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February 9, 1961

Allan H. Schwartzman, Rabbi

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street and Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On behalf of the Mississippi Assembly of Jewish Congregations, representing all of the Jewish communities of the State of Mississippi, I would like to invite you to be our guest speaker at our annual meeting to be held in Greenville. The date could well be arranged at your convenience, though we hope to schedule the meeting for the last Sunday of April (April 30) or one of the early Sundays in May.

It is my feeling that the Jewish communities of this State would be overjoyed and tremendously inspired if you could possibly see your way clear to be with us. This has not been an easy era for our people in this area of the country, and your possible visit here would be tremendously uplifting.

Naturally, the Mississippi Assembly of Jewish Congregations would be most happy to take care of any expenses involved in your trip and would be also delighted to extend an honorarium.

If at all possible, we would like to hear from you as soon as practicable. On behalf of the Assembly I do hope that you will give this matter your earnest consideration and that you might possibly see your way clear to be with us at our annual meeting this coming spring.

May I extend my own personal greetings to you and to your family. I hope that we shall have the opportunity of being together in the near future.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

Allan

Rabbi Allan H. Schwartzman

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February 16, 1961

My dear Rabbi Schwartzman:

I appreciate very much your letter of February ninth and your gracious invitation extended to me on behalf of the Mississippi Assembly of Jewish Congregations to be their guest-speaker at the annual meeting. I wish I were free to come. I should very much like to be with you and to visit Mississippi. Unfortunately, my program for the remainder of the year is so crowded with out-of-town lecture commitments, inclusive of a visit abroad, that I cannot, in justice to myself and to my work here, take on any additional obligations. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

Again thank you for your thoughtfulness in inviting me and with all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Rabbi Allan H. Schwartzman
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