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Johnstown, Pennsylvania, 1921-1951.

H. SILVERSTONE
296 STONYCREEK ST.

JOHNSTOWN, PA., Jan. 18th, 1921

Rabbi Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:

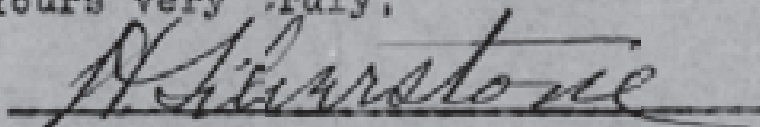
At a committee meeting of the Rodef Sholom Congregation of this city on Jan. 11th, 1921, it was unanimously passed to engage a Rabbi to come to Johnstown to address the Jewish community on the need of organizing and building a Modern Orthodox Synagogue, which shall also serve the purpose of a Jewish Community Centre.

Several members of our Committee, including the writer, have had the pleasure of hearing you address the Zionist Convention in New York City last summer, and having been deeply impressed have therefore decided to invite you to address us and to arouse the enthusiasm of our community in this new undertaking.

If you can arrange to come, we would very much prefer to have you come here any Sunday evening you may designate, but we do not wish to delay it too long. Also, kindly advise us what your fee will be.

Trusting you will extend us the courtesy of a favorable reply, I am

Yours very truly,


Member of Committee.

January 24th, 1921

Mr. H. Silverstone,
296 Stoney Creek Street,
Johnstown, Penna.

My dear Mr. Silverstone,

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18th instant, and to thank you, and through you the members of your Congregation, for your kind invitation to address the Jewish community of your city.

Unfortunately, I am not in position to accept. In the first place, I never leave Cleveland on a Sunday, and in the second place, the next few months are pretty heavily booked up for me.

At some future time I may be able to be of some service to you. Wishing you success in your fine undertaking, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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The National Council of Jewish Women

JOHNSTOWN, PA.

March the 7th 1927.

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



Dear Rabbi Silver;

In reviewing the Cleveland convention the most memorable hour in my mind is the part of the service you read at the Temple on Sunday evening and your closing remarks the last night of the session. I have never before or since heard the Kaddish prayer given as you gave it and to me it now has new meaning and significance.

You have never been to Johnstown, dear Dr. Silver, and the purpose of this letter is to invite you.

The council of Jewish Women are anxious to have a dinner-some thing that will bring all the varying factions together and I would like if you would honor us with your presence as the featured guest of the occasion. The you may not know it, you name is a house hold word hereabouts, and you would indeed bring infinite joy to many if you can come.

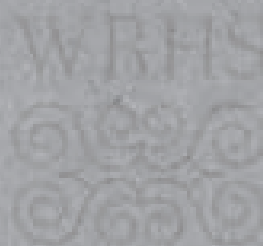
If you have any Wednesday or Thursday evening in May not promised, will you promise it to us? Please do try and when you answer will you let me know what fee you charge. With every assurance of sincere

appreciation for any effort on your part, I remain

Very faithfully yours,

Flaura G. Cook

Pres.



J. Johnston

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Noted Promise for
Season - 1927-28

March 11, 1927.

Mrs. Julian Paok,
402 Grege Ave.
Johnstown, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Paok:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of March 7th and for the kind invitation which you extended to me to address the Council of Jewish Women some time in May.

I wish I could see my way clear to come but unfortunately my lecture program is so crowded that I cannot in justice to myself accept any more engagements at this time. Perhaps next season if you write me early, I shall try to set aside a date for the Council of Jewish Women.

With kindest regards, Permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:NEB

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Congregation Beth Zion

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509 Park Avenue,

Johnstown, Pa.

September 17th. 1928.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,

The Temple,

Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Each year during the Fall and Winter months we endeavor to afford our Temple members intellectual entertainment in the form of Sunday evening lectures, and I am happy to say that they have been most excellently received and largely attended.

I had the great pleasure of listening to you here not so very long ago, and it would give me still greater pleasure if you could both favor and delight us on one of the following dates:-

October 28th. - November 24th. - December 30th.

January 27th. - February 24th. - March 31st.

It is fully realised that the demands on your time are very great, and also that the favor I crave is by no means a small one, yet I am encouraged by Mr. P. Smoller who is at present officiating at our Temple, to entertain the hope that you will give this invitation your favorable consideration. May I ask that you let me hear from you at as early a date as possible.

With very best wishes for your good health and the good health of your family, and wishing you a most happy and bright new year,

I remain,
with much respect,

Very truly yours,

Navy S. Bandell.

Chairman, Forum Committee.

card ✓

Sept. 18th, 1928.

Mr. Harry S. Bandell,
Congregation Beth Zion,
509 Park Ave.,
Johnstown, Pa.

My dear Mr. Bandell:-

Permit me to thank you for
your kind letter of Sept. 17th and for the
invitation which you extend to me to deliver
an address before your Temple membership.

I should gladly have availed
myself of the opportunity but I am unable to
leave Cleveland on Sundays. Our principal service
is held on that day and I must remain in the city.

Hoping that I may have an
opportunity of serving you at some future time
and with best New Years greetings, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

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October 10th. 1928.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple, East 105th. Str. At Ansell Road,
Cleveland, O.

My Dear Rabbi Silver,

I want first of all to thank you sincerely
for your very kind letter of the 18th. of last month, and then to
ask forgiveness for my tardiness in making acknowledgement.

The fact of the matter is Forum operations
had to be suspended owing to the death of the father of our Presi-
dent. I regret exceedingly that it is impossible for you to visit
here on Sundays for the reasons explained, and the Trustees and
members of the Congregation share in this regret.

Will you be good enough to let me know your
open dates for week days during our Forum season, as there is
quite a possibility of arranging for a visit from you. At the
same time please let me know what your fee would be.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

W. B. Baudell

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No answer up to 11/15/28

October 16th, 1928.

Mr. Harry S. Bandell,
509 Park Ave.,
Johnstown, Pa.

My dear Mr. Bandell:-

In the absence of Rabbi Silver
permit me to say that it may be possible for
him to come to Johnstown on some week day
during your Forum season. His remuneration
will be \$250.

If the terms are satisfactory
please communicate with me and I shall bring
the matter to the attention of Rabbi Silver.

With kindest regards, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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509 Park Avenue,

Johnstown, Pa.

October 24th. 1929.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th. Street,
Cleveland, O.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

In sending you the enclosed check I am genuinely at a loss for words wherewith to give anything like adequate expression to the boundless pleasure and inspiration derived from your brilliant address last evening.

Were the check for one hundred times the amount it would even then fall tremendously short of the actual value of the stirring message you brought to us. There can be no money measure to your high genius, and the check merely represents the fulfilment of a contract.

You have endeared yourself to all who had the great good fortune to listen to you, and your visit will be remembered for many years to come.

It would be indeed be very hard to say what our own people feel in their hearts towards you and for you - they just love and revere you. May God grant you long life, with health and strength to enable you to carry on your wonderful and divinely inspired work.

With unbounded admiration and highest sentiments of respect,

I remain,

very sincerely yours,

Mary S. Bandel

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220 FRANKLIN STREET

November 7th. 1929.

Miss Irene Rothenberg,
Secretary to Rabbi Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, O.

My dear Miss Rothenberg:

I have your letter of yesterday and beg to advise that the cut was mailed to Rabbi Silver the same day as the photograph, and should be in your possession by this time.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Harry S. Bannell

You will be glad to know that the Rabbi created nothing less than a sensation here. It would be impossible to describe the the wonderful impression he left behind. He was just a "great Glory".

Nov. 7th, 1929.

Mr. Harry S. Bandell,
509 Park Ave.,
Johnstown, Pa.

My dear Mr. Bandell:-

Please pardon the long delay in acknowledging your letter of October 24th. I have been out of the city a good deal of the time.

I am very appreciative of all the lovely things which you say in your letter about my address in Johnstown. I need not tell you that I enjoyed my visit with you immensely. Please convey my greetings to all my good friends in your city.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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July 16th. 1929.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Last September I wrote to you extending an invitation to speak before our Temple Membership some time during our Forum season - October to March inclusive - but as our Forum dates were all on Sundays you did not find it possible to accept.

You were gracious enough, however, to write to me and say that you hoped that you might have an opportunity to serve us in the future, and accordingly I am encouraged to renew the invitation for our coming season, and since you cannot accept for Sundays we would be glad to hear you on a week day date, if you can see your way clear to favor and delight us.

We have a speaker once each month and I have kept the opening date in October open in the sincere hope that you may find it convenient to set a date. Your Secretary wrote me last year saying that your fee would be \$250.00, and let me say with conviction that it is not too much, and I wish with all my heart that our little Congregation could afford it.

Unfortunately we are richer in our intellectual ambitions than we are financially, and if you can see your way to make us a special concession by accepting our utmost of \$175.00 it will be regarded as a most gracious and fraternal act. For your information the following speakers have already been engaged:- Harry Elmer Barnes, -November 14th - Lewis Browne, December 15th, and Nathan Krass, February 6th.; Rabbi Louis Wolsey, January 19th.

Our Congregation has a great desire to see and hear you - won't you gratify them? I will hope to hear favorably from you soon. Very sincerely yours, *Harry S. Bondell.*

July 18th, 1929.

Mr. Harry S. Bandell,
509 Park Ave.,
Johnstown, Pa.

My dear Mr. Bandell:-

Your letter of July 16th arrived
in the absence of Rabbi Silver. He is attending
the Zionist Congress in Zurich, Switzerland and
will return the end of next month, at which time
I shall present your letter to him for attention.

With kindest regards, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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509 Park Avenue,
Johnstown, Pa.
August 30th. 1929.

Miss Irene Rothenberg,
Secretary to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple, Cleveland, O.

My dear Miss Rothenberg:-

I have been waiting to hear from you with reference to my letter of the 16th. of last month and your reply of the 18th.

Pending the return of Rabbi Silver I have kept open the October date and do so much hope that he will be in a position to accept our invitation.

I desire again to mention that any week day date will be acceptable and any date in the month that may be most convenient to the Rabbi.

Trusting to receive an early and favorable reply, and with kindest regards, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Harry S. Bandell

Chairman, Forum Committee.

card

Sept. 34, 1929.

Mr. Harry S. Bandell,
509 Park Ave.,
Johnstown, Pa.

My dear Mr. Bandell:-

I have just returned from Europe
and find your letter of August 30th. I shall be pleased
to address your forum on Wednesday evening, October 23d,
if the date is convenient for you.

I note what you say about the
honorarium and I shall be pleased to make the concession
to you provided none of the speakers in your lecture
program receives any more.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

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509 Park Avenue,
Johnstown, Pa.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

I have your letter of the 3rd. which was referred to the Forum Committee last evening, and it gives me very great pleasure to inform you that the date you mention - Wednesday, October 23rd, will be and is entirely acceptable.

I am requested by the Committee to hereby confirm the date and to express to you our appreciation of the concession you have so kindly made.

With regard to the honorarium you have my positive assurance that no speaker engaged for the coming series will receive a penny more than yourself, and when you are here I will be glad to show you the contracts.

In the course of a few days I will send you the subjects selected by the other speakers which may be of service to you in selecting your own - or perhaps you would not mind submitting a few of your subjects, if there is no objection to our making a selection.

Any publicity material that you can furnish will be helpful and I would like to have a photo for the newspapers. A history of yourself will also help for press purposes. I enclose you a booklet of one of the speakers which I will thank you to return. I have something of this kind for every speaker and would like to have something similar from you. Again thanking you, and assuring you that the Congregation in particular, as well as the Community in general, will look forward with the greatest pleasure and interest to your coming visit,

I remain, with kindest regards and deep respect,

Very sincerely yours,

Harry S. Bandell
Chairman, Forum Committee.

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509 Park Avenue,
Johnstown, Pa.
September 19th. 1929.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

As promised in my last letter the subjects
so far chosen are:-

Harry Elmer Barnes - "Making & Curing Criminals"

Dr. Nathan Krass - "Marriage & Some Modern Substitutes"

The subjects for Lewis Browne and Rabbi Wolsey have not as yet been selected. We are perfectly satisfied to have you choose your own subject, but as I mentioned in my letter if you do not mind offering us a choice we will be glad of the privilege.

We are busy now on the matter of your visit here and will be glad if you will kindly send us as early as possible any literature you may have that will help in giving as much publicity as possible. A photograph of yourself and a little history will be very helpful, and if you could manage to get these things out of your way early there would be no encroachment on the time you will need for your Holiday activities.

Trusting to hear from you by return,

Very truly yours,

H. S. Bandell

Chairman, Forum Committee.

Sept. 20th, 1929.

Mr. Harry S. Bandell,
509 Park Ave.,
Johnstown, Pa.

My dear Mr. Bandell:-

I would suggest one of the
following subjects for my lecture in Johnstown:

1. "What Is Happening to the American Home?"
2. "Democracy at the Crossroads."
3. "Jew and Christian - Will They Ever Meet?"
4. "Is Progress a Myth?"

Please let me know which of
these subjects you select.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

Sept. 20th, 1929.

Mr. Harry S. Bandell,
509 Park Ave.,
Johnstown, Pa.

My dear Mr. Bandell:-

Under separate cover I have today forwarded to you a photograph of Rabbi Silver together with some facts which you may use in your publicity. May I ask that after the photograph has served your purpose that you return it to us?

me to remain

With kindest regards, permit

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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509 Park Avenue,
Johnstown, Pa.
October 3rd. 1929.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street,
Cleveland, O.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

I regret exceedingly that I was unable to answer sooner your letter of the 20th. Ultimo, as it was necessary for me to consult the Forum Committee with regard to the selection of a Subject.

I am pleased now to inform you that the subject selected is No. I in your letter, namely, "What is Happening to the American Home?".

It is our desire to give your visit here as much publicity as possible and if the Cleveland Newspapers have a "cut" or "Mat" of your photograph I would like to ask you to be good enough to ask them to mail it to me as soon as possible. With this cut or mat we can have Window cards printed with your photograph on, and these will be displayed in all the most public places. The Photograph you sent me is alright for the newspapers.

Enclosed you will find cutting from the local press. There is a printers error in the spelling of "Hillel" but this will not occur again.

By the way, would it be possible for you to Speak before The Temple Beth Israel, Altoona, the evening of the 24th, or in the afternoon. Rabbi Hibshman has written to me asking me if this could be arranged. Altoona is only a few miles from here and can be made in about an hour by auto or train. It would just mean your staying in Johnstown overnight. Please let me know.

I want to take this opportunity of wishing you and your dear family on behalf of Beth Zion Congregation and myself a very, very, happy New Year. Very sincerely yours,

Harry S. Bandell

October 8th, 1929.

Mr. Harry S. Bandell,
Temple Beth Zion,
509 Park Ave.,
Johnstown, Pa.

My dear Mr. Bandell:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of
your letter of October 3d addressed to Rabbi Silver.

The subject which you selected, namely
"What is Happening to the American Home?" is perfectly
satisfactory to Rabbi Silver.

Under separate cover I am today sending
you a cut of Rabbi Silver and would ask that you kindly
return same to us immediately after you have finished
with it as it is the only one we have.

In regard to an address in Altoona before
the Beth Israel Congregation, I beg to advise that it will
be impossible for Rabbi Silver to accept it.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

October 23d, 1929.

Mr. Harry S. Bandell,
Temple Beth Zion,
509 Park Ave.,
Johnstown, Pa.

My dear Mr. Bandell:-

Under date of October 8th I sent
you a "cut" of Rabbi Silver to be used in connection
with the publicity for his address before your group.
May I ask that you please return this cut to us
immediately as we are in need of same.

May I also ask that you please
return the photograph of Rabbi Silver which I
sent to you.

With kindest regards and thanking
you in advance for your kind cooperation, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

Novl 6th, 1929.

Mr. Harry S. Bandell,
509 Park Ave.,
Johnstown, Pa.

My dear Mr. Bandell:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of the photograph of Rabbi Silver which you returned to me. You failed, however, to return the cut which we sent you and we are most anxious to get it. Won't you please return it at your very earliest convenience?

With kindest regards and thanking you in advance for your early attention to this matter, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver



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509 Park Avenue,
Johnstown, Pa.
May 21st. 1930.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple, East 105th. Street,
Cleveland, O.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

After what I wrote you in my letter of October 24th. last it will not come as a surprise to you that I am writing to again extend a most cordial invitation to speak for us this coming Fall under the auspices of the Beth Zion Forum,

At the end of last season's forum a vote was taken for the coming series of lectures and you were voted at the head of the list. We all want you more than I can say, and it is earnestly hoped that you may find it convenient to gratify us.

The lectures begin in October and end in the following March, and I will be most happy if you will be good enough to write me saying that you will accept and stating what month and date. The Lectures will all be held on week days.

Please dont turn us down. With kindest personal regards, and my high sentiments of admiration and respect,

I have the pleasure to remain,

Very cordially yours,

Harry S. Bandell
Chairman Forum Committee.

Wed. 5-20

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509 Park Avenue,
Johnstown, Pa.
May 29th. 1930

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

On the 21st. I wrote to you extending an invitation to speak again for us this coming Forum series, and not having heard from you I am in doubt as to whether my letter reached you.

I will be very glad to hear from you.
With kindest personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Harry S. Bandell

Chairman, Forum Committee.

card

June 4th, 1930

Mr. Harry S. Bandell,
509 Park Ave.,
Johnstown, Pa.

My dear Mr. Bandell:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind
letters of May 21st and 29th.

Due to the overwhelming amount of work
entailed by our Confirmation service and our Eightieth
Anniversary Celebration I delayed answering your letters.

I shall be very pleased to come to you
on Wednesday evening, November 5th, 1930 if the date is
acceptable to you. The honorarium will be the same as
last year.

With kindest regards, permit me to
remain

Very sincerely yours,

ABS/TR

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Wed. Nov. 26

509 Park Avenue,
Johnstown, Pa.
June 5th. 1930

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you ever so much for your kind letter of acceptance, and the folks here will be delighted to hear of the news.

The only difficulty is the date you set, which will be entirely too close to the first lecture which is definitely booked for October 30th.

November would do if you can find it not inconvenient to set a date towards the end of the month, or if this is not possible, then what about December, January or February? Truthfully speaking I am keeping all these months open for you, as I am holding the booking of other speakers in abeyance to permit you first to make a selection.

Any day will suit excepting Fridays and Saturdays, and while I will be glad to take a date in November later in the month, if you could make it some day in the last week, so much the better.

The Honarium is O. K. so do please look over your schedule and see if you cannot make some re-arrangement whereby you can give us a more suitable date.

Now please dont turn me down, and I will look for an early answer.

With kindest personal regards and with high respect,
Believe me,

Very sincerely and gratefully yours,

Mary S. Bandell

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509 Park Avenue,
Johnstown, Pa.
June 9th. 1930.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I hope I may not appear as unduly hurrying you, but I am most anxious to hear from you in answer to my letter of the 5th.

Probably you have been very busy but I will look forward to hearing from you real soon, as I am waiting your selection of a date before going ahead with the other open dates.

With kind personal regards,
Very sincerely yours,

W. S. Bondell

June 11th, 1930

Mr. Harry S. Bandell,
509 Park Ave.,
Johnstown, Pa.

My dear Mr. Bandell:-

Would Wednesday evening, November
26th be a convenient date for you? If so let me know.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

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509 Park Avenue,
Johnstown, Pa.
June 12th. 1930.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I have your letter and hasten to tell you that Wednesday, November 26th. will be entirely satisfactory, and on behalf of the Forum Committee I hereby confirm the date.

I want to thank you very much for your kind acceptance and I feel sure that you will receive a very hearty reception. The date almost corresponds to that on which you spoke last year, and I hope the weather and other things will be as favorable this year as they were last.

As it is quite probable that you will be away for the summer could you let me have a list of your subjects, a photographic cut, & a brief personal history outline, as I want to collect all data as early as possible so as to get out a complete program for the entire Forum Series well ahead of time.

With kindest personal regards,

Very truly yours,

and emergency.
Harry E. Bauder

Carol ✓

June 16th, 1930

Mr. Harry S. Bandell,
509 Park Ave.,
Johnstown, Pa.

My dear Mr. Bandell:-

I would suggest one of the following
subjects for my address before your Forum next season:

"Is Progress a Myth"
"Liberalism at the Crossroads"
"Jew and Christian, Will They Ever Meet"
"How To Measure Life"

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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July 12th. 1930

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

A short time ago at my request you sent
me a list of your speaking subjects, and I am ashamed to
say that I have mislaid your letter.

Do you mind repeating so that a selection
may be made?

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

W. Bandell

July 14th, 1930

Mr. Harry S. Bandell,
509 Park Ave.,
Johnstown, Pa.

My dear Mr. Bandell:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt
of your letter of July 12th addressed to Rabbi Silver.
In accordance therewith I am submitting herewith
the following list of subjects which Rabbi Silver
sent you some time ago.

IS PROGRESS A MYTH?
LIBERALISM AT THE CROSSROADS
JEW AND CHRISTIAN, WILL THEY EVER MEET?
HOW TO MEASURE LIFE

Please let us know which subject
you have chosen.

With kindest regards, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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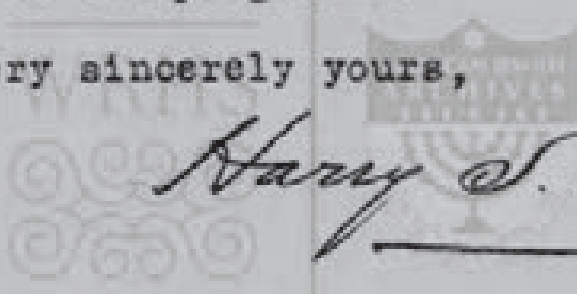
July 22nd. 1930

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Just to let you know that we have selected
"How to Measure Life" for your Forum subject, and that it
will so appear on our programme.

Very sincerely yours,


Harry S. Sandell

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509 Park Avenue,
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August 14th. 1930.

Miss Irene Rothenberg,
Secretary to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
East 105th. Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Rothenberg:

On June 12th. I wrote to Rabbi Silver asking him to be good enough to let me have a photograph and a personal history outline, and I have been under the impression that he sent me them.

On going through all the material for the series I find I do not have them, and I will ask you as a special favor to send me them as soon as possible, as until I receive them everything else will be held up.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

W. B. Randall

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Mr. H. S. Bandell,
509 Park Ave.,
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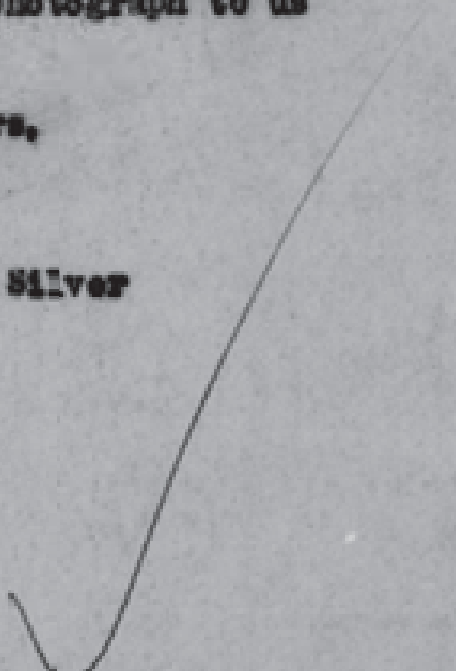
My dear Mr. Bandell:-

Complying with your request of August 14th I am enclosing herewith a photograph of Rabbi Silver together with some facts concerning him.

Please return the photograph to us after it has served your purpose.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver



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JOHNSTOWN, PA., November 21st. 1930

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Will you please be good enough to let me know what day and the time you expect to arrive here at the station so that I can meet you?

If there is anything I can do with regard to arranging hotel accommodation or train reservation for your departure you have only to advise me.

Hoping you are in the best of health and looking forward to seeing you soon,

Very sincerely yours,

H. S. Bandell

Nov. 24th, 1930

Mr. H. S. Bandell,
509 Park Ave.,
Johnstown, Pa.

My dear Mr. Bandell:-

I plan to arrive in Johnstown -
some time Wednesday morning. I am coming in from
Cincinnati.

Please do not meet me at the depot.
I will go straight to a hotel.

With kindest regards and looking
forward with pleasure to seeing you again, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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P.S.

Please arrange to have train stop for me at
Johnstown Wednesday night for Cleveland. I must be
in Cleveland Thursday morning. Please make reservation
for me.

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JOHNSTOWN, PA., November 29th. 1930.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed I am pleased to hand you check for \$175.00 for your valued service here, which is accompanied with our highest expressions of appreciation.

Your talk was enjoyed immensely by all who heard it. I am sorry that I did not get an opportunity to say good bye to you which I would like to have done.

With sincerest good wishes,

Very cordially yours,

H. S. Bandell

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JOHNSTOWN, PA.,

March 28th. 1931

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

My dear Rabbi:-

Once again it gives me the greatest possible pleasure to extend to you a most sincere and cordial invitation to take a place on our 1931-1932 Forum programme, and if it is at all within your convenience I beg that you will accept.

You need no further assurance than this of our appreciation, and I cannot conceive of any higher compliment to your personality and high ability than this third successive invitation.

December of this year or February of next year will suit me best this time.

Pray forgive me if I say I have a feeling that you will gratify us.

With high respect and sincerest good wishes,

Believe me,

Very cordially yours,

Harry S. Bandell

card

March 31st, 1931

Mr. Harry S. Bandell,
509 Park Ave.,
Johnstown, Pa.

My dear Mr. Bandell:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of March 28th and for the invitation which you again extend to me to address the Beth Zion Forum next season.

I shall be very happy to come to you as I enjoy my meetings with you and your people tremendously. I shall let you know some time later when I can come.

With kindest regards and best wishes to you, Rabbi Feuer and my other friends in your city, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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JOHNSTOWN, PA.,

March Twenty Sixth, 1932.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

Herewith I extend to you the very first invitation issued to appear on our Forum programme for our 1932-1933 Season, which commences in October next and ends next March.

In a referendum just taken and completed you polled a splendid vote which indicates beyond the slightest doubt that our community wants you. I look upon it as a great tribute and it speaks well for the folks here that they have such a nice sense of appreciation.

You know my own opinion of you, and it has not changed in any way, and so I want you to please accept and renew the acquaintance of the many admirers you have created.

I write you early which will give you time to look over your schedule of engagements so that you can arrange to give me a date.

Please give me choice of a date in November, December or January if you can, and until I hear from you I will leave these months open.

I find on my file my invitation to you just about this time a year ago, in which you said you would let me know when you could come. But you did not write me again.

With kindest personal regards,
and with the same high respect,

I remain, Most sincerely and Cordially yours,

Harry S. Bandell

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JOHNSTOWN, PA..

April 4th. 1932.

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

My dear Rabbi:-

I wrote to you over ten days ago inviting you to take a place on our next Forum and have been waiting your answer which has not yet reached me.

Will you not be good enough to write me saying it is agreeable for you to accept?

With kindest personal regards,

Very cordially yours,

Harry S. Bandell

April 6th, 1932

Mr. H. S. Bandell,
509 Park Ave.,
Johnstown, Pa.

My dear Mr. Bandell:-

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of both of your letters. I have been away from the city a good deal of the time and my correspondence has lagged.

I shall be very happy to come to the Beth Zion Forum some time in January, 1933. Must you have the exact date right away. If so, let me know and I will go through my schedule. If not, let me know when you must actually have the date and I will send it to you.

With kindest regards and best wishes to you and to all my friends in Johnstown, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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April Eighth, 1932.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I have your letter of the 6th. in which
Kindly accept my invitation, and January will suit me.
The exact date can be left until later and I will write you
again with respect thereto some time next month, but I may
say at this time that the dates must be on Mondays, Tuesdays
or Thursdays, and must not be on a Thursday unless it is after
the second Thursday in the month.

It may just be possible - not probable -
that some of the other speakers with whom I am negotiating
may only be able to come in January, and in this case I will
have to ask you to give me another month - but as I say I do
not anticipate such a contingency.

Thank you very much and please consider
this as confirmation of your taking a place on our programme
for the coming season, and for your good wishes.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

H. S. Bandell

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April 18th, 1932

Mr. H. S. Bandell,
Beth Zion Forum,
Johnstown, Pa.

My dear Mr. Bandell:-

I am afraid that I must cancel the engagement which I made with the Beth Zion Forum for next year.

My Congregation has graciously given me a sabbatical year in recognition of my fifteen years of service with the Temple. I will leave immediately after the High Holy Days in the Fall.

I am therefore compelled to cancel all my engagements for next year. I am sure that you will understand. And I hope that you will keep my in mind for the future.

With kindest regards and best wishes,
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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April Twentieth, 1932.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

I have your letter of the 18th. and note with extreme regret that you are compelled to cancel the engagement to appear on our Forum.

While I must admit my ignorance of the meaning of a "sabbatical year" I understand it to be a high compliment to you.

You know our Forum commences in October and I write again to ask if it is altogether impossible for you to come here before you leave for wherever you intend to go. If you expect to get back before next March I could arrange for that month for you.

I hope I am not overtroubling you in asking you to let me know your final word.

Very sincerely yours,

Harry S. Bandell

April 22d, 1932

Mr. Harry S. Bandell,
Johnstown, Pa.

My dear Mr. Bandell:-

In reply to your kind letter of April 20th permit me to say that I will be away from the country from October, 1932 to October, 1933. I shall therefore be unable to be with you for your next Forum season.

Perhaps when I return I may be of service to you.

With kindest regards and best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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JOHNSTOWN, PA.,

May 17th. 1933

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

My dear Rabbi:-

Last March (1932) I wrote to you extending an invitation to speak on our Forum programme, which you kindly accepted and later ^{was} forced to cancel on account of your Congregation honoring you with a sabbatical year.

I have just heard that you are back in Cleveland and it gives me great pleasure to renew the invitation. In the referendum taken at the close of the last lecture which was in March you polled a splendid vote, and there is no doubt whatever that the folks here want to listen to you again.

Let me add my personal desire to have you and I think you long know my opinion of your talents. This is the first invitation I am sending out for the coming season which will commence in October and will run through to March. 1934

I very much dislike to mention that our Forum has suffered on account of the sustained depression, and although some of the "Moochers" talked about closing down for this year I will not hear of it, as it took too much effort to build it, and to close down for one season would do infinite harm.

The only thing I would ask you is whether, under the circumstances, you would help us keep the Forum going by coming to us for a little less than in previous seasons. I repeat that it is much against my inclinations to make this request, knowing that you are worth so much more, but sheer circumstances (financial) makes it imperative that this years Forum expense be kept down to a minimum. Please do not be offended but on the other hand try and feel my position.

Should you favor me by accepting, a suitable date can be arranged later. I trust that you had both a pleasant and interesting time during your travels, and that you are enjoying the best of health. With high respect and kindest personal regards,

I remain,
very sincerely and cordially yours,

Harry S. Bandell.

May 19, 1933.

Mr. Harry S. Bandell,
509 Park Avenue,
Johnstown, Pa.

My dear Mr. Bandell:

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your kind letter of May 17th. You renew your invitation to me to address the Beth Zion Forum. I appreciate it very much. I would have been compelled to decline your invitation because of the great amount of work which awaits me next season because of my absence from the country this past season. However, because I accepted your invitation last year and was forced to cancel it, I will make an effort to be with you the coming season in February or March. My honorarium will be \$150.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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May 22nd. 1933

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th. Street,
Cleveland.

My dear Rabbi:-

I have your letter of the 19th. and I appreciate very highly your kind acceptance of my invitation to speak on our Forum programme next February or March, and I hereby confirm the engagement.

Later on we can, I hope, decide on a suitable date. The honorarium you mention is quite satisfactory and it is very considerate of you in helping us go along.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Harry S. Bandell

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June 30th. 1933.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple, East 105th. Str.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:-

The time is drawing near for me to complete the programme for the coming season as all literature has to be ready well ahead of time, and I write to you to ask that if I find it necessary to close with another speaker for February would you take March or Vice Versa.

You see in your last letter you said you would come here in February or March and so I have one of these months to fill in. Will it make any difference to you which month I can give you? I am negotiating for a speaker and as yet do not know which of these months he can give me, and if it is immaterial to you I can arrange for one of them and leave you the other.

Before doing anything further I will wait to hear from you - soon, I hope.

With high regard and much respect,

Very sincerely yours.

Harry S. Bandell

July 5, 1933.

Mr. Harry S. Bandell,
Beth Zion Temple,
Johnstown, Pa.

My dear Mr. Bandell:

In reply to your letter of June 30th, permit me to say that it is quite immaterial to me which month you select for my address before the Beth Zion Forum. Please let me know soon whether it is in February or March that you wish me to come.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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JOHNSTOWN, PA.,

July 6th. 1933.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple, East 105th. Street,
Cleveland, O.

My dear Rabbi:-

I will feel grateful for your answer to my
letter of the 30th. of last month.

Very sincerely yours,



Harry S. Bandell

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July 10th. 1933.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple, East 105th. Street,
Cleveland, O.

My dear Rabbi:-

I have your letter of the 5th. and I am giving you the month of February. As regards the date the most convenient for me will be Thursday the 16th., or Thursday the 23rd -either of these dates will be suitable if convenient for you - preferably the last mentioned date.

All that I will require from you is a few copies of your history, and a list of your most recent subjects for my selection, and if you have any preference please let me know them in the order of your choice.

Hoping I may hear from you soon,

I remain, with highest regard,

Very sincerely and cordially yours,

Harry S. Bandell

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July 14th, 1933.

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

My dear Rabbi:-

With reference to my letter of the 10th. I have just discovered that I must have had hold of a 1933 calendar instead of a 1934, and I find that the Thursday dates are the 15th. and 22nd. instead of the 16th. and 23rd.

If these last mentioned dates are not suitable then I can give you any of the following Tuesdays:- 20th. or 27th. I will be glad if you can make a selection and let me know as soon as you can, at the same time sending me the histories and list of subjects.

Very sincerely yours,

July 17, 1933.

Mr. Harry S. Bandell,
Beth Zion Temple,
Johnstown, Pa.

My dear Mr. Bandell:

In reply to your kind letter of
July 14th, I shall be glad to come to the
Beth Zion Forum, Thursday evening, February
15th. I will send you the list of subjects
a little later on.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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July 18th. 1933.

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

My dear Rabbi:-

I have your letter of yesterday and have noted the date you have selected, namely, Thursday, February, 15th. which I hereby confirm.

I do not wish to appear as unduly hurrying you but I have the complete programme to arrange and prepare which must be done well in advance, as 2000. of them are mailed out a month before the first lecture in October.

Therefore if you will be good enough to let me have the histories and a list of your subjects as soon as possible I will very much appreciate it.

On receipt of these I will let you know the subject selected. I have a lot of preparation in front of me with lots of my own work besides, and I will be grateful for your kind co-operation.

With sincerest good wishes,
very cordially yours,

Harry S. Bandell

Please name your subjects in the order of your choice.

July 20, 1933.

Mr. Harry S. Bandell,
Beth Zion Temple,
Johnstown, Pa.

My dear Mr. Bandell:

I am enclosing herewith a list of
my addresses for the coming season as well as
a brief biography. Please let me know which
subject you select.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:RX

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July 31st. 1933.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

I have selected for my subject "The Age of Dictators" and hope you will approve the selection.

You can favor me greatly by asking your secretary to send me a half dozen copies of your History as I am overwhelmed with work of one kind and another.

I hope I am not over-troubling you and if you can let me have them real soon I will most surely appreciate it.

Very cordially yours,

Harry S. Bandell.

I find that I do not have a shiny photograph of you - This is very essential for having copper and newspaper cuts made, so please mail me one by return.

August 2, 1933.

Harry S. Bandell, Chairman,
Beth Zion Forum,
Beth Zion Temple,
Johnstown, Pa.

My dear Mr. Bandell:

In compliance with your request of July 31st,
I am enclosing herewith six copies of a short biograph-
ical sketch of Rabbi Silver. I am also enclosing a
glossed photograph of Rabbi Silver.

Trusting that the above will be of service
to you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

AHS:BX

Sec'y to Rabbi Silver.

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Feb. 15

November 24th. 1933.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th. Str.,
Cleveland, O.

My dear Rabbi:-

I would much rather that I did not have to write you this, but I am sorry to say that our Forum this season has fallen very much below expectations.

This is due to nothing else but the continued depression, and to make it worse the little surplus we had and which would have tided us over in a case like this, is tied up in one of our local banks and has been since March 4th. last.

We have been and we are still proud of our Forum and after the hard work and all the efforts we have put in to building up we are very loathe to discontinue it until better days arrive. In fact I dissuaded our Committee from doing this before we entered upon the current season.

The only way we can even break even is by enlisting the co-operation of the speakers engaged, and I am very happy to say that in no single case have we been turned down. We want you and want you very sincerely and even if we have to borrow we will not default, but the Committee has asked me to write and frankly tell you the situation in the hope that you will take compassion and help us, if you can, to carry on by reducing your fee in this particular case.

We recently engaged Rabbi Abram M. Granowitz for our Temple and we are making a valiant effort to retain him as a permanent Rabbi. This is taxing our few members to the limit.

I will await your answer with much interest, and with much respect and all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Harry S. Bandell

November 28, 1933.

Mr. Harry S. Bandell,
Beth Zion Forum,
Beth Zion Temple,
Johnstown, Pa.

My dear Mr. Bandell:

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your kind letter. You will recall that on May 17th you requested of me to reduce my honorarium in view of the economic conditions. I did so, reducing it from \$250 to \$150. You will therefore appreciate my reluctance to make any further reductions.

I find myself very much pressed by my numerous out of town engagements in connection with the German-Jewish situation, campaigns, boycott meetings, etc., and I would really be very much relieved if you would release me from my forum engagement on February 15th.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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November 30th. 1933.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th. Street,
Cleveland, O.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

I have your letter of the 28th. and I fear very much that my last letter must have caused a little rift, which, you can sincerely believe me, I most deeply regret.

Nobody knows better than myself that the fee you originally set was as reasonable as could be expected and was very satisfactory to all concerned. In writing to you as I did I merely carried out the wishes of the Committee, although at the time I pointed out that I did not think the request was justified, and I am still of that opinion.

I pointed out in my letter that in any case your honorarium will be taken care of surely and promptly and there is not and never has been any thought of waiving the engagement - so please consider the situation as though I had not written you as I did.

Not only do we want you and very much so, but arrangements have already been made to honor you with a testimonial luncheon or dinner (according to what time you may arrive) by the whole Jewish community, and as a sincere mark of of our reverence and affection for you.

It is not possible to think of relieving you and I again repeat there was never any such thought, so we will all look forward to your visit with us.

With thanksgiving greetings, and with high respect, I remain,

Very sincerely and cordially yours,

Harry S. Bandell

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JOHNSTOWN, PA.,

January 17th. 1934.

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

My dear Rabbi:-

In my letter of the 30th. of November I indicated to you that arrangements have been made to hold a luncheon or dinner reception in your honor which we contemplate confining to our own people.

Although you have been here on a few occasions our people feel that they would like to know you more intimately and I know they will be deeply disappointed if this opportunity should be denied to them. They hold you with a deep-seated respect and reverence and affection, and regard you as an outstanding light in Israel. Their pride in you is unbounded.

It is for this reason that I write to ask if it will be agreeable to you to confer this high favor, and, if so, to let me know, if you can at this time, whether you could arrange to get here in the morning so as to have the luncheon at about 12.30. I would also like to have a shiny photograph of yourself so that I can have newspaper mats made, and would like to have it as early as possible.

Hoping you are well, I remain,
with highest respect,
very sincerely yours,

Harry S. Bandell

January 19, 1934.

Mr. Harry S. Bandell,
Beth Zion Forum,
509 Park Avenue,
Johnstown, Pa.

My dear Mr. Bandell:

Thank you very kindly for your letter of January 17th. I plan to arrive in Johnstown on Wednesday morning at 11:30 from New York. I have no objection to your suggestion of arranging a luncheon for me and I shall be pleased to attend.

I am enclosing herewith a photograph for publicity.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

January 19, 1934.

Mr. Milton M. Alexander,
343 John R. Streets,
Detroit, Michigan.



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HARRY S. BANDELL, CHAIRMAN
509 PARK AVENUE

JOHNSTOWN, PA.,

January 22nd. 1934.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

I thank you for your letter of the
19th. enclosing photograph.

You say in your letter that you will
arrive here from New York on Wednesday morning at 11.30
which is a day ahead of your engagement. Is this correct
or did you by any chance forget that you are to speak here
on Thursday, February 15th.

Mr. Sidney, A. Kaplan of the Temple
Brotherhood, McKeesport, called me on the telephone a few
days ago saying that he understood that you would be here
on the 15th. of next month, and that he would like to have
you at McKeesport the day before or the day after. I told
him the best thing would be to write to you direct.- most
probably he has written you already.

If you decide to visit McKeesport it
might fit in nicely for you to appear there on Wednesday.
I am sure Mr. Kaplan would arrange to meet you at the Sta-
tion in Pittsburg where you could go right through without
stopping here and he would drive you by automobile to Mc-
keesport. You could then stay overnight and Mr. Kaplan
will drive you here the following morning and you could be
here in good time for the luncheon I am arranging for you.

McKeesport is only a short drive from
Pittsburg, and one and a half hours from McKeesport to here.
I know you have to be back in Cleveland for Friday. If you
decide to go to McKeesport please let me know as I may go
down there for the occasion.

Very sincerely yours,

H. S. Bandell

January 25, 1934.

Mr. Harry S. Bandell, Chairman,
Beth Zion Forum,
509 Park Avenue,
Johnstown, Pa.

My dear Mr. Bandell:

There must have been a mistake in my last letter to you. I am to be with you on Thursday, February 15th and I shall arrive from New York on the morning of the 15th.

It will not be possible for me to accept the McKeesport invitation.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BX

JOHNSTOWN CHAPTER OF HADASSAH
427 VINE STREET
JOHNSTOWN, PA.

January 16, 1938.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

The Johnstown Chapter of Hadassah will hold their first Donor Dinner in March, the tentative date being March 29.

We need not tell you how much the success of such an affair depends upon the speaker of the evening. In these days, particularly, when news from Palestine is so disturbing, the necessity to sustain the courage of American Jewry and to incite them to stronger Palestinian endeavor is most pressing. Our Donor Dinner, we hope, will furnish the opportunity to deliver such a message.

We, therefore, turn to you with the invitation and the request to be our speaker for the evening. We realize what demands are made constantly upon you, but it is our earnest hope that you will find it possible to come here.

Should March 29th prove unsatisfactory to you, we will change the date to suit your convenience. In order to proceed with the plans for our dinner we must set the date as soon as possible. We will, however, take no step in that direction until we hear from you.

Our chapter, of course, will cover all your traveling expenses and we should also like to know any other charge that may be entailed.

In hope that you will be with us,
we are,

Cordially,

Bess Glusker
President

Mrs. George Schmitt Corr. Sec.

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JOHNSTOWN CHAPTER OF HADASSAH
427 VINE STREET
JOHNSTOWN, PA.

January 30, 1938.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Approximately ten days ago, The Johnstown Chapter of Hadassah, extended an invitation to you to be our Guest Speaker at our Donor Dinner. The tentative date being March 29th.

As yet we have not received a reply. We realize what demands are constantly made upon you, but it is our sincerest and earnest hope that you will find it possible to come here.

Time is getting short, and further plans for our dinner is at a stand still until we hear from you. Will you please wire us at our expense, your answer to our request.

In hope that you will be with us, we are,

Cordially,

JOHNSTOWN CHAPTER OF HADASSAH

Mrs. George Schwartz
Mrs. George Schwartz,

Corr. Secretary.

January 31, 1938

Mrs. George Schwartz, Corr. Sec'y,
Johnstown Chapter of Hadassah,
427 Vine Street,
Johnstown, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Schwartz:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your kind letter. I have been away from the city for more than a week and my correspondence has lagged.

I greatly appreciate your kind invitation to address your Donor Dinner on March 29. Nothing would give me greater pleasure than to accept your invitation if I had the time. Unfortunately, I must set aside whatever little time I can spare from an already crowded program for the work of the United Palestine Appeal. You probably know that I have accepted the national chairmanship for 1938.

With best wishes for success, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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PHONE
1710

JOHNSTOWN, PA.

June 9th., 1938.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Tifereth Israel Congregation,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It is several years since we had the pleasure of hearing you on our Forum, and in response to the request of a large number of our patrons I extend to you a most cordial invitation to honor us by a visit during the coming season, which begins in October and runs through to March.

If you can possibly favor us I would like to offer you what we consider the post of honor, namely, the opening of the season in October, and I shall hope to hear from you at an early date saying that you can accept.

Our Rabbi Granowitz asks that I add his greetings to mine, and with kindest personal regards and high esteem,

Yours most respectfully,

Harry S. Bandell.

Harry S. Bandell.

It may be as well to mention that November and February are filled.

June 16, 1938

Mr. Harry S. Bandell, Chairman
Beth Zion Forum
224 Main Street
Johnstown, Pa.

My dear Mr. Bandell:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of June 9 and for your invitation to share in your Forum. It will not be possible for me to come to you in October as my schedule is already filled for that month. I may be able to give you a date in January. You do not indicate in your letter on what days in the week your meetings are held.

My honorarium is \$250.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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JOHNSTOWN, PA.

June 18th., 1933.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th. Street,
Cleveland, O.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you so much for your letter of the 16th, and regret exceedingly that you are unable to accept for October, as we wanted you so much for the opener.

January is already filled and the only month open outside of October is March. I presume there is no hope of an October date?

Our lectures are held on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and any date in October would suit providing it did not conflict with Kippur, or Rosh Hashanna. Could you reconsider?

I shall await your final answer as regards October in the hope that you may be able to squeeze in a date. If not, then I will take up the matter of a date in March.

Thanking you for your kind wishes which are sincerely reciprocated.

Most cordially yours,

Harry S. Bandell

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June 25th., 1938.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple, East 105th. Str.,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I wrote you on the 18th. in answer to yours of the 16th.,
and am waiting for your reply.

Until I hear from you I am not able to proceed with my
program which depends on what arrangement we can make with regard to
a date suitable to both of us.

Cordially yours,

Harry S. Bandell
Harry S. Bandell.

June 27, 1938

Mr. Harry S. Bandell
224 Main Street
Johnstown, Pa.

My dear Mr. Bandell:

Let me thank you for your letter of June 18. I find it quite impossible to come to you in October. My program for that month is exceedingly crowded. I could give you the date of Wednesday, March 8. Is that agreeable?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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PHONE
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JOHNSTOWN, PA.

July 6th., 1938.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th. Street,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I regret exceedingly that I was unable to answer sooner, your letter of the 27th. of last month as I was unable to get my committee together until yesterday.

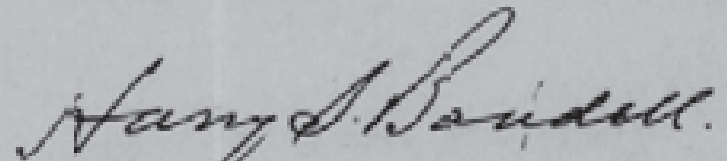
The decision was that our present financial condition will not permit us to pay a fee of \$250.00 in view of the prevailing economic situation.

I, as well as the committee, appreciate the fact that you are, well worth your fee, and the simple fact is that we are just not in a position to pay it.

Let me thank you for your kind acceptance of my invitation, and to express sincere regret that we cannot avail ourselves of your service.

With high respect, and all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Harry S. Bandell

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HARRY S. BANDELL, CHAIRMAN
224 MAIN STREET --

PHONE
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JOHNSTOWN, PA.

405 Johnstown Bank & Trust Bldg.

June 30th., 1939.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.
The Temple, East 105th. Street,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The folks here again express a keen desire to have you appear on our Forum program, and it gives me real pleasure to extend this invitation.

I recall that you consented to come last year, but owing to our financial condition as a result of the bad times, my committee could not see their way clear to meet your fee.

And I regret to say that we are in no better position now than we were last year. I have been requested, though, to ask you if you could take this into consideration by making your fee \$200.00.

We have paid you more in the past and would gladly do so again if the situation permitted.

Please do not think that we are bargaining with you for we know too well that you are worth all you ask and more. If, at times, you take into consideration factors that I have already explained, may I hope that this time may be one of them.

With all good wishes and high regard,

Sincerely yours,

Harry S. Bandell.
Harry S. Bandell.

*Delivered
Aug. 2*

Beth Zion Congregation

TELEPHONE 1856

416 VINE STREET

JOHNSTOWN, PA.

Delivered July 14

July 11, 1938

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

You will recall that Mr. Bandell, the chairman of our forum board, wrote to you some time ago concerning your coming to Johnstown during the coming season. I was sorry to learn from him that he was not successful in scheduling you because of financial considerations. He tells me that the forum might be able to give you an honorarium of \$200⁰⁰, although \$150⁰⁰ would be much more within our means.

Will you not do me a personal favor? Please give us a date in October. We consider it of utmost importance to have a man of your calibre and reputation to open our forum. I know that October is not convenient for you. It will unquestionably involve special sacrifice on your part to

come to us during that month, but I
want you to know that your sacrifice will
be of great help to a congregation that
has struggled valiantly and successfully
to reestablish itself after a disastrous
flood. Please come to us in October.

With cordial greetings, I am

Yours very sincerely,
Abram M. Granovitz



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July 16, 1942

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you so much for your prompt reply. I trust you will not think me too persistent if I cling to the hope that somehow you may be able to find a date for us in February or March -- any date of your choosing --, and to suggest that it will not be outside the scope of your dedicated activity if you come with your message to our community at large.

I keep getting letter after letter from leading members of the community at large strongly urging that we bring you back to Johnstown. Their urging and persistence strengthens my own, and so I write again in the hope that somehow your coming to us will be made possible.

My best wishes to you for continued strength and vigor in the magnificent leadership you are giving to our people.

Cordially yours,

H. Goren Perelmutter

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July 9, 1942

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

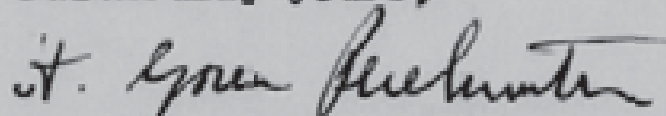
My dear Dr. Silver:

We are now in the process of drawing up our program for the 1942-43 season of the Beth Zion Forum, on whose platform you have in past years appeared. So many requests have come to us, from eminent citizens in the community at large, that they would like to be hearing you again, that we are writing to inquire whether you have any available date for us either in February or March.

I should very much appreciate an early reply from you, and I trust that it will be our privilege once again to present you in our series.

With all good wishes,

Faithfully yours,



H. Goren Perelmutter

July 13, 1942

Rabbi H. Coren Perelmuter
5239 Durocher Ave.
Montreal, Canada

My dear Rabbi Perelmuter:

Thank you so much for your kind invitation to address the Beth Zion Forum next season. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately my work in connection with the United Jewish Appeal and the United Palestine Appeal takes up all the time that I can spare from my own work here. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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March 13, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

This coming fall will mark the twentieth annual season of the Beth Zion Forum. For this occasion we are planning a special community event to mark the contribution of the Forum to the life of the community.

I am taking this occasion of asking you, as one who has appeared on our program, if you would not want to send us a message of greeting for the occasion? I should much appreciate it if you would address your letter to me.

Cordially yours,

H. Coren Perelmutter
Rabbi H. Coren Perelmutter

HGP:rs

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others*

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May 17, 1945

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others*

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

This coming year the Beth Zion Forum marks its twentieth anniversary. As one of the best remembered speakers on our lists, we are wondering whether you could find a date for us in either January, February or March?

I am aware of the fact that you now do relatively little or no forum speaking, but in view of this our twentieth anniversary I am hoping that you could give favorable consideration to coming to us.

May I expect to hear from you in the not too distant future?

With all cordial greetings,

Faithfully yours,

H. Goren Perelmutter
Rabbi H. Goren Perelmutter

HGP:rs

June 1, 1945

Rabbi H. Goren Perelmuter
Beth Zion Forum
416 Vine Street
Johnstown, Pa.

My dear Rabbi Perelmuter:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter and for your invitation to address the Beth Zion Forum during the coming season. I wish I were free to come, but I am afraid that my work during the coming season will be so heavy that I will not be able to undertake any additional out-of-town lecture engagements.

I wish to congratulate you on the twentieth anniversary of the Beth Zion Forum and to wish you every success for the future.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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HOMESTEAD AVENUE
UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

JOHNSTOWN, PENNA.

October 23, 1947

Rabbi Hillal Silver

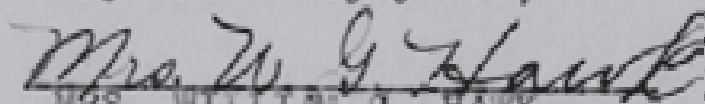
The Jewish Temple

Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Friend Rabbi Silver:

I am writing on behalf of the Johnstown Y. W. C. A. hoping to secure you as our guest speaker, some date you may be able to give us in the near future, perhaps immediately following the holidays. This would be a city-wide gathering, interracial and undenominational, perhaps in the beautiful Cochran High School auditorium. You could best formulate your own subject which would be of vital interest to the public in these times. We would like to know what dates you could offer us, and what the cost would be, so that we can plan carefully. Hoping to receive an early and favorable reply, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,


MRS. WILLIAM G. HAWK

November 1, 1947

Mrs. William G. Hawk
United Brethren Church
Homestead Avenue
Johnstown, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Hawk:

I deeply appreciate your kind invitation to address a meeting under the auspices of the Johnstown Y.W.C.A. It would give me great pleasure if I were free to accept your invitation. Unfortunately I am heavily burdened with many responsibilities this year in connection with the Palestine problem before the United Nations, and many related problems, and I have been compelled to decline many invitations which normally I should be most happy to accept.

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

Beth Zion Temple

416 Vine Street

JOHNSTOWN, PA.

H. Goren Perelmutter, Rabbi
Manfred F. Kuttner, Cantor

Please address reply to:

Mr. Robert Miller, Chairman
Beth Zion Forum
525 Main Street
Johnstown, Pa.

June 26, 1948

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

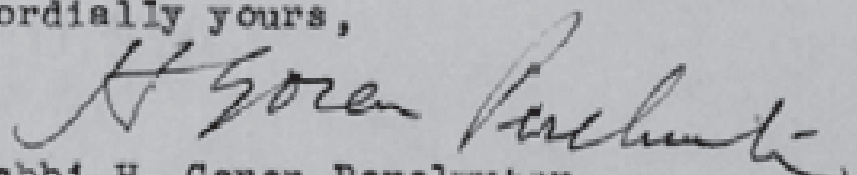
Our Beth Zion Forum, greater Johnstown's community Forum, which you yourself have addressed in years gone by, is this year in its 24th season. It has, in its career of service, continued to maintain the highest possible standard of program and has won for itself the reputation of one of the outstanding Forums of its kind in the country.

Palestine, looming as large as it does on the agenda of world affairs, is a "must" subject for our program. We can think of no one more qualified than you to discuss this question, and I sincerely hope that you will be able to arrange to accept our invitation to appear on our Forum at any date that might be convenient to you.

Would you be good enough to address your reply to our Forum Chairman, Mr. Robert Miller, as listed above, since I shall be out of the city during the next few weeks?

With all good wishes,

Cordially yours,



Rabbi H. Goren Perelmutter

June 29, 1948

Mr. Robert Miller, Chairman
Beth Zion Forum
525 Main Street
Johnstown, Pa.

My dear Mr. Miller:

Replying to Rabbi Perelmutter's kind letter of June 28th regarding the possibility of my addressing your Forum during the coming year, I deeply regret that my schedule does not permit any additional commitments at this time.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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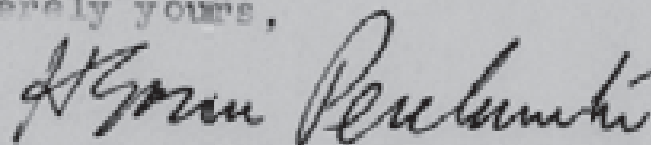
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

This season the Beth Zion Forum celebrates its Silver Jubilee Season in connection with Greater Johnstown's sesqui-centennial observance. I am wondering whether you might not find it possible to be one of the speakers on our series standing during the spring. You were, you may perhaps recall, one of the featured speakers of our series in the earlier years of the Forum, and we should indeed consider it a privilege if you could return to us for our Twenty-fifth Anniversary Series.

With all good wishes

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi H. Goren Perelmutter

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Johnstown's Community Forum Series

December 23, 1949

Rabbi H. Goren Perelmuter
Beth Zion Forum
416 Vine Street
Johnstown, Pennsylvania

My dear Rabbi Perelmuter:

I very much appreciate your kind invitation to participate in the Beth Zion Forum, and I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately I am already committed to as many out-of-town engagements as I can accept this season as my work here at The Temple is greater than usual because of our Centennial celebration.

Hoping that I may be of service to you at some future time, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Beth Zion Forum

416 Vine Street, Johnstown, Pa.

RABBI H. G. PERELMUTER

Executive Director

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*. . . and many
others*

January 12, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I was sorry to note in your letter of December 23, that you could not participate in our Twenty-fifth Annual Forum this year. I am writing you once again with the plea that you reconsider and add just one more to your out-of-town schedule.

With all good wishes.

Cordially yours,

H. G. Perelmutter

Rabbi H. Goren Perelmutter

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Johnstown's Community Forum Series

January 19, 1950

Rabbi H. Goren Perelmutter
Beth Zion Forum
416 Vine Street
Johnstown, Pennsylvania

My dear Rabbi Perelmutter:

Thank you for your kind note of January 12th. I very much appreciate your invitation, but it is quite out of the question for me to accept any additional engagements this year. Perhaps at some future time I may be able to come to you.

With all good wishes for a successful Forum, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Beth Zion Temple

700 Indiana Street

JOHNSTOWN, PA.

H. Goren Perelmutter, Rabbi
Manfred F. Kuttner, Cantor

Dr. Louis A. Finkelstein, President

October 25, 1951

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th Street
Ansell Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver,

I am currently engaged in the task of planning the program for the 26th annual series of the Beth Zion Forum.

You appeared on the forum about two decades ago and since that time the forum has, as perhaps you know, gone from strength to strength, climaxing its career on its 25th anniversary with a salute to the forum by town meeting of the air which for that occasion originated its broadcast from Johnstown.

I am wondering whether you might find it possible to come to us again some time this spring, perhaps in late March or April. I should much appreciate hearing from you with respect to your availability on that date and the honorarium which you received for your forum lectures.

Hoping that I can hear from you in the affirmative and that we can work out some specific date. I am,

Cordially yours,

H. Goren Perelmutter

October 31, 1951

Rabbi G. Goren Perelmuter
Beth Zion Temple
700 Indiana Street
Johnstown, Pennsylvania

Dear Rabbi Perelmuter:

Dr. Silver is at present out of the city, and I am therefore replying to your letter of October 25th inviting him to address the Beth Zion Forum during the spring of 1952. Upon checking his calendar, I find that he will be available during the week of March 24th or the following week. I should appreciate your indicating what day of the week you have in mind. Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday or preferable for Dr. Silver. His honorarium is \$500.

Upon Dr. Silver's return to Cleveland the end of the week, I shall bring your kind invitation to his attention. In the meantime, I shall look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice
Secretary to Dr. Silver

December 2, 1951

Rabbi G. Goren Perelmutter
Beth Zion Temple
700 Indiana Street
Johnstown, Pennsylvania

Dear Rabbi Perelmutter:

Upon checking my files, I find that I haven't heard from you in reply to my letter of October 31st. Since I am holding a tentative date for you, I should appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice
Secretary to Dr. Silver