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HARRY LASHKOWITZ  
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January 18, 1930

Rabbi Abba Hillel Heller,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear and esteemed Rabbi:

A year ago the different creeds in this city agreed on setting a week aside for religious emphasis. The chief, paramount and underlying reason for the same is to emphasize and lay stress on the fundamentals of religions, from which no particular creed can dissent. In other words, the purpose of it is to bring the different creeds together and encourage better understanding between all of them.

Last year we had representatives of the Protestant faith and our faith address here different audiences during that week, and they spoke before the different luncheon clubs, at the theaters, schools and churches. Rabbi A. G. Minda of Minneapolis, Minnesota was secured at the last moment to be one of the speakers. He did justice to his subjects and was a credit to himself and his people. The local committee was too late in securing an eminent prelate of the Catholic faith.

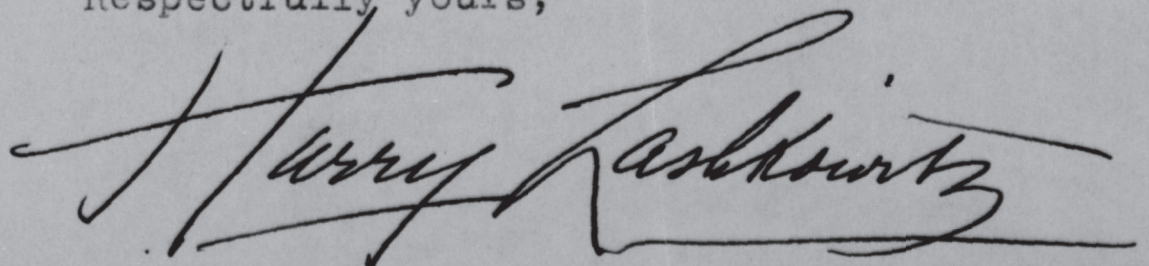
In view of the success of this undertaking, plans and arrangements have been made to have a emphasis week this year and same will take place the week of March 17th, that is, from March 17th to the 23rd, first and last days inclusive. As near as I am personally able to determine, they will now have a Catholic priest or some eminent Catholic layman of national reputation, a Protestant minister and a Jewish Rabbi.

Your national reputation is well known and those of us here of your faith, who are interested in this emphasis week, have delegated me to communicate with you with the idea of securing you for that week, or a good portion of that week. That is the reason that you are being written to as early as this, anticipating, as we do, that your time is well taken up with many engagements.

It will be a privilege and an honor to have you represent us before the public on that particular occasion, and it is our fervent hope that it will be possible for you to accept this invitation. I might add that our people, not only locally but throughout the state, will be looking forward to your coming here with a great deal of interest and pleasure.

Respectfully yours,

HL GH

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Harry Lashkowitz". The signature is written in a cursive style with long, sweeping strokes.



*Carol ✓*

Jan. 22d, 1930

Mr. Harry Lashkowitz,  
Walker Bldg.,  
Fargo, N. D.

My dear Mr. Lashkowitz:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of January 18th and for the invitation which you extend to me to visit your city during the week of March 17th in connection with your Emphasis Week Celebration.

I wish I were in a position to avail myself of your kind invitation but my program is already crowded for the remainder of the season and I can not in justice to myself accept any more engagements. 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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