it a success and from present indications it will be a very fine affair. We feel certain you will be pleased with your reception.

The committee would appreciate some information as to your plans for the day of the banquet. Will you please let me know the time you expect to arrive in Boston and also if you have any preference as to the manner in which to spend the time between your arrival and the hour of the banquet. Our reception committee will of course govern itself in accordance with your wishes.

Yours truly



Secretary

WMP/ms

June 18th, 1928.

William M. Pruss, Ex. Sec'y.,  
Young Men's Hebrew Association,  
18 to 24 City Hall Square,  
Lynn, Mass.

My dear Mr. Pruss:-

I plan to arrive in Boston  
Thursday morning. I should like to remain  
in Boston until the afternoon, arriving in  
Lynn around four or five o'clock. I shall be  
at the Statler Hotel.

With kindest regards and  
looking forward with pleasure to our meeting,  
I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



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WILLIAM M PRUSS SECRETARY.

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WHY NO ANSWER LAST LETTER IN WHICH WROTE ROTARY CLUB OF LYNN  
WOULD LIKE HAVE YOU SPEAK THEIR LUNCHEON SAME DAY OUR BANQUET  
STOP PLEASE WIRE IF CAN ARRANGE RECEPTION ROTARY CLUB AS  
STATED STOP COMMITTEE! MAKING ELABORATE ARRANGEMENTS TO MAKE  
OUR BANQUET GREATEST EVER=

WILLIAM M PRUSS

SECRETARY 7 M H A.

*We did wish to accept any other exp.  
ment for 21st*

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March 7th, 1929

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Boston Young Judaea, which is very active and free from political entanglements whether they be Zionist or otherwise, will hold its banquet and communal gathering during the week of April 15th.

The Committee on Arrangements requests me to extend to you a most cordial invitation to be the guest and principal speaker of the occasion. Our Board of Trustees in Boston is a representative and responsible group and it can be depended upon to arrange a very splendid gathering. The exact day of the dinner will be left to your discretion.

I earnestly hope that you may find it possible to accept this invitation. Should you be on your way to the east at that time of the year, you will no doubt be able to work in this engagement with your own schedule.

With kind personal regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Samuel J. Borowsky*  
SAMUEL J. BOROWSKY  
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BOSTON

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My dear Ruth Silver :-

In the run of cloudy  
days I had no chance to tell you how  
happy we all are that you are to be with  
us for the opening of our State Conference  
on September 26<sup>th</sup>. I feel as Dr. Hexter  
does. When I showed him your letter he  
said 'good - now you've have a fine  
conference.' It is good of you to come  
and we appreciate it. You will find a  
warm welcome.

Sincerely,

Katharine D. Hardwick,

June 14  
/29

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80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MASS

March 8, 1929.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

One of the most satisfying phases of the Forum Bureau work is the generous and whole-hearted support of the men and women who speak for us, - men and women whose faith in democracy, in freedom of speech, in the open discussion of all matters relating to human welfare, leads them to spare the time out of their busy lives to meet occasionally with some forum group and thresh out together current problems.

To you as one of this group we wish to express our hearty appreciation and the hope that we may have your continued cooperation.

We shall want to include your name on our new speakers' list for 1929-30 which goes to the printer within the next two weeks. Are you to be frequently available next season, or able to spare the time for only a limited number of engagements?

It will help us very much indeed if we may hear from you promptly and if you will take a minute to fill out and return the enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

*Mildred C. Smith*

Executive Secretary.

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
105th St. at Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio



Kindly fill out and return immediately  
to the  
Open Forum Speakers Bureau, 1243 Little Building, Boston, Mass.

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1. Present occupation or activities:

2. General type of subject:

3. Subjects, in order preferred (exact titles with explanatory line if needed):

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4. When, between next October and April, do you contemplate trips that will make you available for an engagement or two in or near the following centers?

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| New York ..... | Cleveland ..... | Florida ..... |
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5. Sign full name and permanent address:

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Rabbi, The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio

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Democracy at the Cross-Roads  
Is Progress A Myth?  
Jew and Christian - Will they ever meet?  
The Mining Tide of Ghoul  
The Fundamental Needs of Human Life  
Is Evolution the Poe of Religion  
What is Happening to the American Race?

Please O.K. (a  
renew + O.K.  
+ return  
in 1929-30

Born: Lithuania, 1893

Education: A.B. University of Cincinnati, 1915; Rabbi Hebrew Union College, 1916; D.D.,  
1928. Litt.D. Western Reserve University, 1928.

Activities: Rabbi Silver was a minister for two years in Wheeling, West Virginia and at  
the age of twenty-four was called to the pulpit of The Temple, Cleveland,  
Ohio, the largest liberal synagogue in America.

Member: He is a member of Commission of Jewish Synthesis of Union of American Hebrew  
Congregations; member Executive Board Anti-Slavery League of Ohio; Member Board  
of Governors Hebrew Union College; member of Board Jewish Rabbin. Society of  
America; member of Board Cleveland Associated Charities; The — President  
Bureau of Jewish Education, Cleveland; member of World War, at request of  
Governments of U.S. and France. He was decorated by the French Government.  
Member of Board Federated Jewish Charities of Cleveland.

Author: "Messianic Speculations in Israel", which was published by the Macmillan Company  
in 1927.

March 11th, 1929.

Miss Mildred C. Smith,  
Open Forum Speakers Bureau,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Smith:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt  
of your letter of March 8th and to advise you  
that Rabbi Silver does not wish his name to  
appear on your Speaker's List for 1929-30.

With kindest regards, permit me  
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

card

Boston

March 11th, 1929.

Mr. Samuel J. Borowsky,  
c/o Young Jackson,  
111 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Borowsky:-

Thank you very much for your letter  
of March 7th.

I would gladly have accepted your  
invitation but unfortunately I can not.

On the Pacific Coast I suffered an  
attack of laryngitis which necessitated my abandoning  
my entire lecture tour on the Coast and the hangover of  
it is still with me. I shall have to go easy for the  
next two or three months. Those lectures which I have  
already accepted I shall have to carry through. I  
must not accept any further obligations.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

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May 7, 1929

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You probably did not imagine that I would come so soon to you to invite you to come to these parts for an address, otherwise you perhaps would not have invited me to come to Cleveland last winter. This letter is to accompany one sent to you by Miss Hardwick, President of the Massachusetts Conference of Social Work, requesting you to be the main speaker at the opening of the Conference. The Massachusetts Conference, in contra-distinction to the Ohio State Conference, is a very large affair. I do hope that you will find it convenient to accept the invitation and perhaps even to bring Mrs. Silver with you.

With kindest greetings,

Cordially yours,

*Maurice B. Hexter*



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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,

76 Temple,

Cleveland, Ohio: -

My dear Rabbi Silver: -

I am writing this by  
hand - thought inconsiderate to you - because I  
want informally to tell you exactly why I am  
making so presumptuous a request. We want you to  
open our State Conference program on Thursday Evening  
September 26<sup>th</sup>. We aimed at you this way. In  
talking to groups of Social workers on the State I  
told them that our Conference theme was to be  
Social work - the art of living together, and that we  
had no major representative for speakers - they  
must be artists. Then I asked for the names of  
conference speakers who had most impressed them -  
and three times you Cleveland address was  
spoken of as an unforgettable speech. So though  
I fear the time of year is difficult for you,

and though we can only pay the expenses of our speaker  
I am putting our needs before you. I know what  
costs you must have but I feel that you would do  
exactly what we want - make us see what articles are -  
long to at least approved being so - and see some small  
steps in the way. I have thought you could beautifully  
give us the qualities of an artist but I don't really care  
what you talk about. Our group comes from our last  
entire store and will be composed of supervised workers  
and volunteers. Our next show is the summer home  
of many Board members and we plan the service  
with this in mind.

As I said I have a intense feeling  
this is presumptuous but in the other hand every one  
says you really belong to all of us - and I know  
we would repay you by being better workers.

Sincerely,

Katherine D. Haranvi.

May 8<sup>th</sup>  
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card ✓

May 14th, 1929.

Miss Katherine D. Hardwick,  
Massachusetts Conference of  
Social Work,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Hardwick:-

Permit me to thank you for your  
kind letter of May 8th and for the invitation which  
you extend to me to address the Opening Meeting of  
the Massachusetts Conference of Social Work on  
Thursday evening, Sept. 26th. I shall make every  
effort to be with you.

I am not in a position as yet to  
designate the subject of my address but I shall send  
it to you before very long.

With kindest regards and looking  
forward with pleasure to meeting you and your group  
of workers, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

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May 25, 1929.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
105th Street at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I wonder if out of your busy life you're going to be able to find a Sunday evening for your friends at the Ford Hall Forum. Dr. Coleman and I have been hearing especially good reports of the remarkable address that you gave in Cleveland before the National Home Study Council at their annual meeting on "The Meaning of an Education." I wonder if you can give us that address at the Ford Hall Forum. It is several years now since we have had the pleasure of listening to you, and your Boston friends would very much appreciate another opportunity. I need not tell you that we would be happy indeed if you would do us the extreme honor of opening our twenty-second season for us Sunday evening, October 20.

The opening meeting of the season is always an especial occasion for Ford Hall Forumites and with you as our speaker and on such a subject, it would be an especially fitting opening for us, because, undoubtedly, the Ford Hall Forum would want to fit in to the kind of an educational program that you advocate.

As you know, our funds are limited and increasingly so now that we are an independent body; but we want you so much we shall be glad to double our maximum fee and allow you \$100 to take care of your expenses to Boston.

Sincerely yours,

*David K. Niles*  
David K. Niles,  
Associate Director.

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LONGWOOD AVE. AND PLYMOUTH STREET  
BOSTON, MASS.

May  
28th  
1929

Rabbi A.H. Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Friend:

We are to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the birth of our congregation on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, November 16, 17 and 18. The service of Sunday morning the 17th will be broadcast. I am very eager to have you as the speaker at the morning service. I do hope that you will be able to be with us. I should be very happy indeed if you find it possible to accept this invitation. We shall of course be glad to meet any expense involved in your coming. May I await a favorable reply?

I talked to Mr. Horkheimer and he brought me the latest word of you and yours. I had Mr. Ochs here last week and he said in his address that he has seldom ever had as happy an experience as the evening which he shared with you and Virginia not long ago.

I trust that all goes well.

Faithfully yours,

*Harry Ochs*

HL:BRB

June 3d, 1929.

Mr. David E. Niles,  
Ford Hall Forum,  
Little Bldg.,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Niles:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of May 25th and for the invitation which you extend to me to address the Ford Hall Forum on Sunday evening, October 20th.

I have received an invitation from Dr. Harry Levy to address the seventy-fifth anniversary celebration of his congregation on Sunday, Nov. 17th. I suggested to him that it would be impossible for me to come on a Sunday during November but that I might be able to come in December. Should his celebration be postponed to December I would then come to Boston at that time. I would speak at Dr. Levy's Temple in the morning and at the Ford Hall Forum in the evening. Should he be unable to make the change, I would then consider coming to you on October 20th. You will hear from me in the near future.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AMS/DR

June 3d, 1929.

Rabbi Harry Levy,  
Temple Israel,  
Longwood Ave. & Plymouth St.,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Levy:-

Thank you for your kind letter of May 28th and for the invitation which you extend to me to participate in the seventy-fifth anniversary of your congregation. I should love very much to come to you on Sunday, November 17th but here is my difficulty: we begin our Sunday morning services this year the first Sunday in November. For me to absent myself from my pulpit so soon after the opening of the Sunday morning services is to disorganize them.

If your celebration were in December or some later month I would feel free to come. I am away from Cleveland so much of the time that I feel that I ought to devote myself without interruption to the Sunday morning services.

Virginia and Daniel Jeremy are fine and we all send our best wishes to you, Ruth and the members of your "mishpoche." With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

ARS/IR

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Later

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have just had a talk with Rabbi Levi over the telephone. As you know, he is Vice-President of the Ford Hall Forum and he says that he hopes you can come to us in October. It looks now, says he, that their anniversary plans may be postponed indefinitely. He is quite sure that they won't have them in December and they may not have them until February or March due to his inability to get his committee together to arrive at some decision. All this in confidence of course.

Cordially,

David K. Niles

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June  
Tenth  
1929

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of June 3rd. I regret exceedingly that you cannot be with us on Sunday, November 17th, but I deeply appreciate your willingness to come to us some time in December. I shall refer the matter just as soon as possible to our Committee and shall communicate with you as to whether it will be possible to make the change in date. I understand thoroughly your hesitancy in leaving your pulpit so early in the season of Sunday services. I have the same feeling. Indeed I have a hesitancy about leaving my pulpit on Sunday mornings at any time during the season and do this very seldom, I am grateful to you for your readiness to cooperate with us, and will let you hear from me just as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

*Harry Lewis*

HL:BRB



**TEMPLE ISRAEL**  
LONGWOOD AVE. AND PLYMOUTH STREET  
BOSTON, MASS.

June  
24th  
1929

Rabbi A H Silver  
The Temple  
E 105th St at Ansell Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I regret exceedingly that I could get no definite word to you before leaving for the Summer. I am sailing for Europe today. I have asked the chairman of our Celebration Committee to get in touch with you just as soon as the Committee knows definitely whether or no it is to change the dates arranged for our celebration. You see invitations to share in other parts of our celebration went forth to ex-president Coolidge and Judge Proscower at the same time that I wrote you, and the possibility of a change in dates depends in a measure upon the arrangements that are to be made with these two men. I hope you understand.

Ruth joins me in sending greetings to you and yours, and in expressing the hope that the Summer will be very good to all three of you.

Sincerely yours,



HL:BRB



June 24, 1929.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
East 106th Street at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

This is just to assure you that we are still holding our opening date, October 20, for you until you can make a definite decision. We are so anxious to have you as our opening speaker for next season that we shall wait until you can say yes. I understand the delay because I have been in touch with Rabbi Levi about it several times. Their Board has not yet, as you know, been able to get together to decide whether they will postpone their anniversary celebration until December. I understand that some such decision will be made within the next few days, although with Rabbi Levi sailing for Europe today, this decision may not be forthcoming.

Cordially,

*David K. Niles*  
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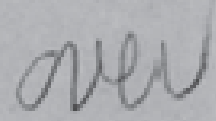
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APPEAR ON THE PROGRAM STOP AM HOLDING PRINTING OF PROGRAM  
AWAITING THIS THANK YOU=

KATHARINE D HARDWICK.



SEPT. 6th, 1929

Answer

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July 24, 1929

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I shall be very grateful if you can send me the title of the talk which you are going to give on the opening evening of our State Conference. We are having the program printed at one of the State schools and have to give them a good deal of time which accounts for my asking for this so early.

With all good wishes to you,

Sincerely,

*Katharine D. Hardwick*

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July 25th, 1929.

Katherine D. Hardwick, President,  
Massachusetts Conference of Social Work,  
130 State House,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Hardwick:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 24th addressed to Rabbi Silver, and to advise you that Rabbi Silver is at present in Switzerland. He will return about the middle of August, at which time I shall be pleased to send you the subject of his address.

to remain

With kindest regards, permit me

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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September 3, 1929

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 106th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I hope your trip back was pleasant.  
Ours was also and I believe I am cured of the desire  
to ride on the big boats. I am writing now to find  
out when you are reaching Boston so that I can make  
some arrangements for you; also will Mrs. Silver  
accompany you?

Cordially yours,

*Maurice B. Hexter*



September 6, 1929.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
105th Street at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I wonder if you are now ready to decide definitely whether you can inaugurate our Forum season for us October 20. I have been holding our opening date for you because we certainly want you above everybody else if we can have you.

We would especially like to have you open our season for us with your address entitled, "The Meaning of an Education."

Let my endeavor to give the Ford Hall Forum the best possible opening be my excuse for writing you again at this time.

You will remember that you were holding up your decision about coming to us until you heard from Rabbi Levi, of Temple Israel, Boston. Their anniversary plans are still in a very uncertain state due to Rabbi Levi's absence in Europe during the past summer.

If it isn't too much trouble, can you wire me collect your decision, and I sincerely hope that it will be a favorable one for us.

Cordially,

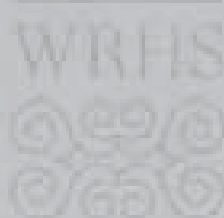
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WIRE TO DAVID K. NILES  
FORD HALL FORUM  
LITTLE BLDG.  
BOSTON MASS.

SHALL BE PLEASED TO BE WITH YOU OCTOBER TWENTIETH  
SUBJECT IS THE MEANING OF AN EDUCATION.

A. H. SILVER





September 13, 1929.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
105th Street at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are delighted that you are to open our season for us. Will you let me know what plans and arrangements I can make for your comfort while here in our city; just how long you are going to stay, and any other matters that we can do for you. Our office staff is at your disposal.

Is there available any advance copies of the address? If so, I would like to have enough copies made to be released to the press for use after your address. *We'll make the extra copies here.*

I suppose the Cleveland papers have been carrying the statement of Professor Rogers here in Boston about his ideas of education.

Sincerely yours,

*David K. Niles*  
David K. Niles,  
Associate Director.

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Sept. 17th, 1929.

Dr. Maurice B. Hexter,  
24 Province St.,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Hexter:-

Please pardon the long delay in answering your kind note of Sept. 3d. I have been away from the city a good deal of the time.

I plan to arrive in Boston on the morning of Thursday, Sept. 26th. I shall address a Marshall Memorial meeting on the previous evening in Brooklyn. Do you suggest that I put up at a hotel in Boston? I do not know how far Marblehead is from Boston. Mrs. Silver may accompany me but she has not definitely made up her mind.

The tragic news of the death of Mr. Marshall has depressed me a great deal. Coming on top of the Palestinian riots and at a time when we were all expecting so much from the role which Mr. Marshall was to play in the activities of the Jewish Agency both here and abroad, his death almost takes on the character of a catastrophe. These are not happy days for our people.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AMS/IR

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September 16, 1929

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland  
Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I wrote some time ago to inquire when you were arriving. I hope you got this letter. At any rate, can you let me know now when you are coming? Perhaps you have heard that I have accepted service with the Jewish Agency and am moving to London during the middle of October. I look forward more especially now to having a chat with you before leaving.

Cordially yours,

*Maurice B. Hexter*

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September 19, 1929

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have your letter of the 15th. I think it would be better to put up at a hotel in Boston and I will see that you are transported in due form to Marblehead, which is only eighteen miles out. I have reserved a room for you at the Copley-Plaza. You probably recollect that it is most effective to get off at the Back Bay station if you are going there. Phone me after you have reached the Hotel so that I can arrange to see you.

Perhaps you have learned that I have joined the Jewish Agency and I want to talk to you about this before I leave.

The death of Mr. Marshall and the tragic events in Palestine do not sit lightly on any of us.

Very cordially yours,

*Maurice B. Hexter*

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Dear Dr. Silver: -

I am sure the ladies on the  
Local State Committee have written asking your  
pleasure about rooms - whether you will stay  
at Marblehead - or would like to go back to  
Boston. But I wanted to add my word of  
welcome and tell you how happy we are  
in looking forward to your coming.

With all good wishes,  
Sincerely,

Katharine D. Hardwick.

Sept 19/  
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September 20, 1929

Rev. Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I enclose herewith letter  
from Roy M. Cushman. Will you please be good enough  
to wire me your answer.

you,

Looking forward to seeing

Sincerely yours,

*Maurice B. Hexter*

WIRE

9/23/29

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

If convenient, you might send us an advance copy of your address which you are to deliver before the Massachusetts Conference of Social Workers.

Yours for a Happy New Year,

B:r

*Joseph G. Brin*

# BOSTON COUNCIL OF SOCIAL AGENCIES

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Rev. Abba Hillel Silver, D.D.  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:-

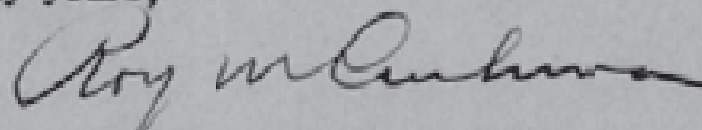
Will you broadcast for us over Station W.B.E.I. at 4.45 P.M., Thursday September 26, the day you arrive here for the Massachusetts State Conference of Social Work? The Council is inaugurating a new series of 10 minute broadcasts on that afternoon under the title, "The Art of Living Together" which, as you know, is the general subject of the State Conference.

It seemed to our committee that it would be most fitting, since we have appropriated the subject heading of the State Conference, that we use the first broadcast to arouse interest in the Conference; and that we have for our speaker our distinguished guest from Cleveland. Our idea was that in your talk you not speak directly to the subject of the Conference, because most likely that would not attract and hold interest at the start, but that you say anything you wish that would fit under the title, "The Art of Living Together", and then in the last sentence or two refer to the meeting at Marblehead and also to the series of broadcasts which the Council is opening. I will be glad to supply you with such details as you need when you reach Boston.

I hope that you will feel that you can do this additional service for us, and that in requesting it we are not presuming too much upon your time and friendly interest.

In common with all social workers in Boston, I am looking forward eagerly to meeting you and ~~having~~ you at Marblehead.

Sincerely yours,

  
Executive Secretary

C/S



September 21, 1929.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
106th Street at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am delighted to hear that you are to be in our city this coming week. If there is anything that we, at the Forum Office, can do for you during your stay, please do not hesitate to command us.

The other day I was telling Rabbi Levi, who is the Vice-President of the Ford Hall Forum, that you had graciously accepted our invitation to be our opening speaker and a few days later the Chairman of the Program Committee of the Temple Israel Brotherhood called me up and asked me if I thought you would be willing to stay over and address their Brotherhood on Monday evening, October 21. This would also be the opening meeting of the season for the Temple Israel Brotherhood. Although their meetings are regularly on Thursday, they will be glad to move their meeting ahead to this Monday to accommodate you. They can pay you an honorarium of \$200 for such a service.

Cordially,

*David K. Niles*  
David K. Niles.

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RABBI A H SILVER

THE TEMPLE ANSL RD AND 105 ST CLEVELAND OHIO

AM ADVISED YOU ARE SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS SOCIAL LEADERS CONFERENCE  
FOR THURSDAY SEPTEMBER TWENTY SIXTH STOP WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE  
FOR YOU TO MEET AT LUNCH OR ANY OTHER TIME DURING THE DAY OR  
EVENING WITH BOSTON ZIONISTS PLEASE WIRE AT ONCE

ROBERT SILVERMAN

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## UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

GREATER BOSTON EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
24 School Street, Rooms 308-309  
Boston, Mass.

*card*

Sept. 22, 1929

Rabbi A H Silver  
The Temple  
Ans1 Rd & 105th St.  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thanks very much for your telegram accepting  
our invitation to lunch with a group of the Zionist  
leaders, Friday, September 27th.

The luncheon will be held at the Boston City Club.  
We very likely will see you Thursday night.

Looking forward to your visit, we are

Very sincerely yours,

*R. Silverman*

Robert Silverman, Regional Director



Sept. 23d, 1909.

Mr. David H. Wiles,  
Ford Hall Forum,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Wiles:-

Permit me to thank you for your letter  
of Sept. 21st.

I think it may be possible for me  
to stay over on Monday, October 21st to address the Brotherhood  
of Temple Israel.

I am looking forward with pleasure  
to my visit to Ford Hall.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

*card*

Sept. 23d, 1923.

Mr. Roy M. Cushman,  
43 Tremont St., Rm. 910,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Cushman:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to broadcast for you on Thursday afternoon. I feel rather mean in declining the invitation but I trust that you will understand.

Between this coming Wednesday and next Monday I shall have six addresses to make. This will be a great tax upon my energy. I must try to conserve myself a bit. I plan to spend Thursday afternoon at my hotel resting preparatory to the meeting. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

to remain

With kindest regards, permit me

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/TR

*Copy sent to  
Mr. B. Hester*

GEORGE W. COLEMAN  
DIRECTOR AND CHAIRMAN

"Let there be Light"

DAVID K. NILES  
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR



September 26, 1929.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Temple Israel Brotherhood is delighted that you are going to be able to stay over for the Monday evening meeting. Will you suggest a topic for them? You don't know how it gladdens my heart to know that you are going to open our Forum season.

Sincerely yours,

*David K. Niles*  
David K. Niles.

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FORUM OFFICE  
LITTLE BUILDING, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

September 26, 1929.

Secretary to Rabbi Silver,  
105th Street at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

In the absence of Dr. Silver, I am asking you if it is possible to send me very soon a copy of Rabbi Silver's address "The Meaning of an Education", which he is to deliver at Ford Hall. I promise not to release same to the press until after his address has been delivered here.

Cordially,

*David K. Niles*  
David K. Niles,  
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Testimonial

# MASSACHUSETTS CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL WORK

TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION

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MISS IDA R. PARKER

Dear D. Lister: —

I trust you could know how  
much you owed for our group. So many people  
asked me how speakers who did not know  
what had preceded them could have sustained  
the thread of liberal thought. Of course the  
answer is that you had so awakened our minds  
that we heard and appreciated whatever was  
brought in their ideas. It was the most  
beautiful job of mind dynamiting and seed sowing  
I have ever heard. I only wish you might have stayed  
for the next two days and seen the harvest.  
I think even a person who cares a little about history  
as you do would have been proud.

Will you have your secretary  
send you expense account unless the treasurer has  
already rendered you?

Personally I feel much in your  
debt — and must now allow to carry on my job because  
of your stimulation. As you write to you sincerely,  
Katharine D. Hardwick

HOTEL ROCK-MERE - MARBLEHEAD - SEPTEMBER 26, 27, 28, 1929



Sept. 30th, 1929.

Mr. David K. Niles,  
Ford Hall Forum,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Niles:-

I would suggest any one of the following  
subjects for the Temple Israel Brotherhood meeting:

1. "The Democratic Impulse in Jewish History."
2. "The Faith of an Untired Liberal."
3. "Scientific Fictions vs Religious Fictions."
4. "Is One Religion for all Mankind Necessary  
or Desirable?"

select.

Please let me know which subject they

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



October 7, 1929.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your letter of September 30. The Temple Israel Brotherhood Program Committee has selected "Scientific Fictions vs Religious Fictions" as the topic for your address with them.

Personally I think all your subjects are just marvelous and I am especially pleased with "The Faith of an Untired Liberal", which is an excellent Ford Hall subject and which I hope you can give at Ford Hall perhaps next year. We really need untired liberals in Boston more than ever, which prompts me to say that I hope I can have a few minutes private conversation with you on your trip East. One of our biggest congregations has asked me to find out from you whether you could be persuaded to give up Cleveland for Boston. Of course you can readily understand what a delight that would be to me if that were possible and what an additional delight it would be if I felt that I had something to do in persuading you to make the change.

Will you kindly let me know just when you arrive in Boston and how long you are going to stay and whether Mrs. Silver is going to be with you. Do you want me to make some reservation for you at any of our hotels? Many of your friends would like to entertain you and Mrs. Silver while in Boston but I shall keep everyone away from you until you let me know what your wishes are in this matter. You know Boston prides itself on its Symphony Orchestra and if you and Mrs. Silver were going to be here on Saturday, October 19, it would be a delight for me to have you both as my guests at the Symphony concert that night. Just let me know frankly what your wishes are about entertainment in Boston. If you would like to spend part of Sunday riding out into the country, we can arrange that.

Cordially,

*David K. Niles*  
David K. Niles,  
Associate Director.

Very sincerely yours,

AMS/IR

Oct. 8th, 1929.

Mr. David E. Niles,  
Ford Hall Forum,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Niles:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your  
letter of October 7th.

I note that the Temple Israel Brotherhood  
has chosen the subject "Scientific Fictions vs Religious  
Fictions." If you have not already announced the subject  
for my Ford Hall address on Education, I would much prefer  
to speak on "The Faith of an Unlabeled Liberal." This is an  
address which I have ready and which I believe will prove  
very interesting to your group. I should have to spend  
considerable time on an address on education and in the  
midst of this busy holiday season I do not know when I  
shall find the time for it. Let me know what you think of  
it.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AMS/IR

WIRE FROM BOSTON

Oct. 10th, 1929

TO RABBI A. H. SILVER

GLAD TO CHANGE TOPIC AS REQUESTED FOR FORD HALL

DAVID K. NILES



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FORUM OFFICE  
LITTLE BUILDING, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

October 10, 1929.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Glad to change topic of your address at Ford Hall from "The Meaning of an Education" to "The Faith of an Untired Liberal."

While it is true that our first announcements are already out and the signs on our building have you down as speaking on "The Meaning of an Education" I am very glad to make the change.

It so happens that after I got your letter in which you suggested the topic for Temple Israel, I used the phrase 'an untired liberal' to describe you and the first notices that we did send out we had you listed as Abba Hillel Silver, D.D.-- an Untired Liberal, speaks on "The Meaning of an Education"; so all we need to do now is to paint over that line on our signs and change it on all future announcements.

Let me take this opportunity to wish you and yours Holiday Greetings.

Cordially,

*David K. Niles*  
David K. Niles,  
Associate Director.

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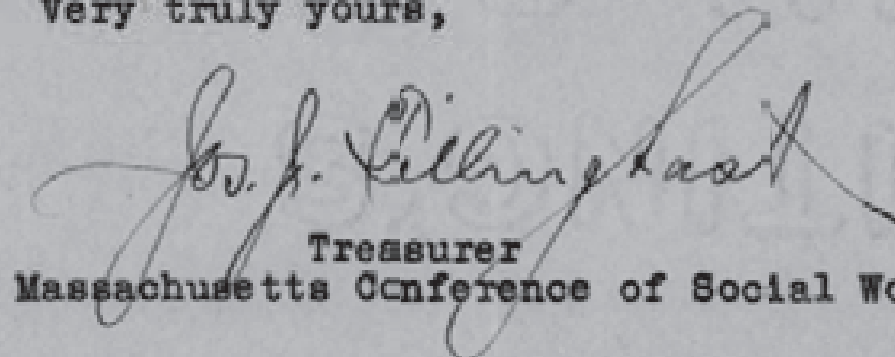
October 10, 1929

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

I would be very glad to receive a statement covering your expenses in attending the Massachusetts Conference of Social work recently held at Marblehead.

Very truly yours,

  
Treasurer  
Massachusetts Conference of Social Work

T/T

Oct. 10th, 1929.

Miss Katherine D. Hardwick,  
Mass. Conference of Social Work,  
130 State House Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Hardwick:-

I appreciated very much your very lovely note which I have just received. It is good to know that my address contributed in some small measure to the success of your Conference. I enjoyed my evening at Marblehead tremendously and am particularly happy over the opportunity which that meeting afforded me of making your acquaintance.

My traveling expenses to and from Boston amounted to \$60.

With kindest regards and best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

see Antimonial File

WIRE

OCT. 15th, 1929

ROBERT SILVERMAN  
REGIONAL DIRECTOR  
UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL  
24 school St. Rm. 308  
Boston, Mass.

READ IN BOSTON ADVOCATE THAT I AM SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS  
ZIONIST MEETING OCTOBER TWENTIETH I AUTHORIZED NO SUCH  
ANNOUNCEMENT AND SHALL MAKE NO ADDRESS.

A. H. SILVER





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October 15, 1929

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

Enclosed please find check for \$60. to cover  
your expenses in attending the Marblehead Conference, as  
stated in a letter to Miss Hardwick.

Very truly,

*Joseph J. Tillinghast* Treasurer  
Massachusetts Conference of Social Work

T/T



Oct. 15th, 1929.

Mr. David M. Niles,  
Ford Hall Forum,  
Little Bldg.,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Niles:-

I am enclosing herewith a copy of  
the address which Rabbi Silver will deliver at the Ford  
Hall Forum on October 20th which you requested.

I would appreciate it very much  
if you will kindly send me the papers in which this  
address will appear.

to remain

With kindest regards, permit me

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

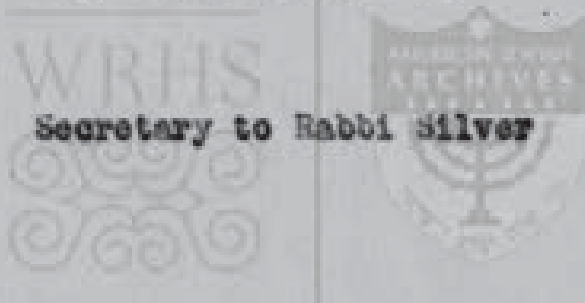
Oct. 15th, 1929.

The Copley-Plaza Hotel,  
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:-

Will you please reserve a room  
and bath for Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. He will arrive  
Sunday morning, October 20th.

Very sincerely yours,





OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR

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# THE COPLEY-PLAZA

ARTHUR L. RACE, MANAGING DIRECTOR

BOSTON MASSACHUSETTS

October 17, 1929

Miss Irene Rothenberg  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Rothenberg:-

We are in receipt of your letter of October 15th and are pleased to reserve a single room with bath for the occupancy of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, who will arrive here Sunday morning, October 20th.

Assuring you of our attention to this reservation, we beg to remain

Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*  
THE COPLEY PLAZA



October 17, 1929.

Miss Irene Rothenberg,  
Secretary to Rabbi Silver,  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Rothenberg:

Thank you for the copy of Rabbi Silver's speech. I am having copies made for release to the press for Monday morning's papers and I shall, of course, send you a complete set of all publicity and will return you the original manuscript.

Could you send me a wire collect telling me when Dr. Silver is to arrive in Boston, where he is to stay and whether I can do anything about making arrangements for him?

I am sure that you and Dr. Silver will be interested in the enclosed announcements. Please note the time.

Cordially,

*David K. Niles*  
David K. Niles,  
Associate Director.

Enc.  
DKN/L

WIRE COLLECT

Oct. 18th, 1929.

RABBI SILVER ARRIVES BOSTON SUNDAY MORNING  
STOPPING AT COPLEY PLAZA HOTEL

I. ROTHENBERG SECRETARY



*Boston*

# ITINERARY

Sunday evening, Oct. 20th, 7:30 - Boston, Mass.  
Ford Hall Forum, Ford Hall,  
Sub: "The Faith of an Untired Liberal"  
Hon: \$100.  
Cor: David K. Niles, Little Bldg., Boston

Sunday night 10:30 p. m. - Boston  
Zionist meeting  
Mishkan Tefila Temple Centre  
Elm Hill Ave., Roxbury  
Cor: Mr. Julius Meyer, 24 School St.  
or Zionist Org.

Monday evening - Oct. 21st  
Brotherhood Temple Israel Opening Meeting  
Sub: "Scientific Fictions vs Religious Fictions"  
Hon: \$200.  
Cor: Rabbi Harry Levy  
and David K. Niles, Ford Hall

Tuesday Oct. 22d. - New York City.  
Tentative arrangements, dinner with  
Mr. & Mrs. Emanuel Newman

Wednesday, Oct. 23d - evening - Johnstown, Pa.

Forum - Temple Beth Zion  
Sub: "What Is Happening to the American Home?"  
Hon: \$175.  
Cor: Harry S. Bandell, 509 Park Ave. Johnstown.



ROBERT M. MORRISON

COUNSELLOR AT LAW

73 TREMONT STREET

BOSTON, MASS.

October 21, 1929.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
c/o Congregation Adath Israel,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

At the request of President Samuel Rubin of the Boston Zionist Organization, I am writing to you to express our deep regret at your inability to be with us last evening. We all feel that an opportunity was denied us for receiving a message of inspiration in our Zionist work.

Our regret at your inability to be with us is accentuated due to the fact that we are informed that your absence was due to a misunderstanding as to your ability to be with us at our meeting. Rumors of various kinds are abroad. We feel that out of courtesy and fairness to yourself, the people who were present last evening at our meeting should know the true facts in the case. At present they are under the impression that your absence was due to the decision on your part that you were too weary to attend.

In order that we may know the true facts and give expression to them in the local Jewish press, I am writing to you to ask that you inform me of the negotiations and communications which took place between yourself and the various members of the Zionist Organization.

May I express once more our regret that such a situation should have arisen and the hope that in the not too distant future the Zionists of Boston may have the pleasure of your presence at one of their meetings.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Robert M. Morrison*  
Secretary

Zionist Organization of Boston.

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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER

HOTEL COPLEY PLAZA BOSTON MASS

DEAR DOCTOR SILVER THROUGH OUR NATIONAL OFFICE YOU HAVE  
NO DOUBT RECEIVED INVITATION OF THE BOSTON HADASSAH  
TO BE OUR GUEST AND SPEAKER AT THE HOTEL STATLER ON THE  
AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER SEVENTEEN WHEN WE HOPE TO RAISE  
OUR QUOTA OF TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS ARRANGEMENTS  
HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THIRTEEN HUNDRED GUESTS YOUR  
PRESENCE WOULD PUT US ACROSS THOUGH WE KNOW HOW BUSY  
YOU ARE WE HOPE THAT YOU MAY ACCEPT MOST OF US HEARD  
YOU LAST NIGHT AT TEMPLE ISRAEL CENTRE AND THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR WONDERFUL MESSAGE

ETTA BERMAN

MRS ALEX BERMAN 277 STPAUL ST

1929 OCT 22 AM 3 07

*Carol ✓*

Oct. 25th, 1929.

Mrs. Alex Bernea,  
277 St. Paul St.,  
Brookline, Mass.

My dear Mrs. Bernea:-

I wish it were possible for me to avail myself of your kind invitation to address the Boston Madrasah on December 17th. Unfortunately I have another engagement scheduled for that day. Moreover even if I were free I would hesitate to accept another engagement in Boston in as much as I have spoken there four times in the last four weeks and there are quite a number of other communities that I must visit. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With kindest regards and wishing your meeting great success, permit me to remain with Zion's greetings.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

*Carroll*

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th St. at Ansell Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Friend:

Last night we held a meeting of our 75th Anniversary Celebration Committee. It is the first meeting since last May. You will remember that at that time I asked if you would come and be the speaker for our special celebration service on November 17th. You were good enough to suggest that if this service were transferred to December you would be glad to try to arrange to come. We have now definitely arranged the program for Sunday, December 15th. We shall have a morning and evening service. Will you arrange to be the speaker at the morning service? I know how crowded your program is, I know how difficult it is for you to get away, but I should be more grateful to you than I can say if you could arrange to be with us on the morning of December 15th. Please try to come. And will you let me hear from you just as early as is convenient? Indeed I should appreciate it if you could wire me your reply collect, and I do hope it will be in the affirmative.

Ruth joins in cordial greetings to Virginia and yourself. It was fine to have you with us last Monday. I am still hearing the echoes on all sides.

Faithfully yours,

HL:BRB

Wire Oct. 29th, 1929.

*Harry Lewis*

REGRET MORE THAN I CAN SAY THAT MY ENGAGEMENTS LONG SCHEDULED FOR DEC. 15th MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO ACCEPT YOUR KIND INVITATION.

A. H. SILVER

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November 1, 1929.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
106th Street at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I do not need to tell you what a successful opening you gave the Ford Hall Forum this year and what a special delight it was to me personally to have those brief contacts with you. It just makes me wish more than ever that you were going to become a Boston citizen.

Some of the Zionist "mis-leaders" are still nasty about your refusal to go to their meeting. Some of them have been so damnably insulting that I have threatened them with a public statement, but I am waiting until next week when I am to have a session with some of their more intelligent leaders whom, at least, I feel that I am willing to sit down at the same table with.

They had the impudence to announce at that meeting that you did not want to come up because you were too tired, and one of the members of the committee, even as late as last Wednesday night, told me that you had "sunk in her estimation." Even after I had explained the facts to her, she said that that made no difference; you should have come. I was quite indignant with her and told her that it was just such attitudes as hers that made it necessary for me to make sure that every member of our Jewish community knew the exact facts. I told her that you were my guest and as your host, I was going to see to it that no guest of mine was misrepresented. I told her that I <sup>had</sup> not made any previous statement because I realized that the Zionist organization had troubles enough and I did not want to add to its burdens at this time, nor did I want to "wash any of our dirty linen in public." As long as that seemed to make no impression upon her, and she being a member of their Executive Committee and one whom I considered an intelligent member of their Boston committee, I felt that something should be done about it.

Of course I do not intend to say a word until I have your permission to do so. You had promised to send me a copy of the correspondence you were going to have with their secretary and with that impertinent little shyster lawyer, Robert Morrison, who sent you that letter at the Brotherhood meeting. I also understand that you have had letters from some of the others.

I don't want to annoy you too much with this cheap crowd, but it makes my blood boil to think of some of the nasty and libelous things they said about you. One of their committee in their committee meeting applied

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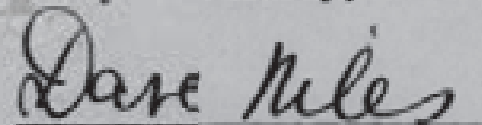
to you a damnably, vulgar epithet and I won't stand for it!

Of course, they still insist that I am to blame for the whole thing and they applied even worse epithets to me, which bothers me not at all. They insist that you would have come if I had permitted it, which, of course, flatters me entirely too much. I have never had anything to do with that crowd and I intend to have even less, but even at this late date, their continued impertinent intent to censure you would be cause for amusement if it were not so pathetic.

I personally feel badly to think that so many innocent persons are being misled by this crowd and I am wondering if I do not owe it to the Jewish community here to make it impossible for them to pull over another hoax like the one they did.

Their committee member admitted, Wednesday night, that they had your telegram in plenty of time to call off the meeting, and yet she says that they did not do it because they thought you would change your mind. They insist that you should have come no matter if you had said previously that you would not come. That is the kind of thing, Dr. Silver, that I think must be stopped. I told the committee that in justice to you that I was going to see to it personally that every prominent Zionist in Greater Boston knew the exact facts and that I would call upon some personally and reach the others by correspondence. I will do nothing, however, until I have heard from you.

Always cordially,

  
David K. Niles.

DKN/L  
Enc. Check

P.S. I am enclosing a check to take care of your expenses to Boston and believe me I wish it were many times more than it is. You certainly rendered us a service that warranted it. The Temple Israel Brotherhood will send you their check in a few days. I just called them up to remind them of it.

P.P.S. Have you had a moment to think about some possible candidates for that congregation that I was telling you about? They are more determined than ever to make a change, and their committee came to see me on Monday to ask me if you would reconsider their invitation. I told them that it was out of the question as far as you were concerned.

Nov. 7th, 1929.

Mr. David K. Niles,  
Ford Hall Forum,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Niles:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of Nov. 1st and for the nice things which you say about my Ford Hall address.

As regards the statements of the Zionist "misleaders" about my refusal to go to their meeting, I think that you need not give that any further thought. I am quite accustomed to them and altogether indifferent to any statements which they make.

I wrote Mr. Morrison before I left Boston in reply to his letter, in which I made a full statement about the affair. I had hoped that he would publish this letter. Seemingly he did not and contented himself with a "fifty-fifty" declaration in the Boston Jewish paper. Should you think it advisable ask Robert Morrison to publish that letter or I will send you a copy of it from memory.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AMS/IR



November 14, 1929.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
105th Street at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have had no word from Mr. Robert Morrison about your letter to him. I think it would be well if I had a copy for my files, and if it is not too much trouble will you kindly send me a copy as you had suggested.

For some reason best known to themselves, your honorarium for your service to the Temple Israel Brotherhood was sent to me instead of direct to you as I had requested.

Cordially,

*David Niles*  
David K. Niles.

DKN/L  
Enc.

Nov. 22d, 1929.

Mr. David E. Niles,  
Ford Hall Forum,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Niles:-

Thank you for your letter of Nov.  
14th.

Of course I have no copy of the  
letter which I wrote to Mr. Robert Morrison in Boston.  
It was written in long hand. The gist of it, however,  
was as follows:

"I at no time accepted an invitation  
from the Boston Zionists to address a meeting under  
their auspices on Sunday evening, October 20th.

When I was in Boston on Sept. 27th,  
addressing a Zionist luncheon, I happened to drop the  
remark to one or two Zionists that I would be back in  
Boston about a month later. They snapped up the infor-  
mation and said they would arrange a meeting for me  
while I was there. I told them under no circumstances  
were they to arrange any meeting for me but if there  
happened to be a Zionist meeting in Boston at the time  
of my visit and if I found it convenient, I would drop  
in on the meeting.

Thereupon the gentlemen proceeded to  
arrange a meeting without even taking the trouble to consult  
me about it, or even to inform me of it. I first learned  
of the fact that I was scheduled to address a Zionist  
meeting on October 20th from a chance reading of the  
Jewish Advocate, which I receive.

I immediately wired the Boston Zionists  
that under no circumstances would I attend this meeting.  
This was five days before the date of the meeting. The  
gentlemen completely ignored my telegram and proceeded  
to advertise me as if nothing had happened.



Mr. David K. Niles,  
Boston, Mass.

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Upon my arrival in Boston on October 20th one of the officers reached me at the hotel in the afternoon and again I informed him that I would not attend the meeting.'

The rest you know.

With kindest regards, permit me to  
remain

Very sincerely yours,

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