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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Dunkirk Hebrew Community, for the past year, formed a Forum at which Forum prominent men and women of every walk of life were invited to speak upon some topic or topics of vital interest to the public, our audiences being 95% non-Jewish. It has been the intention of the committee, of which unfortunately I have been chairman, through the medium of these Forums and public discussion to create good will between Jew and non-Jew and the project proved to be a huge success, so much so that a request by our non-Jewish friends has been made to continue these Forums this coming fall.

My purpose in writing you is to inquire whether I may impose upon you and extend to you an invitation to be our guest speaker this coming fall, particularly on any day during the month of November. If you can possibly arrange to come to Dunkirk you will not only be rendering a great service to the Dunkirk Hebrew Community but to the city of Dunkirk and surrounding territories as well because you can rest assured that it will be considered as a civic proposition.

I know that I am bold in making such a request but I feel that you appreciate the necessity in these times of enlightening our friends and neighbors.

If you can possibly honor us with your presence, the proper arrangements will be made for your transportation from Cleveland to Dunkirk and I assure you that you will have an appreciative audience.

Hoping that you will be able to accept this invitation, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Rubenstein
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