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Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 1920-1956.

October 2nd, 1920

Rabbi Louis J. Haas
Harristurg, Pa.

My dear Rabbi Haas,

I appreciate very much your kind invitation to address your Congregation in your Lecture Course. For the present, I cannot see my way clear to come either in October or November. I may be able to come some time in January.

My remuneration for such service is \$100.00 and traveling expenses.

Should it be that you will have need for my services in January, or later, please write to me, when I shall be pleased to make definite arrangements with you.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

HARRISBURG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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March 8, 1923

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
East 55th & Central Avenues,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Sir:

We should like very much to have you address the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce at one of our noon-day luncheon meetings some time before the warm weather. Perhaps it would be best to leave the date for you to be selected because you might be able to make it conform with some date that you happen to be in the East. Our only difficulty would be to secure the rooms at the hotel and if you will give us a time, we will do everything possible to make it mutually agreeable. Our preference would be some time in the middle of May.

Harrisburg would be very glad to hear you and you have a message that will do us a lot of good and stimulate the spirit of citizenship which would result in constructive activities for the community. We know of your platform addresses in Reading and we are extending you an urgent invitation, which we most cordially hope will be accepted, to come with us.

We will thank you very much for an early reply.

Very truly yours,

Daniel H. Casey

DNC/h

Secretary

March 13th, 1933.

Mr. Daniel H. Casey,
Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce,
Harrisburg, Pa.

My dear Mr. Casey,

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce. It may be possible for me to get away the latter part of May, say the 23rd or 24th or the 30th. My customary remuneration is \$10.00 and traveling expenses. Should the terms be satisfactory and any one of these dates acceptable please let me know I will send you a list of the subject of my address.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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March 15, 1923.

Rabbi Abta Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 55th Street & Central Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Answering yours of the 12th please be advised that we will be very happy to have you speak to our Chamber at noon, Wednesday, May 23rd. If convenient to you, we believe we could arrange for you to address the Chamber of Commerce at Allentown, either the same night or the 24th, and I am taking the liberty to ascertain whether the same would be agreeable to Allentown in order that answer might be ready when we hear from you again. We want you in any event. Most of the speakers who come to us who have one honorarium for a single engagement reduce the same when addresses are given in various cities in sequence of two or more. If Allentown should be included the same night or the next day would you feel like reducing the fee?

We shall be very glad to know definitely that you can be with us on the 23rd and will be happy to have your subjects. We can assure you of a very interesting audience and one which we believe you will thoroughly enjoy and we are already anticipating the message which we know you will give.

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

Daniel H. Casey
Secretary

DHC/h

March 23rd, 1922.

Mr. Daniel L. Casey
Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce,
Harrisburg, Pa.

My dear Mr. Casey,

Permit me to acknowledge your kind letter of the 15th. I have noted the date of Wednesday, May 23rd and I shall be very happy to come to you on that day. I shall be free to accept an engagement with the Allentown Chamber of Commerce for the evening of the 23rd or the 24th. In that case I shall include my traveling expenses in the honorarium of \$100.

The following lectures have proved rather popular with Chamber of Commerce audiences and with other civic bodies:

1. Organizing for Service
2. The triumphs and failures of Democracy
3. Racial and Religious Conflicts in the United States.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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March 26, 1923

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 55th Street and Central Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are very happy that you will be with us on May 23rd and are most cordially appreciative of the flat charge of \$100.00. We have this date written to the Allentown Chamber of Commerce asking them to communicate with you direct. Our meeting will be at 12:15 and you will be the only speaker. Forty-five minutes is sufficient and that time may be given to your talk or may be lengthened if you desire. There are good connections between here and Allentown. You can leave at 4:30 on an express due Allentown 6:30.

You will find a number of friends here who are most happy that you are to be with us. These include Rabbi Haas and Mr. Joseph Claster, one of our Vice-Presidents, who at one time tried to induce you to locate in our city. As the time approaches we ask that you advise us the time of your arrival in Harrisburg.

We believe that the talk for us would be your "Organising for Service".

We would be very pleased if you would put aside modesty and give us a short sketch of yourself for publicity purposes and if convenient send us copies of your address in order that same may be set up in advance to give good space in the papers on the day of the meeting.

Thanking you very kindly, we are

Very truly yours,

Daniel N. Casey

Secretary

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RABBI LOUIS J. HAAS
HARRISBURG, PENNA.

April 4th, '23.

Rabbi Abba Heller Silver
Cleveland, O.

My dear Colleague:-

I have been informed by Mr. Casey, Secy of our Chamber of Commerce, that you are scheduled to address this organization on Wed. noon May 23rd. I am looking forward with much pleasure to your visit to our community. Will it be possible for you to spend the evening with us and

address our congregation?
I can assure you an
enthusiastic audience.

Hoping that you
can oblige us on Wed. eve.
or Tues. eve. if more
convenient to you, and
with cordial greetings, I am

Sincerely yours
James H. Hays.

April 9th, 1923.

Rabbi Louis J. Haas,
Harrisburg, Penna.

My dear Rabbi Haas,

Permit me to thank you for your kind note of April 4th and for the invitation which you extend to me to address your Congregation on the evening of May 23rd. Unfortunately I cannot do it. I have accepted an invitation from the Allentown Chamber of Commerce to address them on the evening of May 23rd and I shall have to forego the pleasure you offer me to meet the good men of your Congregation.

Trusting that I shall have the pleasure of meeting you when I come to Harrisburg, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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April 9, 1923

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
East 56th & Central Avenues,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This will remind you of the material to be sent us for advance publicity. We should be very pleased to receive some facts on you and if convenient, a photograph which can be used for publicity. We will appreciate very much your assistance in this regard.

Very truly yours,

Daniel N. Casey
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April 19, 1923

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 55th & Central Avenues,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This will serve to thank you for the picture and short sketch which you sent us for newspaper publicity. We are looking forward with great pleasure to having you as our guest in Harrisburg and we expect to have a very fine crowd to hear you at our luncheon meeting.

We are enclosing herewith copy of our April bulletin which carries advance notice of your coming to Harrisburg, Wednesday, May 23.

Very truly yours,

Daniel N. Casey
Secretary

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May 14, 1923

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 55th Street and Central Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

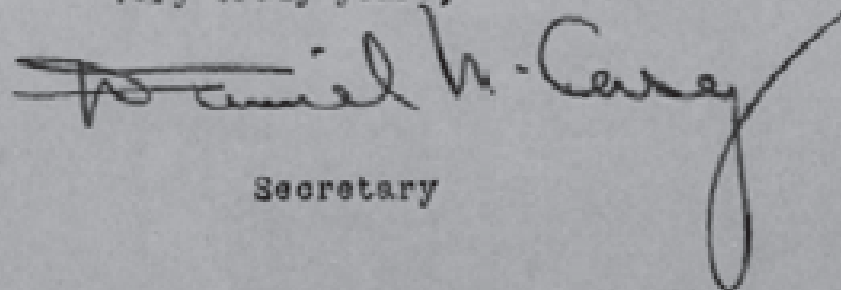
A special reception committee is planning for your entertainment while in Harrisburg and I believe you will thoroughly enjoy the entire time you are here. As soon as possible prior to your arrival, will you please advise us of the hour you plan to arrive in this city. We have arranged for a room for your convenience and rest during the day at the Penn-Harris, in which hotel the luncheon will be held promptly at 12:15.

Your train to Allentown leaves at 3:30 instead of 4:30, this change being made on the summer schedule.

We are very anxious to give a complete report of your remarks and, therefore, would appreciate very much if you will let us have two copies of what you will say. If you do not have this in type form, newspaper reports of other meetings may be sent and we will be happy to weave up the story. You will have a very enjoyable and representative audience and I know you are going to like Harrisburg.

Anticipating the pleasure of your coming and trusting that our requests will not burden you, we are

Very truly yours,



Secretary

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A. Silver

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May 24, 1923

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 56th & Central Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

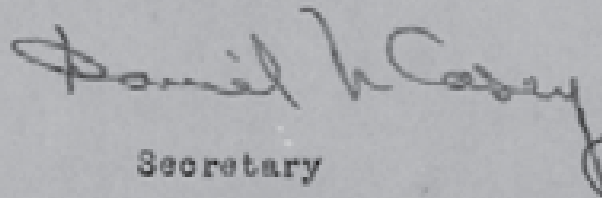
You will be interested to know that we have heard many splendid comments on the wonderful address with which you favored us yesterday noon. The encomium has been universal and is well expressed in an editorial in this morning's Patriot, copy of which is going forward to you under separate cover. You reached the hearts of your hearers and found there a strong reaction and you put your talk over in such a convincing fashion that you had them completely enthralled from the start.

Please accept our appreciation for your presence.

Under separate cover, we are also returning you your photograph and copies of advance newspaper publicity.

Thanking you for having been with us, we are

Very truly yours,



Secretary

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JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

Y. M. H. A. Y. W. H. A.

1102 NORTH THIRD STREET

HARRISBURG, PA.

November 27, 1923

Rabbi Silver
Cleveland, Ohio.

My Dear Rabbi Silver:

During the past two years we have been conducting an educational campaign amongst the Jewish Community of Harrisburg with a view to arousing interest in the Community Center which is still in its infancy.

There is every indication that our Community is becoming responsive and our Board of Directors at its last meeting felt that the time had arrived to make an effort to crystallize Community sentiment with a view to campaigning for enlarged quarters particularly for a Community gymnasium and auditorium to improve our present facilities.

In order that our communal need may be brought forcefully to the attention of our local Jewry we are planning a Community night to be held in one of the largest halls in our city and upon that occasion we are anxious to secure an eloquent speaker to present our message to the Community. The date to be set aside for our community meeting will be selected from the first week in January, 1924.

Will you therefore be so kind as to inform me if you can assist us by speaking on that occasion?

I shall appreciate your reply. With kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

Jacob R. Geoffrey
DIRECTOR

JRG:AR

November 30th, 1923.

Dr. J. R. Jeffroy,
Jewish Community Center,
1102 North Third Street,
Harrisburg, Pa.

My dear Dr. Jeffroy,

Permit me to thank you
for your kind invitation to address
a meeting in behalf of your forthcoming
campaign for a community center. I
regret exceedingly that I am unable to
accept it. My manifold duties here render
it impossible for me to do so.

With kindest regards and trusting
that your enterprise will meet with the success
which it merits, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Oheb Shalom Temple Sisterhood
Harrisburg, Pa.

Rev Dr Abba Silver
Cleveland Ohio.

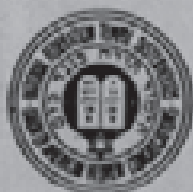
My dear Doctor.

The Pennsylvania Federation of Temple Sisterhoods is holding its Convention in our City on Jan. 24-26. Would it be possible for you to favor us with an address at our banquet on Tuesday evening Jan 26?

I would greatly appreciate an early reply, stating also what your charge would be to the Sisterhood.

Respectfully Yours
(Mrs S.) Jennie Friedman

Affiliated With



Dec. 1, 1925.

December 4th, 1925.

Mrs. S. Friedman,
Oheb Shalom Temple Sisterhood,
Harrisburg, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Friedman,

Permit me to thank you
for your kind invitation to address
the Pennsylvania Federation of Temple
Sisterhoods on January 26th. I should
like to accept but I am scheduled to
attend a meeting in Cincinnati that
evening.

Trusting that your conference
will prove highly successful, permit me to
remain

Very sincerely yours,

TIME *to* GIVE

THE HARRISBURG WELFARE FEDERATION, HARRISBURG, PA.



*Your Welfare Federation
Gives All the Time*



Eighth Annual Campaign

May 2 - 9, 1928

"A Great Community Asset — Its Needs Must Be Met !"



"I am of the opinion that the Harrisburg Welfare Federation has developed into one of our great community assets.

"I believe its twenty-eight organizations are functioning in a creditable and efficient manner and are entitled to receive the highest commendations and support from the public.

"The preparation of its budget has been carefully and consistently analyzed by men and women who are familiar and capable of performing that duty.

"I feel justified in urging every citizen of our community to cooperate, morally and financially, in an effort to bring about the desired results in the coming campaign.

GEORGE A. HOVERTER

Mayor

"The Welfare Federation aids and strengthens, without distinction, the various organizations that are doing charitable and recreational work in the community.

"Representative men and women give, without compensation, time, energy, means and ability to further the purposes of the Federation. Efficiency and economy have resulted from their invaluable services.

"The Federation, therefore, justly appeals to the sympathy and practical support of every citizen."

PHILIP R. McDEVITT

Bishop of Harrisburg



"Last year the work of several welfare organizations was seriously crippled because the campaign goal was not reached. Other cities are asking us what is the cause? For the sake of those who need help, we must raise the necessary funds to finance our social agencies.

"This year's budgets have been pared down to bed rock. The amount requested must be raised. That the hungry may be fed, that the sick may be cared for, that little children may be protected, I urge every citizen to give liberally—and thereby be blessed abundantly with God's gifts."

PHILIP DAVID BOOKSTABER

Rabbi Ohav Shalom Temple

"The Welfare Federation helps anyone in need, without regard to race, color or religion. It should be supported by everyone who is able to give."

The Babies Must Be Protected

Five Thousand Babies Were Helped

Last year 4,885 babies were aided by the Baby Clinics, the visiting Nurse Association, and the Child Welfare Association and the Red Cross. Many others were aided by the Hospital dispensaries. In many cases the life of the little one was saved by the careful and trained ministrations of the workers in these agencies. This service is of vital importance to the community. These children are our greatest asset. The work must go on, and those whose parents cannot pay must be cared for free of charge. Gifts to the Welfare Federation help provide this free service.



Many Little Lives Saved Yearly



Last year over 1000 little babies were treated in the two Welfare Federation hospitals and one-third were cared for free because parents were unable to pay. These babies live in Harrisburg, and in Dauphin, Perry, and Cumberland Counties. Physicians and surgeons donated their service and attention, but food, medicines, and supplies had to be purchased. Hundreds of little babies will need the same kind of service this year. Many smiling tots will be saved for a fruitful life because our citizens, through gifts to the welfare fund, provide for the care of those whose parents cannot pay.

Unmarried Mothers Cared For

Unmarried mothers and their fatherless children are being quietly but efficiently cared for by the Welfare Federation agencies. No institution is used because institutions are expensive and because this problem can be handled better in an individual way. Last year 15 unmarried mothers and their little babies were successfully cared for in this individual way. While the emphasis of the Welfare Federation is on preventive work, the babies and the mothers must not suffer.



Infant Ward at Hospital

Little Children Must Not Suffer

Over 12,000 Children Aided

12,616 children from Dauphin, Perry and Cumberland Counties received some type of care last year from the Welfare Federation agencies. These organizations are always on the alert to protect little children from the ills of improper social or economic environment.

A father deserts his family and the mother is left alone without relatives or money. The Children's Bureau of the Associated Aid Societies answers the call for help. The children may be sent to the Children's Home or to the Sylvan Heights Home for temporary care. They may be placed in a foster home until the mother is able to support them. The mother may be given an allowance so that she can remain at home with her little family. Each situation is studied separately, the mother helping to work out the plan that will best meet her particular problem. Over 400 cases of this sort were successfully handled last year.



The Child Welfare Association Builds Better Citizens



The Child Welfare Association looks after the health and recreation of the child in the formative period of its development; it provides playgrounds, health and recreation centers in the poorer sections of the city; it directs the diet of the growing child through the medium of the "Penny Lunches," which give a balanced diet at a penny a portion.

Healthier, stronger, and more capable children are the result, and this means a stronger citizenship for the Harrisburg of tomorrow. How better can a welfare dollar be spent than for preventive work of this caliber?

The Sunshine Society provides for crippled children in Harrisburg and the Red Cross does this work in the county communities.



Music Class at the Sylvan Heights Home



One of the "Homey" Cottages at the Children's Home

Character Building Agencies Must Be Supported

Preventive Work Pays

The Character Building agencies of the Welfare Federation cooperate with the churches in preventing the youth of today from becoming the social problem of tomorrow. Their service is not measured in terms of money spent but in the number of youths contacted each day of the week and each week in the year.

Last year the attendance at the various activities of these character building agencies and the membership in their various groups and classes totaled 239,073. This figure represents youths not only from Harrisburg but from almost every town in Perry, Dauphin, and Cumberland Counties.



Why They are Not Self-Supporting



The Character Building agencies which gave such excellent service last year to the youth and to the community are the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Central Y. M. C. A., Colored Y. M. C. A., Jewish Community Center, Pennsylvania Railroad Y. M. C. A., Phyllis Wheatley Association (Colored Y. W. C. A.), and the Y. W. C. A.

Any of these organizations could be entirely self-supporting, asking no help from the Welfare Federation, if they raised their dues to the figure that would cover the actual cost of operation. But this would exclude boys and girls from the poorer families, and often these are the

ones who need this service the most. Many people believe that money invested in this type of preventive work is the best money we spend.



At the Y. W. C. A.



At the Y. M. C. A.

Needy Families Must Be Helped

Helping Families to Become Self-Supporting

Unemployment, sickness, death, desertion, or other causes may place any family in a position where it is unable to be self-supporting and must be cared for by the community.

When such a situation arises the Family Service agencies send a trained and experienced worker to visit the home. This worker always gives emergency relief immediately where it is needed. Then the causes of the trouble are studied and the family is helped back to a self-supporting basis. Last year scores of such families were successfully aided in coming back to self-support where they were no longer a drain upon the community.



Nearly 50,000 People Aided Last Year



The Family Care and Relief Agencies are the Associated Aid, and Harrisburg Benevolent Association, and the American Red Cross. The Red Cross gives family care and relief in Perry and Dauphin Counties while the Associated Aid cares for families in Harrisburg and on parts of the West Shore. The Bethesda Mission, the Salvation Army, the Social Service Exchange, and the Traveler's Aid Society cooperate in helping to solve these problems.

Last year these agencies aided 48,961 families or individuals in Harrisburg and in the towns of Perry, and Cumberland Counties.

How Duplication is Prevented

The Social Service Exchange operates a clearing house for families and individuals which are being helped. This organization stimulates cooperation and helps to prevent duplication and overlapping. Last year the Social Service Exchange found that over 35% of the people applying for help were already known to some of the welfare agencies.



A Dormitory at Bethesda Mission

The Sick Must Be Cared For

Over 2,500 People Treated Free By Hospitals

Most men can support themselves and their families if they retain their health and vigor. Hence the curing and prevention of illness play an important part in solving the social problems of families.

Last year the Polyclinic Hospital and Harrisburg Hospital gave free care to 2519 patients, and part-pay service to 155 others. A total of 31,885 days of free care were given by these two institutions. Gifts to the Welfare Federation helped to make this service possible.



Nearly 3,000 People Helped By Visiting Nurses



The Visiting Nurse Association provides free nursing care where the patient is unable to pay, and part-pay service for those who can afford to pay only a small fee. Often only 25 or 50 cents is paid for service that would cost many dollars. This nursing service embraces pre-natal care, maternity service, well baby clinic service, pre-school nursing service, and bedside nursing. 1711 persons were cared for last year and 311 of these were unable to pay anything. 99 others could pay only a part of the fee. 1278 babies were cared for at the well baby clinics, making a total of 2989 persons receiving care from this organization.

Over 800 People Treated at These Clinics

At the Dental Clinic, the Mental Clinic, and the State-City Tuberculosis Clinic (all receiving support from the Welfare Federation) 862 patients were given free treatments last year.

2,000 People Were Treated Free at These Two Hospitals Last Year



Dispensary Scene at the Harrisburg Hospital.



Scene in Ward at the Polyclinic Hospital

The Handicapped Must Be Aided

The Blind Must Be Helped



There are 179 blind persons in Harrisburg and Dauphin County. Many of these could be self-supporting if they would be given the right kind of work. The Association of the Blind provides employment for ten blind people in its small workshop, and assists a number of others to do a little work in their own homes. Given a chance to help themselves by other means than begging, the blind person usually shows himself an able and apt workman. The Association for the Blind has asked for a little larger budget this year and if this can be provided many more blind people can be given a chance to help themselves.

The Modern Way of Helping Aged Folks

The winter of life finds many aged people with no relatives or resources. Some of these old people are sickly and must be cared for in institutions. Many of them, however, can be made happier and can be cared for more economically by arranging for them to live with some private family. The Family Service agencies of the Welfare Federation are providing for a number of our aged people in this way.



Just as the old fashioned "Orphan Asylum" has given way to the modern way of caring for children in private homes, so we are gradually learning that if aged people can be placed in private family homes they are happier and more contented. This is the kind of care that your Family Service Agencies try to provide.



This Little Crippled Lad May Soon be Able to Throw Away His Braces

Why More Money Is Needed in 1928

*There are three big reasons why more money is needed
by the Welfare Federation this year.*

INCREASED SERVICE TO BLIND

1. We must have money to do more for the blind people of our community. There are 179 blind in Dauphin County. Only 10 can be given employment in the small workshop now operated by the Association for the Blind. Many others are capable of earning a living if the proper facilities can be provided. Here is challenge to the generous people of Harrisburg. The blind must be cared for. This can only be done by increasing last year's subscriptions to the Welfare Fund. \$10,000 in new or increased gifts is needed.



CHARACTER BUILDING WORK CURTAILED

2. More money must be provided for character building work. Last year all of the agencies engaged in this work were handicapped by lack of funds. One organization almost closed up in the last months of the year. \$5,000 in new or increased gifts is needed.

RELIEF AGENCIES HANDICAPPED

3. Last year our Family Service agencies were badly handicapped because of insufficient funds. Three emergency appropriations were made to the Harrisburg Benevolent Association and the Red Cross. The people of Harrisburg do not want these organizations under-financed. \$3,000 in new or increased pledges is needed.



In addition to these three needs, totaling \$18,000, the Welfare Federation has lost almost \$3,000 in the past year on account of the death of contributors business failures, and removal from the city. This means that we must receive a total of \$21,000 in new gifts or increased pledges this year in order to take care of the conservative justified needs of our agencies.

Explain these facts to every contributor and urge those who are able to do so, to increase last year's pledge. Only in this way can the money that is needed be raised.

The Welfare Federation Budget

Operating Expenses of the Welfare Agencies From April 1, 1928 to March 31, 1929

Agencies	Total Expense	Earnings Fees, etc.	Endowment Misc.	Gifts Needed
American Red Cr.	16,393.00	1,200.00		15,193.00
Assoc. Aid Soc.	27,143.50		900.00	26,243.50
Assn. for Blind	16,056.10	7,110.00	1,010.93	7,935.17
Bethesda Mission	13,136.93	6,515.80		6,621.13
Boy Scouts	13,442.75			13,442.75
Children's Home	23,271.42	6,016.00	7,318.42	9,937.00
Child Welf. Assn.	6,960.00	1,900.00	1,000.00	4,060.00
Soc. Serv. Cl. House	2,873.00			2,873.00
Campaign Budget	10,917.50			10,917.50
Dental Clinic	1,800.00			1,800.00
Fl. Crittenton Home				6,167.52
Girl Scouts	6,987.52	820.00		
Hbg. Benev. Assn.	43,750.00	27,675.00	146.14	15,928.86
Hbg. Hospital	334,717.92	229,671.00	80,046.92	25,000.00
Hbg. Welf. Fed.	16,250.00		2,700.00	13,550.00
Humane Society	1,310.00	310.00	256.00	744.00
Jewish Comm. Center	14,581.00	4,481.00		10,100.00
Mental Clinic	50.00			50.00
Polyclinic Hosp.	171,341.00	119,856.50	32,984.50	18,500.00
Publicity Comm.	3,575.00			3,575.00
Salvation Army	6,469.01	405.00	970.00	5,094.01
Sunshine Society	867.00	350.00	25.00	492.00
Sylvan Heights Home	16,626.00	3,700.00	2,950.00	8,976.00
Traveler's Aid Soc.	4,070.00	600.00		3,470.00
T. B. Soc. Clinic	480.00			480.00
Visiting Nurse Assn.	31,720.00	13,200.00	95.00	18,425.00
Y. M. C. A.	58,585.00	24,986.00	2,441.00	30,158.00
Y.M.C.A., P.R.R. Br.	18,020.00	10,070.00	4,350.00	3,600.00
Y.M.C.A. Colored Br.	3,604.10	600.00	100.00	2,904.10
Y.W.C.A.	29,288.00	14,200.00	2,688.00	11,400.00
Y.W.C.A. Colored Br.	3,687.20	400.00		3,287.20
TOTALS	897,972.95	474,066.30	142,981.91	280,924.74

Contingent Fund, for shrinkage due to death of contributors, etc. 9,197.00

CAMPAIGN COM. 290,121.74

Annual Audit by Main and Company of The Harrisburg Welfare Federation

For the Period April 1, 1927 to March 31, 1928, Inclusive

WE have made an examination of the recorded cash receipts and disbursements of the Harrisburg Welfare Federation for the fiscal year April 1, 1927 to March 31, 1928, inclusive, and hereby certify that in our opinion the following statement correctly sets forth the cash transactions for the period under review.

MAIN AND COMPANY
Certified Public Accountants

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
April 7, 1928.

CASH RECEIPTS

Receipts from Pledges.....	\$260,442.70
Int. on Temporary Investments & Bank Balance.....	2,198.08
Temporary Investments Purchased.....	60,000.00
Sale of these Investments.....	60,000.00
Sale of Temporary Investments Held Over from Prior Year.....	5,000.00
Payments Made on Charged-Off Accounts.....	70.67
Payment of Advances.....	345.61
Reimbursement for Supplies and Expenses.....	42.69
Overpayment of Pledges.....	10.00
Advance Payment, 1928 Pledges.....	7.50
Total Cash Receipts April 1, 1927 to March 31, 1928.....	268,117.28
Balance on Hand, April 1, 1927.....	9,344.06

Total Cash to be Accounted For..... **277,461.34**

CASH DISBURSEMENTS

PAYMENTS TO AGENCIES	
Central Y. M. C. A.....	28,974.10
Associated Aid Society.....	25,346.99
Harrisburg Hospital.....	24,446.50
Visiting Nurse Association.....	17,928.22
Polyclinic Hospital.....	17,000.00
Harrisburg Benevolent Association.....	16,512.15
American Red Cross.....	13,653.11
Y. W. C. A.....	13,528.04
Boy Scouts.....	12,061.74
Children's Home of Harrisburg.....	11,332.75
Jewish Community Center.....	10,113.60
Sylvan Heights Home.....	8,329.75
Bethesda Mission.....	6,815.86
Girl Scouts.....	5,733.31
Salvation Army.....	5,387.89
Association for the Blind.....	5,156.73
Colored Branch, Y. M. C. A.....	3,685.71
P. R. R. Branch Y. M. C. A.....	3,672.78
Child Welfare Association.....	3,500.89
Travelers' Aid Society.....	3,344.69
Dental Clinic.....	1,800.80
Florence Crittenton Home.....	1,018.20
Sunshine Society.....	494.71
State-City Tuberculosis Clinic.....	480.80
Humane Society.....	384.51
Mental Clinic.....	12.50
	340,711.78
Welfare Federation Expenses.....	15,813.79
Campaign Expense, 1927.....	8,805.00
Campaign Expense, 1928.....	1,987.70
Central Publicity Expense.....	3,470.36
Collection Expense.....	2,816.38
Social Service Exchange.....	321.50
New Equipment Purchased.....	260.60
Advances to Committees and Agencies.....	112.09
Accrued Interest on Temporary Invest. Purchased.....	132.22
Reimbursements for Over-payment of Pledge.....	10.50
Total Cash Disbursements, April 1, 1927 to March 31, 1928.....	374,177.41
Cash in Bank and on Hand, March 31, 1928.....	3,283.93

Agency Service Record

April 1, 1927 to March 31, 1928

1-Association for the Blind—cared for 179 blind persons and gave employment to ten. Paid \$5,638 in salaries, wages, and relief.

2-Associated Aid—516 families and 294 children—almost 3,000 individuals aided in time of need.

3-American Red Cross—11,696 persons helped and cared for last year, including children.

4-Bethesda Mission—31,171 night lodgings, 5,391 meals, 970 pieces of clothing, employment found for 569 men, and 821 conversions constitutes work of this agency last year.

5-Boy Scouts—1,307 boys in 12 troupes inspired with high ideals for health, honor, and service and camp provided for 317 boys last year.

6-Children's Home—15,754 days care given last year as a temporary shelter for children until they could be returned to their parents or be placed in a foster home. 900 days care given free.

7-Child Welfare Association—Provided health and recreational facilities supervision and instruction to 12,000 children. 11, 200 penny portion lunches served in Glenwood school.

8-Central Y. M. C. A.—16,007 individuals served last year with a total attendance of 81,153 at the various activities aimed to develop a high standard of Christian character in the youth of the city.

9-Colored Y. M. C. A.—Gave free night lodging to 100 negro transients last year and serves 711 members weekly through its various activities.

10-Colored Y. W. C. A. (Phyllis Wheatley)—Found employment for 72 negro women last year, has 308 members and serves an average of 50 negro girls and women daily. Provides dormitory for transient negro women.

11-Dental Clinic—Free dental treatment given to 310 needy persons and children last year with 1,216 sittings.

12-Girl Scouts—Good habits, thoughtfulness, and ideals of service promoted among 1,146 girls last year. 285 girls attended camp.

13-Harrisburg Hospital—1,848 patients given free hospital care and 26,509 free dispensary treatments given last year to those who could not pay.

14-Harrisburg Benevolent Fund—administered by the board of the Associated Aid Societies to give emergency help and relief to 478 families last year.

15-Humane Society—Made 651 investigations and 348 destroyals last year and found homes for 88 pets as well as giving instruction in care of animals and first aid treatment to victims of animal attacks.

16-Jewish Community Center—provided social center and recreational facilities and training for leadership to 1,500 Jewish young men and women last year.

17-Mental Clinic—103 patients examined and prescribed for free last year.

18-P. R. R. Y. M. C. A.—130,457 total attendance at activities last year. Extended swimming pool facilities to 1,000 girls and women and has weekly contacts with over 1,000 members.

19-Polyclinic Hospital—2,741 patients cared for last year of which 971 were free patients and 155 part-pay patients. Gave 13,008 days free care, an increase of 33% over 1926.

20-Salvation Army—280 free meals given last year to needy persons and 115 night lodgings given to transient white women. Reaches many persons through its non-sectarian religious services.

21-Sunshine Society—Spent \$657 last year to bring cheer and help to 68 adults and crippled children.

22-Sylvan Heights Home—provided temporary home last year to 115 Catholic girls of which 59 were part-pay cases and 46 free.

23-Travelers' Aid Society—4,763, travelers, adults and children, helped last year.

24-State City Tuberculosis Clinic—449 tubercular and pre-tubercular patients examined free last year and 124 sent to State Sanatoriums.

25-Visiting Nurse Association—Trained nursing service given to 1,711 persons last year, of which 331 were free patients and 99 part-pay. 1,278 babies cared for at well baby clinics.

26-Welfare Federation—provided medium for co-operative solution of social problems common to many agencies.

27-Social Service Exchange—Operated clearing house and central index for social service cases reported by agencies. 483 reports made last year.

28-Y. W. C. A.—148 girls attended camp and 3,309 young women and girls served last year exclusive of cafeteria. Provided dormitory for girls and women earning less than \$25 a month.

Over 1,000 People Helped Every Day

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

1102 NORTH THIRD STREET

HARRISBURG, PA.

June First
Nineteen Twenty-Eight

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The Jewish Welfare Board of New York City, which has heretofore organized lecture courses for me, has just notified me that in the future all contacts must be made directly with the lecturers desired.

Sometime ago I asked them to arrange a lecture course for me including your name for the date of Wednesday, November 28th, 1928. I don't know whether or not they communicated with you, but at any rate I should like to know whether you can arrange to talk at the Jewish Community Center on that date, namely, November 28, 1928. I understand that your fee will be \$150 and expenses.

Your lecture will be one of a series of seven which is being planned by the Jewish Unity League of Harrisburg at the Jewish Community Center. The Jewish Unity League is an organization of young men, which has for its purpose the development and solidification of the spirit of unity among the Jewish citizens in Harrisburg, and which is conducting this series of lectures as part of its first year's educational program.

The choice of subject is entirely in your hands, or if you will give us a list of subjects, we will be glad to make our choice and advise you.

If this date is satisfactory to you, please advise me as soon as possible so that we can make complete arrangements, and I will communicate with you later to arrange details of transportation, etc.

Sincerely yours,


EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 55th Street and Central,
Cleveland, Ohio.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
1102 NORTH THIRD STREET
HARRISBURG, PA.

June Fifteenth
Nineteen Twenty-Eight

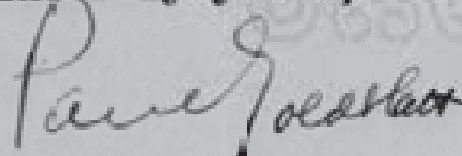
My dear Rabbi Silver:

I wrote you on June 1st, inviting you to speak at the Jewish Community Center in Harrisburg, on Wednesday, November 28th, and up to the present time I have not heard from you.

As we are very anxious to complete our program for the year, may I request that you inform me if this date is acceptable to you.

I would certainly appreciate your attention and interest.

Sincerely yours,



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 55th Street and Central
Cleveland, Ohio.

Carol ✓

June 18th, 1928.

Mr. Paul Goldblatt,
Jewish Community Center,
1102 N. Third St.,
Harrisburg, Pa.

My dear Mr. Goldblatt:-

Please pardon the delay in
answering your letter, I have been out of the
city most of the time.

It may be possible for me to
come to you on Wednesday evening, November 28th.
My honorarium is \$250. If the terms are accept-
able please let me know and I will definitely
schedule your organization for that day.

With kindest regards, permit
me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
1102 NORTH THIRD STREET
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June Twenty-First
Nineteen Twenty-Eight

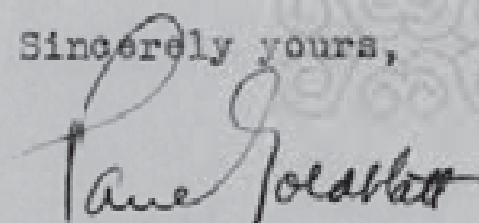
My dear Rabbi Silver:

I have your letter of June 18th, and I am happy to learn that you can arrange to be with us on the date of Wednesday, November 28th.

Am I correct in assuming that the \$250.00 includes your expenses? If this is so, may I request that you please put this date on your calendar, and notify me accordingly so that our organization can definitely announce its course.)

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,


EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th St at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

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June 27, 1928.

Mr. Paul Goldblatt,
c/o Jewish Community Center,
1103 North Third St.,
Harrisburg, Pa.

My dear Mr. Goldblatt:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 21st. I have scheduled your organization for Wednesday, November 28th. I am looking forward with pleasure to meeting you.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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PAUL GOLDBLATT
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TELEPHONE---BELL 6812
3-9503

MEMBER OF HARRISBURG WELFARE FEDERATION

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
1163 NORTH THIRD STREET
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August Tenth
Nineteen Twenty-Eight

My dear Rabbi Silver:

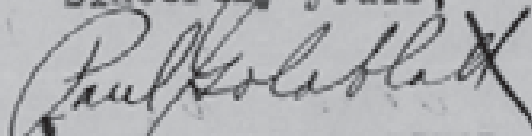
The Jewish Unity League is now working on plans for publicity for the lecture course to be conducted at the Jewish Community Center this fall and winter.

Do you happen to have available any cuts or material for publicity that could be used in conjunction with your lecture on November 28, 1928?

I would appreciate your sending these along.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,


EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 55th St. and Central
Cleveland, Ohio.

August 21st, 1928.

Mr. Paul Goldblatt,
Jewish Community Center,
1103 North Third St.,
Harrisburg, Pa.

My dear Mr. Goldblatt:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 10th. In accordance with your request therein, I am herewith enclosing a photograph of Rabbi Silver together with some facts about him for your publicity.

After the photograph has served your purpose, will you kindly return it to us as we are running short of same.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very truly yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

PAUL GOLDBLATT
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TELEPHONE---BELL 6812
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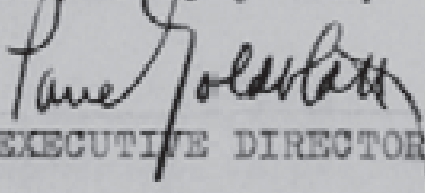
October Twenty-Sixth
Nineteen Twenty-Eight

My dear Miss Rothenberg:

Rabbi Silver is scheduled to speak in Harrisburg on Wednesday, November 28th. We are at the present preparing our publicity program, and find that one rather important detail has been overlooked, namely the subject of the talk for which Rabbi Silver is scheduled.

Will you please, therefore, ask Rabbi Silver to kindly choose a subject to his liking and notify me as soon as you can so that I can give adequate space to the subject in our publicity.

Sincerely yours,


EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

Miss Irene Rothenberg
c/o The Temple
105th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

Oct. 29th, 1928.

Mr. Paul Goldblatt,
Jewish Community Center,
1102 North Third St.,
Harrisburg, Pa.

My dear Mr. Goldblatt:-

"Any one of the following three subjects may prove acceptable to you. Please select one and notify me.

1. Jew and Christian - Will They Ever Meet?
2. The Four Major Tendencies in Jewish Life.
3. Democracy at the Crossroads.

With kindest regards, permit
me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

PAUL GOLDBLATT
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TELEPHONE---BELL 6812
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MEMBER OF HARRISBURG WELFARE FEDERATION

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

1192 NORTH THIRD STREET

HARRISBURG, PA.

November Second
Nineteen Twenty-Eight

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The subject, "Jew and Christian Will They Ever Meet" seems to meet with favor with our Committee, and we would like to have you talk on this topic in Harrisburg.

In regard to the time you spend in Harrisburg, I should like to advise you that outside of the time you will spend in the Jewish Community Center delivering your talk, your time will be absolutely at your own disposal. If you desire to meet any particular individuals and will advise me, I shall be happy to make the arrangements for you. Otherwise no contacts or arrangements will be made.

Will you please advise me as soon as you can just what time you will arrive in our city so that I can arrange to meet you. I do hope that you will consider yourself my guest during your stay here.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Goldblatt

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

OHEV SHOLOM TEMPLE
FRONT AND SENICA STREETS
HARRISBURG, PA.

Rabbi
Philip David Bookstaber, A.M., Ph.D.
208 N. Third Street

11/20/28

Dear friend:-

Just a hurried note
before I leave for N.Y. & Philadelphia
on important meetings & surveys.
To the effect that I shall not
be here next Wednesday when
you speak here. This I regret
so exceedingly that I take
this immediate means of
informing you.

If there be any way in
my part to break away to get
back here I shall.

I know you'll meet with

Great success here and also, the
people here will long remember
your visit.

With kindest regards &
best wishes, I am,

a ever cordial
Bromide

P.S. Regards To Her.

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MISS IRENE ROTHENBERG

CARE THE TEMPLE EAST 105 AND ANSEL ROAD CLEVELAND OHIO

NO WORD RABBI SILVER SCHEDULED SPEAK HERE TONIGHT PLEASE WRITE

WHEREABOUTS ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER

PAUL GOLDBLATT.

TELEPHONED
FROM MAIN OFFICE

Time *10:08 a.m.* Date *Nov 28*
To *Self* By No. *76*



Nov. 28th, 1928

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I. Rothenberg
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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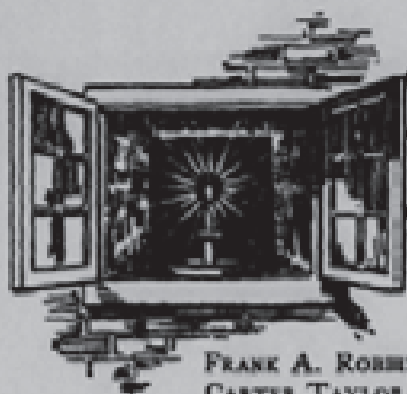
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Answer Nov. 28th, 1928

Paul Goldblatt
1102 N. Third St.,
Harrisburg, Pa.

RABBI SILVER ARRIVING HARRISBURG TODAY DIRECTLY
FROM CINCINNATI HE WILL COMMUNICATE WITH YOU
ON ARRIVAL.

I. Rothenberg



The Harrisburg Welfare Federation

Harrisburg

Pennsylvania

FRANK A. ROBBINS, JR., President
CARTER TAYLOR, Director

March 2, 1929

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You can make a great contribution to our annual campaign by coming to Harrisburg and making the address at our opening dinner Monday night, April 22nd.

I know that you have a great many calls of this kind, but I want you to do this for us because we need you.

The opening dinner will be in the Main dining room of the Penn Harris Hotel, with six or seven hundred people present. We shall be very happy to pay your expenses and an honorarium in the amount you name.

Please let me hear from you and please say that you will come.

Sincerely yours,

Carter Taylor
Carter Taylor, Director

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RABBI THE TEMPLE EAST 105 ST CLEVELAND OHIO=

THIS NIGHTLETTER TO YOU TO URGE YOU TO ACCEPT INVITATION TO
OPEN OUR CITY FEDERATION DRIVE FORMAL LETTER OF INVITATION
IS SENT UNDER SEPARATE COVER MISSED YOU LAST TIME YOU WERE
HERE AND TRUST YOU MAY STAY WITH US A LITTLE WHILE SO I MAY
PERSONALLY BE WITH YOU CAN HELP YOU ARRANGE SOME ITINERARY
AROUND HERE IF YOU SO DESIRE HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU SOON=

RABBI PHILLIP DAVID BOOKSTABER.

Carol

March 7th, 1929.

Mr. Carter Taylor,
The Harrisburg Welfare Federation,
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr. Taylor:-

Permit me to thank you for your
kind letter of March 2d inviting me to address the
opening meeting of your campaign on Monday, April 22d.
Although that week is a rather crowded one, inasmuch
as our Passover holiday occurs in it I shall make an
effort to be with you.

As regard the honorarium, please use
your own judgment. I never stipulate an honorarium
for a social service agency.

With kindest regards, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

March 7th, 1929.

Rabbi Phillip D. Bockstaber,
Harrisburg, Penna.

My dear Bockstaber:-

Thank you very much for your night
letter.

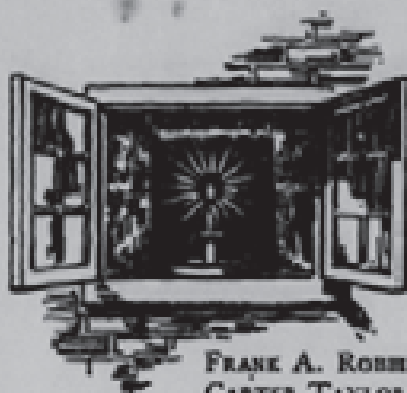
I have just written to Mr. Taylor
telling him that I will make every effort to be with
The Harrisburg Welfare Federation on April 22d,
although the week of the 22d is the Passover week.

I am looking forward with pleasure
to seeing you.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



The Harrisburg Welfare Federation

Harrisburg

Pennsylvania

FRANK A. ROBBINS, JR., President
CARTER TAYLOR, Director

March 18, 1929

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

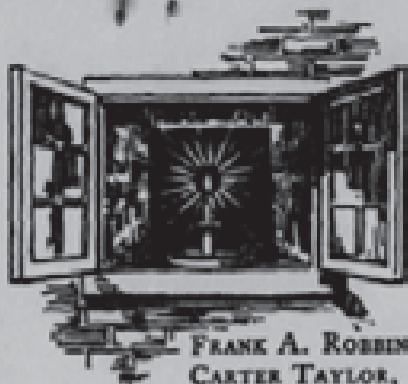
We are very happy to get your letter saying that you will make the address at the opening dinner of our annual campaign. This is just fine! Our campaign will be a better and finer effort because of your cooperation.

The opening dinner will be held in the Penn-Harris Hotel main dining room, with five or six, or seven hundred people present. We will begin about 6:30 and will be through by 8:45 or 9 o'clock, if all goes well.

Our literature for this year's campaign is not yet complete, but I am enclosing two little booklets which were used last year, and which will give you a fairly good idea of the Agencies and their work. Our slogan is "Be A Good Neighbor". This is used year after year, and this year we are using also the slogan "Still A Good Neighbor".

For five or six years the campaign in Harrisburg has just fallen short of the goal, missing the mark by \$15,000 or \$20,000. Last year we raised the full amount needed, \$290,000, because one of our very fine citizens, Miss Mary Sachs, personally underwrote a \$15,000 deficit. There is a general feeling among some of our community leaders that Harrisburg is not going to take a licking again in its campaign. This is the spirit that we are trying to inject into the campaign organization. The campaign goal this year will be about \$300,000, and there is no reason why it should not be reached.

Several people have asked me to try to find out when you will arrive in Harrisburg and how long you will be here. Rabbi Beekstaber is hoping very much that you can spend the night and at least part of the day Tuesday the 23rd. Will you please write me about what your plans are for this meeting, so far as you can state them so long in advance of the date as this,



The Harrisburg Welfare Federation

Harrisburg

Pennsylvania

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so that we will know what to tell people.

It is fine of you to agree to come to Harrisburg to help us. It means more than you can realize in the success of our community effort.

With sincere regards, I am

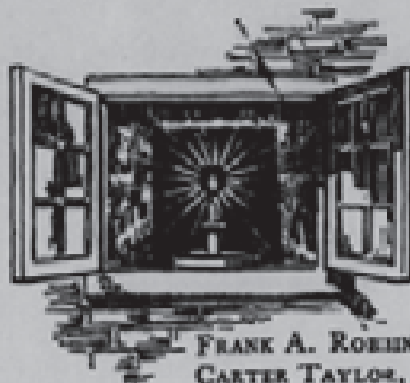


Yours truly,

Carter Taylor

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*Mr. Vance McCormick told me that it would be a pleasure
for him to be allowed to pay whatever honorarium was
suggested.*
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The Harrisburg Welfare Federation

Harrisburg

Pennsylvania

FRANK A. ROEHLING, Jr., President
CARTER TAYLOR, Director

April 10, 1929

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We are looking forward with great pleasure to your address at our opening campaign dinner, April 22nd. If you will let me know your plans I would like to make hotel reservations, etc. for you. Everyone here is delighted to know that you will be our speaker. The Campaign Committee says that your address will mean a great deal in starting off our campaign.

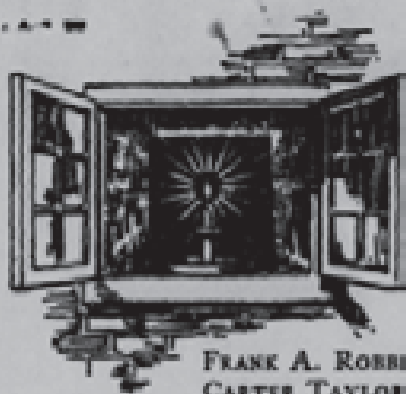
The enclosed booklet indicates the keynote of this year's campaign, which is that we must have more money.

Looking forward with pleasure to greeting you again, I am

Sincerely yours,

Carter Taylor

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The Harrisburg Welfare Federation

Harrisburg

Pennsylvania

FRANK A. ROBBINS, JR., *President*
CARTER TAYLOR, *Director*

April 18, 1929

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbo Silver:

I thought that the enclosed newspaper clipping might interest you. Our people are looking forward with great pleasure to hearing you on April 22.

It looks as though we will have five or six hundred people present.

Please let me know what time you will arrive in Harrisburg and how long you will be here.

Yours truly,

Carter Taylor

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April 21st, 1929

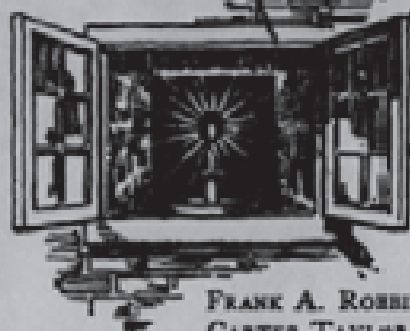
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HARRISBURG, PA.

ANSWER DATE

WILL ARRIVE HARRISBURG TWELVE FORTY-FIVE NOON MONDAY
WANT TO RETURN TO CLEVELAND MONDAY NIGHT PLEASE
RESERVE LOWER BIRTH FOR ME. THANKS.

RABBI A. H. SILVER





The Harrisburg Welfare Federation

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FRANK A. ROBBINS, JR., President
CARTER TAYLOR, Director

May 14, 1929

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

My dear Rabbi:

On the day that our Campaign closed,
I left the City for a little vacation and that is why
I have not written you.

Your talk at our Opening Dinner was
perfectly splendid. As you probably know, from what
others have told you, you made one of the greatest con-
tributions to our work here that has ever been made by
any speaker. It was perfectly fine of you to come all
the way from Cleveland to help us. From our standpoint
there can be no question at all that the trip was very
greatly worthwhile.

You will be interested to know that for
the first time in its history Harrisburg had a successful
Welfare Campaign. We raised 25% more money than had ever
been raised before and the Campaign goal was oversubscribed
by more than 10%.

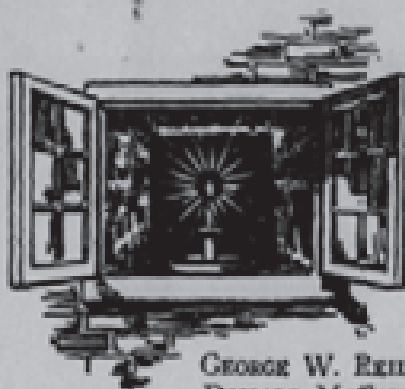
We are drawing a check for \$150 which ex-
presses in some small way our appreciation your coming here.

Again thanking you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Carter Taylor

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Harrisburg

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GEORGE W. REILY, President
DONALD MCCORMICK, Vice-President
CARTER TAYLOR, Director

April 17, 1930

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
103d St. & Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

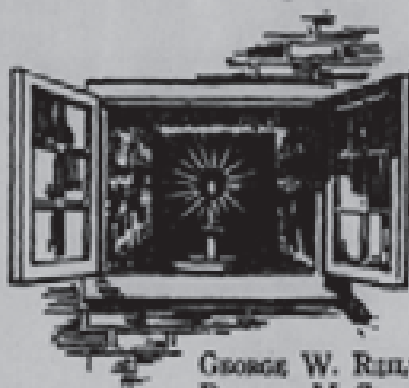
I certainly am sorry that you could not come to Harrisburg for our April 27th meeting. However I did not feel that I could argue the matter with you when you said that you could not leave because of your own services.

I hope that next year we may get you to address our group once more. Everyone in Harrisburg thinks there is no one like you. I quite agree with them.

Very truly yours,

Carter Taylor
Director

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The Harrisburg Welfare Federation

Harrisburg

Pennsylvania

GEORGE W. RILEY, *President*
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CARTER TAYLOR, *Director*

October 14, 1930

Rabbi Philip D. Bookstaber
208 North 3rd St.
Harrisburg, Penna.

My dear Rabbi:

This will confirm my request that you undertake to get Rabbi Silver to make the talk at the opening dinner of our campaign. The Opening Dinner will be held at 6 P.M., Monday, April 20th at the Penn-Harris Hotel.

In regard to an honorarium and expenses we will be very glad to take care of this in the same way it was done in 1929.

Yours truly,

Carter Taylor.
Director

CT:EB

OHEV SHOLOM TEMPLE

FRONT AND SENECA STREETS

HARRISBURG, PA.

Rabbi

Philip David Bookstaber, A.M., Ph.D.

208 N. Third Street

10/25/30

Dear friend Silver:-

Two years ago you offered our City Welfare Drive - and - because of your efforts we had "Mazel und Berachah". I am asked by the Executive Board to write you to repeat - and - this is most gratifying to me and my Jewish people.

The opening dinner is planned for Monday, April 20th at 6:00 P.M. Do say yes - and - let us begin talking about it here.

I hope all is well with you. Needless to say I am sad about the plight of the Palestinian situation.

With kindest personal regards to you, I am,
as ever, friendly
Bookstaber

card ✓
Nov. 5th, 1930

Rabbi Philip D. Bookstaber,
208 North Third St.,
Harrisburg, Penna.

My dear Rabbi Bookstaber:-

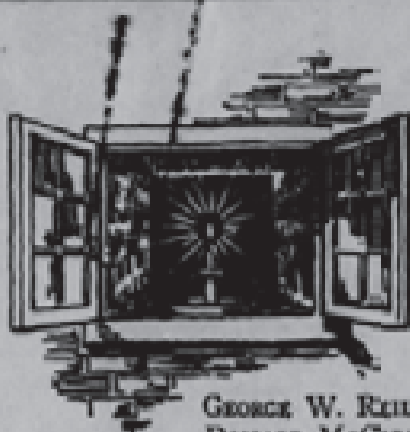
Thank you very much for your letter and
for the invitation which comes through you to address
your City Welfare Drive on Monday, April 20th.

I enjoyed my visit to that group last year
and I shall be pleased to come again. I hope that nothing
will interfere.

With kindest regards and best wishes and
looking forward with pleasure to seeing you again soon,
I am

As ever yours,

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The Harrisburg Welfare Federation

Harrisburg

Pennsylvania

GEORGE W. KELLY, *President*
DONALD MCCORMICK, *Vice-President*
CARTER TAYLOR, *Director*

November 10, 1930

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It was with a great deal of pleasure that we learned of your acceptance of our invitation to make the address at the Opening Dinner of our campaign next April. This is a great contribution for you to make and I want you to know that it is deeply appreciated by hundreds of people of this good city.

Cordially and Sincerely yours,

Carter Taylor
Director

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HARRISBURG WELFARE FEDERATION
HARRISBURG, PENNA.

April 2, 1931

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing herewith several pieces of literature which you may be interested in glancing over in connection with the talk which you are going to make at our Opening Meeting of the Campaign, 8:00 P.M., Monday, April 20th.

We are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to having you with us, and I have heard any number of the most favorable comments throughout the community on our having been able to procure you for this meeting.

No one knows better than I how much of a sacrifice it means to you to take the time to come here and help us on our little campaign. However in Harrisburg this campaign is unquestionably regarded by most citizens as the biggest community event of the year, and your part in it is very deeply appreciated by all thoughtful persons.

If there is any other information which you would like to have let us know and it will be immediately forthcoming.

Very truly yours,

Carsten Taylor
Director

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FRONT AND SENECA STREETS

HARRISBURG, PA.

Rabbi

Philip David Bookstaber, A.M., Ph.D.

P. O. Box 563

4/22/31

Dear friends:

Enclosed is only partially
indicative of what we think of
your presence here. Many, many
are the kind words, appreciation
& reverential regard your message.
God bless you.

It was good to see you -
hope soon to see you again.

a ever faithful -

Bookstaber

Sent

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HARRISBURG WELFARE FEDERATION
HARRISBURG, PENNA.

May 4, 1931

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
% The Temple
E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I want to thank you for the splendid talk which you made our group at the opening of our campaign. It is good of you to come to a little city like ours to help us, and I think that everyone appreciates deeply the fine contribution which you make to us in this way.

Following your talk, and during the week, I have heard any number of things said about the address which you made. There is no doubt that the thoughts which you left with us had a good deal to do with the successful issue of the campaign.

You will be interested to know that our campaign goal was well over-subscribed, the total raised being \$449,000. This is an increase of more than \$100,000 over last year, some 30% increase over the previous campaign. With the help which we get from the city and the county we are now in pretty good shape for another twelve months unless things get too bad next Fall and Winter.

If you will let me have a memorandum of your expenses, together with some suggestion in regard to an honorarium, we will take great pleasure in sending you our check.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

Carter Taylor
Director

CT:EB

May 7th, 1931

Mr. Carter Taylor,
Harrisburgh Welfare Federation,
Harrisburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Taylor:-

Permit me to thank you for your letter
of May 4th.

I am delighted to know that your campaign
went over the top. That is extremely gratifying. You have
a fine organization and a very enthusiastic group of workers
and you should feel highly gratified.

With reference to my honorarium. I suggest
that it be the same as in 1929 - \$150. My traveling expenses
amounted to \$25.

With kindest regards and best wishes, permit
me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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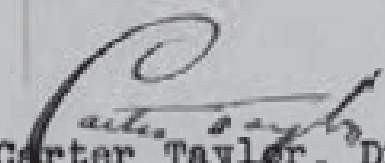
May 21, 1931

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

Dear Rabbi,

Enclosed is our check for \$175,
and I hope that you will accept again not
only my personal thanks and appreciation,
but that of the community.

Very sincerely yours,


Carter Taylor, Director.

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This year especially — Share magnificently

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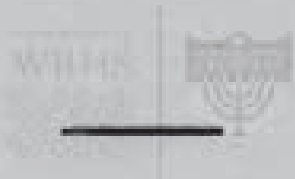
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¶ A Blue Print of Activities of the Pennsylvania Civil Liberties Committee

In The Legislature

In The Field

In The Courts



*"An ideal, unique among nations, found
expression in the Bill of Rights. It will sur-
vive only as long as American people accord
it real devotion."*

—THE PITTSBURGH PRESS.

PENNSYLVANIA
CIVIL LIBERTIES
COMMITTEE

219 Walnut St.

Harrisburg, Pa.

January, 1932

IN THE LEGISLATURE . . .

The first complete program of civil liberties legislation was presented to the Pennsylvania General Assembly at its 1931 session. Nine measures were introduced, aimed to correct conditions in a state notorious for the number and variety of cases involving free speech, press and assembly and the right of labor to organize for its protection.

Three Bills Passed and Signed

1. **A curb on labor injunctions:** Definite restrictions were placed on the courts in issuing injunctions against labor unions by limiting the life of temporary injunctions to five days and requiring a public hearing of both sides before the issuance of permanent injunctions.

2. **Trial by Jury for Contempt of Court:** A companion measure of great importance took from judges their arbitrary power to inflict heavy fines and long prison terms for violations of labor injunctions. Trial by jury in such cases is now a law; fines are limited to \$100, and sentences to fifteen days. (This applies only to indirect criminal contempt).

3. **Imported Strike-Breakers Ousted:** Professional strike-breakers, often from the underworld of large cities, cannot be used in Pennsylvania in the future as deputy sheriffs. No one may now be deputized by the Sheriffs unless a resident of the county for one year, and free from a criminal record for ten years prior to appointment.

Bills Defeated—But Discussed

Six measures—prepared, introduced and discussed—failed to pass. But the education of the Legislature and the public on these vital matters was begun:

1. **A Resolution calling for an investigation of conditions in "Company Towns,"** notorious for corporation control of workers lives and liberties. Passed the House, but was withheld from a vote in the Senate by one of its committees.

2. **Repeal of the Sedition Act:** A measure, passed in the wake of war hysteria, used to suppress freedom of speech and particularly to gag agitation for labor organization. Killed in a House Committee after a public hearing.

3. **Outlawing of "Yellow Dog" contracts:** These agreements, which workers are forced to sign, prohibit them from joining a labor union for their own benefit and improvement. Our bill to outlaw these contracts was killed in the House Committee on Manufacturers.

4. **Abolition of Company Payment of Deputy Sheriffs:** A bill which would have invalidated contracts for the services of deputies between sheriffs and private companies failed to emerge from committee.

5. **Control of State Police in Strikes:** Our bill would have placed responsibility on the Governor for the presence of the State Constabulary in strikes. It was defeated twice in the House.

6. **Abolition of Coal and Iron Police:** We opposed all substitutes for the present system and advocated complete repeal of the enabling statute. Governor Pinchot cancelled all coal and iron police commissions on July 1, 1931, for the duration of his term, but future governors may invoke the law again. It must be repealed!

Now is the time to prepare for the 1933 Session. A real start has been made in paving the way for the successful enactment of the defeated bills.

IN THE FIELD . . .

Civil Liberties issues came to the front in every part of the state during a winter of unparalleled unemployment. Prosecutions under the Sedition Act and police violence against strikers and radicals were especially frequent. Some outstanding cases are noted:

Gains

1. **Hunger March, Harrisburg, April 21, 1931:** A state-wide Hunger March on Harrisburg promised to develop disorder and rioting, if the police interfered with their parade and petition to the Legislature. But the sensible decision of the Legislature to hear spokesmen of the march, and Governor Pinchot's interview with its leaders prevented all trouble.

2. **Free Speech Victory at Johnstown:** The arrest of fourteen people in connection with an attempted public meeting of the unemployed in Johnstown, February 10, 1931, after a permit had been refused, precipitated a free speech fight in the courts. Since then meetings have been freely held without permits.

3. **Ryder-Lynn Sedition cases—Philadelphia:** Charged with distributing "seditious" literature, two young Communist girls were saved from prison by receiving suspended sentences.

4. **Police censorship at Pittsburgh:** The ban placed by the Pittsburgh police on the street sale of "The Unemployed," a magazine, on an equality with other publications was carried to the County Court by the League for Industrial Democracy where a notable victory was won. The same decision was subsequently used to uphold the sale of the "Daily Worker."

Losses

1. **Sheriffs' Peace Proclamation in strikes:** Sheriffs' "Proclamations," used to suppress lawful union activities under the cloak of "keeping the peace," continued to appear. Such orders were posted in Berks, Montgomery and Monroe Counties during a hosiery strike of 1930, and in the soft coal strike area in Washington County. The Civil Liberties Committee is advised that these proclamations have no basis in law. They are a usurped power.

2. **The Soft Coal strike—1931:** The arrest of hundreds of strikers for picketing and parading, the employment of deputies paid and directed by private companies, the killing of Peter Zigarc, and many other tragedies marked the strike in the bituminous mines of Western Pennsylvania. The Civil Liberties Committee interceded with public officials, held a public protest meeting, and aided in court defense.

3. **Hosiery Strike—Stroudsburg:** A strike during the early months of 1931 was crippled by a sheriffs' proclamation with the support of the Bar Association and by a court injunction. The murder of a girl striker and the conviction of a labor leader followed by a two-year jail sentence were of tragic significance. The Civil Liberties Committee aroused the community against the injunction at a protest meeting held April 12, 1931.

4. **Arrest of James H. Maurer, Pittsburgh:** This arrest, for his attempt to speak as the Socialist candidate for Governor from the steps of the City-County Building, Pittsburgh, where an opponent had previously spoken, resulted in a \$10.00 fine, from which no appeal could be taken.

5. **Conviction of Morgenstern and Goodman for Sedition:** Arrested for distributing "seditious" literature, two young Communist workers were found guilty. A motion for a new trial is pending and undecided.

6. **Lansdale Free Speech Fight:** A problem of over-coming official opposition to labor meetings in that Borough attracted wide attention. Officials ignored a plea from the Governor, and a temporary victory in the Courts has helped, but not settled, the final determination of this issue which has far-reaching significance.

"The Civil Liberties Union is not always right, but is more often right than wrong. It serves a useful purpose by stubbornly defending civil liberty and free speech."

—THE PHILADELPHIA RECORD.

WHAT DOES THE CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION STAND FOR?

The Pennsylvania Civil Liberties Committee stands on the general principle that all thought on matters of public concern should be freely expressed without interference. It believes that the Constitutions of the United States and Pennsylvania established this principle as a perpetual protection from official aggression. Orderly social progress is promoted by freedom of opinion. Punishment of mere opinion, without an overt act, is never in the interest of orderly progress. Suppression makes for violence and bloodshed. This is the historic American position on free speech, stated once for all by Thomas Jefferson: "It is time enough for the rightful purposes of civil government for its officers to interfere when principles break out into overt acts against peace and good order."

The Civil Liberties Committee is organized to defend and promote this point of view in Pennsylvania. Its program in the legislature is noted elsewhere in this leaflet.

Program for 1932

1. **Pardon the Woodlawn prisoners:** Tom Zoga and Peter A. Muselin, serving five-year sentences for merely possessing literature, adjudged seditious. Pardon plea pending.

2. **Lansdale:** A plan not yet completely worked out that will bring the officials into Court to defend their willful and repeated violation of Constitutional guarantees of free speech and assembly.

3. **Appeal from conviction of Goodman and Morgenstern:** Appeals in the Superior Court are now pending, based on the unconstitutionality of a section of the Sedition Act, not yet passed on by the courts. Appeal will be carried, if necessary, to the Supreme Court of the United States.

4. **Sheriffs' Proclamations:** Definite ruling of these proclamations to be secured from the State Attorney-General.

5. **Hoffman conviction:** Pardon for Alfred Hoffman, labor leader, convicted at Stroudsburg. The decision of the Superior Court, upholding the Hoffman conviction, takes Pennsylvania labor law back two generations. It must be wiped out by new legislation or appealed in the higher courts.

6. **Wildwood mine sentences:** Appeal from savage sentences of six months to six years meted out to striking miners.

7. **1933 Legislature:** Preparation for the 1933 Session of the Legislature.

8. **Unemployment protests:** Suppression of free speech in unemployment situations throughout the state must be opposed whenever it occurs.

9. **New Committees:** Organization of new committees in all the larger cities of the state.

E. LEWIS BURNHAM, Treasurer
Pennsylvania Civil Liberties Committee
219 Walnut Street, Harrisburg, Pa.

Date _____

I wish to join you in your campaign to maintain civil liberties in America. Enclosed is my check for a year's membership as marked below:

☐ Annual Member, \$2

☐ Contributing Member, \$3

☐ Supporting Member, \$10

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219 WALNUT STREET
HARRISBURG, PENNA.

11th February 1932

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
10311 Lake Shore Blvd
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Our Pittsburgh Committee has requested me to send you this invitation to be their guest and principal speaker at its annual dinner. They are planning the affair for next month or the early part of April, but no definite day has been selected.

We sincerely hope that you will find it possible to accept. No section in the United States at present needs the work of the Civil Liberties Union more than Pittsburgh. A special effort is being made now to build up a strong movement there, and your address at the annual dinner in support of the work would be of great assistance and would be deeply appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

Allan G. Harper
Exec. Secretary

May 4

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Feb. 22d, 1932

Mr. Allan G. Harper,
Exec. Sec'y., Pennsylvania
Civil Liberties Committee,
219 Walnut St.,
Harrisburg, Penna.

My dear Mr. Harper:-

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of
your kind letter inviting me to address a meeting of
the Pennsylvania Civil Liberties Committee in Pittsburgh.

I should like to accept your invitation.
I can not, however, come in April for my schedule is
already very crowded that month. It may be possible
for me to come the early part of May. If that is
convenient please let me know and also tell me something
more about the nature of the meeting.

With kindest regards and best wishes,
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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210 WALNUT STREET

HARRISBURG, PENNA.

April 8, 1932

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Referring to your kind letter of February 22nd, I would like to renew the invitation of our Pittsburgh Committee to address them in May, if that is still convenient.

This is an annual function, a dinner, to which the public is invited. We aim on these occasions to stimulate interest in the work which the Civil Liberties Union is doing, and to draw attention to the special campaign we have under way in this state. The enclosed leaflet will give you an idea of the particular problems at which we are working.

As a member of the National Committee, you are aware of the present situation throughout the country, and the particular need of increased courage in standing by the ideals of the Bill of Rights.

If you find it possible to accept the invitation of the Committee (of which Dr. Ralph S. Boots of the University of Pittsburgh is chairman), we would like you to deliver the principal address of the evening. One or two ~~other~~ ^{short} talks are also scheduled.

Almost any date in May would be all right for us, although if agreeable to you, we would prefer a date after the middle of the month. We are not able to express our appreciation by an honorarium, but of course would insist upon defraying your expenses.

With appreciation of your kindness in considering the invitation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Allan G. Harper

Executive Secretary

Abba Millel Silver, D. D.
Cleveland, Ohio

card -

April 11th, 1932

Mr. Allan G. Harper,
Pennsylvania Civil Liberties Committee,
219 Walnut St.,
Harrisburg, Penna.

My dear Mr. Harper:-

I wish I were free to accept your invitation for May. Unfortunately I have accepted for the middle of May the invitations of the National Conference of Social Work and the National Conference of Jewish Social Service which meet in Philadelphia around that time and a few other engagements in the East. I can not therefore take on any additional engagements for May.

Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to the Pittsburgh Committee of the Civil Liberties Union.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

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HARRISBURG, PA.

Rabbi

Philip David Bookstaber, A.M., Ph.D.

P. O. Box 863

9/12/33

Dear Silver:-

The local General Welfare Federation Campaign will open with a mass gathering: dinner-meeting - on Thursday night, October 26th.

I am asked by Vance McParrick + Carter Taylor to officially and formally invite you to be our guest-speaker that evening.

Your expense and an honorarium of \$100 will be forthcoming. Do say you will accept.

Can you preach in my Temple on Friday night? - the 27th?

Write me at once.

With profound regards + ever-present affection, I am

Sincerely -
Bookstaber

September 13, 1963.

Dr. Philip Bookstaber,
P.O. Box 863,
Harrisburg, Pa.

M. R.

My dear Philip:

Thank you so much for your letter of September 12 and for the invitation which you extend to me. I regret that it will not be possible for me to come to Harrisburg this Fall. You know, of course, that I was away from my congregation practically the whole of last year. I feel obligated to stick close to home this year and am limiting my out-of-town engagements to an absolute minimum.

I trust that I may be of service to you and to the Welfare Federation at some future time.

With all good wishes for a happy new year, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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1/1/36

Dear Sister:

I have just come back from
N.Y. City - and - among my many
appointments + conferences - was the
one at National Scout Headquarters.
I hope, for many good reasons, that,
when you are asked to be speaker
at our National annual meeting
in May - at Atlantic City, you
will make way to accept. I do
personally want you to "put it
across" in your inimitable way.

May I not again say - *ADIOS* -
God bless you -

As ever faithfully -
Broonie -

P.S.

Best to Melba -

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Dear Abba:

4/12/43

I should have written
you sooner - but - here goes.

Am happy you are to be
here Thursday the 29th. We will
have a good contribution to
the U.S.D.

I write not only to welcome
you here but to ask you if
you can be here for my Friday
evening service and preach
for me and us. Your new words
always my fulfillment.

Let me know soon.

In your anticipated visit
to this fine city let me know of
what service I can be to you.
I expect to attend the

Philadelphia U.P.A. Conference -
With best wishes to you & family,
Yours fraternally in Zion
Brother

P.S. 1 I know you'll like
the enclosed Temple Bulletin.

P.S. 2 At a small meeting last
night Mrs. Mary Sachs gave
\$500 to our campaign; Jacob
Miller & Ben Gammag each
\$400 etc.

Our "slogan" is - "Give
more not the same as last
year."

P.S. 3 Shall I reserve a room at
Hanniburger for you? When do
you arrive?

April 13, 1943

Dr. Philip D. Bookstaber
Chev Sholom Temple
Front and Seneca Streets
Harrisburg, Pa.

My dear Bookstaber:

Thank you so much for your kind note. I am very sorry that I will not be able to occupy your pulpit on Friday evening as I must leave for Philadelphia right after the Thursday meeting to attend the annual Conference of the United Palestine Appeal. I am happy to know that you will be at the Conference also.

I would appreciate it if you would reserve a room for me at the Harrisburger. I shall probably arrive in the morning.

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

Most cordially yours,

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Congregation Tifereth Israel
E. 105th Street & Ansel Rd.
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My Dear Silver:

I have read of your various inspiring addresses appertaining to the "Tercentenary" and they all please me very much. I feel the one in Cincinnati was ^{an} outstanding affair.

I write you particularly to invite you to speak at our community celebration concerning the Tercentenary anyone of several dates of which may be available in the month of May, Sunday or Wednesday night is agreeable and, of course, we would be pleased to defray the expenses and an honorarium in accordance with your considerate request.

We have had you here several times but not within the last decade and this year especially commemorates the completion of my 30th year since ordination, and, in one pulpit all these years with thanks to God for His blessings.

It would be a pleasure if you could spend a little extra time besides the address which you would give here. Our Zionist organization and friends of yours of all races and creeds would be happy to see you.

Awaiting your reply, I am with all good wishes to you and your dear wife and the boys.

Very fraternally yours,

Bookstaber

Rabbi Philip David Bookstaber

PDB:jp
Encl:

P.S. I was glad to be at your home via T.V. program last Friday. I sent "Gut Shavos" to both of you and made Kiddish with a blessing for Sabbath peace and with a prayer for peace here and in the world. Too bad they didn't give you more time.

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November 30, 1954

Rabbi Philip David Bookstaber
Temple Ohav Shalom
Front and Seneca Streets
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

My dear Bookie:

I appreciate very much your letter of November 17th and your gracious invitation to speak at your community Tercentenary celebration sometime in the month of May.

I wish I were free to come to you. Unfortunately, I have booked myself for so many out of town engagements for this year that I cannot, in justice to myself, take on any more. I am sure that you will understand.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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October 15, 1956

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
% The Temple
E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My Dear Abba:

On Sunday, January 4th, the Jewish National Fund wants to honor me for all my activities on behalf of the State of Israel. My work here is well known in National Headquarters as well as in the State of Israel. I had much to do with bringing a Boy Scout Patrol from the State of Israel to our International Jamboree in Canada last summer - - this included Jewish, Arab and Christian Boy Scouts. I mention this, as one of the activities in which I was interested, because of many hardships in obtaining that objective.

Recently our community went "way over the top" in its sale of "Bonds for Israel". I would be happy to accept the honor from the J.N.F., if I could link it up with your presence in honor of one who has been a colleague of yours in one pulpit for over thirty years. You haven't been here for SO LONG A TIME. My people and others would be happy to have you here.

You know of the very dynamic activity of our Governor! He visited Israel, wrote many articles and gave many speeches upon his pilgrimage. A Forest was dedicated in his honor too. He promised activity for the "plank" concerning Israel in the Democratic Party platform.

Won't you come for the evening of January 4th and, if you can, meet the Governor and my people? Perhaps your wife could accompany you to spend a weekend here as a "Retreat". We would be glad to defray your expenses concerning this visit and an honorarium of \$400 or thereabouts.

Please try to make this date with one of your ardent supporters in more than one way. This may have been the first letter in years to you, but my thoughts of you and blessings have always been present. With the hope of hearing from you shortly, I am

Very fraternally yours,

Bookstaber
Rabbi Philip David Bookstaber

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

P.S. I am very happy to know your boy's associated with you. I have a very wonderful Associate this year, and I hope for future years, in the personality of Rabbi Hillel A. Fine. I believe this association will add ten years to my life. Do come here please.



file - Rabbi Bookstaber

October 17, 1956

Rabbi Philip David Bookstaber
Reform Temple Chev Sholom
Front and Seneca Streets
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

My dear Bookes:

I received your letter of October 15 and I appreciate very much indeed your gracious invitation to have me come to Harrisburg to participate in a testimonial which the Jewish National Fund wishes to give you. I know that you are altogether deserving of this honor for I have known for many years your devotion to all the constructive movements in Jewish life.

Unfortunately I am so heavily booked with out of town engagements in connection with Israel Bonds, of which you probably know I am National Chairman, that I cannot, in justice to myself, take on any additional engagements.

Incidentally, you mention in your letter the date of Sunday, January 4. Since Sunday does not fall on the 4th you probably refer to Sunday, January 6. I shall probably be out of the country for a few weeks during January.

I hope that the affair will be tremendously successful - as you so fully deserve.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:sl

Bookstaber

Reform Temple Ohav Shalom

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October 22, 1956

Rabbi Abbah Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. & Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My Dear Abbah:

I have always known and been affiliated with every activity which you directed - - none the least of Bonds for Israel. We have in our district three Trustees and I have always been a "Guardian" and have exhausted my funds for "Bonds for Israel. I have been a vocative partner of yours ever since ordination.

At the risk of being persistent, I still ask you to try to come here as per my last letter to you. If the date suggested is impossible, may I say pick your own dates and give me a choice of any evening of the week - - preferably a Sunday night.

Your budget of time and of travel surely is tremendous - - that I know. However, in your travels to and from the East and the West, you could include one night in which to fulfill a "sum-total" request for your presence. This will enhance one of the causes for which your presence is needed. I have been here thirty-two years and have never had any Rabbi to recognize my ministry here. I am so happy that I may ask you to combine your presence with my ministry and the causes of the State of Israel. Please think it over and try to make it.

God bless you and yours.

Very fraternally yours,

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P.S. It is great to see your Son Daniel on the letterhead. I hope to see him in due course of time.

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