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Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1928-1955.

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CONGREGATION EMANUEL

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

card ✓
January 20, 1928.

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

Dear Friend,

WRHS
Please allow me to thank you for your telegram. Immediately upon its receipt I got in touch with the officers of the local lodge of B'nai B'rith, but was informed by them that the treasury of the organization would by no means warrant the expenditure of two hundred and fifty dollars.

Needless to say I deeply regret that it will not be possible for you to come here. I had looked forward with keen zest to the privilege of welcoming you to this city and of having you visit here.

At any rate I certainly want to thank you and to express the hope that some favorable opportunity will arise at

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CONGREGATION EMANUEL
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

which time I may be permitted to be your host.

With kindest greetings, I beg to be regarded as

Faithfully yours,

Philip F. Waterman

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

CLEVELAND OHIO=

COMMITTEE IS EAGER TO HAVE YOU COME AND HAS ASKED ME TO WIRE
YOU AGAIN TO ASK IF YOU WILL LET US KNOW SOME DATES WHEN
YOU WILL BE FREE STOP ALSO PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT YOUR
CHARGE WILL BE IF YOU FIND IT POSSIBLE TO COME=

PHILIP F WATERMAN.

Answer - Jan. 20th, 1928-2:30 p. m.

It may be possible for me to come on Monday Feb. 20th
My remuneration \$250.00

A. H. Silver



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card
Grand Rapids, Mich.
January 19th, 1928

Rabbi A. H. Silver

Local Lodge of B'nai Brith is planning to hold Annual Banquet evening February 7th stop have asked me to ascertain if you will be the speaker at that time also to find out what your charge will be stop please wire answer collect stop kindest greetings

Philip F. Waterman.

ANSWER Jan. 19th, 1928 - 4 p. m.

Regret exceedingly cannot accept your kind invitation due to previous engagement.
Kindest Regards.

Abba Hillel Silver

Circumstances beyond our control force
us to change the date of proposed
meeting from Nov. 22 to Nov. 27, Tuesday.
We ask you, therefore, to come on the
latter date, namely, Nov. 27. We ardently
hope you will find it possible to

favor us.

Chas. C. Stillman

Grand Rapids

THE GRAND RAPIDS WELFARE UNION

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October 26, 1928.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Road & East 105th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver :-

This is a formal expression of the request made to you over the telephone last evening.

The Welfare Union is the Community Chest of Grand Rapids. We are planning a big community dinner for the night of November 22. The editor of our principal daily paper (goes into 95% of our homes) suggested this dinner and is thoroughly committed to making it a success. One of our distinguished citizens is backing the project. We confidently believe that we shall assemble between one thousand and two thousand men and women.

We desire an address of an inspirational nature along the line of civic responsibility. Of course we appreciate the fact that a man from another city will know nothing about the Welfare Union in Grand Rapids. It will please us if no reference at all is made to the local situation. We have faith in the values that will accrue from the presentation of a big and broad message such as you habitually present.

We plan an informal dinner. As stated above, the date upon which we wish you present is November 22, 6:00 P. M., Central Standard Time.

I hope you will find it convenient and in accordance with your desires to assist us in this big occasion. Of course we shall be very happy to offer such honorarium as you may wish to suggest.

Will you be kind enough to advise me by wire collect.

Yours sincerely,

THE WELFARE UNION

Chas. G. Stillman
Secretary

CCS RS

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RABBI A H SILVER=

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PLEASE WIRE AT ONCE ALL THE DATES EXCEPT SUNDAYS BETWEEN
 NOVEMBER FIFTEEN AND NOVEMBER TWENTY SEVEN AND ANY ONE OF
 WHICH YOU WOULD COME TO GRANDRAPIDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH
 PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS STOP SEND TELEGRAM COLLECT=

C. C. STILMAN WELFARE UNION.

Day letter answer 10/31/28

In looking through my calendar find that it will not be possible for me to set aside the two days which would be required for a return trip to Grand Rapids in November stop Am heavily booked with ~~INDEX~~ local Community Chest engagements.

A. H. Silver

card ✓

Oct. 30th, 1928

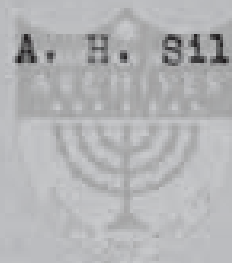
Wire to

Charles C. Stillman,
Grand Rapids Welfare Union
408 G. R. Trust Bldg.,
Grand Rapids, Mich.

Regret exceedingly can not accept either date. Have other
important engagements scheduled. Hope to be of service
at some future time.



A. H. Silver



MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CONFERENCE ON TUBERCULOSIS

HOTEL PANTLIND

SEPTEMBER 18-19-20, 1929

Grand Rapids, Michigan



September 5, 1929.

Rabbi A. H. Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your kindness in wiring me as you did regarding the possibility of having you at Grand Rapids. While we are tremendously disappointed in not being given the privilege of hearing you, I shall try it again later.

Very sincerely,

Theodore J. Doyle
Secretary,
Mississippi Valley Conference.

TJW:C



Second Congregational Church

Plainfield Avenue and Grobe Street

Grand Rapids, Michigan

REV. E. PAUL SYLVESTER
Minister

MRS. H. M. MacNAUGHTON
Minister's Assistant

June 5, 1933.

Drawing of our New Church on Chelsea Drive

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

I have received word from the Chicago Sunday Evening Club that you are to speak there on Sunday evening, January 7th. Would it be possible for you to come to Grand Rapids on your trip East, and speak before the Grand Rapids' Ministerial Association on Monday, January 8th? I sincerely trust that you can include this engagement on your Chicago trip.

quite naturally we are handicapped financially, and we would only be able to pay the extra travelling expenses which you would incur in coming to Grand Rapids.

Our meeting is held at 10:30 a.m., followed by a luncheon.

Very cordially yours,

E. Paul Sylvester

President, Grand Rapids'
Ministerial Association.

June 6, 1933.

Dr. E. Paul Sylvester,
Second Congregational Church,
Plainfield Ave. and Grove Street,
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

My dear Dr. Sylvester:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of June 5th and for the invitation to address the Grand Rapids' Ministerial Association on January 8th. I wish I were free to accept it. Unfortunately I shall have to return to Cleveland after my Chicago lecture.

With all good wishes, permit me to
remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:HK

CHURCH PHONE 51117

PARISH PHONE 51118

EAST
CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH
of
Grand Rapids, Mich.

JAMES W. FIFIELD, JR.
PASTOR

September 26
1933.

Rabbi Silver
Cleveland, Ohio. *AK*

Dear Sir,

Knowing that you have some Lectures
scheduled out this way --at least as close as
Chicago, and feeling our city would be greatly
benefited by having you here, I make inquiry.

Could you come here at some mutually
agreeable date --which you might suggest-- to deliver
an address on the subject "The World Outlook For The
Jew" ,or some similar subject/

I would greatly appreciate hearing from
you re this matter. My church brings a few very
outstanding speakers to the city each year and would
be proud indeed to include you this season.

Sincerely yours,

J. W. Fifield, Jr.
James W. Fifield, Jr.

September 28, 1933.

Reverend James W. Fifield, Jr.,
East Congregational Church,
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

My dear Reverend Fifield:

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 26th and to thank you for your kind invitation to address your church. I should very much like to come. Unfortunately, my lecture program is very crowded through next Spring. Should you still want my services then, please write to me.

My customary honorarium is \$200.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BX

October 14, 1933

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

My dear Rabbi Silver,

Thank you for your kind note of
September 28th. It would be a
real satisfaction if our church
could bring you to Grand Rapids to
speak.

Your honorarium is satisfactory
but we regret your full program
until the Spring. Could you not
suggest any date this Fall or
Winter which might be fitted in?

With cordial regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,


James W. Fifield, Jr.

*Worlan
Jan 8*

October 19, 1933.

Dr. James W. Fifield, Jr.,
East Congregational Church,
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

AK

My dear Dr. Fifield:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of October 14th. I will be in Chicago over the week-end of January 6th, 1934 and it may be possible for me to come to you on Monday evening, January 18th. Please let me know whether the date would be acceptable to you.

Last Monday evening I had a delightful time addressing the Congregational Club in Chicago. I understand that you are on its program this season.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:OK

Announcing

Sixth Term of East Congregational Church Cultural Institute

Giddings and Alexander Street, S. E.
GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.



Term—Six Weeks
October 16 to November 20, 1933
Monday Evenings, 7:30-9:00



Enrollment Fee \$2.00
Miss Marjorie Devereaux, Director
Phone 51117

COURSES OFFERED

APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY

The course sets forth some of the fundamental principles of effective living on the physical, mental and spiritual planes. No man can be other than himself, but he can make the most of the material with which he has to work. (Course will be either Beginning or Advanced, according to the wishes of the majority of the class).

MRS. C. H. HOFFMAN, outstanding in the teaching of Psychology, twice president of the G. R. Ladies' Literary Club.

ATHEISM AND ITS ANSWERS

A study of the causes of the widespread and growing atheism of the present time and of the reasons in science and experience for believing in a loving God. The newly published book by Dr. Cook, "Must We All Become Atheists?" will be used as text-book and basis for discussion.

DR. E. ALBERT COOK, Pastor of Wallin Congregational Church, twenty years' experience as college and university professor.

BASKETRY

Instruction in the making of baskets of raffia, reed, pine needles and fibre cord. No previous experience necessary. Materials sold at cost—\$1.00 (additional) sufficient for making several types of baskets.

MARJORIE NEND, former instructor of Manual Arts.

COMPARATIVE RELIGIONS

A factual and historical presentation of the great religions of mankind.

RABBI PHILIP F. WATERMAN of Temple Emanuel.

CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH

Course will help one develop a command of language through the use of new and expressive words, improve articulation, eliminate mistakes in pronunciation and correct errors in grammar and diction. Forceful, fluent speech may be acquired by everyone through competent training and correct practice.

MRS. ALLEN M. MILLER, founder of the Civic Players and past president of the Ladies' Literary Club.

DANCING

Instruction will be given in rhythmic exercises, tap dancing, floor routines and social dancing under the direction of MISS CALLA TRAVIS of the Travis School of Dancing.

HISTORY AND MECHANICS OF ART

Course will deal with the technique of painting in as interesting and non-technical a manner as possible, and with its history not as a matter of dates and facts but will outline the importance of patrons and current events on painters and schools of painting of various periods.

KRUEGH COLLINS, Grand Rapids artist.

Cultural Institute Courses announced are subject to the provision of a minimum enrollment of twelve.

The East Church Cultural Institute is conducted as a community service project, enabling men and women of the entire city to give further study to cultural and practical subjects. This is the sixth term of the Cultural Institute—the past five terms confirm the fact that many desire and appreciate the opportunity for intellectual stimulus which the Institute affords.

The faculty members of the Institute are leaders in their respective fields and we are proud to have them identified with our Institute. The lecture and discussion method is used. The church library will be open each Monday evening during the Institute so that reference books which are there can be used by Cultural Institute members.

INTERIOR DECORATING

Course will cover general discussion of popular furniture periods, selection of furniture, color harmony, fabrics, furniture placement.

MRS. R. F. WINDOES, President Windsor Upholstering Co.

NEW TESTAMENT STUDY AND INTERPRETATION

A practical, historical and spiritual study of the various books of the New Testament. The Goodspeed translation will be used as a text and other translations used as references. An attempt will be made to interpret the New Testament in the light of modern knowledge and to afford a more intelligent and helpful reading of this early Christian literature.

REV. JAMES C. MEAD, Associate Pastor, East Congregational Church.

PARLIAMENTARY LAW

Every person taking part in any deliberative assembly such as men's or women's organizations has at some time felt the need of a knowledge of parliamentary procedure.

MRS. JONATHAN MEAD, Parliamentarian.

PHILOSOPHY OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION

An intimate and informal study of the ideas of God, immortality, prayer, logic, ethics, metaphysics, etc. Practical consideration of the intellectual side of religion and the philosophical interpretation of life.

REV. J. W. FIFIELD, JR., Pastor of East Congregational Church.

POTTERY MAKING

Course will include the study of the history of pottery and the making of pottery and models. No previous training necessary and at least two pieces of pottery can be made by each member of the class.

MISS VERNISE FRUITT, Art instructor in the public schools.

PROSE WRITING

A cultural and practical course planned to stimulate and guide its members; those who write as well as those who want to write.

MRS. JAMES PARKER, magazine and newspaper writer.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Course will consist of drill in extempore speaking, the kind of speaking a person is so frequently called upon to do. Every person would like to be able to talk fluently at business conferences, banquets, etc. This type of speaking will be emphasized, enabling one to speak clearly, distinctly and effectively.

MR. STANLEY ALBERG, teacher of Speech, Debate and Dramatics, Union High School.

USEFUL FRENCH

A simple and practical introduction to the study of French, offering drill in the recognition and pronunciation of French words and phrases in common usage.

MISS EUGENIA VANKAMMEN, public school instructor.

ENROLL NOW

PHONE 51117

Miss Marjorie Devereaux, Director

THE EAST CHURCH CULTURAL INSTITUTE is conducted as a community project and is open to men and women of the entire city, interested in the study of some one of the subjects announced.

The members of the Institute faculty are outstanding in their particular fields. The lecture and discussion method is used in the various courses. A minimum enrollment of twelve is necessary for the conducting of a course. All classes are held at East Church.

ENROLL NOW!

Phone 51117 or Mail the Enrollment Blank to
Miss Marjorie A. Devereaux, *Director*
East Congregational Church

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Name

Address Phone

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PHILIP F. WATERMAN, RABBI
617 ROSEWOOD, S. E.

CONGREGATION EMANUEL
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

September 18, 1935.

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

Dear Friend:

This afternoon I sat in at a committee meeting of our community chest, at which time it was unanimously decided to ask you to speak at the opening of our campaign on October twentieth. The meeting will take place in the Civic Auditorium, and a tremendous crowd is expected. In a day or so, Mr. Devine, our chest executive, will get in touch with you, and request that you be the guest of the community on the evening of the twentieth.

October twentieth is a Sunday, in fact, it is Simchath Torah, and I asked the committee if they would have any objection to my inviting you to occupy my pulpit in the morning, since you would probably plan to be here either Saturday night or the first thing Sunday morning. The committee not only had no objection, but seemed to feel that the morning service would help stimulate attendance in the evening, as everyone who attended the service would want to listen to you again.

I therefore hasten to extend what is not merely an invitation, but, far more a request. I believe it would be a favor indeed both to me and my group, if you would give us the opportunity of welcoming you to my pulpit on the morning of the twentieth -- that is, of course, if you plan to be in the city at that time.

With kindest greetings and best wishes for a happy New Year, I am

Sincerely,

Philip F. Waterman

September 20, 1935

Rabbi Philip F. Waterman,
Congregation Emanuel,
617 Rosewood, S.E.,
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

My dear Rabbi Waterman:

Thank you so much for your letter of April 18.
I should very much like to accept the invitation of your
community and your own to speak in your city on October 20.
However, many months ago, I accepted an invitation to be
in Boston on October 19 and 20 to address the Massachusetts
State Teachers Association as well as to open the campaign
of the Jewish Welfare Federation and I must therefore forego
the pleasure of being with you at that time.

I trust that you have had a pleasant summer.
I wish to extend to you my best wishes for a happy new year.

Very cordially yours,

AHE:BK

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Michigan Education Association will have a series of eight Regional Conferences in October, 1936. The dates and places of such Conferences are given on the attached schedule.

We are now receiving recommendations for speakers for the Conferences from the respective program committees. Your name is foremost among those speakers requested for the Parent-Teacher Division in Region Two which convenes on the afternoon of Monday, October 19 in Saginaw; also for Region Four which convenes in Grand Rapids on October 22, 23. I am writing to inquire if you are free to make engagements on these dates and if so what your fee would be.

Each Region has a limited budget for speakers which necessitates engaging them on the basis of a flat fee, such fee to include traveling expenses. In replying, please state your fee for a single engagement and also for two or more engagements.

As we have yet to hear from some of the program chairmen, we would like to know whether you would be available for any or all of the other dates on the schedule.

Sincerely yours,

Albert J. Phillips

Albert J. Phillips
Acting Executive Secretary

M:S

DATES OF M.E.A. REGIONAL CONFERENCES

1936

Region 1 - Detroit, Oct. 22, 23, 24
Region 2 - Saginaw, Oct. 19, 20
Region 3 - Lansing, Oct. 19, 20
Region 4 - Grand Rapids, Oct. 22, 23
Region 5 - Petoskey, Oct. 8, 9, 10 OR Oct. 12, 13
Region 6 - Detroit, Oct. 15, 16
Region 7 - Marquette, Oct. 8, 9, 10 OR Oct. 12, 13
Region 8 - Kalamazoo, Oct. 15, 16

March 31, 1936

Albert J. Phillips,
Acting Executive Secretary,
Michigan Education Association,
Michigan Education Building,
Lansing, Michigan.

My dear Mr. Phillips:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of March 30. It may be possible for me to come to your Regional Conferences on October 22 and 23. My honorarium for a single address is \$350. For each of two or more addresses, \$200. This, of course, includes traveling expenses.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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April 6, 1936

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In your letter of March 31 concerning the possibility of your addressing the Regional Conferences next October, you mention specifically the dates of October 22 and 23 only. We assume that you are not available for any of the other dates given on the enclosed schedule.

However, I am writing to inquire if by any chance you may be available for Thursday and Friday, October 15 and 16.

Sincerely yours,

A. J. Phillips
Albert J. Phillips
Acting Executive Secretary

P:S

April 8, 1936

Mr. Albert J. Phillips,
Acting Executive Secretary,
Michigan Education Association,
Michigan Education Building,
Lansing, Michigan.

My dear Mr. Phillips:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of April 6. I am afraid that I am not free for engagements on October 15 and 16. The only open dates I have in October are on October 22 and 23.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

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April 27, 1936

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing to confirm your engagement to address the General session of our Fourth Regional Conference which will convene in Grand Rapids on Friday afternoon, October 23. I understand that your charge for a single address is \$250. We are enclosing an agreement on this basis in duplicate. Please sign both copies and return them to us. We will then return one copy with our approval thereon for your file.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "A. G. Phillips".

Albert G. Phillips
Acting Executive Secretary

M:S
Encl.

ORGANIZATION OF THE PROGRAM

In arranging the program of the Regional Conferences, four main types of meetings have been provided, although not every Region will have four types this year. One type is the general session. The others are groupings of the members upon three different bases to give opportunity to consider problems together with others in the same school level, in the same subject field, or interested in the same topic. Since meetings are of value and interest both because of what one hears and because of what one contributes, some meetings will present one or more speakers, and others will emphasize discussion and participation.

1. GENERAL SESSIONS, to bring together all members to hear lectures by the best speakers obtainable upon subjects of especial interest and timeliness to all teachers. These lectures will deal with problems of all kinds--problems of teaching, problems of teachers as a professional group, current social and economic problems, and matters of general culture. The estimated membership in the different Regions is:

Region 1 - Detroit	9,000
Region 2 - Saginaw	4,000
Region 3 - Lansing	2,600
Region 4 - Grand Rapids	4,000
Region 5 - Petoskey	1,500
Region 6 - Detroit	2,800
Region 7 - Marquette	2,200
Region 8 - Kalamazoo	2,800

2. DIVISION MEETINGS, for the formal consideration of problems pertaining to some of the broader departments of public instruction, such as Early Elementary, Later Elementary, High School, Junior High School, Rural and Parent-Teacher. One-half day is set aside in each Region for Division meetings and all the Division meetings in a Region are held simultaneously. As a rule, there is only one speaker on the Division program. The address should be followed by questions and a discussion. Since the speaker addresses one meeting only during the half-day, the length of the meeting will depend upon the desires of those present. Usually, the address should occupy forty-five minutes to an hour followed by a discussion of thirty or more minutes.

3. SECTION MEETINGS, to afford teachers, arranged in relatively small groups, by the school subject which they teach, occasion for the consideration of the development of the pupil through the experiences provided through the subject. On account of the smallness and homogeneity of these groups, every teacher may participate directly.

4. DISCUSSION GROUPS, to provide a time for teachers interested in the same general topic, regardless of the grade or subject which they teach, to discuss together and endeavor to solve cooperatively the problems which are involved in that topic. These groups may be expected to vary greatly in size, and the membership of the groups to change materially from year to year, because teachers will choose the topic of greatest significance to them at the time.

To Speakers:

We would like to have you know the reasons for what may seem to you a rather detailed contract, so that you may understand that most of this material is desired for a more effective public school relations program in Michigan.

Your photograph will be used for two purposes: First, in the Michigan Education Journal, which reaches all the teachers of Michigan, with information about the program that you would address; and second, for use in local newspapers of convention cities. It is for the same purpose that we want a biographical sketch. We find that teachers are more interested in programs if they have had advance information with regard to the achievements and qualifications of the speakers they are to hear.

Our purpose in asking for a summary of your address also is a part of our public school relations program. We find that the better newspapers in our convention cities are happy to cooperate with us in publishing unbiased facts, but their chief difficulty has been in getting the necessary cooperation from school people. Even the larger papers do not have reporters who are sufficiently conversant with education problems to report accurately the addresses at our Region Meetings. After a program, the reporter frequently does not have sufficient time in which to write an account of any great length before the newspaper goes to press. By supplying the press in advance with summaries or manuscripts of addresses to be given, we enable the newspaper to quote you more accurately and more completely. In several instances, speakers have been glad to have us use an abridged version of their address in the Michigan Education Journal, since in this manner they were able to reach all the teachers of the state with their message.

Following are the headquarters hotels for the 1936 Conferences:

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Region 8	-	Kalamazoo	-	Hotel Burdick

April 28, 1936

Mr. Albert J. Phillips,
Acting Executive Secretary,
Michigan Education Association,
Michigan Education Bldg.,
Lansing, Michigan.

My dear Mr. Phillips:

I have scheduled your organization for Friday afternoon, October 23. I am enclosing herewith the signed copies of the agreement in duplicate. I shall send you the subject of my address at some later time.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BX
Enc.

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May 1, 1936

Rabbi Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We want to thank you for returning so promptly the signed agreement covering the Grand Rapids meeting.

We note that the subject of your address will be submitted at a later time, and we are informing the Region chairman to this effect.

A copy of the agreement is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

A. J. Phillips

Albert J. Phillips
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SPEAKER'S AGREEMENT

I, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, hereby agree to address the following meetings of the Michigan Education Association as scheduled below, for which I am to receive the flat sum of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$ 250.00).
(Eastern S. Time)

GENERAL Meeting at Grand Rapids on October 23 1936 at 1:45 p.m.
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Section I. Upon my arrival, in each city in which I am to speak, I will report, by telephone or otherwise, to the official headquarters hotel of the Michigan Education Association, information as to where I will be located during my stay in the city.

Section II. I will furnish the Michigan Education Association, for its official publication, the Michigan Education Journal, a glossy photograph of myself and a biographical sketch, to be received at the M.E.A. office in Lansing not later than

July 1, 1936.

Section III. When public address equipment is provided for use in the convention hall only (not public broadcasting) I agree to speak before the microphone. I also agree NOT TO READ verbatim from manuscript.

(OVER)

Section IV. The subject of my address may be selected from the following topics or those listed on the enclosed circular:

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I have read the above terms and agree to the provisions herein.

Signed Oliver Nelson Nelson

Official Title or Position Public, The Temple, Cleveland, O
(Give this as you wish it to appear on our program)

Approved April 29 1936

MICHIGAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

By A. J. Phelps
Executive Secretary

SUGGESTIONS FOR COOPERATION

The Michigan Education Association earnestly desires your cooperation in its public relations program. By supplying the press in advance with summaries of your address, we enable the newspapers to quote you more accurately and more completely. We would therefore appreciate a short summary of your address.

In several instances, speakers have been glad to have us use the gist of their address in the Michigan Education Journal, the official publication of the Michigan Education Association, since in this manner they were able to reach all the teachers of the state with their message.

If you are willing to supply us with a summary of your address, won't you make sure that it reaches us AT LEAST TEN DAYS PRIOR to the day on which the address is to be given so that we may have time to make satisfactory contacts with the press. (If you prefer to supply a copy of your manuscript to be loaned to the press, we will be pleased to have you do so.)

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Region Four M.E.A.

Theme:

The teacher as a builder of a democratic society.

The Interpretation:

In a democratic society cooperation and personality development are paramount. The philosophy upon which our schools of yesteryear were founded does not adequately serve the needs of our dynamic society today. It is true that there are certain fundamental principles in this philosophy which will guide us as a nation, but, it is also true that a new approach to our social economic and political problems may be necessary, and this may have a direct influence upon our future program of education. This new educational program must perpetuate our dynamic society and offer solutions for our economic and political problems in the light of a democracy.

The Conference Organization:

The speakers on the general programs have been asked to discuss our needs from a national point of view. The first speaker will evaluate our system of education and suggest ways and means of adjustment. The second speaker will review the political and economic situation in order that we may better understand the important problems and their challenge to us as "builders."

In the division and section meetings the interpretation of these major problems will be considered in greater detail. Certain implications may challenge your thinking and stimulate discussion, and it is for these reasons that we have arranged discussion groups.

The success of this conference will be determined by your interest, your participation, and by your contribution.

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May 6, 1936.

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

My dear Sir:

I have been informed by Mr. A.J. Phillips of the Michigan Education Association that you accepted my invitation to speak to the teachers of the Fourth Region of the Michigan Education Association on Friday, October 23 at 1:30 P.M.

Mr. Forrest Averill, superintendent of schools at East Grand Rapids, Michigan, is chairman of our reception committee and would be pleased to have you communicate with him relative the time and place of your arrival.

I am enclosing an outline of the conference and will be pleased to have you develop your address in keeping with the theme and the suggestion under Conference Organization. The sentence beginning "The second speaker - " refers to your part of the program. You will be given as much time as you desire. We are having only one preliminary talk, and that will not exceed ten minutes. The program will be started on time, and that means that you will have from two until three-thirty o'clock, or longer if necessary.

I am very grateful to you for accepting our invitation, and shall look forward to a splendid address.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J.E. Pease".

J.E. Pease, Chairman,
Fourth Region.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

If you have not already done so, won't you send within a few days your photograph (not halftone or mat) and biographical sketch, to be used in connection with your contract to address the General Session in Region Four?

Gratefully yours,
MICHIGAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

By

Arthur H. Rice
Editor

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July 24, 1936

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Silver:

On April 28 you wrote us that you would send us the subject of your address for the Grand Rapids meeting on October 23 at a latter date. We are now preparing our programs for printing in the September issue of the Michigan Education Journal and would like to include the subject of your talk if possible. Can you send it to us at this time?

On the agreement which we mailed you, the time of the meeting was given as 1:45. The chairman has found it necessary to change the hour of the meeting to 1:30. Will you please make this change on the copy of the agreement which you have?

Sincerely yours,

A. J. Phillips
Albert J. Phillips
Executive Secretary

M:S

July 27, 1936

Mr. Albert J. Phillips, Exec. Sec'y,
Michigan Education Association,
Michigan Education Building,
Lansing, Michigan.

My dear Mr. Phillips:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of July 24. Rabbi Silver is spending the summer in Europe and will be gone until the early part of September. I shall be happy to refer your letter to him when he returns.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

LA BAULE, August 8th, 1936.

Mr Albert J. PHILLIPS,
Executive Secretary,
Michigan Education Association,
LANSING, Michigan,
U.S.A.

My dear Mr Phillips,

Your letter of July 24th. was forwarded to me here and I hasten to reply to it.

I would suggest that you announce the subject of my address before the Michigan Education Association as "Educating our children for the new day".

I trust that this subject will be found satisfactory.

I note the change of time from 1.45 P.M. to 1.30 P.M. This is entirely satisfactory to me.

With best wishes and looking forward with pleasure to our meeting in Grand Rapids,

I remain,
Very sincerely yours,

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August 27, 1936

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The topic which you suggested, "Educating Our Children for the New Day", is agreeable to the chairman of the Grand Rapids meeting. He would like to have you stress, however, the social and economic aspects of the "New Day."

Sincerely yours,

Albert J. Phillips
Executive Secretary

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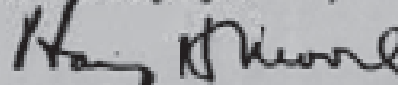
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Ansel Road Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We were much disappointed yesterday to receive a telegram from your representative in Cleveland to the effect that you would not return until the first of September and that it would not be feasible for a decision to be made regarding our Conference until that time.

It seems quite necessary to make a selection of speakers at once, and we therefore find it imperative to proceed with other arrangements. We so much regret these circumstances.

Sincerely yours,



Harry Moore

HM/MM

556 Ardmore St. S. E.,
Grand Rapids, Mich.
October 6, 1936.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

If you have not yet been engaged, the Grand Rapids Kindergarten-Primary Club would like to have you for the guest speaker at a luncheon for the Early Elementary Section of the M. E. A. on October 23, the date of your speaking at the general program of the M. E. A.

We would like to hear from you at your earliest convenience so that our luncheon plans may be completed. If it is possible for you to keep this engagement, please state your usual remuneration for such an occasion and the subject of your talk.

Yours sincerely,
Miss Gertrude Herman,
President of the Grand Rapids Kindergarten-
Primary Club.

October 9, 1936

Miss Gertrude Herman,
556 Ardmore St., S.E.,
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

My dear Miss Herman:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of October 6. I am scheduled to address the Michigan Education Association at 1:30 P.M. on Friday, October 23. I question, therefore, whether I would have the time to address your group at a luncheon on that same day. It might be well, perhaps, to check with the officers of the M.E.A. as to the exact hour of my address. If it is at a later time in the afternoon, I should be very pleased to address your group as well on that day. It would also be necessary, of course, to obtain the consent of the M.E.A. for this additional address. The honorarium would be \$75.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

GRAND RAPIDS JUNIOR COLLEGE
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 15, 1936.

Rabbi Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I understand that you are to be the speaker at the second general session of the MEA convention in Grand Rapids at 1:30 P. M., Friday, October 23.

If you will notify me as to how and when you will arrive in the city, it will be my pleasure to meet you, act as your host while you are in the city, help you get located in your hotel, and take you anywhere that you wish to go while you are here.

Since Mr. Arthur Andrews, president of our Junior College, who was originally expecting to act as your host, is required to be in another part of the state on this occasion, he has asked me to send you his regrets.

Very sincerely yours,

Ray Baxter
Ray Baxter.

RB/ER

556 Ardmore St. S. E.,
Grand Rapids, Mich.,
Oct. 16, 1936.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver,
Thank you for your letter of the
9th. It seems impossible to check
on the exact time of your address
on the afternoon of the 23rd, though
they try to run through according
to schedule.

As you stated in your letter
that two addresses might hurry
you too much, we have cancelled
our luncheon until another date.

We are all looking forward
eagerly to hearing you in the
afternoon.

Very cordially yours.

Gertrude Hermann
President of
Grand Rapids Kindergarten -
Primary Club.

Fountain Street Baptist Church
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Milton M. McGorrell, Minister

October 20, 1936

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

A group of young men in this church have offered this year to sponsor the coming of distinguished preachers in our country for one Sunday evening a month. I count this a significant move. When a group of young business men want to put themselves behind an effort for distinctively religious message, things are encouraging.

I am wondering if there is a Sunday evening from January 3rd through March 7th when you could come to Grand Rapids for a preaching service. Perhaps you will be going through this area and could give us a Sunday evening en route. We shall, of course, pay a fee for this service.

I do hope we may have the very great pleasure of having you in the Fountain Street Church.

Most cordially yours,

Milton M. McGorrell

MMM:B

October 27, 1936

Dr. Milton H. McGorrell,
Fountain Street Baptist Church,
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

My dear Dr. McGorrell:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of October 20 and the invitation which you extend to me to address a meeting sponsored by the young men of your congregation some Sunday evening early next year. I deeply appreciate your invitation and I wish I were free to accept it. Unfortunately I find it extremely difficult to get away on Sundays. I am in my own pulpit in the morning and as a rule there are important congregational meetings etc. every Sunday. The very few Sundays that I can get away, I have already pledged this season to a few University Chapel Services.

Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you. With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

January 21, 1937

Mr. Wm. G. Robinson,
404 Wolverine Bldg.,
Ann Arbor, Michigan.

My dear Mr. Robinson:

I am indeed very sorry that I was not in the city when you telephoned last week. I have just returned to find your kind letter inviting me to speak at the banquet of the Michigan Congress of Parents and Teachers to be held at Petoskey on Thursday evening, May 20. It may be possible for me to come. My honorarium is \$250. This includes all traveling expenses.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

CONGREGATION EMANUEL

RANSOM AVE. AT FOUNTAIN ST.
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

JEROME D. FOLKMAN, RABBI
811 GIDDINGS AVENUE, S. E.

January 5, 1938

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

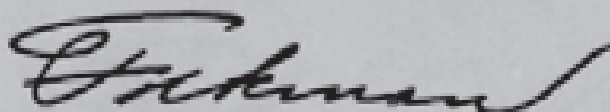
Dear Doctor Silver:

I have been requested by our Community Chest to write you relative to the possibility of your coming here to address the Chest's annual meeting. Our preference would be either February 9th or 10th, but if neither of these dates are convenient for you, we could arrange for almost any other time between February 1st and 10th.

It is our belief that an address by you on some phase of the general problem of community co-operation and the co-ordination of social effort would have a most beneficial effect upon our community. If you should desire a picture of the particular situation in Grand Rapids, I am sure the office would be happy to write you details.

Hoping that you will be able to name a date within the above-mentioned period that will be convenient for you, and asking that you indicate the fee that would be acceptable for this service, I remain,

Your devoted colleague,



January 12, 1938

Rabbi Jerome Foldman,
Congregation Emanuel,
811 Giddings, Avenue, S.E.,
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

My dear Jerome:

I appreciate very much your letter of January 5th and I wish I could come to Grand Rapids and address your Community Chest. Unfortunately I am compelled to decline such invitations now. I have accepted the national chairmanship of the United Palestine Appeal for 1938. This, as you may well imagine, will involve me in a tremendous amount of work and traveling in behalf of the Campaign. I am doing my best now to get out of lecture engagements which I have already made.

Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY CHEST

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January 22, 1940

Dr. Abba H. Silver,
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Ansel Road & 10th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio

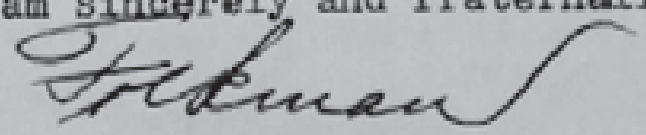
Dear Doctor Silver :-

Following our telephone conversation of Friday afternoon I am writing you the particulars regarding the banquet that we would like to have you address. It has been our custom here to feature an annual Community Chest banquet meeting apart from the campaign. We have promoted this rather extensively because we feel that it is possible to do a more constructive piece of interpretation while no campaign is in progress. It has been our desire to secure speakers of prominence and effectiveness for these meetings, which have been very successful in the past. In addition to the speaker, we also feature an annual award to our most useful citizen.

You know that we have tried to secure you for this banquet for the past three years. This year we are especially hopeful that you will be able to be here because Grand Rapids will be host to the National Conference of Social Work this May and social work problems have been given a broader field of community interest than they would otherwise receive. We all feel that your message would synchronize our communal aspirations and that you would be doing us a real service.

I know how very busy you are with the U.P.A. campaign and I hesitate to invade your time, but the significance of your address to our community this year in particular moves me to do so. Needless to say, I shall consider it a great personal favor. We would be very happy to set the date of the banquet to your convenience, although we would prefer the end of February or the beginning of March. If you would advise me by return collect wire I would appreciate it.

Believe me, I am sincerely and fraternally
yours,


Rabbi Jerome D. Folkman

January 24, 1940

Rabbi Jerome D. Folkman
Temple Emanuel
811 Giddings Avenue, S.E.
Grand Rapids, Michigan

My dear Folkman:

You don't know how greatly I regret the unpleasant necessity of declining your kind invitation to address the annual Community Chest Banquet of Grand Rapids. Your people have been so kind. They have invited me more than once and I assure you that my declinations have not been due to my unwillingness to come or to my lack of appreciation of the courtesy extended to me. Unfortunately I am overwhelmed with work in connection with the United Jewish Appeal. In the next few months I shall be away from Cleveland three or four days a week opening campaigns, attending conferences, etc. Whatever spare time I have I feel that I ought to devote to my own congregation. Perhaps when things ease up for me some other year, I will be able to be of service to you and to your Community Chest.

With all good wishes, and again thanking you for your courtesy in inviting me, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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February 15, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
2 E. 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing at the request of the Program Committee of the National Conference of Social Work to ask whether you could come to the National Conference for the evening of Thursday, May 30, for a meeting of the Conference.

The Conference will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, this year. I think you are already acquainted with the National Conference, and your previous service to it has only made us more anxious to get you to come back this year. This particular occasion is a meeting on the evening of Memorial Day in which we are trying to do something appropriate to that occasion. We should like to have the speakers center their talk about what we have called The New Meaning of Patriotism and would like to have some reinterpretation of our older conceptions of patriotism in terms more appropriate to the present situation.

If this is at all within the realms of possibility, which I certainly hope it is, I would appreciate having the opportunity to talk with you about it. I shall be glad to come to your office at any time which suits your convenience. The local community in Grand Rapids as well as the Program Committee of the Conference are especially anxious to have you, and I hope that you will feel that you can accept our very cordial invitation.

Sincerely yours,

Grace L. Coyle

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Grand Rapids, Michigan, May 26 - June 1, 1940

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February 19, 1940

Miss Grace L. Coyle, President
National Conference of Social Work
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Western Reserve University
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Miss Coyle:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of February 15. I appreciate greatly the invitation of the Program Committee of the National Conference of Social Work to participate in its program on the evening of May 30.

I shall be very happy to see you in my study any day this week except Thursday, and talk over the program with you. Would Wednesday morning, at eleven o'clock, be convenient for you. Please telephone me and let me know.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

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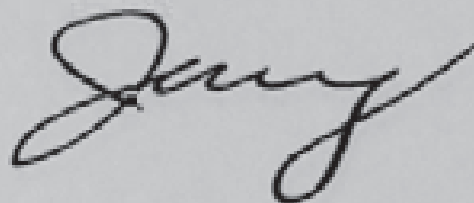
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Doctor Silver:

I am glad to know that you have accepted the invitation of the National Conference for Social Work to address that body in Grand Rapids on Thursday, May 30th. Congregation Emanuel would be highly honored if you would accept my cordial invitation to occupy our pulpit the next evening and I should consider it a great personal favor.

Hoping that it will be possible for you to accept, I am,

Sincerely yours,



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March 14, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
2 E. 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We have changed our plans for the National Conference a little following my discussion with you and have shifted young John MacMichael to Tuesday evening, so that you will be the only speaker on the program on Thursday night. We are putting the title of your address in as "The Outlook for America" in accordance with your secretary's message.

I was in Grand Rapids last week, and they were all delighted that you are coming.

Cordially yours,

Grace L. Coyle.

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April 4, 1940

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am personally more than happy that you are going to be at Grand Rapids with us for the Conference and especially for the occasion on which you are going to speak. I know it is going to be one of the highwater marks of our meeting in Grand Rapids.

Just now there are a number of details that I would like to take up with you. We would greatly appreciate it if we could have three glossy prints of your photograph together with an up-to-date biographical statement that can be used for publicity purposes. We would also like to have the exact wording of the title of your address and your own name and official position as you wish them printed in the final program.

It will help us greatly with the press service if we can have an advance copy of your manuscript as soon as convenient and by May 10 if at all possible. In this way we can assure with some reasonable degree of certainty that you will be quoted correctly and can make certain that your address will be given the publicity which it unquestionably will deserve.

As in previous years we shall also want a final copy of your address for the Proceedings. In the event you do not plan to read your paper but to speak it and would like to have us take it down by stenotype, we will be glad to arrange to do so and give you the opportunity immediately after the Conference of editing and revising it before it comes to the Editorial Committee.

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Rabbi AHS—2

I assume that Miss Coyle has already talked or written to you about the special occasion at which you are to speak. You are the only speaker and can take as much time as you want. The meeting will open at 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 30, in the Civic Auditorium at Grand Rapids. I would appreciate it if you could meet me if I don't have an opportunity to see you ahead of time in the room at the right-hand side of the stage five or ten minutes before that time.

A reservation has been made for you at the Pantlind Hotel which will be available Thursday morning. If, however, you are planning to arrive in Grand Rapids earlier or want to have different arrangements made, please let me know.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

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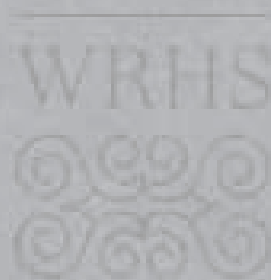
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April 5, 1940

Mr. Howard R. Knight, General Secretary
National Conference of Social Work
82 North High Street
Columbus, Ohio

My dear Mr. Knight:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of April 4. I have requested my secretary to send you three glossy prints of my photograph which you requested. I am enclosing herewith the brief biographic statement which you also requested.

As far as the title of the address is concerned, I believe that one that was suggested, "The Outlook for America", will be quite satisfactory. It is a sufficiently generous title to enable me to say anything that I would want to say. I shall try to send you an abstract of my address by May 10, although my days between now and then will be extremely crowded ones.

With all good wishes, and looking forward with pleasure to our meeting again in Grand Rapids, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ARS:BK
Enc.



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April 12th, 1940.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Road & 105th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Being program chairman of the Grand Rapids Rotary Club for the month of May, and in view of the fact that you will be here at the National Conference of Social Works on Thursday, May 30th, would you be gracious enough to address the Rotary Club at noon on this date. It would be a distinct honor to have you, and if you will dine with us and make the address, you may choose a subject that pleases you most, or something that is timely for such a group. This club is composed of about 250 of the leading business and professional men of the city and I hope you will do us this honor.

Thanking you in advance for a reply, I am

Most sincerely,

W. C. Futrelee
Manager, Civic Auditorium

April 22, 1940

Mr. M. C. Futrelle, Manager
Civic Auditorium
Grand Rapids, Michigan

My dear Mr. Futrelle:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of April 12, and to thank you for your gracious invitation to address the Grand Rapids Rotary Club on Thursday, May 30 when I am to visit your city in connection with the National Conference of Social Work. I wish I were free to accept. Unfortunately It will not be possible for me to arrive in Grand Rapids much before the evening meeting. My schedule, these last few months, has been very crowded due to the considerable amount of traveling which I have to do in connection with the campaigns for overseas relief and refugee work.

Please convey to the members of the Rotary Club my deep sense of appreciation for their invitation, and my hope that I may be of service to them at some future time. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:EK

April 24, 1940

Miss Katherine Lenroot
U. S. Children's Bureau
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Lenroot:

I notice from the advance program for the National Conference that you and Dr. Reeves are to speak upon "The Challenge of the Forties for American Childhood and Youth". I hope you will find a place in your paper to emphasize the fact that this is a reciprocal challenge and a mutual obligation which both youth and adults must meet with a united determination.

As you know, I have repeatedly stood for the rights of the underprivileged, both in prison and out, and I hope I thoroughly realize the tremendous amount of work there is to be done to arouse a lethargic public opinion to a sense of its obligation. In fact, I have lectured a large number of times on the topic, "The Community Responsibility for Juvenile Delinquency" and "Our Responsibility for Other People's Children" and kindred topics. I do feel, however, that there is a real danger that habits of dependence may be engendered in our young people unless we keep before them their own duties and obligations towards their country.

It is so easy to confine our statistics to one side of the problem. Recently, I was on the platform at a small educational meeting here in New York with Dr. Reeves. He mentioned the fact that there were one million American children of school age not in school or at work, but he did not mention many other encouraging facts about the school situation - facts that are plainly discernible from the census reports. There are nine times as many children in high school as there were forty years ago, etc., etc. In fact, I am not so sure but that we have over-schooled a substantial portion of our children.

He also called attention to the fact that only six out of one hundred youth had a periodical health examination. But he neglected to state that American youth are the healthiest, strongest and most athletic and best trained children in the world; that they are an inch taller on the average than their ancestors; and that through the tremendous

Miss Katherine Lenroot

April 24, 1940

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advance in medical science, they live an average of almost ten years longer than their forebears. In fact, I am coming to believe that the principal trouble with our children today is that there are not enough of them.

I think it is of real importance that not only youth but those who are wont to criticize our way of life do not become discouraged with the progress which democracy is making. Undoubtedly Grapes of Wrath has done us all a lot of good but I am convinced that there is still much to be proud of, much to be thankful for in our American civilization. Even as important as the obtaining of a job is for young people, somebody needs to call attention to the fact that there are still thousands of vacancies to be filled by young people who have taken the trouble to qualify themselves for these jobs. And also, the point of view might well be emphasized that the question of distribution is an important one.

It is not in the shape that I would like to have it and I am sure its tone and emphasis could be improved by you, but I am sending you a copy of the remarks I made the other day, "What Youth Owe to America". If you care to look it over I shall be glad to have you do so and return it to me as it is the only extra copy I have.

Sincerely yours

Sanford Bates
Executive Director

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April 24, 1940

Rabbi Jerome D. Folkman
811 Ciddings Avenue, S.E.
Grand Rapids, Michigan

My dear Jerry:

I don't know whether I replied to your letter of March 12. I have been away from Cleveland so much of the time that I have not been able to follow up my correspondence closely.

I greatly appreciate your kind invitation to occupy your pulpit on the day after I am to address the National Conference for Social Work. Unfortunately I must leave again the same night. You know my days are extremely crowded due to the pressure of the campaigns in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal. I also was constrained to decline an invitation from the Grand Rapids Rotary Club for noon of that day because I shall probably not arrive until late in the afternoon.

With all good wishes and hoping to see you and to have a chat with you in your home city, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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April 24, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland
Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I do not know whether you will recall meeting me at the Niagara Falls conference of the American Unitarian Association when I was nominated Moderator for that select but distinguished body.

I am pleased, indeed, to find that you are on the program of the National Conference of Social Work with the topic, "The Outlook for America". As I recall your expressed attitude on some of these subjects, you feel there is a distinct place in our American way of living for individual enterprise and sacrifice. I am somewhat concerned lest the social workers' impatience over present day conditions may lead them to over-emphasize the obligation of government towards youth when, as a matter of fact, a recognition of the obligation which youth owes to its government is as important today as it ever was, if not greater. I rather think that your analysis of "The Outlook for America" will touch rather definitely upon the subsisting need for sacrifice and initiative.

I am taking the liberty to enclose a copy of the letter I have just written to Miss Lenroot of the Children's Bureau on this subject.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours

Sanford Bates
Executive Director

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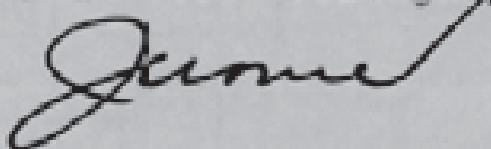
Dear Doctor Silver,

While I am disappointed that you will not be able to be in our pulpit, I am nevertheless glad to know we will finally have the pleasure of hearing you in our city. As you recall, I have been wanting our people to have that opportunity for some time.

I hope that you will be able to accept the invitation of our Board to a small dinner on the evening of your address. Only members of the Board will be invited so that it will not be tiring for you before your address. Mr. Howard Knight informs us that this would not conflict with the Conference plans for the evening. The members of our Board are very anxious to meet you at that time, and needless to say, I greatly desire that they should.

Hoping that you will be able to accept,
I am,

Your devoted colleague,



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

April 30, 1940

Mr. Sanford Bates, Executive Director
Boys' Clubs of America
381 Fourth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Bates:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 24, and to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing to me. I shall keep in mind the contents of your letter when I come to write my address for the National Conference of Social Work.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

In our report of the National Conference of Social Work, to which we shall devote our June issue, we shall be needing a photograph of you as one of the general session speakers.

May we not have it in advance and have that much less "running down" to do in Grand Rapids?

Sincerely,

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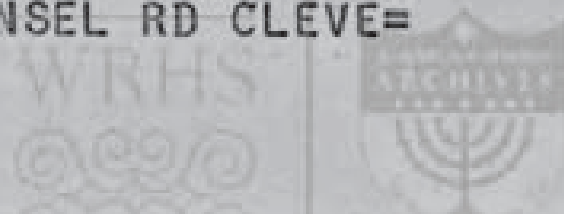
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May 20, 1940

Wm Evidley
Island Rapids, Mich.

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is finished

Alva Hilled Silver

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May 20, 1940

Rabbi Jerome D. Folkman
811 Giddings Avenue, S.E.
Grand Rapids, Michigan

My dear Jerome:

Again I must ask your pardon for delaying my answer to your letter of April 29. I have been head over heels in work in connection with the Jewish Welfare Fund in Cleveland as well as with the numerous other Welfare Fund campaigns throughout the country which I have had to address in the last few weeks.

It would be a kindness to me not to urge me to accept your invitation to have dinner with your Board prior to my meeting with the National Conference of Social Work. I am trying to conserve my strength. I have not been in the best of health in the last few weeks. A miserable cold has been hanging on for weeks now. I will arrive in your city late in the afternoon and should like to rest prior to the meeting. I am sure that you will understand. After the meeting I hope that you and I will have a chance to get together.

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

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

May 29, 1940

Mr. William M. Eardly, Director of Publicity
National Conference of Social Work
Grand Rapids, Michigan

My dear Mr. Eardly:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of my address which I am to deliver tomorrow evening. I deeply regret that I could not send it to you any earlier. It was not until a hour ago that I completed the manuscript. I have been traveling all over the country in connection with the United Jewish Appeal campaigns and my work has seriously lagged. I hope that you will understand and forgive.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

June 4, 1940

Mr. Howard R. Knight, General Secretary
National Conference of Social Work
82 North High Street
Columbus, Ohio

My dear Mr. Knight:

I am enclosing herewith the corrected copy of the address which I delivered last Thursday before the National Conference of Social Work. I assume that you would wish to use it in the published proceedings of the Conference.

I enjoyed my visit to the Conference tremendously and I was happy to learn that my address was well received.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BX

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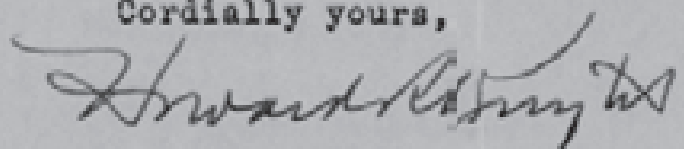
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am most happy to inform you that the Editorial Committee unanimously agreed to print your paper*delivered before the Grand Rapids meeting in the Proceedings of the Conference.

May I call your attention to the fact that if you wish to order reprints of your article you may do so by writing prior to September 1 directly to the Columbia University Press, 2960 Broadway, New York City. Reprints may be secured following the printing of the volume practically at cost.

For definite information please write directly to the Columbia University Press.

Cordially yours,



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August 16, 1950

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

We are at present organizing our second annual Music and Lecture Series in behalf of the local Jewish community. It was established last year, featuring Maurice Samuel, Jacob Weinstein and Morris Adler, and was the most impressive cultural event of the season.

This year we should very much like to improve upon what we achieved last time. We are planning to invite Dr. Mordecai Kaplan, two artists in the field of Jewish Music and the dance, and would very much want to have you open our series. I know that there are many calls being made upon you at this time, when so much effort must still be expended in behalf of Israel. Yet at the same time I urge you to be mindful of the smaller Jewish communities who have been languishing for want of the proper spiritual inspiration. Ever since I came here three years ago I have been pleading in behalf of Jewish culture and interest in Israel. My labors were rewarded last year when our congregation agreed to sponsor the lecture series. I would like to lead them to still greater heights and know of no person more qualified than you to accomplish such a purpose.

I wonder whether you will be able to speak for us on the first or second Tuesday of November. However you may feel free to suggest other more convenient dates, either that month or any other. We will be most happy to present you at the time of your choosing.

Please let me know what your fee will be. But above all, I hope that you will be able to accept our invitation.

Sincerely yours,
Harry Essrig
Harry Essrig

October 2, 1950

Rabbi Harry Essrig
Temple Emanuel
Grand Rapids, Michigan

My dear Rabbi Essrig:

Please pardon the long delay in replying to your kind letter of August 16th. I returned from Europe shortly before the Holydays, and it has taken me some time to get through all my correspondence.

It would give me great pleasure indeed to participate in the Music and Lecture Series of Grand Rapids. Unfortunately, my calendar is already so full that it is impossible for me to accept any additional engagements.

With all good wishes to you for a successful season, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILDE SILVER

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Fountain Street Church

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December 18, 1952

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It is always encouraging to find national leaders such as yourself, interested in experimental projects which may produce far-reaching results. After our telephone conversation last week regarding your participation in our lecture series on "World Religions and World Problems", I checked various other speakers and dates. Now with this short delay, I believe I have all the information for you.

This series of lectures is an attempt to acquaint our congregation and others interested in the city, with a first hand, sympathetic presentation of some of the major cultures and religions of the world. If we are going to realize an integrated world, it is clear that the peoples of the world must understand one another's religion and culture, and that we must grow in our mutual appreciation and respect. This series is an experiment in the direction of mutual growth in appreciation of differences.

We have invited a representative of China to speak on the culture values and problems of China with respect to the religion impact of Confucianism. There will be a representative of Islam and the Near East -- one of India and Hinduism -- another for Buddhism and Japan. Then we are planning that Harry Emerson Fosdick will speak on Christianity and the culture of the West. We are still working with several people who might introduce the whole series.

We are anxious to have you share in this project by speaking on Judaism and Israel as well as the impact Judaism has had on the rest of the world. What are the problems -- the values --

the hopes of Judaism and its relationship to Israel and the West. We want the people in the audience to gain a sympathetic appreciation of the culture of Israel, and the religion of Judaism. We believe you are the man to do this!

We are holding several dates for you: Tuesday, March 10th, Tuesday, March 17th, or Tuesday, March 24th. If these dates are not convenient, please let me know when you are returning from the West Coast and perhaps we can re-arrange the schedule. We have excellent train and plane connections from Chicago and Grand Rapids as well as Grand Rapids and Cleveland.

Please let me know of your schedule, your honorarium, and I trust your acceptance.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bob Britt Hauserman

Bob Britt Hauserman
Minister



December 22, 1952

Dr. Bob Britt Hauserman
Fountain Street Church
Grand Rapids, Michigan

My dear Dr. Hauserman:

I deeply appreciate your kind letter and your gracious invitation. Your lecture series sounds most interesting and intriguing. I wish I could comply with your request and come to you to participate in it. Unfortunately, my crowded schedule will not permit me to take on additional out-of-town engagements.

I shall be on the Pacific coast for a few weeks and I know that I shall return to an accumulation of work here in Cleveland which will keep me pretty close to my responsibilities here. I find, furthermore, that I have already accepted more out-of-town engagements than I should have for the remainder of the active season.

I hope that you will keep me in mind for some future time.

With all good wishes for a very successful course, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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December 29, 1954

Via SPECIAL DELIVERY

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

As co-chairman of our local community committee for commemoration of the American Jewish Tercentenary, we should like to take this opportunity to invite you to speak on almost any day during the month of April, 1955 which you might select.

In trying to decide how best to observe this event, our committee concluded that the finest treat we could offer our city would be to bring you here. Some of us had the opportunity of hearing you when you appeared in Grand Rapids a number of years ago and certainly all of us are cognizant of the tremendous contribution you have made to current history.

In the event of your acceptance which we are praying for, it is our plan to utilize the Civic Auditorium and invite the entire community. I cannot express how eagerly we await an affirmative reply because this would be one of the great triumphs if you would only accept.

May we please hear from you soon and favorably. We are,

Respectfully yours,



M. C. Weiner

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CC to Mr. A. Ginsberg, President
Julius Houseman Lodge
B'nai B'rith

January 4, 1955

Mr. M. C. Weiner
Metal Carrier Corporation
1750 Alpine Avenue, N. W.
Grand Rapids 1, Michigan

My dear Mr. Weiner:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of December 29th and for your gracious invitation to speak at your Tercentenary commemoration.

Unfortunately, pressure of work and the numerous commitments which I have already made make it impossible for me to accept any additional out of town engagements.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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