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Easton, Pennsylvania, 1924-1942.

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VISITING DAYS, WEDNESDAY AND
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*Lehigh Valley
Child Helping
Conference
Feb. 29. 1924*

Rabbi Abba H. Silver;

My dear Dr. Silver:

*You may recall our meeting at Allentown last winter—
when you told me of your friendship with Mr. Redington—the
brother of Mrs. Carter—who supports this work. as President of
the Lehigh Valley Child Helping Conference, the largest—*

WRHS



Conference on Children in the Country, I am going to appeal to you
for an address to our Conference on Saturday May '17. If you
cannot come on that day could you address the evening meeting
on the preceding evening May 16? The great body of out of town
delegates do not come until Saturday. I shall never forget
your address at Allentown and I am so anxious to have
the members of this Conference hear the message that I

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Now you can bring to parents, teachers and welfare workers
on some subject related to the training of children. Your
many friends in Allentown are hoping with me that you
will give our invitation your very earnest and favorable
consideration. Will you not answer us affirmatively with

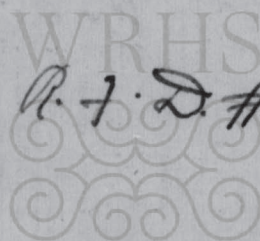
your terms for the address.

Cordially yours.

J. S. Hesecky, President.

R. F. D. # 3.

Easton, Pa.



March 5th, 1924.

Mr. J. S. Heberling,
R.F.D. # 3,
Easton, Pa.

My dear Mr. Heberling,

Permit me to thank you for your letter of the 29th and for the kind invitation which you extend to me to address the Lehigh Valley Child Helping Conference. I regret exceedingly that I shall be unable to avail myself of your kind invitation. I am very heavily booked this season. We are also engaged in the construction of a new house of worship and I am kept exceedingly busy here so that in justice to myself I cannot accept any more lecture engagements.

Hoping that at some future time I may be of service to you, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Temple Covenant of Peace

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52 North Third Street
February 1, 1931

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The local temple, synagogue and Y.M.H.A. are sponsoring a joint enterprise, for the first time in the history of the community, in the form of a Community Forum. The project has importance, to my mind, not merely because it will bring to Easton noted Jewish speakers and new thought, but perhaps even more because it is creating a new and badly needed spirit of harmony and co-operation in a community which has long been divided by petty but traditional animosities.

We have planned three such forums for this year, the first two to be addressed by Rabbi Krass and Mr. Louis Lipsky. We have hoped, in order to place this project upon a plane of dignity and worthwhileness, and enable us to continue this work next year on an extended plane, to secure you as our third speaker. Your name is well-known in Easton, and your presence here would be a signal occasion for both the Jewish and non-Jewish communities.

Easton is but an hour and three-quarters from both New York City and Philadelphia. I had hoped that some time when you are in the east you might be able to spare an evening for us.

We have not yet established ourselves financially, and so Rabbi Krass and Mr. Lipsky have graciously agreed to accept the sum of fifty dollars from us to cover their expenses. If your expenses should be larger we shall be glad to raise the additional sum.

I hope that you will find it possible to visit us and ensure the success of our venture.

Sincerely

Joshua Trachtenberg

card

Feb. 6th, 1931

Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg,
Temple Covenant of Peace,
Easton, Penna.

My dear Rabbi Trachtenberg:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of February 1st and for the invitation which you extend to me to address your community forum.

I wish I could see my way clear to accept. Unfortunately I am so over burdened with lecture engagements this season that I can not in justice to myself accept any more. I must devote considerable time to the new American-Palestine Campaign of the Jewish Agency.

Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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card
September 14, 1931

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
% Temple, East 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am taking the liberty of writing you in regard to our local association's lecture course this season.

We have been attempting to conduct an open forum in Easton for the enlightenment of the community, Jewish and Non-Jewish as well. This attempt has been made even though we have been seriously hampered by lack of funds.

Last season we were fortunate enough to have Dr. Nathan Krauss, Louis Lipsky, and Arthur Garfield Hayes visit the community and tax us merely for expenses, somewhere in the neighborhood of \$50.00.

Although this amount is so little for any one, these lecturers took off-nights and were willing to give their message to the local groups. Could you possibly accommodate us on one of your off-nights?

Your reply, to be held in strict confidence, will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Jack Sher
Executive Director

Sept. 16th, 1931

Mr. Jack Sher,
Y. M. & Y. W. H. A.,
Easton, Pa.

My dear Mr. Sher:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your
kind letter of September 14th.

My program is so crowded for next season
that I can not in justice to myself accept any more
engagements.

With kindest regards and best wishes for
a happy New Year, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Temple Covenant of Peace

INCORPORATED NOV. 24, 1842

Easton, Pennsylvania

Office of the Rabbi

Dr. Joshua Trachtenberg

September 22. 1942

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

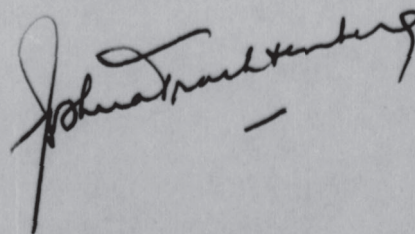
We are preparing to celebrate the centenary of our congregation and the 190th anniversary of the establishment of the Jewish community of Easton in a couple of months. The main feature of the celebration will be a large public meeting at the local High School on Sunday evening, November 22nd.

I guess you know what I'm after. We'd consider it a really great privilege to have you address that meeting. I know how very busy you are, but before you say no please consider that I hesitated a long time for that very reason, and finally bowed to my committee's insistence that we extend you this invitation only because of the great importance that the community attaches to this occasion, and because of the lasting benefit that we may derive from it. At a time like this it seems especially vital to press home the significance of these anniversaries and to use the occasion to the full to enhance the relations between Gentiles and Jews. Your presence would make this a truly memorable event -- I need not labor that point by retailing our reasons for believing so.

You have occasion to come East often, and if you should happen to be in New York at about that time (we are only an hour and a half from the city) that would of course make it easier for you to say yes. But even if you have no other excuse to come East at that time I hope you will regard it as a real mitzvah in the circumstances to accept our invitation. I can assure you that both Jews and Christians here will be eternally grateful if you do.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am

Sincerely



September 28, 1942

Dr. Joshua Trachtenberg
Temple Covenant of Peace
Easton, Pa.

My dear Dr. Trachtenberg:

Thank you so much for your letter of September 22 and for the invitation to participate in the celebration of the centenary of your congregation on Sunday evening, November 22. It would have given me great pleasure to accept your invitation and to participate in the celebration of such an outstanding event. Unfortunately I am compelled to decline many invitations which under normal conditions I should be most happy to accept. As you probably know, I am very busy with the work of the United Jewish Appeal and the United Palestine Appeal to which I am devoting all my spare time. I am forced to travel a great deal -- more than I should -- and I must still look after the activities of a large Temple and of a large community. I am sure that you will understand.

Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you. With all good wishes for a very successful celebration, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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