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*"One who saves one human soul is considered as though
he had saved the world"—Talmud*

September
Twentieth
Nineteen Seventeen.

Rabbi Abba Hillell Silver,
The Temple,
E. 55th & Central,
City.

My dear Rabbi:-

The chairman of the Entertainment Committee,
Mr. B. B. Given, reported of your acceptance of his
invitation to give a talk to our members, and at the
same time get acquainted at our next quarterly meeting,
Sunday October 14th, at the Home 2200 E. 40th St.

You no doubt will be interested to know that
our meeting starts at 2:30, regular business lasts about
one hour, and at 3:30 we expect to be ready to turn the
meeting over to the Entertainment Committee.

The reason of the above explanation is to give
you an opportunity to arrange your time accordingly.

With compliments of the season, and many thanks
for your kindness.

Sincerely yours,

Max Rosenblum
President.

**EMIL JOSEPH
ATTORNEY AT LAW
HANNA BUILDING
CLEVELAND**

July
Sixth,
1922.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple, E. 55th & Central Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

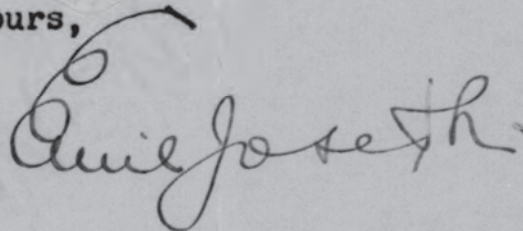
Dear Rabbi:

You are probably aware that the Orphan Home has inaugurated the practice, as part of its Americanization plan, of celebrating all the National Holidays. On the Fourth we had a wonderful celebration with Judge Sullivan of the Court of Appeals as the orator. The next Holiday which we will celebrate will be Thanksgiving Day and while it is "A Long Trail" to Thanksgiving Day, still knowing how much you are in demand, I am not taking any chances and invite you to deliver the sermon at the Orphan Home on that day. I assure you that you will have a large and appreciative audience.

Please write me that you will accept and make the necessary memorandum on your diary.

With regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,



Emil Joseph

July 7th, 1922.

Mr. Emil Joseph,
Hanna Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Joseph,

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address the Orphan Home on Thanksgiving Day next. I feel very much tempted to accept the invitation. I hesitate but for this fact. We have been in the practice of holding a joint Thanksgiving Service with all the other Protestant Churches in the city. Last year, you will recall, I addressed the Service at the Opera House. We may hold a very large Community Service this year at the New Auditorium, and I am afraid that it would not be the right thing for me to be away from that Service. If other plans are adopted I shall get in touch with you.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Feb. 13, 1928.

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

My dear Rabbi:

I find it difficult to express to you the peculiar pride I experienced as a result of your inspiring address last night. It may be just another compliment when I say that you rose above your audience and lifted the crowd to the heights, but I am taking the chance because I personally was astounded, not only with the grace and beauty of your thought, but with the ease and simplicity with which you presented so-called professional material. It was a real joy, and I am sure the city will be humming for some time with what you had to say.

I hope you do not mind this personal note.

Sincerely,

Michael Sharlitt

MS:N

~~LADIES AUXILIARY~~
Orthodox Jewish Orphan Home
 בית מחסה ליתומים

879 PARKWOOD DRIVE



CLEVELAND, OHIO

Feb. 24, 1926

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
 The Temple,
 E. 105th & Ansel Rd.,
 Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am taking the liberty of asking you if it will be possible for you to address a joint meeting of the Senior and Junior Ladies Auxiliaries at our auditorium either on March 10th or 24th. We would appreciate it greatly if you could spare any one of the above named dates for us. If these dates are not open, we will be glad to have you name any day that is convenient for you.

Hoping to hear from you favorably, I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

JN:RS

ORTHODOX JEWISH ORPHAN HOME

J. Neshkes
 President.

*Considered somewhat out of date
 very sorry
 to hear from*

February Twenty-sixth
1926

Mr. J. Neshkes,
P r e s i d e n t,
Orthodox Jewish Orphan Home,
879 Parkwood Drive,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Neshkes,

I wish I could see my way clear to accept your kind invitation to address the meeting of the Ladies Auxiliaries which you extend to me in your letter of the twenty-fourth, but I fear I must decline. I have a very heavy speaking schedule for the month of March, many of the appointments being out of the city, and I do not care to take on any additional obligations ~~at this~~ *for this* ~~season.~~ *season*

I trust that at some future time I may have an opportunity of serving you.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th & Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am very sorry to note
from your letter of February 26th that you
will be unable to honor us with an address at
a joint meeting of our Ladies Auxiliaries.

Hoping that at some time
in the near future you will find it convenient
to honor us, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

JN:RS

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Card

April 12, 1929.

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

My dear Rabbi:

I understand from Mr. Meisel that you have been good enough to accept the invitation to officiate at our Confirmation exercises and that you have designated Sunday morning, June 9th as the date. Our exercises generally begin at ten o'clock and we shall regard that as the time if this is agreeable to you.

Let me say that we always regard it as an experience of significance in the life of the Home when you can be with us, and this year, particularly, your presence will undoubtedly add additional meaning to the Confirmation for reasons that will be obvious to you.

I know the children will be particularly glad to hear that you will officiate. If there are any details in connection with the exercises that you would like to talk over or that you would like to have your secretary consult us about we shall be only too happy to put ourselves at your disposal.

With kindest greetings to you and yours from all of us here, believe me,

Sincerely,

Michael Sharlitt

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November 4, 1929.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

I had little opportunity to see you yesterday but even if I had it would have been impossible for me to express to you in behalf of everybody at Bellefaire, from the youngest child to the most venerable and the most responsible of our Board, the sense of gratitude we feel for the courtesy you showed us in sharing so prominently in the Dedication of our Home. Your presence anywhere is an occasion of importance. Your presence yesterday and your utterances completed the spirit of Dedication in a manner beautifully befitting the high purposes for which all of us are striving.

I do wish that the children themselves could have enjoyed the privilege of hearing you. In our day to day program we count on inspiration as the greatest means of awakening the best in our children. We are especially anxious that even though they be children they glean something of the spiritual and philosophic in life.

I know of no one who could have completed the invocation of the highest purposes and vows and the consecration of Bellefaire, like yourself, and in behalf of the entire Bellefaire family I beg to most heartily thank you. I do hope that you and Mrs. Silver will find it possible to be with us from time to time.

Sincerely,

Michael Sharlitt

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November 11, 1935

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road and E. 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It is with a feeling of sincere gladness that we are taking the liberty of inviting you, as our principal speaker, to our 4th annual banquet, to be held on Sunday, February 16th at the Jewish Center. It seems that we find it extremely difficult to wait a full year for your appearance at the Bazaar. We, therefore, ardently desire that you and Mrs. Silver participate in this happy occasion where we expect over five hundred of Cleveland Jewry to demonstrate their loyalty and devotion to the cause of our institution.

Anticipating an early and favorable reply, we remain,

Sincerely yours,

AP:MB

ORTHODOX JEWISH ORPHAN HOME

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President

Max Treshansky
Chairman of Banquet

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November 26, 1935

Mr. R. Permut, President,
Orthodox Jewish Orphan Home,
879 Parkwood Drive,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Permut:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of November 11 and for the invitation which you extend to me to participate in your fourth annual banquet on Sunday evening, February 16. I appreciate deeply your invitation. It is always a pleasure to meet with the members of your splendid organization. Unfortunately, I shall be out of the city on February 16 for I accepted, some months ago, an invitation to address the faculty and students of Purdue University on that day.

Hoping that your meeting will be very successful,
I remain

Cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

Bellefaire

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Fairmount and Belvoir Boulevards, Cleveland

— P. O. BOX 3564 —

FRED LAZARUS, JR., PRESIDENT
COLUMBUS OHIO

MICHAEL SHARLITT
SUPERINTENDENT

March 12, 1937

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

My dear Rabbi:

Answering your very kind letter of March 11th, I may say that we shall be glad to have you officiate on the afternoon of May 23rd.

The only additional suggestion I would make is that you fix the time as early in the afternoon as is convenient for you.

Won't you let me know, Rabbi, since we have accepted your date, whether we may close the matter and definitely schedule our confirmation accordingly.

Sincerely,

Michael Sharlitt

MS:LS

March 15, 1937

Mr. Michael Sharlitt,
Bellefaire,
Fairmount and Belvoir Boulevards,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Sharlitt:

I shall be very pleased to officiate
at the confirmation services of your class on
Sunday afternoon, May 23rd. I think that 2:30 o'clock
would be a convenient hour.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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COLUMBUS OHIO

MICHAEL SHARLITT
SUPERINTENDENT

March 16, 1937

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

My dear Rabbi:

Thanks so much for your kind note of March 15th in which you advise that you will officiate at the confirmation exercises at Bellefaire on Sunday afternoon, May 23rd. In accordance with your letter, we shall plan to begin at two-thirty.

Let me assure you of our deep appreciation for your valued courtesy. I know the children will be exceedingly happy to learn that you will be with us.

I trust this finds you and yours well. With kind regards from all in our campus and personal households, believe me,

Sincerely,

Michael Sharlitt

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November 10, 1937

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road at E. 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Because you have always cooperated with us and with others working for the betterment of institutions such as ours, it is our pleasant task to invite you again to be our guest speaker at the 6th annual banquet of the Orphan Home, to be held on Sunday, February 27th at the institution.

It is encouraging to us to know that the representative Cleveland Jewry, who yearly attend this affair, look forward to your presence with a great deal of anticipation and pleasure, and we do not, therefore, hesitate to call upon you, though we realize how very busy you are.

We shall hope that Mrs. Silver and yourself will join us on this occasion to inspire the citizenship of our city in our noble cause and its humaneness.

Awaiting your favorable reply, we are,

Sincerely yours,

PA:MM

ORTHODOX JEWISH ORPHAN HOME

President

Chairman of Banquet

November 18, 1937

Mr. Aaron Permut, President,
Orthodox Jewish Orphan Home,
879 Parkwood Drive,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Permut:

Let me thank you for your kind letter and for the invitation which you extend to me to attend the annual banquet of the Orphan Home on Sunday, February 27. I appreciate your invitation and I shall do my utmost to attend. You realize, of course, that the date is considerably in the future and that there may be congregational duties that evening or an important out of town engagement which might make it impossible for me to attend. But barring such eventualities, I shall be with you.

With all good wishes for success,
permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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November 28, 1937

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road at E. 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We were very happy to have your letter of acceptance as guest speaker for our 6th annual banquet which will be held on Sunday, February 27th at 6 P.M. at the Orphan Home, 879 Parkwood Drive.

Your presence will, without question, stimulate the interest of those good people who feel an interest in things philanthropic and have an especial feeling for the children of the Orphan Home.

The two complimentary tickets herewith are for the use of yourself and your very charming wife whom we hope will find it possible to attend with you.

We gratefully acknowledge your cooperation and friendship and trust that nothing will stand in the way of your being with us on February 27th.

Very sincerely yours,

ORTHODOX JEWISH ORPHAN HOME

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March 9, 1938

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road at E. 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

In the name of our officers and members permit me to convey to you our heartiest thanks for having honored us with your presence as the guest speaker at our annual banquet, held on Sunday, February 27th.

It was indeed a joy to hear your inspiring address on that occasion.

I assure you that the influence of your presence has given us added inspiration to carry on our noble work with a greater measure and degree of enthusiasm.

Respectfully yours,

ORTHODOX JEWISH ORPHAN HOME

Tobias J. Davis
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NNH:MM

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January 5, 1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o The Temple
E. 105 St. and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It is with a feeling of sincere happiness that we are taking the liberty of inviting you as our principal speaker at our seventh annual Banquet, to be held on Sunday, February 26, at the Home.

It seems that it has become a custom to have you and Mrs. Silver with us to participate in this happy event. We earnestly hope that you will grant us the privilege and honor of accepting our invitation as a friend of the Home. Yours and Mrs. Silver's presence will surely be an inspiration to the representatives of Cleveland Jewry who will be present at our Banquet.

I await your favorable reply.

Respectfully yours,

ORTHODOX JEWISH ORPHAN HOME

Joseph Fox
Superintendent

JF:JK

January 31, 1939

Mr. Joseph Fox, Superintendent
Orthodox Jewish Orphan Home
897 Parkwood Drive
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Fox:

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

I deeply appreciate your kind invitation to attend the Banquet of the Orthodox Jewish Orphan Home on Sunday February 26. Things being what they are, I cannot commit myself to a definite engagement this far ahead. I am frequently called out of the city in connection with the work of the United Jewish Appeal; also, as you well know, Sunday evening is a popular time for weddings. I shall therefore accept your invitation tentatively and if I am not able to come, I am sure that you will understand that some important reason has made it impossible.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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March 6, 1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o The Temple
Ansel Rd. and E. 105 St.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Please accept my sincere thanks for honoring us with your presence and being our guest speaker at our Annual Banquet.

I know how dear this institution is to you; I am sure, therefore, that you saw how much inspiration you brought to those assembled, by your presence.

I can assure you that the Board of Directors and Officers, as well as the children, appreciate your kindness very much, and we hope that in the years to come, you will again honor us with your presence, as you have done these many years.

Thanking you again, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

ORTHODOX JEWISH ORPHAN HOME

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August 5, 1940

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On behalf of the officers and directors of the Orthodox Jewish Orphan Home, I have the singular honor of extending to you a most cordial invitation to attend the opening of our Eleventh Annual Bazaar which will take place on Sunday evening, August 25th at the Home grounds.

I am fully aware of your profound loyalty to our institution and of your sympathetic understanding of the work we are doing for the underprivileged child. On many occasions you have expressed in most eloquent terms your confidence in and affection for our institution and its work.

The Eleventh Annual Bazaar which has become a tradition in the Jewish Communal life of this city serves a double purpose; it helps the Home financially and it also tends to focus the attention of the Jewish Community to the work of our institution. The moral aspect of the Bazaar is as important to us as the economic one. The week of the Bazaar is a real pilgrimage to the Home. Literally thousands of people from all over the city pass through the gates of our Home during the Bazaar week.

We are therefore of the opinion that your presence at the opening of the Bazaar will add to the moral value of this great enterprise.

Hoping that you will be in a position to be with us on the opening date, I remain

Sincerely yours,

ORTHODOX JEWISH ORPHAN HOME

A. Permut

Aaron Permut
President

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Rabbi Abba H. Silver

The Temple

Ansel Road and East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It again affords me great pleasure to extend to you a most cordial invitation to be the guest speaker at the Annual Banquet of the Orthodox Jewish Orphan Home which will be held on Sunday evening, February 16, 1941 at the Jewish Center.

Your presence at our Annual Banquet has become a beautiful tradition which has always lended dignity to the occasion and I can assure you that our many friends and guests are looking forward to hearing you at this affair.

I sincerely hope that it will be possible for you to accept our invitation and be with us at that time.

Sincerely yours,

ORTHODOX JEWISH ORPHAN HOME

Aaron Permut

Aaron Permut
President

December 13, 1940

Mr. Aaron Permut, President
Orthodox Jewish Orphan Home
879 Parkwood Drive
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friend:

I greatly appreciate your kind invitation to address the Annual Banquet of the Orthodox Jewish Orphan Home on Sunday, February 16. I should, of course, be very happy to come, but I am not at all certain that I shall be in the city at that time. My present plans call for a tour of the Pacific Coast in connection with the campaign for the United Jewish Appeal during the month of February. I would therefore suggest that you arrange to have someone else address your Banquet, and if I am in the city, and free, I shall be happy to stop in during the evening and convey a few words of greeting to your people.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

In behalf of Bellefaire, we want to express our appreciation for your participation in our Seventy-Fifth Anniversary celebration. The fact that you were with us, and your giving of the prayer, added much to the spiritual quality of the occasion.

We are deeply grateful for your fine friendship and interest.

Sincerely yours,

Frank E. Joseph
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