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HARRY P SHARAVSKY.

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*Regret exceedingly impossible to accept
your kind invitation.*

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GARY, INDIANA

OFFICE OF
WILLIAM FEDER
VICE-PRESIDENT

December 21st, 1928

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th St. & Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Doctor:

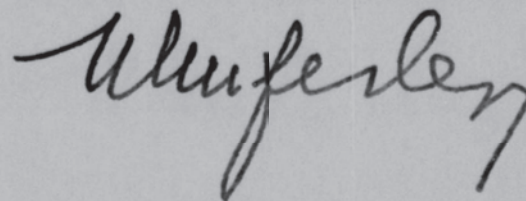
I regret to notice from your letter of the 17th, that you are not able to address the Gary Zionist Organization on January 8th.

The committee, at its meeting last evening, instructed me to request you to kindly set a date yourself, for sometime during the month of January, when you would be able to come to us.

In carrying out this instruction, permit me also to ask, what your charges would be for the address.

Trusting that I may be favored with an early reply, with kind personal regards, I am,

Yours very sincerely,



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

Jan. 17th, 1929

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Please wire reply to Dr. Feder's letter of Dec. 21st.

I. Ruman

Gary, Ind.

Answer

1/17/29

REGRET EXCEEDINGLY CAN NOT COME TO GARY ANY TIME DURING
THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

A. H. SILVER

Handwritten: 61-8-1-16

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LEO A. DIAMOND
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GARY, INDIANA

February 20th, 1931

The Temple
E. 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio.

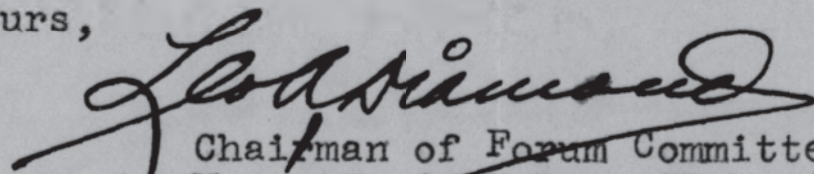
Att: Miss Irene Rothberg

Dear Miss Rothberg:-

Thanks very much for your information of February 12th concerning Rabbi Silver's decision on my invitation to him for a Forum date here.

Inasmuch as our Forum can be held only on Sunday evenings, it appears that unfortunately we shall not be able to have him here during, at least, our next season. I hope that in the near future, I shall be able to effect a satisfactory arrangement to have Rabbi Silver with us.

Very sincerely yours,


Chairman of Forum Committee
Young Men's Hebrew Club of
Gary

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LEO A. DIAMOND
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
GARY TRUST BUILDING
GARY, INDIANA

January 30th, 1931

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:-

The Young Men's Hebrew Club of Gary, an organization composed of business and professional men of this city, are the sponsors of an Open Forum Series which is now in its first year. From the success which it has already enjoyed, and will continue to enjoy from the remaining lectures this year, the Club has been encouraged to plan for next year. These lectures are held on Sunday evenings, and the sponsors are materially assisted by the Gary Public Schools and Extension Division of Indiana University.

I am at this time inquiring whether it will be possible to schedule your appearance sometime during the next fall or winter months, preferably at a time when you are scheduled for a Chicago appearance. Our position is such that we must seek "fill-in" engagements.

This letter is written to you directly in the absence of information regarding any possible lecture bureau with which you might be associated. I trust that I shall receive a prompt response to this request, either from you or from your lecture bureau, if any, with as much pertinent information regarding terms, etc, as is customary.

I thank you for your attention to this matter, and remain

Very respectfully yours,
Leo A. Diamond
Chairman of Forum Committee
Young Men's Hebrew Club of Gary.

Feb. 12th, 1931

Mr. Leo A. Diamond,
Gary Trust Bldg.,
Gary, Indiana.

My dear Mr. Diamond:-

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter.

It is not possible for Rabbi Silver
to accept any Sunday evening engagements. It may
be possible for him to come some other evening
during the week. His honorarium is \$250.

With kindest regards, permit me to
remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

First District Teachers Association
First Indiana Congressional District

President,
A. C. Senour, East Chicago
Secretary,
Olive Mae Boyd, East Chicago

Vice President,
W. A. Kumpf, Hammond
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Ray G. Price, Gary

March 13, 1935

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Audit,
F. K. Ferguson, East Chicago

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

Constitution,
J. H. Baldwin, Hammond

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Executive,
A. C. Senour, East Chicago

The First District (Indiana) Teachers Association of approximately fifteen hundred members is planning its program for the annual meeting to be held in Gary at the Memorial Auditorium on a Friday night, either October 25, November 1, or November 8. Our preference is for Friday, November 1. We are seeking an address of general cultural nature, rather than on political-economic lines.

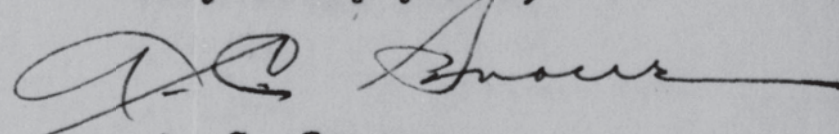
Legislation,
W. A. Kumpf, Hammond

We would be pleased to know if you will be available for an address at this meeting and on what terms.

Professional Relations,
Mrs. Catherine Greenwald, Gary

ACS:RH

Very truly yours,



A. C. Senour
President

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March 21, 1935

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

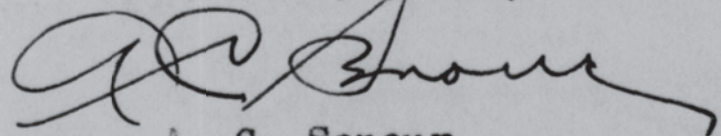
On March 13 I addressed a letter of inquiry to you
in which I said:

The First District (Indiana) Teachers Association
of approximately fifteen hundred members is planning
its program for the annual meeting to be held in Gary
at the Memorial Auditorium on a Friday night, either
October 25, November 1, or November 8. Our prefer-
ence is for Friday, November 1. We are seeking an
address of general cultural nature, rather than on
political-economic lines.

We would be please to know if you will be available
for an address at this meeting and on what terms.

We are awaiting a reply from you before proceeding
with the correspondence with other speakers for our sec-
tional meetings. Will you please give us a prompt reply?

Very truly yours,



A. C. Senour
Assistant Superintendent

ACS:RH

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March 22, 1935.

Mr. A. C. Senour, President,
First District Teachers Association,
East Chicago, Indiana.

My dear Mr. Senour:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your letter. I have not been well and my correspondence has accordingly lagged.

It may be possible for me to come to you on Friday evening, November 1. My customary honorarium is \$200. If the terms are acceptable, please let me know and I will definitely schedule your meeting.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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March 25, 1935

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Audit,
F. K. Ferguson, East Chicago

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

Constitution,
J. H. Baldwin, Hammond

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Executive,
A. C. Senour, East Chicago

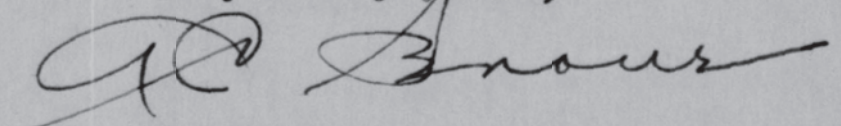
The First District Teachers Association is pleased to accept your terms (\$200 honorarium) for an address along general cultural lines, to be given in the Memorial Auditorium, Gary, Indiana, Friday, November 1, at night. You may definitely schedule this meeting, as we are now doing. We shall proceed to set up the rest of our program for this date.

Legislation,
W. A. Kumpf, Hammond

Sometime in the fall we shall ask you for a statement of the title of your address.

Professional Relations,
Mrs. Catherine Greenwald, Gary

Very truly yours,



A. C. Senour
President

Resolutions,
Margaret Canine, Whiting

ACS:RH

First District Teachers Association
First Indiana Congressional District

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October 2, 1935

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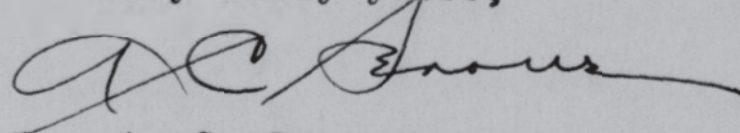
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Last spring we completed arrangements for an address to be delivered by you along general cultural lines in the Memorial Auditorium, Gary, Indiana, Friday, November 1. Our program will schedule you at about 8:15 p.m.

In order that we may proceed at once in the printing of the programs, we shall appreciate having from you the wording of the title of the address as you will want it to appear.

Very truly yours,



A. C. Senour
President

ACS:RH

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First Indiana Congressional District

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Ray G. Price, Gary

October 3, 1935

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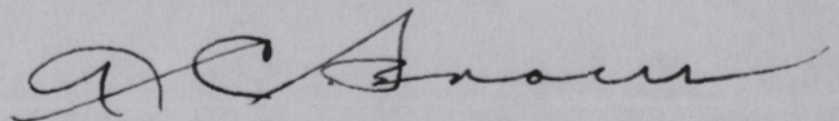
Resolutions,
Margaret Canine, Whiting

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Yesterday when I addressed a communication to you relative to the title of your address, I overlooked requesting any literature which we may use in giving publicity. If you have a mat which the papers may use, we will appreciate having it also.

Very truly yours,



A. C. Senour
President

ACS:RH

October 4, 1935

Mr. A. C. Senour, President,
First District Teachers Association,
East Chicago, Indiana.

My dear Mr. Senour:

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 2. I am looking forward with pleasure to my address before your organization on November 1.

I would suggest one of the following topics:

- 1) THE CAULDRON OF EUROPE
A report of my trip to Europe this summer
- 2) LIBERALISM AT THE CROSSROADS
- 3) EDUCATING OUR CHILDREN FOR THE NEW DAY
- 4) RELIGIOUS AND RACIAL TOLERATION - HOW CAN IT
BE ACHIEVED?

Please indicate which subject you prefer.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

October 4, 1935

Mr. A. C. Senour, President,
First District Teachers Association,
East Chicago, Indiana.

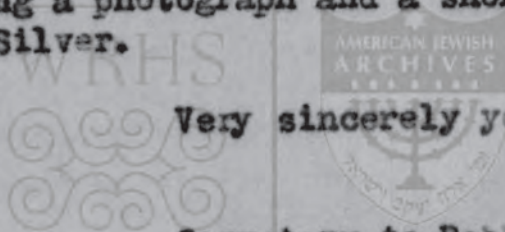
My dear Mr. Senour:

As per your request of October 3, I am
herewith enclosing a photograph and a short biographical
sketch of Rabbi Silver.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



First District Teachers Association
First Indiana Congressional District

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A. C. Senour, East Chicago
Secretary,
Mrs. Lenore Clark, East Chicago

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October 9, 1935

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Audit,
Ralph Jones, Crown Point

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

Constitution,
J. H. Baldwin, Hammond

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Contract and Tenure
Problems
O. M. Merriman, Whiting

Our committee elects to have you address the First District Teachers Association on the topic EDUCATING OUR CHILDREN FOR THE NEW DAY. The committee makes this decision because the speakers it has had recently have given addresses along economic and political lines. It desires to have an address that is cultural and inspirational.

Executive,
A. C. Senour, East Chicago

Legislation,
R. W. Ballard, East Chicago

Very truly yours,

Professional Relations,
Marie Landon, Hammond

ACS:RH

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October 26, 1935

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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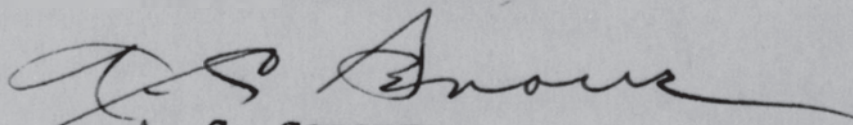
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed is a copy of our printed program. You will note that you are scheduled to begin your address at 8:15 p.m. I shall be pleased to know at what time you expect to reach Gary.

If you plan to remain over night I believe you should obtain a reservation at the Hotel Gary. If you wish I will make this reservation for you.

Very truly yours,


A. C. Senour
President

ACS:RH

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First Indiana Congressional District

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November 8, 1935

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Rabbi, The Temple
Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

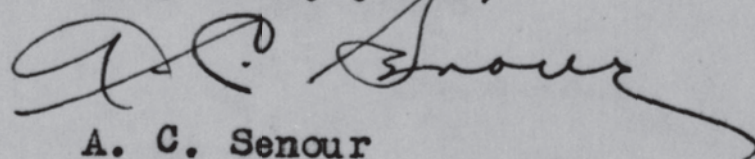
Dear Dr. Silver:

The reporter kindly returned the abstract of your address. I am sending it on to you as agreed. I have presumed to question the meaning of the word apologetics.

Our Association, as I said to you at the close of your address, has appreciated having you as its guest-speaker. Your message was exactly the type that the executive committee was seeking. You gave us a thoughtful address; one which our teachers can very seriously ponder over.

Personally, I was happy to be able to round-out my two years of service as president of the Association with Educating Our Children For The New Day.

Very truly yours,



A. C. Senour

ACS:RH

Temple Beth-El

and

Hebrew Educational Alliance

801 Connecticut St.

Phone 2-8452

Gary, Indiana

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August 11, 1954

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,

Our Temple Beth El Mens Club conducts a series of forum programs during the winter season, beginning the middle of November until April.

I am writing you with the hope that you could make an appearance on our forum program.

Perhaps, you are scheduled to be in Chicago during this period and you might be with us in Gary the day prior or the following day.

We know that the people of our community both Jews and Non-Jews would consider it a great honor to have you with us.

May we know what your honorarium would be for such an occasion?

Looking forward to an early reply, I remain,

Sincerely,

Rabbi Irving Miller
Rabbi Irving Miller

August 18, 1954

Rabbi Irving Miller
~~Temple Beth-El~~
801 Connecticut Street
Gary, Indiana

My dear Friend:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of August 11th
and for your kind invitation to address a forum program
of the Temple Beth El Men's Club.

I deeply regret that my very heavy schedule for the
coming season will not permit me to accept this gracious
invitation.

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms