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Charleston, West Virginia, 1920-1957.



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Rabbi A. H. Silver
755 1/2 Central St.
Cleveland.
Ohio

P.O. Box 438
Charleston, W. Va.

Dear Rabbi,

I wish to a special
delivery letter inviting you to speak at
our Palestine drive May 16th ~~prob-~~
ably. I have not yet heard from
you. Please try to answer at your
very early convenience. We cannot
be able to have Dr. Sisson to officiate
at Cleveland synagogue pulpit on that
day if acceptable. In faith
Rabbi Leon Spitz

April 25th, 1920

Rabbi Leon Spitz,
P.O.Box 438,
Charleston, W.Va.

My dear Rabbi Spitz,

Your special delivery letter
arrived during my absence in New York.

While I thank you for the
courtesy of your invitation, I regret exceed-
ingly that I cannot accept. I am so com-
pletely booked up with lecture engagements
for the next two months, that I cannot, in
justice to myself and my work here, accept
any further obligations to speak.

With kindest greetings and
wishing you success, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

be possible for you to be with us on a
Sunday. evening or afternoon
the 1st, 2nd, or 3d Sunday in May. We
shall all make arrangements & the
reform element will cooperate to the full,
if you decide to come.

I trust that it will be possible
for you to comply with our wishes.
For the Joint Palestine Restoration Delegation
on the basis of the New Zion.
Rabbi Leon Spitz.

Sincerely yours,

MRS. MAX FRANKENBERGER, President
1590 Virginia Street

MRS. J. N. PALLEY, 1st Vice-President
208 Oney Street

MRS. HARRY POLAN, 2nd Vice-President
1715 Virginia Street

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The Council of Jewish Women

(CHARLESTON, W. VA. SECTION)

CHARLESTON, W. VA., October 18 1922

Rabbi A. H. Silver! -

Dear Sir: -

Can you kindly
give us a date to deliver a lecture
under the auspices of the Council
of Jewish women, Temple Sisterhood, and
Ladies Aid. We would appreciate it
very much if you will come at
your convenience. Please let me
know when you can come. Also
your charges. Trusting you will favor
us.

Sincerely
Mrs. Dave Baer Secy.

1578 Oak St.

October 24th, 1922.

Mrs. Dave Baer,
1578 Virginia Street,
Charleston, W. Va.

My dear Mrs. Baer,

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of October 18th. I should like very much to come to Charleston. I cannot however, at the present writing give you a definite date. I may arrange a short tour through your part of the country during the month of January and February. In that case, I shall be very happy to get in touch with you.

Thanking you again for your kindness, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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The Council of Jewish Women

(CHARLESTON, W. VA. SECTION)

CHARLESTON, W. VA.,

Dec. 7th

1922

Rabbi A. H. Silver:

Dear Sir;

In reply to a previous letter,
you said that you would be in West
Virginia in either January or February.
Would it be possible to now give us
a definite date, and kindly state
charges. A definite date would be
very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hove Baer
1578 Virginia St.

December Eleventh, 1922

Mrs. Dave Baer,
1578 Virginia Street,
Charleston, W. Va.

My dear Mrs. Baer,

I plan to be married the early part of January, so that my schedule for the next few months is rather uncertain. I really do not see my way clear to come to Charleston in January or February. I am sorry that I cannot give you a definite date.

Very sincerely yours,

MRS. I. ROSENBERG
1662 MCCLUNG STREET
CHARLESTON, W. VA.

Sept. 24, 1923.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Will you kindly answer, at your
earliest convenience, whether you are to
make a speaking tour this winter
which might include Charleston?

The Council of Jewish Women would
deem it a privilege to have you appear
under their auspices.

Hoping for an immediate

October 16th, 1923.

Mrs. I. Rosenberg,
1662 McClung St.,
Charleston, W. Va.

My dear Mrs. Rosenberg,

I planned to make a tour
of the South this year, but unfortunately
the manifold tasks involved in the building
of our new Temple preclude the possibility
of such a tour.

With kindest regards,
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,



MRS. I. ROSENBERG
1662 MCCLUNG STREET
CHARLESTON, W. VA.

reply, I am

Respectfully yours,

Rae Rosenberg,

Chairman Program Com.



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Rabbi Silver:

Charleston United Jewish Campaign have set Campaign for May 23rd. Will you please address opening meeting on that day. We have heard of wonderful speech in Wheeling and the subsequent splendid response. Here too we need you to bring success to our efforts for our suffering people abroad. If possible please plan to stay over one day to repeat address in Huntington. We know you will not dissappoint us, because with your flattery ? you have not equal in campaigning. Wire collect.

Leo Loeb,
Kanawha Hotel,
Charleston, West Virginia.

*We Regret exceedingly cannot accept.
Cannot leave Cleveland during
week beginning May twenty-third.
A. H. Silver*

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April 1st, 1932

Miss Rose B. Shore,
224 Goshorn St.,
Charleston, W. Va.

My dear Miss Shore:-

Permit me to thank you for your
kind letter of March 30th and for the invitation
which you extend to me to address the Hadassah
Donor Dinner in May.

I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately
I am so heavily booked up with lecture engagements for
the next few months that I can not in justice to myself
accept any more.

Trusting that your meeting will be a
great success and with kindest regards, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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CHARLESTON BUILDING & LOAN ASSOCIATION

CAPITAL \$3,000,000.00

804 KANAWHA STREET

CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

March 30, 1932.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Our Hadassah Chapter is anxious to secure you as speaker for its Donor Dinner and we are wondering if it would be possible for you to come to Charleston any time between now and the first week or two of May.

Interest in the work seems to be lagging behind and we thought with as inspiring a speaker as we know you to be, it might help us to do a little more work before the end of the year.

When writing me I would appreciate it very much if you would give me some idea as to what it would cost the Chapter should you come.

Thanking you for any assistance you might be able to give us, I am

Very truly yours,

Rose B. Shore

Chairman, Cultural Committee

224 Goshorn Street

Charleston, West Virginia.

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1816 WASHINGTON STREET
CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

June 12, 1934

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Ansel Road Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of our State Education Association a resolution was passed which contained an invitation to you to address the teachers of West Virginia in their annual convention at Parkersburg, West Virginia, on Friday night, October 26, 1934. The occasion is the annual session of the West Virginia State Education Association. An auditorium that will seat about four thousand people is available and we feel confident that a large crowd will be present. The president of our Association will select as a general theme, education for a new era, or education for a changed world. This will give you some idea of the general theme.

The Executive Committee would learn if you can be with us and if you think it sufficient that the Association pay your traveling expenses and in addition give you an honorarium of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

Several of our leading educators heard your address at Cleveland on February 26, and were interested in your discussion.

Kindly let me have a word from you at your earliest convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

J. H. Hickman
Secretary-Editor.

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June 13, 1934.

Mr. J. H. Hickman,
West Virginia State Education Association,
1816 Washington Street,
Charleston, West Virginia.

My dear Mr. Hickman:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter and for the invitation which you extend to me to address the teachers of West Virginia at their annual convention on October 26, 1934. I should have been very happy to accept your invitation but I have already scheduled myself to address the teachers of Central Ohio at Columbus on that very day. Perhaps at some future time I may of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



MRS. SYDNEY M. KLEEMAN
854 EDGEWOOD DRIVE
CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

6/16/40.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As one of the program committees
of the Charleston Chapter of the AAUW
I am writing to ask whether it
would be possible for you to address
our organization following your
appearance before the S. E. A. in
Huntington next October. Our
regular meeting time is Saturday

afternoon. However we would be
glad to change our meeting date
to suit your convenience.

As to subject - we would
prefer something in the literature
field such as a book review.
We do hope that your honorari-
um is within our means as our
funds are very limited. Kindly
let us hear from you at your earliest
convenience as we anticipate
having you as our star attraction
of the season.

Sincerely yours
Brother Lohr / Herman

June 18, 1940

Mrs. Sydney M. Kleeman
854 Edgewood Drive
Charleston, W. Va.

My dear Mrs. Kleeman:

Let me thank you for your kind note of June 16 and for the invitation which you extend to me to address your group. I wish I were free to accept it. Unfortunately my program for the Fall months is already crowded and I cannot accept any more engagements.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Charleston Chapter of Senior Hadassah



1510 Dixie St.
Charleston, W.Va.
October 12, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In seeking a speaker for our annual Donor Dinner for the Hadassah Medical Organization, your name immediately came to our minds as the most powerful and effective speaker we could present to a Charleston audience. We feel sure that if you could possibly arrange to be with us on that occasion, the success of our Donor Dinner would not only be assured, but your appearance in this city would stimulate much interest in the Zionist cause.

Though the contributions to the H M O Fund have been most generous in the past, we feel that Charleston's resources have been tapped only from the surface and that a convincing speaker could persuade our local Jewry, numbering around 500 families, to dig deeper into their pockets and far surpass our past totals. We should also like to attract to our Dinner more of the Reformed group who have contributed but not participated in our work, and we know that your followers fill both Orthodox and Reformed ranks.

Tentative plans have been made to have this affair on December 5 or 12. However, if you plan to be in our vicinity at any time during the last part of November or the early part of December, we would be glad to change the date for your convenience.

As a fellow Zionist and admirer, striving to see more dollars flowing to needy Palestinians and anxious to see every Jew join our Zionist ranks, I should be most proud to be able to announce that you will appear as guest speaker at our Donor Dinner. Our Chapter would forever be in your debt.

Most gratefully,

Mrs. D. Leonard Gordon

Mrs. D. Leonard Gordon
Corresponding Secretary.

October 22, 1942

Mrs. D. Leonard Gordon
Corresponding Secretary
Charleston Chapter of Senior Hadassah
1510 Dixie St.
Charleston, W. Va.

My dear Mrs. Gordon:

Thank you for your kind letter of October 12 and for your invitation to attend the Donor Dinner of the Charleston Chapter of Senior Hadassah on December 5 or 12. I wish I were free to come to you. Unfortunately I cannot. The next season will be extremely crowded for me because of the new work which I have undertaken, and I must forego the pleasure of accepting many invitations which normally I would be most happy to accept.

With all good wishes for success, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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January 24, 1957

Rabbi Samuel Cooper
Virginia and Elizabeth Streets
Charleston, West Virginia

My dear Rabbi Cooper:

I was very pleased to talk to you this morning.

I need not tell you that it would have given me a great deal of pleasure if I were free to accept your invitation. I have gone through my date book carefully and I find that it is altogether impossible for me to take on any additional out of town lecture engagements for the remainder of the season. If you were to look over my scheduled engagements you would agree with me.

As you know, I took over the National Chairmanship of the Israel Bonds last year, on top of my other obligations.

I should like to congratulate you upon your anniversary with your congregation and I am sure that the event will be a happy and an outstanding one for you.

With warmest regards and all good wishes I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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