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*Park Street United Church*

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RUSSELL D. HORSBURGH

CHARLES A. PERKINS

May

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1961

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

This will confirm our telephone connection of a few minutes ago in which I extended to you an invitation to come to our Church to speak on the subject "Adventures In Understanding" - "Between Jews And Christians."

If you accept our invitation, you will be the third speaker in this series, and you will follow Professor George Boyle, formerly a Roman Catholic, now a Protestant, who will lecture on "Between Protestants And Roman Catholics." Professor Boyle comes from the Religious Knowledge Department of Toronto University.

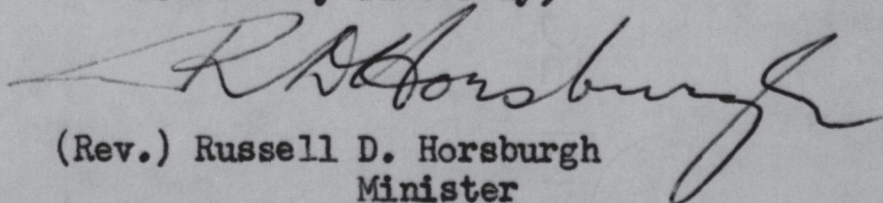
The date for this engagement is Sunday, October 29th, and the time is 8.15 p.m. standard time. There are good plane flights from Cleveland to Detroit on a Sunday afternoon, and we will arrange to have a car meet you at the airport. Our city is about an one hour drive from Detroit.

We will be happy to take care of every expense involved in your coming, and we will give an One Hundred Dollar honorarium in addition. We hope that this arrangement is satisfactory. If not, please do not hesitate to let us know. Money will not be a deterrent as far as we are concerned.

We are very anxious to have you participate in this lecture series. Our Sunday Evening programme is exceedingly popular. We always have a full house of approximately 1,500 people. The Jewish Community here will be our honoured guests at this lecture.

I will look forward eagerly to your reply which we do hope most sincerely will be in our favour.

Yours very sincerely,

  
(Rev.) Russell D. Horsburgh  
Minister

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May 22, 1961

Reverend Russell D. Horsburgh  
Park Street United Church  
Park and Dufferin  
Chatham, Ontario, Canada

My dear Reverend Horsburgh:

Permit me to acknowledge your kind letter of May 16th. I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness in inviting me to address your Church Forum on "Adventures In Understanding" -- "Between Jews and Christians". It would have given me great pleasure indeed to come to you and to address your organization. At the time that you spoke to me over the telephone, I did not realize that I could not come on the date you suggested in October as I am scheduled to be in Israel that month to deliver a series of addresses at the Hebrew University.

With warmest regards and again thanking you for your gracious invitation, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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