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Fall River, Massachusetts, 1944-1951.

EDWARD ADASKIN

287 SOUTH MAIN STREET

FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS

December 7, 1944

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Temple Emmanuel
Ansel & E. 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

I had the opportunity some weeks ago, to discuss with Albert A. List, the possibility of your paying New England another visit, but this time in an official capacity rather than just as a vacationist.

Temple Beth-El, of which Rabbi Rudderman, who is now in the service is our Rabbi, has just completed raising \$74,000 to pay off it's mortgage on the Temple that was built in 1928 and it is our desire to celebrate with a banquet at which 600 or 700 people will be present. I have been asked by the committee in charge to extend an invitation to you and ascertain if you would be our principal speaker that night.

Realizing how hard pressed you are for time, we left the date rather open with the idea of having you advise us what Sunday in February would be agreeable to you.

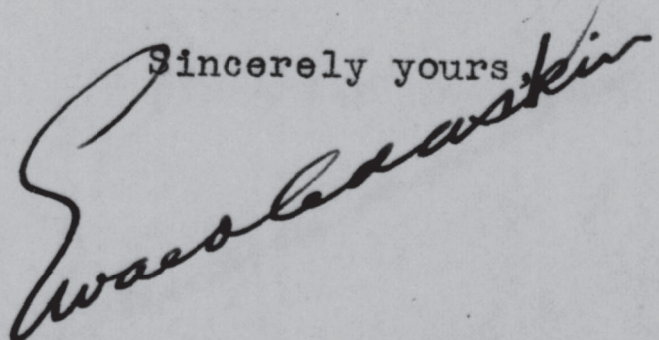
Fall River looks forward with a great deal of anticipation and pleasure to your visit and I personally look forward to renew our acquaintance.

With my kindest personal regards to you and Mrs. Silver, I am

Sincerely yours,

Edward Adaskin

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A large, stylized handwritten signature of Edward Adaskin, written in dark ink, slanted upwards from left to right. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'E' being particularly large and looping.

December 26, 1944

Mr. Edward Adaskin
287 South Main Street
Fall River, Mass.

My dear Mr. Adaskin:

Please pardon the delay in answering your kind letter. I have been away from the city a good deal of the time and my correspondence has accordingly lagged.

It would give me pleasure indeed if I were able to come to Temple Beth-El and to share with you in the celebration of its debt cancellation. I know how happy you must all be, for my people here burned their Temple mortgage just two weeks ago, and we, too, celebrated.

Unfortunately I am so heavily burdened with work, and committed to so many engagements, that I cannot in justice to myself and my health take on any additional responsibilities this season.

I trust that you are well, and I hope that I may have the pleasure of seeing you in the not too distant future. I remain

Most cordially yours,

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Temple Beth El

HIGH AND LOCUST STREETS

FALL RIVER, MASS.

SAMUEL S. RUDERMAN, *Rabbi*

MARCUS GERLICH, *Cantor*

June 15, 1951

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

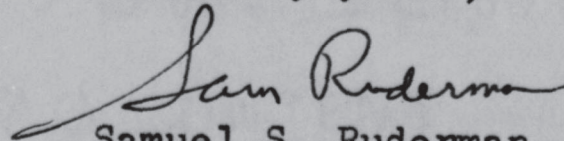
The Speakers Committee of our Forum has requested me to invite you to address our Forum during the coming season. We would be greatly honored if your crowded schedule permitted your acceptance.

Ours is the only forum in the city and draws its clientele from the entire community. Now in its 11th year, we are proud of the long list of eminent speakers and personalities who have graced our rostrum. The 700 members of our ZOA District and our more than 800 members of Hadassah would be especially stimulated by a visit by the one who has wrought so marvelously for Zion and the State of Israel.

May I suggest the following dates, hoping that one may meet with your convenience: November 5, 12, or 19 - March 3, 10, 17. Will you please write me what honorarium we would be expected to pay.

*all
Mondays*

Sincerely yours,



Samuel S. Ruderman, Rabbi

P. S. I still recall with deep pleasure the occasion you addressed my forum in New London Connecticut in 1935.

June 18, 1951

Rabbi Samuel S. Ruderman
Temple Beth El
High & Locust Streets
Fall River, Mass.

My dear Rabbi Ruderman:

Thank you for your letter of June 15th and for your gracious invitation to address the Forum of Temple Beth El during the coming season. It may be possible for me to come on Monday, March 3rd. My honorarium is \$500.

With best wishes to you for a pleasant summer, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Temple Beth El

HIGH AND LOCUST STREETS

FALL RIVER, MASS.

SAMUEL S. RUDERMAN, *Rabbi*

MARCUS GERLICH, *Cantor*

August 17, 1951

Miss Elizabeth Rice
Secretary to Dr. Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Miss Rice:

I regret exceedingly the inordinate delay in replying to Dr. Silver's letter.

We are very anxious to have Dr. Silver address our Forum on March 3, 1952, but our budget permits only \$300 for the honorarium. It would be presumptuous on our part to request Dr. Silver to accept our invitation on these terms, yet I cannot resist the temptation to do so. I would appreciate deeply your co-operation in broaching this matter to him.

Hoping to receive from you a favorable reply, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Samuel S. Ruderman

Samuel S. Ruderman, Rabbi

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August 14, 1951

Rabbi Samuel S. Ruderman
Temple Beth El
High and Locust Streets
Fall River, Massachusetts

Dear Rabbi Ruderman:

In checking Dr. Silver's schedule for the coming season, I note that no reply was received to his letter of June 18th, advising you that he would be available to address your Forum on March 3rd. I shall appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice
Secretary to Dr. Silver

August 20, 1951

Rabbi Samuel S. Ruderman
Temple Beth El
High and Locust Streets
Fall River, Massachusetts

Dear Rabbi Ruderman:

Thank you for your letter of August 17th. Dr. Silver is at present out of the country, but is expected back in Cleveland early in September. At that time I shall take up with him the matter referred to in your letter and I shall advise you accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice
Secretary to Dr. Silver