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Elmira, New York, 1924-1961.

BENJAMIN F. LEVY
COUNSELOR AT LAW
ELMIRA, N.Y.

September 18, 1924.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

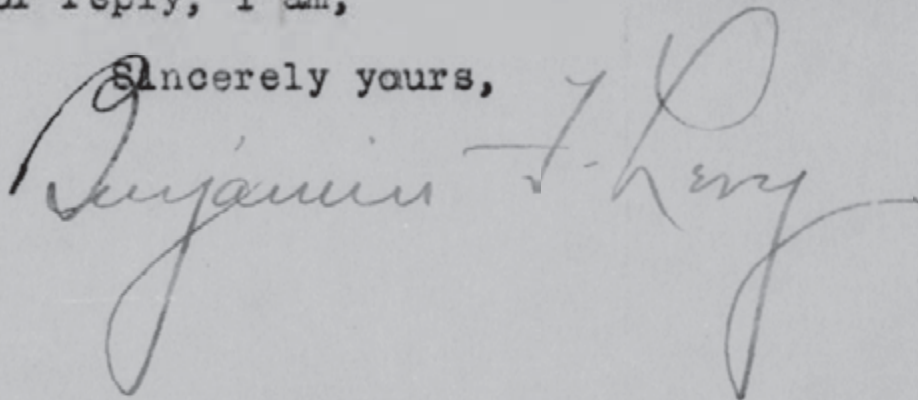
My dear Rabbi:

Various civic organizations in this city for the past three years have conducted a Lyceum Lecture Course. We are planning to repeat the same this winter and are now working on the roster of speakers. On last year's program we had Rabbi Stephen Wise, who was the most popular speaker on the list.

The committee requested me to communicate with you and endeavor to have you accept a date at your convenience to speak in the course. I hope you will be able to favor us, as there are a large number of people in this city who would be pleased to hear you. If you can accept, let me know what the expense will be so that I can report to the committee.

Awaiting your reply, I am,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Benjamin F. Levy". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Benjamin F. Levy".

BFL:O

BENJAMIN F. LEVY
COUNSELOR AT LAW
ELMIRA, N. Y.

September 23, 1924.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi:

I wrote you last week with reference to the desire of our committee to have you on the Lyceum platform. We had a meeting this noon and the same was adjourned for one week for our final reports. Would you kindly let me hear from you?

Yours truly,

Benjamin F. Levy

BFL:O

September Twenty-fourth
1924

Mr. Benjamin F. Levy,
Counselor at Law,
Elmira, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Levy,

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September eighteenth and to thank you for your kind invitation to speak in your Lyceum Course. I regret that I cannot give you a definite answer at this time. There is a possibility of my being able to come to you during the early winter months and I will write you later on when my burden of work becomes a little lighter. My remuneration would be two hundred dollars.

With kindest regards,
remain

Very sincerely yours,

Elmira

BENJAMIN F. LEVY
COUNSELOR AT LAW
ELMIRA, N.Y.

September 26, 1934.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi:

The Lyceum committee prepares a program of six lectures covering the winter and spring. The prospectus is prepared and the speakers arranged for at an early date. In fact, we desire to have the program arranged next week. We have had requests from a large number of our patrons to invite you as one of the speakers. The Brotherhood of the Temple are especially interested in having you here. As they cannot afford to do this alone, we are trying to work this in with the Community course, so the Brotherhood would have the opportunity of hearing the lecture.

Will you not grant me a favorable reply and come sometime during next February or the early part of March? The evenings which are preferable are Tuesdays and Thursdays. These evenings will not interfere with your appointments in your congregation.

With best wishes for a Happy New Year, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin F. Levy

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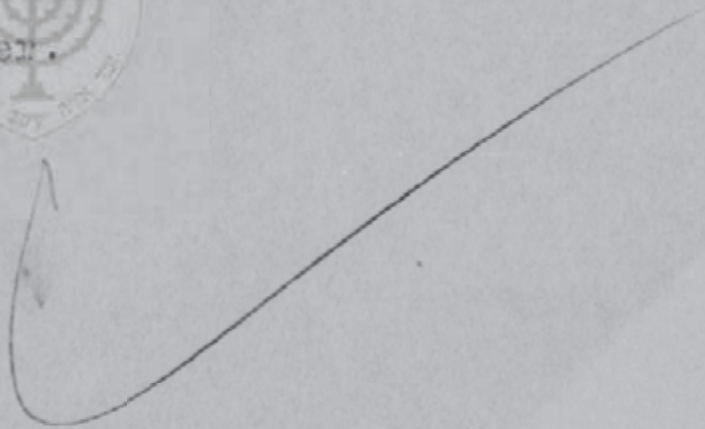
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Mr. Benj. F. Levy,
Elmira, New York.

Wrote you on September 24th.
Cannot give you a definite date now.
May be able to come in early winter months.

A.H. Silver.



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October 10, 1924.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Lyceum Lecture Committee held this noon Mr. Levy reported that you would be able to accept a place on the program in the early winter months. We are very much pleased with the assurance that you will be one of the speakers in our course.

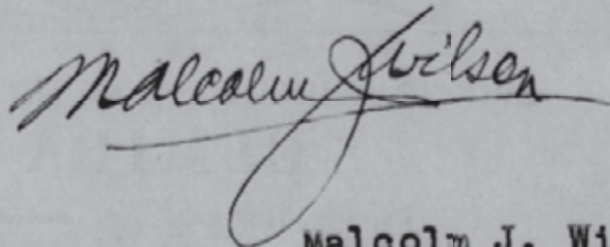
We also have in our course Dr. Shailer Matthews, Anna Louise Strong, Dr. Hsieh of China, and Judge Allen of Columbus, also Mr. Fosdick.

We are now prepared to publish a prospectus, together with photographs and definite dates, as the tickets are sold for the course. Will you not kindly forward photograph, also sketch.

In order that we may have no conflict with the other speakers, will you not kindly give us a definite date and telegraph same, as we have our final meeting Tuesday.

Awaiting the pleasure of meeting you, I am

Very truly yours,



Malcolm J. Wilson,
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October 14th, 1924 - 12 noon

Malcolm J Wilson,
Elmira Chamber of Commerce,
415 East Water Street
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Could come to you in Lyceum Course on
Monday evening, February sixteenth. If date accepted
please let me know and I will send photo and sketch as
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(Signed) A. H. Silver

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October 19th, 1924



October Seventeenth
1924

Mr. Malcolm J. Wilson,
Elmira Chamber of Commerce,
415 East Water Street,
Elmira, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Wilson,

Kindly pardon the delay in sending information about myself for publicity purposes. I have no prepared matter which I can send you and am hoping the enclosed brief statement of facts will prove of some use to your committee.

A photograph was mailed to you from my office yesterday.

Looking forward to seeing you in the near future, I am

With kindest regards

Very sincerely yours,

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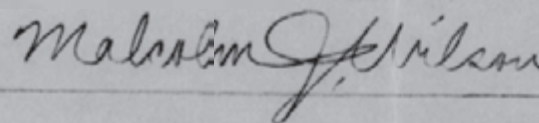
October 20, 1924.

Rabbi Abba Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you very much for your
photo and the material for publicity, which
have been received at this office.

Very truly yours,



Malcolm J. Wilson,
Secretary.

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November 13, 1924

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are returning today, under
separate cover, your picture which was used
in preparing our folder on this year's lecture
course.

Cordially yours,

ELMIRA COMMUNITY LYCEUM

Malcolm J. Wilson
Malcolm J. Wilson,
Secretary

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Subject:

"Organizing For Service"
Monday - Feb'y. 16-

[Nov.?, 1924]

PERCIVAL L. SEAMON, D. D. S.

100 WEST WATER STREET

ELMIRA, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

We were very glad to learn that you are coming to Elmira on February Sixteenth for the Community Lyceum.

Although we have never met and are not personally acquainted we are related. Your maternal grandfather and my paternal grandfather were brothers.

Father and Mother and I would be pleased to have you spend Sunday, the day before your appearance here, with us and we hope you can so plan your time that you can do this.

Also, on behalf of the Temple Brotherhood
I can say that we shall be glad to have
the opportunity to entertain you as we did
last year when Rabbi Wine was on the
Community Lyceum program.

We gave a dinner in his honor and we
had a large attendance. The Community Lyceum
Committee however complained that we
detracted from their attendance. So this year
we want no comeback and still want the
pleasure of entertaining you.

Therefore if you can manage to come
to Emira on Sunday, I can assure
you of a pleasant and enjoyable stay.

Very sincerely yours
Raphael Kassar.

December First
1924

Dr. Percival L. Seamon,
100 West Water Street,
Elmira, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Seamon,

Permit me to thank you for your very kind invitation. It will of course be impossible for me to come to Elmira on Sunday. The principal service of my Temple is on Sunday morning. I shall arrive in Elmira just in time for the lecture. I trust I shall have the pleasure of seeing you.

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With kindest regards, I beg to

Very sincerely yours.

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RABBI HENRY P. SILVERMAN
TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL

ELMIRA, N. Y.,

Jan. 26 1925

Rabbi Abba Silver
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I note that you will be
in Elmira on Feb. 16th to deliver an
address at the Community Centre.

I shall feel obliged if you will let
me know the time of your arrival
so that some representatives of 27 Temple
Brotherhood can meet & entertain you
for dinner prior to the Lecture.

With kind regards

Yours fraternally

Henry P. Silverman

BENJAMIN F. LEVY
COUNSELOR AT LAW
ELMIRA, N. Y.

February 2, 1925.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi:

You are the next speaker in our Community Lyceum Course, the date being Monday, February 16th. The committee requested me to make arrangements for that particular meeting, and I am to look after your comfort and pleasure while here.

Will you please advise me what time of day you will arrive and by what road. Also, let me know when you desire to leave and what reservation I should make for your return trip. This should be taken care of in advance so that you will have no trouble either in returning to Cleveland, or in reaching some other city in case you do not wish to return.

Awaiting your early reply, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin F. Levy

BFL:O

"Subject: "Organizing For Service"

February Tenth
1925

Mr. Benjamin F. Levy,
Counselor at Law,
Elmira, New York.

My dear Mr. Levy,

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of February second. I am planning to return to Cleveland the night of the 16th and should be glad to have you reserve a berth for me. I do not know as yet on what train I shall arrive in Elmira, but I wish you would reserve a room at one of the hotels for me and I will go directly therefrom the train.

Looking forward with much pleasure to seeing you soon, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours



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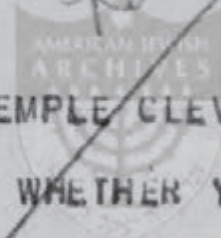
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PLEASE WIRE ME WHEN YOU ARRIVE ALSO WHETHER YOU WISH
RESERVATION FOR LEAVING MRS LEVY DESIRES THE PLEASURE OF
HAVING YOU TAKE DINNER WITH US EARLY SO AS TO BE AT THE
LECTURE AT EIGHT OCLOCK

BENJAMIN F LEVY

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Letter covered this



Feb. 27th, 1929.

Rabbi Silverman,
Elmira, N. Y.

My dear Rabbi Silverman:-

In connection with your wire of February 18th inviting Rabbi Silver to be the speaker at the International Relations Conference being held in Elmira, April 15th to 17th.

Will you kindly give us some further particulars in regard to the meeting? Is this to be a local meeting or a State meeting?

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

RABBI HENRY P. SILVERMAN

TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL

ELMIRA, N. Y.

March 17/29

Miss Rothenberg
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Rothenberg:

I have your letter of Feb. 27 & am very glad to hear that the International Relations Conference which is to be held in Elmira on April 15 to 17 is a local meeting organized by Elmira College & sponsored by 28 organizations. We have planned to bring here 8 to 10 speakers. The following have accepted our invitations: George WICKERSHAW, Dr. B. Eddy, P. W. Wilson, Parker T. Moon & Clyton Morrison. We are inviting a Rabbi & a prominent Catholic Minister.

Will you kindly let me know if Wise if Rabbi Silverman can come here on the dates named to you in my note of Feb. 18th.

Yours sincerely
H. P. Silverman
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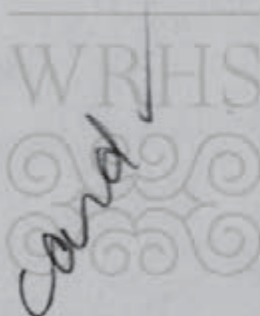
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RABBI SILVERMAN
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RABBI SILVER REGRETS THAT HE IS UNABLE
TO ACCEPT YOUR VERY KIND INVITATION HE IS HEAVILY
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TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL
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FREDERIC A. DOPPELT, RABBI
STUDY: 255 WEST CHURCH STREET

53 Hoffman St.

June 2, 1897

Dr. Abba H. Silver
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver

I just a note to remind
you of our conversation at
Columbus with regard to the 75th
anniversary of my congregation.
You asked me to inform
you of the date. We plan to
celebrate Friday evening, October
29th. Can you possibly be our
guest-speaker for that occasion.

Do let me hear from
you in the affirmative.

Thanking you for
considering the invitation, I am
Sincerely

Fredric A. Doppelt

June 7, 1937

Rabbi Frederic A. Doppelt,
Temple B'nai Israel,
53 Hoffman Street,
Elmora, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Doppelt:

I appreciate very much your kind note of June 2nd and your invitation to address the 75th anniversary of your Congregation on October 29th. I wish I were free to come. I am, however, scheduled to address the New York State Teachers' Convention in the City of New York on that day.

With all good wishes for a very happy summer, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

The First Baptist Church
Elmira, N. Y.
Rev. Rolland N. Dutton, Pastor

June 11, 1937.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are planning our Sunday evening programs for the 1937-1938 season, and wish to bring to this church and city in the seven months from October through April seven of the outstanding religious leaders of the nation, introducing one on the first Sunday night of each month.

The Friendly Circle organization, a very active group of college and young married people who were instrumental in presenting Roland Hayes, noted Negro tenor, here during the past season, is sponsoring these special programs, and will invite the Jewish and Christian people of the entire city to attend.

We would be very proud and happy to include your name on our list of speakers which will be published very soon. The October and November meetings are already planned, but we still have open the first Sunday night of each month beginning with the fifth of December.

Please indicate at your earliest convenience whether you would be available during the latter months, perhaps in the course of a tour which may bring you closer to this part of the country, and kindly inform us of the financial obligation in addition to expenses which you would like to have us assume.

Most cordially and sincerely,

R. N. Dutton, Pastor.

Gene Rich,
Advisor of Friendly Circle.

P.S. - Rabbi Frederick Doppel of the local Temple joins me in hoping you can come. His people are supporting the series most enthusiastically. - R. N. D.

September 1, 1937

Rev. Rolland N. Dutton,
The First Baptist Church,
Elmora, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Dutton:

Upon my return from Europe I find your kind letter of June 11 inviting me to share in your Sunday evening programs for the coming season. I need not tell you that I am greatly appreciative of your thoughtfulness in inviting me. Unfortunately it is quite impossible for me to get away from my congregational duties on a Sunday. Not only is our principal service held on that day but as a rule weddings and numerous group activities of The Temple are planned for Sundays.

Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you. With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

ELMIRA COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF BIBLE AND RELIGION
ELMIRA, NEW YORK

June 19, 1939

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I understand that you are to be guest preacher at Sage Chapel, Cornell University, Sunday, November 26, 1939. Following that engagement, would you find it in your heart to come to Elmira College to address our Chapel Service at eleven o'clock Monday morning, November 27?

During the course of the year several of the visiting Cornell preachers come to us for the following Monday. Customarily we send an envoy Monday morning, who would call for you at Willard Straight Hall about nine o'clock.

Our Chapel Service is of religious emphasis with a program of worship as well as the address by the visiting speaker.

Elmira is on the main line of the Lackawanna Railroad and there are excellent express trains in the afternoon both eastbound and westbound.

We have a small budget allotment for our Chapel Program and our President authorizes me to say that we can pay you a small honorarium. When you have had time to consider the matter, will you please let me know your decision?

With every good wish, I am

Heartily yours,

Elmer W. K. Mould

Elmer W. K. Mould
Chairman, Chapel Program
Committee

*Said you would
answer directly
or communicate
with me.*

June 23, 1939

Dr. Elmer W. K. Mould
Elmira College
Elmira, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Mould:

Your letter of June 19 arrived after Dr. Silver had left the city for his summer vacation abroad. I am forwarding it to him. Dr. Silver will either communicate with you directly, or with me. In the latter instance, I shall be happy to write to you.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver.

*Sent to Cornell
Mon. Nov 27 11 o'clock*

July 8th 1939.

My dear Dr. Mould,

Your letter was forwarded to me here. I deeply appreciate your kind invitation to address the Chapel Service of Elmira College on Monday morning, November 27th. In as much as I shall be at Cornell University, I shall be very pleased to come to you.

I plan to return to Cleveland the first week in September. If there is any information which you would like to send me, you may reach me there.

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

I remain,

Very cordially yours,

September 15, 1939

Dr. Elmer W. K. Mould
Department of Bible and Religion
Elmira College
Elmira, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Mould:

I have just received word from President Day, of Cornell University, that because President Roosevelt had shifted the date of Thanksgiving Day, the Chapel Service which I was to address at Cornell on November 26 has been shifted to December 3. It will therefore not be possible for me to be with you on November 27. Unfortunately, I am also not free to stay over for Monday, December 4, as The Temple is presenting an important symposium at noon on that day which I will have to attend.

I trust that I may be of service to you at some other time.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

ELMIRA COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF BIBLE AND RELIGION
ELMIRA, NEW YORK

September 18, 1939

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you for your kind letter of September 15. We fully understand the confusion that has been thrown into college and university programs by the changed date for Thanksgiving. We regret that this prevents us from having you as guest speaker at our Chapel this year. We shall hope that another year you can come to us. Thank you heartily for informing us at this early date of this change.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially yours,

Elmer W. K. Mould

Elmer W. K. Mould
Chairman, Chapel Program Committee

CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

RABBI PHILMORE BERGER, M. H. L.

900 WEST WATER STREET
ELMIRA, NEW YORK

Feb. 28, 1961

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th St. and Silver Park,
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:

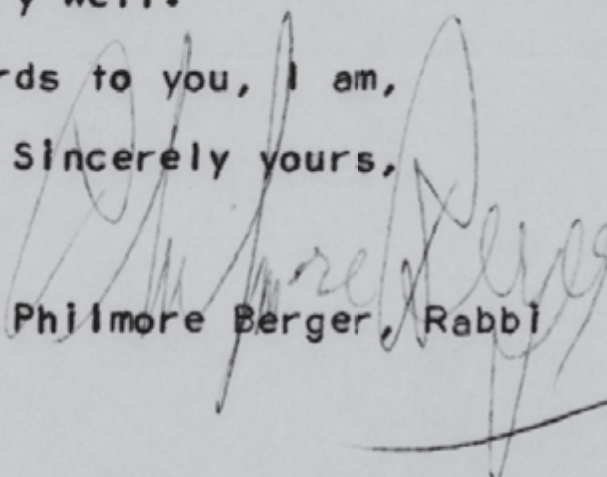
My Congregation will be celebrating its Centennial year beginning in October 1961. A series of Friday nights have been set aside for Rabbinical guests to occupy the pulpit. I am delighted to extend to you an invitation to be with us on Friday evening, November 10th, 1961. This Friday night will give recognition to members of our Congregation who have made a vital contribution to the community of Elmira. My heart would swell with pride should you accept this invitation and honor our community with your presence.

There is a direct flight on Mohawk Air Lines from Cleveland to Elmira and your travel therefore would be a simple matter to arrange. I hope you will give consideration to this request.

Please give my best wishes to Danny and Milt, both of whom I know very well.

With kindest regards to you, I am,

Sincerely yours,


Philmore Berger, Rabbi

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Mr. & Mrs. Benj. Barcus

820 Jay St.

ELMIRA, N. Y.

DSE

March 6, 1961

My dear Rabbi Berger:

I greatly appreciate your invitation to address your congregation on Friday evening, November 10th during its Centennial Year. I cannot make any commitments that far ahead. I am not at all sure that I will be in the country at that time. I regret very much that I am unable to avail myself of your invitation.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

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