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Des Moines, Iowa, 1938-1949.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D.D.,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Reverend Sir:

This letter is addressed to you in behalf of the Iowa Interprofessional Association and the Iowa State Association of Registered Nurses.

Would your interest and schedule permit your appearance at the Annual meeting of these organizations in Waterloo, Iowa on Wednesday afternoon, October 12, 1938? This is the regular Annual meeting of the State Association of Registered Nurses and is the first program of the Interprofessional group.

The Iowa Interprofessional Association is a steering group rather than another State organization with state-wide membership. Our efforts have been directed to organizing local Interprofessional groups throughout the State and establishing a mutual understanding of each others aims and objectives. There are about thirty of these local groups that have been sufficiently interested to have local meetings with scientific programs of coming interest. This has been done without any fan-fair or publicity. The five State organizations participating are: The Iowa State Medical Society; the Iowa Pharmaceutical Association; the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association; the Iowa State Dental Society and the Iowa State Association of Registered Nurses.

In order to foster better Interprofessional application the idea of an Interprofessional program in conjunction with the Annual meetings of the several organizations were conceived. The present plan is that there should be an Interprofessional program in conjunction with a State Meeting each year. It will be rotated among the several societies so that each one would have, if the plan is continued, an Interprofessional program every five years. The enclosure will give you something of an idea of the purposes of the several organizations.

The Nurses Association requested the privilege of having the first Interprofessional program. It is a three-day convention. The afternoon of the second day, October 12, is to be devoted to this Interprofessional program with two or three speakers. The average attendance of the nursing group is about 400 and since there will be representatives of the other four organizations and since the meeting is to be thrown open to the public, there should be a very unusual attendance.

If you can see any virtue in the integration of these groups that we are attempting I am sure you can inspire them to greater efforts.

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The Temple,
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At least one hour may be devoted to your lecture and more if you so desire.
May I ask that you state the remuneration expected and the title of your lecture?

We sincerely hope that you will find it expedient to accept this invitation.

Please wire reply collect.

Yours very sincerely,

Alma E. Hartz
Alma E. Hartz, R. N. Chairman
Program Committee

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Des Moines, Iowa.
August 11, 1938

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D.D.,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Reverend Sir:

On August 1, a letter was addressed to you in behalf of the Iowa Interprofessional Association, extending an invitation to speak in Waterloo, Iowa on October 12, 1938. Inadvertently, the address for a reply was omitted and we now beg your indulgence for an early reply. You may address me Iowa State Department of Health, Des Moines, Iowa.

Very truly yours,

Alma E. Hartz

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Chairman of the Program Committee

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Jewett Building
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Grace B. Ferguson
Division of Social
Administration
State University of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa

November 14, 1939

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Program Committee is desirous of securing you as a speaker sometime during the dates April 18-20 for the annual conference of the Iowa Association of Social Welfare. Should you be available and willing the Conference would like to have you address the entire group and, perhaps, one sectional meeting of the Family Welfare group.

The Conference is supported by dues from the social case workers and has available only a limited honorarium and expense account. However, should you find it possible to be with us we are hopeful of securing participation from other groups.

It is anticipated that the conference will be attended by some 600 workers from over the entire state each of whom will carry the Conference results to their own areas of work.

We hope you will find it possible to attend.

Sincerely yours,

James W. Layman
James W. Layman
Chairman, Program Committee

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November 20, 1939

Mr. James W. Layman
Jewett Building
Des Moines, Iowa

My dear Mr. Layman:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of November 14 and the invitation which you extend to me to address the annual conference of the Iowa Association of Social Welfare. It would have given me great pleasure indeed were I free to accept your invitation. Unfortunately I am to be in New England during the period of your Conference for a series of addresses.

Hoping that I may be of service to you at some future time, and with best wishes for success, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

DES MOINES PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ADULT EDUCATION
629 THIRD STREET
DES MOINES 9, IOWA

N. D. MCCOMBS, SUPERINTENDENT
ALICE V. MYERS, ACTING DIRECTOR

September 4, 1945

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are now working on 1945-46 plans for the Des Moines Public forums and should be honored if you would consider being one of our speakers for the coming year.

As you may know, the Des Moines Public Forums, under the direction of John W. Studebaker, were started twelve years ago, in a five-year adult education experiment. The funds which made this possible were made available through the Carnegie Foundation. At the close of this five-year period, the community decided that forums were so valuable as means of adult education, that the project was made a part of the Department of Adult Education of the Des Moines Public Schools.

Our forums are among the very few in this country which are free and open to the public. From the enclosed copy of our spring folder, you will see the scope of our program which, for the year, includes 20 forums, 7 workshops, 2 conferences and 300 classes.

Not only are our forums known nationally, but due to the fine cooperation of the Des Moines Register and Tribune and local radio stations, the publicity for all of our forums carries a Midwestern coverage.

The Des Moines Adult Education Council, made up of some 150 local organizations, elects an executive committee. This committee not only outlines the topics which it feels are vital to come before our community for the following year, but also proceeds to find the best speakers possible to present these topics. Since the forum on religion at which we had Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam met with such success, we have had several community requests that we continue the development of united religious thinking here in Des Moines. Next year we are hoping to bring an outstanding Catholic speaker such as Archbishop Spellman or Msgr. Sheean. This year it is our desire to present a leading Jewish thinker in a discussion of religious forces in the peace. The executive committee feels that you would be one of the finest possible speakers to handle such a public forum.

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While our fall season is principally October and November, and the spring season February and March, we do arrange other forum dates. We would particularly be happy if you found it convenient to be with us for an evening next fall, or another time suiting your schedule better.

We shall be glad to hear from you with regard to your availability, fee desired, and possible dates.

Yours very truly,

Alice V. Myers
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RABBI EUGENE MANNHEIMER

DES MOINES 12, IOWA

427 FIFTY-FIRST STREET

Des Moines, September 5, 1945

Dear Abba:-

Yesterday afternoon I attended a meeting of our special committee, of the Des Moines Adult Education Council, which is charged with the responsibility of arranging the "forum on religion" for our 1945-1946 forum program.

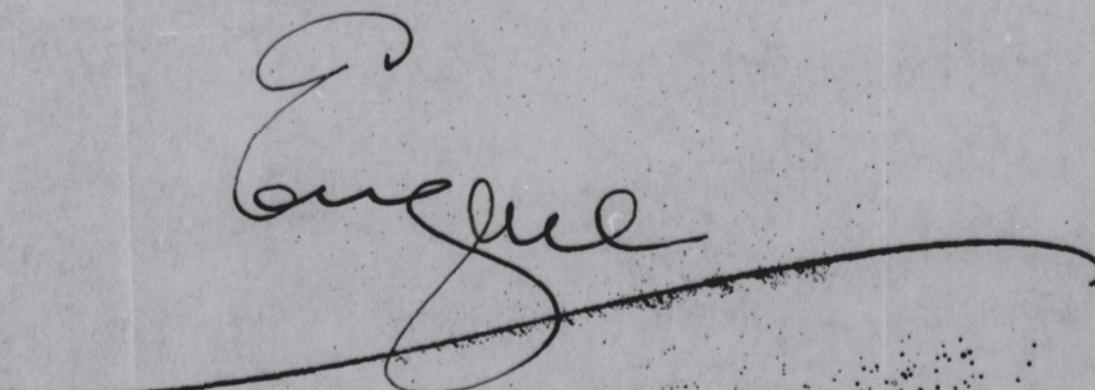
Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam was our speaker at our first "forum on religion", last year; and it was the committee's thought and desire to have some similarly outstanding, Jewish, speaker this year, to discuss some such subject as "The Religious Forces in the Peace".

I immediately told the committee that, if you were available, you were just the man we were looking for; and I know that you will be hearing from Miss Myers, our Forum Director, in the immediate future, if you have not already heard from her with regard to this by the time that this letter reaches you.

I am sure that I do not have to tell you anything about our Des Moines Public Forums, which were started by John Studebaker many years ago, and are,--at least I think they are,--the outstanding Public Forums in the country. But I am also writing, to ask and urge you to come, if you can possibly spare the time and the energy, because you will be doing a real service both to the Forum and to the cause of religion,--and because there is no other Jewish speaker whom I would rather have represent us, or who could represent us as worthily, on the Forum program.

If, as we strongly hope, you can and will come, Mrs. Mannheimer and I will be happy to have you stay at our home while you are in Des Moines.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Eugene", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right below the name.

September 9, 1945

Rabbi Eugene Mannheimer
Des Moines 12, Iowa

My dear Eugene:

Thank you so much for your kind letter.
I am enclosing herewith a copy of the letter which
I sent to Miss Alice V. Myers, of the Des Moines
Education Council. I am sorry that I could not accept
the invitation this year. It is just impossible in view
of the many things which I have undertaken.

I trust that you are well, and with all good
wishes for a very happy new year, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
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September 9, 1945

Miss Alice V. Myers, Acting Director
Des Moines Public School
629 Third Street
Des Moines 9, Iowa

My dear Miss Myers:

I deeply appreciate your kind letter and your invitation to participate in your Adult Education program this coming season. I feel highly honored that you asked me, and I wish I were free to accept your invitation. Unfortunately I have taken on a very heavy schedule of work for the coming year, many responsibilities over and above that of my ministerial duties. I shall probably be away from the country also for some time. I must therefore forego the pleasure which the acceptance of your invitation would have afforded me. I hope that at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

RABBI EUGENE MANNHEIMER

427 FIFTY-FIRST STREET
DES MOINES, IOWA

Des Moines, September 11, 1945

Dear Abba:-

I have your kind letter of the ninth. I was not greatly surprised, but I am terribly disappointed, that you cannot come to our Forum this year. Here is hoping that we may have that pleasure some other year.

Heartily reciprocating your good wishes for the new year, I am,

Cordially yours,

Eugene

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N. D. MCCOMBS, SUPERINTENDENT
PAUL H. DURRIE, DIRECTOR

June 14, 1946

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

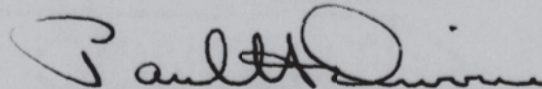
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Last year the Executive Committee of the Adult Education Council wrote to you in the hopes of securing your services for a public forum dealing with inter-racial attitudes and religion. We regretted that it was impossible for you to accept our invitation.

At the suggestion of Rabbi Eugene Mannheimer I am writing you now to reiterate our hopes that it may be possible for you to come to this city during the coming year. We plan to hold this year one forum concerned especially with the development of inter-racial and inter-religious understanding and have selected as the time Brotherhood Week, the third week of February.

We very earnestly hope that you may be able to fit a trip to Des Moines into your busy schedule for we feel that you have a very real contribution to make and that this will be an effective and timely occasion for such an undertaking. We shall appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience as to your probable availability and as to the honorarium that would be satisfactory.

Very sincerely yours,



PAUL H. DURRIE
Director of Adult Education

PHD:wb

June 23, 1946

Mr. Paul H. Durrie
Director of Adult Education
Des Moines Public Schools
Adult Education
629 Third Street
Des Moines 9, Iowa

My dear Mr. Durrie:

I regret more than I can tell you that I am again compelled to decline your gracious invitation. My commitments are so heavy in connection with the situation of European Jewry and of Palestine that I cannot take on any additional responsibilities. I have twice been out of the country during the last season and I might have to be away a good deal of the time during this coming season.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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Des Moines, Iowa
October 8, 1948

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,

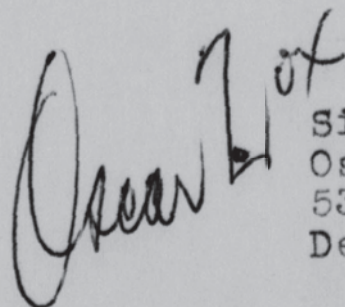
I just finished talking to you at Rochester, New York and thought it wise to also urge you in writing to make every effort to visit us in Des Moines.

We are planning our annual Z O A dinner Tuesday night November 9, just two days after the U P A Conference in Chicago, (Des Moines is 2 hours from Chicago by air) and I am hoping that you will be able to arrange your schedule so that you can be with us.

Aside from the fact that Des Moines, (and Iowa) is entitled at long last to have a man of your stature visit it, there is a much more important reason for your coming: Our membership has become lackadaisical since May 15, and needs to be oriented to the actual status of Z O A and Israel at the moment.

If November 9 is not suitable for the date, we would be thrilled to have you come on another night in November.

Please wire collect when you can come and please do not disappoint us.



Sincerely Yours
Oscar Zox
536 Waterbury Circle
Des Moines, Iowa

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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ABRAHAM G. FLEISCHMAN, M. D.
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October 12, 1949

Rabbi Hillel Silver

The Temple

East 10--5th Street & Ansel Road

Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi:

First permit me to extend to you and your family the best of New Year Greetings, and I hope that you are all enjoying the best of health.

The purpose of my communication is to advise you of a very important meeting that we are having in Des Moines on the Sunday of November 13th. The six Midwestern states will send delegates to this meeting for the purpose of organizing a district. We feel that this is extremely important, as we are afraid that otherwise the Zionist group in this area will fall apart. Also my many friends in this area desire to give me something in the form of a reward as a token for my many years on behalf of the organization, which is more than thirty-five years. The committee asked of me the guest speaker that I would like to have present for the occasion.

Naturally, Rabbi Silvers, your name was uppermost in my mind--as one who has followed you for more than three decades, and who has admired, respected, and loved you

ABRAHAM G. FLEISCHMAN, M. D.
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all these years, I felt probably it might not be presumptuous on my part to ask you. I realize how busy you are, and I know the demands made on your time but once in a while a humble member of an organization feels that it would be a crowning achievement of his life to have one with the prestige of yours to do him this honor.

Des Moines is only four hours away from Cleveland by air, via United Airlines, and can easily be reached without much difficulty. I hope Rabbi Silvers that your answer will be in the affirmative.

May I have the privilege and pleasure of hearing from you soon?

With kindest regards and best personal wishes.

Affectionately,

Dr. Abraham G. Fleischman
A.G. Fleischman, M.D. *M. K.*

AGF:bbg

October 13, 1949

Dr. Abraham G. Fleischman
1105 Equitable Building
Des Moines, Iowa

My dear Friend:

I received your kind letter and your gracious invitation. I wish that I were able to come to Des Moines on Sunday, November 13th. I should very much love to do so in order that I might join your host of friends in paying a tribute to you for your many years of loyal and devoted service to our great cause. Unfortunately, I am not free to be away on that day or on any Sunday. I must be in my own pulpit on Sunday mornings and must attend to congregational duties on that day. This is our centennial year at The Temple and many activities have been planned which demand my presence. I have been compelled to decline many invitations which normally I should have been most happy to accept. I am sure that you will understand.

I trust that the meeting will be most successful, and I should like personally to extend to you my heartiest felicitations on the occasion when your friends and fellow-workers will meet to pay you a much deserved tribute.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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