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KANSAS CITY, MO.

December Fourth,

Nineteen-nineteen.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,

Cleveland, Ohio.

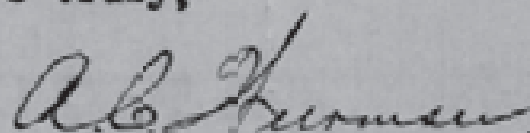
My dear Sir:

You will recollect on my recent visit to your city, I had the pleasure of talking to you over the telephone, inviting you to come to our city.

I am writing you to keep the matter fresh in your mind. Our community is very anxious to meet you and to hear you. We would like very much for you to come sometime in January, if convenient to you. Kindly let me know what the chances are for you being with us next month.

I am With assurances of my kindest regards,

Yours truly,



ACW.C.



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KANSAS CITY, MO.

December 19, 1919

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Friend and Colleague:

We are arranging a series of Sunday morning lectures by out-of-town speakers for the next few months. Most of the speakers will be men of prominence, and we wish to include among them a few Rabbis.

I have suggested your name and the suggestion has met with hearty approval on the part of my Board, who have authorized me to extend an invitation to you for the fourth Sunday in January or any Sunday in February.

I hope that one of these dates will be agreeable to you and that I may have the joy of having you as my guest in my pulpit and unless you prefer a hotel, also in my home.

With kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

*Harry H. Mayer*

*who will  
accept*

January 2nd, 1929

Rabbi Harry H. Mayer,  
1200 East Armour Boulevard,  
Kansas City, Mo.

My dear Rabbi Mayer,

I appreciate very much your  
kind invitation to address your community on  
some Sunday morning in January or February.

I should love to accept this  
invitation, but I am unfortunately unable to do  
so, as I am compelled to be in Cleveland on  
Sundays. You know, no doubt, that our principal  
service of the week is on Sunday morning.

Perhaps I shall have the privilege  
and the opportunity some time in the future of  
making a visit to Kansas City to speak for you.

Thanking you again, I remain,  
with kindest regards

Very sincerely yours,

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KANSAS CITY, MO.

October 14, 1920

Rabbi Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

For a number of years our Congregation has conducted Sunday morning lectures beginning the first Sunday in November and ending the last week of April.

This season the committee has decided to invite prominent Rabbis to occupy the pulpit at intervals throughout the course. Your name being among the few, we are writing the foregoing in the hope that you can see your way clear to honor us by addressing our people on Sunday morning, November 14th, next. The Congregation will of course re-imburse transportation to and from this city and expenses incurred whilst here.

We would greatly appreciate if you will notify us at your earliest convenience and trust that you will favor us on the designated date. If per chance you will be unable to come on November 14th, kindly designate two Sundays between November 14th and April 24th that will be available. Although we hope that you can make it possible to address us on November 14th.

Awaiting your kind response, with personal regards, we remain

Sincerely yours,

Henry A. Guettel

A. C. Wurmsen

Samuel Eppstein

Committee.

Please address Mr. Samuel Eppstein per enclosure.

October 20th, 1920

Mr. Samuel Epstein,  
702 Kansas City Life Building,  
Kansas City, Mo.

My dear Mr. Epstein,

I am in receipt of your very courteous invitation to address a Sunday morning Service of your Congregation. I should be very happy to accept it were I in a position to do so, but, unfortunately, I cannot be away from my post here on a Sunday. I conduct a Sunday morning service and the most of our Congregational activities take place on Sunday. I am very reluctant, therefore, to absent myself on that day.

If at some future time I can be of service to you, I shall be very happy to.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

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KANSAS CITY, MO.

Oct. 25th, 1920

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
Cleveland,  
Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:

Regret exceedingly upon reading the contents of your letter of the 20th, your inability to address our people occasioned by local activity.

At some future time we will again take the matter up with you and trust that we will meet with better results.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Very sincerely,

*Samuel Eppstein*



ALFRED BENJAMIN  
3418 CAMPBELL STREET  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I have been President of the United Jewish Charities of Kansas City, Missouri, for sixteen years. We have usually had a dinner each year - on which occasion we have some prominent person give an address.

Among those who have been here are the late Mr. Jacob H. Schiff, Dr. Stephen Wise, Dr. Schulman, and Dr. Magnus, all of New York City.

The late Dr. Leonard Lewy, of Pittsburg; Judge Julian Mack, Mr. Julius Rosenwald, and Dr. Hirsch, of Chicago; and some other prominent people whom I can not call to mind at the present time.

We in Kansas City have often heard of the splendid work you are doing in Cleveland, and the Jewish people of this community are very anxious to have you as their guest.

I am also a Trustee of the Reformed Temple Board, and I know that an invitation was extended to you to

nearly every evening.

It of course is unnecessary for me to state that the expense of the trip will be fully taken care of.

I sincerely trust you will be able to accept this invitation. We will try to make the visit as pleasant as we can for you. Would like to hear from you at your early convenience.

With assurance of highest personal esteem, I am

Very sincerely yours.

*Alfred Benjamin*

November 24, 1920.



occupy this pulpit on some Sunday morning. You stated in your reply that you could not very well arrange to be here on a Sunday.

The Charity dinner can be held any day during the week - to suit your convenience. We would like to have it some time in January. The subject of your address would be left entirely to you - some strong Jewish message is what we would like to have.

It is not necessary to make an appeal for financial support at these dinners as the money necessary to carry on our work is secured from a community chest fund - the drive for the coming year has just been successfully completed.

We have this annual dinner solely for the purpose of keeping up and stimulating interest in our Charity and Social Welfare work.

I, therefore, as President of the Charities, and in the name of its Board of Directors, extend to you and Mrs. Silver a very cordial invitation to be our guests of honor at this next annual dinner. It is necessary to have exact day and date named so as to reserve in time the only good banquet hall we have in the City. This hall is in great demand and used

November 30th, 1920

Mr. Alfred Benjamin,  
3618 Campbell Street,  
Kansas City, Mo.

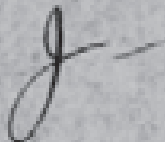
My dear Mr. Benjamin,

I am in receipt of your  
very kind letter inviting me to address the  
Annual Meeting of your Association.

I do not believe that I shall  
be able to accept the invitation for a date in  
January, but if, say February 1st or 2nd would  
be convenient dates for you, I think I shall be  
able to arrange to come.

It would be a great pleasure to  
me to meet the men and women of your community.  
They have been exceedingly kind to me in the past  
in extending to me more than one invitation, which,  
unfortunately, I have been unable to accept.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature, likely "J. H. ...", in dark ink, positioned below the typed signature line.

ALFRED BENJAMIN  
3818 CAMPBELL STREET  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Dear Rabbi Silver.

I am in receipt of your letter of November 30th and note that you will not be able to accept the invitation extended for a date in January, but that you probably can do so for February first or second.

I am very certain that this date will be satisfactory to our Organization, and will ask you to kindly make arrangements to be here at that time. I wish you would kindly wire me at my expense upon receipt of this letter which date will be more convenient for you - February 1st, or February 2nd.

Wire

The only reason for wanting this definite information is so we can reserve the banquet room for that particular night. As written you in my previous letter, we have only one large dining room in the City and it is necessary to make reservations far in advance.

I thank you very much for accepting this invitation to be our guest at the annual dinner of the United Jewish Charities, and assure you we will try to make your trip here as pleasant as possible.

Will ask you to let me know in due time whether or not Mrs. Silver will accompany you. We hope she will. We want this information also so that proper reservations may be made at the hotel.

A little later on you will of course let me know just what time you will arrive in Kansas City, and also what time you will want to leave here so we can make proper reservations for the return trip.

Again thanking you for your courteous reply to my previous letter, and with kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Alfred Benjamin*

December 6, 1920.

ALFRED BENJAMIN  
3618 CAMPBELL STREET  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I am in receipt of your telegram naming February 2nd as the date you would prefer for the annual dinner of the United Jewish Charities, and we have reserved the dining room for that date.

Will take up with you a little later on the details regarding this matter.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

*Alfred Benjamin*

December 13, 1920.

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KANSAS CITY, MO.

Jan. 17, 1921.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
C/o The Temple,  
East 58th St., & Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Sir:

Our whole community is looking forward with great pleasure to your coming to our city to speak at our Charity Dinner. As chairman of the committee of Arrangements, I am writing to you in order to complete the necessary details.

Kindly advise me the time of the arrival of your train, so we can make arrangements for room, etc. We would be very glad to have you with us two or three days, as we would like very much to show you our city, which I understand you have never visited.

If you would care to give me the subject of your discourse I would be glad to have it. Of course, this subject will be a matter of your own selection. If anything unforeseen should occur kindly keep me advised.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

*A. C. Wurmsen*

A. C. Krumser-

1210 Grand Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

Leave Cleveland ~~twelve~~ thirty-  
noon today. Arrive Kansas City  
9 o'clock Wednesday morning.

A. H. Piloe



February 4th, 1921

Mr. A. C. Wurnser,  
1210 Grand Avenue,  
Kansas City, Mo.

My dear Mr. Wurnser,

At your request I am sending you  
a statement of my expenses. I think that the sum  
of \$65.00 actually covers all my expenses.

I need not tell you, my dear Mr.  
Wurnser, how much I enjoyed my visit to your city  
and the kind hospitality which you and your friends  
extended to me. I trust that I may at some time  
have an opportunity to reciprocate.

With kindest regards, I beg to  
remain

Very sincerely yours,

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**KANSAS CITY, MO.**

February 7, 1921.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I am enclosing herewith clippings from the Kansas City Jewish Chronicle, Kansas City Star, and Kansas City Post, referring to your talk at the meeting of the United Jewish Charities.

I want to again take this opportunity of thanking you very much for coming to Kansas City on this occasion. I assure you that your address was very much enjoyed by all present, and we feel that we are under many obligations to you for making this trip. Hope that you liked Kansas City well enough to want to come again at some future time.

Mr. Wurmsier was called to Chicago and will be away for a few days. I merely mention this because perhaps you have already sent him a memorandum of your expenses and there may be a few days' delay in sending check to cover the amount on account of the absence of Mr. Wurmsier.

With very kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

*Abraham Benjamin*

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4047 HARRISON BOULEVARD

2/10/21

Dear Doctor Silver

We all regret  
that you could not remain  
longer in Kansas City. An  
opportunity for closer and  
more intimate acquaintance  
would have been of great  
assistance to us in  
many ways. I am shocked  
by the flippant comments which  
you made on your trip

visit to the Institute ~~and~~  
your splendid address a  
far reaching vision of Social  
Work which can be obtained  
if the picture is kept  
constantly before the people.

Personally I am  
all but discouraged -  
but that is another matter.

May I ask a great  
favor & beg you to send  
me in favor soon

and writing your ideal  
of American as quoted by  
you in your address here.  
You stated that you had  
given it during the war.  
I want it for  
our class room motto. I  
am certain I need not  
thank you other than to  
try to live up to your  
standards.

Sincerely yours  
Pub. J. Cohen

- Holsky -





February 16th, 1921

Miss Ruby J. Cohen,  
4047 Harrison Boulevard,  
*Kansas City, Mo.*

My dear Miss Cohen,

Rabbi Silver directs me to express  
to you his keen appreciation of your kind letter to  
him of the tenth instant. He derived a great deal  
of pleasure from his recent visit to Kansas City.

Rabbi Silver's tribute to America  
inspired for so frequently, that we have had copies  
of it made, several of which I am sending you at his  
request. Hoping they will meet your purpose, I am

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.



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KANSAS CITY, MO..

Feb. 17, 1921.

Rabbi A.H. Silver  
c/o The Temple  
West 55th & Central  
Cleveland.  
Ohio

My Dear Rabbi. Silver;

Enclosed please find  
our voucher #7737 for \$65.00, as per your  
letter of recent date, to Mr. A.C. Wurmsler.

I want you to know that  
your address at the dinner, with your  
spiritual vision, and inspiration, roused  
and stirred those who were privileged to  
listen to you, to a realization of what  
there was for them to do along the line of  
Social Service to such an extent, that I  
feel good results must be forthcoming.

I wrote my son, Rabbi  
Latz of Tulsa, Okla. what a wonderful talk  
you gave us, and he wished to be remembered  
to you,

With sincere greetings, I am,

Very truly yours,

*Mrs. S. R. Latz*  
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KANSAS CITY, MO.

Mar. 12, 1921.

Dr. A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
E. 55th & Central St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Doctor:

I am one of the directors of the Jewish Educational Institute and was present at the annual dinner at which you delivered a very remarkable address, which I thought was the best I had ever heard. The Definition of America which you gave there was what I consider wonderful and I take the privilege of asking you for a copy of this Definition, and will appreciate it very much if you will send me same.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Yours truly,

*B. Deutsch*

*2-7-amer*

March 21st, 1921

Mr. B. Deutsch,  
717 Dwight Building,  
Kansas City, Mo.

My dear Mr. Deutsch,

I have your letter of March  
12th and desire to thank you for your words of  
appreciation.

I take pleasure in enclosing  
herewith a copy of my "Tribute to America".

With kindest regards, I beg  
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

KNIFE AND FORK CLUB  
KANSAS CITY

November  
25 th  
19 31.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:-

The Knife and Fork Club of Kansas City, composed of business and professional men of all religions, extend to you an invitation to be its guest at its next Banquet, Tuesday, December 13th.

In the past 22 years of the Club's activities, it has been our pleasure to have many prominent Jews as speakers. Many of our members are of your nationality.

Your name has been given us by a former member of the Board of Directors, who had the pleasure of hearing you, not long ago, in Cleveland.

We are very anxious at this time to entertain you and hope you may find it possible to be our guest at time mentioned.

I am enclosing herewith a booklet giving a partial list of our guests in years past. It speaks for itself.

It is our custom to care for all expense of travel and entertainment of our guests. We can assure you an appreciative audience of thinking men.

May we not hope for a favorable reply? As time is short, I would appreciate a reply by wire, at my expense.

Hoping that this request may find favor with you, I am

Very truly yours,

*Fred N. Ruft*  
Secretary  
#1 New England Life Bldg.



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November 28th, 1921.

Mr. Fred M. Tufts,  
1 New England Building,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Regret exceedingly unable to come  
December 13th. Previous Engagement .  
Would be pleased to come at some later  
time.

A. H. Silver.

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September 29, 1922.

Dr. Abba H. Silber,  
55 Central Ave.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silber:

The last time I heard you speak, Doctor, was here in Kansas City at the Muehlbach Hotel, and the occasion was a Charity Dinner. At that time I made a vow to myself that in the near future our Congregation B'nai Jehudah would have the privilege of hearing you address us from our pulpit on a subject of your own choice. Now, the opportunity presents itself for me to fulfil my vow to myself--with your co-operation.

As Chairman of the Sunday Service Committee I am now engaged in formulating a series of Sunday lectures to be inaugurated November 5 and to extend through every alternate Sunday until May 1. My duty as Chairman would not be performed and my vow to myself desecrated unless I can assure the members that on one of these Sundays you will come to Kansas City and occupy our pulpit.

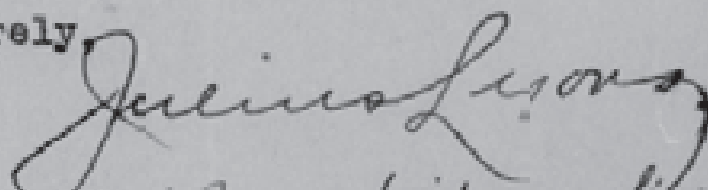
As regards arrangements, I can assure you true Jewish hospitality. Your transportation, hotel expenses and whatever is necessary for your comfort will be taken care of with the object to make your visit to our community a memorable and delightful event.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing a return envelope in the hope that you will advise me expeditiously what two or three Sundays between November 5, and May 1 you can arrange to be with us, also specifying one that would be particularly convenient to you.

Allow me to say in conclusion, Doctor, that our congregation has their heart set on hearing you and will be deeply disappointed should you fail them.

JL/BG

Sincerely,



*In referring to you before our committee Dr. Mayer paid you a fine tribute.*

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Oct. 6, 1922.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
#55 Central Ave.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

This year as for several years past, we are inviting Rabbis and public speakers of prominence to address our Congregation during our season of Sunday morning lectures.

I am very anxious to have you speak here in this course, and when I suggested your name to the committee, they immediately and enthusiastically approved. You will receive a letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Sunday Morning Lectures in which you will be officially invited, and I hope most sincerely that you will accept.

Since our committee met yesterday and the news spread that you were to be asked, a great number of people have spoken to me saying that they were looking forward to hearing you in this course, and I therefore feel sure that you will have a record breaking audience.

With best wishes for a very happy New Year to you and yours and with most affectionate regards, I am

Cordially yours,

*Harry H. Mayer*



October 11th, 1922.

Mr. Julius Lyons,  
Congregation B'nai Jehudah,  
Kansas City, Mo.

My dear Mr. Lyons,

Permit me to thank you for your very cordial invitation to address Congregation B'nai Jehudah, some Sunday morning. I should love to accept your invitation. I cannot at the present time however designate definitely what Sunday I can come. In looking over my calendar I find that it might perhaps be possible for me to get away some Sunday in March. If you can leave it at that, I shall within a month or so give you a definite date in March. I am to be in Kansas City on Tuesday the 26th and I thought that I might be able to address your Congregation on December 24th, however I find that that would be impossible.

With kindest regards, I beg to  
remain

Very sincerely yours,

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KANSAS CITY, MO.

October 17, 1922.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
East 55th Street & Central  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you very much for your cordial response to our invitation to address the congregation during our course of Sunday lectures.

Our chief aim is to arrange a date that will be most convenient and comfortable for you. You have suggested a Sunday in March as a possibility. If you will be kind enough to advise me as soon as you are able which Sunday in March is most agreeable, I am certain arrangements can be made mutually satisfactory.

Might I suggest that our dates for the month of April are still open and if this month is more convenient for you than March, we could arrange it with equal facility. However, we leave the matter of date entirely in your hands and within either of these months.

Assuring you that the congregation is anticipating with extreme pleasure the privilege of having you occupy our pulpit as our guest and with kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

*Eugene L. Lyon*

JL/BG

2/1/25

Geo. L. Goldman,  
Young Men's Hebrew Asso.,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Regret exceedingly that I  
cannot accept your kind invitation.  
Have another engagement this evening.

A. H. Silver.

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THE KANSASCITY COMMUNITY IS PLANNING A CITY WIDE CELEBRATION  
AS A TESTIMONIAL TO JACOB L LORIE ON THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY  
OF HIS PRESIDENCY OF THE Y M H A TO TAKE PLACE FEBRUARY EIGHTEENTH  
MR LORIE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAGNIFICANT FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND  
DOLLAR BUILDING JUST COMPLETED AND IN WHICH THE TESTIMONIAL WILL  
BE GIVEN WE SHALL DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THIS INVITATION  
TO HONOR US WITH YOUR PRESENCE ON THIS GREAT OCCASION AND SINCERELY  
HOPE YOU WILL COME WIRE REPLY OUR EXPENSE TO Y M H A

GEORGE L GOLDMAN VICE PRES 1048P



**THE SENDER  
OF THIS  
MESSAGE**

authorizes us  
to say that  
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Oct. 26, 1925.

Dr. A. H. Silver  
% The Temple  
105th St. and Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Abba:

I have kept in mind your suggestion that you will probably take a western trip sometime during the winter and I want to put in my bid for the Mens Club of Kansas City Congregation. It would be a tremendous feather in my cap if I could get you to come here, and for the good of my new organization which I have just formed, and from purely selfish personal reasons, I beg of you to give this invitation your earnest consideration.

I am going to give you a few tentative dates, taking the chance that they may fit in with your future plans. Remember, however, that I will make any adjustments of time that are necessary to insure your coming. ~~However,~~ just for argument's sake, let us say Wednesday, February 10th or the 17th. If you came in March the 10th or the 17th of March would be fine.

By the way, I share your indignation against the manner in which the press handled our conference. On my return to Kansas City I found that the first page of the Star carried the following: "Mental healing wins Jews. Rabbis recognize power of mental suggestion in a resolution." Of course I was out-raged and have done my best to correct the error, but of course the damage has been done.

Let me hear from you about the speaking engagement at your earliest convenience. With warm personal greetings from house to house, I am, as ever,

Devotedly yours, *Henry*

P. S. Could we have "Jew and Christian - Will they ever meet?"  
The memory lingers!  
HJB/C

*Feb 23 Kansas -  
Feb 24  
Feb 23 Alex Mowbray  
Feb 25*



October 30th, 1925.

Rabbi Henry J. Berkowitz,  
517 Armour Boulevard,  
Kansas City, Mo.

My dear Henry,

I am planning a trip  
to your "medinah" the third week in  
February. I could give you Wednesday  
evening, February 24th. Please let  
me know whether that date is acceptable.

With best wishes to the  
little lady and yourself, I am

As ever,

Kansas City

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November 4, 1925.

Dr. A. H. Silver  
The Temple, 105th St. and Ansel Road.  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Abba:

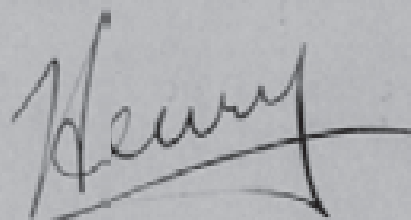
Great news! I was delighted beyond words to have your letter giving us February 24th. The word has gone around the community like lightning, and I feel that it is a big boost for me that I was able to get your consent for an address. The date suits us exactly.

About February first, I would like to have a picture, please, for the press notices.

With affectionate greetings from house to house, I am

Devotedly yours,

HJB/C



CERTAIN BOND



December Fifteenth  
1925

Rabbi Henry H. Baykewitz,  
517 Armour Boulevard,  
Kansas City, Mo.

My dear Henry,

I find it is going to be impossible for me to be in Kansas City for the evening of February 24th. Matter of great importance have made a change of date necessary. I could come to you one week earlier, namely February 17th. This, however, would be contingent upon the acceptance of a like change in date by Milwaukee and Des Moines, to whom I am offering the 15th and the 16th, instead of the 22nd and 23rd previously scheduled.

Please let me know whether February seventeenth would be acceptable to your group.

With kindest regards, and regretting exceedingly any inconvenience I may be causing you in making this change, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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

Dear Abba:

Any date which you name is more than satisfactory to us. We accept Feb. 17th with gladness, and I trust Milwaukee and Des Moines have the good sense to change their dates also.

It would be a terrible blow if anything happened to prevent your coming, because the whole community is looking forward to the event and I am making a great deal of it whenever the opportunity offers. So just put yourself down for Kansas City on the 17th instead of the 24th, and you will be received by the biggest mob Kansas City ever turned out. Let's have your subject considerably in advance.

With greetings and regards. I am, as ever,

Faithfully yours,

HJB/C

*As indicated. The last word in front? Henry*  
*The Fundamental Needs of Human Life*  
*Is Progress a Myth?*  
*The Rising Tide of Cholera*

January third,  
1926

Rabbi Henry J. Berkowitz,  
Newbern Apartments, 317 Armour Blvd.,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

My dear Henry,

Many thanks for accepting the change in date suggested by me. I will schedule February 17th for Kansas City.

I am suggesting some subjects and should be glad to have you advise me at the first opportunity which one you decide upon:

Is Democracy the Last Word in Government?

The Fundamental Needs of Human Life

Is Progress a Myth?

The Rising Tide of Cholera

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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January 10, 1926.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Abba:

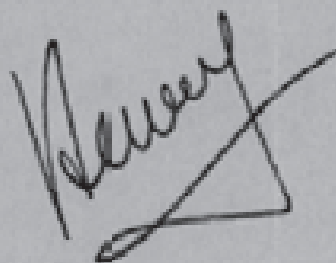
Many thanks for your kind letter of the 6th. We were all waiting anxiously for definite word from you as to our February date. The verification of it permitted a general sigh of relief. We have made such capital of your coming that I would have to leave town quickly if you didn't arrive as scheduled.

Of the topics you submitted, our committee decided that the one best suited to us would be "The Fundamental needs of Human Life". I feel sure that this topic will give our Men's Club a big thrill, because it would give you a fine opportunity to thrill them. Could you spare a photograph of yourself? I promise to return it promptly.

Be sure to let me know when to expect you, how long you will be able to stay, and anything ~~else~~ that I may be able to do for you.

Looking forward to the 17th of February with keen anticipation, I am, as ever,

Faithfully yours,



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September 23, 1927

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
1485 East 106th  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

The program committee of the Conference of Social Work in Kansas City has asked me to write you to find out if, some time this winter, you are to be in or near Kansas City and if you would be willing to address the conference at such time.

We should also like to know what financial arrangements you expect.

Yours very truly,

*Grace E. Williams*  
Grace E. Williams  
Chairman Program Committee



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October 3, 1927.

Miss Grace E. Williams,  
Chairman Program Committee,  
Young Women's Christian Association,  
1020 McGee Street,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

My dear Miss Williams:

Permit me to thank  
you for your kind letter of  
September 23rd.

I have no definite date  
scheduled for Kansas City this season.  
Should I accept any invitation for  
your city, I shall be very happy to  
get in touch with you relative to  
addressing the Conference of Social  
Workers.

With kindest regards,  
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:NEB



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April 14, 1928

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.


My dear Rabbi:

You will recall that at a dinner given by Cleveland Lodge early this year I spoke on Jewish education. I have made this subject the keynote of practically all of my addresses throughout the District. My administration winds up with the Convention at Columbus, Ohio, on June 3rd, 4th and 5th, which will be attended by approximately two hundred delegates and guests coming from the States of Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming. In my feeble way I have endeavored to sow the seed from which may grow the desire for a better Jewish educational system throughout this District. I know that you are keenly interested in the subject and are so much better qualified than I to speak upon this subject and to give expression to your views. It is my privilege to select the guest for the Convention who is to give the Convention address, and it is with pleasure that I exercise this privilege in extending to you an invitation to address this Convention upon this subject.

If you have a preference as to any one of the three dates we shall make every endeavor to conform our program with your wishes.

Assuring you that your acceptance of this invitation will be highly appreciated not only by myself, but by the other officers of the District, and awaiting your favorable reply, I am

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

  
President, D.G.L. No. 2, I.O.B.B.

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April 18th, 1928.

Mr. Ben M. Achtenberg,  
405 Title & Trust Bldg.,  
Kansas City, Mo.

My dear Mr. Achtenberg:-

Permit me to thank you for  
your kind letter of April 14th and for the  
invitation which you extend to me to address  
the Convention of the Independent Order B'nai  
Brith, District Grand Lodge #2.

Although the season is a  
rather crowded one around that time, due to  
the winding up of Temple activities, I shall  
make an effort to come on Monday evening, June  
4th.

With kindest regards, permit  
me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

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IN PREPARATION FOR THE DRIVE IS BEING ARRANGED FOR THE  
MIDDLE OR LATTER PART OF APRIL STOP WE WOULD FEEL MORE  
NEARLY CERTAIN OF SUCCESS IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU  
TO COME AS GUEST AND SPEAKER AT THIS MEETING WE REALIZE  
THAT THIS IS ASKING A GREAT DEAL BUT THE AMOUNT INVOLVED IS  
SUFFICIENTLY LARGE AND OUR CITY IS SO STRATEGICALLY  
SITUATED WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE EMINENTLY WORTHWHILE YOUR  
COMING PLEASE GIVE THIS YOUR SERIOUS ATTENTION AND WIRE  
IMMEDIATELY=

LOUIS H EHRLICH PRES JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATION.

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To Louis H. Ehrlich, President

Street and No. Jewish Welfare Federation

Place Kansas City, Mo.

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WORK MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE

A H SILVER

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Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On May 23rd and 24th, 1936, nineteen thousand men are to be in sessions of the Annual Conference of Bible Classes of the United States.

The Speakers' Committee has asked me to present to them the names of the four outstanding speakers for this occasion, and I have named you as one. The idea of the conference is to speak to the men on the Bible in business, the Bible in the Church, the Bible in social work, etcetera, etcetera.

I am not in a position to extend a definite invitation, but write to ask if you would be so good as to wire my office, in care of Volunteers of America, 526 Ridge Building, Kansas City, Mo., early this Saturday morning, stating whether it would be possible for you to accept such an invitation and what honorarium would be satisfactory to you.

With so much pleasure I remember presenting you to the audience at the Cleveland Hotel at one of the conferences of social workers.

With heartiest well wishes,

Sincerely,

*Charles Brandon Booth*



# The Volunteers of America

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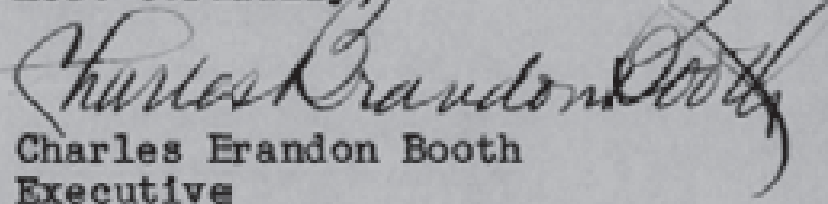
Rabbi A.E. Silver,  
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio,

Dear Rabbi Silver:

No answer has yet come to my air mail, special delivery, inviting you to be one of the speakers for the National Convention of Bible Classes here in Kansas City. The speaker's committee wants to use you for a message on the Family and the Bible, on the Sunday morning of May 24. I know they will pay \$100.00

Please wire me to Kansas City office.

Most cordially,

  
Charles Brandon Booth  
Executive

CBB:J

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January 14, 1936

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To Charles Brandon Booth,

Street and No. The Volunteers of America

Place 526 Ridge Bldg. - Kansas City, Mo.

REGRET EXCEEDINGLY WILL BE UNABLE TO ACCEPT INVITATION FOR MAY 23 and 24

Abba Hillel Silver

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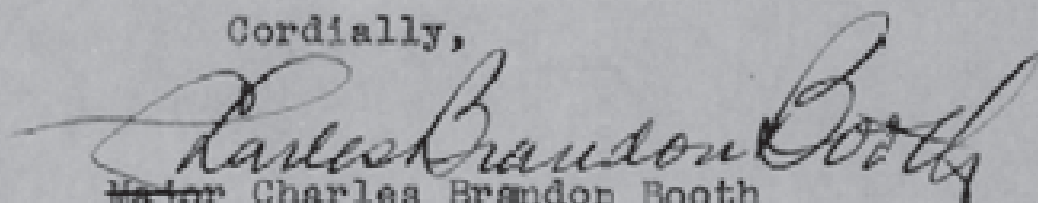
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
10311 Lake Shore Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It is with much disappointment that I learn from your telegram that you will not be able to be with us in Kansas City to address the 16 to 19 thousand men on Sunday morning, May 24. This is particularly a source of regret to me because I have heard you speak and know what a superb message you could give regarding the value of the Bible to the modern American home.

I dislike to give up urging you to come and seek elsewhere for a speaker, because I do feel that this great Bible Class Convention which will include the Bible Classes of all faiths and all creeds is one that needs the message which would come from your mind and heart. If by any chance, a change of plans makes it possible for you to be with us, please wire me and I will endeavor to somehow adjust the program so that the men may have the privilege of hearing you on that Sunday.

Cordially,

  
Major Charles Brandon Booth  
Executive

CB:WP



3 weeks

I am doing egg cost  
25¢ - how many egg  
could you buy of 75¢  
3 day -

If 4 boys have 20¢ an  
hour - how many boys  
must they work to earn 1.00

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Aug. 2nd, 1937.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Temple --105th Str & Ansel Rd  
Cleveland, Ohio. *W*

Dear Rabbi Silver,

The Kansas State Ass'n B'nai B'rith is planning its annual meeting which is usually held during the latter part of October and early part of November. This meeting will be held in Topeka, Kansas.

I have been given the honor to invite you as Guest Speaker at this meeting, to deliver a message of your own choice at the banquet. The date is being held open for a Sunday which is most convenient for you between the 24th of Oct and 7th of November. The attendance which is usually between 5 and 600 is composed of Jewish people throughout the State of Kansas. The delegates attending the District Conventions who have had the privilege of hearing you were so overwhelmed that we feel a message from you would be most inspiring.

The meeting is a one day session starting on a Sunday at 9.30 A.M. with general routine, reports etc., ending with a banquet at 6.30 P.M. The Women's State Ass'n comprised of Women's Auxiliaries to the B'nai B'rith Lodges in the State of Kansas meet at the same time.

Since all plans for this meeting are being held in obedience until word is received from you an early reply will be greatly appreciated. Trusting that you can arrange to be with us and with kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

*Dr. J. H. Rabin*



August 4, 1937

Dr. Julius H. Rabin  
610 Huron Building  
Kansas City, Kansas

My dear Dr. Rabin:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 2nd addressed to Rabbi Silver. I regret exceedingly that we cannot advise you at this time of Rabbi Silver's acceptance of your invitation because of his absence from the country. He is, at the present time, in Switzerland attending the Zionist Congress, and we do not anticipate his return until September 1st. At that time, I shall be very happy indeed to refer your communication to him, and you will, no doubt, hear from him direct regarding the acceptance of the invitation.

With kindest personal regards to both you and your wife, I am

Sincerely yours,

H. A. LEVY

HAL:NP

September 2, 1937

Dr. Julius H. Rabin  
610 Huron Building  
Kansas City, Kansas

My dear Dr. Rabin:

On returning from Europe I find your kind letter of August 2nd and your invitation to be guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Kansas State Association B'nai B'rith which you are planning to hold during the latter part of October or the early part of November. I wish I were free to accept your invitation. Unfortunately my program for the months of October and November is already heavily crowded with out-of-town lecture engagements and I cannot, in justice to my work here, accept any more.

Perhaps at some future time I may be of service. With all good wishes for a happy new year, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

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My dear Rabbi Silver

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On the evening of April 28th, 1938, in Kansas City, Missouri, the three national nursing organizations - American Nurses' Association, National League of Nursing Education, and the National Organization for Public Health Nursing - are holding the closing session of their Biennial Nursing Convention in the Auditorium.

The theme chosen for the general sessions of the Convention is, "Individual Responsibility for Professional Progress in Nursing," and the meetings on the preceding days will deal with the various technical and concrete aspects of professional responsibility. We very much wish, however, on this closing night of the Convention to give our audience something that will be more lasting than the rather familiar material with which they will be dealing during the week, and the Headquarters Biennial Convention Committee has asked me as chairman of the Committee to invite you to speak to our group on the spiritual values in nursing or if you prefer to define it a little further, "The Spiritual Values in the Profession of Nursing."

The evening meetings are usually open to the general public and the closing meeting is always well attended.

The only other speaker planned for this evening session is Dr. G. W. Frasier, President of the Colorado State College of Education at Greeley, who is being asked to speak on the development of personality in nursing.

Approximately eight thousand graduate, registered nurses attend our Convention and they come from every field of nursing - private duty, institutional work, public health nursing, and the specialized fields.

We can offer to meet your traveling expenses and an honorarium of \$50. I wish it could be more.

The Presidents of the three national nursing organizations join me in hoping that you can accept our invitation to speak to our members and guests on April 28th.

Sincerely yours

*Dorothy Deming*

Dorothy Deming, Chairman  
Headquarters Biennial Convention  
Committee



November 24, 1937

Miss Dorothy Deming, Chairman,  
Biennial Nursing Convention,  
50 West 50th Street,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Deming:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of November 12 and for the invitation which you extend to me to address the Biennial Nursing Convention in Kansas City on April 26, 1938. The date is considerably far off and I hesitate to make commitments that far ahead. I shall, however, make every effort to be with you on that evening and I trust that nothing will prevent me from coming. Later on in the year, I would appreciate it if you would send me some material about the work of your organization which might help me in writing my address.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 10th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver

We are delighted that you will address the Joint General Session of the Biennial Nursing Convention on April 28th, in Kansas City, Missouri. The Committee joins me in expressing our thanks to you.

I have made a note on my calendar to send you some material regarding the nursing organizations which I hope will be of some help to you in giving you information on what we are doing and what we are trying to do.

I notice in your letter of November 24 that you mention the date of April 26th. I imagine that this is a typographical error as my letter mentions the 28th, Thursday, which is the closing meeting of the Convention.

Sincerely yours

*Dorothy Deming*

Dorothy Deming, Chairman  
Biennial Convention Committee

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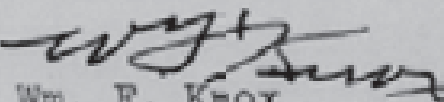
Dear Rabbi Silver

This is the season of the year for  
planning the program for the Missouri State  
Teachers Association which is scheduled to hold  
its annual meeting in Kansas City, November 16  
to 19.

May I inquire if it would be possible  
for you to appear on our program on Thursday, =  
November 17, or Friday, November 18. If you can  
be available, under what terms?

Very truly yours,

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Wm. F. KNOX  
President

February 4, 1938

Dr. William F. <sup>K</sup>ox, President,  
Missouri State Teachers Association,  
321 East Gay Street,  
Warrensburg, Missouri.

My dear Dr. Fox:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of January 31. I appreciate very much your invitation to address the Missouri State Teachers Association in Kansas City. I would be free to come on Thursday, November 17. My customary honorarium for such meetings is \$250.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio  
My dear Rabbi Silver:

As I promised, I am sending you, a little belatedly I am sorry to say, some of the material which we thought might help you to get a point of view on our problems in the nursing profession at the moment. This may give you some inkling as to the best approach to make to the subject of your speech at our Biennial Convention, "The Spiritual Values in the Profession of Nursing."

I am sending you three different sets of material. The first are leaflets which describe the service of our National Agencies just in order that you may see the relationship which our

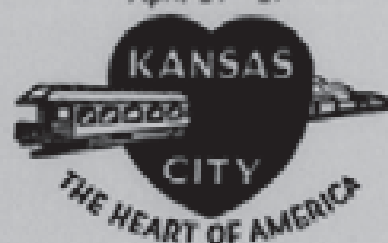
National Agencies bear to the nurses all over the United States. The second set of material consists of some reprints and pamphlets prepared by each of the National Agencies which we feel are important in our field. I think you will probably only wish to skim through these. Miss Wheeler of the National League of Nursing Education suggests that you might be interested in reading some of the chapters in the New Curriculum Guide which has been published during this past year. We suggest that perhaps the philosophy back of the Guide and the ethical principles suggested in teaching would interest you. Miss Gillis, there in the city, has a copy of the Curriculum Guide which Miss Wheeler is sure you could borrow should you care to have it.

Miss Wheeler is also sending you the book Nursing Schools Today and Tomorrow which will give you any figures which you may need. These of course are already a little out of date, but the general situation remains rather unchanged. It will be well not to quote the actual figures from this book, I believe, without checking with the National League of Nursing Education. I am also sending you three little leaflets from our Nursing Information Bureau which give some instructions to girls who are preparing to go into nursing.

Please don't feel that you must read all of this material to deal with your subject! I am sure that you would be lost in a maze if you attempted to do so. I hope, however, from the general set-up and the outlines on certain trends which the American Nurses Association has sent you that you will be able to find the suggestions that you may need.

One point our Biennial Convention Committee has asked me to note for you. We are troubled considerably these days by the pressure of what might be called "commercialism" against the professional field of nursing. Quite naturally there are areas in which the unions are bringing considerable pressure to bear on

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our nurses to join with them in their search for better hours, better wages and better conditions generally. While we are all in complete agreement that nurses need all of these things, it is unfortunate that that spirit is creeping in to some centers. I do not know whether it would be in keeping to point out that commercialism is usually opposed to the aims of a profession and that a professional group can secure its ends by other means, in many instances, than by force. It is a ticklish subject and perhaps you will prefer not to touch upon it!

Won't you please write me if anything is not clear?

Sincerely yours,

*Dorothy Deming*

Dorothy Deming, Chairman  
Convention Committee

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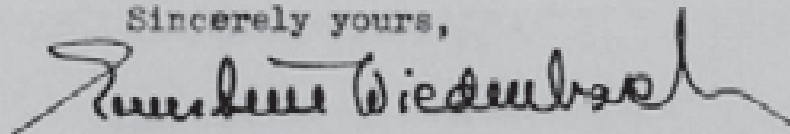
Dear Dr. Silver:

The three National Nursing Organizations have again, this year asked this Nursing Information Bureau to provide newspapers with essential information about our Biennial Convention, which, as you know, takes place in Kansas City, Missouri, the week of April 25th. We have accepted the responsibility. Our concern now, is, to make sure that information which goes to the press will present a true picture of the proceedings and carry neither misstatements nor misconceptions.

All who attend the Biennial and the public too, will be keenly interested in the address "The Spiritual Values in the Profession of Nursing" which you are giving Thursday evening, April 28th. I am writing therefore, to ask if you will let us have advance copies of your address, so that we may prepare abstracts of it for the press. We would like if possible, to have four copies by Thursday, April 7th. One we will give to the American Nurses' Association to print in its Convention Proceedings; one to the National League of Nursing Education to print in its Annual Report; one copy we will give to the American Journal of Nursing; and one we will use to abstract for the newspapers.

We will be more than grateful to you if you will provide us with the necessary copies ahead of time. We do realize that we are asking a good deal of you and probably are adding pressure to your heavy schedule by making this request. By having your paper in advance of the meetings, however, we can prepare a digest of it for editors and reporters and so feel reasonably sure that the newspapers will stress the essential points.

Sincerely yours,



Secretary

Nursing Information Bureau

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P.S. We have no photograph of you. Have you a glossy print which you could send me? If you have none to spare, Bachrach, the photographer, has offered to take your picture for us, with no obligation to you. One of their representatives may call you, in the next day or two.

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TO: Guests and Speakers Taking Part in the  
Joint General Sessions of the  
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The guests and speakers taking part in the  
Thursday evening, April 28th, Joint General Session  
of the Biennial Nursing Convention will meet at 8:20  
p.m. on that evening in the Arena West Concourse Lobby.  
The entrance to this Lobby is on the Central Street  
side of the Municipal Auditorium.

We are looking forward with pleasure to  
seeing you at this time.

DOROTHY DEMING, Chairman  
Biennial Nursing Committee

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

My dear Rabbi Silver

The plans for the meeting at which you are to speak on the program of the Biennial Nursing Convention are now complete. This meeting is to be held on Thursday evening, April 28th, at 8:30 p.m. at the Municipal Auditorium Arena.

Because admission to some of the meetings is by badge, we are enclosing one for your use. You will also receive with this letter a copy of the program in which, on page 8, information concerning your program is contained.

Enclosed is a return postal card for your convenience in letting us know where you may be located in Kansas City and when you will arrive.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your contribution to the program.

Sincerely yours

*Dorothy Deming*  
Dorothy Deming, Chairman  
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April 21, 1938

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We are very happy that you are going to talk to us on Thursday, April 28, at the Joint General Session of the Biennial Nursing Convention, and hope that you will be able to have dinner with us that evening before the meeting.

We shall get in touch with you in Kansas City to let you know the time and place.

Very sincerely,



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Nellie X. Hawkinson  
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
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My dear Rabbi Silver:

As Chairman of the Biennial Convention Program Committee, may I extend the Committee's thanks and my own for the message which you brought us at our evening meeting on Thursday, April 28? I am sure that you knew from the attentive attitude of the audience how seriously it was taking your words, and I hope that you also felt our own appreciation of the time and effort necessary in presenting such an address. I have heard only favorable comments on it.

I am enclosing an expense voucher which we are asking you to fill out and return to us at which time we will include the honorarium which we promised. I only wish we could more generously compensate you for your interest.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Deming, Chairman  
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I can't let this formal official letter go to you without just a line to tell you that I think you did a masterly job in counteracting the impression left from Dr. Frasier's paper on the minds of some of us. I hope you realized that some of us were disturbed by one or two of the points Dr. Frasier made, fine as was his paper in most ways, and I do want you to know that we were thrilled by <sup>your</sup> the handling of the difficult situation. Thank you ever so much.

Sincerely yours,

*Dorothy Deming*

Dorothy Deming, Chairman  
Headquarters Biennial Convention  
Committee

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May 6, 1938

Miss Dorothy Deming, Chairman,  
Biennial Convention Committee,  
Biennial Nursing Convention,  
50 West 50th Street,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Deming:

Let me thank you so much for your kind letters.  
I am grateful to know that my address was of some service  
to the splendid group which assembled at your convention.  
I enjoyed the meeting greatly.

As far as my traveling expenses are concerned,  
I am in no position to give you a detailed expense  
account. I traveled to and from Kansas City by air.  
Inasmuch as I addressed another meeting on the same day  
in behalf of overseas relief, I feel that that organization  
ought to bear half of the traveling expenses.

The airplane trip to Kansas City by way of  
Omaha amounted to \$ . . . I suppose that hotel  
accommodations, meals, taxis would amount to another  
\$10.

With all good wishes and thanking you for the  
privilege which you extended to me to address your  
splendid organization, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:EK



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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D.D.  
The Temple  
Ansel Road and 105th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver

Thank you for the very nice things you said about us in your letter of May 6th. I am glad you enjoyed the Convention. It was a pleasure to have you with us.

I am enclosing our check for \$99.83, to cover your expenses and an honorarium in appreciation of your contribution to the Convention.

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours

Dorothy Deming, Chairman  
Biennial Convention Committee

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July 27, 1938

Dr. William F. Knox, President  
Missouri State Teachers Association  
321 East Gay Street  
Warrensburg, Missouri

My dear Dr. Knox:

In setting up Dr. Silver's program for the coming season, I note that he has tentatively set aside the date of Thursday, November 17 for the Missouri State Teachers Association. Please refer to Dr. Silver's letter of February 4 and let me know at your convenience whether or not this date is definite.

Awaiting your reply, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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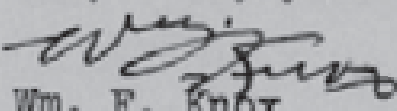
Dear Miss Kline:

This will confirm our previous correspondence with Dr. Silver concerning his appearance at the Missouri State Teachers Association Convention in Kansas City, Mo., November 17, 1938.

As our program now stands we should like to have Dr. Silver speak at the evening session at p.m.

At your convenience, will you please send me a glossy print of a photograph to be used in our publicity materials, and also the title of the address.

Very truly yours,

  
Wm. F. Knox  
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August 3, 1938

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Would it be possible for you to be the speaker at one session of our National Convention, which is to take place in Kansas City in October? Thursday, October 13th at 11 o'clock in the morning is the particular session when we should like to have you.

On that day the Convention sessions are devoted to consideration of the particular theme of the Convention, "Citizenship and Girl Scouting." The morning will be a general meeting for everyone present at Convention, and we want a talk on democratic citizenship, discussing it from what I may call the basic or philosophic angle. In the afternoon we plan a series of group meetings, small to give the participants an opportunity for discussion, concerned with the practical application of these principles and the development of citizenship through the Girl Scout program and activities. Our idea is that the morning address will give us a broad background from which the more specific smaller meetings in the afternoon can draw.

We have not attempted to phrase the topic, feeling that our speaker would prefer to word it for himself if he knew our general idea.

Our President, Mrs. Frederick H. Brooke, and the Convention Committee, of which she is Chairman, agree with the subcommittee in charge of the Thursday program, that we could have no better speaker than yourself. We all hope very much that you

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
August 3, 1938,  
Page 2.

will be interested and that you will find it possible to arrange your calendar to be with us.

Like other organizations of our kind, we operate on a rather limited budget, and we regret that we cannot offer as large a fee as we should like to be able to do. We have found in our experience with university speakers that a fee of \$50.00 is usual with them and we wonder if you could consider this honorarium in addition to your expenses from Cleveland to Kansas City and return.

May I say again that the Committee for whom I am writing, of which Dr. Lillian M. Gilbreth and Mrs. Arthur Page are co-chairmen, is very hopeful that you will accept this invitation. If you have questions in regard to further details, I should be very glad to have you write.

Cordially yours,

*Agnes B. Leahy*

Agnes B. Leahy,  
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 5, 1933

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

I have been selected to head the Allied Charities Campaign of Kansas City, Missouri, to be held the coming November. In this campaign a fund of over \$1,000,000.00 is raised by united effort to take care of the needs of more than fifty various eleemosynary institutions.

We recognize that, under existing economic conditions, it is going to be an unusually difficult task to raise the large sum required next autumn, unless we can inspire the workers and the public in general beyond what has yet been accomplished.

A group of distinguished churchmen of all denominations, headed by Bishop Lillis and Monsignor Tierney of the Catholic Church, Bishop Spencer and Dean Sprouse of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Bishop Meade of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Rabbi Mayerberg of the Jewish faith and Dr. Robert I. Wilson, President of the Council of Churches, have conceived the idea of starting this campaign with a great spiritual mass meeting to be held Sunday afternoon or evening, November 13th, in the Municipal Auditorium, at which an outstanding nationally known personality will appear and the community will dedicate itself to a week's unselfish work for charity.

The municipal authorities fully endorse this plan and have reserved the facilities of the Auditorium for us that day. The Auditorium is one of the greatest public buildings in America, wholly air conditioned and with a splendid public address system, with a seating capacity in the main arena of approximately 15,000, and other halls available for any overflow.

The plan is to have a great non-sectarian mass meeting with Protestant, Catholic and Jewish high churchmen briefly participating, coupled with the principal address on the moral and spiritual aspects of charity by a great public leader. It is anticipated that the facilities of the Auditorium will be taxed to capacity with this gathering, supported as it will be by all of the churches in the City, the public officials and the Charities Committee, provided that we can obtain the proper person to make the principal address.

The aforesaid group of churchmen have unanimously agreed that you are the man we desire to make that address, and I heartily concur therein.



KANSAS CITY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

Hon. Abba Hillel Silver

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August 5, 1938


Therefore, the privilege is afforded me to invite you on behalf of the Charities Committee, the municipal authorities and the aforesaid group of churchmen to be the speaker of the day. It will afford to a great number of the people of this section an opportunity to see and hear in person a man they have long known by reputation. Not only can you do a great service to this community by your acceptance, in the cause of charity, but you will also thereby afford real pleasure and spiritual uplift to many of this community.

We would prefer to have this mass meeting in the evening, although it could be set for the afternoon if that be necessary. As above stated, the date is Sunday, November 13th.

I understand that Rabbi Mayerberg is communicating with you direct, joining in this invitation and urging your acceptance. I sincerely trust that you will see fit to honor us.

With regards and best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Powell C. Groner".

Powell C. Groner.

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September 7, 1938

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

In shaping up the program of the Missouri State Teachers Association for the Kansas City Convention, November 17-19, I find I now have need of the title of your address which is scheduled for Thursday evening, November 17th at 8 p.m.

We need, also, a glossy print of a recent photograph to be used for publicity purposes.

Very truly yours,

  
Wm. F. Knox,  
President

WK/hm

September 9, 1938

Dr. William F. Knox, President  
Missouri State Teachers Association  
821 East Gay Street  
Warrensburg, Mo.

My dear Dr. Knox:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of September 7. The subject of my address before the State Teachers Association on November 17 will be: SOME ABERRATIONS OF OUR DAY.

I am enclosing herewith a glossy print of myself which you requested.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX  
Enc.

# GIRL SCOUTS

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14 WEST 49TH STREET  
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September 20, 1938

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I did not write you immediately on receipt of your letter, because I realized you were on vacation, and would probably appreciate being left to enjoy it in peace. Now, however, I do want to express our very great pleasure in your acceptance of our invitation to speak at our convention next month. We feel greatly complimented that you have enough interest in the work our organization is trying to do to put our meeting into your crowded calendar.

I hope you will not mind that we selected a title for your address without further consultation with you. The fact was that we were suddenly confronted with a program going to press nearly two weeks earlier than in previous years, and we had expected the former dates to be in force and thought there was plenty of time to write you. "Every-day Democracy" was chosen because it seemed broad enough to allow you any approach and interpretation you might choose, and because it suggested a practical concept of the theme. Titles we considered and discarded - which I am jotting down to give you an idea of what was in our minds - were "Significance of a Democracy," "Creative Citizens" or "Creative Citizenship," and even "Democracies on Trial." A note which didn't get as far as crystallization in a title was "belief in personality fundamental in democratic governments."

What we hope you will give us is, as I indicated in my earlier letter, something of a philosophic background which is broad and fundamental, and at the same time makes each person feel that there is something she can and ought to do about it. We hope our afternoon sessions will develop definite ways in which they can do it!

Not knowing whether you would find it helpful to know what comes before and after your address on the Convention program, I hesitate to add that to this already long letter. However, I am sending that information to Miss Ann Wright, our Local Director in Cleveland, so you can get it from her if you care to.



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In regard to your staying in Kansas City, our headquarters is the Hotel Muehlebach, and I will be very glad to reserve a room for you if you will let me know when you will arrive. The meetings will be held at the Auditorium. I will plan to get in touch with you, as soon as possible after you arrive.

We are looking forward to hearing you.

Cordially,

*Agnes B. Leahy*

Agnes B. Leahy,  
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
 The Temple  
 E. 105th Street and Ansel Rd.  
 Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As you no doubt know, those having responsibility for press relations during special events find it of great assistance to have as much material as possible prepared in advance of the event. We are wondering, therefore, whether we may ask you at this time whether you have put on paper the talk you will give at our Convention in Kansas City. If so, we would greatly appreciate receiving a copy at your earliest convenience. Perhaps we could have it by Monday? If this is not possible, may we ask you to see that we receive a copy as soon as possible after you arrive in Kansas City?

Sincerely yours,

A. Schaeffer, Jr.  
 Executive Secretary  
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October 10, 1938

Agnes B. Leahy, Executive Secretary  
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New York, N.Y.

RABBI SILVER HAS BEEN CONFINED TO HIS ROOM SINCE SUNDAY WITH A SEVERE COLD. HIS PHYSICIAN WILL NOT ALLOW HIM TO TRAVEL. THOUGHT I SHOULD NOTIFY YOU IN TIME SO OTHER ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE. HE REGRETS EXCEEDINGLY THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH COMPEL HIM TO MISS YOUR CONVENTION TO WHICH HE HAD LOOKED FORWARD WITH GREAT PLEASURE. KINDEST REGARDS.

*Am* A H SILVER

CENTRAL MISSOURI  
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October 10, 1938

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
East 103th Street at Ansel Rd.  
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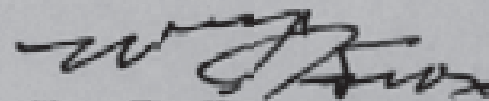
Dear Dr. Silver:

You are scheduled to speak on the evening's program of the Missouri State Teachers Association, Thursday, November 17th.

The President of the Missouri Association for Childhood Education requests me to invite you to be the guest speaker for the chapter luncheon on Thursday, November 17th, 12 o'clock noon, and to deliver to this group a brief message appropriate to the occasion.

I sincerely hope that we may have the pleasure of your acceptance of the invitation of this group.

Very truly yours,



Wm. F. Knox, President  
Mo. State Teachers Ass'n.

WK/hm

October 18, 1938

Dr. William F. Knox, President  
Missouri State Teachers Association  
Warrensburg, Mo.

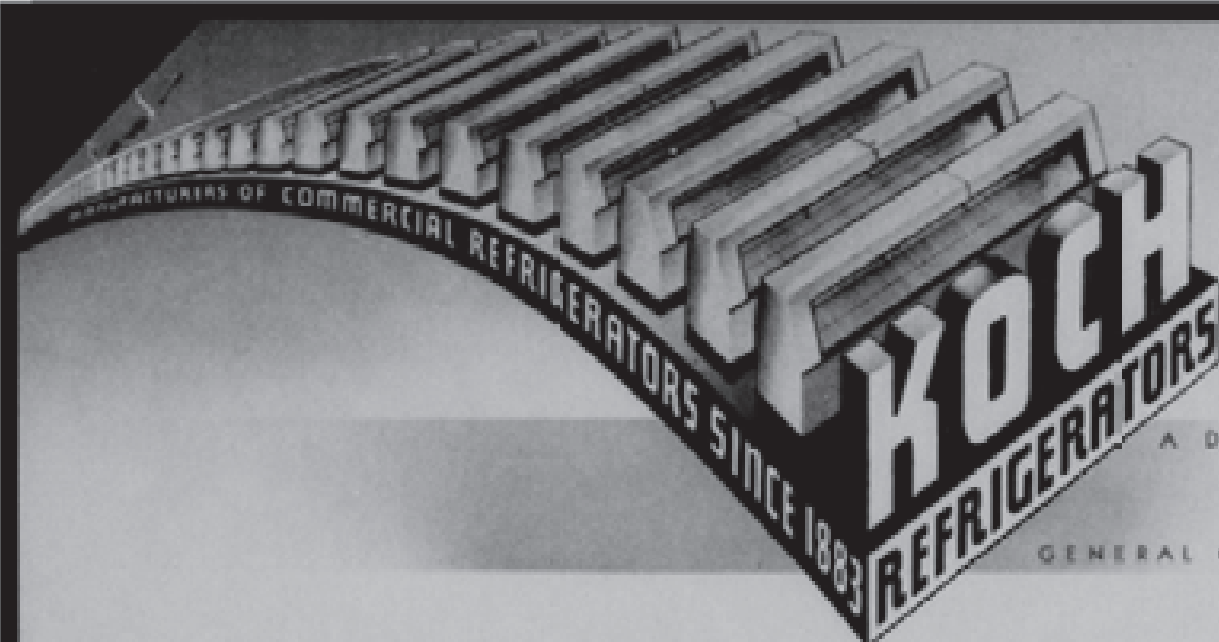
My dear Dr. Knox;

Let me thank you for your kind letter of October 10 and for your invitation to attend the luncheon of the Missouri Association for Childhood Education on the occasion of my visit to Kansas City in connection with the Missouri State Teachers' Association. I would gladly have availed myself of that kind invitation. Unfortunately I have already accepted an invitation to address a small group meeting of the leaders of the Kansas City Jewish community in behalf of overseas relief for refugees. You know, of course, how great the need is at this time to care for the hundreds of thousands of refugees who are fleeing from persecution, and wherever asked, I rally the leadership in communities in the United States in behalf of these refugees.

With all good wishes and looking forward with pleasure to our meeting on the 17th, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BX



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GENERAL OFFICES..NORTH KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

October 21, 1938

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Through Baruch Braunstein of St. Louis, we have been informed of your coming visit to Kansas City on November seventeenth.

On behalf of the Federation, I am taking the liberty of asking you to set aside several hours during midday so that we may have the pleasure of being with you at luncheon, and whatever time thereafter that you can give us for any discussion that may follow.

Having had the pleasure of meeting you before, I am looking forward to seeing you next month.

With kindest regards to you, I am,

Yours very truly,

*Millard Mayer*

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October 23, 1938

Adda Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street & Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Will you please forward at once, if possible,  
a manuscript of your address to be delivered at the  
Convention of the Missouri State Teachers Association  
on Thursday, November 17.

We must have this in advance to use for  
publicity purposes.

Very truly yours,

*Thos. J. Walker*  
SECRETARY

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Slogan—"Every teacher in Missouri a member of M.S.T.A.—Every county completely organized—Every  
teacher a member of local organization"



October 24, 1938

Mr. Milton Mayer  
Koch Butchers' Supply Company  
North Kansas City, Mo.

My dear Mr. Mayer:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of October 21st. I shall be very happy to have lunch with you and the members of the Federation on the occasion of my visit to Kansas City on November 17th in connection with the Missouri State Conference of Teachers which body I am to address in the evening.

I recall with pleasure our former meeting and I am looking forward to our next meeting with keen anticipation.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

## CONGREGATION B'NAI JEHUDAH

*Linwood Boulevard and Flora Avenue*

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

11-1-1938.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver  
E. 105th Street & Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

Rabbi Mayerberg showed me a letter he received from Mrs. Frederick H. Brooke, president of the Girl Scouts of America, in which she said,

"The sincere applause and warm personal congratulations that followed your delightful talk at our Twenty-Fourth Annual Girl Scout Convention must have given assurance that you had made a most constructive contribution to the program, and had reached and interested your audience."

Rabbi Mayerberg feels that the organization has been unjust to him since no fee was offered. He has decided to let the matter drop because when the invitation was extended to him he did not say anything about compensation. However, I happen to know that the Rabbi 'pinch-hit' for you under great difficulties so I am writing to you without his permission to ask your judgment concerning this matter.

If you were offered a fee, would you mind telling me the approximate amount? In the light of this information, do you think I should urge Rabbi Mayerberg to take this matter further and request a fee of some sort or whether some other source could bring this to the attention of the proper officials? I will await your advice in the matter.

Please do not think me presumptuous in writing or that the Rabbi is mercenary but it just does not seem fair to me.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Gertrude Ebert*  
Sec'y.

November 1, 1938

Mr. Millard Mayer  
Koch Butcher Supply Co.  
14th and Gentry  
North Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Mayer:

This is to confirm our conversation concerning the possible appearance by Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland at a report meeting of the Charities Campaign on Thursday, November 17th.

I have been advised that the Teachers' Convention proper has no claim on him excepting for an address Thursday evening, and that it will be agreeable with them for him to fill any such engagement on Thursday noon as he wishes.

I further understand that the Jewish Welfare Federation had planned to have a lunch meeting where Rabbi Silver would be the speaker on that day, but that they have very generously consented either to share the Rabbi with us or to waive their meeting entirely in order that he might speak at our campaign report meeting on that date.

This is to advise you that if the Rabbi can be prevailed upon to fit himself into our program that day we should be more than grateful to everyone concerned to have him do so. I am sure that his appearance, even though brief, before our campaign organization will be a great inspiration to it. The only problem that I can think of is the fact that inasmuch as our meeting is a regular official report luncheon, and inasmuch as it will be a heavy day, the time available for even so distinguished a guest speaker as Rabbi Silver of necessity has to be limited to not to exceed ten minutes. It occasionally happens that a truly great man, such as Rabbi Silver is, finds it difficult to do justice on an occasion of this sort to himself in ten minutes. We earnestly hope that Rabbi Silver will find that possible, and that arrangements can be made for him to appear before our group.

The meeting will be held at the Ararat Temple in the dining room on the lower floor, and I anticipate that there will be a crowd of not less than 1,200 people. The luncheon itself will begin shortly after 12 o'clock and the time scheduled for the speaker that day will in all probability be from 12:35 to 12:45 P. M., immediately preceding the campaign reports.

Mr. Millard Mayer #2 November 1, 1938.

I understand that you will communicate with Rabbi Silver and shall be very glad if you like to have you send him a copy of this letter, and for that reason I am sending you an additional copy.

You may want to remind him if you wire him that the Charities Fund in Kansas City is the parallel organization with the Cleveland Community Fund.

Hoping very much that arrangements may be made for Rabbi Silver to be with us, and assuring you of our deep appreciation for your willingness to act in our behalf in this matter, I am

Most cordially yours,

CWP:RL

cc - George Oppenheimer

C. W. Pfeiffer,  
Secretary



MILLARD MAYER  
PRESIDENT



A DIVISION OF KOCH BUTCHERS' SUPPLY COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES - NORTH KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

November 2, 1938.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am sorry to bother you knowing how very busy you are and how many letters you must be receiving these days. Nevertheless, in order to acquaint you fully with the circumstances, I am explaining the situation with reference to your visit to Kansas City.

At the last meeting of the Federation Board, when it was formally announced that we were to have the pleasure of seeing you on November 17th, it was suggested that since the Annual Community Chest Charities Campaign (non sectarian) would be on at the time of your visit, we ascertain if it would be possible for you to address the noon meeting of the officials. The secretary of the Charities Campaign was consulted, a copy of his letter is enclosed.

In the meantime we have arranged for a luncheon and are inviting a group to be present. We are however, willing to forego the pleasure and honor of having you address this smaller Jewish group if you deem it advisable and prefer to address the Charities Campaign group (some 1200 representative Kansas Citizens), in line with Mr. Pfeiffer's suggestion.

So that we may act strictly in accordance with your wishes, won't you please let me know as soon as possible which group you would prefer addressing. We are assuming that it would be impossible to address both the Charities Campaign Group and later the Federation and other Jewish representatives.

If you will, at the same time, let me know exactly when you will arrive in Kansas City, I will arrange to meet you.

If it will be more convenient for you to have your secretary telegraph on receipt of this communication, please do so.

I hope that I have given you a clear picture of the situation. Please let me hear from you as promptly as possible. With very best wishes to you, I am

Cordially yours,

*Millard Mayer*

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November 2, 1938

Mr. Thos. J. Walker, Secretary  
Missouri State Teachers Association  
Columbia, Missouri

My dear Mr. Walker:

I regret that I cannot send you a copy of the address which I am to deliver at the Missouri State Teachers Convention as I have not, as yet, written it. I am, however, enclosing herewith a brief abstract of it which covers most of the points I am to discuss and which you may use in your publicity.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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November 4, 1938

Mr. Millard Mayer

WILL BE PLEASED TO ADDRESS KANSAS CITY COMMUNITY CHARITIES CAMPAIGN NOVEMBER 17.

A H SILVER

November 4, 1938

Miss Gertrude Ebert, Secretary to Rabbi Mayerberg  
Congregation B'nai Jehudah  
Linwood Boulevard and Flora Avenue  
Kansas City, Mo.

My dear Miss Ebert:

I do not accept honorariums from organizations like the Girl Scouts and my present recollection is that I was to receive just my traveling expenses. It would be wise, in my judgment, not to make any request for an honorarium. The organization is not a profit-making organization, as you know, and any contribution which we can make to its splendid work is a contribution to ourselves.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

November 4, 1938

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Schoolmasters' Club of Kansas City  
will hold a dinner meeting on Wednesday,  
November 16th, 6 PM at the University Club,  
918 Baltimore Avenue.

Instructions from the Club members give  
me the pleasure of inviting you to attend the  
meeting as a guest of the Club.

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me the pleasure of inviting you to attend the  
meeting as a guest of the Club.

Please notify me of your acceptance.

Very truly yours,

*Harry McMILLAN*  
Harry McMILLAN  
Corresponding Secretary  
Schoolmasters' Club

HM:B

MILLARD MAYER  
PRESIDENT



A DIVISION OF KOCH BUTCHERS' SUPPLY COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES--NORTH KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

November 5, 1938.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you, Dr. Silver, for your telegram reading:

"Will be pleased to address Kansas City  
Community Chest Charities Campaign  
November seventeenth"

As previously requested, please let me know the time  
of your arrival in Kansas City, so that I can meet  
you, and if there is anything I can do for you, do  
not hesitate to ask it.

Thanking you and looking forward with pleasure to  
seeing you, I am

Cordially yours,

*Millard Mayer*  
M. Mayer

MM:IS



November 8, 1938

Mr. Millard Mayer  
Koch Butcher Supply Co.  
14th and Gentry  
North Kansas City, Mo.

My dear Mr. Mayer:

I regret to inform you that because of an important wedding in my congregation which I just had to schedule for November 16, it will be impossible for me to arrive in Kansas City at noon on the 17. As it is, it will only be possible for me to keep my engagement in the evening. I need not tell you how deeply I regret having to cancel my engagement with the Community Chest Charities Campaign as it would have given me extreme pleasure to be with them. Please inform the Community Chest Charities people of this change in my plans and express my regrets.

With all good wishes to you and hoping that I may have the pleasure of seeing you on the evening of the 17th, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 9, 1938

Mr. Harry McMillan, Secretary  
Schoolmasters' Club  
East High School  
1924 Van Brunt Blvd.  
Kansas City, Mo.

My dear Mr. McMillan:

I deeply appreciate the invitation of the Schoolmasters' Club of Kansas City to attend their meeting on Wednesday evening, November 16. Unfortunately, I shall not arrive in Kansas City until the afternoon of November 17 and I must therefore forego the pleasure of meeting with your group.

With all good wishes, permit me  
to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



A DIVISION OF KOCH BUTCHERS SUPPLY COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES - NORTH KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

November 10, 1938

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you, Dr. Silver, for your letter informing us of the change in your plans.

I am expressing the regret of all concerned, at your inability to honor us with your presence at the noon meeting of the Community Chest Charities Campaign.

I am assuming now that you will not arrive in Kansas City until late in the afternoon of the 17th. If you will let me know if I can meet you or serve you in any way, I will be happy to do so.

Reciprocating your good wishes from the directors of the Community Chest Charities Campaign, as well as the Federation Board and myself, I am

Yours sincerely,

*Millard Mayer*

Millard Mayer

MM:DC

Public Schools, Kansas City, Missouri

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DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM DEPARTMENT

November 10, 1938

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

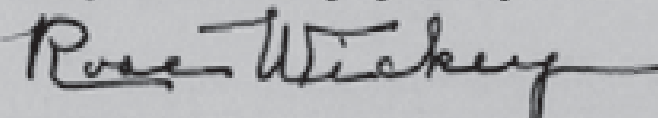
I am happy indeed to know that you are to make a contribution to the program of the Missouri State Teachers Association, which meets in Kansas City next week. We are looking forward with pleasurable anticipation to your address.

We are asking some of our outstanding speakers to give a little broadcast to the public at some time during their stay. We should like to have you be one of that number.

If you consent to make this contribution, would you prefer to give a brief talk or engage in an interview? If you prefer the interview, please send me a little outline of the points you would include in order that the interviewer could formulate his questions.

Please let me know also what time you arrive in Kansas City and how long you expect to remain here.

Very sincerely yours,



Rose Wickey, Chairman  
Publicity Committee  
Missouri State Teachers Association

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Educational Department  
The School District of Kansas City, Mo.



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GEORGE MELCHER, SUPERINTENDENT

November 12, 1938

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

It may be asking too much of you because I know you will be very busy while you are in Kansas City but our radio stations are very anxious to have some good broadcasts during the state association.

I shall be able to secure fifteen minutes for you on one of our stations if you will be able to give this talk.

I shall be glad to have you wire me at my expense what hour will suit you best.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,

*G. Melcher*  
Superintendent.

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Nov. 14, 1938

Mr. George Malcher

Kansas City, Mo.

WILL ARRIVE KANSAS CITY BY PLANE LATE IN THE AFTERNOON THURSDAY. WONDER WHETHER PART OF MY ADDRESS IN THE EVENING CAN BE BROADCAST. KINDEST REGARDS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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ELSA A. RIPLEY  
CONVENTION AND COURT REPORTERS  
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821 COMMERCE BLDG.  
KANSAS CITY, MO.

November 23, 1938

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed herewith a carbon copy  
of transcript of the address delivered by  
you at the Missouri State Teachers Association  
convention in Kansas City last week.

Will you kindly make such correc-  
tions or revision as you desire, and return  
the copy either to me or direct to Mr. T. J.  
Walker, Secretary of the Missouri State Teachers  
Association, Columbia, Missouri.

I should like to express my appre-  
ciation of this inspiring address and the  
pleasure I experienced in reporting it.

Sincerely,

*Elsa A. Ripley*

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# Hadassah



Women's Zionist Organization of America  
Kansas City Chapter      Kansas City, Missouri

August 17th, 1939.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have just posted an original of the following letter to an address in France which I obtained from your office several weeks when I was in Cleveland. With the turbulent conditions in Europe I feel you may possibly have shortened your stay and that it may expedite matters to send a copy to Cleveland.

Lest you be too confused I would tell you that I am Nell Feiser who formerly lived in Cleveland (my name was Bondell many many years ago) and whom you have seen on several occasions during your visits to Kansas City. Once particularly, I met you at the airport. You had arrived to address a Federation Banquet the year my husband was Chairman of the drive. Remember?

I have a serious and important request to put to you and were you to find it possible to grant the request I would consider myself and our Jewish Community very fortunate. This is my second year as President of our local Chapter of Hadassah. We have now a membership of seven hundred and during the past few years our Chapter has made rapid strides. For the coming year I feel it urgent that we find extraneous means to retain and stimulate that growth, and, as the Donor Luncheon, here as elsewhere, is the

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pivoting event of the year, I cordially invite you to be our Guest Speaker on that occasion.

Previous to this we have held our Donors the very last of February. We find it expedient to advance the date to <sup>this year</sup> Wednesday, December 13th. (That happens to fall on the last day of Chanukah-would that interfere with your schedule). Mrs. Moses Epstein, Nat'l Pres. of Hadassah, was the honored guest last year. We had an attendance of some four hundred women and I feel reasonably certain that were we privileged to present you this year we should be able to reach that number, if not top it.

One other matter. To invite so noted a personage as yourself to address our Chapter is quite a departure and includes a consideration of expense. I would not plead poverty but I am sure you understand an organization such as ours operates on a limited budget and needs must be careful. We recognize fully the travelling expense involved and are more than happy to assume it. Will you be good enuf to let me know whether there would be any added charge?

I trust sincerely that your visit to Europe has been pleasant and restful and that you have returned better able to carry on the great work which is yours. May I look forward to a speedy and favorable reply?

Very cordially yours,

*Uree B. Peiser (Mrs Ernest)*

Pres. Kansas City Chapter, Hadassah.

1308 W. 50th Terrace.

August 25, 1939

Mrs. Ernest B. Peiser  
1308 W. 50th Terrace  
Kansas City, Mo.

My dear Mrs. Peiser:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of August 17 to Dr. Silver. Dr. Silver has not yet returned from his vacation in Europe. We are expecting him in about two weeks. I shall be pleased to refer your letter at that time.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver.



September 8, 1939

Mrs. Ernest B. Peiser  
1306 N. 50th Terrace  
Kansas City, Mo.

My dear Mrs. Peiser:

I have just returned to my desk and I find your kind letter of August 17th awaiting me. I deeply appreciate your invitation and I wish I were free to accept it. Unfortunately my schedule for the coming season is already very crowded and I must devote all my spare to the United Jewish Appeal of which I am, as you know, National Co-Chairman. I am compelled to decline many tempting invitations. I wish your organization much success and you, personally, a very happy new year.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:HK

# Congregation B'nai Jehudah

TELEPHONE WABASH 5011



LINWOOD BLVD. AND FLORA AVE.

*Kansas City 3, Missouri*

October 27, 1949

Rabbi Julius J. Nodel  
The Temple  
E. 105th & Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Julie:

It's been a long time since I've heard from you but I believe that you are the negligent party. I wrote you a letter when your Dad was in my office but failed to receive a reply so I shall give you an opportunity to atone for your misdeeds. Our Brotherhood is very anxious to have Dr. Silver as one of its guest speakers during this year. We have a number of dates open such as January 17, 24, 31, or February 21, or March 28. We would be happy to have him come at any one of these dates. Of course, the Brotherhood would be pleased to pay Dr. Silver his customary fee in addition to his expenses. I do know that he will lecture in Chicago at Temple Sinai on January 16. Perhaps he would be inclined to combine that trip (it is only a short ride by air to Kansas City) and address our brotherhood the following day.

At any event, I should appreciate it immensely if you would sort of unofficially sound out Abba Hillel and ascertain whether he would be willing to come at any one of these above mentioned dates.

With all best wishes for the New Year, and incidentally, I like your new bulletin, and with kind personal regards to Ollie and Larry, I am,

Cordially yours,

NH:ES

*No reply*

November 1, 1949

Rabbi Nathan Hershfield  
Congregation B'nai Jehudah  
Linwood Blvd. and Flora Ave.  
Kansas City 3, Missouri

My dear Rabbi Hershfield:

Rabbi Nodel has consulted me with reference to the possibility of Rabbi Silver's addressing the Brotherhood of Congregation B'nai Jehuda. I have checked with Rabbi Silver, and I find that it would be possible for him to come to your organization either on January 31st or March 28th. His honorarium is \$500, which includes his traveling expenses.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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October 20, 1950

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

Dear Rabbi:

I am writing you, in behalf of our community leaders and myself, to ask you to be the speaker and guest of honor at the 1950 Annual Meeting of our Jewish Federation and Council, which we hope to hold on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, November 27, 28 or 29. In all sincerity, I want you to know that we deeply and profoundly hope that you will accept, and that we honestly feel that your presence at our meeting will be a tremendous boon to the development of our Jewish community.

I know that you will want to know at least a little about who we are and why we need you. Our Jewish community numbers some 22,000 people, and while, of course, not nearly so large as Cleveland, is still one of the twenty or so largest in the country. It is a good community, well intentioned and generous, ranking this year among the top fifteen welfare funds.

We have been working, over the years, to bring about a united, overall concern for the totality of Jewish causes, whether local, national or overseas, and have been making real headway. We have in positions of leadership, persons of varying ideologies but through the Federation all of them have worked together, with increasing harmony and success, for the overall interests of everyone. When I tell you that our 1950 Campaign came within 2% of our 1949 Campaign, which in turn was an above average campaign for 1949, and that we achieved the minor miracle of praise from both the UJA and our local agencies this year, for generous and considerate budgeting, I think you can appreciate what we have been trying to do.

We are not actually so very far, in terms of traveling time, from the centers of Jewish life in the East Central states and the East, but, nevertheless, we are not often fortunate enough to have a national Jewish leader visit our community. Your appearance in Kansas City this fall, when we must consolidate our progress, help our people to feel proud of the unity and generosity they have achieved, and inspire them to even greater understanding and performance in 1951, would be a dramatic culmination of years of effort here and would lay a real groundwork for 1951.



In brief, we need an overall cementing and encouraging vision of ourselves and of our potentialities for the development of American Jewish life and Jewish life all over the world, and we know that you can do this job for us magnificently. Your appearance, after a lapse of many years in Kansas City, which we are vain enough to call "The Heart of America", would have meaning and significance not only for us but for this whole region of the country.

I am writing you this far in advance because we want you and need you very much indeed and because I know that you are a busy man and need to make your plans well in advance. Won't you let me know if we may count upon you? I do sincerely hope that you will come.

Sincerely,

*Hyman Brand*  
Hyman Brand  
President

HB:ed

P.S. Your old friend, Abe Sudran of Cleveland, our Executive Director, joins me in the fervent wish that you will come here.





October 27, 1950

Mr. Hyman Brand, President  
Jewish Federation and Council  
20 West Ninth Street Bldg.  
Kansas City 8, Missouri

My dear Mr. Brand:

I very much appreciate your gracious invitation to address the 1950 annual meeting of the Jewish Federation and Council of your city. It would have given me great pleasure indeed were I able to accept your invitation and to meet with the members of your community at such an auspicious occasion. Unfortunately, my program for November is already overloaded with out-of-town engagements. The weekend of November 24th I am to spend in Charleston, South Carolina, addressing that community on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of the oldest liberal synagogue in the United States, and during the middle of that week I am to be in New York for a series of meetings. I regret, therefore, more than I can say my inability to comply with your request. I hope that I may be of service to you at some future time.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

NOVEMBER 3, 1950

ABE SUDREN  
JEWISH FEDERATION  
20 WEST NINTH STREET BLDG.  
KANSAS CITY, MO.

HAVE CHECKED CLOSELY ON MY CALENDAR AND REGRET EXCEEDINGLY  
INABILITY TO COME TO YOU. I WISH I COULD HAVE ACCOMMODATED  
YOU BUT IT IS QUITE IMPOSSIBLE. KINDEST REGARDS

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



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February 21, 1951

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

Dear Rabbi:

As I promised, when I talked with you on the telephone today, I am writing to you about the meeting which we would like you to address in Kansas City. It is the special gifts meeting of our Campaign, and we invite to it all of our givers from \$500 up to the top. Last year one-half of the \$1,200,000 that we raised, or over \$600,000 was pledged at this meeting, with Vice President Barkley as the speaker, and this year we have a chance to do even better.

The best date for the meeting, other than Sunday, March 25, which I realize is not possible for you, would be Monday dinner and evening, March 26. Other possible but less desirable dates would be Wednesday, March 21 or Tuesday, March 27, with Tuesday, March 27, the most difficult to arrange because of other involvements in the community, although, if it is the only night you could come, we would manage it. I hope very much that you will come. Our Board, Campaign leaders, and I, all feel that you are the one we need and want, and it would be an inspiring experience for us to have you.

I would be very, very grateful if you could let me know in the next day or two, since there are arrangements to be made, preparation meetings to be scheduled, etc.

With many thanks and sincerest regards, I am

Cordially,

*Hyman Brand*

Hyman Brand  
President

HB:ed

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*Handwritten signatures and notes:*  
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February 23, 1951

Mr. Hyman Brand  
Jewish Federation and Council  
20 West Ninth Street Bldg.  
Kansas City 6, Missouri

My dear Mr. Brand:

Thank you for your letter of February 21st. I have looked through my schedule and find that on Monday evening, March 26th, I must remain in Cleveland to preside at a function to which I committed myself some time ago. Of the other dates which you suggest, I am afraid that Tuesday, March 27th, would be the only one on which I would be free to come. Please let me know whether you can clear this date in your community. I should very much enjoy a visit to your community, I am sure.

With kindest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRAHAM HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



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February 28, 1951

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

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Again, my sincerest thanks to you. We have arranged for our Special Gifts meeting to take place at the Muehlebach Hotel on Tuesday, March 27, at dinner, and we are eagerly expecting you. I am very grateful that you agreed to come.

A few words about the meeting. It will be the regular type of men's special gifts meeting, in which after your talk one of our leaders will immediately call of the names of all present and ask for the announcement of their pledges. You will therefore, of course, want to end your talk with an appeal for increased giving by everyone who can possibly increase. Our goal is \$1,485,000 as compared with \$1,200,000 raised last year.

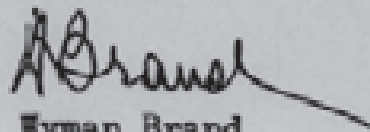
About one-third of our funds for the past two years have been allocated to local and national agencies, and about two-thirds to the United Jewish Appeal, and this has seemed to meet with general community approval, as well as approval of the UJA. It would be helpful, if in the course of your talk, you would remind those present that their gifts will have to take care of all Jewish needs at home and abroad.

Would it be possible for you to arrange to come at least part of the way by train, in order to get around the problem that would arise in case of bad flying weather? I had the Federation office check on schedules, and there seems to be a train on the Nickel Plate Railroad that leaves Cleveland at 11:55 in the evening and gets to Chicago at 7:35 in the morning. If you could take this train on Monday night, March 26th, you could get a plane on the Braniff Airline out of Chicago for Kansas City at 10:40 AM. However, you could find out when you arrived in Chicago if the plane was going to fly, and if it wasn't going to, you could make a 9:30 in the morning train on the Santa Fe Railroad, which would get you here by 5:00 in the afternoon. In this way, you could be sure of arriving regardless of flying weather, and still be able to fly from Chicago here if the weather permitted. I am taking the liberty of making this suggestion only because we are so very eager to be sure to have you with us.



Again, my sincerest thanks. It will be a real pleasure to welcome you to Kansas City, and if you will let me know when you are arriving, by what means and how long you are staying, we will proceed at once to make arrangements for meeting you and doing everything possible to make your visit here comfortable and pleasant. In the meantime, we have reserved a room for you at the Muehlebach Hotel for Tuesday night, March 27, which you can occupy any time during the day on Tuesday.

Cordially,



Hyman Brand  
President

HB:es



March 2, 1951

Mr. Hyman Brand, President  
Jewish Federation  
20 West Ninth Street Bldg.  
Kansas City 6, Missouri

Dear Mr. Brand:

According to present arrangements, Rabbi Silver will arrive in Kansas City on Tuesday, March 27th, at 10:40 a.m. via TWA, Flight #9. He will leave Cleveland via New York Central on Monday night.

Because the Rabbi must be in Canton, Ohio, to officiate at a wedding on Wednesday evening, the 28th, he will have to leave Kansas City on Tuesday night immediately after the meeting. Will you be good enough to make a reservation for him on the train that leaves there at 11:00 p.m., arriving in Chicago at 8:30 a.m., preferably for a bedroom or compartment. I have made a reservation for him on a flight leaving Chicago at 9:50 a.m.

I realize what close connections these are, but I want to be sure that he is back in time to keep his appointment in Canton on Wednesday.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

P.S. Please remember me to Abe Sudran and Joe Weisels.

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March 8, 1951

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

Dear Rabbi:

The chairmen of our Women's Division waited upon me today to ask if you would be willing, while you were here on Tuesday, the 27th, to attend the \$500 minimum luncheon of the Women's Division, which would take place at 1:00 PM, and I promised to write you tonight to ask, since they are extremely eager to have you.

The luncheon is actually the most important fund-raising affair in the Women's Division, although not, obviously, a mass affair. An average of about fifty women attend and about \$60,000 is raised, between one-third and two-fifths of what the entire Women's Division raises. It sets the tone for the whole Women's Division Campaign and the women who come include the most influential leaders of the community. While the place of the meeting is not definitely set, there is a good likelihood that if it would be more convenient for you, we could have it right in the Muehlebach Hotel, where you will be staying.

I realize quite well that it is no easy matter for anyone to make a speech twice in one day, and I certainly have no right to press you in any way to do it. It would, however, mean a great deal to our women, and I know to the men too, if you would feel up to it.

Do please let me know. If you can take it on, we'll be enormously thankful to you!

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially,

*Abe Sudran*

Abe L. Sudran  
Executive Director

ALS:red

March 28, 1951

Mr. Abe L. Sadran  
Jewish Federation  
20 West Ninth St. Bldg.  
Kansas City 6, Missouri

Dear Abe:

Rabbi Silver's expenses to Kansas City and return, exclusive of his fare from Kansas City to Chicago which you purchased, amounted to \$100.

With best wishes to you and Joe and your respective wives, I am

Sincerely,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver



## *Garden Club of Ohio, Inc.*

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September 10, 1952

Dear Rabbi Silver:

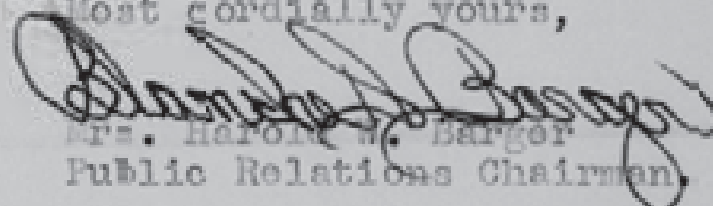
Garden Club of Ohio will be host to the Annual Meeting of the five-state Central Atlantic Region of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc., in Cleveland, on October 30th and 31st, at Wade Park Manor. We are anticipating a registration of about 200 for the two-day event.

We would be highly honored if you would consent to deliver the Invocation at the opening luncheon on Thursday, October 30th, at 12:30 P. M. May we also have the pleasure of having both you and Mrs. Silver as our honored guests at that time?

I tried to reach you sometime ago by phone, when you were on vacation; and was told to contact you about this time. Hope you enjoyed your trip to Europe.

7120 Buskirk Blvd.  
Independence, Ohio

Most cordially yours,

  
Mrs. Harold M. Barger  
Public Relations Chairman



September 14, 1952

Mrs. Harold W. Barger  
7120 Buskirk Blvd.  
Independence, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Barger:

Thank you for your kind letter of September 10th inviting me to deliver the Invocation at the meeting of the National Council of State Garden Clubs on October 30th. Unfortunately, I shall be out of town most of that week and it will, therefore, be impossible for me to accept your invitation.

With best wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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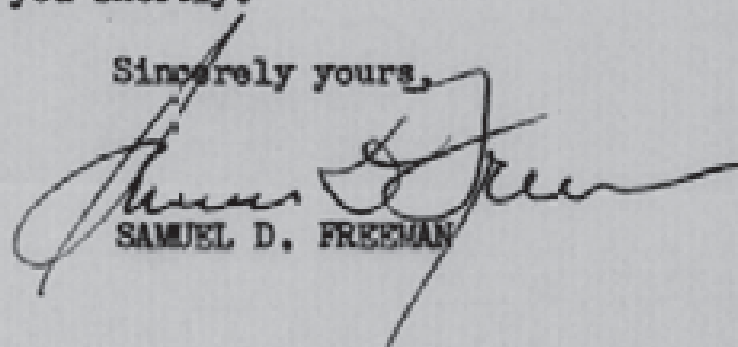
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am interested in ascertaining your availability for an appearance on the forum program sponsored by the Brith Shalom Congregation of Kansas City. As you may know, the Men's Club of this Congregation which is responsible for these programs has followed a consistent pattern of presenting outstanding personalities to their membership as part of their adult education program.

Would you let me know whether you would be prepared to give consideration to accepting an engagement on April 6, 1954? Such advance arrangements are necessary since the organization prepares their entire seasons program at this time which makes possible a rather extensive advance publicity campaign.

I hope that I may hear from you shortly.

Sincerely yours,



SAMUEL D. FREEMAN

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June 16, 1953

Mr. Samuel D. Freeman  
Jewish Center Lecture Bureau  
145 East 32nd Street  
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Dear Mr. Freeman:

In reply to your letter of June 9th to Rabbi Silver, he would be available to appear before the forum of the Brith Shalom Congregation in Kansas City on April 6, 1954. His honorarium is \$500. If these terms are satisfactory, please let me know and we shall be glad to make it definite.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice  
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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March 24, 1954

2 Adar 19, 5714

AIR MAIL

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Congregation Tifereth Israel  
East 105th Street & Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,

We are looking forward to having you with us to address our Men's Club on Tuesday, April 6th, with great anticipation.

The evening will begin with a dinner scheduled for 6:30 P.M. and the program portion begins at 8:00 P.M. and usually lasts until approximately 9:30 P.M. Experience has taught us that the most effective method of arranging the program is to have the guest speaker deliver his talk (30-45 minutes), the rest of the time given to questions from panelists for the speaker to answer, and also questions from the floor which are sent up to the moderator, in writing. We would like to use this form for your meeting and we hope that it will meet with your approval.

We have not as yet, received any information about the topic on which you will speak. We are in the midst of our Federation-United Jewish Appeal Campaign and all those who will attend your meeting have heard a good number of talks about Israel during the last few weeks - so this subject would not be a happy choice of topic. Congressman Emanuel Celler who was our speaker in March delivered an appeal for U.J.A. and Israel Bonds and it was not well received, not because our people lack interest in Israel, but because, as they put it, 'it was just like another Federation meeting'.

It might be well if you would send us at the very first opportunity, a list of suggested topics for us to choose from. We will immediately indicate our choice to you.



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So that we may make arrangements for proper hotel accommodations, please let us know when you plan to arrive in Kansas City and whether by plane or railway and for how long you plan to remain.

I await your suggestions as to topic, and please be assured that we are all eagerly looking forward to your visit.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

*Abraham J. Karp*

Rabbi

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*The Future of the  
American Jewish  
Community*

March 26, 1954

Rabbi Abraham J. Karp  
3400 The Paseo  
Kansas City 3, Missouri

My dear Friend:

Thank you for your kind letter of March twenty-fourth.  
I plan to arrive in Kansas City via TWA Flt. No. 291 at  
1:53 p. m. on April 6th and will remain there until the  
following day.

As regards the subject on which I will speak, if you would  
like a general subject, I will speak on "The Strength Which  
is America," or if you choose a specifically Jewish subject,  
it will be "The Future of the American Jewish Community."  
Please let me know which you would prefer.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms

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February 17, 1960

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Tifereth Israel  
1855 Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are planning a Herzl Memorial program here in Kansas City for Monday evening, May 2. We have never had the pleasure of hearing you at a community gathering, although some of us had heard you when you attended the C.C.A.R. Convention in Kansas City many years ago.

We are herewith extending an invitation to you to appear as the guest speaker of this program, which is being supported by all the Jewish Communal and Zionist organizations in this city.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to accept our invitation and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Cordially yours,

*Irving Levitas*  
IRVING LEVITAS  
Director of Education

IL:rl

February 19, 1960

Mr. Irving Levitas  
Director of Education  
The Temple  
Sixty-ninth and Holmes Streets  
Kansas City 10, Missouri

Dear Mr. Levitas:

Dr. Silver is out of the country and will return to his study about the middle of March. Your letter of February 17th will be called to his attention immediately upon his return - in the meantime, I am informing him of your invitation to appear as guest speaker on May 2nd.

Very sincerely yours,

Beatrice F. May (Mrs.)  
Secretary to Dr. Silver

DSW ✓

March 18, 1960

Mr. Irving Levitas  
Director of Education  
The Temple  
Sixty-ninth and Holmes Streets  
Kansas City 10, Missouri

My dear Mr. Levitas:

I deeply appreciate your gracious invitation to address a Herzl Memorial program in Kansas City on Monday evening, May second. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately, I am already committed elsewhere on that date.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm