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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
c/o Temple on the Heights,
Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As chairman of our Forum, it is my pleasure to write to you at this time with reference to our forthcoming 1958-1959 season.

My Congregation would deem it a great honor and privilege to have you as our guest speaker.

Although we were not fortunate in receiving a favorable reply to our invitation to you of a few years ago, we are still hopeful that one day you will be able to be with us.

It has been our custom to present our Forum programs on the first Tuesday of the months of December, January, February and March. We would be most happy to deviate from this schedule if it would help you in your commitments. Please let us know what remuneration you would expect.

Anticipating a favorable and early reply,

Sincerely,

Stanley Sherman
DR. STANLEY M. SHERMAN,
Chairman, Forum

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July 8, 1958

Dr. Stanley M. Sherman
Chairman, Forum
Congregation Shaare Tikvah
5800 North Kimball Avenue
Chicago 45, Illinois

My dear Dr. Sherman:

I deeply appreciate your gracious invitation to participate in your Forum during the forthcoming season.

I regret that due to the many commitments which I already have for the coming year, especially in connection with my work as National Chairman for Bonds for Israel, I am constrained to decline many invitations which normally I should be very happy and honored to accept.

With kind regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:sl

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

August 12, 1958

Dr. I. C. Pomerantz
West Suburban Temple
1040 No. Harlem Ave.
River Forest, Illinois

Dear Dr. Pomerantz:

Your telephone message requesting Dr. Abba Hillel Silver to lecture some time in March has been transmitted to the writer, but the information is inadequate for presentation to Dr. Silver.

Will you be kind enough to forward a letter containing all the pertinent data?

Sincerely yours,

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Miss Sophia Levine
Secretary to Dr. Silver



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Miss Sophia Levine
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Miss Levine:

In response to your request for information on our proposed Forum Series for 1958-59, we have the following scheduled:

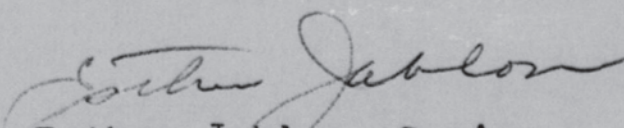
November - Maurice Samuel
January - The Halevi Choral Society
February - Jacob Benamy and a musical program
March - Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

Dr. Pomerantz spoke to Rabbi Silver on the telephone some time ago about the Forum we were planning. Rabbi Silver agreed to appear; the Fee was mutually agreeable; and Dr. Pomerantz was to inform Rabbi Silver about the exact date. Hence the telephone call.

The date we have in mind is March 25, 1959. We would very much appreciate confirmation of this date, and would also like to have the topic Rabbi Silver will speak on; publicity materials, and a glossy print of Rabbi Silver.

Thank you very much for an early reply to the above.

Very truly yours,


Esther Jablon, Sec'y

Chicago Sinai Congregation

5350 SOUTH SHORE DRIVE

Chicago 15

S. D. SCHWARTZ
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

June 16th, 1959

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

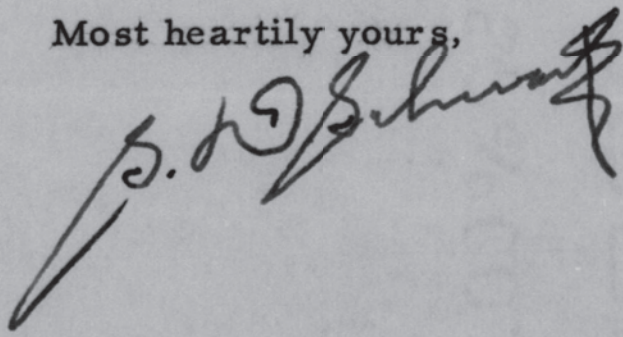
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am now arranging our Forum program for next season. You indicated in our conversation last year that you would be glad to accept our invitation to come the following season.

Would it be convenient for you to be with us on Tuesday evening, January 5th? It is now some few years since we had the joy of welcoming you as our guest on our Forum platform.

May we look forward to your acceptance of our invitation. Appreciative of an early reply and with very cordial greetings, I am

Most heartily yours,



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June 26, 1959

Mr. S.D. Schwartz
Executive Director
Chicago Sinai Congregation
5350 South Shore Drive
Chicago 13, Illinois

My dear friend:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of June 16th and your gracious invitation to participate in the Sinai Forum on January 5th. I should very much love to come but in all probability I shall not be in the country at that time. I am remaining in the city this summer in the hope that Mrs. Silver and I will be able to get away in the winter for five or six weeks as we did last year.

With warmest regards and all good wishes,
I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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June 29, 1959

Mr. S.D. Schwartz
Executive Director
Chicago Sinai Congregation
5350 South Shore Drive
Chicago 13, Illinois

My dear Schwartz:

I have re-checked my schedule. The meeting which I am to address in Denver in connection with Colorado's Centennial Celebration will be on November 25th. I could, therefore, be with Sinai Forum on Tuesday, November 24th. From Chicago I would then go on to Denver. If the date is agreeable, please let me know. I will send you a list of lecture topics from which you may wish to select one in which your audience would be most interested.

My honorarium would be \$500.00. With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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July 2, 1959

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
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Dear Dr. Silver:

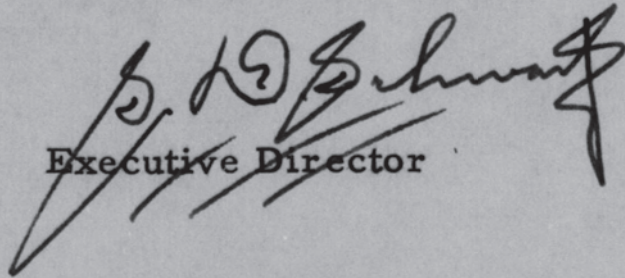
Thank you for your letter informing us that you can be with our Sinai Forum on Tuesday evening, November 24th. The date and honorarium are acceptable and we are definitely scheduling you accordingly.

I shall appreciate receiving from you a list of lecture topics at your early convenience.

With cordial greetings, I am

Heartily yours,

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Executive Director

International Diamond Jubilee Award Dinner to **Max Bressler**

Sunday, September 27, 1959, 6:00 p. m., Morrison Hotel, Chicago, Illinois



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U. S. A. The Land built by immigrants must keep its gates open to all who yearn for freedom

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
% Tifereth Israel Congregation
185 Amsel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

United Hias Service, the only Jewish migration agency in the world is celebrating its 75th Anniversary. To commemorate this Diamond Jubilee, an award of honor will be conferred on an outstanding immigrant in every major community in the United States and Canada who serves our country and the Jewish community in the field of immigration as well as in other communal activities.

In New York, General Sarnoff was given this Honor. The leading Jewish institutions in Chicago have decided that the recipient of such an award would be the well known community leader, Mr. Max Bressler.

Outstanding leaders and public figures in United States Jewery are serving as Honorary Chairmen together with Mr. Philip Klutznick who is General Chairman.

We would deem it a great honor to have your name listed as an Honorary Chairman and we sincerely hope that you will be able to join us at the Testimonial Dinner on September 27, 1959 at the Morrison Hotel.

Senator Herbert Lehman is our guest speaker.

There will also be top entertainment.

We are looking forward to hearing from you, and to have the privilege and pleasure of your presence at the above dinner.

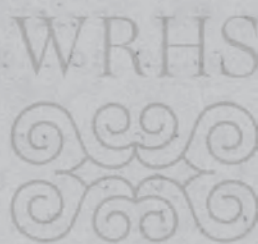
Very sincerely yours,

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D.S.
August 17, 1959

Mr. Morris DeWoskin
United Hias Service
Suite 515 - 130 North Wells
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Dewoskin:

Replying to your letter of July 30th - I shall be most happy to serve as an Honorary Chairman in connection with the International Diamond Jubilee Award Dinner which will be tendered to Mr. Max Bressler on September 27th. I am also appreciative of your gracious invitation to attend the Testimonial Dinner. At the present writing I am unable to say whether I shall be free to come to Chicago on that date.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Chicago Sinai Congregation

5350 SOUTH SHORE DRIVE

Chicago 15

S. D. SCHWARTZ
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

August 25, 1959

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

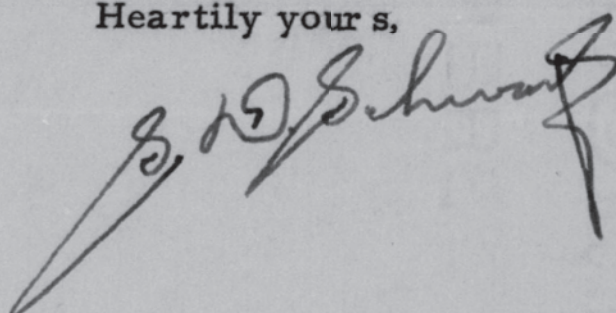
I am now trying to make final formulation of my Forum program and will ask that you kindly send me suggestions as to your theme of discussion on Tuesday evening, November 24th when we shall have the pleasure of your visit.

May I ask you to kindly send this data to me by early mail.

With cordial greetings, I am

Heartily your s,

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August 28, 1959

My dear friend:

I would suggest the following subjects
for the Forum meeting which I am to address:

- 1) "Man's Hopes in the Atomic Age"
- 2) "A New Reverence for Man's Mind and Spirit"
- 3) "The Parting and Meeting of the Ways" -
The Separation of Christianity
from Judaism
- 4) "Historic Breakthroughs"

Please select one and let me know.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I
remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Mr. S.D. Schwartz
Executive Director
Chicago Sinai Congregation
5350 South Shore Drive
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Sinai Temple Forum

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S. D. SCHWARTZ
Executive Director

September 25, 1959

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

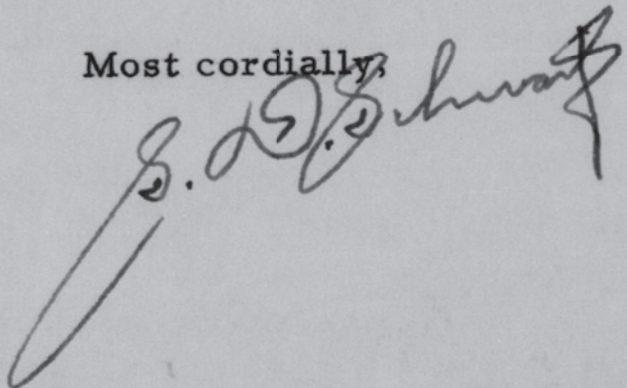
Dear Dr. Silver:

Please note that we have selected as the subject of your discussion, "Man's Hopes and Fears In The Age We Face," for your address on Tuesday evening, November 24th.

We shall appreciate your sending us by return mail a glossy picture of your self. We need this photo for our program announcement.

Appreciative of your favor, and with heartiest greetings for the New Year to you and yours,
I am

Most cordially,

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September 30, 1959

Mr. S.D. Schwartz
Sinai Temple Forum
5350 South Shore Drive
Chicago 15, Illinois

My dear Mr. Schwartz:

As requested in your letter of September 25th,
I am enclosing herewith a glossy photograph of
Dr. Silver as well as a biography which you might
like to see.

We note you have selected as the subject of Dr.
Silver's address: "Man's Hope and Fears in the
Age We face".

Dr. Silver has been out of the office due to
illness but is much better and asks me to convey
his best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely yours

Beatrice F. May(Mrs.)
Secretary to Dr. Silver

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November
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

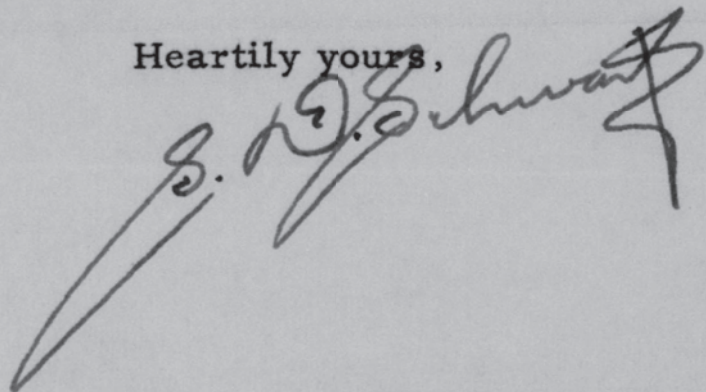
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your gracious kindness in sending your telegram of greetings anent the occasion of my 45th anniversary. I am indeed mindful of your thoughtfulness.

We are looking forward most eagerly to your visit with us on Tuesday evening, November 24th to speak on "Man's Hopes and Fears in the Age We Face."

With cordial greetings, I am

Heartily yours,

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November 19, 1959

My dear Lou:

My present plans are to arrive in Chicago on Monday afternoon, November 23rd at 3:52 P.M., on United Airlines Mainliner Flight #103 which leaves Cleveland at 3:30 P.M., Cleveland time. I have made sure that my plane will land at Midway.

I understand that you have made reservations for me at the Shoreland Hotel. I shall look forward with pleasure to seeing you and Ruth.

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Dr. Louis L. Mann
Chicago Sinai Congregation
5350 South Shore Drive
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Zionist Organization of America

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March 6, 1961

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

It has been quite some time since I have been in touch with you, and I do hope that you and yours are in the best of health and spirits.

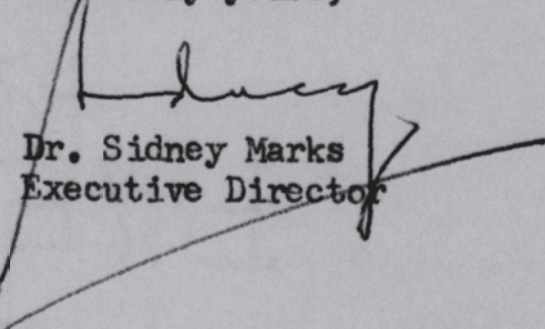
I have been requested to inquire whether you would honor the Chicago Zionist Region by your presence at a dinner which will honor Milton J. Silberman on April 19th, on the occasion of Israel Independence Day.

The occasion has a double meaning in that the proceeds of the dinner which is expected to be in the sum of \$25,000, --- will be utilized to build a teachers quadrangle at Kfar Silver.

I know that our people in Chicago would be deeply grateful if you could accept this invitation. I would appreciate hearing from you.

Accept my affectionate regards and please extend them to the family.

Sincerely yours,


Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

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"Service to American Jewry and Israel through Zionism"



D.S.E.

March 10, 1961

Dr. Sidney Marx
Executive Director
Zionist Organization
of America
145 East 32nd Street
New York 16, New York

My dear Sidney:

Thank you for your letter of March 6th. I should very much like to come to Chicago on April 19th. Unfortunately, I have a very important engagement during that week which necessitates my remaining in Cleveland. I hope that the evening in Chicago will be very successful.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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May 19, 1961

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shakespeare Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I heard your militant speech last night at the McCormick Theatre. It was a masterpiece, - powerful, convincing and beautiful.

I am writing to you in the capacity of chairman of the Chicago Anti-Heusinger Committee. We were told that you vehemently opposed his appointment to the high NATO post. I, therefore, take the liberty in writing this letter to you.

We have been successful to get Senator Morse to condemn this appointment in a speech, delivered April 18th in the Senate. He also wrote a few times to Secretary Rusk. However, he did not have authentic proof - such as copies of documents, etc. that Heusinger was part of the Nazi ideology, and that he sanctioned all the atrocities and killings on the Eastern Front. We are trying to obtain these copies - so that Senator Morse may present them to Secretary Rusk.

We are at present making arrangements for a second mass meeting for June 18th or 25th and we would like to have you as our main speaker. We know that with your eloquence and prestige, we could draw a great number of people to this meeting so that they could be enlightened about this appalling incident.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you can be with us on one of the above mentioned dates and also what expense it would involve.

Wishing you good health and a lot of "naches" from your son, the Rabbi, I remain

Cordially yours,

S. Burr Yampol
RABBI S. BURR YAMPOL
Chicago Anti-Heusinger
Committee

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Member of the American Nursing Home Association

DSW

May 29, 1961

My dear Rabbi Yampol:

Let me thank you for your letter of May 19th. I regret that I will not be able to attend the mass meeting, to which you refer, on June 18th or 25th.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Rabbi S. Burr Yampol
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

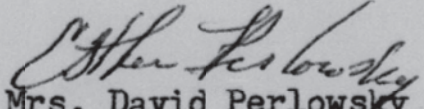
The Chicago Women's Division of the American Jewish Congress has since its inception, held an annual Hanukkah Breakfast as the highlight event of its program year. Guest speakers have been invited to focus attention on some aspect or aspects of the American Jewish Congress program - civil rights, Jewish identification, the concept of Jewish peoplehood, and support of Israel. Among our speakers in recent years who have addressed gatherings of approximately 1000 persons at these "Breakfasts" have been Honorable Adlai E. Stevenson, Dr. Robert Hutchins and Judge Justine Wise Polier.

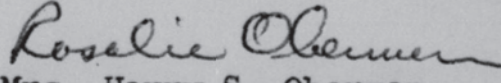
This year's Hanukkah Breakfast will be unusually significant since it will be commemorating the Silver Anniversary of the Chicago Women's Division. We would like to offer an award to you, who have made so tremendous a contribution to the founding and upbuilding of the Jewish State and who have so perfectly expressed the passion for social justice in the tradition of our prophets.

We would like to have you appear as the guest speaker at our Silver Anniversary Hanukkah Breakfast on Monday, December 4th, 11:30 A.M. in the Grand Ballroom of the Morrison Hotel in Chicago. We will of course, take care of all expenses involved.

Please let us know at your earliest convenience whether you will honor us with your presence.

Sincerely yours,


Mrs. David Perlow
Chairman Hanukkah Breakfast


Mrs. Harry S. Oberman
President

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September 22, 1961

Mrs. Harry S. Oberman
President
Chicago Women's Division
American Jewish Congress
189 West Madison Street
Chicago 2, Illinois

My dear Mrs. Oberman:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of September 21st and for your gracious invitation to attend the Silver Anniversary of the Chicago Women's Division of the American Jewish Congress. I am honored that you wish to offer a reward to me on that occasion but I deeply regret that I will be unable to attend this function. I shall probably be out of the country during the months of December and January.

With warmest regards and all good wishes for the New Year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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July 5, 1962

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Senior Adult Department of the Jewish Community Centers of Chicago, is sponsoring a citywide one day conference in November on the "Role of the Senior Adult in Our Society." Our goal is an attempt to change society's image of the senior and more important his self-image. To do this, we need help and that must be from a man of your insight and your vision.

We are fully aware of your manifold involvements, but are earnestly hoping that you have Sunday, November 4 or any other Sunday in November, suitable to your convenience, that you might be free to share with us in our attempt to give a positive focus and dignity to the senior adult.

Our senior adult program representing twenty senior adult groups and 2500 members, 65 years of age and over, has been in existence sixteen years. We deem it extremely important to call upon the best in Jewish leadership today to help our people face the challenge of the modern frontier with respect to the new generation of the aged.

We will be able to pay transportation and expenses plus a nominal honorarium.

Our department is eagerly looking forward to an affirmative reply.

Sincerely,

William Siegel
William Siegel, Supervisor
MAYER KAPLAN SENIOR ADULT CENTER

D.S.E.

July 5, 1962

My dear Mr. Siegel:

Let me thank you for your letter of July 5th and for your gracious invitation to address the conference which the Senior Adult Department of the Jewish Community Centers of Chicago has scheduled for November. I wish I could accept. Unfortunately, it will not be possible for me to go away from Cleveland on any Sunday in November. I wish you every success for your planned conference.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Mr. William Siegel
Supervisor
Mayer Kaplan Senior
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January 21, 1963

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. Ansel Rd.
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

For the past nineteen years we have been commemorating the Uprising of the Warsaw Ghetto. The enclosed clippings are self-explanatory.

It will give you some idea of the annoyances we endure at the hands of a few embittered and biased persons, chief among them is, Jacob Siegel, editor of the Jewish Daily Forward. He consistently hurls the smear at us that we are "REDS".

The fact that Rabbi Abraham E. Abramowitz, Rabbi Emeritus of Albany Park Hebrew Congregation, and Cantor Moses Silverman and Ben Aronin of Anshe Emet Synagogue, participated in our Memorial meetings for many years, gives ample testimony that the meetings were conducted with reverence and dignity to sanctify the memory of our Kedoshim.

We therefor, extend to you a most cordial invitation to be our guest speaker at this 20th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. The city-wide meeting will take place on Sunday April 7th, in the grand ballroom of the Sherman Hotel.

Kindly let us know as to your availability and honorarium, at your earliest. I can think of nobody else who can so well memorialize our 6 million martyrs than you. Awaiting your early reply, I am

Faithfully yours

Herman Bush
Herman Bush, president

P. S. Please note that I have been on the Board of Governors for Israel Bonds for many years, so that we have a great deal in common.

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January 23, 1963

My dear Mr. Bush:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of January 21st and for your invitation to address the Twentieth Anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising on Sunday, April 7th. Unfortunately, I am unable to accept your gracious invitation as I shall be in Israel at that time.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Mr. Herman Bush
President
Mid-West Jewish Council
130 N. Wells Street
Chicago 6, Illinois

LEONARD J. MERVIS, PH.D., *Rabbi*
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OAK PARK TEMPLE

B'nai Abraham Zion

March 22, 1963



*Dr. Silver
Has this been
answered?*

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Tifereth Israel (The Temple)
East 105th St. & Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In 1964 my congregation will mark the 100th anniversary of its founding, and we are now planning our centennial program.

The first event will be the annual meeting which will be held on a Sunday evening in January; either the 18th or the 25th. We can think of no higher tribute to the occasion than to have you as our speaker. You may have your choice of dates. We are hopeful that you will accept. We know that your presence and address will be of great inspiration to all of us.

Best wishes.

Cordially,

Leonard J. Mervis

Rabbi Leonard J. Mervis

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P.S. If you can come will you please let me know what the honorarium will be.

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May 3, 1963

My dear Rabbi Mervis:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your letter of March 22nd. I have been out of the country much of the time.

I deeply appreciate your gracious invitation and I should very much like to come. Unfortunately, I cannot commit myself to engagements so far ahead. In all likelihood I shall be out of the country at that time.

With warmest regards and all good wishes for your centennial celebration, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Rabbi Leonard J. Mervis
Oak Park Temple
1235 North Harlem Avenue
Oak Park, Illinois

D.S. a'

April 22, 1963

My dear Mr. Watt:

I deeply appreciate your gracious invitation to deliver the commencement address at Wooster but checking on my calendar, I find that pressures of work will make it impossible. I am just unable to take on any additional lecture responsibilities. Perhaps at some future time I may be able to be of service to you.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Mr. Leroy Watt
Superintendent of Schools
Wooster, Ohio

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September 25, 1963.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver,

For the past twenty years we have been commemorating the Uprising of the Warsaw Ghetto in Chicago, Illinois. The enclosed pamphlet is self-explanatory.

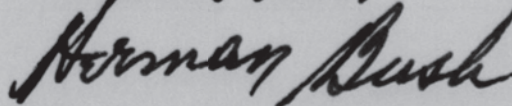
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We therefore, extend to you a most cordial invitation to be our guest speaker at this twenty-first anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. The city-wide meeting will take place on Sunday April 19th, 1964 at 2:00 P.M. in the Grand Ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel.

Kindly let us know as to your availability and honorarium, at your earliest, I can think of nobody else who can so well memorialize our six million martyrs than you. Awaiting your early reply, I am

Faithfully yours,



Herman Bush, president

P.S. Please note that I have been on the Board of Governors for Israel Bonds since its inception. Last year you were unable to be our guest, as you were in Israel.

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October 2, 1963

My dear Mr. Bush:

Thank you for your gracious invitation to address the twenty-first anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising on Sunday, April 19, 1964. I am deeply appreciative of your thoughtfulness in inviting me, but I am unable to commit myself this far in advance. In all likelihood I shall be out of the country at that time, as I was this year.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Mr. Herman Bush
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