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Chelsea, Massachusetts, 1926-1935.

Young Men's Hebrew Association

Twenty-three Crescent Avenue

CHELSEA, MASSACHUSETTS

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November 15, 1926

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
 Cleveland,
 Ohio

My Dear Rabbi:

I am writing to you in behalf of the Chelsea Young Men's Hebrew Association which institution has grown to be one of the largest in the city of Chelsea.

There is a great desire among our Jewish citizens to have great men of our Faith come and speak to them. I feel that a man of your type would be of great service to us if you could come and address us. I am of the impression that you will be in Boston in the near future and if that is true, please try and arrange your affairs so that you may spend an evening in our City, at which time the people of Chelsea will be able to receive you and listen to your address. Results of your coming here will be many and I wish to have you here by all means.

Hoping that you may see your way clear to speak to this institution, and awaiting your early reply, I am

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Chelsea Young Men's and
 Young Women's Hebrew
 Association

Harry Bargar
 HARRY BARGAR,
 Executive Secretary

November Nineteenth
1926

Mr. Harry Bargar,
Young Men's Hebrew Association,
Twenty-three Crescent Avenue,
Chelsea, Massachusetts.

My dear Mr. Bargar,

Permit me to acknowledge your kind letter of November fifteenth. I shall not be in Boston until April, when I go there to address the Ford Hall Forum and shall be there for that occasion only, as I must return to Cleveland immediately.

I regret exceedingly that it will not be possible for me to accept the invitation of the Chelsea community. Perhaps another season may offer an opportunity for me to serve you.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MASS

September 5, 1928

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I think I mentioned in some earlier correspondence the new forum in Chelsea, Mass., that is being organized on a community basis under the guidance of Rabbi Irving Miller, formerly of Youngstown, Ohio. And I believe I mentioned that he wants very much to have you speak for them some Monday night, if you can manage it.

Their meetings will be held on the following dates:-

Nov. 26
Dec. 10

January 14, 28
February 25

March 11, 25

Do you see any date among them when you can be on hand? And would your fee be \$250. as for your other forum dates for us this season?

As Rabbi Miller is eager to complete his program, I shall be glad to have an immediate response.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred C. Smith
Executive Secretary.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Ford Hall could be combined with Chelsea if you can be away on Sunday, January 27, March 10 or 24; possibly Nov. 25.

card -

Sept. 7th, 1928.

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

My dear Miss Smith:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of Sept. 5th. I am afraid that I shall not be able to accept Rabbi Miller's invitation to address the forum at Chelsea, Mass. I am going to be on the Pacific Coast for a month this season and I am therefore constrained to reduce my lecture engagements in the East to a minimum.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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EVENING JUNE NINE RABBI MILLER EXTREMELY ANXIOUS THAT YOU BE
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HOPE YOU CAN ACCEPT PLEASE WIRE COLLECT IF JUNE NINE
IMPOSSIBLE THEY COULD USE JUNE SECOND=

OPEN FORUM SPEAKERS BUREAU..

ANSWER 5/2/29

REGRET CAN NOT ACCEPT RABBI MILLERS INVITATION JUNE SECOND OR
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A. H. SILVER

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RABBI JACOB FREEDMAN
CONGREGATION BETH EL
CHELSEA, MASSACHUSETTS

304 Washington Avenue,
Chelsea, Mass.

March 7, 1934.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Euclid Avenue Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I note on the list of announced speakers for Ford Hall in Boston that you are scheduled to address the Forum on Sunday, April 15th.

Since you will, therefore, be in Boston on that date, I would be very grateful, indeed, if you would be able to accept the invitation of Chelsea Jewry to address its Community Forum, - any time during your stay in Boston. I could arrange to suit your convenience both as to day and as to hour.

This Community Forum I was instrumental in organizing last fall as a means not only of raising the intellectual status of the group but also as an important medium through which ~~we~~ unite the various elements and groups in the Jewish community. The chief sponsors of this Forum are: Temple Beth El, the Y.M. and Y.W. H.A., and Hadassah. Among the speakers who have addressed us during the current season are: Alexander Brin, editor of the Jewish Advocate; Rev. G.L. Paine, secretary of the greater Boston Federation of Churches; and, on the previous Monday, Rev. John Haynes Holmes.

I have been given to understand that very early in your career, - it might even ~~have been~~ during your student days, you conducted the first progressive services for the high holidays in Chelsea. However, it was not until a scant half dozen years ago, that a progressive synagogue was organized, the one over which I preside. It might be something of an experience, - I don't know, - to now speak in the Temple the seed of which you may have sown several decades ago.

I am looking forward to the pleasure of an early reply which, I hope, will be in the affirmative.

Yours sincerely,

Jacob Freedman

March 16, 1934.

Rabbi Jacob Freedman,
Congregation Beth El,
304 Washington Ave.,
Chelsea, Mass.

My dear Rabbi Freedman:

I wish to thank you for your kind letter and for the invitation to address the Chelsea Jewish community. It would have given me a great deal of pleasure to accept your invitation and to meet again the people of Chelsea. My first holiday post as a student of the Hebrew Union College was at Chelsea and I have very pleasant memories of my experiences and contacts there. Unfortunately I have been compelled to cancel my engagement at the Ford Hall due to pressure of work here. I hope that I may have the pleasure of being of service to you at some future time.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

RABBI JACOB FREEDMAN
CONGREGATION BETH EL
CHELSEA, MASSACHUSETTS

October 11, 1934.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Euclid Avenue Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You will recall that I wrote you last spring extending to you the invitation of the Chelsea community to address us during the course of our forum series. At the time you were unable to accept because of a change in your plans.

I am, therefore, taking this opportunity to ask you again to be our guest speaker during one of your contemplated trips to New England. I shall be happy to arrange the date to suit your convenience.

Should you be in or around Boston over Shabbos, may I be so bold as to presume to hold the honor of having you occupy my pulpit at a late Friday evening service?

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially and sincerely yours,

Jacob Freedman

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October 23, 1934.

Rabbi Jacob Freedman,
Congregation Beth El,
Chelsea, Mass.

My dear Rabbi Freedman:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of October 11th and for your invitation. I shall be in Boston for one day only, on Sunday, February 10th, at which time I shall address the University Chapel at Harvard and the Ford Hall Forum in the evening. I have received quite a number of invitations from other organizations in Boston which I have been unable to accept. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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October 30, 1934

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Greetings and salutations from your first congregation,
which is now celebrating its 30th anniversary.

We wish to extend a cordial invitation to you to be our
guest at this reunion and banquet to be held on Sunday,
December 2, 1934, at Temple Beth-El, Chelsea, Massachusetts.

We trust that you will be able to be with us and renew
some of your former acquaintances of your first congre-
gation.

Fraternally yours,

Henry Gozall
Harry J. Mann
(HJ)

November 13, 1934.

Mr. Henry Yozell,
Young Men's Hebrew Association,
23 Crescent Ave.,
Chelsea, Mass.

My dear Mr. Yozell:

Let me thank you for your kind letter and for your invitation to attend the 30th anniversary of the Chelsea Young Men's Hebrew Association. I wish I were free to come. I am, however, scheduled to be in Chicago on that day.

With all good wishes and wishing you many more years of success in your very worthy cause, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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October 10, 1935.

Rabbi A.S. Silver
105th St. at Ansel Road
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Y.M.H.A. in Chelsea, Mass. is anxious to plan a series of outside speakers for the coming months. They have very limited funds and so want to get speakers when they are in the immediate neighborhood and can afford to come to them for a special low fee.

They can use any night in the week except Fridays or Saturdays and their entire program is open at this writing from late October until mid-April. Is there any time when you will be here in the East that you could let us offer them an evening and upon what terms?

Sincerely yours,

Mildred C. Smith

Executive Secretary.

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October 14, 1935

Mildred C. Smith, Executive Secretary,
Open Forum Speakers Bureau,
Little Bldg.,
80 Boylston Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Smith:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of
October 10. I am afraid that it will not be possible
for me to accept the invitation of the Y.M.H.A. of
Chelsea.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK