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RABBI A H SILVER

GARFIEDL HOTEL 3848 PROSPECT AVE CLEVELAND O

FORT WAYNE CANNOT SECURE THEATRE OR ANY HALL OF SUITABLE SIZE FOR SEVENTH MEETING OF WORKERS AT NOON MASS MEETING AT NIGHT WOULD BE GREAT FAVOR FOR ME IF YOU COULD ARRANGE TO GET THERE SIXTH YOU WILL MEAN TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS EXTRA FOR THEM DO COME

ANSWER

EUGENE M BAER

545PM

112 W. Wackerly in St.
sorry cannot come. important engagement.

Answered 9/30/19
"Sorry cannot come - important engagement prevents -"

Fort Wayne Section, Council of Jewish Women

Fort Wayne, Indiana

January 2, 1919

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Carmel writes that you cannot come to us February 3^d, but can come February 4th. The latter date, i. e., the fourth, is quite satisfactory.

Will you kindly let me know the subject of your address for the afternoon² also when you expect to arrive in our city so that we may know at what hour to call the afternoon meeting?
Cordially,

Minnetta Baum, President
Council of Jewish Women,
1313 N. Wayne Street.

Rabbi Silver
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

The Great Opportunity
The American Israelite

Fort Wayne Section, Council of Jewish Women

Fort Wayne, Indiana

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi:

Have just wired you in reply to your telegram in answer to mine that we would expect you for both the afternoon and the evening meetings.

My first telegram to you was meant merely to ask your advice and since you think best not to cancel the afternoon meeting, I am more than glad to go ahead with it. There is no question that you will have a good attendance in the evening. I was only anxious that every Jewish man and woman in Ft. Wayne hear your evening talk, and it occurred to me that possibly there who were not in sympathy with Judaism might not come in the evening if they had the opportunity of hearing you in the afternoon. Be that as it may, unless all signs fail, you are bound to have a good audience in the evening.

Both of the meetings are scheduled
at our Reformed Temple.

Please notify me just when you
expect to arrive in St. Vagne.

Cordially,

Minette Baum.

Sunday, January Twenty-Fifth.



Fort Wayne Section, Council of Jewish Women
Fort Wayne, Indiana

My dear Rabbi Silver:

You will perhaps recall my recent conversation with you in your studio when you promised to consider the feasibility of including Fort Wayne in your speaking itinerary in February.

We will be very glad to have you any time you find it convenient to come to us. While the invitation was extended to you in the name of the Fort Wayne Branch of the Zionist Organization of America, I am also president of the Fort Wayne Branch of the Council of Jewish Women, and I wondered, if you can conveniently arrange it, and if it would not be imposing too much upon you, whether you would be willing to talk before the Council in the afternoon, and

under the auspices of the Zionist Organi-
zation in the evening?

Hoping that you will not forget
us, and that you will let me know a
few days ahead of time as to just when
we may expect you. I am.

Cordially yours

Minnette Baum

1313 West Wayne Street,

Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Remember Fortunate

Thirteen Hundred Ninety

Tues. Feb. 3
Wed. Feb. 4.

December 18, 1919,

Miss Minnette Baum,
1312 West Wayne Street,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

My dear Miss Baum,

Replying to your letter of December 14th, Rabbi Silver directs me to say, that he may have the dates of Tuesday, February 3rd and Wednesday, February 4th open for an engagement in Fort Wayne. His remuneration would be \$75.00 and traveling expenses for the address before the Council of Jewish Women, but he would require no fee for his address before the Zionist Organization in the evening.

Should you make more definite arrangements, he would be pleased to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.

mailed
2/18/90

Fort Wayne Section, Council of Jewish Women
Fort Wayne, Indiana

My dear Miss Jones:

Am returning herewith Rabbi Silver's
photo.

When Rabbi Silver was here he promised
to send us a copy of his defection of
America. Will you kindly remind him
of his promise, and greatly oblige

Yours cordially

Minette Baum

1313 West Maple Street

Fort Wayne, Indiana

February 18, 1890

January 20th, 1920

Miss Minnette Baum,
Fort Wayne Section,
Council of Jewish Women,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

My dear Miss Baum,

Rabbi Silver has just returned
from another lecture trip. He directs me to
say to you that the subject of his address
will be one of the two following:

- "The Great Opportunity of American Israel" or
- "The Immigrant vs. The Foreigner".

Kindly let Rabbi Silver know which one
you choose.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

1313 West Wayne Street.

Fort Wayne Section, Council of Jewish Women

Fort Wayne, Indiana

January 21, 1920.

Abba Hillel Silver, Rabbi
The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi:

Am writing to find out definitely
whether we may expect you in Ft. Wayne
on Wednesday February 4th, in time to give
a talk in the afternoon before a joint
meeting of the Council and of the Sisterhood.

I have written your office twice before
regarding the afternoon meeting, asking the
nature of your subject, but as yet have re-
ceived no reply. Will you not kindly see
that a reply is sent me by return mail?

We have already started the publicity for
the evening meeting regarding the Palestine Res-
toration Fund, and hope to give you a goodly at-
tendance.

Awaiting your prompt reply.

Cordially,

Minnette Baum.

Fort Wayne Section, Council of Jewish Women

Fort Wayne, Indiana

January 23, 1920.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi:

Replying to your note of January
20th, we have chosen "The Immigrant or the
Foreigner" as the topic for the afternoon lec-
ture and have set the hour at three.

Please notify me as soon as you
know just when you expect to arrive in
Fort Wayne so that we may have you met,
and oblige

Yours cordially

Minette Baum

1313 West Wayne Street.



Hotel Alexandria
250 WEST 103RD STREET
NEW YORK

Sunday, July 8.

Dr. A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio,

My dear Dr. Silver,

Owing to the fact
that the treasury of the
Council of Jewish Women of
Port Wayne, Ind. is in
rather ^{and} impoverished condition
at present. I fear we will
be unable to pay you the
amount you ask in your
letter.

We regret this very much
as we should indeed



Hotel Alexandria
250 WEST 103RD STREET
NEW YORK

be happy to have you
address me.

Perhaps at some future
date we shall have
the pleasure of hearing
you in Fort Wayne.

Very sincerely yours,
Anna G. Laessle.

Dr. A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio,

My dear Dr. Silver,

In behalf of the Council
of Jewish Women of Fort Wayne,
Ind., I am taking the liberty
of writing and asking you
if among your many duties,
you might find a day in
Jan. 1924 - to address us.

We would, indeed, be very
happy to have you with us
and would deem it a great
favor.

The Council cheerfully
pays the expenses of the
speaker and gives any

other remuneration the speaker
wishes.

The Council will be especially
attentive to your every comfort,
and trusts it will receive
a favorable reply.

Sincerely,

Emma S. (Mrs. H.) Looser.



Sunday, June Tenth,
5406 Wayne Av.,
Chicago, Ill.

Fort Wayne

June 12th, 1923.

Mrs. H. Looser,
5406 Wayne Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Looser,

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter and for the invitation which you extend to me to address the Council of Jewish Women of Fort Wayne. I am afraid I cannot come during the month of January. I plan to remain in Cleveland the entire month of January in as much as I shall be away the major part of the preceding month on a lecture through the South. If a date during the spring months is acceptable to you, please write to me again.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

June 19, 1923
250 W. 103rd St.
N.Y.C.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:

Responding to
your kind letter of recent date,
I will say that the Council
of Jewish Women would be
happy to have you address
it in Feb. or early March.

Will you kindly advise
me what date will be
most convenient for you?

Thanking you for your
kindness,

I remain,

Sincerely, Anna S. Loewer.

Fort Henry

June 22nd, 1923.

Mrs. H. Looser,
250 W. 103rd St.,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Looser,

In response to your letter of the 19th, permit me to say that I believe I can come to you on Monday, February 18th, 1924. My customary remuneration for lectures before Jewish organisations is \$100 and traveling expenses. Please let me know whether the arrangements are satisfactory.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

RABBI S. H. MARKOWITZ
1119 FAIRFIELD AVE.
FT. WAYNE, IND.

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A. H. S. knows
nothing about
this. No other
corr. in files

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

Dear John:-

I realize that this is not quite the correct way to address you, but the habit of years is too strong to be changed in a day, and before I even gave it any thought, my fingers had typed the old salutation.

I am writing you on behalf of the Council of Jewish Women here, to ask if you could address us some time next winter. The Council is sponsoring the Forum Lecture Course for the coming year and ~~has~~ is desirous of having fewer numbers than heretofore but those few to be of superior quality. The entire community participates in these lectures; you will not be addressing the Council alone. The meetings are in the evenings, of course. Can you please tell me if it will be possible for you to come, your terms, and your available dates? I will appreciate it if you will let me know as soon as possible.

With kindest greetings to Mrs. Silver and yourself, in which Mek joins me, I am

Sincerely yours,

Jewel Klein Markowitz

RABBI S. H. MARKOWITZ
500 W. WAYNE ST.
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

August 28, 1928.

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

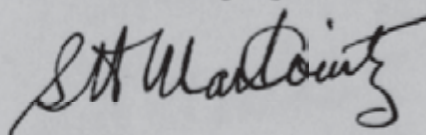
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing you in response to the request of the Secretary of the Community Chest, who is eager to have you here to open the local campaign on Friday evening, September 30. I know you are very busy but if you could possibly manage it, in spite of Succoth, we would appreciate it very much.

You could leave Cleveland about noon on Friday and get back on the sleeper the next morning. Your remuneration would be \$75.00 or \$100.00 or even more if necessary. Will you please let me know as soon as possible whether you can come.

With kindest greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,



SHM/W

card ✓

August 31st, 1928.

Rabbi S. H. Markowitz,
500 W. Wayne St.,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

My dear Rabbi Markowitz:-

Thank you very much for your note of August 28th. I wish I could accept the invitation of the Fort Wayne Community Chest to open their campaign on Friday evening, Sept. 30th. Unfortunately I can not for the reason which you indicate in your letter. It is the evening of Succoth and we are holding services that evening. If it were any other night I should be very happy to come.

With kindest regards and wishing you a very happy New Year, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

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WESTERN UNION

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

and

September 5th, 1928.
1:15 P. M.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

WRHS



Have changed Chest Campaign opening to Monday October 1st.

Wire possibilities of acceptance.

E. J. Hornick.

Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

*Ans. It would be possible for
me to come Monday, Oct. 1st.*

9/6/28

Rabbi A. H. Silver

*Air: 12 noon
2 5:05 PM*

~~Mr.~~ RUSSELL L. SOLOMON
909 UNION STREET
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Sept. 16, 1928.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th St., at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

At the suggestion of my uncle, Mr. Henry Klein, I am writing with reference to the possibility of having you speak to our Temple Brotherhood Club at the time you come here to open the Fort Wayne Community Chest Drive.

Upon investigation, I find that the Chest is going to have a dinner, followed by not more than fifteen minutes of business, and your address.

We would be very happy to have you arrange to be with us after the Chest Meeting. If, however, you should arrive in Fort Wayne during the morning, we can arrange a luncheon meeting of the Temple Brotherhood Club, providing you would prefer such a schedule.

Our club comprises a membership of about seventy-five; it is an average group of men.

RUSSELL L. SOLOMON
909 UNION STREET
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

I sincerely trust that you can arrange to honor us by inaugurating our new year, and I hope for a favorable reply that will give details of your schedule and the subject of your address to the Men's Club.

Very sincerely yours,

Russell L. Solomon



card

Sept. 17th, 1928.

Mr. Russell L. Solomon,
909 Union St.,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

My dear Mr. Solomon:-

Permit me to thank you
for your kind letter of Sept. 16th.

I appreciate very much your
kindness in inviting me to address your Temple
Brotherhood Club but I am afraid that I will
not be able to accept your invitation.

I plan to arrive in Fort
Wayne late in the afternoon and I should not
like to speak twice in one evening. I find
that altogether too trying. Perhaps at some
future time I may be of service to you.

With best wishes for the
New Year, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

October 2d, 1928.

Rabbi S. H. Markowitz,
500 W. Wayne St.,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

My dear Rabbi Markowitz:-

Just a note to let you know how much I enjoyed being with you last evening and the hour spent at your home. My Fort Wayne experience was altogether delightful.

On my way back to Cleveland we had a baby wreck. No one hurt, but we had to get out of our berths and transfer to another train which took us to Orville and then transfer to still another train which took us to Cleveland.

I did not recall last night the terms of my remuneration. In your letter of August 28th you state, "Your remuneration would be \$75. or \$100. or even more if necessary." I leave this matter entirely with your Committee. My traveling expenses amounted to \$18.

With kindest regards to your dear lady and to yourself, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

FORT WAYNE COMMUNITY CHEST

BASS BLOCK

PHONE A-4101 - 4104

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

ROBERT M. FEUSTEL
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MRS. R. HARDING
SECRETARY

October 17, 1928

Rabbi H. Silver
East 105th Street, at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your opening address to the Fort Wayne Campaigners was a very fine inspirational offering. It gave to Fort Wayne a point of view of the service rendered; the joy of participating in a noble work, as it had never been presented to them before.

We are very much indebted to you for having come to Fort Wayne and given us this inspirational message. The inclosed check is in no way measuring up to our gratitude for your help.

I hope it will be possible for you to come again.

Yours very sincerely,

E. J. Hornick
Executive Secretary

EJH/NH

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

H. L. VEATCH
PHYSICS

March 12, 1929.

Rabbi Abba Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My Dear Sir:-

I am writing to you to know if you will consider an invitation to be the principal speaker before the members of the Northeastern Indiana Teachers Association to be held in Fort Wayne, Indiana, October 17 and 18, 1929.

We desire a speaker to address the general meeting on Thursday, a sectional meeting on Thursday afternoon, and a sectional meeting on Friday morning.

If you will consider such an invitation will you please send me a list of your subjects, a statement of what fee you will expect, and whether you will consider the three addresses or but the one.

If this suggestion meets with your approval let me hear from you at once and I shall be glad to take up the matter in detail.

Thanking you for your kindly consideration, I am

Respectfully yours,
Harry L. Veatch
President Northeastern
Indiana Teachers' Ass'n.

Carol

March 20th, 1929.

Mr. Harry L. Veatch,
Central High School,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

My dear Mr. Veatch:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address the Northeastern Indiana Teachers Association on October 17th and 18th.

If I were free I would gladly have availed myself of your invitation. Unfortunately your convention is being held during the week of our holidays and I am compelled to remain in the city the entire week. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With kindest regards and wishing you success, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/TR

Ft. Wayne Temple Sisterhood.

Ft. Wayne, Ind. November 19th 1930.
Sheridan Apartments A-5

Rabbi Alta Hillel Silber.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi.

The month of April is many weeks away but we are trying to have the annual State Sisterhood meeting to be held then in our city an unusual event! Hence many of us who have heard you here and elsewhere would consider it a great favor if you would consider coming and give the main address on Wednesday evening April 15th 1931.

Mine was the privilege to listen to you at the National Sisterhood Convention at Oakland, California in 1929 on "The Family" and I am most eager to have our congregation hear the lecture I never forgot.

Could you give us that date will you let me know as soon as you can as well as your terms.

En passant will you tell your wife that Jessie Horkheimer in Frankfurt is my niece and has ever been much interested in her.

Eager to receive an affirmative reply.

Most Sincerely Yours (Mrs.) Frieda Krauss. State President.

Affiliated With



card -

Nov. 21st, 1930

Mrs. Frieda Strauss,
Sheridan Apartments A,
Ft. Wayne, Ind.

My dear Mrs. Strauss:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address the Indiana State Sisterhood meeting on Wednesday evening, April 15th, 1931.

It may be possible for me to arrange to come to you on that evening. My customary honorarium is \$250. Realizing the nature of your organization, I would set my honorarium at \$150. If the terms are agreeable please let me know and I will confirm the date.

With kindest regards and best wishes,
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

Ft. Wayne Temple Sisterhood.
Sheridan Apts. A⁵

Ft. Wayne - November 26th 1930.

Rabbi A. H. Silber.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi.

The Program Committee of the Indiana
State Sisterhood wishes me to express to
you its appreciation of your accepting the
invitation to address the annual meeting
on Wednesday evening April 15th 1931.

We are very happy that you reduced your
terms for us and are anticipating the occasion.
In due time I will ask of you the title
to be put on our programs.

Most sincerely Yours

(Mrs.) Frieda Strauss.

President of Indiana
State Sisterhood.

Affiliated With



card

MRS. FRIEDA STRAUSS
SHERIDAN APARTMENTS
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

December 20th 1930

Rabbi A. H. Silver.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi,

On November 26th I wrote you a letter in which I told you of our being delighted at your giving us Wednesday evening April 15th 1931 for a lecture - honorarium to be \$150.00.

May we go ahead with our programme for the Indiana State Sisterhood Convention with you as the main speaker.

Most cordially

Yours
Mrs. Frieda Strauss

card

Dec. 23d, 1930

Mrs. Frieda Strauss,
Sheridan Apts.,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

My dear Mrs. Strauss:-

I have definitely booked the Indiana State
Sisterhood for Wednesday evening, April 15th, 1931.

With kindest regards and best wishes,
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

1109 W. Berry Street,
Fort Wayne, Ind.,
Mar. 5, 1931

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Will you please
send me your photograph
and any publicity which
might be used in our
newspapers in connection
with our State Sisterhood
Convention?

Thanking you, I am,

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. I. L. Bronstein
Publicity Chairman

4/15

March 12th, 1931

Mrs. I. L. Bronstein,
1109 W. Berry St.,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

My dear Mrs. Bronstein:-

Enclosed herewith please find photograph
and a short biographical sketch in connection with
the scheduled address of Rabbi Silver at your State
Sisterhood Convention.

As our supply of photographs is limited,
may I ask that after the photograph has served your
purpose, that you kindly return it to us.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

MRS. FRIEDA STRAUSS
SHERIDAN APARTMENTS
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

4-3-1931.

Dr. A. H. Silver.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi,

We extend to you - a most cordial invitation to attend the Banquet which precedes your Lecture to be given at our Temple on Wednesday evening - April 15th.

May I trouble you to send us the subject of your lecture as our program will be printed next week. We are throwing the Temple open to the General Public.

May I also ask you the time of your arrival in our Hoosier city.

Most sincerely Mrs. Frieda Strauss

FORT WAYNE ZIONIST DISTRICT
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

April 5, 1931.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland,
Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:-

Of course, am delighted that you are to be in Ft. Wayne on the 15th under the auspices of our State Sisterhoods, and we all look forward to your coming.

Perhaps you will recall, years ago, I think it was in 1918, that you were gracious enough to be the speaker for Ft. Wayne's first Palestine campaign. Ft. Wayne has since grown in warmth towards Palestine, and we have held a number of successful campaigns, but this year promises to be an exceedingly difficult one. We have no Chairman or Campaign Committee as yet. You can help us.

You are to talk in Ft. Wayne the evening of the 15th. Could you arrange to arrive early enough on the 15th (understand there is a train leaving Cleveland at 9A.M. arriving Ft. Wayne 12:40) so that we might invite a group of men to meet you at luncheon, and out of which group a

FORT WAYNE ZIONIST DISTRICT
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

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Chairman and a responsible campaign Committee might result.

If you cannot be with us on the 15th in time for a luncheon, could you stay over and meet with a group the following day?

We realize that this is an imposition upon you, but we are up against it this year, and need your help badly.

May we hear from you at your earliest possible convenience?

Very cordially yours,

Minnette Baum
Chairman

Ft. Wayne Zionist District.

card

Telephone
Anthony ~~47983~~

April 6th, 1931

Mrs. Frieda Strauss,
Sheridan Apts.,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

My dear Mrs. Strauss:-

Permit me to thank you for your
kind letter of April 3d.

I shall be very happy to attend
the banquet which you are arranging to precede the
lecture in your Temple.

In your letter of Nov. 19th you
suggested that I speak on "The Family" the lecture
which you heard on the Pacific Coast.

You may announce as the subject
of my address "What Is Happening to the American Home?"

With kindest regards, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

The News-Sentinel

Fort Wayne, Indiana

April 6, 1931.

Rabbi Abba Hellel Silver,
Jewish Temple,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Sir:

Will you be so kind as to send me a copy or excerpts
of your talk which you are to give before the members of the
Indiana Temple Sisterhood at their annual convention here
April 15-16?

Your co-operation in this matter will enable us to
on the day
give the convention a complete story / ~~account~~ of the ~~the~~ meeting.

Thanking you in advance for any courtesy you may be able to
extend, I am

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs) L. T. Wenzler

Society and Club Editor
NEWS-SENTINEL

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April 9th, 1931.

Mrs. Minnette Baum,
Ft. Wayne Zionist District,
1313 West Wayne St.,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

My dear Mrs. Baum:-

Permit me to thank you for your
kind letter of April 5th.

I should very much like to set
aside the noon hour for the Palestine meeting but
unfortunately I will not arrive until late in the
afternoon and I must leave the same evening for St.
Louis where I am opening the Palestine Campaign on
the 16th.

Looking forward with pleasure
to our meeting again and with kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/ER

April 10th, 1931

Mrs. Lenore Wenzler,
News-Sentinel,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

My dear Mrs. Wenzler:-

I am enclosing herewith some excerpts of the address on "What is Happening to the American Home" which I am to deliver before the Indiana State Sisterhood at their annual convention on April 15th.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

ACHDUTH VESHOLOM CONGREGATION

Founded 1848

THE TEMPLE

Corner Fairfield Avenue and West Wayne Street
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

PHONE A-97273

March 20, 1936

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

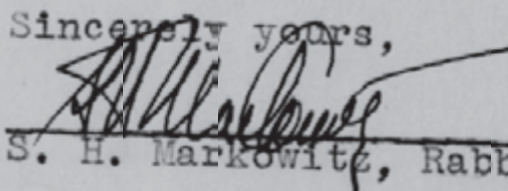
We are trying to organize a Jewish Froum in the city. After years of ignorance we are attempting again to bring some Jewish knowledge to our people.

Our plan is to provide six lectures from November to April; and to sell tickets at one dollar for the series, thereby making possible the largest number of "customers".

Would you consider being the lecturer for March, 1937? We could pay one-hundred dollars plus expenses; but I am afraid I cannot offer you more.

With kindest greetings to you all from us all, I am,

Sincerely yours,


S. H. Markowitz, Rabbi

SHM:rm

March 24, 1936

Rabbi S. H. Markowitz,
The Temple,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

My dear Rabbi Markowitz:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of March 20. I appreciate deeply your invitation to address your Forum some time next season. I am, however, not making any plans so far ahead. My program is quite uncertain and I do not want to commit myself definitely to lecture engagements at this time for next fall or winter.

With all good wishes to you and
yours, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

MRS. ABE BECK
327 SOUTH CORNELL CIRCLE
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

July 30, 1937

Dear Dr. Silver,

I learned today that you are to speak in Fort Wayne on March 14th, on our Forum Series.

As Program Chairman of the Fort Wayne Sisterhood I am writing to ask if you would be interested in addressing our Sisterhood members the afternoon of March 14th, and if so, what your charge would be? Our budget for the year is \$50. I would appreciate

your answering this note
at your early convenience,
so that I can plan my
programs for the year.

Yours sincerely,
(Mrs. Ahe) Ruth Beck



August 3, 1937

Mrs. Abe Beck
327 So. Cornell Circle
Fort Wayne, Indiana

My dear Mrs. Beck:

Your letter of July 30th addressed to Dr. Silver was received by me this morning.

I wish to advise you that Dr. Silver is at present in Europe and will not return until some time around September 1st. At that time, I shall be very happy to refer to him your letter, and you, no doubt, will hear from him direct.

Sincerely yours,

H. A. LEVY

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August 31, 1937

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Mrs. Abe Beck,
327 South Cornell Circle,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

My dear Mrs. Beck:

Upon my return from Europe, I find your kind letter inviting me to address the Fort Wayne Sisterhood on the afternoon of the day I am scheduled to address the Forum in your community. I regret that I would be unable to avail myself of your invitation. I find that one lecture a day is all that I can undertake, especially when traveling is involved.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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June 16, 1937

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
105St and Ansell Rd.
Cleveland

Dear Dr Silver:-

You seemed interested in the educational project which we are undertaking here in Fort Wayne and about which I spoke to you while in Columbus at the Conference.

Our plan is to present to our people various ideas and institutions which have occupied a conspicuous place in the life of Israel. Last year we began in a rather small way; this year we hope to have 5 or 6 lectures, each by an authority in the specific field. Freehof spoke and may speak again on the Prayer Book as a conditioning factor in Jewish life; Solomon Goldman on Palestine in the consciousness of Israel; and a few others are contemplated.

I should like to have you speak either on "The Idea of the Messiah in Jewish thinking and doing in the past" or "The Democratic Impulse in Jewish History". In either case, the closing 15 or 20 minutes of the lecture would be devoted to the implications of the idea for Jewish life in the present.

Our scheme, as you can readily understand, does not make an especially popular appeal. Our funds are therefore limited. Would you be willing to come to Fort Wayne and speak on the evening of March 7, 1938 for \$100 plus expenses? If this sum is insufficient, will you be kind enough to tell me under what conditions you would be willing to come? I hope you will have no hesitancy in telling me just how you feel about it. I am very enthusiastic about the project and just as eager to have you come.

With kindest greetings from us to you all, I am

Sincerely yours,

S.H. Markowitz
S.H. Markowitz, Rabbi

June 21, 1937

Rabbi S. H. Markowitz,
The Temple,
Corner Fairfield Ave. and West Wayne Street,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

My dear Markowitz:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of June 16th. You mention the date of March 7, 1938. I am to be in Chicago on that day for a Forum lecture. If you can give me another date which would fit into my program, I shall make every effort to come to you.

The honorarium which you mention, while not the one I receive, would be acceptable in view of the conditions under which you are building up your Course.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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June 24, 1937

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

Cleveland O

Dear Dr Silver:-

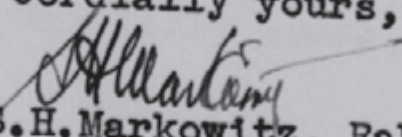
Many thanks for your kind letter of the 21st. I am very happy to know that you are willing to come to Fort Wayne as one of our Forum speakers.

If March 7, 1938 is taken, could you come on March 14? Our lectures occur on Mondays. And if the 14th is impossible, what about the 21st? Neither of these dates would interfere with any Purim plans that you might be considering.

As to subject, would "The Idea of the Messiah and its Place in Jewish Thinking and Doing throughout the Ages" ~~would~~ be acceptable? I am wondering whether you would ~~it~~ include the Reform Movement among the Messianic efforts in Israel.

Again thanking you for your kindness and with greetings from our family to yours, I am

Cordially yours,


S.H. Markowitz, Rabbi

June 28, 1937

Rabbi S. H. Markowitz,
The Temple,
Corner Fairfield Ave. and West Wayne Street,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

My dear Markowitz:

As far as I know at present, March 14th
is all right. I hope nothing will necessitate a
later change of date - but you know what congregational
life is.

I shall be glad to speak on "The Idea of
the Messiah and its Place in Jewish Thinking and
Doing throughout the Ages" - the final drafting of
the phraseology of which I would prefer, however, to
defer until return from my vacation at the end of August.

With all good wishes to you and yours,
I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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August 31, 1937.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 10th St. at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:-

As Chairman of the Forum Committee, I was particularly happy to learn from Rabbi Markowitz that you had consented to appear on our Fort Wayne forum. We would appreciate having from you at your earliest convenience a picture or cut, together with biographical material that would be useful for publicity purposes.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

Byron F. Novitsky

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September 2, 1937

Mr. Byron F. Novitsky,
Standard Building,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

My dear Mr. Novitsky:

Enclosed herewith is a short biographic
sketch of Rabbi Silver as well as a photograph which
you may use in your publicity.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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January 24, 1938

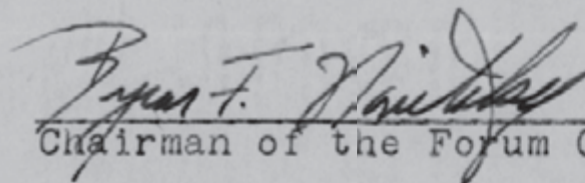
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In checking over the dates for the Fort Wayne Forum I find that I have neglected to confirm your date of March 14th and through error advertised your lecture as March 7th, at which time I understand you are appearing in Chicago.

We shall be pleased to have you here on March 14th and shall correct our publicity with reference to your lecture.

Very truly yours,


Chairman of the Forum Committee

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January 28, 1938

Mr. Byron F. Novitsky,
Standard Building,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

My dear Mr. Novitsky:

Let me thank you for your kind note of
January 24. I shall be very happy to be with
you on March 14.

I am to officiate at a wedding here at
noon of that day. I plan to leave here at
4 o'clock in the afternoon on the New York Central.
I have arranged with the railroad to have the train
stop at Waterloo, Indiana. The train will arrive
there around 6:30 or 6:35. I would appreciate it
if you would have someone motor me from there to
Fort Wayne.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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January 31, 1938

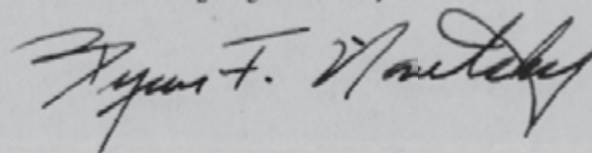
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We are indeed happy that you will be able to be with us on March 14th. Arrangements will be made to meet your train at Waterloo.

If there is any further change in your plans please do not hesitate to advise the writer. With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,



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MRS. S. H. MARKOWITZ
4215 DRURY LANE
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Mar 6, 1938

Dr Abba Hillel Silver
E 105th St and Ansel Rd
Cleveland O

Dear Dr Silver:-

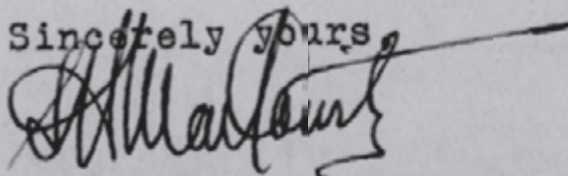
We are expecting you for dinner next
Monday evening Mar 14.

The New York Central Railroad has a train
leaving Cleveland at 12.20 P.M. and arriving at
Waterloo Indiana at 3.13 P.M. Mr Novitsky of our
Forum Committee and I will meet you there. There is
no other afternoon train out of Cleveland which stops
at Waterloo.

You will return to Cleveland on the
Pennsylvania R.R. The train leaves here at midnight
and arrives in Cleveland at 8.15 the next morning. It is
a through sleeper. I have already made reservations
for you.

Will you kindly verify these arrange-
ments or indicate what changes you will make. Mrs Mark-
owitz and I are eagerly looking forward to your visit
here and assure you of a most cordial welcome in our
home.

Sincerely yours



March 8, 1938

Rabbi S. H. Markowitz,
4215 Drury Lane,
For Wayne, Indiana.

My dear Markowitz:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of March 6. I have made special arrangements to have the train from Cleveland, which does not normally stop at Waterloo, stop there. The train leaves here at four o'clock and will arrive in Waterloo around six-thirty or six-thirty-five. The reason for doing so is that I have a very important wedding scheduled for twelve o'clock noon. I informed Mr. Byron Novitsky of these arrangements on January 28th and on the 31st, he notified me that arrangements have been made to meet me at the train in Waterloo.

I regret that it will not be possible to have dinner with you on Monday evening but I hope to be able to spend a little time with you after the meeting.

With all good wishes and looking forward with pleasure to seeing you next Monday, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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March 11, 1938

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

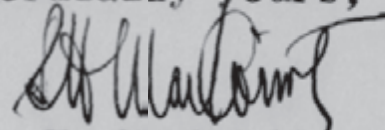
In response to your letter, I have arranged everything in accordance with your plans; and you will have dinner at my house on Monday evening at 7:00 or 7:15 P. M.

Mr. Robert Pollak, the best driver in the state of Indiana, will meet you in Waterloo at 6:30 or 6:35 and bring you directly to my house. I have arranged to have the lecture begin a little later so that you will not need to hurry through dinner. It may be almost 9:00 P. M. before you will begin speaking.

If I do not hear from you to the contrary, I will assume that you are not having dinner on the train and that these plans will be carried out as scheduled.

Looking forward to your arrival, I am

Cordially yours,



S. H. Markowitz, Rabbi

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April 12, 1938

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed please find our check in the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) which we regret was not forthcoming a long time ago. Please accept our thanks for your lecture and our apologies for not having sent you this money sooner.

Very truly yours,

Byron F. Novitsky

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August 2, 1939.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:-

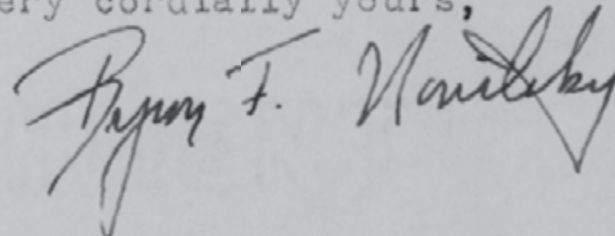
Two years ago you were kind enough to appear on our local forum. We would be happy indeed if you would find it possible to speak in Fort Wayne again in February, 1940, preferably on the second or third Monday evening, or on any other date in that month that would meet your convenience.

We have recently re-organized the Fort Wayne Jewish Federation on a more democratic and representative basis and the Federation is now undertaking work outside the scope of raising money and administering to the poor. The forum is now under the sponsorship of the Federation.

We have engaged Marvin Lowenthal, Maurice Samuel and Dr. Sachar, and are of the opinion that we would have the best forum in our short history if you would consent to close it in February. Unfortunately the forum is still operating at a deficit, and we would be unable to pay any honorarium in excess of \$100.00, which we appreciate is not your customary honorarium.

Will you be kind enough to let the writer hear from you at your earliest convenience with reference to this matter.

Very cordially yours,



BFN:T

August 8, 1939

Mr. Byron F. Novitsky
Standard Building
Fort Wayne, Indiana

My dear Mr. Novitsky:

On returning from my vacation, I found your letter of August 2 to Dr. Silver. Dr. Silver has been spending the summer in Europe and will be gone until the first week of September. I am, however, forwarding your letter to Dr. Silver who will in all probability correspond with you directly.

With best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver.

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September 8, 1939

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Sometime ago, while you were in Europe, I wrote to you with reference to your appearance on our Forum series in 1940. At that time we were informed by your secretary that you were in Europe and would return about the first week in September.

We are quite interested in definitely arranging our program and I wonder if you would be kind enough to write to me at your earliest opportunity relative to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Byron F. Novitsky

BFN:W

September 8, 1939

Mr. Byron F. Novitsky
Standard Building
Fort Wayne, Indiana

My dear Mr. Novitsky:

Upon my return from abroad, I found your letter awaiting me. I need not tell you that I greatly appreciate your kind invitation to address your Forum. Unfortunately my schedule for the coming season is already heavily crowded. I am compelled to devote most of my spare to the work of the United Jewish Appeal in the United States of which, as you know, I am National Co-Chairman. Please keep me in mind for some future time.

With all good wishes for the success of your Forum, and with warmest greetings for the new year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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7th Apr. 1943

Rabbi Hillel Silver
c/o The Temple
Ansel Rd., and E. 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi,

It has been some time since I have had the pleasure of seeing you and I think it's about time that you paid a visit to Fort Wayne.

We are opening the Jewish Welfare Drive between May 4th and 10th. The community here has insisted that I be chairman again and I was wondering whether it would be an imposition on my part to ask you to come down here and open our Drive. I realize that you are a very busy man, nevertheless, I can think of no one I would rather have open our campaign than you as this alone would mean a successful Drive. I would deem it a personal favor and appreciate it very much if you would come to Fort Wayne between May 4th and 10th. I can assure you that your visit will be highly appreciated. Would like to hear from you.

Hoping this finds you and your family in the best of health, with kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Robt. M. Pollak

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1-15-52

Dear Rabbi Silver;

I just reread for the third time the address which I heard you deliver at the U.S.A. conference. It is difficult for me to tell you how much I was impressed not only with your inspired delivery but with the importance of what you said.

As I write to you, I am thinking of the problem we face in getting your message across to more of our Jewish people. I feel like shouting your message into every Jewish home where my people are forgetting or want to forget the enormous responsibility which is still ours.

It has been years since I came across anything which is more beautifully and carefully as well as effectively stated, as your message to the conference delegates. I am sure that it had much to do with the readiness with which they accepted the larger goal for 1952. I hope that we will meet the challenge.

It is not my custom to write this type
of letter but I feel better for telling you
how I feel.

May God give you continued strength
so that you may continue to work with
us for the benefit of Jewry and mankind.

Respectfully yours
Joseph Zevin



January 21, 1952

Mr. Joseph Levine
Fort Wayne Jewish Federation
204 Strauss Building
Fort Wayne 2, Indiana

My dear Mr. Levine:

Thank you so much for your gracious note of January 15th which I appreciate very much. I am happy that my address has been helpful, judging by the reaction which I have received from many sources. I understand that the U.J.A. will publish the address in full before long.

Thanking you again for your thoughtfulness in writing to me and for your good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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September 16, 1954

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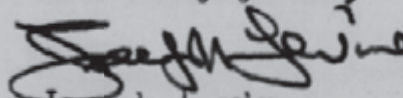
Dear Rabbi Silver :

Our Federation has planned an extensive local program for the observance of the American Jewish Centenary which will conclude with a dinner in January or February 1955 depending on the availability of a speaker.

I am writing to find out if you will be free to come to Fort Wayne as our principal speaker at the community dinner. Should you be available, we will of course make plans so that the event will be held at such time as you can come. Please let me hear from you and also what honorarium we will have to provide.

Please accept my best wishes to you and your loved ones for a happy and healthy New Year. May you continue to serve our people and our country as you have so nobly done for so many years.

Sincerely yours,


Joseph Levine
Executive Director

September 17, 1954

Mr. Joseph Levine, Executive Director
Fort Wayne Jewish Federation
204 Strauss Building
Fort Wayne, Indiana

My dear Friend:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of September sixteenth and for your gracious invitation to address the Tercentenary celebration of your Federation in January or February.

I wish I could come to you. However, I have already accepted so many invitations from communities for their celebrations that I cannot, in justice to myself, take on any additional ones.

With all good wishes for the New Year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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