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March 26, 1936

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

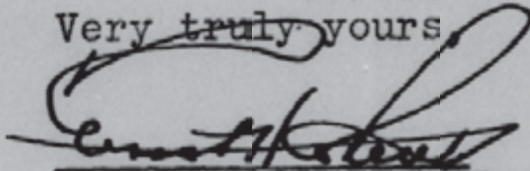
My dear Dr. Silver:

When you spoke here at the Community Fund Dinner some time ago Mr. A. M. Luntz spoke to you at the time concerning your coming here some time next October, possibly, as the opening speaker on our Lecture Course. At this time I am making definite plans regarding the course and I would appreciate your advising me as soon as possible on what dates you would be able to come here. If convenient to you I would prefer some night of the week other than Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

I spoke with Mr. Luntz today and he said that you had suggested a fee of \$150.00. Will you please also advise me whether or not that fee would be agreeable to you in the event of our being able to get together on a date.

I would very much appreciate your prompt answer. With kindest personal regards I beg to remain

Very truly yours,



Ernest H. Cohen, Chairman
of the Lecture Course Committee,
Jewish Welfare League, Canton, Ohio.

EHC:VN

March 30, 1936

Mr. Ernest H. Cohen,
Contie and Cohen,
400 Citizens Bank Building,
Canton, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Cohen:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of March 26. It may be possible for me to come to your Lecture Course some evening next October. I would suggest Monday, October 12. The honorarium of \$150 would be satisfactory.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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April 10, 1936

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c/o The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

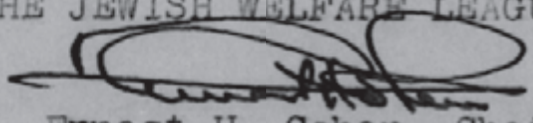
On March 30th you wrote me that "it may be possible" for you to open our Lecture Course on October 12th next. Do I understand this to mean that if these arrangements are satisfactory to us that we can definitely count on you for that date?

I would appreciate your clearing this up at your earliest convenience so that we may make our arrangements accordingly.

With kindest personal regards, I beg to remain

Very truly yours,

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Ernest H. Cohen, Chairman
Lecture Course Committee
400 Citizens Bank Bldg.

EHC:EM

April 14, 1936

Ernest H. Cohen, Chairman,
Lecture Course Committee,
400 Citizens Bank Bldg.,
Canton, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Cohen:

I am sorry that my letter was not clear. If arrangements are satisfactory, it will be possible for me to come to you on October 12.

With all good wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

AHS:EK

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April 23, 1936

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

At a meeting of my Committee last evening, bookings were completed for our lecture course for the 1936-37 season.

This letter is to confirm our agreement with you to open our Course on Monday, October 12th here in Canton, for which we are to pay you the sum of \$150.00.

If it is agreeable to you, we would like to reserve our selection of the subject until a little later. We would appreciate your sending us a choice of subjects about September 1st.

Will you kindly acknowledge this letter and send us at your earliest convenience a photograph of yourself for publicity purposes, as well as whatever biographical data you would care to have us use.

Assuring you that we are all looking forward with pleasure to your engagement here and with kindest personal regards to yourself and to my brother Armond when you see him, I am, awaiting your early acknowledgement,

Very truly yours,

THE JEWISH WELFARE LEAGUE

Ernest H. Cohen, Chairman,
Lecture Course Committee
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April 30, 1936

Mr. Ernest H. Cohen,
400 Citizens Bank Bldg.,
Canton, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Cohen:

Permit me to acknowledge your kind letter of April 23. I have definitely scheduled your organization for Monday, October 12, 1936.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. I am enclosing herewith a photograph of myself and a short biographical sketch which you may use in your publicity.

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August 7, 1936

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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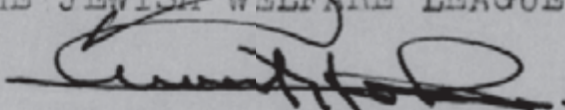
My dear Dr. Silver:

Will you be kind enough to send me at your earliest convenience, a list of subjects from which we may choose one for your lecture here October 12th.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

THE JEWISH WELFARE LEAGUE


Ernest H. Cohen, Chairman
Lecture Course Committee
400 Citizens Bank Bldg.

EHC:EM

August 18, 1936

Mr. Ernest H. Cohen,
400 Citizens Bldg.,
Canton, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Cohen:

On returning from my vacation, I found your letter requesting a list of subjects from which you may choose one for Rabbi Silver's lecture in Canton on October 12. Rabbi Silver has been spending the summer in Europe and will be gone until the early part of September. I shall be pleased to refer your letter to him when he returns.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Your office wrote me several weeks ago that upon your return, you would send me a list of available subjects from which we may choose one for your lecture here October 12th.

I would greatly appreciate your sending me these subjects as soon as possible because we are holding up our publicity awaiting this information.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

THE JEWISH WELFARE LEAGUE

EHC:EM

Ernest H. Cohen

Ernest H. Cohen, Chairman
Lecture Course Committee
400 Citizens Bank Bldg.

September 7, 1936

Mr. Ernest H. Cohen,
400 Citizens Bank Bldg.,
Canton, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Cohen:

I would suggest as the subject of my address before your group "The Status of the Jew in a Changing World". If you prefer a general subject, I would suggest "The Cauldron of Europe".

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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September 9th, 1936

Rabbi A. H. Silver
c/o The Temple
E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

After speaking to you on the phone I concluded that inasmuch as you were going to wait until tomorrow morning to write me on the matter of a subject for your lecture here, that I possibly could give you a clearer picture of the situation by letter.

As I said to you, our course, while sponsored by the Jewish Welfare League, caters to the entire general community and our audiences are by no means preponderately Jewish. Therefore while you and I might agree that "the Status of the Jew in a Changing World" would supply perhaps much needed edification to our local community, yet I am by no means sure that we could get our audience to agree with us.

With reference to your subject "The Cauldron of Europe" I believe I need only point out that our course already will present Sherwood Eddy, Isaac F. Marcossou, Bertrand Russell and Princess Kropotkin all of whom have given us subjects dealing with one phase or another of, or general discussions on the European situation. Consequently while I know all of our people would enjoy hearing you on the subject you suggest yet I do feel that while we do have the opportunity we would like you to speak on a subject different than the rest of the speakers.

I am sure that you will find no difficulty in selecting what you think would be an appropriate address from the many addresses which you are constantly giving. While we do not want our non-Jewish patrons to get an idea that we were using our platform for propaganda, yet I have heard you present on more than one occasion, the case of the Jew, to mixed audiences in such a way that it was at once effective and acceptable. I know of no community which could more readily be informed along these lines than our own.

On the other hand if you should prefer to discuss a general subject I would suggest something having to do possibly with future social, political and economic trends in this country, something in the field of social service, or something possibly on the part religion will have in the future development of our country. If I could only remember the subject of any one of several hundred addresses and sermons that I have heard you deliver I would have no trouble selecting an appropriate

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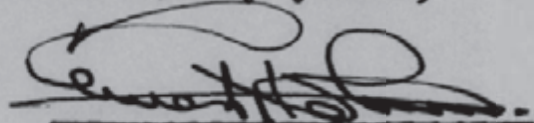
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one. But since I am sure you do remember at least a good many of these, I am sure you will have no trouble.

I do want to impress upon you however, we are very anxious to get your subject at once so that we may go forward with our publicity. I would appreciate your sending me your selection or choice of subjects by wire tomorrow.

With best wishes for a Happy New Year and assuring you of our pleasure in anticipating your coming, I am

Cordially yours,



Ernest H. Cohen



EHC:VN

September 10, 1936

Mr. Ernest H. Cohen,
Contie and Cohen,
400 Citizens Building,
Canton, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Cohen:

I am enclosing herewith four other subjects from which please select one. I would suggest the first one. However, you might think differently. Let me know what selection you make.

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

Very cordially yours,

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

We shall be very happy to accept your suggestion of a subject for your lecture here on October 12th namely, "The Christian-Jewish Tradition -- and what Threatens it in the Modern World". I happened to discuss the choice of this subject with Rabbi Latz and both of us felt that there is a very fertile field in our community for a presentation of this subject such as you can give.

Will you remember to write me a day or two in advance of your coming, just when and where you will arrive here?

With kindest personal regards and looking forward to your coming, I am

Sincerely yours,

THE JEWISH WELFARE LEAGUE

Ernest H. Cohen

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September 30, 1936

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

We should like to cooperate in any way possible in all details of your scheduled visit to Canton on Monday evening, October 12th.

In planning a dinner reception in your honor for 6 o'clock at the Hotel Onesto, to which members of our Board and a few of the community's most interested persons are invited, we are, naturally, concerned first with your convenience and second with a list of your friends in Canton whom you would like to have included by invitation.

We will not permit your being bothered with transportation as the writer chooses to be in Cleveland at whatever hour you shall designate and bring you to Canton in time for the dinner or, in the event you must decline, in time for the lecture at 8 P.M. Your return to Cleveland will be likewise arranged.

Hoping to hear from you as soon as possible and with best wishes for a Happy New Year, we are

Very cordially yours,

THE JEWISH WELFARE LEAGUE

BT:EM

Bernard Truxton
Bernard Truxton,
Executive Director

October 2, 1936

Mr. Bernard Truxton, Executive Director,
The Jewish Welfare League of Canton,
411 North Market Avenue,
Canton, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Truxton:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of September 30. I appreciate your kind offer of transportation. I should like to leave sometime during the afternoon of the 12th, arriving in Canton about four o'clock, giving me a few hours to rest up for the evening.

With all good wishes and looking forward with pleasure to seeing you, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK

P.S. Please call for me at my home - 10311 Lake Shore Blvd.



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CANTON, OHIO
January 2, 1937.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

For the past two years a number of us Jewish War Veterans have been attempting to organize a Jewish War Veterans' organization in Canton, Ohio and during all that time we have been meeting with a certain amount of opposition from an element which for the lack of a better term I would designate as the B'nai Brith element. Recently, we have tried it again and now have a Post consisting of twenty-two former service men who have already joined the Post.

There are about fifty Jewish men that are eligible for membership to the Post and we would like to get as many of that number as we possibly can to join us.

The leaders of the Cleveland Post have informed us that you are very much interested in the success of the Jewish War Veterans' organization and would be willing to help us in any way possible that you can, and you are the only man that can help us here in Canton.

We desire to make a public installation of our newly elected Post officers. We have not set a date for this because we do not want to interfere with any dates on your calendar that may be occupied. We are ready to make this installation on any day and at any time of the day that it would be convenient for you to come in. A public appearance by you at this installation ceremony or banquet, whichever we may decide on, would give your "hechsher" on this movement and with that we could enroll every Jewish War Veteran in the City into our Post.

I am writing therefore to ask whether it would be possible for you to make this appearance at this meeting and if so would request that you furnish us with the details pertaining thereto.

Awaiting to hear from you accordingly and with my highest regards, I am

Most respectfully yours,

Joseph R. Fairfield

P. S. Incidentally, we had occasion recently at one of our clubs to have your Talmid, Rabbi Lieberman of Wheeling, speak. He impressed us as a very charming fellow and very able speaker and we came to the conclusion that he has chosen the right Rabbi and you a very intelligent Talmid.

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Cong. Shaare Torah

Canton, Ohio

Jan. 12th.,
1937

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Building Committee of the above Congregation have asked me to write to you in order to solicit your moral support at a banquet to be given in honor of the building of our new Temple.

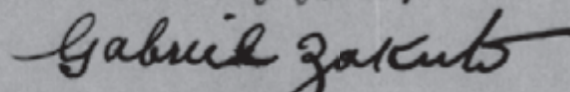
The Shaare Torah is the oldest congregation in the city. It was organized some fifty years ago by the first Jewish pioneers who came to Canton. For forty years the present House of Worship has served our needs, but during the last decade we have not been in a position to remodel our present quarters in keeping with the steady growth and progress of the times. As a result we have lost a good many of our young generation and we have failed to provide adequate quarters where our children could receive the proper Hebrew and Religious training.

Within the last two years the younger element of our congregation upon my suggestion started a movement for the building of a new Temple. Work has already been begun, and every modern need for the advancement of our religious work has been provided for. The structure promises to be one of the finest edifices of its kind which I sincerely hope will be a pride to Canton Jewry.

We shall deem it both an honor and privilege to have you visit our congregation at any time you will find it convenient, and we shall arrange for a public banquet to have you encourage the work of our hands and lend moral support to our enthusiastic endeavors. Your message to our people will indeed be the strength we will gain to finish our holy and noble task.

With the highest of hopes and aspirations that you will honor us with your worthy presence, I remain

Most sincerely yours,



Gabriel Zakuto, Rabbi.

SIZ:GZ

January 13, 1937

Rabbi Gabriel Zakuto,
Congregation Shaare Torah,
Canton, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Zakuto:

Your letter arrived during Rabbi Silver's
absence from the city. I shall be pleased to refer
your letter to Rabbi Silver when he returns from
New Orleans the end of next week.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

January 28, 1937

Rabbi Gabriel Zakuto,
Congregation Shaare Torah,
Canton, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Zakuto:

I deeply appreciate your kind invitation to address a banquet which will be given by your congregation in behalf of your new building project. I should very much like to help in this very worthy cause. Unfortunately for the next few months my schedule is exceedingly crowded with both local and out-of-town engagements and, in justice to myself, I cannot accept any additional ones at this time.

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

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

BEN M. DREYER

ATTORNEY AT LAW
720 RENKERT BUILDING
CANTON, OHIO

April 28, 1938

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

My dear Rabbi:

I must apologize for another letter which has gone forward to you on this matter, but my secretary thought that I had completed my message to you, when in fact I had only started.

Canton wishes to have its Jewish Welfare Fund campaign during the latter part of May, and we will open on any date which you can give us so that our opening will be a banner affair.

We are going out for a substantial sum, which will be in the neighborhood of \$22,000.00 to \$23,000.00. With conditions as they are in Canton, it will be very difficult to raise this sum, and therefore as a neighbor, we appeal to you to help us.

We would prefer opening on Sunday night, May 22nd, but realizing how crowded your program is and how hard you have been pressed for time, we will leave the date to your convenience. We shall be only too pleased to call for you and take you back to Cleveland.

The great majority of our funds go to overseas organizations, in which I know that you are greatly interested. I know that you will realize the seriousness of our position, and that you will do your best to help us.

With best personal regards to yourself and Rabbi Harris.

Respectfully,

Ben M. Dreyer

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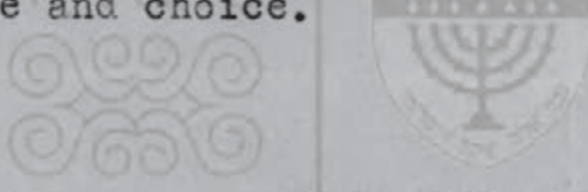
April 28, 1938

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

My dear Rabbi:

As you requested over the phone yesterday, I wish to remind you that the Jewish Welfare Fund of Canton wishes you to speak at the opening of its campaign on a date in the latter part of May, which we will leave entirely to your convenience and choice.

Very truly yours,


Ben M. Dreyer

BMD:ELP

May 2, 1938

Mr. Ben M. Dreyer,
720 Renkert Building,
Canton, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Dreyer:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of April 28. I greatly appreciate your invitation to open your Jewish Welfare Fund campaign. If you are able to get someone else, I wish you would because I am a very rushed and tired man and the number of engagements which I have already accepted for the next few weeks is really quite overwhelming. If you cannot get anyone else, I shall make an effort to come although it will be impossible for me to come to you on a Sunday evening. They are all taken. I may be free on Monday evening, May 23.

I have made it a condition with the communities, however, that fifty to sixty percent of the total allocations should go to overseas relief, i.e., Joint Distribution Committee and United Palestine Appeal. I find that so many communities exploit the appeal for overseas relief to raise money for their local needs or for other causes while these causes which are desperately needed for our brothers abroad, receive the short end.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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May 3rd, 1938

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

My dear Rabbi:

In response to your letter of May 2nd, for which I wish to give you my thanks, I wish to ask you to reserve Monday evening, May 23rd, for the opening of our campaign. In the meantime, I shall contact National Headquarters with reference to securing Judge Rothenberg, as I suggested to you over the phone.

Allow me once again to give you my thanks for your very kind cooperation.

Respectfully yours,

Ben M. Dreyer

BMD:ELP

BEN M. DREYER
ATTORNEY AT LAW
720 RENKERT BUILDING
CANTON, OHIO

May 10th, 1938

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

My dear Rabbi:

When you so graciously consented to come to Canton on May 23rd, it was with the provision that we attempt to secure Judge Rothenberg in your place. I beg to report that we have been successful in securing him for Sunday evening, May 22nd.

Therefore, somewhat sorrowfully, you may consider yourself released from your tentative engagement with us, but with the definite understanding that next year, if all is well, you will consent to favor us with your presence at the opening of our 1939 Drive. It is my earnest personal hope that conditions by that time will have changed so that the extreme urgency of our situation may be somewhat relieved.

In the name of the Jewish Community of Canton and for myself, personally, I wish to offer thanks for your kindness in offering to come to Canton, and I also wish you and Cleveland success in the tremendous undertaking of your present Drive.

Sincerely yours,

Ben M. Dreyer

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May 14, 1941

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Campaign Opening- May 21st

Digest- Canton, Ohio

Jewish Population- 4,200

Assigned Quota- \$35,000

The Jewish Welfare Fund of Canton will officially launch its campaign on May 21st for a goal of \$46,705, of which \$21,700 has been allocated to the UJA. The UJA's application for an allotment of \$35,000 was addressed to Reuben F. Jacobson, President of the Fund, with copies to Ben M. Dreyer, Jack J. Joseph, Sr., Dr. Edward M. Feiman, Max M. Sachs, David B. Livingston, Leo B. Lavin, A. Sylvan Kahn and Darwin S. Luntz.

Approximately \$10,000 in advance gifts was raised at a meeting attended by Mr. Rosenwald and Mr. Herman on May 11th. A few of the larger gifts were:

Livingston Family- \$2200

Sugardale Farm Products (Levin)- \$1350

Reuben J. Jacobson-\$1000

Ben M. Dreyer has been appointed Chairman of the campaign.

In 1940, approximately \$41,000 was raised against a goal of \$51,225 of which the Local Community Center was appropriated \$20,000 and the UJA \$11,360.

Among the big givers were: the Erlanger family \$4000; David B. Livingston \$1250; Jack J. Joseph \$1250; Max S. Silver, \$1000; Reuben F. Jacobson \$700; Abe Luntz \$250.

In 1939, approximately \$38,500 was raised toward a goal of \$46,525 out of which the UJA received \$11,137.

Mr. Abe Luntz has indicated his desire to increase substantially, and probably to double, his 1940 contribution to the Canton campaign, although this will be earmarked for the Center.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105 and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

In the name of the Canton Jewish community and the Jewish Welfare Fund, I wish to extend to you our most sincere thanks for your gracious consent to open our campaign on Wednesday, May 21st. Canton feels that with your aid we shall be able to obtain our objectives.

We are giving a community dinner in your honor at the Courtland Hotel at approximately 6:30 P.M., which dinner is open to the entire Jewish community. After the dinner the meeting will be thrown open to those who are unable to come earlier.

We have already made advance contact with some of our larger givers, and we feel that the response is quite gratifying. Mr. Abe M. Luntz will be in Canton within the next few days and we shall speak to him with reference to bringing you to Canton on the night of our opening.

Once again we give you all our thanks for consenting to be with us.

Sincerely yours,

Ben M. Dreyer
Ben M. Dreyer,
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I hope you will pardon me not writing to you prior to this time, for I have been attempting to do a little work in my own office, after having been out of it for about four weeks on the Drive.

Present indications show that we will receive approximately \$45,000. against our goal of \$46,705. with several substantial contributors sending their money in direct. This is approximately \$6,000. more than we have ever reached in any campaign, and if the others who are to contribute will do their share, our full goal will be reached.

In the name of our community I wish to thank you for your graciousness in giving us such a great amount of help, as I am certain that the inspiration of your coming to Canton was a great factor in our success. If there is any way in which we can ever repay, we shall only be too happy to do so.

Once again expressing our thanks and appreciation, and with best personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ben M. Dreyer
Ben M. Dreyer,
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BMD:EM

THE CANTON JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

1528 NORTH MARKET AVENUE

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Sept. 15th 1942

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,

The Temple,

Ansel Road and East 105th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are happy to learn from our good friend Abe Luntz that you have graciously consented to be the guest speaker at the opening of our Canton Jewish Community Center on Sunday evening, October 11th. We are planning a week's activities following the formal opening at which time the dedication of the Auditorium donated by The Erlanger family, will also be held.

Should you desire any particular detail regarding the Sunday evening program I shall be glad to give them to you.

Will you kindly acknowledge this letter?

Sincerely yours,

Lillian C. Goodman,

Program Chairman.

1700 ~~Cesar~~ Ave. N.W.,
Canton,
Ohio

September 17, 1942

Miss Lillian C. Goodman
1700 Vassar Avenue, N.W.
Canton, Ohio

My dear Miss Goodman:

Thank you for your kind letter of September 15. I shall make every effort to attend the formal opening of the Canton Jewish Community Center on Sunday, October 11. Although the day is a very crowded one for me, I have accepted the invitation as a compliment to Mr. Luntz, who I understand is your honorary president. I shall look forward with pleasure to my visit to your community.

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

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

THE CANTON JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

1528 NORTH MARKET AVENUE

CANTON, OHIO

September 29, 1942

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are now ready to publicize the program for the opening of our new addition to the Center Sunday evening, October 11, 1942 at 8:30 o'clock and we shall appreciate very much if you will let us know the topic of your talk for that evening.

The Board of Directors of the Center and the entire community are looking forward to having you with us at that time.

I have just talked with Abe Luntz who advised me that he is making the arrangements to bring you to Canton with him.

Awaiting your immediate reply and with best wishes,
I am

Sincerely yours,

THE CANTON JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

Lillian C. Goodman

Lillian C. Goodman,
Program Chairman

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August 29, 1951

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
105th and Ansell Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Canton Jewish Community Center is planning to present its Open House Program on Sunday, September 23 at 8:00 P. M. and is in need of a speaker who is deeply interested in the work of Jewish Community Centers. Your interest in Jewish Community Centers is known and your experience in past efforts as well as your beliefs in the future of Jewish Community Centers would make for an inspiring address to our community. The occasion would provide a timely opportunity for you to interpret to our community the accomplishments and needs of the Canton Jewish Community and to arouse an awareness of the resources available to meet those needs. The theme of the Open House, "The Center - Past and Present" might well serve to point up the thesis of a speech.

Please let me know of your decision by note or phone call. If you are not free on the above date, would you please let me know if you would be interested in speaking at the Canton Jewish Community Center during the season.

Sholem,

Joe Frankford
Joe Frankford
Director of Activities

JF:RRM

August 31, 1951

Mr. Joe Frankford
Jewish Community Center
1528 Market Ave., North
Canton 4, Ohio

Dear Mr. Frankford:

Thank you for your kind letter of August 29th inviting Rabbi Silver to address your Open House Program on Sunday, September 23rd. Rabbi Silver has not yet returned from Israel. However, he is expected back the latter part of next week, at which time your letter will be brought to his attention, and I am sure you will hear from him shortly thereafter.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

September 5, 1951

Mr. Joe Frankford
Jewish Community Center
1528 Market Ave., North
Canton 4, Ohio

Dear Mr. Frankford:

Rabbi Silver has just returned to Cleveland and your letter of August 29th has been brought to his attention. However, because of the High Holy Days and numerous congregational responsibilities, it will not be possible for him to accept your kind invitation to address your Open House Program on September 23rd.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice
Secretary to Rabbi Silver



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January 31, 1952

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
105th & Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi:

It has been suggested by our mutual good friend, Abe Luntz, that I write you directly on a matter which we have discussed previously.

Canton has prided itself in doing its part toward the upbuilding of Israel. We find ourselves now long on possibilities - but short on enthusiasm and leadership. Frankly, the injection of the kind of feeling which you alone can give us is the only thing which will make possible the raising of funds for the United Jewish Appeal!

We would like to plan on a mass rally for Sunday, April 27th, commemorating the establishment of the State of Israel, and beginning the 1952 U.J.A. Campaign.

Psychologically you can give us the lift we need. The 600 persons present that night will hear the message and appeal which they otherwise could not receive.

Your schedule is a herculean one. Your tasks are many. It is our sincere hope that in spite of your busy days you will be able to assist us in this, the greatest philanthropy in history.

Sincerely,

Leonard Sebrans
Executive Director

LS:SR

February 5, 1952

Mr. Leonard Sebrans
Jewish Welfare Fund
1528 Market Ave., North
Canton 4, Ohio

My dear Mr. Sebrans:

I appreciate very much your gracious invitation to come to Canton on April 27th, and I wish I were free to accept it. Unfortunately, my program for the remainder of the year is so crowded with out-of-town lecture engagements, many of them in connection with U.J.A. Campaigns, that I cannot take on any more. Furthermore, that Sunday we have an important function here at The Temple which I must attend.

With all good wishes for success, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLELSILVER

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March 3
1952

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As we prepare ourselves to embark upon the 1952 United Jewish Appeal Campaign, we are faced with the rather bleak prospects for adequate fund raising.

Our leadership, after much deliberation, feels unanimously that you are the only person who could possibly help us in this time of need.

We are fully cognizant of the many, many pressures which continue to be heaped upon you, locally, nationally and by the overseas picture. Even with this in mind we feel forced to call on you to open our Campaign in the spring.

Although we should like to have our "kickoff" fund raising dinner early in May, we shall leave the choice of date to you.

With hope for your acceptance, we are

Sincerely yours,

Paul Heller
Paul Heller, President

Arthur Genshaft
Arthur Genshaft, V. Pres.

Arthur Lavin
Arthur Lavin, 1951 Chairman

Robert H. Erlanger
Robert H. Erlanger, V. Pres.

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March 14, 1952

Mr. Leonard Sebrans
Jewish Welfare Fund
1528 Market Ave., North
Canton 4, Ohio

My dear Mr. Sebrans:

I received on March 4th a letter signed by the officers of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Canton, inviting me to address the campaign some time in May. You will recall that what I suggested to you when you called at my office was not a letter signed by the officers of the Fund of Canton inviting me to the meeting - your own invitation was quite sufficient - but a clear indication from them that if I come, they will set the pace in giving by increasing their own gifts. You spoke to me about the poor showing in your community. The officers, in their letter, also state: "We are faced with the rather bleak prospects for adequate fund raising." Unless these officers are willing to make a determined effort to raise their own contributions substantially so as to inspire others in the community to do likewise, there is no point in my coming to make an address and then have cards read out which have already been solicited and which indicate no improvement over the giving of the previous year.

I should like to help you in your effort to raise to a higher level and to improve the "bleak prospects", but I must have the assurance that the leaders of your campaign will, by their own increased giving, make possible a new start.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



THE JEWISH WELFARE FUND OF CANTON, INC.

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March 21, 1952

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The first few readings of your kind letter of the 14th left me with rather mixed emotions, gratification and complete despair. There was gratification that you would give of your "pressurized" schedule and there was despair at the thought of the qualification that top leadership must first consent to increase, the latter in the face of poor results in other communities to date.

In a tough situation, however, there is but one thing to do. The issue must be faced clearly and rapidly. Therefore, a meeting of our 12 top contributors was called by our new and dynamic president of the Welfare Fund, Mr. Arthur Genshaft.

A sounding out of giving resulted in a poor showing. They were then told that your coming depended on their own giving. This created a new atmosphere in the meeting room and a re-discussion of gifts.

The net result of the meeting is that several of our officers and top givers agreed to "go along provided that Rabbi Silver would come." In short, we are encouraged to the extent of being able to say to you that a successful campaign hinges on you, and you hinge on better giving. Your technique has been excellent.

A few of us will be making commitment contacts during the next few days on a personal level. Good campaigning connotes early planning. So that ours may result in the maximum dollar, we should like to be in a position to set dates immediately. With that in mind, would it be possible for you to indicate alternative dates which would best fit into your own plans.

With kindest personal wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

Leonard Sebrans,
Executive Director

LS;R

March 24, 1952

Mr. Leonard Sebrans
Jewish Welfare Fund
1528 Market Ave., North
Canton 4, Ohio

My dear Mr. Sebrans;

I received your letter of March 21st and I read it with much interest. I would very much love to learn a little more specifically what the twelve contributors who attended the meeting did by way of increasing their contributions, and what these increases were. Your letter, I am afraid, is a little too vague on that point, which to me is the crucial point. Upon hearing from you, I shall be glad to set a date for my visit to your community.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



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April 14, 1952

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
105th & Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Since our last contact with you rather good strides have been made for the kind of campaign which we would like to see.

As a veteran campaigner yourself you will understand why it was necessary for Mr. Genshaft to come with me to see you. On the trip home he was quite dejected because of your statement that we "protect our givers". On the following Sunday, however, and after two sleepless nights Mr. Genshaft came into my office stating, "Rabbi Silver was right, we have been protecting ourselves from giving." In other words we in community work, particularly in the smaller communities ~~are~~ constantly on the look-out for situations which will create a thinking process in the minds and hearts of our leadership.

At a meeting of twelve of our top givers held this past week, ten stated definitely that they would increase substantially; one felt that he could give as he gave last year, and the twelfth felt that because of business conditions they would have to cut. With Mr. Abe Luntz' kind assistance however, we are working on these latter two cases.

Our campaign structure is now completely set up and with one month of indoctrination in getting the community "giving minded", we feel that a successful campaign will be held.

We have engaged the Onesto Hotel's ballroom for the evening of May 14th for the purpose of holding the Initial Gifts meeting.

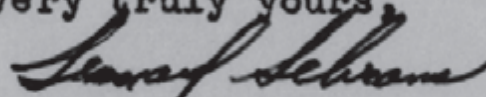
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

It is our fervent hope that this date meets with your approval and that with God's help you will be with us that evening.

With kindest personal regards, I am.

LS:SR

Very truly yours,



Leonard Sebrans
Executive Director



April 17, 1952

Mr. Leonard Sebrans
Jewish Welfare Fund
1528 Market Avenue, North
Canton 4, Ohio

Dear Mr. Sebrans:

Rabbi Silver has asked me to reply to your letter of April 14th. The evening of May 14th will be satisfactory for him to come to Canton to address your Initial Gifts meeting. I hope it will be possible for someone to drive him to Canton and back to Cleveland after the meeting.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice
Secretary to Rabbi Silver



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June 10, 1952

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
105th at Ansell Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We take this opportunity of expressing to you our heartfelt thanks for the major part which you played in our Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign.

While we who dedicate ourselves to Jewish causes feel that a good job is never done, our campaign results point up the fact that, in the light of what is happening over the country, ours was a good campaign. You may rightfully take the credit for the stimulation and impetus in that direction.

With sincere wishes for your continued good health, we are

Most Sincerely,

Arthur Genshaft

Arthur Genshaft, President

Leonard Sebrans

Leonard Sebrans, Exec. Dir.

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

As we look back during the past thirty years of local Jewish history, we find a great number of positive accomplishments.

It was thirty years ago that the beginning of our own Jewish Center took shape. We can remember clearly the grass root work that was performed by such men as Abe Luntz in the organization and re-organization of our infant Center. So it is fitting that as we enter the thirtieth year of the history of our Center, we at the same time, celebrate the 300th anniversary of the founding of the first Jewish settlement in America.

Rather than go into a flamboyant demonstration of these two significant events, our community recently decided firmly that we must secure the services of the top speaker in the country. That man, by unanimous choice, was yourself, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

We know that you are called upon for so many more things to do than is humanly possible for you to comply with but because of the nature of our event, our proximity to Cleveland and the relationship to your president, our former tireless worker, occasioned us to ask you to be our guest and principal speaker on October 10, 1954, to speak on Jewish Centers, the tercentenary and the movements of Jewish life in America. *← Rochester can't come*

It is our fervent hope that it will be possible for you to make this date with us so that our entire community will have the privilege of hearing you.

I do not know whether you remember me personally but I am the individual who received a letter from you during World War II. on the occasion of my refusal of a medal from the British government.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Lillian C. Goodman

Lillian C. Goodman, Chr.
30th, Anniversary Committee

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July 26, 1954

Miss Lillian C. Goodman, Chairman
Thirtieth Anniversary Committee
The Jewish Community Center
1528 Market Avenue North
Canton 4, Ohio

My dear Miss Goodman:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of July
twenty-second and for your gracious invitation to
address the Jewish community of Canton on October
tenth.

I wish it were possible for me to accept. However,
I have a previous commitment for that date in another
city, and I must therefore decline your invitation.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I wish to acknowledge with thanks your kind letter of July 26th in which you state that the date of October 10th would be unsatisfactory for your appearance in our community.

Were it not for the magnitude of importance of this particular occasion and the excitement created locally by the possibility of your appearance, I would press the issue no further. Since these things are of great importance, however, I am taking the liberty of writing you again with the hope that you might be able to be with us on some day other than October 10th.

Our committee feels that your being with us is important enough that we can change our date to October 17th or any evening during that week or the next week other than the holidays.

Please pardon my aggressive perseverance, but I am sure you can understand our feeling in a matter so important.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

Lillian C. Goodman
Lillian C. Goodman

LS:EMT

August 19, 1954

Miss Lillian C. Goodman
The Jewish Community Center
1528 Market Avenue North
Canton 4, Ohio

My dear Miss Goodman:

Please pardon the delay in replying to your kind letter of August ninth. I appreciate very much your desire to have me attend your anniversary celebration, and I assure you that if I were free, it would have given me great pleasure indeed to come to you.

Unfortunately, my program for the next few months is already top-heavy. Many Jewish communities have turned to me to address their Tercentenary celebrations in the next few months, and I have already accepted, I am afraid, all too many. I am sure that you will understand, and I hope that I may be of service to you on some other occasion.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms

HADASSAH

(The Healing of the Daughter of my People)

CANTON



OHIO

3329 Yale Avenue N. W.
Canton, Ohio
December 19, 1956

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Canton Chapter of Hadassah would very much like to have you as its speaker for the April meeting. The meeting is scheduled for April 10 at 12:45 .

It has been a good while since you have spoken in our community and we would feel indeed fortunate if you could find this date suitable for an engagement to speak before our chapter.

Our attendance ranges from one hundred and twenty five to two hundred and fifty at our meetings--

Please advise us if you would be able to come and what your honorarium is for such an occasion.

We hope we may have the pleasure and honor of your presence at our meeting.

Very sincerely

(Mrs. Samuel) Aurelia Krugliak
Aurelia Krugliak
Program Chairman

Handwritten signature/initials

December 28, 1956

Mrs. Samuel Krugliak
Program Chairman
Hadassah
3329 Yale Ave., N.W.
Canton, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Krugliak:

Rabbi Silver has asked me to reply to your letter of December 19th.

Although he would like very much to accept your kind invitation to speak at your April 19th meeting, his crowded calendar makes it impossible for him to do so.

He is therefore compelled to decline and hopes that at some future time he may be able to be of service to you.

He has asked me to convey to you his best wishes for a successful meeting and to extend also his good wishes for the new year.

Sincerely,

Miss Sophia Levine
Secretary to Dr. Silver

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HADASSAH

(The Healing of the Daughter of my People)

CANTON



OHIO

913 Pineview Ave.
North Canton, Ohio
May 16, 1957

Dear Dr. Silver:

For some years we have tried to have the honor of having you as our guest speaker at the Donor meeting of our local chapter of Hadassah, but your previous commitments have made it impossible.

We felt that we had to try again, because we do want you so much. Our meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month, September through May at 1:P.M. Our Donor is held in March, but any month convenient to you would be our privilege to arrange.

Would you advise if this might be possible this year and what your honorarium would be. For us, this would mark a peak in programs and a rare treat.

Sincerely yours,

Sarah Gatchell (Mrs. E.)
Program Chairman

May 27, 1957

Mrs. E. Gotthelf
Program Chairman
Hadassah
913 Pineview Avenue
North Canton, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Gotthelf:

Please pardon the delay in replying to your kind letter of May 16th. I have been out of the city a good deal of the time and my correspondence has lagged.

I regret very much that I am unable to accept your gracious invitation to address the Hadassah Chapter of Canton.

With all good wishes I remain

Most cordially yours,

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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January 18, 1962

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street & Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

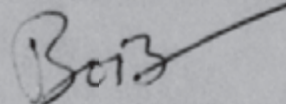
I am Program Chairman for Canton Rotary Club for the month of April, and am writing to ask you whether or not you would be interested in speaking before this group at one of their weekly lunch meetings during that time.

We meet every Friday at noon until one o'clock, and the speaker is assigned 20 to 30 minutes of the program. I am particularly anxious to have an outstanding Jewish person, such as yourself, on one of the programs because there are very few of us Jewish men in the Club, and I believe it would be a good thing to program someone to talk on the timely subject from this standpoint.

I am not at all familiar as to whether or not you are continuing your platform appearances, but I am hopeful that if you are that you will have the opportunity to give us April 6th, April 20th, or April 27th, and honor us with your presence.

Best personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,



R. V. Haas

RVH/1r

D.S.E.

January 19, 1962

My dear Mr. Haas:

Thank you for your letter of January 18th and for your gracious invitation to address the Canton Rotary Club in April. I regret it will be impossible for me to accept since my calendar is completely filled for the month of April.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

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Mr. R.V. Haas
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