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Jewish Chatauqua Society, 1920-1959.

February 18th, 1920

Miss Jeannette Miriam Goldberg,
Secretary, The Jewish Chautauqua Society,
1305 Stephen Girard Building,
Philadelphia, Penna.

My dear Miss Goldberg,

I regret very much to find that
I cannot give you a definite answer with regard
to the appointment at the University of Virginia.

and thus
My plans for the summer are so un-
certain that I would prefer to decline the ap-
pointment ~~and thus~~ permit the University to make
its definite announcements.

I thank you very much for this
courteous invitation and hope that I shall be in
a position to render some service to you and to
the University of Virginia at some future time.

With kindest regards, I beg to
remain

Very sincerely yours,

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February 16th, 1920.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
c/o The Temple,
55th St. & Wilson Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Silver:

First of all let me thank you for your hearty cooperation relative to our meeting in Cleveland. Be sure of the hearty cooperation of not only myself, but of our Board of Directors.

In our conversation, you told me you were in doubt as to your ability to accept the appointment at the University of Virginia. Will you please advise me now if you will be able to go, because the University is making its announcements and unless we avail ourselves now of the opportunity, our men will have to sandwich in later, which is not very satisfactory, to either University or Lecturer.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Jeannette Miriam Goldberg
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January 26th, 1920.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
c/o The Temple,
55th & Central Avenue,
CLEVELAND, O.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

I am instructed by the Committee on University work in the Summer Schools, to offer you the lectureship at the University of Virginia during the 1920 session. This University proved to be one of the strongest and most responsive ones.

Some of the lectures given there are as follows -

Rabbi Abram Simon, of Washington, D. C. - a course of twelve lectures on "The Crises in Jewish History;" five on "The History of Jewish Education" and five on "Jewish Literature;" six on "Bible Interpretations."

Dr. Max Margolis, of Philadelphia, on "The Origin and Transmission of the Hebrew Scriptures."

Rabbi Louis Witt, of Little Rock, Ark., on "Aspects of Judaism - Theological and Modern."

Rabbi David Lefkowitz, of Dayton, O. - course of eleven lectures on "Jewish Literature from the Close of the Bible Canon to the Completion of the Talmud."

Will you kindly select the topic for a course of lectures and send same to us forthwith. The Committee will pass on the advisability of the subject. The reason for the request of this privilege is that we do not wish to run counter to what the University may regard as academically fit.

From one of the Universities with which we are in correspondence, and in which we are represented by one of our men, we received the following statement from the Dean -

"May I suggest that you bear in mind that the topics treated and the objects of the lecturer shall be in keeping with academic ideals and modern academic life. I mean neither too conservative nor radical, but to embody sound scholarship and worthy motives. I am not seeking to put any check upon the satisfactory evidence in the past of your good judgment, but I do desire to avoid any criticism that we are trying to put over any propaganda for a particular class or sect."

We pay all expenses of our lecturer and an honorarium of \$100. for the course of lectures given by you.

Trusting to hear from you at an early date,

I am,

Sincerely yours,

Janette Miriam Goldberg
Secretary

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February 20th, 1920.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
c/o The Temple,
E. 55th St. & Central,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Silver:

In acknowledgment of yours of the 18th, we regret exceedingly that your plans are so uncertain that you cannot accept the appointment at the University of Virginia.

We sincerely hope that you may be privileged to have you as Lecturer next season.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Jeannette Miriam Golobry
Secretary.

P.S. I reported to the Chairman of the Literary Committee of the Y.M.H.A. that you hope to be able to give him a definite answer relative to coming to Philadelphia in April. They will be willing to conform to your convenience as to date. Again I repeat to you, if you only knew how eager they are to have you, you certainly would accept. You can certainly do true missionary work in this acceptance, as they are just on the eve when they need a boost. It is a magnificent organization.

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February
Eleventh,
1921.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
c/o Garfield Apts.,
Cleveland, O.

My dear Mr. Silver:

The Board of Directors of the Jewish Chautauqua Society have decided to hold the next Assembly in Dallas, Texas, December 25 to 30, 1921.

On Tuesday evening, December 27th, we will have our general Education Evening, upon which occasion, the Program Committee extend you a cordial invitation to deliver the Address. Dr. Abram Simon will be the Presiding Officer, and there will be no other Speaker but you. We also extend you an invitation to present a lesson on Wednesday morning, December 28th, on "The Priesthood in Israel". Realizing how busy you are, we have arranged that the lesson will be the morning following your lecture. It gives you ample time to leave Cleveland after your Sunday morning Services, reaching Dallas on Tuesday morning. We hope to have you with us as long as you can remain, and have so scheduled it that you will have ample time to return to your charge for Saturday Services.

With kind regards and hoping to be favored with your acceptance, I am

Cordially yours,

Jeannette Miriam Goldberg
Secretary

February 18th, 1921 .

Miss Jeannette Goldberg,
Jewish Chautauqua Society,
1305 Stephen Girard Building,
Philadelphia, Penna.

My dear Miss Goldberg,

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of the eleventh and to thank you for your invitation to address the next Assembly of the Jewish Chautauqua Society in Dallas, Texas, on the evening of Tuesday, December 27th - the general education evening. I shall be pleased to do so, providing nothing of serious importance prevents my attending the convention. I shall be glad also to read a paper on "The Priesthood in Israel". I think, though, that you are working me a little too strong for one convention.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

JULIUS W. DEUTSCH

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#13339 Euclid Ave -
CLEVELAND

Rabbi A. H. Silver

City.

My Dear Rabbi - In compliance with your recent favor, by to enclose check, for just a little help in entertaining the Jewish Chautauque Society.

Mrs. Deutsch joins me in extending to you our heart's very best wishes, namely, "Good health, continuation of the splendid work you are doing in and for our community as well as for humanity at large, and a full realization of your heart's most earnest desires."

I am
Very sincerely yours

Dec. 20/20.

J. W. Deutsch

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March
Thirtieth,
1921.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
c/o The Temple,
E. 55th & Central,
Cleveland, O.

My dear Friend:

Your letter has been following me around, and I just received it the past week, as I have been on a South-western tour for over four weeks. We are delighted to have your acceptance. No I do not agree with you that I am working you a little too strong for if one's thoughts flowed out in faucet fashion such as yours, it would not be a task. The entire South-west are rejoiced that you are to be with us.

If you wish, we will be glad to have your Lesson on the day previous to your lecture, but we feared that you were such a busy man we could not hold you that long. Just say the word and we will be glad to change your lesson to one day and your lecture to another.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Jeannette Miriam Goldberg
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September 25, 1922.

31ST ASSEMBLY, KANSAS CITY, MO.
HEADQUARTERS: HOTEL MUEHLEBACH
DECEMBER 24 TO 28, 1922

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
c/o The Temple,
55th & Central Ave.,
Cleveland, O.

My dear Mr. Silver:

Our Program Committee has just held a meeting, and remembered your participation in our program in Cleveland and our unfortunate failure to have you last year with us. Our next Assembly will be held in Kansas City, Dec. 24 to 28. On Tuesday evening, December 26th, will be our University evening, which will be held in the Temple. The Committee extends you a cordial invitation to be the Speaker of that evening, subject to be selected by you with especial reference to the work that we are doing in the Universities of the country. We will send you full data of the movement that we have created through the basis of education and enlightenment.

We sincerely trust to have your acceptance. With kind regards and best wishes for a happy New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

Jeannette Miriam Goldberg
Secretary

September 28th, 1922

Miss Jeanette Miriam Goldberg,
The Jewish Chautauqua Society,
1305 Stephen Girard Building,
Philadelphia, Penna.

My dear Miss Goldberg,

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address the forthcoming convention of the Chautauqua Society at Kansas City, December 26th. I am very happy to accept and trust that I shall not be compelled this time to break the engagement because of unforeseen circumstances. Please remember, my dear Miss Goldberg, that we are always subject to contingencies.

With kindest regards and best wishes for the New Year, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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October 4, 1922.

31ST ASSEMBLY, KANSAS CITY, Mo.
HEADQUARTERS: HOTEL MUEHLEBACH
DECEMBER 24 TO 28, 1922

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
c/o The Temple,
55th & Central Ave.,
Cleveland, O.

My dear Mr. Silver:

We are indeed delighted to have your letter of the 28th containing your acceptance of the invitation to be the Speaker on the evening of December 26th. We, too hope, that you will not be compelled to break your engagement. My friend, I thoroughly realize that there are always contingencies to which a Rabbi is subject, and here is hoping that no one will insist upon your "tying a knot" for them on that day, nor that Congregational duties will not prevent you from attending.

With my kindest regards and reciprocal wishes for a very bright and happy New Year, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Jeannette Miriam Goldberg
Secretary

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Kansas City, Mo. Dec 31-22

Dear Mr. Silver: Altho you will hear
officially, I want to send you a
personal note, to endeavor, if at all
possible to convey my hearty and
sincere thanks for the gratification
you make in coming to Kansas
City, I realize you did it to please
me and I want you to know
I warmly appreciate it. Yrs

made a magnificent call to duty.
You should hear the aftermath
I lunched with one of the most
influential business of N. City
Jury, & he says the Government
Country should raise a fund to
pay you ~~an~~ salary of 50,000
per annum to serve as a
missionary to enlighten the poor
people and educate the non-pro-
my several banks and other business
to you & your great heart.
Sincerely, Jennelle Wilson-Galt

January 9th, 1923

Miss Jeanette Miriam Goldberg,
Secy. Jewish Chautauqua Society,
1305 Stephen Girard Building,
Philadelphia, Penna.

My dear Miss Goldberg,

Rabbi Silver asks me to acknowledge
your letter to him of the second instnat.

He is very grateful to you for your
kind words of appreciation and is most happy to
have been of service in making the meeting success-
ful.

His traveling expenses, he advises me,
amounted to \$75.00.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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January 2, 1923.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
c/o Temple,
55th Street & Center Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

*Thank Miss G. for her letter
happy to have been of service -
Put in P.S. my travelling
expenses amounted to
\$45-*

My dear Mr. Silver:-

The Board of Directors of The Jewish Chautauqua Society join me in extending you our sincere thanks for your admirable address given us during our Meeting in Kansas City. Be assured of our warm appreciation, for we realize the efforts you have put forth to make this possible. We feel that this talk was one of the strongest features and a fitting climax to the success of our Meeting, and that you have left a message well worth while.

With greetings, and our renewed
thanks, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Jeannette Miriam Goldberg
Secretary.

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January 25, 1923

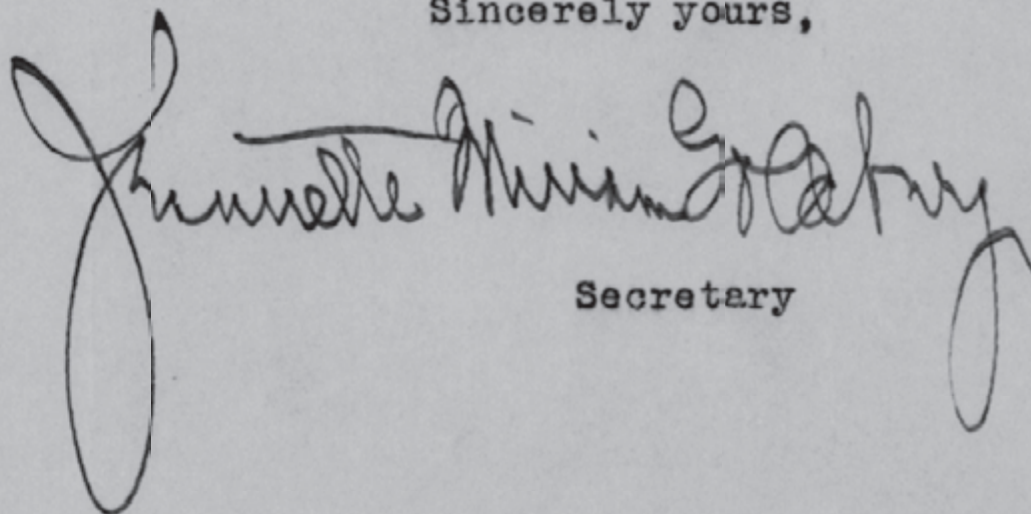
Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
c/o The Temple,
55th & Central Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Silver:

Just to remind you again to please let me have the account of expenses incurred by you in attending our Assembly in Kansas City, as we wish to make a financial statement and also remit check for amount due you for expenses.

With greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,


Secretary

January 26th, 1923.

Miss Jeannette Miriam Goldberg,
1305 Stephen Girard Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Miss Goldberg,

On January 9th, I wrote
you a letter in which I enclosed
a statement of Rabbi Silver's traveling
expenses which were \$75.00.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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January 29, 1923

Miss Francis H. Jones,
c/o Temple,
E. 55th St. & Central,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Jones:

Glad to hear from you. Please inform Dr. Silver that we are making out a check and as soon as it is signed by the officers, we will forward it to him to reimburse him for the amount of money expended attending our Assembly in Kansas City.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Jeannette Miriam Goldberg
Secretary

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March 22, 1923

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
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55th & Central Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

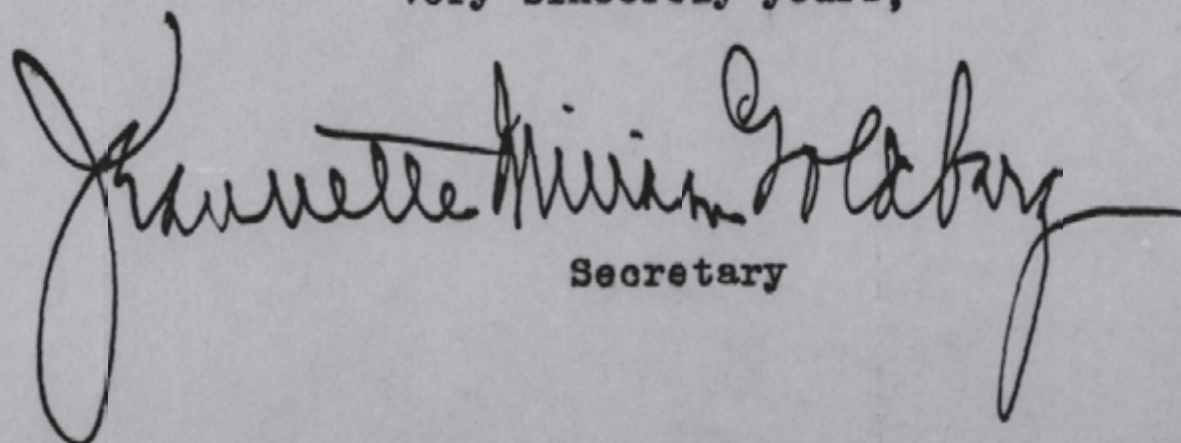
My dear Mr. Silver:

The Jewish Chautauqua Society will celebrate its thirtieth anniversary with a dinner at the Mercantile Club on Thursday evening, April 26. I feel sure you will enter into the spirit of this with us, knowing how Dr. Berkowitz is keying himself up to a culmination of his life long dream.

At a meeting of the Committee held yesterday, it was unanimously decided that an invitation be extended to you to be the speaker on that occasion and it is my pleasant duty to both personally and officially extend you this invitation. Any message that you will give us on the subject of Jewish education and the positive need for it in these stressing times in the cause of American Israel will be enthusiastically received. I sincerely hope that we may be favored with your acceptance and will appreciate it not only officially but as a personal favor. We want you and your wife to be the guests of the Society.

With warm greetings to you and your dear wife and hoping to be favored with your early reply, I am

Very sincerely yours,


Secretary

March Twenty-sixth
1923

Miss Jeannette Miriam Goldberg,
Secy. The Jewish Chautauqua Society,
1305 Stephen Girard Building,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

My dear Miss Goldberg,

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address the thirtieth anniversary dinner of the Jewish Chautauqua Society, on April 26th. I wish I were in a position to accept it. We are, however, in the midst of building our new Temple, planning, campaigning &c., and I am compelled to remain in Cleveland practically all the time.

I need not tell you that I would have been more than happy to have been present and to have paid my tribute to Dr. Berkowitz and to the Organization.

With kindest regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

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32ND ASSEMBLY, WASHINGTON, D. C.
HEADQUARTERS: THE WASHINGTON HOTEL
DECEMBER 23 TO 27, 1923

October 8, 1923

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
c/o The Temple,
55th & Central Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear friend:

I am writing to ask a very warm personal favor and am in hopes that I will see just what strength of influence I may have with you.

The men of Rodeph Sholom Congregation have organized a Temple Club and are at work on their program. My sisterly assistance has been asked, and the President of the Congregation is exceedingly anxious to have you as a speaker. Let me know just what month, either December or January or whatever month is most convenient to you to come and speak to them. This meeting will be open to the entire Congregation, Brotherhood, Sisterhood, etc.

I know you are pressed for time but you can give us the same talk you gave in New York or in Kansas City and it will be enthusiastically received. In fact, any message that you will have, I feel sure, will be convincingly strong for the members.

The President happens to be a very warm personal friend of mine. He is truly the leading man of the city and I hope that my plea will not be in vain. Let me hear from you and the program will be arranged so as to meet your convenience.

With warm greetings to you and your dear Virginia, I am

Sincerely yours,

Jeannette Miriam Goldberg

October 11th, 1923.

Miss Jeannette Miriam Goldberg,
1305 Stephen Girard Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Miss Goldberg,

I appreciate very much the invitation which the Temple Club of Rodeph Shalom Congregation extended through you to me to address one of their meetings. I have been compelled because of the many tasks involved in the building of our new Temple to restrict my lecture program to a minimum. For the next few months I shall accept no additional invitations. If you or the President of the Congregation will write to me some time in January or February I shall try to come.

With kindest regards and trusting that you are well, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
55th & Central Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear friend:

Thanks so much for your note. We will write you again the first week in January and hope to have you come to us, at your convenience, following that.

I congratulate you and the women of your Congregation for the magnificent campaign they have made in securing \$35,000.00 in ten days for an organ. I have always maintained that your community is one of the best organized communities in the country. I honestly mean it.

With greetings to you and your dear wife, I am

Sincerely yours,

Jeannette Miriam Goldberg

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February 1, 1924

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
c/o The Temple,
55th St. & Central Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Friend:

In conversation with Rabbi Fisher sometime ago, I told him we were endeavoring to get you East. That was at the time I was in correspondence with you. I now have heard from him and he wants me to advise him when you will be East. Sidney Tedesche tells me you are to be with them in April.

The Men's Temple Club and the Sisterhood of the Atlantic City Congregation would like you any Friday evening in March but if that is impossible, then any other evening earlier in the week. Will you please advise me if you can fill an engagement for them and what your fee is? I will then communicate with them and they will finally close the engagement.

With kind regards to you and your dear wife,
I am

Sincerely yours,

Jeannette Miriam Goldberg

February 4th, 1924.

Miss Jeannette H. Goldberg,
1305 Stephen Girard Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Miss Goldberg,

Permit me to thank you for
your kind letter of February 1st. I am
glad that I shall not be able to accept
any more lecture engagements this year.

With kindest regards,

I am

Very sincerely yours,

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June 17, 1924

Rabbi Abba Silver,
c/o The Temple,
55th & Central Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Friend:

The Chautauqua will hold its meeting of the Southwestern Branch in Dallas, Texas., November 28, 29 and 30. We are most eager to have you come and give same talk you gave in Kansas City and will ask you to select the date you prefer. Thursday, the 27th, will be Thanksgiving Day so feared you would not want Friday, the 28th. I would suggest Sunday, the 30th. We will, of course, pay your expenses and your fee.

Do say "Yes" for Dallas is most desirous of having and hearing you. I just came from there and promised to use my unwearied efforts to get you. Waco, Texas, three hours' travel from there, would also be glad to book you. Address me at Jefferson, Texas.

With all good wishes to you and your wife, I am

Sincerely yours,

Jeannette M. Goldberg

Secretary

June 20th, 1924.

Miss Jeannette M. Goldberg,
1305 Stephen Girard Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Miss Goldberg,

Permit me to thank you for your letter of June 17th and for the invitation which you extend to me to address the Chautauqua at Dallas, Texas during the month of November. I regret exceedingly that I am not in a position to accept the invitation. Our new Temple will open this fall and the numerous activities will occupy most of my time.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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105th & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We are now contracting for our lecturers in the summer schools of the various universities for the coming 1936 session, and our Committee on University Work has authorized me to extend to you an invitation to be our lecturer at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

They write us, "Our summer session opens June 29 and ends August 7. In general, the first half of the session is better for addresses of general interest than the latter part." Our history with the University of Wisconsin is a particularly interesting one, in that for a number of years we were unable to get an ~~entree~~. Then, from 1925 to 1932, we met with marked success. We were compelled to call off on account of finances after that. We are particularly happy at being able to get back on their schedule for this year and we are, therefore, most eager to have an outstanding speaker represent us.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors, it was suggested that due to the depleted funds of our treasury, and the economic situation confronting us generally, we should ask the cooperation of our lecturers to the extent that they should accept the appointment with an honorarium of twenty-five dollars for each lecture and expenses, (of course, travelling at ministers' rates). Needless to say, we realize you thoroughly appreciate our position in this matter.

Due to the lateness of my appointment as Executive Secretary,

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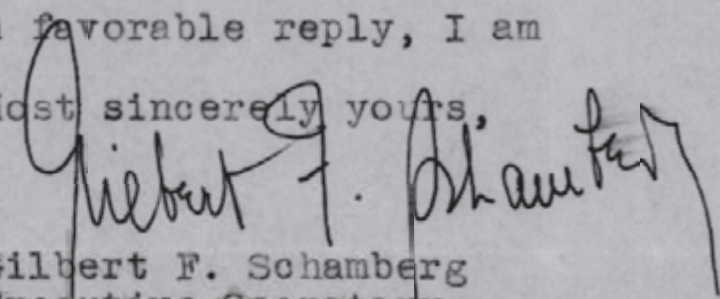
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the contacts with the universities this year are several months behind schedule--therefore, it is most important that we have our list of speakers selected promptly, so that we can notify the universities at the earliest possible date.

We sincerely hope that we will be favored with your acceptance and will ask you to send us your choice of dates, likewise your selection of topics, so as to simplify correspondence.

Looking forward to an early and favorable reply, I am

Most sincerely yours,


Gilbert F. Schamberg
Executive Secretary

GFS:CW



February 19, 1936

Gilbert F. Schamberg, Executive Secretary,
The Jewish Chautauqua Society,
1305 Stephen Girard Building,
21 South Twelfth St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Schamberg:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of February 17 and for the invitation which extend to me to deliver a series of lectures at the University of Wisconsin this summer. I wish I were free to accept it, but I shall probably be in Europe this summer.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours.

AHS:BK

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Rabbi Aba Hillel Silver
E. 105th at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I wish herewith to acknowledge your very prompt reply to our letter and to express our extreme regret of your inability to accept our lectureship at the University of Wisconsin.

Trusting that you will have a pleasant summer in Europe,
I am

Most sincerely yours,

Gilbert F. Schamberg
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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: ARTHUR L. REINHART

December 6, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
10311 Lake Shore Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friend:

I am writing at this time with reference to a Jewish Chautauqua Society speaking engagement in Pittsburgh. Mr. Rollin V. Davis, executive secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of Carnegie Tech, has extended through us a very cordial invitation to you to be their speaker sometime during the week of February 10th. If this particular week would not be convenient for you, I am sure Mr. Davis would be glad to arrange an alternative date.

As you know, the purpose of J. C. S. lectures is to give to non-Jewish students information about the Jew and his culture, thus emphasizing the Jewish contribution to civilization. Phases of Jewish literature, history, ethics or related subjects are discussed. Since our entree into the colleges is contingent upon it, we are careful to avoid the presentation of propagandistic material or controversial subject matter.

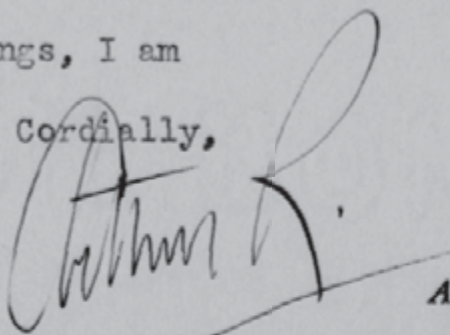
I know you have a very busy schedule, but in view of the expansion of our work and the importance of the institution in Pittsburgh that has requested you as a speaker, you would be making a valuable contribution to the cause of religious understanding in accepting the invitation. As you know, we are able to pay only a small honorarium.

Incidentally, it was through publicity given the J. C. S. by the National Conference of Christians and Jews that we received the request from Mr. Davis.

I shall look forward to hearing from you and hope for favorable word.

With kindest personal greetings, I am

Cordially,



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An American Institute of Judaism

December 11, 1940

Mr. Arthur L. Reinhart, Executive Secretary
The Jewish Chautauqua Society
Merchants Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Friend:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of December 6 and for your invitation to address the YMCA of Carnegie Tech sometime during the week of February 10. I wish I were free to accept the invitation. Unfortunately I am so crowded with work in connection with the United Jewish Appeal and the United Palestine Appeal that I cannot, in justice to myself take on any additional responsibilities. Campaigning for these national funds compels me to travel from coast to coast and consumes more time than I have a right really to take away from my congregational tasks. I am sure that you will understand.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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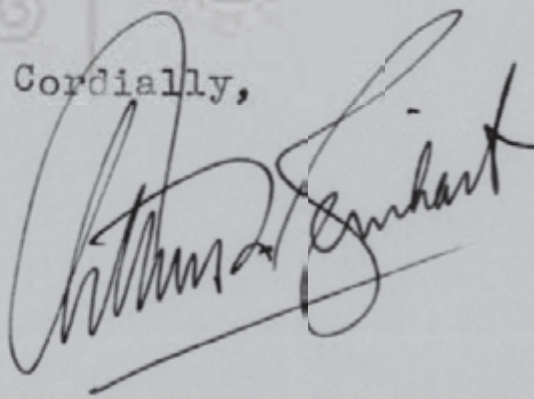
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th St. & Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friend:

I was naturally very sorry to learn from your letter of December 11 that you would not find it possible to represent us at Carnegie Tech. In view of your heavy responsibilities, I can well understand the position in which you find yourself. I hope that we may call on you at some future time.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially,



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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We have received a request from the University of Michigan for you or one of five other top rabbis in America to give a lecture open to the entire student body on a Wednesday or Thursday evening in March, April or May. Choices of dates offered are March 18th, March 26th, April 23rd or May 7th.

We would like to give you first chance at this engagement for two reasons: Firstly, we feel that the student body would have much to gain by hearing you; secondly, it has been a great many years since you handled a JCS assignment and we would like you to continue to be a part of this growing and successful effort to create better understanding of Judaism by Christians. It might surprise you to learn that we have been in nearly 900 colleges, 400 this year alone.

We would appreciate hearing from you at your very early convenience so that we may follow up this important contact.

There is another matter I would like to discuss with you at this time. Your Men's Club is not now affiliated with the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods, and we would like to add your brotherhood's strength to ours in the significant program the NTFB is undertaking to advance Judaism. Last year, a meeting of your Brotherhood Board was arranged for our National President, Harold Dubinsky, of Saint Louis, and myself, but it was called off at the last moment. I am planning to be in Cleveland again in February for a Regional Brotherhood Conference. Your assistance in arranging a meeting for me at that time with your Men's Club Board would be greatly appreciated by our National Executive Board. I then could discuss personally with your men the many new services the National Temple Brotherhood organization is rendering. We also would be happy to have some of the leaders of your Men's Club attend the Regional Conference.

Thanking you for your consideration of these matters and hoping to have the opportunity of meeting with you in Cleveland,

Yours sincerely,

Sylvan Lebow
Sylvan Lebow
Executive Director

January 6, 1953

Mr. Sylvan Lebow
Jewish Chautauqua Society
838 Fifth Avenue
New York 21, New York

My dear Mr. Lebow:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of December 31st. I appreciate your invitation to give a lecture under the auspices of the Jewish Chautauqua Society before the student body of the University of Michigan. I wish I were free to avail myself of your invitation. Unfortunately, my schedule for the remainder of the season is so crowded that I cannot, in justice to myself, take on any additional out-of-town obligations.

As far as The Temple Men's Club is concerned, I would suggest that you contact its president, Mr. Charles Auerbach, Leader Building, Cleveland 14, and discuss with him the matter of arranging a meeting to talk over the question of affiliation with the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Dear Rabbi Silver,

This will confirm the Nightletter sent you on February 3rd, and repeated on the telephone this morning to Mrs. Silver at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

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RESPONSE"

We have advised the chairman of the Religious Week Discussion program at the Institute that we shall not be in a position to give him a reply until you return to Cleveland on Monday next.

May we take this opportunity of extending our very best wishes to you on your 60th Birthday anniversary.

Cordially yours,

(Miss) *Nettie Cohen*
for Sylvan Lebow
Executive Director

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February 9, 1953

Mr. Sylvan Lebow
Jewish Chautauqua Society
838 Fifth Avenue
New York 21, New York

My dear Mr. Lebow,

I regret that because of previous commitments, it will not be possible for me to accept the kind invitation of Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh to be the guest speaker on March 17th. Please extend my deep regrets to them.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Dear Dr. Silver:

We have received a request from Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts for you to preach in the Smith College Chapel on a Sunday morning during the 1959-60 academic year.

They have suggested February 7th, 1960 "or some other mutually convenient date".

We would be highly pleased if you could accept this assignment.

Please let us hear from you and if you can make it, we can discuss the details. We are most anxious to render the best possible service to this prestige College.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Sylvan Lebow
Executive Director

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Mr. Sylvan Lebow
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New York 21, New York

My dear Mr. Lebow:

Thank you for your letter of May 15th. I regret that it will not be possible for me to accept a Sunday morning engagement to preach in the Smith College Chapel during the next academic year.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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