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The Southern Interstate Conference OF THE Council of Jewish Women



Chattanooga, Tenn., March 24, 1923. 192

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My Dear Rabbi Silver:

At the Southern Interstate Conference held at Savannah, Ga., March 13th, 1923, resolution was made that we try to have you come to the various sections of our Southern Interstate Conference on a lecture tour during the coming year, and that I take it up with you to ascertain whether or not you could make this trip, and if so, when it could be done and what expense would be entailed.

The principal thing is to find out whether or not you could make this trip, so that the matter can be taken up with the various sections before their next meeting, and then let you know how many and which sections would want you to make this visit.

Would appreciate a prompt reply, as some sections have their meetings on the first Monday of next month, and would like to get in touch with them before that time.

Anticipating your favorable reply.

I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Marcus Schwartz

Corresponding Secretary.

March Twenty-sixth, 1923

Mrs. Maurice Schwartz,
Corresponding Secretary,
Council of Jewish Women,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

My dear Mrs. Schwartz,

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of March twenty-fourth. I have always wished to make a tour of the Southern States, but time has never permitted me to do it. I think I shall make a determined effort to visit your part of the country late this coming winter or the early part of 1924.

My customary remuneration for lectures before sections of the Council would be one hundred dollars and traveling expenses.

Please let me know how many sections would desire my services. I would then be in a position to give you more definite information.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

June 1st, 1923.

Mrs. Marcus Schwartz,
726 E. 4th Street,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

My dear Mrs. Schwartz,

Permit me to thank you for your letter of May 28th. I am afraid that I shall not be able to set aside more time than I have already done for my southern tour. I must be back in Cleveland on Sunday, December 23rd. I shall therefore be compelled to forego the pleasure of addressing some of the sections of the Council of Jewish Women mentioned in your letter. We are in the midst of building our new Temple and I feel that I must not absent myself for any longer period. Please do the best you can with the time between December 10th and December 23rd.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Chattanooga, Tenn., May 28, 1923, 192

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have your letter of May 19th.

With reference to your leaving Cleveland on December 10th, and returning December 23rd: Frankly, I hardly think you could complete the tour in that period. It would hardly be possible for you to make two cities in one day, and each section prefers an evening lecture. In arranging your tour you will see that the cities in the Southern Interstation Section are too far apart to lecture in two cities in one day.

In connection with the expenses: You mention "Sisterhood", which I presume was a typographical error, as these are sections of the "Council of Jewish Women". It is preferred that your tour be made without interruption, therefore do not think that the period of time in your letter is long enough to reach all sections because since last writing you two more cities have joined, viz: New Orleans, La. and Augusta, Ga., and possibly tri-cities section (composed of Florence, Tascumbia and Sheffield, Ala.) the lecture possibly being at Florence. It is suggested that you arrange your itinerary from Cleveland, Ohio and return, ascertain traveling expenses of entire tour, so that I can notify each section their prorata of the expense, furnishing me with date you will lecture in each city and subject, if possible. This is a complete list of cities to date -

Atlanta, Ga.
Augusta, Ga.
Columbus, Ga.
Macon, Ga.
Savannah, Ga.
Birmingham, Ala.

Montgomery, Ala.
Mobile, Ala.
Nashville, Tenn.
Chattanooga, Tenn.
Little Rock, Ark.
Shreveport, La.
New Orleans, La.

Will you kindly advise as soon as possible, as sections are very anxious to include the date of your visit in their "Year Book".

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Rabbi Silver.....2.

Looking forward with keen pleasure your coming
to the South, and with kindest greetings,

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Marcus) Heloise M. Schwartz.

Corresponding Secretary,
Southern Interstate Conference.

P. S. I have a very dear sister living in Cleveland, Mrs. Alvin A. Silverman, who lives at 1315 E. 112th St. - Phone No. Garfield 7646-J, and know she would appreciate a word from you.

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The Southern Interstate Conference OF THE Council of Jewish Women



Chattanooga, Tenn., June 11, 1923

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In answer to yours of the 1st relative to your inability to set aside more time than December 10th to 23rd for lecture tour:

As this is the first time that the Southern Interstate Conference has had a lecture tour, and as practically all sections are very anxious to have you, would it be possible for you to make the tour either in January or February, 1924, so that all the sections may have the pleasure of hearing you.

If it is not possible to change the time, and you only have December 10th to 23rd, the following cities are given you for the lecture tour:

Nashville, Tenn.
Chattanooga, Tenn.
Atlanta, Ga.
Columbus, Ga.
Macon, Ga.
Savannah, Ga.

Birmingham, Ala.
Montgomery, Ala.
Mobile, Ala.
Shreveport, La.
Little Rock, Ark.

forcing us to eliminate New Orleans, La., Augusta, Ga. and Charleston, S. C. much to our regret.

Would it be possible to arrange for your first lecture on the night of December 10th?

Will you kindly let me know at once if this is satisfactory, and also give me your itinerary showing the date. *and*

Subjects.

Sincerely Yours,

Mrs. Marcus Schwartz.
Corresponding Secretary.

June 14th, 1923.

Mrs. Marcus Schwartz,
726 E. 4th Street,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

My dear Mrs. Schwartz,

Permit me to acknowledge your kind letter of June 11th. I am afraid that it will be impossible for me to leave Cleveland for any length of time during any other month than that of December. I plan to leave Cleveland in the afternoon of the evening of December 9th thereby enabling me to conduct services in the morning. I am afraid that will not get me to my first destination before Tuesday.

As far as the itinerary is concerned, may I suggest that you arrange that yourself. You are better acquainted with the Council sections, their particular preferences and the railroad schedules. As far as the subjects are concerned the following have proved rather popular with organizations like the Council of Jewish Women.

1. Is there an American Judaism?
2. Religious Conflicts in the United States.
3. Have we an American Civilization?

I would have each section select the subject which they desire.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

President, **Benjamin H. Dryfus,**
16 E. 3rd St., Savannah.
Vice-President, **[REDACTED],** Hills.
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Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:

Referring to yours of March 26th with reference to tour of sections of Council of Jewish Women of the Interstate Conference.

Am now in position to give you tentative list of the sections anxious to have you visit them. The sections are as follows:

Atlanta
Columbus
Macon
Savannah

Birmingham
Montgomery
Mobile

Nashville
Chattanooga

Little Rock

Shreveport

There are three sections not yet heard from -
Augusta, Ga., Charleston, S. C. and New Orleans, La.

Sections are very anxious to know tentative dates of your visit so that same may be incorporated in their Year Books now being prepared, and I will thank you to advise as soon as possible.

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Referring to traveling expenses:

Will you please advise how you will arrange this expenses?
This information is desired for the benefit of the smaller
sections.

Looking forward to meeting you upon your visit to
Chattanooga, and with kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Marcus Schwartz

Mrs. Marcus Schwartz,
Corresponding Secretary,
Southern Interstate Conference,
Council of Jewish Women.

May 19th, 1923.

Mrs. Marcus Schwartz,
726 E. 4th St.,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

My dear Mrs. Schwartz,

Permit me to thank you for your letter of May 16th. It seems likely now that I will be able to leave Cleveland on December 10th, returning to Cleveland for Sunday, December 23rd. It would therefore be well to get all the engagements within that period. I am wondering whether it would not be possible to address two Sisterhoods who are in close proximity, on the same day. But you can use your own best judgment in the matter.

In reference to the matter of traveling expenses, I would charge each Sisterhood with the expense involved in getting to it from the engagement immediately preceding it. I would charge the first Sisterhood with the expense involved in getting to it from Cleveland and the last Sisterhood with the expense involved in getting back to Cleveland. Perhaps this would be the fairest arrangement. However I would leave that matter too to your discretion. I trust that nothing will interfere with my visit to the South for I am looking forward with great pleasure to it.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

July twenty-one,
1923

Mrs. Marcus Schwartz,
726 East 4th Street,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

My dear Mrs. Schwartz,

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 12th and the list of my engagements which you were kind enough to send me. Nothing intervening, I shall be with you and with the other sections of the Council enumerated in your list.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

August 31st, 1923.

Mrs. Marcus M. Schwartz,
726 East 4th St.,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

My dear Mrs. Schwartz,

It is with deep regret that I am compelled to notify you that by my physicians advice I must forego the privilege of the tour which I contemplated making this coming December through the South. I have not been well during the past month and the doctor feels that my many engagements as well as the tasks involved in the building and the financing of our new Temple have been a heavy drain upon me. He feels that it would be very detrimental to my health if I were to attempt to meet the heavy schedule of my Southern tour.

I feel that I have caused you a great deal of trouble, but I am quite sure that you will understand my position. I do hope that at some future time when my health is better and my duties here in Cleveland not so arduous, I shall have the privilege of visiting your community.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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The Southern Interstate Conference OF THE Council of Jewish Women



Chattanooga, Tenn., September 26th, 1923

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Please pardon delay in answering your letter of August 31st, but was out of the city, and I need not remind you, O! Busiest of Men, what the holidays mean with their preparation and rush.

I can scarcely express to you the disappointment and regret with which I received your letter with the word that you would be unable to make the Southern tour; and every section of the Southern Interstate that was looking forward so eagerly and enthusiastically to your coming is just as keenly regretful. We assure you, however, that we have your welfare very much at heart, and admit that the tour as planned was a task almost herculean, but that was because "the demand was greater than the supply," and so we must agree with and abide by the advice of your physician and forego the pleasure of having you this year, for we have not wholly given up the idea of having you at some later time when you will with God's good help have regained your perfect health, and when your duties at home will not be so many and difficult.

The sections of the Southern Interstate Conference of Council of Jewish Women join in wishing you for this year and many, many more to come returned good health and further success.

Cordially yours,

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

(Mrs. Marcus) Heloise M. Schwartz



Young Men's Hebrew Association

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I am given to understand that you are planning to speak in Savannah, Georgia sometimes during the coming winter. On behalf of the Young Men's Hebrew Association of Chattanooga, I wish to invite you to stop here on your way to Savannah or back from Savannah. If you find it possible to accept this invitation, please write me, giving the details necessary to your coming here, i.e., expenses, fees, etc.

I am looking forward with the utmost pleasure to your accepting this invitation, and certainly hope that you shall be able to visit the city of Chattanooga. I remain

Most respectfully

Harry L. Shapiro
Harry L. Shapiro
Executive Director

card ✓

Sept. 9th, 1930

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro,
Y. M. H. A.,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind
letter of Sept. 5th.

I am not scheduled to be in Savannah
during the coming winter. Should I make any visits to
your part of the country I shall be very happy to communicate
with you.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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UNIVERSITY OF CHATTANOOGA
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

Office of the President
Alexander Guerry

November 24, 1931.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
105th Street and Euclid Avenue,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I write to extend you a cordial visit to come to Chattanooga and to visit our college and speak to our students. We would like to have you as our guest. Many of us have been interested in your work. The University of Chattanooga will pay your expenses and a small honorarium. Any date that is convenient for you will probably be satisfactory for us. I am asking, therefore, if you can favorably consider this request to come to our campus, that you name the day.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Alex Guerry

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With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

UNIVERSITY OF CHATTANOOGA
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

Office of the President
Alexander Guerry

January 4, 1934.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
105th Street and Euclid Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing copy of letter which I wrote you some time ago. Perhaps, you did not receive it. We are very much in hopes that you can come to Chattanooga and address our student body at the University of Chattanooga. I will be happy to have you accept this invitation. Will you write me at your convenience?

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Alex Guerry

card

Jan. 5th, 1932

Dr. Alexander Guerry,
University of Chattanooga,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

My dear Dr. Guerry:-

Please pardon the long delay in answering your letter of Nov. 24th. I had hoped to be in a position to give you a definite reply and therefore delayed answering your letter.

Unfortunately I can not at this time state when I can avail myself of your kind invitation to address the students of the University of Chattanooga. I am not contemplating in the immediate future any lecture trip through your part of the country. If during the season I shall be able to take such a trip I shall communicate with you.

Needless to say that I am deeply appreciative of your kind invitation.

With kindest regards and best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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UNIVERSITY OF CHATTANOOGA
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

Office of the President
Alexander Guerry

January 7, 1932.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I shall look forward to hearing from you in the future and I hope it will be the near future. If you find it possible to plan a trip through our section of the country, please do so for I have my heart set on having you at the University and hearing you speak.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Alex Guerry



UNIVERSITY OF CHATTANOOGA
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

Departments of
Sociology
Religious Education
R. A. Kilburn

January 8, 1932

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
105th Street and Euclid Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

President Guerry of the University of Chattanooga has informed me that he has invited you to come to Chattanooga and address our students. I want to add my petition to his, hoping that you can favor us soon with what I am sure will inspire us and help us.

Your book, "Religion in a Changing World," has made a deep impression upon me. It stated much which I felt but could not articulate. Your manner of thinking and expression were clarifying and as a result of reading the book, I felt inspired to further attempts at bringing to realization the goals of religion in our work.

Again hoping that you may find it possible to accept President Guerry's invitation to come to Chattanooga, I am

Most sincerely yours,

R. A. Kilburn.

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UNIVERSITY OF CHATTANOOGA
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

Office of the President
Alexander Guerry

January 14, 1932.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I understand that you have accepted an invitation to speak at a special convention or for some special endeavor in Atlanta. I do not know when the date is and I, of course, may be mistaken in the information that has come to me. On the other hand, I am so anxious to have you in Chattanooga that I hasten to write you that I hope you will include us in your Southern trip should you be journeying to Georgia below us. We would be happy to have you on your way to Atlanta or on your return to Cleveland from Atlanta.

I trust that this letter will bring a favorable response for we are very desirous to have you with us.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Alex Guerry

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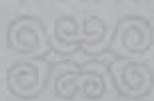
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February 16, 1932.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have wired you a brief outline of the train connections between Chattanooga and Cleveland. I shall repeat the information in this letter.

A through Pullman from Chattanooga to Cleveland leaves Chattanooga at 11:15 a.m. and arrives in Cleveland by the way of Cincinnati at 7:30 the following morning. You can take this train, therefore, Thursday morning and reach Cleveland the following morning in time for breakfast and in ample time, as I understand, for your Friday engagement.

The sleeper from Atlanta to Chattanooga leaves Atlanta at 9:00 o'clock. If you have finished your address by this time and prefer a Pullman to another means of transportation, you could come to Chattanooga by train. If the Wednesday night program, however, does not release you by 9:00 o'clock, my automobile will be in Atlanta at your service. You could drive for an hour or more after the evening meeting and spend the night in one of the nice hotels between here and Atlanta, making the balance of the trip Friday morning. You could, of course, if you wished, drive all the way through Thursday night. The distance is approximately 120 miles. The road is paved and in excellent condition. We can make the trip in about three hours from Atlanta to Chattanooga.

I hope that this plan will be satisfactory and that you will do us the favor of coming to see us. Our students, our faculty, and many of our citizens are anxious to hear you.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Alex Guerry

Card ✓

Feb. 16th, 1932

Dr. Alexander Guerry,
University of Chattanooga, Tenn.

My dear Dr. Guerry:-

I received your day letter. Nothing would have given me greater pleasure than to address the student body of the University of Chattanooga but my health will simply not permit me to undertake such hard traveling.

I would have to spend practically fifty hours in traveling coming and going from Cleveland to Atlanta, then to Chattanooga, then back to Cleveland in less than three days. My health will not permit it.

I have been under a terrific strain in the last few months and I must conserve myself.

I am going to be down your way soon again and I shall give myself the pleasure of visiting the University of Chattanooga.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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NEXT WEDNESDAY EVENING FOR BENEFIT OF HADASSAH MEDICAL
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UNIVERSITY OF CHATTANOOGA
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

Office of the President
Alexander Guerry

February 19, 1932.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your letter, of course, was a disappointment to me because I had great hopes that we would have the privilege of a visit from you on your return from Atlanta to Cleveland. In fact, I had almost taken for granted that you would stop with us for a few minutes because you would leave Chattanooga on the same train that you would have taken from Atlanta, and which is the first train out of Atlanta after your evening address. I had already planned a pleasant drive for you from Atlanta to Cartersville or Calhoun, Georgia, and a short trip into Chattanooga in the morning in time for a thirty minutes talk before our students.

I would not, of course, impose upon your strength or make demands that would impair your health. Please pardon me if my desire to have you here overreaches what is really best for you.

The invitation, however, is still open should the cordial welcome which assuredly awaits you persuade you to a change of plans. Please telegraph me in the realization that your message will be well received.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Alex Guerry

UNIVERSITY OF CHATTANOOGA
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

Office of the President
Alexander Guerry

March 4, 1932.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I extend to you a cordial invitation to speak in Chattanooga to the students and citizens of this community at the Institute of Justice sponsored by the University of Chattanooga. This Institute will be held for one week this spring, beginning Monday, April 25th. The Institute of Justice is an Institute for the discussion of social, economic and political problems that affect the welfare of our people and of government. The word justice is used because the philosophy of our Institute indicates the idea that justice must eventually be the basis for the treating and solving of our problems.

I realize that you are a busy man and that I am asking a great favor of you when I suggest that you take the time to visit our community and talk before our Institute. I am so anxious, however, to have you on the program, to have you visit this city and this University, that I cannot refrain from sending you these few lines and hoping that your reply will be favorable.

I can assure you that this Institute of Justice is a very fine undertaking and that you would contribute, by your appearance on our program, to growth and progress in this community and in this section of the South. I am sorry that we have no extra copies of the last program to mail you. Among those who took part in our previous Institute were Dr. Charles Abram Ellwood, Dr. Walter Hale Hamilton, Frank Joseph Loesch, Dean William E. Mikell, Dr. Herman Oliphant, Senator Robert L. Owen, Hon. Huston Thompson, General George Woodward Wickersham.

Last year the Institute succeeded beyond all expectations. Crowds attended all meetings and the press of the country East of the Mississippi River gave us wide publicity.

I would like to add that this part of the South is very beautiful in the spring of the year, and I am sure that your visit here would be a delightful experience for you as well as for us. We will, of course, pay travel expenses and an honorarium. Please give this invitation your consideration and try to accept.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

I am sorry you couldn't come to see
us on your way to Atlanta

Alex Guerry

Carol,

March 17th, 1932

Dr. Alexander Guerry,
University of Chattanooga,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

My dear Dr. Guerry:-

Let me thank you for your kind letter of March 4th and for the invitation to take part in your Institute of Justice the week of April 25th.

I really regret more than I can say the necessity of again declining an invitation from you. But it is simply a physical impossibility for me to take on additional out-of-town engagements for this season. I am booked up heavily until June. Most of my engagements have to do with relief campaigns of all kinds. I am away from Cleveland on an average of two or three days a week and I feel myself over-crowded with my own congregational work when I get back home.

Please keep me in mind for some other season. I am very anxious to come to the University of Chicago and to have the pleasure of meeting you, your students and your faculty.

With kindest regards and best wishes,
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Office of the President
Alexander Guerry

March 19, 1932.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am a very poor loser but I suppose I must surrender
my ambition to have you in Chattanooga this year.

I trust that I have not annoyed you. I am sorry that you
cannot accept my invitation for April.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Alex Guerry

If you knew how much we
wanted you, you would
come without any hesitation.
What more can I do to convince
you?

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHATTANOOGA IS PLANNING TO CELEBRATE THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING STOP WE ARE MOST ANXIOUS TO HAVE YOU ON OUR SEMI CENTENNIAL PROGRAM STOP COULD YOU MAKE PLANS TO ACCEPT INVITATION TO SPEAK DURING THE SEMI CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION DURING THE LATTER PART OF APRIL 1936 STOP YOUR ACCEPTANCE WOULD BE A GREAT FAVOR TO US AND TO THIS PART OF THE SOUTH STOP YOU SAID YOU WOULD COME TO SEE US AT SOME FUTURE DATE PLEASE MAKE IT THE OCCASSION OF OUR SEMI CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION STOP KINDEST REGARDS=

ALEXANDER GUERRY PRESIDENT.

UNIVERSITY OF CHATTANOOGA
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
ALEXANDER GUERRY

June 18, 1935.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The University of Chattanooga is planning to celebrate its fifty years of service in the field of education next April. We expect to open our Semi-Centennial Celebration program with a meeting devoted to the topic of Religion and Education on Sunday evening, April 19th. We are most anxious to have you with us at that time and to speak on that subject. Please accept this invitation.

You will recall perhaps our correspondence on previous occasions when I have sought to persuade you to come to Chattanooga. Since I have failed heretofore, let me be successful in this plea.

We intend to make our Semi-Centennial Celebration not only a review of the history of this institution but an interpretation of education and of institutions of higher learning to our community, to the people of the South and the nation. You could make an invaluable contribution to our exercises. I telegraphed you about this matter several weeks ago but perhaps my message did not reach you. I trust that this special delivery letter will find favorable consideration.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Alex Guerry

June 25, 1935.

Dr. Alexander Guerry.
University of Chattanooga,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

My dear Dr. Guerry:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of June 18 and for the invitation which you extend to me to address the Semi-Centennial Celebration of the University of Chattanooga on Sunday evening, April 19. The date, of course, is very far ahead and many things can happen between now and then. I hope that it will be possible for me to come. You may, therefore, schedule me tentatively for that date. Should I find later on in the season that it will not be possible for me to come, I shall write to you and give you ample time to make other arrangements.

With best wishes and thanking you for your thoughtfulness in inviting me, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
ALEXANDER GUERRY

July 1, 1935.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You make me very happy by your acceptance of our invitation to speak at the Semi-Centennial Celebration of the University of Chattanooga. I realize that the time is far ahead. On the other hand, it is necessary to plan an excellent program many months in advance. We are most fortunate in having secured already the consent of some of most distinguished scholars and leader. We could only do this by beginning early. Our list, of course, will not be complete without you. I have wanted you to speak at the University for several years. You know how persistent I have been. Please do not allow anything to happen to prevent your being with us. Even if you write me in ample time for me to make other arrangements there is no one whom I wish to seek in your place. As far as I am concerned, no one can take your place.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Alex Guerry

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December 10, 1935.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
ALEXANDER GUERRY

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We have decided that it is best for us to begin our Semi-Centennial Celebration on Sunday morning instead of Sunday evening. I hope that this will meet with your approval. I believe that a Sunday morning hour will be more convenient for you as well as for other speakers as far as travel to and from Chattanooga is concerned.

As I explained to you before it is our intention to begin our Golden Jubilee with a religious service. The theme of the addresses will be Religion in Education. You are one of the speakers, the other two are Dr. J. H. Race of New York and President John F. O'Hara of Notre Dame University.

I am counting on you definitely. I have made the announcement that you would be with us. Please let nothing interfere with your joining with us in this Semi-Centennial Celebration which will be in reality not merely a review of the history of the University of Chattanooga but an outstanding Institute on Education. The whole program should be of tremendous help to this community and to this part of the South. I am sure that you will contribute in a very fine way to a very constructive and significant undertaking.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Alex Guerry

December 17, 1935

Dr. Alexander Guerry,
University of Chattanooga,
Chattanooga, Tennessee.

My dear Dr. Guerry:

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your kind letter of December 10. I note that I am to speak in the morning instead of in the evening of Sunday, April 19. I shall of course make every effort to attend.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
ALEXANDER GUERRY

December 20, 1935.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

If the change from Sunday evening to Sunday morning does not suit your convenience, please do not hesitate to say so. We can have our program Sunday evening as originally planned. I shall be glad to do this if it makes us any more sure of your being with us.

I am disturbed a little by the sentence "I shall, of course, make every effort to attend". We are counting on your being with us. There is no one whom we would rather have participate in our Golden Jubilee program than you. You know I have tried for years to persuade you to come to Chattanooga. When you told me last summer that you would speak at our Semi-Centennial celebration, I was very happy in the realization that you had consented finally to talk to our students and to the people of this community.

I have made the announcement of your appearance on our program. We cannot give up now the privilege and satisfaction of your visit. Please let us count on you definitely. I suggest that you look over the train connections to and from Chattanooga and find out whether a Sunday morning or a Sunday evening hour will be more convenient for your travel or for your other engagements.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Alex Guerry

Mizpah Congregation
Julius and Bertha Ors Memorial Temple
McCallie and Fairview Avenues
Chattanooga, Tennessee

ABRAHAM FEINSTEIN, RABBI
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Jan. 2, 1936.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
East 105th St. & Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver,-

It is with a great deal of personal pleasure that I learned from my good friend - Dr. Guerry - the President of the University of Chattanooga, that you are to be one of the principal speakers at the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the University. Not alone I, but all the Jews of Chattanooga, who have heard of your coming, are eagerly looking forward to your presence in our midst.

As I understand it, you will not be able to leave for Cleveland before late in the evening of April 19th. The affiliated organizations of my Congregation have therefore asked me to invite you to be with us for dinner at 6 o'clock that evening, and then talk at our Temple, which can accommodate a goodly audience, for the entire Jewish community. I am extending this invitation with the permission of Dr. Guerry.

I will appreciate hearing from you whether you would accept this invitation to break bread with us and to speak for us.

With kindest greetings, I am,

Sincerely yours,

A. Feinstein

AF/s

January 23, 1936

Rabbi Abraham Feinstein,
126 South Crest Road,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

My dear Rabbi Feinstein:

Please pardon the delay in answering your kind letter of January 2. I have been away from the city a good deal of the time and my correspondence has lagged.

I have not made any definite plans for April 19 other than to address the anniversary celebration of the University of Chattanooga in the morning. I might leave by plane sometime during the day.

I appreciate your invitation to address the affiliated organizations of your Temple in the evening. This would involve an honorarium of \$150 and I wonder whether you considered the honorarium when you extended the invitation.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
ALEXANDER GUERRY

January 13, 1936.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Let me make it clear again about the opening service of our Semi-Centennial celebration and the occasion of your address on the subject Religion in Education. The fact that I want to accomodate you in the matter of time as well as of date is the reason I suggested that we change from evening to morning. We have not as yet printed our program. I can set the hour to suit you. If the train connection to Chattanooga makes it more convenient for you to speak at 8:00 o'clock in the evening, we will put you on our program at 8:00 P.M. If the train connection suits better for the morning, we will have your address in the morning.

You know, as I have written you several times, that we have looked forward with great pleasure to your coming to the University of Chattanooga. I have wanted you on our campus ever since I came to know ~~of~~ you and your great work. We have counted definitely on you since you told me last June that you would come to Chattanooga for our Golden Jubilee.

We have been successful beyond our fondest expectations. We have been fortunate in securing a remarkable list of speakers. Our group, however, would bot be complete without you. Please write me as soon as you can for we are preparing to print our program and issue an invitation to the colleges of America.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Alex Guerry

January 16, 1936

Dr. Alexander Guerry,
University of Chattanooga,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

My dear Dr. Guerry:

Let me thank you for your kind letter
of January 13. I plan to arrive late Saturday
evening in time to be with you for Sunday morning.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK



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January 26, 1936.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thanks for your letter and the definite selection of the Sunday hour. As I wrote you, we want to accomodate you in the matter of time at our Semi-Centennial celebration as I have been particularly anxious to have you on our program

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
ALEXANDER GUERRY

March 20, 1936.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mrs. Guerry and I hope very much that you will take dinner with us Sunday at noon after your address on "Religion and Education" at our Semi-Centennial Celebration. At your convenience, please let me know the time of your arrival in our city.

While you are in Chattanooga, you will be the guest of the University of Chattanooga at the Hotel Patten where reservation has been made for you. This reservation is at your disposal as long as you are in Chattanooga.

Let me tell you again that we are looking forward with great happiness to having you with us.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Alex Guerry

April 17, 1936

Alexander Guerry, President,
University of Chattanooga,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

My dear Dr. Guerry:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of April 15. I shall be delighted to take dinner with you and Mrs. Guerry at your home on Sunday, following the services. I am sorry that I did not reply to your letter sooner. I have not been altogether well in the last few weeks.

With all good wishes and looking forward with pleasure to our meeting, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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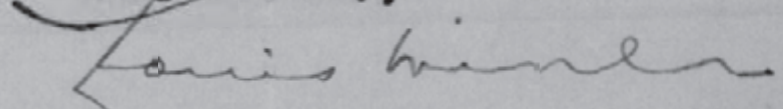
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Chattanooga Zionists would deeply appreciate a message from you during your visit here on April 19th. Any hour that would suit your convenience would be agreeable to us. Our preference would be a supper-meeting, but, if a luncheon-meeting would fit in better with your plans, we could arrange that.

Our community has lagged behind in its Zionist activities for the past several years, and one of your usual stirring addresses would unquestionably have a most desirable effect and react to the benefit of Palestine. We ask this of you because of your great devotion and unselfish service to our sacred cause. We pray you will not fail us and beg for an early advice.

Respectfully,



Louis Winer

c/o Royal Coal Co.
14 West 14 St

April 14, 1936

Mr. Louis Winer,
C/o Royal Coal Co.,
14 West 14th St.,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

My dear Mr. Winer:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of April 8. Your invitation comes rather late. I have made arrangements to leave Chattanooga immediately after my address before the University which will be on the morning of April 19.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

April 15, 1936

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
ALEXANDER GUERRY

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

Dear Rabbi Sulver:

A week or two ago I wrote you to ask that you take dinner with Mrs. Guerry and me and some of our friends at our home on the University campus on Sunday April 19th at noon following the services in the University Chapel. I have not received a reply. Realizing that my letter may not have come to you I am sending this further message to renew the invitation to dinner and to express the hope that you will accept.

I do not believe I have suggested a time period for your address. I am taking the liberty to say to the speakers, what I believe every speaker wishes to know, that in our schedule the best time period for each address would be between 30 and 40 minutes.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Alex Guerry

AG:J

UNIVERSITY OF CHATTANOOGA
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

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ALEXANDER GUERRY

Tuesday

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I had looked forward to meeting you with happy expectation. The pleasure of the reality exceeded that of anticipation. You are a great person, and you gave us a magnificent address. Your message was one of the most stirring I have ever heard. You thrilled and gripped your audience. To me the Sunday morning service was a splendid success and of invaluable good for religion and education. It seems to me that you would be very proud in the knowledge that you can bring to people

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such faith, vision, & courage.

It was fine of you to take part in our Semi-centennial celebration. Our Golden Jubilee would not have been complete without you. I am deeply appreciative. I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Good luck & best wishes.

Cordially yours
Alex. Guerry

May 6, 1936

Dr. Alexander Guerry,
University of Chattanooga,
Chattanooga, Tennessee.

My dear Dr. Guerry:

Let me thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing to me and for all the kind things which you say about the address which I delivered before your people in connection with the Semi-Centennial Celebration of the University of Chattanooga. I tremendously enjoyed my experience and particularly the great pleasure I had in meeting you and Mrs. Guerry as well as some of the other people connected with the University. I am looking forward with pleasure to some future occasion which I hope will be soon when we can meet again.

With all good wishes to you and thanking you for the many courtesies extended to me while in your city, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

2412 Oak St.
Chatt. Tenn.
June 4/36.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver;
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver;

I had the extreme pleasure of hearing you talk on two occasions, first time at the Hadassah Convention last Nov. and then when you were in our City April 19th at the Semi-Centennial celebration of the University of Chattanooga, your talks always thrill and inspire those who hear you and I sincerely hope that this note will find you in the best of health.

I am writing you at this time to inquire if you are planning a lecture tour for the Fall, if so will thank you to mail me a list of subjects, and when it would be convenient for you to be in our City. At a board meeting we decided to have you come if possible and in that way raise our Medical and Youth Aliyah quota's for Hadassah for next Fall, so will appreciate hearing from you if you can come, what your fee would be and the subject. I forgot to mention that the middle or latter part of October would be ideal.

Wishing you a very pleasant summer and with kindest regards, I remain

Respectfully yours,

Ann Smolian
President of
Senior Hadassah.

June 10, 1936

Miss Ann J. Smolian,
2412 Oak St.,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

My dear Miss Smolian:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of June 4 and for your gracious invitation. At the present writing I am in no position to make commitments for next fall or winter. My plans for next season are quite uncertain and I do not wish to make any engagements which I might have to cancel. Please write me again in the fall, and if I am free, I shall be happy to consider your invitation.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Office of the President
Alexander Guerry

June 10, 1936

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Dr. Guerry is very anxious to have copies of all
the addresses made at our Semi-centennial celebration for
our files. I will appreciate, therefore, if you will mail us
copy of the talk you gave at our Golden Jubilee.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

May D Saunders

Mrs May D Saunders, Secretary

2412 Oak St.
Chatt. Tenn. Sept. 28/36.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver;

Several months ago I wrote and asked if you were planning any speaking tours this coming Fall or Winter, and you advised me to write you again about this time, we are trying to plan our years work in fund raising and will appreciate if you will advise me if you are going to make a tour, if so how much would your fee be and when could you visit our City. The money made on such an affair would be allocated to our Hadassah Medical Fund, and Youth Aliyah, so will appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Would also thank you to send us a few of your subjects that we could choose from should you be able to come.

I hope that you have had a very pleasant summer and that this note finds you in the best of health. With my sincere good wishes for a very Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year, I remain

Sincerely yours

Anna Smolian

President of Senior Hadassah.

October 2, 1936

Miss Anna J. Smolian,
2412 Oak Street,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

My dear Miss Smolian:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of September 28 and for the invitation which you extend to me to come to your city for an address in the interest of the Hadassah. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately I am cutting down on my out of town lecture engagements and I must forego the pleasure of visiting numerous cities where I should like to be. My work here has increased and I am also trying to conserve my health a bit more than I have done in previous years.

Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you. I recall with pleasure my visit to Chattanooga and the many lovely acquaintances which I made and which I hope to renew at a not too distant time.

With best wishes for a happy new year, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

W. T. ROBINSON
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
CITY OF CHATTANOOGA
THOMAS H. McMILLAN, COMMISSIONER

CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

September 14, 1937

W. J.
Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The teachers of this vicinity are organizing an Educational Association to meet here on October 22nd and 23rd. On the night of the 22nd comes the major event of the meeting. A concert will be given by a mass choral group and between the two parts of this concert we wish an inspirational and educational address. Having listened to your address at the time of the University of Chattanooga Semi-Centennial, I am sure I am expressing the desire of all who heard you when I state we would be tremendously gratified to obtain you for this number. President Guerry, of the University of Chattanooga, joins me in urging you to come. I am aware that a Friday engagement may be undesirable, but I hope that will not be an impossible time.

This is our Association's first year so it is necessary for us to estimate our expenses very closely and in case you can come, please be good enough to let us know the terms under which you could do us this service.

Very truly yours,

T. H. McMillan
T. H. McMillan
Commissioner

THM:MJC

September 16, 1937

Commissioner T. H. McMillan,
Department of Education,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

My dear Mr. McMillan:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of September 14 and for your gracious invitation to address your Educational Association on the evening of October 22. I should have been delighted to come but I have already accepted an invitation to address the meeting of the New York State Teachers' Association at Lake Placid, on that very evening. In looking through my calendar, I find that I have eight addresses before teachers' associations scheduled during the month of October. I am always happy to address groups of teachers.

Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you. Please convey my most cordial greetings to President Guerry. With best wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

Nov. 8, 1949

Doctor Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Doctor Silver:

I have had an ambition for years to have you visit our Jewish Community here, but never was the need for it as great as now.

I recall distinctly your visit to the University of Chattanooga ten or more years ago and the tremendous impression you made here. It has been my privilege to see you in action at a Zionist Congress, many Zionist Conventions, etc.

Our local scene is sorely in need at the present time of a visit by man of your stature. It may be presumptuous for our small community to ask for recognition of this kind, yet, I feel, there are times when it is thoroughly justified, and the time in Chattanooga is now.

Our community is one of the oldest Zionist communities in the Country. One of our problems is that we are a bit overorganized into General, Mizrachi, Labor and Hadassah, also Pioneer Women. Last year we Generals had a membership of 310, against 370 the previous year, whereas, we should have an enrollment of at least 400. Hardly ten of our members can be rated idealists in the full sense of the word. We lack that something to make our District a vital one and it is becoming more difficult as time goes on.

We are having our annual Zionist Day on Sunday, Nov. 27th, in the form of a banquet in the evening. We use this occasion to raise funds for Zionist projects and to propagandize as much as possible. In fact, we aim to start with our celebration on the preceding Friday evening.

Your presence here would make it easy for us to pack the house, to raise money, to increase our membership to a very considerable extent, to convince our membership that the time has not yet arrived for the liquidation of our organization, etc. Our venture this year will not be a success, unless we get a power to come and give us the needed lift.

May we dare ask you to serve as our speaker on this occasion. We would not expect it gratis. Your visit here would make it the greatest day that the Chattanooga Jewish Community has ever experienced and the results would be lasting.

I know you are due in New York on Tuesday, Nov. 29th, to appear under auspices of the Manhattan Region. The 27th is the most suited date for us, to avoid conflict with other

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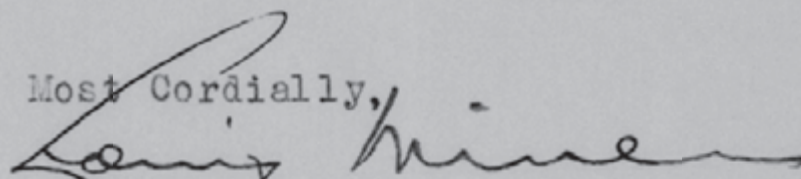
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meetings that are taking place here, but, if this date is utterly impossible for you, we will endeavor to adjust it to suit your convenience.

I beg of you to consider our humble invitation and plea favorably.

Most Cordially,



Louis Winer, President
Chattanooga Zionist District

1419 Cowart St



November 21, 1949

Mr. Louis Winer, President
Chattanooga Zionist District
1419 Cowart Street
Chattanooga, Tennessee

My dear Mr. Winer:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of November 8th and your kind invitation to visit your community and address your Zionist Day banquet on November 27th. As you undoubtedly know, I have received another communication from your community extending a similar invitation, which I unfortunately had to refuse because of other commitments.

I trust that you will have a most successful affair, and with all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

ב"ה יום ג' אסתר ו'רא, שנת ג'ש"ו

אברהם הרבי המשיח ואיש הגאון הרה"ק סילבס ר"י!

אני בודה לך שורו אל אחרי שיגה מחוסרה ביום וקין
שיא ההסתר במה הפיוני במקומות, פניו התייג בעצמו
היבטו בקהילת. לפי מאד אכאז על מה שיאנו
אשר, כי אין שום רוג היהדו הפיוניו בא.

אננו צורכים אלא אם פיון מיום השלישי עד יום ראשון
27-25 Nov. ביום ראשון וצדק סאודה פומהיו אל

יפודו שלטאנוסא. הסודה זו רוצים אננו מאד מאד
אדורר את אלהים מתינו אלה שם אחד הפרק
קין הפיוניו כי רחם צומחים "אין" אנו חלק ונחמה
בדבורו פיון אחרי פוסד "הגדיל" מספר חברים
הולך וקטן מיום ליום. (אם רצונו לאספסופים
ברא מאת הרבנים)

מנינו ואמרנו שיש רק מוצא אחד אל המקובל
אלו. אם חבא אלה אצונו אנא אנא
כאלו היום רוח ה' חיו, יבואו אל אנשי מקומנו
אכאז אל שמה ואגה גופא האבא לשמו ח"ס,
והיה אל היום הכבד אנפס מיה! ואם לא נצפה
אלו "כאלו אהדנו אהדנו" ואם לא נצפה

על כן לא אאריך. שאלת ובקשתי כי גבא
אלינו ביום דב אקבצמחדר הפדמינו אל כאליו
אננו אל אב חדש ורוח חדש אדק ב פיון.

אזם אין ביטל אבוא ביום דב אבמאר, א א ו א
בגר ביום אחר או הגיעה ליום ההוא.

וְקָדְשׁוֹ וְזִכְרוֹ כִּי לֹא וָשִׁיב אֶל פְּנֵיָו כִּי קָם,
כִּי בְּאַחֲרֵי לֹא וָשִׁיב אֶל וְקָדְשׁוֹ עַד עַד.

ואנא אלהים אלהי ציון כי יהא רצוא קרב אבהיך
אשר באתך רצון טוב אלהינו מלאונו.

מכתבך וחוקיך כזכר הרק
מהרן מנחם בן אפרים
בן שלמה אפרים

November 9, 1949

Rev. Aharon M. Feier
749 McCallie Avenue
Chattanooga, Tennessee

My dear Friend:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of November 8th and your gracious invitation. I wish that I were free to come. Unfortunately, my schedule for this month is already overcrowded and it is not possible for me to accept any additional engagements. I trust that you will have a most successful meeting.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

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CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
Congregation Tifereth Israel,
E. 105th and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, 6, Ohio.

My Dear Dr. Silver:

At the suggestion of Rabbi Abraham Feinstein, and by unanimous vote of the joint committee of all Jewish organizations in Chattanooga, I deem it a privilege to extend to you a most cordial and respectful invitation to address our Jewish community in February, March or April, 1955, when we will celebrate the Tercentenary. We understand that there will be an honorarium and expenses.

If you can arrange your busy schedule to come to Chattanooga, please suggest several dates convenient to you. We will choose one that will not conflict with any important event. We would prefer a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evening.

We will appreciate hearing from you as to whether you are able to accept our invitation and what is your usual honorarium for such an engagement.

The undersigned is the President of the local B'nai B'rith Lodge which will sponsor, in cooperation with all the Jewish organizations, the Tercentenary observance in Chattanooga.

Sincerely yours,

Sam Morris

SM/m

December 16, 1954

Mr. Sam Morris
811 Market Street
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Morris:

Rabbi Silver has requested me to write to you and to inform you that it may be possible for him to come to you some time in April. His honorarium is \$500, which includes his traveling expenses.

If this is agreeable to your committee, please let me know and I shall take up with Rabbi Silver the matter of the date.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth M. Sparrow
Secretary to Rabbi Silver



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Mrs. Ruth M. Sparrow
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road.
Cleveland, 6, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Sparrow:

This is in reply to your letter of December 16th in regards to Rabbi Silver speaking in Chattanooga. The honorarium of \$500.00 is perfectly satisfactory and the month of April will be fine. We prefer that it be a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday and if you could give us a choice of dates it would be much better.

May we hear from you soon.



Very truly yours.

Sam Morris
Sam Morris, President

SM/m

*April
18-19-20*

December 24, 1954

Mr. Sam Morris, President
B'nai B'rith
811 Market Street
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Morris:

Thank you for your letter of December 21st.

Rabbi Silver will be happy to come to you
on either April 18th, 19th, or 20th. Kindly
let us know which date would be best for you.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth M. Sparrow
Secretary to Rabbi Silver



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Mrs. Ruth M. Sparrow
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road.
Cleveland, 6, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Sparrow:

This is in reply to your kind letter of December 24th.

The committee selected Tuesday April 19th as the date for Dr. Silver to speak, and we are going ahead with our arrangements.

At a later date we will write you in detail in regard to the schedule of time and place.

It is needless to say that everyone on the committee is thrilled to know that Dr. Silver has consented to speak to us on this date and everyone is looking forward to it.

Very truly yours.

Sam Morris

Sam Morris, President

SM/■



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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road.
Cleveland, 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In regards to your speaking here in Chattanooga on April 19th, the Tercentenary Committee would like to recommend for your subject "The American Jewish Community Looks To The Future". However, any subject that you desire to speak on will be acceptable.

We would appreciate if you could send us two different newspaper mats of you plus your autobiography which can be used for newspaper publicity.

Everyone is looking forward to having you here and you will have a very large audience as this will be a community wide program.

Very truly yours

Sam Morris
Sam Morris, President

SM/n

Mizpah Congregation

Julius and Bertha Ochs Memorial Temple

McCallie and Fairview Avenues

Chattanooga 3, Tennessee

ABRAHAM FEINSTEIN, RABBI
RESIDENCE: 925 MCCALLIE AVE.
TELEPHONE 7-1894

March 22, 1955.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street and Ansel Road,
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:-

I am delighted and thrilled that you accepted our invitation to address our community for our Tercentenary observance on April 19. I assure you that I am looking forward to being with you and hearing your message.

I want to inquire whether it would be possible for you to arrive in Chattanooga the morning of April 19? In that case and with your consent, I would like to arrange a speaking engagement for you, either at the University that morning or at the Kiwanis Club that noon or both. ND

A non-Jewish neighbor of mine spoke to me several times about an address he heard you deliver on "The Message of Israel" program that dealt with "Bridges and Walls" or something of that nature. If you have a copy of that address, I would appreciate having it. I would make several copies of it and return the original to you.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Abraham Feinstein

(Rabbi) Abraham Feinstein.

AF:EA

March 25, 1955

Rabbi Abraham Feinstein
Mispah Congregation
Chattanooga 3, Tennessee

My dear Friend:

Thank you for your kind letter of March 22nd.

I regret that I will not be able to accept any other speaking engagements for April 19th. I am endeavoring to conserve my health and don't want to take on more than one speaking engagement during a day.

Enclosed is a copy of the "Message of Israel" address "The Wall and the Bridge" which I delivered in 1951. I would appreciate your returning this copy when you have finished with it.

Looking forward with pleasure to seeing you, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms
enclosure

April 14, 1955

Mr. Sam Morris, President
B'nai B'rith
811 Market Street
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Morris:

Rabbi Silver plans to arrive in Chattanooga at 5:01 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19th, via Capital Airlines Flight 471 from Pittsburgh. He will take Capital Flight 406 from Cleveland to Pittsburgh that morning.

On the following day, April 20th, he is to speak in Scranton. He would very much appreciate your making an effort to secure plane reservations for him from Chattanooga to Scranton on the 20th. Since the affair in Scranton begins at 6:30 p.m., he would like to arrive in Scranton by 4:00 p.m. or so. It would be appreciated also if a hotel reservation were made for him for his one night stay in Chattanooga.

Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth M. Sparrow
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

P. S. That is Scranton, Pennsylvania, of course.

Chattanooga Jewish Welfare Federation

511 EAST FOURTH STREET

Chattanooga 3, Tennessee

April 20, 1955

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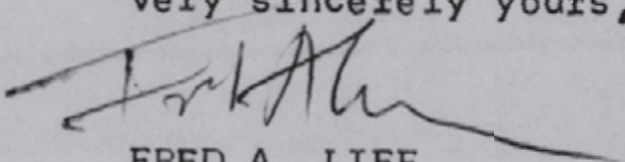
Dear Dr. Silver:

The Chattanooga Jewish Tercentenary Committee has instructed me to express to you our deep appreciation for the inspiring address you delivered here on April 19 on occasion of our local Tercentenary celebration.

It was an honor for all of us to have you with us on this memorable evening.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,


FRED A. LIFF

FAL/glb

P.S. Please find enclosed a check for \$500.00, as arranged with your office.