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Cumberland, Maryland, 1919-1953.

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CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND

Oct. 13, 1919.

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MORRIS BARON
RABBI

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
55th St. & Central Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio,

Dear Rabbi Silver;

My congregation is planning for a course of lectures for the coming winter on the questions of the day to be given in our Temple and to be open to the general public.

We had a similar course last year, and it proved very successful and very instructive; so much so, that our people are asking for another course this winter.

Last year we had as our lecturers, Rabbis Roseanau, Simon, Lazaron and Goldenson.

We would appreciate it very highly if you will undertake to deliver one lecture in this new course. We will let you choose the time most convenient for you and also the subject. Our audience is made up of Jews and Gentiles, and you can guide yourself accordingly.

We have not much to promise you, but we can assure you of an appreciative and intelligent audience.

Of course, I need not tell you that your expenses and entertainment, will be cheerfully provided by the congregation.

Trusting to receive your acceptance and with the greetings of the season, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Morris Baron

October 15th, 1919

Rabbi Morris Baron
De'ot Chayim Congregation
Cumberland, Md.

My dear Rabbi Baron,

I have your letter of the 13th instant containing its kind invitation to speak in your Temple Course this season.

I regret exceedingly that I cannot at this time accept. I find myself very much overburdened with official duties and engagements to speak, and cannot, in justice to myself, take on any more obligations for the next few months.

If, later in the season, your calendar is not filled, and you still desire me to come, I may be able to comply with your wishes.

With kindest regards to yourself and wishing your community another successful lecture course, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Be'r Chayim Temple Sisterhoods

Cumberland, Maryland

5/20/27.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Ansel Road Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The annual meeting of Dist.#8 of Federated Temple Sisterhoods, comprising the Sisterhoods in the states of Maryland, Delaware and Virginia, will take place in Cumberland, Md. about Oct. 26-27.

As chairman of the program committee I am writing to you now to ask you to honor this assembly and the Jewish people of this community to be the speaker at a banquet to be held the evening of Oct. 26th.

The Kiwanis Club of Cumberland is eager to have you address them at noon of Oct. 26th, and you will hear from them as soon as you let us know if you can consider coming to Cumberland. With these two speaking dates you will reach a very much interested and appreciative group.

Should these dates not suit your convenience, will you please advise me when, about this time of the year, you could come and what your charges are for engagements of this nature?

Hoping to hear from you soon,

very cordially yours,

L. Lee Lichtenstein

Mrs. L. Lee Lichtenstein,
420 Fayette St.,
Cumberland, Md.



card

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Be'r Chayim Temple Sisterhoods

Cumberland, Maryland, June, 3d, 1927.

Rabbi Abba Millel Silver,
Ansel Road Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

On May 20th I wrote you and asked you if you would be the speaker at a banquet to be held in Cumberland, Md., on Oct. 26th when the annual meeting of the Federated Temple Sisterhoods of Dist. #2 takes place. This comprises the delegates and visitors from Sisterhoods in Maryland, Delaware and Virginia.

Should you find it possible to honor this assembly and the Jewish community of this district, we would be most happy. We will be delighted to receive Mrs. Silver as our guest and sincerely hope that she can come with you.

I know that the Kiwanis Club of Cumberland will extend an invitation to you to address them at their weekly luncheon on Oct. 26th, as soon as you let us know if you consider coming here.

Should these dates not suit your convenience will you please advise me when, around this time of the year, you could come and what your charges are for engagements of this nature. Hoping to receive an early and favorable reply,

very cordially yours,

L. Lee Lichtenstein

Mrs. L. Lee Lichtenstein, Chairm, Program Com.
420 Fayette St.



June 20, 1927.

Mrs. L. Lee Lichtenstein,
420 Fayette St.
Cumberland, Md.

My dear Mrs. Lichtenstein:

It might be possible for
me to attend the meeting of the Federated
Temple Sisterhoods in your city on
Wednesday, October 26th.

My remuneration would be
\$200.00. If the terms are acceptable,
please let me know.

My Secretary will confirm
the engagement as I am leaving for
Europe the end of this week.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:NEB

Card

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Be'r Chayim Temple Sisterhoods

Cumberland, Maryland

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July 1st, 1927.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
E 105th St.,
Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:

In reply to your letter of June 20th I beg to say that we are delighted that you might find it possible to address the Federated Temple Sisterhoods of Dist.#8 at the annual meeting in the Fall.

Already we have found it necessary to change the date either to Oct.19th-20th or Nov.2nd-3d, that is either a week before or after the Oct.26th date we wrote you about. Whichever suits you will be convenient for us. Please advise us as soon as possible of the date chosen:

The Kiwanis Club of Cumberland will share the expense of \$200.00 fee with us, and wants you to address them at their luncheon meeting on the same day you address us.

You can leave Cleveland at 9 P.M. and arrive in Cumberland the following morning at 10.50 on the B&O. At 12.15 that day you address the Kiwanis Club and that night be the speaker at the banquet given to the delegates and visitors to the Federation of Temple Sisterhoods of Dist.#8.

If you so desire you can leave Cumberland that night at 11.50 and arrive in Cleveland the next morning at 9, making in all, an absence of only one day from Cleveland.

May we receive an early reply as all other preparations hinge on your answer?

Very cordially yours,



L. Lee Lichtenstein
Mrs. L. Lee Lichtenstein, Chair.
420 Fayette St.

July Thirteenth

1927

Mrs. L. Lee Lichtenstein,
420 Fayette Street,
Cumberland, Maryland.

My dear Mrs. Lichtenstein,

Your letter to Dr. Silver came to his desk after he left Cleveland to spend the summer in Europe. We do not expect him to return to Cleveland before the fifteenth of September.

Concerning Dr. Silver's tentative promise to come to you, and the subsequent change in the date of your annual meeting - I am quite sure that he would not care to consider November 2nd or 3rd as the 2nd of November is the time of the opening meeting of the Temple Men's Club, from which Dr. Silver would not wish to absent himself. The other date mentioned by you might be possible - October 19th or 20th - but the decision will have to await Dr. Silver's return in September. I should be glad to know what you decide to do, in order that, if necessary, I may bring the matter to Dr. Silver's attention immediately upon his return.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

MRS. SAMUEL WERTHEIMER, PRES.
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Be'r Chayim Temple Sisterhoods

Cumberland, Maryland

July 19th, 1927.

Miss Frances H. Jones, Secty.,
East 105th St. at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Jones:

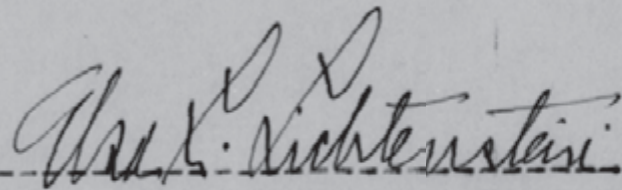
Your letter of July 13th received and beg to say that I am greatly disappointed that the acceptance of Dr. Silver is still only tentative. I have been in correspondence with Dr. Silver since May 5th and feel that we ought to have a definite answer before Dr. Silver's return in September.

"Will you not take this up with him at once so that, if necessary, we would have a little time to make other plans?

We will be glad to change the date of our meeting to Oct. 19th -20th so that Dr. Silver can be with us.

Awaiting your reply with interest,

very truly yours,



Mrs. L. Lee Lichtenstein, Chairm.



July Twentieth
1937

Mrs. L. Leo Lichtenstein,
420 Fayette Street,
Cumberland, Maryland.

My dear Mrs. Lichtenstein,

I regret exceedingly that I am not in a position to be any more definite regarding Dr. Silver's coming to you. His movements while ~~Abroad~~ are very uncertain and he instructed that no mail be forwarded to him. He hoped to visit Russia and Palestine and to attend the Zionist Convention in Basle, Switzerland and his plans covered numerous other places in Europe. If, a little later I get a request for mail, I shall be very glad to send forward your letter. Since he practically promised you the date of October 26th, I feel that the change to a week earlier will make no material difference. October will be a very busy month in the activities of The Temple and Dr. Silver has been accepting no out-of-town engagements for that period. Since he made an exception in the case of your invitation I believe he will try to meet your requirements as to date.

Again regretting my inability to definitely settle the matter for you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

MRS. SAMUEL WERTHEIMER, PRES.
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Be'r Chayim Temple Sisterhoods

Cumberland, Maryland

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8/28/27.

Miss Frances H. Jones, Secty.,
East 105th St. at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, O.

My dear Miss Jones:

I am writing to you once again concerning the date of Rabbi Silver's visit to our city. In his letter of June 20th he says he might find it possible to be with us on Wed. Oct. 26th. Since then you and I have had some correspondence and spoke about changing the date to Oct. 19th. I find that there is a minor holiday on that date and fear that Rabbi Silver would not be able to come then, so am writing you now to set the date to the original plan for Oct. 26th.

"ill you please advise me if that will be satisfactory. I feel reasonably certain that it will be because Rabbi Silver did not know of the change of plans during his stay in Europe.

Thanking you for an early reply,

Very cordially yours,

Lee L. Lichtenstein

Mrs. L. Lee Lichtenstein,
420 Fayette St.,
Cumberland, Md.



September first, 1927

Mrs. L. Lee Lichtenstein,
420 Fayette Street,
Cumberland, Maryland.

My dear Mrs. Lichtenstein,

I have your letter of August twenty-eighth. I believe that Rabbi Silver will make arrangements to address your Federation on October 26th and that you may count upon it unless the unforeseen occur. We are expecting Rabbi Silver's return between the 15th and the 20th of this month and I will immediately put the matter before him. I have had no correspondence with him since he left Cleveland.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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KIWANIS CLUB OF CUMBERLAND

CUMBERLAND, MD.

October 4th. 1927.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
East 105th & Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Doctor:

Through Mrs. L. Lee Lichtenstein we understand that you are going to speak at the banquet of the Sisterhood of Jewish Women, on the night of Wednesday, October 26th..

Mrs. Lichtenstein has also informed us that you would speak at our noonday luncheon the same day. This is indeed highly gratifying to us.

Our meeting opens about 12:15. The speaker usually begins about 1 o'clock and finishes within thirty minutes. We want to assure you that we shall feel greatly honored in having you address us, and would like you to be kind enough to confirm this date.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Chas D Clark

Secretary of Kiwanis Club.
Cumberland, Maryland.

Card

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MRS. L. L. LICHTENSTEIN
420 FAYETTE STREET
CUMBERLAND, MD.

10/11/27.

Dr. Abba Hillil Silver,
East 105th St. at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:

According to your letter of
Sept. 1st, we have proceeded to make arrangements
for your appearance in Cumberland, Md. on Oct. 26th.
Will you please advise us at once when to expect
you so that we can go ahead with printing and public-
ity arrangements?

As the time is very limited I will
appreciate a confirmation by wire.

Very cordially yours,

L. L. Lichtenstein

Mrs. L. Lee Lichtenstein, Chairm.
B'er Chayim Temple Sisterhood.

T E L E G R A M

October 12, 1927.

DAY LETTER

Mrs. L. L. Lichtenstein,
420 Fayette Street,
Cumberland, Md.

A very important meeting of my own Sisterhood will make it impossible for me to come to Cumberland on the 26th. I can come on Monday the 24th. I cannot accept any invitations for noon.

A. H. Silver

N.E.B.
12:10



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BOSTON, MASS.

August 9, 1934.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

During Miss Smith absence on vacation, we have received an inquiry from a Forum in Cumberland, Maryland, asking if you would be available October 9, 11, 16, or 18th and what your fee would be for one engagement and also for two, one in Cumberland and one in Uniontown on successive days.

Very truly yours,
OPEN FORUM SPEAKERS BUREAU
Per A.H.L.

*Ans. Aug. 13.
Must accept
for Oct. 11th. Fee 250*

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June 6, 1936.

Rabbi A.H. Silver
The Temple
105th Street at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Our Forum in Cumberland, Maryland, is very much interested in planning for you next season. Will you be East at any time when you could give them preferably a Tuesday or Thursday evening at \$125 or \$150 flat less our Bureau commission? And would you be willing also to speak briefly at noon for their Rotary Club for an additional \$25. This arrangement is usually made for the Forum speaker.

Their program opens in October and runs through April and I think at this writing every month is free except November.

This is a Forum in which I am very much interested and I would be delighted to see you on their platform. I hope I may hear from you favorably.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred C. Smith

Executive Secretary.

MS:W

June 10, 1936

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

My dear Miss Smith:

Let me thank you for your kind note of June 6. I am afraid that I shall not be able to accept the kind invitation of the Forum in Cumberland, Maryland as I am limiting my lecture engagements next season due to increased responsibilities here.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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May 20, 1937

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The Forum in Cumberland, Maryland, is very eager to present you next season. This is one of the larger Forums, able to pay better fees, and their meeting time is also quite flexible. They can usually use any Monday through Thursday night, October through April, provided simply that two programs do not fall too close together.

Is there any time after October when you will be coming East - or could come East especially - and speak for them? What honorarium would you need to ask inclusive of Bureau 25% commission?

Sincerely yours,

Mildred C. Smith

Executive Secretary.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland,
Ohio.

June 7, 1937

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

My dear Miss Smith:

In reply to your kind letter of
May 20, permit me to say that it may be possible
for me to come to the Cumberland Forum on a
Monday evening some time in March or April of 1938.
My honorarium is \$250 exclusive of any commissions.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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June 26, 1937

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On June 7 you wrote me that you could speak at the Forum in Cumberland, Md., on a Monday evening in March or April at a fee of \$250 exclusive of commissions.

I wrote the Forum accordingly, quoting a flat fee of \$300 from which the Bureau would take an adjusted commission of \$50 instead of its usual 25%, and they have today replied that they want you but want a November date - Thursday evening, November 18.

I do hope you can accept this November date. May I hear from you immediately. Kindly send me your list of lecture subjects, from which they can choose.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred P. Smith

Executive Secretary.

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

*WAT Jun 29.
Nov. not open*

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*Please
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and O.K.) and return
for 1937-38.*

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER
Rabbi, The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio

SUBJECTS

Democracy at the Cross-Roads
Is Progress a Myth?
Jew and Christian - Will they Ever Meet?
The Rising Tide of Color
The Fundamental Needs of Human Life
Is Evolution the Foe of Religion
What is Happening to the American Home?

Born: Lithuania, 1893.

Education: A.B. University of Cincinnati, 1925; Rabbi Hebrew Union College, 1915; D.D., 1925. Litt.D. Western Reserve University, 1928.

Activities: Rabbi Silver was a minister for two years in Wheeling, W. Virginia and at the age of twenty-four was called to the pulpit of The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio, the largest liberal Synagogue in America.

Member: He is a member of Commission of Jewish Education of Union of American Hebrew Congregations; member Executive Board Consumers' League of Ohio; Member Board of Governors Hebrew Union College; member of Board Jewish Publication Society of America; member of Board Cleveland Associated Charities; The -- President Bureau of Jewish Education, Cleveland; member of World War, at request of Governments of U. S. and France. He was decorated by the French Government. Member of the Board Federated Jewish Charities of Cleveland.

Author: "Messianic Speculations in Israel", which was published by the MacMillan Company in 1927.

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Vice-President Consumers' League of Ohio
Member President Hoover's Unemployment Relief Commission, 1931
Member Ohio Committee on Unemployment Insurance, National
Committee American League for India's Freedom, National
Citizen's Committee for Mobilization for Human Needs;
Council Member Jewish Agency for Palestine (chairman administrative
committee), National Child Labor Committee, Committee on
 Militarism in Education, Central Conference of American
Rabbis, Commission on Jewish Education of Union of
American Hebrew Congregations, ~~Commission of Hillel~~
Foundation, National World Court Committee, American
Committee of International Relief Association, Zionist
Organization of American, Non-sectarian Anti-Nazi League
V.P. (vice-president), ~~Cleveland Jewish Welfare Federation~~,
Jewish Welfare Fund of Cleveland (chairman), American
Civil Liberties Union, Cleveland Associated Charities;
Member Board of American Birth Control League;
Charter member Ohio Race Betterment Association;
Vice-president Jewish Academy Arts and Sciences;
Member International Society Theta Phi.

Served as university preacher at Harvard, Cornell, University
of Chicago, Syracuse, Purdue.
He was decorated by the French Government.

Author: Messianic Speculations in Israel, 1927
Democratic Impulse in Jewish History, 1928
Religion in a Changing World, 1930

Contributing Editor: Jewish Daily Bulletin.
Member Editorial Board of "Reflex".

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July 8, 1937.

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

follows

Dear Rabbi Silver:



I am writing again in the hope of finding a date for the Cumberland, Maryland, Forum. You will recall that you wrote on June 7 stating it would probably be possible for you to be with them in March or April, fee \$250 exclusive of commission.

The Forum would particularly like to have you come on Tuesday, April 12. If you are not available then, April 14 would be their next choice and April 19 or 21 also possibilities, fee \$300 less \$50 commission to the Bureau.

As I am anxious to give the Cumberland Forum immediate word I should appreciate your letting me hear from you by return mail. There is no conflict is there with the Jewish holidays in any of these dates?

Sincerely yours,

Mildred C. Smith

Executive Secretary.

MS:W

July 9, 1937

Miss Mildred C. Smith, Exec. Sec'y,
Open Forum Speakers Bureau,
80 Boylston Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Smith:

In reply to your letter of July 8,
permit me to state that Rabbi is spending
his vacation in Europe and will be gone until
the end of August. I shall be pleased to
refer your letter to Rabbi Silver when he returns
to the city.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

Forum
Apr 12, 14, 19, 21

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August 27, 1937.

Dear Miss Kline:

You wrote me on July 9 that Rabbi Silver was expected back from Europe the last of August, and so I am writing in the hope that he has returned - or will be back in a few days - and that you can then let me know definitely about the booking for Cumberland, Maryland. You will recall that he had suggested a possibility of giving them a March or April date at \$250 exclusive of commission. The Forum cannot use March, but can plan for him in April, dates in this order of preference -

Tuesday, April 12
Thursday, April 14
Tuesday, April 19
Thursday, April 21

We would adjust our commission somewhat, charging the Forum \$300 and taking only \$50 instead of our usual 25% in order to net Rabbi Silver the required \$250. I don't want to charge the Forum more than the \$300 as that is pretty steep for them, and would rather adjust commission in the way stated.

Kindly send me definite word as promptly as you can.

Miss Bessie Kline,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sincerely yours,
Mildred C. Smith
Executive Secretary.

September 1, 1937

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

My dear Miss Smith:

Rabbi Silver has just returned from abroad
and I took up with him the contents of your letter
of July 8.

It may be possible for Rabbi Silver to
go to Cumberland, Maryland on Tuesday evening,
April 12. His fee, exclusive of commission, is
\$250. Please let me know whether you would like
this date definitely scheduled.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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September 3, 1937

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Cumberland has been saving April 12 in the hope that you could come then, and I am accordingly confirming the booking herewith.

I think very likely I ought to have a more up-to-date list of subjects from which to have them make selection than are included on the sketch enclosed. If you will take a minute to revise subjects and biographical material (if they need revision), I shall greatly appreciate it.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred C. Smith

Executive Secretary.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th at Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

September 7, 1937

Mildred C. Smith, Executive Sec'y,
Open Forum Speaker's Bureau,
Little Building,
80 Boylston Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Smith:

Enclosed herewith is a revised sketch
of Rabbi Silver which you may use in your
publicity.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MASS.

September 9, 1937

Dear Rabbi Silver:

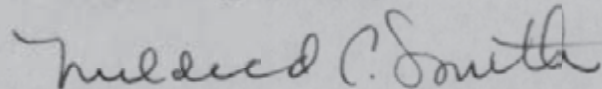
A majority of the speakers lecturing at the Forum in Cumberland, Maryland, have accepted an invitation from the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs to address a joint luncheon meeting at noon on the day of the Forum meeting, for which an honorarium of \$25 is paid.

This arrangement meets with the entire approval of the Forum, provided simply that the speaker talks on some other theme at the luncheon.

Would you like to accept their invitation for noon of April 12? They are very eager to have you, and we shall be happy to fix the engagement if it meets with your approval.

I am sending on to the Forum the new list of subjects and shall let you know their choice, soon.

Sincerely yours,



Executive Secretary.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

September 16, 1937

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

My dear Miss Smith:

In reply to your letter of September 9, permit me to say that while I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to address a joint luncheon meeting of the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs on the occasion of my visit to Cumberland on April 12, I find it too taxing to speak twice in one day. Furthermore, I may not arrive in Cumberland until late in the afternoon and I am therefore not in a position to accept the invitation.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

February 16, 1938

Miss Mildred C. Smith, Executive Secretary,
Open Forum Speakers Bureau,
Little Building,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Smith:

In connection with the post of the National Chairmanship of the United Palestine Appeal which I accepted last month, I shall be obligated to make a tour of the Pacific Coast beginning April 3rd and continuing about three weeks. This will make it impossible for me to keep my engagement with the Cumberland, Maryland Forum on April 12. I regret this fact more than I can say, but I am sure you will understand the circumstances which force me to ask either for a cancellation or for a postponement of the engagement.

It would be possible for me to come to the Cumberland Forum some time in May, say May 4, May 24 or 31.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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February 21, 1938.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I wrote at once to Cumberland, Maryland, on receipt of your letter and find that they can plan for you on May 4 in place of April 12. Confirmation for the new date is enclosed herewith. They want to feel sure this new date can be definite barring illness since they have had several changes in their program this season that have rather complicated their program.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred C. Smith

Executive Secretary.

MS:W

February 23, 1938

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

My dear Miss Smith:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of February 21. I am happy that it was possible for the Cumberland Forum people to change the date of my coming to May 4. I shall make every effort to keep this engagement and barring illness, I hope to be there.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

OPEN FORUM SPEAKERS BUREAU
1242 Little Building, Boston, Mass.

We, as Agents for Rabbi A. H. Silver

are definitely setting aside on his Schedule Tuesday evening,

April 12, 1938

at Cumberland, Md.

for a Lecture before the Cumberland Forum

Fee \$ 300.00 - Bureau commission

Subject Forum to select &
inform Bureau.

adjusted to net Rabbi Silver
\$250.

Full instructions will be sent ten days before the Meeting.

Sept. 3, 1937

OPEN FORUM SPEAKERS BUREAU

By

Medard C. Smith

Executive Secretary.

Date

April 29, 1938

Mr. Clarence Lippel,
Clark-Keating Building,
Cumberland, Md.

My dear Mr. Lippel:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of April 26. I shall be in New York on Tuesday, May 3. I hope to catch an afternoon train out of New York which would bring me into Cumberland in time for the meeting. I shall send you a wire as to the exact hour of my arrival.

With all good wishes and looking forward with pleasure to our meeting, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK

OPEN FORUM SPEAKERS BUREAU

ROOM 1242, LITTLE BUILDING
80 BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ENGAGEMENT ON DATE OF: Wednesday - May 4, 1938.

TOWN Cumberland, Md. ORGANIZATION Cumberland Forum

AUSPICES Community Committee

CORRESPONDENT Clarence Lippel, Clark-Keating Bldg. Tel. 475

LECTURER Rabbi A. H. Silver Fee \$300. (\$250 to Rabbi Silver; \$50 commission to Bureau)

SUBJECT Is Progress a Myth?

DATE Wednesday - May 4, 1938 HOUR 8:15 P.M.

HALL Fort Hill High School Location Cumberland, Md.

Capacity _____ Average Attendance _____ Tel. _____

OTHER ENGAGEMENTS _____

TRAIN SCHEDULES, etc. (Confirm carefully all schedules):

Via: _____

Lv.: Will Rabbi Silver kindly write Mr. Lippel at _____
Ar.: promptly on receipt of these instructions at _____
informing him of his expected time of
arrival in Cumberland.

Returning: _____

Lv.: _____ at _____
Ar.: _____ at _____

Important: Speaker should always let local correspondent know in advance what time he expects to arrive in the city, and should telephone correspondent immediately upon arrival.

MEETING DATA: preliminaries introduction address one hour or more questions yes.

Previous speaker: _____

Next speaker: see program enclosed.

REMARKS: Speakers always wear Tuxedo.

IN EMERGENCY: Both forum and lecturer should telephone or telegraph immediately to:

1. Local correspondent as listed above.
2. Open Forum Speakers Bureau, Boston, Mildred C. Smith, Executive Secretary. Telephone: Business, HANcock 8239; Home, MIDDlesex ~~XXXX~~ 4669 M.

PAYMENT: Payment is required on the day following the meeting. All payments are made through, and all checks should be made payable to: OPEN FORUM SPEAKERS BUREAU. The Bureau pays the lecturer.

THESE INSTRUCTIONS SENT IN DUPLICATE TO LECTURER AND ORGANIZATION

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May 11, 1938

Memorandum of Account between

Lecturer: Alba H. Silver and the Open Forum Speakers Bureau.

Single engagements:

Place Cumberland, Md. Date 5.4.38 Fee: \$ 300.00

Place Date Fee: \$

Place Date Fee: \$

Total fee \$ 300.00

Less Bureau commission of 25% \$ 50.00

BALANCE due Lecturer: \$ 250.00

Check enclosed for \$ 250.00

May 8, 1953

Mr. Harry Beneman
Congregation B'er Chayim
167 Union Street
Cumberland, Maryland

My dear Mr. Beneman:

Thank you for your kind letter of May 6th and for your gracious invitation to address your Centennial Banquet on May 23rd. It would have given me great pleasure indeed to be with you for I recall with much pleasure being with you on the occasion of your Seventh-Fifth celebration. Unfortunately, I must be in Cleveland that weekend. May I take this opportunity of extending to you my heartiest felicitations on this auspicious occasion in the life of your congregation.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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107 Union Street

Cumberland, Maryland

OFFICE OF
RABBI SAMUEL UMEN
PHONE 2309

May 6, 1953

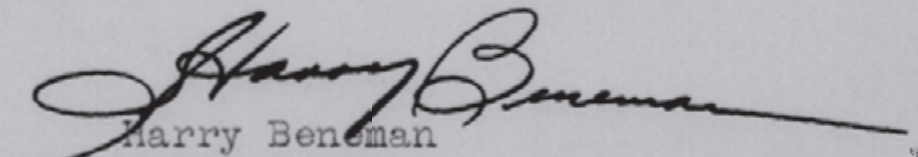
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In preparing to celebrate our One Hundreth Anniversary, we cannot help but think of you because it was our distinct pleasure and privilege to have you share with us our Seventy-Fifth celebration. God having spared you and many of us who can remember the joy you added to our celebration, we wonder whether we could not have you as the guest and only speaker at our Centennial Banquet on Saturday night, May 23rd at 6 p.m. Your immediate response will be deeply appreciated.

Trusting that we shall be afforded the great honor of recording in our historic documents that you graced this special occasion, and wishing you many years of service to our people and America, I am

Sincerely yours,


Harry Beneman
President