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Colorado Springs, Colorado, 1924-1938.

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October 9, 1924

LITTLE BUILDING, ROOM 1243
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MASS

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

There is to be a new forum in Colorado Springs, Colorado, the coming season. The meetings are to be held at three o'clock on Sunday afternoons from November 9th to March 1st, possibly March 29th.

The forum leader has sent us a long list of speakers whom they would like to secure hoping that, at least, some of them will be available as far west as Colorado Springs, and that their terms will be within reach. The forum is planning to pay fifty dollars flat and can occasionally afford a seventy-five dollar fee.

If you see any possibility of being with them, I shall be very glad indeed to have you drop me a line stating the date and the fee you would require. The forum is being extremely well organized and it is of vital importance that they have just the right speakers this first season particularly.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
East 55th St. and Central
Cleveland, Ohio

Sincerely yours,

Mildred C. Smith
Executive Secretary

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October Eleventh
1924

Miss Mildred C. Smith
Open Forum Speakers Bureau
Little Building, 80 Boylston St.,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Smith,

Permit me to thank you for your letter of October ninth. I regret that I shall not be able to accept the invitation to address the forum at Colorado Springs during the coming winter. Much as I should like to make the trip, I really cannot see my way clear to doing so this season.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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B'nai B'rith

COLORADO SPRINGS LODGE No. 523

Colorado Springs, Colo.

April 4, 1938

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We have just learned that you have been selected as the keynote speaker at the forthcoming convention of District Grand Lodge No. 2, B'nai B'rith, which convenes in Denver, Colorado June 19th.

Colorado Springs Lodge, B'nai B'rith, and the Jewish Community of Colorado Springs would like very much to have you deliver an address either the evening preceding or the evening following your Denver address. It is our intention to sponsor a Brotherhood Meeting to be held in our Municipal Auditorium, inviting a Minister of the Protestant Faith, and a Priest from the Catholic church as companion speakers. Immeasurable good will redound to the Jewish Community, long without a spiritual leader.

In addition, an invitation will be extended to all delegates to the Colorado State Federation of Labor to attend, inasmuch as their convention will be in session at that time.

If it is possible for you to come to Colorado Springs we shall be greatly honored. May we hear from you at your earliest convenience?

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

B'nai B'rith Lodge No. 523

by *Levix Ziman*

April 15, 1938

Mr. Louis Ziman,
B'nai B'rith Lodge No. 523,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

My dear Mr. Ziman:

I appreciate your kind letter of April 4 inviting me to address the B'nai B'rith Lodge of Colorado Springs on the occasion of my visit to Denver in connection with the convention of District Grand Lodge No. 2. Much as I would like to accept your invitation, I am afraid that I must decline. I shall be in Denver just for the day and must return East to attend important conventions where I am scheduled to speak.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

Colorado Springs, Colorado

May 21, 1938

Rabbi Abba ^Hiller Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Most Reverend Sir:

The Committee on entertainment and speakers of the Federated Trades Council of Colorado Springs have requested me to write a letter to you extending an invitation for you to attend a mass meeting to be held in the City Auditorium in Colorado Springs on the evening of June 20.

The Forty-third Annual Convention of the Colorado State Federation of Labor convenes in Colorado Springs on June 20.

The Committee feels that to have a mass meeting on Monday evening, to which the public would be invited to hear addresses by yourself and other distinguished guests would add to the occasion, and as most of the labor and political leaders of the State will be here at that time, an opportunity would be given the speakers to address the gathering which would be of incalculable value to the citizens of the State.

I have been informed by some of the prominent Jews of this section that you will be in Colorado about that time, and it would, indeed, be a great pleasure to have such an outstanding leader as yourself address this meeting.

We have extended an invitation to the President of the United States; the Governor of Colorado; the two United States Senators; Congressman John A. Martin; Miss Josephine Roche and Mr. Phillip Hornbein of Denver and others.

If you could favor us with an address we would appreciate it very much.

Hoping to hear from you in the near future, and with best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

James McCoy
James McCoy,
Superintendent

May 25, 1938

Mr. James McCoy, Superintendent,
Union Printers Home,
Colorado Springs, Colo.

My dear Mr. McCoy:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of May 21 and for the invitation which you extend to me to address the annual convention of the Colorado State Federation of Labor in Colorado Springs on June 20. I would have been most happy to accept your invitation if I were free to come to Colorado Springs on June 20. But I will not be able to leave Cleveland in time to keep such an engagement. I am scheduled to address the B'nai B'rith Convention in Denver on June 22 and my present plan is to arrive just in time for that meeting.

I regret that I must forego the opportunity of being with you at your convention. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes and thanking you again for the courtesy of your invitation, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK