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To Ethel Sharpe

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ME TO LEAVE CLEVELAND DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER. HAVE BEEN AWAY FOR

THREE MONTHS FROM THE COUNTRY AND MUST DEVOTE MYSELF TO MY WORK HERE. WISH

YOU EVERY SUCCESS

Abba Hillel Silver

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COLUMBIA

September 19, 1940

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

For many years it has been the ambition of our State Conference to have you attend and address our group. Several years ago the invitation was extended, but a previous engagement prevented your acceptance.

We should be deeply grateful to you if you could arrange to come and address our group at our opening session on the evening of October 29 or the evening session of the 30th on the topic, "The Outlook for America". You will never realize how much we need you at this time, for the message which you could bring would be very stimulating to our group and other interested citizens who would be eager to hear your message.

As you may know, our Conference resources are very limited; therefore, we are eager to learn the financial arrangements which would be necessary for your visit. For your convenience in replying we are enclosing a self-addressed special delivery envelope.

Very sincerely yours,

Adele J. Minahan
Adele J. Minahan
Executive Secretary

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NEXT ANNUAL CONVENTION, COLUMBIA, S. C., OCTOBER 29, 30, 31, 1940

THEME -- "PREPARE TO MEET THE CHALLENGE OF THE '40's"

September 23, 1940

Mis Adele J. Minahan, Executive Secretary
The South Carolina Conference of Social Work
1119 Barnwell St.
Columbia, S.C.

My dear Miss Minahan:

Let me thank you for your letter of September 19. I wish I were free to come to you on October 29 or 30. It would have afforded me a great deal of pleasure, but I am scheduled to address the social workers of Cleveland on the 29, and the University of Michigan on the 30.

I am still hoping that someday I may be able to come to you. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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COLUMBIA

September 25, 1940

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are just so sorry that you are
not free to come to us for our State Conference.
We shall hope for better luck next time.

Very cordially yours,

Adele J. Minahan
Adele J. Minahan
Executive Secretary

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1119 Barnwell Street
Columbia, South Carolina
September 5, 1941

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Last year our invitation to you to attend our Annual Conference came too late, so this year we are writing a little earlier and we sincerely hope that you are free to come and address our group on the evening of October 29, at eight o'clock. The Conference is meeting in Columbia.

The theme for the Conference "Protection of Human Values In a National Crisis" would be a stimulating topic for your offering or any other timely topic of your own selection, would be satisfactory.

For your convenience in replying we are enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope, and we hope that you can come to us, for we need the thought provoking message which you would bring.

Gratefully yours,

Adele Johnston Minahan
Adele Johnston Minahan
Executive Secretary

NEXT ANNUAL CONVENTION, COLUMBIA, S. C., OCTOBER 29, 30, 31, 1941

September 9, 1941

Miss Adele Johnston Minahan, Executive Secretary
The South Carolina Conference of Social Work
1119 Barnwell Street
Columbia, S. Carolina

My dear Miss Minahan:

I deeply appreciate your kind invitation to address the South Carolina Conference of Social Work on the evening of October 29. I am particularly appreciative of the fact that you have invited me a second time. But unfortunately I am not in a position even at this time to avail myself of your kindness. I am planning a tour of the Pacific Coast at that time in behalf of overseas relief.

I trust that your Conference will be greatly successful. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Tree of Life Congregation
Columbia, S. C.

MELVIN S. HARRIS, SECRETARY
401 SO. WACCAMAW AVE.

September 11, 1945

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have been reading about your activity and the fine work being done in London at the Zionist Conference.

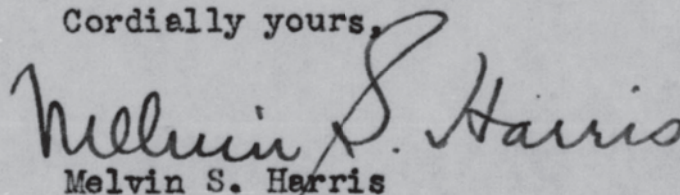
Last April I wrote to you, telling you about our congregation and the fact that we would celebrate our fiftieth Anniversary on February 2, 1946. I mentioned in the letter that we were desirous of having with us the outstanding Jewish speaker in the country, and that it was the unanimous decision of our committee that the invitation be extended to you.

In your reply you said that you will not know about your schedule until the High Holidays, and suggested that I write you at that time.

This letter, then, is to extend anew our invitation to be our speaker at our fiftieth Anniversary dinner on February 2, 1946. We realize you are a busy man, but hope most earnestly that you will be with us. All of us are looking forward to meeting and hearing you.

Please let me hear favorably from you at your early convenience. With all good wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year, I remain.

Cordially yours,


Melvin S. Harris

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MISS ADELE J. MINAHAN, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
COLUMBIA

September 15, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver :

We are so sorry that a previous commitment will not permit you to attend our Conference. Some day we are still hoping to enjoy the pleasure of having you with us.

May Good Luck follow you in your tour of the Pacific coast in behalf of overseas relief.

Cordially yours,

Adele Johnston Minahan
Adele Johnston Minahan
Executive Secretary

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	Arr Charleston	4:45 p.m.
Delta	lv	4:36 p.m.
	Arr Columbia	5:24

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arr. Cincinnati 9:50 p.m.

Lv " 10:00

arr Columbia 4:45 p.m. - next day
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Tree of Life Congregation
Columbia, S. C.

MYRON W. JACOBS, RABBI
5606 1003 BARNWELL ST.

April 25, 1945.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On February 2nd, 1945, our congregation will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary. We are planning an appropriate celebration, albeit in keeping with the times.

We are a small congregation, but active and interested in the finest in Judaism. At our dinner we should like the outstanding Jewish speaker in the country. We shall deem it an honor and privilege for you to accept our invitation to be speaker at our fiftieth anniversary dinner.

We realize how busy you are, and, therefore, extend this invitation at this early date. We are desirous, of course, of paying your expenses.

We sincerely hope that you will find it within your power to be with us. It was the unanimous decision of our committee that this invitation be extended to you.

Looking forward to an early and a favorable reply, I am,

Respectfully yours,

MELVIN S. HARRIS
Chairman

May 10, 1945

Mr. Melvin S. Harris, Secretary
Tree of Life Congregation
401 So. Waccamaw Ave.
Columbia 48, S.C.

My dear Mr. Harris:

Please pardon the 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 appreciate very much your kindness in inviting me to participate in the fiftieth anniversary celebration of your congregation on February 2, 1946. I should like to come, but I cannot at the present writing, commit myself to a date so far away. I will not know until after the High Holy Days next Fall whether my schedule will permit my accepting your kind invitation. You may wish to write me then.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 2, 1945

Mr. Melvin S. Harris, Secretary
Tree of Life Congregation
401 So. Waccamaw Ave.
Columbia, S. C.

My dear Mr. Harris:

Please pardon the long delay in replying to your communications. As you know, much has happened in recent weeks in connection with Palestine which has compelled me to devote nearly all of my time to this cause.

I regret very much that I will be unable to come to you on February 2. Were I free, I should be most happy to be with you. There is a possibility that I will be out of the country at that time. I would suggest that you contact the Vice-President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, Dr. A. J. Feldman, who may be free to come and join with you in your celebration.

Wishing you every success, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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THE TEMPLE EAST 105 ST AT ANSEL ROAD PHONE AT

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WE ARE MOST ANXIOUS TO COMPLETE PLAN FOR OUR FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY ON FEBRUARY 2ND 1946.; AS WE WANT TO PRINT OUR PROGRAM IN A BOOK NOW BEING PUBLISHED ABOUT OUR CONGREGATION I SHALL APPRECIATE A FAVORABLE REPLY TO MY LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 11 SO THAT WE MAY PRECEED ACCORDINGLY=

MELVIN S HARRIS 401 S WACCAMAW AVENUE.

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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 5, 1956

My dear Rabbi Silver :

This letter is a "follow-up" to a telephone conversation I had with your wife while you were in Israel. Although it delayed somewhat our plans, we were so anxious that you should be with us that we deferred our plans until your return and are submitting by letter what we told Mrs. Silver.

The first building on our campus was the chapel, located on what we affectionately call our "Old Horseshoe." This chapel is over one hundred and fifty years old. Recently, at considerable expense and with infinite affection, it has been completely restored and is today the most hallowed building on our campus. It is our purpose to dedicate it exclusively to interdenominational religious services. To symbolize this dedication, we are endeavoring to arrange separate Catholic, Protestant and Jewish dedication services. We are seeking the acknowledged authentic voices of these faiths as the spokesmen of their respective faiths on these programs.

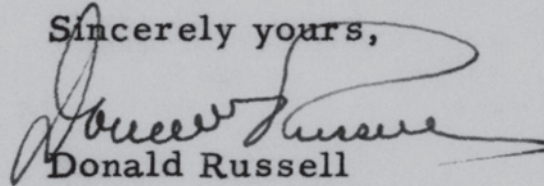
While I am a Christian, I, in common with Americans generally, recognize in you the towering symbol and the strong voice of Judaism in America. It is accepted that you do, for your denomination, represent most authentically its ideals, its hope, and its aspirations. For that reason, we most specially invite you to undertake the Jewish services in connection with this dedication. While we would like a date in early May, we would accommodate ourselves to your own calendar. Of course, we would like the services to be during a school year.

So far as we can ascertain, you have never spoken in this general area. Your faith has many members in this section; the members of that faith occupy positions of honor and respect among us. I know that all the members of your faith in the Carolinas would share with us the pleasure in having so compelling a personality as you to represent them and the larger body of which they are a part on such an occasion as that we have outlined. In short, your visit would be not only a climax in the life of the University but would be also a matter of deepest pride to your many co-religionists in this entire Southeast area.

Of course, this chapel--as all chapels built so long ago--is not large; but, if you can come, we will arrange another area for the overflow crowd that we know would be present.

I know your calendar is crowded, but we earnestly hope that you will accept. As I have indicated, we would regard your visit as a real climax in our college life.

Sincerely yours,


Donald Russell

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



April 10, 1956

Dr. Donald Russell, President
University of South Carolina
Columbia, South Carolina

My dear Dr. Russell:

I deeply appreciate your letter of April 5th. Mrs. Silver told me of the telephone conversation which you had with her.

I should like to assure you that if it were at all physically possible for me to take on additional out of town engagements for the next few months I would feel privileged to accept yours.

Unfortunately my absence from the country over a period of weeks makes it necessary for me to remain here in Cleveland and at The Temple to catch up with the work which has been neglected, as well as to attend to pressing congregational duties. Prior to my departure for Israel I had also made quite a number of out of town lecture commitments for the months of April and May.

I, therefore, must regretfully decline your invitation in the hope that I may be able to be of service to you at some future time.

With kind regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABEA HILLEL SILVER

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