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Dear Sir:

As chairman of the programme committee of the Lancaster Section Council of Jewish Women I have been asked to write to you whether you are contemplating a trip in this vicinity, and if ~~you~~^{so} whether you would consider addressing this section also the time of the year as well as your rates.

Awaiting a favorable reply,
Sincerely

(Mrs. Robert M.) Rosalie H. Granat
115 East Lemon St.
Lancaster, Pa.

July 12/23.

July Sixteenth, 1923

Mrs. Robert M. Granat,
115 East Lemon Street,
Lancaster, Penna.

My dear Mrs. Granat,

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of
your kind letter of July twelfth and to thank
you for your invitation to address the Lancaster
Section, Council of Jewish Women.

It may be possible for me to come to
you on some week-day in March, say March 12th or
13th. My terms would be \$100.00 and traveling
expenses.

Please let me know whether your meetings
are held in the afternoon or evening.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Ruth A. H. Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Ruth Silver

Replying to your communication of July
sixteenth will say that it is splendid that
you will be able to arrange to be with us.

We find that the fourth Wednesday in
February would be the most convenient time
for you to address the Council meeting, and trust
that it will meet with your approval. The
meeting will be held in the evening.

Anticipating a favorable reply, Sincerely

Aug. 2/23
(Mrs. R. M.) Cecile H. Granat

August 6th, 1923.

Mrs. R.M. Granat,
115 East Lemon St.,
Lancaster, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Granat, .

Permit me to acknowledge
your kind letter of August 2nd and to
express my regrets that I cannot come
to you during the month of February.
The only date I have free in the month
of March is Thursday, March 13th.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Sept. 22, 1923.

Ruth A. H. Libby
Cleveland, Ohio.

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Hawcroft

My dear Ruth: When

My reason for not having answered
yours of Aug. 6, is because I'd been out of
the city and it was necessary to consult
with the President of the Lancaster Union
before I could make further arrangements.
As you contemplate coming East either
early in December or the beginning of
January or the latter part of November?
Almost any time the side of March

would entertain. This action is most
anxious to have you address us, but I sincerely
trust that you can manage to give us
that pleasure.

Awaiting a favorable reply

Sincerely,

(Wm. L. M.) Rosalie B. Harat.



Congregation Shaarai Shomayim

DUKE AND JAMES STREETS

LANCASTER, PA.

SIMON B. HIRSH, President

DR. DANIEL L. DAVIS, Rabbi

ALBERT KOSHLAND, Secretary

424 NORTH QUEEN STREET

October 8, 1929.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have learned that you plan to be in York, Pa. on Tuesday November 5. Our Temple Brotherhood has asked me to invite you to give the opening address of their Open Forum on November 6 in this city. To the invitation of the Brotherhood I would add my own and warmest invitation to you. The Brotherhood is sponsoring for the second season an Open Forum in our city and are most anxious to have you give the opening address of the season.

There are very many in this city who are most eager to hear you. Lancaster is about 26 miles from York and on the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad, which brings you directly from Cleveland. If it would be more convenient for your plans to come here on November 4 instead of the 6th the Brotherhood and myself would be very happy to arrange the Forum meeting for that night. I do hope that you will find it possible to come to Lancaster en route to or from York. It will be a most distinct pleasure to greet you in this city and to present you to those who so earnestly hope to hear you.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Daniel L. Davis

Daniel L. Davis.

card ✓

Oct. 15th, 1929.

Dr. Daniel L. Davis,
Congregation Shaarai Shomayim,
Lancaster, Pa.

My dear Dr. Davis:-

Permit me to thank you cordially
for your kind invitation of October 8th to address your
Temple Brotherhood on November 6th. I would gladly have
availed myself of your invitation but my own Brotherhood
has its opening meeting on that evening and I shall have
to hasten back from York in order to attend this meeting.

On November 4th I must also be in
Cleveland as our Monday evening lectures begin that night.

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

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

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424 NORTH QUEEN STREET

October 21, 1929.

Dr. Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have yours of the 15th to hand and am very sorry to learn that you are prevented from stopping in Lancaster either on your way to or from York, Pa. I am very anxious to have you come to Lancaster for the Open Forum. Your very kind offer to be of service to me in the future encourages me to ask you if it is at all possible for you to find time to be in Lancaster sometime next year. Could you come on March 4 or 18, or April 15 or 22? Or is it possible that you plan to be in the East some other time during the coming months and would you be willing to give us some of your time en route? I would be most happy to hear from you that you could and would do so. Forgive me if I seem to importune you over much, but I am really interested in having you come to my city.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Daniel L. Davis
Daniel L. Davis.

and

Dec. 12th, 1929.

Rabbi Daniel L. Davis,
Congregation Shaarai Shomayim,
Lancaster, Pa.

My dear Rabbi Davis:-

Please pardon the long delay in
answering your kind letter, somehow it was overlooked.

I regret very much that it will be
impossible for me to accept your kind invitation to
address the Open Forum of Lancaster this season. Frankly
I am so over burdened with lecture engagements that I
can not in justice to myself accept any more. Perhaps
next season I will not be so hard pressed and I shall
then be happy to consider coming to Lancaster.

With kindest regards and best wishes,
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

Rabbi Daniel L. Davis
241 College Avenue
Lancaster, Penna.

September 10, 1937.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I wrote to you in July and your secretary replied to me, telling me that you had left for Europe and that she would show you my letter upon your return. I hope that you have seen my letter and that you will come to Lancaster to address our Joint Forum. I believe that I mentioned a number of dates in February. But should none of them be convenient, I could arrange a March date and might suggest, the 8th, 9th, 15th or 16th in that month.

I shall look forward anxiously to your reply and I hope that you will tell me that you have selected a date that will suit your plans and permit the time for a visit to Lancaster without too much trouble.

With very best wishes for the New Year to you
and yours,



Sincerely,

Daniel L. Davis

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

September 28, 1937

Rabbi Daniel Davis,
241 College Avenue,
Lancaster, Pa.

My dear Davis:

This is to confirm the arrangements which we made over the telephone last evening relative to my coming to Lancaster for an address before your Forum. The date is Tuesday evening, February 8. I hope that nothing will interfere with my coming. I will send you, a little later on, a list of subjects from which you may select one most appropriate for your group.

With all good wishes to you and to your dear lady, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK
P.S.

The honorarium is \$150 plus a brace of ducks.

J. STANLEY COHEN, M. D.
104 E. WALNUT ST.
HAMILTON APARTMENTS
LANCASTER, PA.

November 5, 1937

Rabbi Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

Relative to your speaking engagement in Lancaster, we would like to know the subject of your address. We are preparing press releases and could use mats of your photograph or your photograph if you have no mats. A short biography of yourself including origin, education, activities and publications would facilitate our work.

Would you care to speak on the "American System of Education" or some related topic? If you would rather speak on another subject let me know. Perhaps the list of our talks would be of help.

January-Walter Pitkin-"Life Begins at Forty"

February-Rabbi Hillel Silver- open

March-Dr. Haggard-"Pageant of Medicine"

April-John Haynes Holmes-"Communism, Fascism and Democracy"

May-F. J. Schlink-"Farmer and Consumer Get Gypped"

One more thing Rabbi, I was wondering whether Wednesday, Jan. 9th would be just as convenient for you as Tuesday Feb. 8th. If so we would prefer it, if not, leave it as is.

With kindest personal regards,
Yours very truly,

J. Stanley Cohen

J. Stanley Cohen, M.D.

P.S. Please give me regards to your assistant Rabbi Mel Harris.

November 8, 1937

Dr. J. Stanley Cohen,
104 E. Walnut Street,
Lancaster, Pa.

My dear Dr. Cohen:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of November 5. Under separate cover I am sending you a photograph and some publicity matter.

With reference to my subject, I would suggest the title "Some Aberrations of Our Day". In this address I discuss the subject of education at great length.

With reference to changing the date - I regret that it will not be possible for me to give you any other date than the one designated, Tuesday, February 8 as my program is pretty well set for the remainder of the season.

With all good wishes to you and to your Rabbi, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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RABBI DANIEL L. DAVIS
241 COLLEGE AVENUE
LANCASTER, PENNA.

February 2, 1938.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Both Sonia and I are looking forward to your coming to Lancaster on the 8th. We hope that you may be able to so arrange your trip and your time that you will arrive early enough to have dinner with us. Your lecture at the Forum is scheduled for 8:30 p.m., so that if we have dinner at six you shall have plenty of time.

Let me know when you expect to arrive so that I may be on hand to meet you and the earlier you can come the better I shall like it.

With very kindest greetings to Mrs. Silver and yourself from Sonia and myself,

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
E. 105th and Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, O.

WRHS



Sincerely,

Daniel L. Davis

February 4, 1938

Rabbi Daniel L. Davis,
241 College Avenue,
Lancaster, Penna.

My dear Davis:

I do not know, as yet, the exact time of my arrival in Lancaster. I am to be in Jersey City the evening before. I shall probably arrive in the afternoon in time for dinner with you.

I remain

With all good wishes to you and Sonia,

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

RABBI DANIEL L. DAVIS
241 COLLEGE AVENUE
LANCASTER, PENNA.

February 7, 1938.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I trust that your trip was restful and that you arrived in Wheeling to find Mrs. Silver well and her father improved.

Your lecture left the community in a glow of inspiration. I am deeply grateful for your coming as I know is every one of your last night's listeners.

I am enclosing a check for \$150.00 from the Joint Forum. All of us wish it could be larger and we appreciate your willingness greatly in this matter.

With very kindest thoughts and greetings from Mrs. Davis, Barnett and myself,

Sincerely,

Daniel L. Davis

February 14, 1938

Rabbi Daniel L. Davis,
241 College Avenue,
Lancaster, Pa.

My dear Davis:

It was a delight to be with you and with your family. I enjoyed the time spent in your home even more than the occasion which brought me to Lancaster. I am sorry that I did not have more time to be with you. I do hope that you and your dear lady will come to Cleveland soon that we may have some time in our home together. Kindest regards to Baruch.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Congregation Shaarai Shomayim

DUKE AND JAMES STREETS

Lancaster, Pa.

Daniel L. Davis, Rabbi

August 19, 1946.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Realizing the constant preoccupation with Palestinian affairs that must be yours these days and the strain that it must impose upon you, I hesitate to add another concern. Perhaps you will recall my conversation with you in Chicago and my invitation on behalf of Congregation Shaarai Shomayim to give the Anniversary Address or Sermon on the occasion of the celebration of the Ninetieth Anniversary of the Congregation on Friday evening, November 22. At that time you suggested that I write to you in August, when you would know better whether or not you would be in the country at that time in November. It may still be too early for you to know, and in that case I shall be happy to be patient and wait. I do hope that you will be able to come, as I believe you indicated that you would if you could. And, it may be that coming to Lancaster will be more of a relaxation than a chore. I shall not make you work hard and your presence and message will be the source of great inspiration to the whole community.

To turn again to the Zionist situation, I would like to ask is there anything that we, who watch and worry can do? Will it help if letters are written to Truman, to the State Department? Is there anything that can be done to arouse or give voice to American public opinion? Or is that but a weak reed?

I do hope that you are well. Mrs. Davis joins me in sending very kindest greetings to Mrs. Silver and yourself,

N.B.

ADDRESS UNTIL SEPT. 1

GHENT, N.Y.

After Sept. 1

1019 Woods ave.,

Lancaster, Pa.

Sincerely,

Daniel L. Davis

September 9, 1946

Rabbi Daniel L. Davis
Congregation Shaarai Shomayim
Duke and James Streets
Lancaster, Pa.

My dear Rabbi Davis:

I hope that you will pardon the long delay in answering your kind letter. I have been traveling about a good bit and my correspondence has unfortunately lagged.

I wish I could come to you on November 22 to participate in the Ninetieth Anniversary celebration of your congregation, but in all likelihood I shall be in Switzerland the latter part of November attending the World Zionist Congress which opens on November 25.

I would suggest that you get in touch with Rabbi Feldman, who is vice-president of the Conference, who will be happy to be of whatever service he can in connection with your celebration.

In connection with the second paragraph of your letter -- of course there is much that can be done in every community to arouse public opinion and to stimulate the writing of letters to the President and to the State Department asking why a year after the President's request of Prime Minister Attlee for 100,000 certificates nothing has as yet been achieved and these refugees are still languishing in detention camps in Europe. The more pressure put on the Administration for action, the greater the likelihood that something of a positive nature may result.

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

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK