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Houston, Texas, 1928-1956.

Dr. G. Henry Aronsfeld

Optometrist

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HOUSTON, TEXAS

October 18, 1928.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silber,
East 105th Street,
at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silber:-

Last Tuesday evening Rabbi Frisch of San Antonio delivered an address before the Houston Lodge I.O.B.B. and after the lecture he suggested that it might be possible for us to have the privilege of having you make an address in Houston.

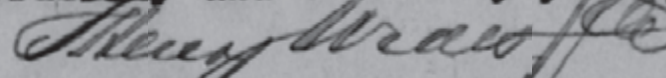
With this in mind some members of our Men's Club have taken the matter in hand and all plans are made and now depend upon your acceptance.

Please advise us as to what day in February will be convenient for you as we understand that you are coming to Dallas. February the 5th or 6th has been suggested and as these days are Tuesday and Wednesday they would fit in nicely because we hope to have you speak at our beautiful new Temple and just at present St. Paul's Methodist Church is using our Temple on Sundays and also on Thursday evenings as their new Church is not yet completed. ✓

We shall appreciate a reply at your convenience and I would like to suggest that you furnish us, if possible, with the subject of your address and let us have any available data which can be used to give this lecture proper publicity.

With all good wishes,

Cordially and sincerely yours,



G. HENRY ARONSFELD, PRESIDENT
MEN'S CLUB BETH ISRAEL TEMPLE.

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October 22d, 1928.

G. Henry Aronsfeld, President,
Men's Club Beth Israel Temple,
1205 Post Dispatch Bldg.,
Houston, Texas.

My dear Mr. Aronsfeld:-

Permit me to thank you for your
kind letter of October 18th.

I shall be very happy to be with
The Houston Men's Club on Wednesday evening,
February 6th. I am appending herewith a list
of subjects from which please select one and
notify me. My honorarium will be \$250. which
will include my traveling expenses.

With kindest regards and looking
forward with pleasure to my meeting you and
your people, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Men's Club
of
Temple Beth Israel
HOUSTON, TEXAS

October 25, 1928.

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

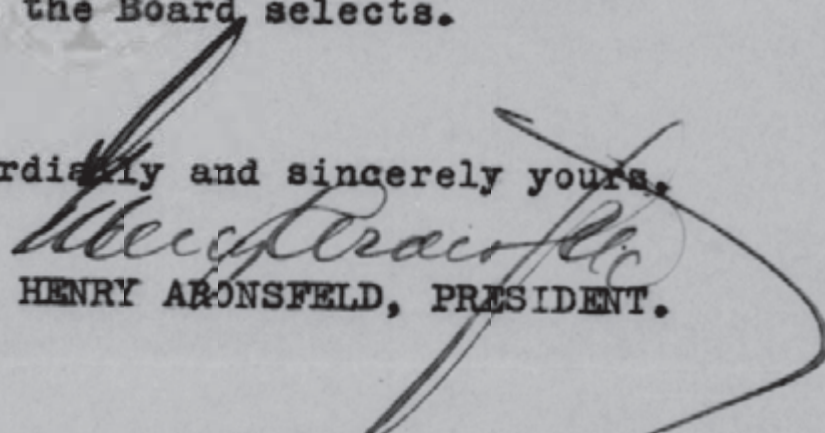
Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Wednesday, February 6th will be entirely satisfactory to us and of course your honorarium is also entirely satisfactory.

We are going to have a Board meeting next Monday evening and immediately after that I shall notify you as to which lecture the Board selects.

With all good wishes,

Cordially and sincerely yours,


G. HENRY ARONSFELD, PRESIDENT.

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HOUSTON, TEXAS

October 30, 1928.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Our Board met last evening but decided, provided you do not object, to hold the subject of your lecture open for just a few weeks. The Jewish Chautauqua will be here next month and it was the opinion of the Board that as some of the subjects might be touched upon at that time we would prefer to have you speak on one which will not have been discussed by others. We shall let you know our selection at the very earliest possible moment.

One of our members has in mind having you as his guest at the Kiwanis Club Luncheon on Wednesday, February 6th and of course they would in all likelihood call upon you for some remarks. no

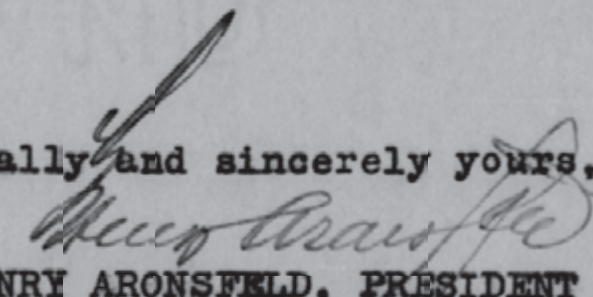
Another one of our members has suggested a luncheon on that date to be attended by a number of our members and perhaps some invited guests. May I request that you be perfectly frank with me and let us know which one of these you would prefer?

We have made all plans for your lecture and consider it the outstanding event in our Club calendar.

Will you be good enough to furnish us with material suitable for publicity and also some pictures or mats suitable for newspapers, if the same ~~are~~ available.

With all good wishes, I am

Cordially and sincerely yours,


G. HENRY ARONSFELD, PRESIDENT
MEN'S CLUB TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL.

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Nov. 2d, 1928.

Mr. G. Henry Aronsfeld,
Pres. Men's Club of
Temple Beth Israel,
Houston, Tex.

My dear Mr. Aronsfeld:-

Permit me to thank you for your
kind letter of October 30th.

I note what you say about the
selection of a subject and I shall await word
from you.

Please do not schedule me for
any noon meetings. I do not know just when
I can get to Houston and I do not as a rule
speak twice in one day. I find it too hard.

Under separate cover I am sending
you a photograph which you may use in your
publicity.

With kindest regards, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Optometrist

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HOUSTON, TEXAS

November 5, 1928.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I have your good letter of November 2nd and also
the photograph and facts about you.

I note that the photograph has stamped on it "Please
Return" and hence I am having some copies made and
shall return the original promptly.

We shall certainly respect your wishes and give you
the day entirely free but Mrs. Aronsfeld and I would
consider it an honor if you would take dinner with
us before your lecture. If you accede to our request
we shall have just a very few people whom we should
like to meet you.

With all good wishes, I am

Cordially and sincerely yours,

G. Henry Aronsfeld
G. HENRY ARONSFELD, PRESIDENT
MEN'S CLUB BETH ISRAEL.

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Nov. 9th, 1928.

Dr. G. Henry Aronsfeld,
1205 Post Dispatch Bldg.,
Houston, Tex.

My dear Dr. Aronsfeld:-

Permit me to thank you for
your kind letter of November 5th. I shall be
very happy to avail myself of your kind invita-
tion to dinner. I am looking forward with
great pleasure to meeting you and your friends.

With kindest regards,
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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HOUSTON, TEXAS

December 4, 1928.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

We have chosen as the subject of your address "What
is Happening to the American Home?".

Very many people have expressed themselves most
enthusiastically about the privilege of hearing you
and I am sure that we are going to have a splendid
meeting.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially and sincerely yours,

G. Henry Aronsfeld
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HOUSTON, TEXAS

January 24, 1929.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Plans are going forward very nicely for your lecture and I believe that we are going to have the Temple comfortably filled at least.

I wonder if you could tell us when you expect to arrive in Houston. I shall have someone meet you at the station and take you to the Hotel and your wishes as to privacy will be carefully respected. We should of course like to have you to lunch but are not going to insist if you wish to be alone. Mrs. Aronsfeld will take pleasure in showing you the city and I assure you that it is some city to see. We shall arrange to have dinner at 6 o'clock sharp so that we can get to the Temple, which is just five minutes from our house, in plenty of time.

Please let me know, too, if anyone else will be with you. We hope to have Dr. and Mrs. Barnston to the house for dinner and perhaps one or two ^{other} very good friends.

Many people here have heard you and speak most enthusiastically about you.

Looking forward with much pleasure of meeting you personally, I am

Cordially and sincerely yours,

G. Henry Aronsfeld

G. HENRY ARONSFELD, PRESIDENT
THE MEN'S CLUB OF TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL.

GHA-S.

11.50 A.M.

Jan. 28th, 1929.

Dr. G. Henry Aronsfeld,
1205 Post Dispatch Bldg.,
Houston, Texas.

My dear Dr. Aronsfeld:-

Permit me to thank you for your
kind letter of January 24th.

I plan to arrive in Houston
Wednesday morning, February 6th at 11:50 a. m.
from Austin, Texas. I shall be very happy to
see you and to have dinner with you. Mrs. Silver
is not accompanying me on this trip.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

Sisterhood of Temple Beth Israel

HOUSTON. TEXAS

February 6, 1936

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Temple Beth Israel Sisterhood is conducting a Forum for the education and inspiration of Houston Jewry.

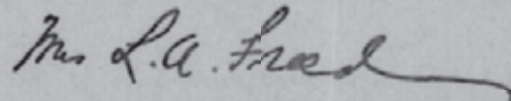
We have had a very fine response to our first two speakers, Mrs. Sinclair Lewis and Mr. Marvin Lowenthal and we are very anxious to maintain the high quality of the Forum.

We would like to know if you could speak on our Forum in March, if possible, the third Thursday, or any other date during the month of March.

This Forum is and must be a self supporting project and we are not aiming at profits nor would we like to take a loss. We would like to know what the charges would be, should you be able to speak for us.

Hoping that we may hear from you promptly and with kindest regards, beg to remain

Sincerely yours,



Mrs. L. A. Freed, Chairman
Beth Israel Temple Forum

Holman and La Branch St.,
Houston, Tex.

February 10, 1936

Mrs. L. A. Freed, Chairman,
Beth Israel Temple Forum,
Holman and La Branch St.,
Houston, Texas.

My dear Mrs. Freed:

Let me thank you for your letter of February 6 and for the invitation to address the Temple Beth Israel Sisterhood Forum in March. I wish I were free to accept it. Unfortunately I am so heavily booked up with engagements of all kinds for the remainder of the season that I cannot in justice to myself and my work here accept any more.

With all good wishes and hoping that I may be of service at some future time, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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To Rabbi Sanders A. Lofield Oct 2 19 37

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Regret exceedingly cannot accept your ^{kind} invitation
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Do not expect to be in your vicinity in the
near future

Abba Hillel Silver

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November 24, 1937

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

You will recall that several months ago you were in Cincinnati and had lunch with Mr. Robert Goldman and Dr. Felix Levy. Mr. Goldman asked your opinion with reference to a "Preaching Mission." You made a suggestion, which evidently struck home.

You will be pleased to hear that Mr. Goldman tried out your suggestion in New York City recently. Judge Lehman, Messrs. Arthur Hays Sulzberger and Roger W. Straus arranged a dinner where about ninety people were present. Mr. Goldman made a strong plea for religion in our daily lives. I am told that it went over unusually well. It was not a meeting for the solicitation of funds.

The "Preaching Mission" idea has had hard sledding ever since you expressed your opinion of its doubtful value. However, another suggestion coming to us from various sources is finding a great deal of favor. There has been a persistent demand for more frequent conventions of the Union. We have been making a try-out of district meetings; one has just been held in New York which assembled about 1200 people, another is scheduled in Houston, Texas, on Sunday, April 10th, and still another may be held in Kansas City, but of this we are not sure.

Our correspondents in Houston write us that they will have a meeting on one condition only, and that is, that you come as the principal speaker.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

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November 24, 1937

I know that Houston is a long distance from Cleveland, also that we cannot hope to assemble more than 300 to 400 out-of-town people, but we are very much interested in making a success of this meeting. We can't offer any remuneration, for the simple reason that the Union is perpetually broke, but the expenses of the trip will, of course, be provided.

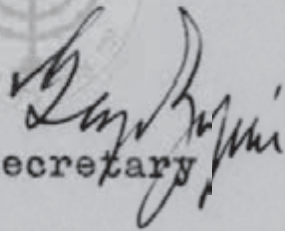
April is still four months away, and I am writing as early as possible in the hope of securing your acceptance.

Just to show you of what little mercy I am personally possessed, I would schedule you at each one of our meetings, except for the fact that your family and congregation might object, - not to mention any objections that you might have.

I spoke of this matter to Mr. Goldman this morning and he too expressed the hope that you would see your way clear to being with us in Houston.

With kindest regards in which Mr. Goldman joins, I am,

Sincerely yours,


Secretary

GZ:SG

November 29, 1937

Dr. George Zepin, Secretary,
The Union of American Hebrew Congregations,
Merchants Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Zepin:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of November 24. I appreciate your invitation to address the meeting under the auspices of the Union At Houston, Texas on Sunday, April 10. I wish I were free to accept it. For two reasons I cannot. First, I cannot leave my own pulpit on a Sunday, and secondly, I cannot be away for the length of time that a trip to and from Houston would take. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

THE M. M. SOCIETY



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Houston, Texas

April 11, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland,
Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The M. M. Society, an organization composed of young Jewish men in Houston, annually sponsors a program in honor of Mothers Day. At these affairs - of which this year's will be our fourteenth - some twelve to fifteen hundred have attended.

On each of these occasions we ask some outstanding speaker to address our audience. In past years, we have had the privilege of presenting among others, Dr. Henry Cohen of Galveston, Dr. Hubert Ettlinger of Austin, Dr. Louis Binstock of Chicago, and Dr. Albert Baum of Alexandria (La.). It is our desire to have you address us this year - on Mothers Day, May 14, in Houston.

We can appreciate the fact, Dr. Silver, that you must have a great number of extraordinary duties at this time, but we feel that there is a possibility that you can avail yourself to be with us on that day, to witness and participate in a most beautiful affair. It is one to which the entire Jewish community looks forward with considerable anticipation.

April 13, 1939

Mr. Sol Kobb
908 Commerce Avenue
Houston, Texas

My dear Mr. Kobb:

I need not tell you that I deeply appreciate your kind invitation to address your annual Mothers Day meeting on May 14. Regretfully, I must decline. The Cleveland campaign for the United Jewish Appeal, of which I am chairman, will be on that week and I must remain in the city to look after that very important work.

Hoping that I may be of service to you at some future time, and with all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

=THE TEMPLE CLEVE=

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REFORM IN HOUSTON. CONGREGATION NOW AWAITS ALCHEMY OF
SILVER TO RAISE GOLD FOR PERMANENT CONQUEST. FUND
RAISING RALLY FOR TEMPLE BUILDING TO BE HELD ANY DAY
BETWEEN JUNE 10 AND 17 THAT YOU CAN COME. PLEASE WIRE REPLY.

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Mr. Nathan Klein
Houston, Texas

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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COULD YOU SPEAK BEFORE MASADA GROUP AND OPEN AUDIENCE IN
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CONGREGATION EMANU EL

1500 SUNSET BOULEVARD
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RABBI
ROBERT I. KAHN, D. H. L.

May 5, 1954

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This fall our Congregation will celebrate its tenth anniversary. You well recall the days of our birth and know that you rejoice with us on the completion of our first decade of a warm liberal Reform Judaism.

Knowing the place our ideals and strong Jewish emphasis have played in your ministry, knowing the impact of your personality and ideas upon those who founded our Congregation, a group of twenty-five prominent laymen, responsible for planning our celebration, have unanimously requested that I write to invite you to be the principal speaker at this auspicious event.

Their request only echoes my own fervent hope that you will reply in the affirmative. I will consider your presence a personal compliment as well as an honor to our Congregation.

We are setting a tentative pair of dates: Sunday, October 17 (still Succoth), or the following Sunday, October 24. If neither of these is suitable, please suggest an alternative to us. We are most anxious to have you.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Bob

Rabbi Robert I. Kahn

RIK:mm

Houston

May 14, 1954

Rabbi Robert I. Kahn
Congregation Emanu El
1500 Sunset Boulevard
Houston 5, Texas

My dear Bob:

I greatly appreciate your letter of May fifth and your invitation to attend the tenth anniversary celebration of Congregation Emanu El either on Sunday, October 17 or Sunday, October 24.

I should have been most happy to come to you, but it is quite impossible for me to be away from Cleveland on a Sunday, especially the opening Sundays of the year. As you know, our principal services are held on Sunday morning.

I wish you every success and hope that you will have a glorious anniversary celebration.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms

CONGREGATION EMANU EL

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ROBERT I. KAHN, D. H. L.

May 19, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Congregation Tifereth Israel
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
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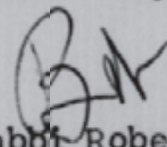
Dear Rabbi Silver:

We were most unhappy to receive yours of May 14th. I should have remembered your services and been more considerate than to invite you on a Sunday.

Our Committee has met and have so interpreted your letter as to indicate that were our invitation for a weekday, you might say yes. Therefore, they ask me to invite you once more, this time for any evening at that time of the year. Succoth is over at sundown, Wednesday, October 20. We could hold our anniversary banquet that evening, or the following Thursday, the 21st, or any day, Monday through Thursday, October 25 - 28, during the following week.

We are most anxious to have you and do hope that you can fit one of these six alternative evenings into your calendar and thus bring joy to Emanu El and to

Yours very truly,



Rabbi Robert I. Kahn

RIK:mm

6/1
May 25, 1954

Rabbi Robert I. Kahn
Congregation Emanu El
1500 Sunset Boulevard
Houston 5, Texas

My dear Bob:

In checking over my calendar, I find that the only evening I can give you would be Monday, November 1st. If that is convenient with you, I shall make every effort to be with you.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms

CONGREGATION EMANU EL

1500 SUNSET BOULEVARD
HOUSTON 5, TEXAS

RABBI
ROBERT I. KAHN, D. H. L.

May 28, 1954

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

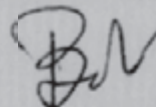
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Our Committee and I are so very happy that
you can be with us on November 1. We are de-
lighted to set our Tenth Anniversary banquet
date for that day, and will look forward to
your delivering the principal address. ✓

I rather imagine you know something of the
history of our Congregation and its founding.
Its growth has been phenomenal, from 190 charter
members to 870 odd today, probably 900 well before
the banquet. We are hoping, too, that this will
be a victory dinner in which we shall have suc-
cessfully completed by mid-October a building
fund drive to retire all or most of our large
mortgage.

Best personal wishes, and looking forward
to seeing you in Pike, N. H., this summer, I am

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Robert I. Kahn

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

The Temple

East 105th Street at Ansel Road

Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Our plans are going forward steadily for our Tenth Anniversary. Would you please be kind enough to send us as soon as possible a biographical sketch of yourself and several glossy photographs for use in our local papers.

Best personal wishes and a very happy New Year to you and yours.

Sincerely yours,

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Rabbi Robert I. Kahn

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DR. ROBERT I. KAHN
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The Shamrock

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September 20, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Temple East 10 5 St.
At Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

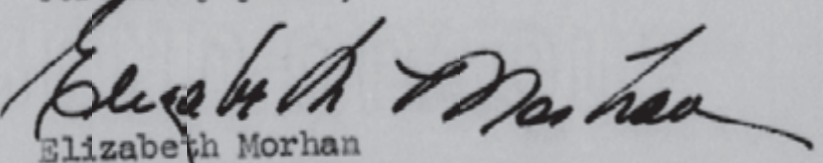
We acknowledge and thank you for your recent request for reservations.

We are pleased to reserve a comfortable single room for your arrival November 1st.

In the event an arrival later than 5:00 P. M. is anticipated, please notify our reservation office so that we may protect your reservation against our cancellation hour.

A great many features have been provided for the entertainment and enjoyment of our guests, and we are delighted to have an opportunity to extend our hospitality.

Cordially yours,


Elizabeth Morhan
Reservation Manager

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CC: Mrs. Martin
Temple Emanuel
1500 Sunset Blvd.
Houston, Texas



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October 5, 1954

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Mrs. Ruth M. Sparrow
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Sparrow:

We are grateful for the glossy photographs you sent of Rabbi Silver. However, our Committee is now preparing a program book, and would like to include a photo of Rabbi Silver. They ask that you kindly send a larger one than that originally sent for newspaper publicity.

Your immediate attention will be greatly appreciated. Thank you so much.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Mildred S. Martin

Mrs. A. A. Martin
Secretary to Rabbi Kahn

DR. ROBERT I. KAHN
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*Put add'l photo
10/14/54*

CONGREGATION EMANU EL

1500 SUNSET BOULEVARD
HOUSTON 5, TEXAS

RABBI
ROBERT I. KAHN, D. H. L.

October 15, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 104th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

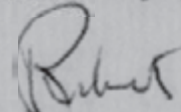
Dear Rabbi Silver,

We are looking forward to your being
our guest on November 1. We have reserved
a room for you at the Shamrock Hotel and
asked them to send you confirmation.

I should like to have, at your earliest
convenience, your schedule of travel that I
may meet you on arrival. }

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Robert I. Kahn

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Oct. 27, 1954

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ABBA HILIEL SILVER



RABBI ROBERT I. KAHN, D. H. L. — 1800 SUNSET BLVD., HOUSTON, TEXAS

November 3, 1954

Dear Mrs. Sparrow,

Many thanks for the glossies. This is the only one that has been returned to our office and am forwarding to you. If the other two are returned I shall send it, but you know how the newspaper offices are. Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Mildred A. Martin

Mrs. A. A. Martin

Dear Patti Silver

I neglected to mention that
at our Banquet, ~~all~~ the speakers'
table will for formal - Please pack
your black tie. Yours
BR

[Nov. 7 1954]

CONGREGATION EMANU EL

1500 SUNSET BOULEVARD
HOUSTON 5, TEXAS

RABBI
ROBERT I. KAHN, D. H. L.

Dear Rabbi Silver

Your presence and your
address made our Tenth
Anniversary the most
memorable event of our history.

Thank you so very much.

Sincerely

BR

To - Dr. Silver

Memorandum

To: Harold Manson

Date: June 29, 1956

From: Hannah Stein

Subject:

I have just received a phone call from Dr. Marcus Levinson that Houston is planning an AZF dinner and that they would very much like to have Dr. Abba Hillel Silver as main speaker. It is planned to run this dinner at the Shamrock Hotel, and they expect 500 to 700 people. They definitely want to commit themselves for a minimum of \$ 20,000. I have told Dr. Levinson that I would like to have a commitment in writing, but in the meantime, he would like to know if Dr. Silver would be available for such a meeting either September 23rd or 30th or what date would be suitable for him. I would appreciate your taking this up with Dr. Silver when you talk to him in the course of this coming week and to get his reaction in principle. When you have this reaction, please let me know, but do not confirm him to Houston yet, because I would like to continue negotiations and to press for more complete commitment.

Many thanks for your kind cooperation.

Hannah

To Dr. Silver —

Please return with your "reaction in principle."

Harold

Memorandum

To: Harold Manson

Date: July 12, 1956

From: Hannah Stein

Subject:

I have just had a call from Dr. Marcus Levinson regarding his suggested dinner in September with Dr. Silver. They are already meeting now to begin the fund-raising drive, and in view of the shortage of hotel space and the many functions that have already been scheduled, they would like to have a definite yes or no from Dr. Silver. I would appreciate it if you could hasten the reply. The dates which they have cleared at the moment are September 23rd and 30th, but any other date would do, except for the first two weeks in October when the National Hadassah is holding its convention there. If you are planning to talk to Dr. Silver, perhaps you would kindly get his reaction.

With many thanks and best wishes.

Hannah

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July 16, 1956

Miss Hannah Stein
Zionist Organization of America
145 East 32nd Street
New York 16, N.Y.

My dear Miss Stein:

Rabbi Silver received a copy of your memorandum of July 12 with regard to the AZF dinner being planned by Mr. Marcus Levinson in Houston, but unfortunately was unable to answer himself before leaving the city.

He has asked me to write you in his behalf and say that it will not be possible for him to come to Houston in September, but it may be possible for him to come later in the season. Would you therefore be good enough to have some few dates submitted in either January or February for his consideration.

I convey kind personal regards from Rabbi Silver.

Sincerely,

Miss Sophia Levine
Secretary to Dr. Silver

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cc: H. Manson

ZOA - Houston, Texas

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July 31, 1956

Miss Sophia Levine
The Temple
East 105th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Miss Levine:

I sincerely appreciate your kind note of July 16th regarding Dr. Silver's readiness to go to Houston either in January or February.

I have been informed by our friends in that city that their function must take place before the end of October in order not to clash with other fund-raising drives, and they therefore find it impossible to suggest dates so much later in the year, although they had pinned all their hopes on an acceptance from Dr. Silver.

I sincerely appreciate your promptness in replying, and I know that Dr. Silver will not mind if we come to him again at some time in the near future with other similar requests.

Will you kindly convey my warmest regards to Dr. and Mrs. Silver.

Sincerely yours,

Hannah Stein

Hannah Stein, Director
American Zionist Fund

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