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CAN YOU POSSIBLY ACCERT MOST CORDIAL INVITATION OF MY
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EVENING MAY NINETEENTH STOP IT WOULD BE GREAT JOY TO ME TO
PRESENT YOU TO MY PEOPLE AND TO THEM TO HAVE YOU STOP IF YOU
CAN COME PLEASE INDICATE HONORARIUM STOP WIRE COLLECT
SINCERELY HOPE YOU CAN COME=

LOUIS J KOPALD.

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answer 4/15/30

Regret exceedingly can not accept your kind
invitation May nineteenth is in the midst
of our own ^{simple} Eightieth Anniversary celebration
Kindest Regards.

A H Silver

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1000 MAY 14 1930

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March 4, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friend:

On My 18 the North Shore Congregation Israel is holding its annual meeting marking the twentieth year of the life of the congregation, the fifteenth year of the life of the Sisterhood and my tenth year of incumbency of the pulpit in Glencoe.

The committee arranging for the celebration of this triple event has asked me to communicate with an outstanding rabbi in America to invite him to address us on this occasion. In pursuance of my authority I am therefore writing to invite you officially to come to deliver the anniversary address at the twentieth annual meeting of the congregation on the evening of the above mentioned date.

As a friend and admirer of yours, I might add unofficially that Avis and I would be delighted at the privilege of having you as our guest at this time. There are a great many people in our congregation who share our personal points of view.

I do not know what financial arrangements are made with you by other congregations issuing similar invitations. We usually allocate about a hundred dollars to the speaker to meet the general expenses of his travel from a midwestern town to Chicago.

Hoping for a favorable response soon and with warm greetings from house to house, I am

Sincerely yours,

Charles E. Shulman

CES:YW

March 6, 1941

Rabbi Charles E. Shulman
North Shore Congregation Israel
Lincoln and Vernon Avenues
Glencoe, Ill.

My dear Friend:

I deeply appreciate the invitation which your congregation has extended to me to be its guest on May 18. I should very much love to come, especially since the occasion will mark the tenth anniversary of your ministry with the North Shore Congregation. Unfortunately I am already committed for that evening to opening an important campaign meeting in connection with the United Jewish Appeal. As you probably know, the months of April and May are the campaign months and I shall be shuttling from place to place during that busy period.

Please convey to the members of your committee my profound appreciation for their thoughtfulness in inviting me. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

Please convey my warmest good wishes to Avis in which Virginia heartily joins me. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS: BK

NORTH SHORE CONGREGATION ISRAEL

DR. EDGAR E. SISKIN
RABBI

840 VERNON AVENUE
GLENCOE, ILLINOIS

June 6, 1951

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Congregation Tifereth Israel
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In behalf of the program committee of North Shore Congregation Israel Forum, may I invite you to be one of our Forum speakers for the 1951-1952 season.

The North Shore Forum, as you may have heard, is one of the leading lecture platforms in the Midwest. During the five years of its existence, some of the outstanding personalities of our day have appeared under its auspices, including Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Vice President Barkley, Dr. Ralph Bunche, and David Lilienthal. Since the series is limited to five lectures each season, it is possible to invite only figures of great distinction.

We should be greatly honored if you would consent to appear on Wednesday, February 6, 1952, at 8:15 p.m.

I do not know whether you have ever spoken on the North Shore, but I do know that there are a great many people here who ^{would} appreciate the opportunity of hearing you. The community is one which contains within it many of the leaders of both the Jewish and the non-Jewish Chicago community, and all elements are drawn to the Forum. The impact of any message you might deliver here would, I feel, be significant.

From a personal viewpoint, it would not only be a great personal pleasure to receive you here, but also a source of much relish to have our people hear the kind of message which you can give them and which they badly need.

I do hope that you will be able to speak for us. Will you be good enough to let me know if you can, and also what your fee will be.

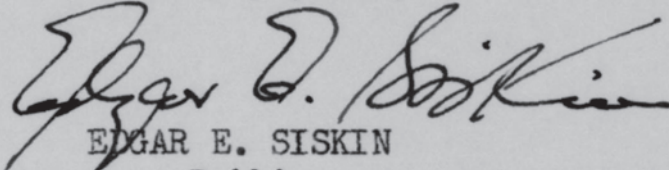
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

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June 6, 1951

I shall be looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you at the Conference in a couple of weeks. Meanwhile, my very kindest wishes to Mrs. Silver and yourself.

Sincerely yours,


EDGAR E. SISKIN
Rabbi

ees/elf



June 8, 1951

Dr. Edgar E. Siskin
North Shore Congregation Israel
840 Vernon Avenue
Glencoe, Illinois

My dear Dr. Siskin:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of June 6th and for your gracious invitation to address the Forum of your congregation on February 6, 1952. While the date is considerably in the future and there may be contingencies which would make it impossible for me to keep an engagement at that time, nevertheless at the present writing it is possible for me to accept your invitation. Should I be compelled to be out of the country at that time, I would give you ample notice. My honorarium is \$500.00.

I am afraid that I shall not be at the rabbinical conference this year inasmuch as Mrs. Silver and I are leaving for South Africa on June 21st.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

COLLECT

JUNE 11, 1951

MR. GILMORE KAHNWEILER
ROOM 533
711 SOUTH DEARBORN
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

DR. SILVER WILL ADDRESS FORUM NOVEMBER SEVENTH. LETTER
FOLLOWS.

ELIZABETH RICE



NORTH SHORE
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CONGREGATION ISRAEL

Sponsored by Men's Club and Sisterhood, Glencoe, Ill.

June 12, 1951

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We were happy to learn you will address our Forum on November 7th, and as soon as we receive your list of suggested subjects we shall select one.

I understand your honorarium is \$500.00.

May I extend to you an invitation to be the guest of our committee for dinner at 6:00 PM preceding the lecture.

We shall be pleased to drive you from your hotel to Glencoe and back.

If convenient, I would appreciate your sending us a few photographs of yourself and a biographical sketch.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Gilmore G. Kahnweiler
Gilmore G. Kahnweiler

Chairman

GCK/ek

Please address reply to:

711 S. Dearborn Street
Chicago 5, Illinois

NORTH SHORE
FORUM

CONGREGATION ISRAEL

Sponsored by Men's Club and Sisterhood, Glencoe, Ill.

June 21, 1951

Miss Elizabeth Rice
c/o The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road.
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Miss Rice:

I am pleased to let you know that the Orrington Hotel, Evanston, Illinois is reserving a single room from \$5.00 to \$8.00 per day for Dr. Silver, for Wednesday November 7th.

They undertand that occupancy will be for one night only, as, beginning the following day, the Northwestern football crowds take up the available rooms.

They would like me to let them know if arrival is expected after 6 P.M., which means that we should be sure Dr. Silver checks in when we drive him north for dinner.

With reference to the subject matter, would you find it convenient to give us just a little explanatory information under each of the subjects suggested, letting us know at the same time whether you or Dr. Silver prefer the subjects in the order you list them. Please keep in mind that ours is an audience about 75% Jewish and 25% Non-Jewish.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Gilmore G. Kahnweiler
Gilmore G. Kahnweiler

GGK/ek

Please address reply to:
711 S. Dearborn Street
Chicago 5, Illinois

June 22, 1951

Mr. Gilmore G. Kahnweiler
711 So. Dearborn Street
Chicago 5, Illinois

Dear Mr. Kahnweiler:

Thank you for your letter of June 21st. Will you be good enough to arrange for a large, comfortable room for Dr. Silver? It is, of course, impossible for me to advise you at this time as to the hour of Dr. Silver's arrival, but in all probability it will be well in advance of 6 P.M.

As regards the suggested subjects, the order of their listing in no way reflects any preference. "The Crisis of Our Age" deals with the need for a spiritual revival in our day; "Religion in a Changing World" concerns itself with the dynamics of religion; "The Future of the American Jewish Community" deals with Judaism in America in relation to Israel, in relation to secular education, in relation to the three divisions of Orthodoxy, Conservatism and Reform. The fourth topic, "American Leadership in the World Today", is, I believe, self-explanatory and would, of course, be more appropriate for an audience of Jews and non-Jews.

Dr. Silver has left for South Africa and will not return until early in September. I, too, will be away from the city from June 27th until July 3th. If there are any further matters to be taken care of, I am sure there will be ample time when I return.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

NORTH SHORE
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CONGREGATION ISRAEL

Sponsored by Men's Club and Sisterhood, Glencoe, Ill.
September 7, 1951

Miss Elizabeth Rice
c/o The Temple
East 105th St. at Ansel Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Rice:

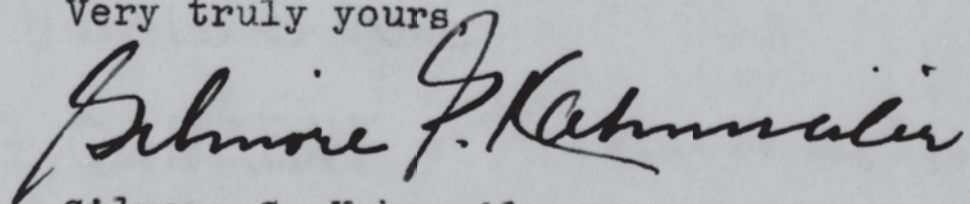
We have selected the subject " Religion in a changing World" for Rabbi Silver. Our audience is about 25% non-Jewish, 75% Jewish, and we hope that this subject will be of interest to all.

If, in the meantime, you have any more details or information* that would be helpful in our publicity, would you please send it along.

Our lectures are about one hour, followed by a question period of about twenty to twenty-five minutes, which I am sure will be satisfactory with Dr. Silver.

With kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,



Gilmore G. Kahnweiler
Chairman

GGK:afm

** on the subject matter*

711 South Dear Born
Room 533
Chicago 5, Illinois

November 8, 1951

Dr. Edgar E. Siskin
North Shore Congregation Israel
840 Vernon Avenue
Glencoe, Illinois

My dear Dr. Siskin:

I was delighted to have been with you last evening and to have had the pleasant hour in your home after the Forum.

I am enclosing herewith the booklet describing the Dioramas as well as the dedication program of the Sayk windows at The Temple.

Incidentally, the person to correspond with about the dioramas is Mrs. Miriam Jackson, Palestine Galleries, 41 East 42nd Street, New York 17, New York.

With all good wishes to you and Mrs. Siskin, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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RABBI CONGREGATION TIFERETH ISRAEL

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WE ARE DEDICATING NEW BUILDING IN FALL. HOLDING PRINCIPAL
DEDICATORY SERVICE ON FRIDAY EVENING OCTOBER 10. OUR
UNANIMOUS INVITATION GOES TO YOU TO PREACH SERMON ON THAT
OCCASION. COMMUNITY WOULD BE HONORED BY YOUR ACCEPTANCE
AND I PERSONALLY COMPLIMENTED. ERNESTLY HOPE YOU WILL SAY

YES=

EDGAR E SISKIN=

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July 15, 1952

Rabbi Edgar E. Siskin
840 Vernon Avenue
Glencoe, Illinois

Dear Rabbi Siskin:

Rabbi Silver is at present vacationing for a few weeks in France, and I am therefore taking the liberty of replying to your telegram of July 14th. I shall communicate your kind invitation to the Rabbi, but since October 10th falls during the Succoth holidays and the day before the concluding service, on which we hold a Consecration ceremony for all of the newly-enrolled children in our School, it is unlikely that Rabbi Silver will be able to accept. I shall, however, keep you informed. If you wish to settle the matter in the immediate future, I suggest that you invite another speaker, and perhaps at some later date, Rabbi Silver may be of service to you.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice
Secretary to Rabbi Siskin

September 8, 1952

Rabbi Edgar E. Siskin
840 Vernon Avenue
Glencoe, Illinois

My dear Friend:

I have just returned from abroad and I hasten to reply to your gracious invitation of July 14th. I wish I were free to come to you, but unfortunately, as my secretary advised you, October 10th falls during the Succoth holidays, a particularly busy time for me in view of the many congregational activities which I am obliged to attend. I am sure you will understand. I hope that I may be of service to you at some future time.

With all good wishes to you and yours for a very happy New Year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We at the North Shore Congregation Israel are looking forward to greeting you at the dinner honoring Rabbi Edgar E. Siskin on the anniversary of his tenth anniversary with us.

We have just confirmed with the Sheraton Hotel, 505 North Michigan Avenue, your room reservation for November 11.

Do you wish to have someone meet you at the airport, or will you proceed to the hotel and call us upon your arrival?

Reservations are coming in very nicely for the dinner and it looks like we will have a capacity crowd in the Grand Ballroom. A great deal of favorable comment has been spread throughout the community about your coming.

Will you please send us a resume to be used by the toastmaster in his introduction? It seems that we cannot locate the one that is in our files and perhaps the one that you have is more detailed than that which is in "Who's Who".

I am looking forward to greeting you in person on November 11.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Goldstein
Executive Director

*sent copy biography
of H. H. S. 11/3/58*

HG:esr

JEROME H. STONE
4200 WEST 42ND PLACE
CHICAGO 32, ILLINOIS

October 28, 1958

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

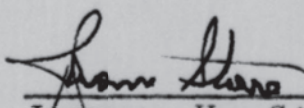
As Chairman of the 10th Anniversary Dinner for Dr. Siskin, I speak for the members of the Committee in expressing our thanks for your gracious acceptance of the principal speaking role. The entire Congregation is looking forward to greeting you in person and we are all awaiting a most festive and memorable occasion.

In order for the program to go "as planned", I have submitted a time-table, as enclosed, to all of the participants.

In your case, Dr. Silver, although I have indicated a thirty minute address from you, I have done so only with the idea in mind of letting you know when you speak on the program. The Committee, in no way, desires to make you limit or elongate your address.

I shall look forward to hearing from you, if a thirty minute speech does not fit in with your plans.

Sincerely,


Jerome H. Stone

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10th Anniversary Dinner In honor of Rabbi Edgar E. Siskin November 11, 1958

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Executive Director

Dress -- Informal

Place -- Hotel Sheraton, 505 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.
(Grand Ballroom)

Reception for Speakers & Guests - 5:30 P.M.
(Tickets will be mailed to you.)

Program -- To begin approximately 6:45 P.M.

- 1 Minute -- Invocation - Rabbi Philip Lipis, representing
the North Shore Rabbinical Community.
- 1 " -- Star Spangled Banner
- 57 " -- Dinner
- 8 " -- Greetings - Rev. William A. Young, representing
the community clergy.
- 8 " -- Greetings - Rabbi David Polish, President and
representing the Chicago Rabbinical
Association.
- 8 " -- Musical selections - Cantor Benjamin Landsman and
the NSCI Choir.
- 10 " -- Presentation - Alan J. Altheimer, President of
the Congregation.
- 30 " -- Principal Address - Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
- 20 " -- Response - Rabbi Edgar E. Siskin
- 1 " -- Benediction - Rabbi Ernst Lorge, President and
representing Chicago Board of
Reform Rabbis.
- 10 " -- Introduction & Remarks - J. H. Stone, Chairman

As this audience is predominantly suburban, we are planning
adjournment at 9:30 P.M.

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JEROME H. STONE
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

November 12, 1958

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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My Dear Rabbi:

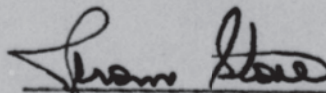
In the rush of the conclusion of last night's dinner, I regret that I did not have the opportunity to personally thank you for your gracious attendance at this wonderful event.

More importantly, I want to tell you that it was your presence and your eloquent address that electrified our audience and made the occasion so nostalgic and warm. From the many comments I have received, our Congregation is eagerly looking forward to your promised return visit.

As to more mundane matters, would you kindly instruct your secretary to send me a notice of your expenses incurred? (A self addressed envelope is enclosed for her convenience.)

Again, my warm thanks for your great contribution to "the most celebrated event in our Congregation's history".

Sincerely,



Jerome H. Stone
Committee Chairman for
Rabbi Siskin's 10th Anniversary
Dinner.

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November 13, 1958

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
104th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Although I know that Dr. Siskin and other members of our congregation have written you about their appreciation of your being with us last Tuesday night, I want you to know that I too am deeply grateful to you for your kindness in coming to Chicago for the 10th anniversary celebration.

Your magnificent talk contributed so much to the beauty and success of the evening. As always, you were able to transmit to your audience the spiritual message which you brought with you.

We have received many messages from our members who were at the banquet, and all of them are very thrilled with the entire evening. Once again my thanks for the personal sacrifice you made to be our guest speaker.

May the years continue to bring you health and continuation of your wonderful service to mankind.

Sincerely,

President

AJA:cl

November 14, 1958

Mr. Jerome H. Stone
Committee Chairman for
Rabbi Siskin's 10th Anniversary Dinner

Dear Mr. Stone:

Rabbi Silver has requested me to send you a notice of his expenses in connection with his visit to Rabbi Siskind's 10th Anniversary Dinner. His expenses were \$75.00; this includes his hotel bill at the Sheraton which he paid.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Beatrice F. May
Secretary to Dr. Silver

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December 11, 1958

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are enclosing our check for \$75.00 in accordance with your letter of November 14, listing your expenses to Chicago for the Rabbi Edgar E. Siskin Tenth Anniversary Dinner.

I want to join the President of the congregation and the Board of Trustees in extending to you our most sincere thanks for gracing the testimonial dinner to our Rabbi. Your presence and the sincere words which you delivered that evening helped make this one of the most memorable affairs in our entire congregational history.

We look forward to many occasions in the future in which we can mutually work together for the progress of Reform Judaism.

Sincerely,

Henry Goldstein
Executive Director

HG:esr
Encl.



THE SHERATON HOTEL

505 NORTH MICHIGAN AVE.

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January 3, 1959

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Dr. A. H. Silver
19810 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Silver:

May we remind you that we have not, as yet
received payment of your Nov. account
in the amount of \$22.71.

This was undoubtedly overlooked, and now that
it has been brought to your attention, we shall
look for your remittance within the next few days.

Very truly yours,

Credit Manager

PD. 1/6/58
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