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June 15, 1943

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
United Palestine Appeal  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York, New York

## AIR MAIL

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You will recall that on Sunday, May 2nd we met in the Automat in Philadelphia. You very graciously responded to my invitation to launch our campaign in 1944.

You have no idea how happy our Board of Directors was to know that you have accepted our invitation. It would indeed be a great honor for us for America's greatest Jew to come to Southern Illinois.

Naturally, we are placing our request at an early date in order to insure your presence next year. Our campaign begins in April and we would be glad to accept any Sunday in April that is convenient for you. We usually hold our big meeting in St. Louis.

I am eagerly awaiting a reply from you. With warmest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Avery Carp*  
Avery Carp  
President

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August 11, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th Street & Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:

You will recall that last year our former president, Avery Carp, invited you to address the annual meeting of our Federation.

Your response at that time was that because of the emergent duties of the Zionist Emergency Council, you could not undertake any additional activities.

We are planning to hold our annual meeting on a Sunday during the latter part of February or the early part of March and we would be greatly honored if you would accept our invitation to be our guest speaker.

The date is sufficiently flexible so that if it is more convenient for you, we can accommodate ourselves to that date.

Southern Illinois would be greatly honored if you would accept this invitation and I would appreciate a reply at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

*Jere Glass*  
Jere Glass, President

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August 17, 1944

Mr. Jere Glass, President  
Jewish Federation of Southern Illinois  
208 Murphy Building  
East St. Louis, Illinois

My dear Mr. Glass:

Thank you so much for your kind letter. I appreciate the fact that you are inviting me for a second time and I regret deeply the necessity of declining again. It is quite impossible for me to commit myself for lecture engagements this far ahead, nor can I under any circumstances accept any engagements for a Sunday. I must remain in my own community on that day, when many of our congregational activities take place.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Most cordially yours,

AHS:DR