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RABBI A H SILVER

TEMPLE EAST 55 AND CENTRAL AVE CLEVELAND O

CAN YOU ADDRESS ROTARY MONDAY MARCH 1 ON NEAR EAST RELIEF WIRE

RABBI ADDOLPH STEINER

113PM

Sorry cannot come March 1st. Have other important engagement.



April 29th, 1921

Mrs. W. J. Galvin,  
826 State Street,  
Lima, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Galvin,

Rabbi Silver directs me to reply  
to your letter to him of the 24th instant. His  
lecture rates are \$100.00 and traveling expenses.

Should the terms be satisfactory  
to you, Rabbi Silver thinks he would prefer to  
come January 23rd or February 6th, 1922.

Kindly let him know your decision  
in the matter, when he will send you a list of  
lecture subjects from which to make a choice.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

Lima, Ohio.

Mrs. A. H. Silver,  
Cleveland - Ohio.

Dear Sir:-

A few of the  
women's clubs of our  
city are desirous of hav-  
ing a series of lectures  
for the coming winter  
and you were mentioned.



to me as a lecturer of  
note.

He are wondering  
if we might procure  
you for the afternoon  
of one of the following dates.  
October 17, November 7,  
January 23, February 6,  
March 6.

Will you kindly send



me the titles of your lectures  
& please mention any ones  
you think will be suitable for  
an afternoon of this sort?

Please also state your  
charges.

I shall appreciate an  
early reply,

Very truly yours,  
Mrs. W. J. Galvin,  
826 State St.,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

May 24. 1921.



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Lima, Ohio March 28, 1923.

Rabbi Hillel Silver,  
55th Street Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Will it be possible for you to come to Lima  
and speak before the Annual Meeting of the Allen County  
Child Welfare Association and upon what terms?

April 16 or 23rd are the tentative dates for  
the meeting tho these dates can be adjusted somewhat to  
the convenience of the speaker.

May I have an early and I trust a favorable  
reply?

Very sincerely,

*Josephine S. Peirce.*  
*by E. F. R.*

JLP:R

P. S. I am forwarding a recently issued pamphlet relative  
to the work of our Association.



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March 30, 1923.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
East 55th and Scovill,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We have a tentative engagement with your people at Lima for Friday evening, April 10th, at 7:45, at which time they will privilege us to present Near East Relief and make a money appeal. This arrangement is contingent upon our ability to secure you as speaker for that occasion. I know the stress of duties that crowd each of your days and am conscious that you must husband your strength, but I know also that your generous nature and your interest in the Near East situation will urge you to accept this call, and if you can do it you will be rendering us a great service and giving to our cause much help. Will it be possible for you to do it?

Sincerely yours,

State Director

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April second  
1923

Mr. E. W. Huelster,  
404 The 1900 Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Huelster,

I wish I were in a position to accept your invitation to address the people of Lima on Friday evening, April tenth. Unfortunately I cannot. I have an engagement for that Friday evening and I am very heavily booked up to the summer months. Probably you know that we are in the midst of building a new Temple and I am compelled to be "on the job" nearly all of the time.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



June 27th, 1923.

Mr. S. C. Sorenson,  
Lima, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Sorenson,

I find that my work during the coming year will become heavy because of the building of our new Temple that I shall have very little time for Chautauqua work. I shall however keep your organization in mind and shall take the privilege at some future time to write you.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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1923 -- LIMA -- 1923

August 24, 1923.

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COLUMBUS, OHIO

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The Ohio State Welfare Conference composed of approximately one thousand social workers and socially minded volunteers from all over the state will meet at Lima, October 16 to 19. In arranging the program, the Executive Committee is particularly desirous this year of giving to our evening general sessions, an inspirational character. The section meetings during the day are given over almost entirely to the technical phases of social work. It is our hope to devote the evening session, when the entire conference meets together, to the presentation of topics of national and inter-national interests. With that in mind, we have secured Judge Florence E. Allen of the Supreme Court of Ohio who will speak on "The Outlawry of War." We are also expecting John Barton Payne, General Chairman of the American Red Cross, to speak on "The Truth of Mexico."

We are particularly anxious that the Conference Dinner which will be held on Thursday, October 18th at 6:30 PM, shall be the climax of the Conference. We want the address of the evening to be one that will send our workers back home with new inspiration and a renewed vision of the importance and worth whileness of their work. Would you be so good as to make the address of the evening upon that occasion? Although we shall leave the wording of your topic in your hands, might I suggest some such theme as "Social Imagination," or "The Function of Social Work in Community Life."

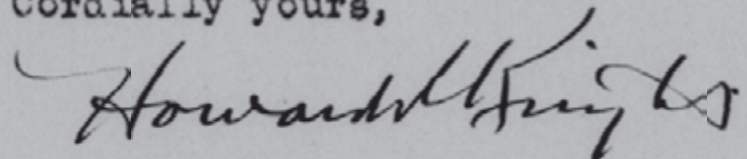
There will probably be between 750 and 1000 people in your audience that night. Many of them come from small communities in the state and the State Conference represents to them the one opportunity of the year to gain new ideas and inspiration for their work.



Many of the workers from Cleveland have requested that you be invited to speak and I am sure the Executive Committee of the Conference joins with them in a very cordial invitation.

The Conference will be glad to pay all your traveling expenses but unfortunately is not in a position to pay an honorarium.

Cordially yours,



HRK:GB

Howard R. Knight.





August 30th, 1923.

Mr. Howard R. Knight,  
Ontario Building,  
East Long and Hormandie Sts.,  
Columbus, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Knight,

Permit me to thank you for your kindness in inviting me to address the Conference Dinner of the Ohio Welfare Conference on Thursday, October 18th. I shall be pleased to be with you on that day and trust that nothing will prevent my attendance. May I suggest as the subject of my address The Impulse Back of Social Service.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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1923 -- LIMA -- 1923

September 6, 1923.

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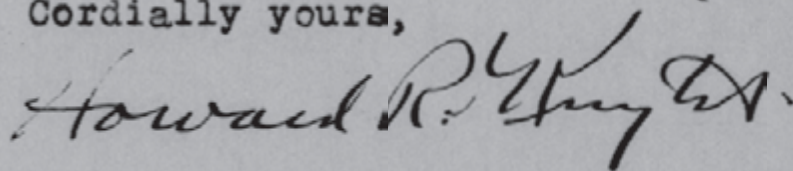
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
East 55th St. & Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are more than pleased that you will speak at the Conference Dinner of the Ohio Welfare Conference on Thursday, October 18th on "The Impulse Back of Social Service." May I express now my appreciation of your cordial co-operation in what I know will be one of the treats of the conference.

Cordially yours,



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Howard R. Knight.



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Sept. 19, 1923

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Abba Hillel Silver, Rabbi,  
The Temple,  
E. 55th St. and Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the preliminary program of the Ohio Welfare Conference to be held at Lima, Ohio, Oct. 16 - 19. We are gratified that you have agreed to be one of the speakers.

In order that you may be quoted correctly in the newspapers, may we have a 500 word summary of your address? This will not be released until after your address has been delivered, but we want the summary in advance so that we may make adequate provision for newspaper publicity. We would appreciate it if you could mail it to the Conference office, 277 E. Long St., Columbus, Ohio, by October 10.

Sincerely yours,

*Howard R. Knight*

HRK-rr

Howard R. Knight.

*Mrs. Catherine K. K. K.*  
*1269 W. Blvd.*



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October 22, 1923.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

The Ohio Welfare Conference appreciate your hearty cooperation in making its program a success. May we have your travel expense account so that we may make settlement at once?

If for any reason you happened to pay your hotel bill or other items of local entertainment, please let me have that in a separate item. The local community provides entertainment while at Lima, the Conference pays your traveling expenses.

Cordially yours,

*Howard R. Knight*

HRK:H



*Ohio Welfare  
Conference*

October 24th, 1923.

Mr. Howard R. Knight,  
Ontario Building,  
Columbus, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Knight,

My traveling expenses  
amounted to about \$25.00. I need  
not tell you that I enjoyed my visit  
to Lima exceedingly.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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October 25, 1923.

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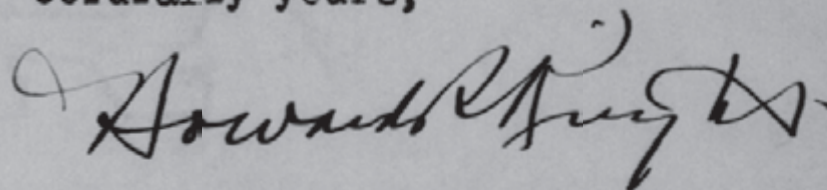
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 55th St. and Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

Thank you for sending your travel account which is being forwarded today to the Treasurer for payment. It is needless for me to say that your address was the highwater mark of not only this Conference but of those for several years. We appreciate more than we can say your kindness in coming to Lima and addressing the Conference particularly in view of the rather unfortunate competition which unexpectedly developed.

Cordially yours,



Howard R. Knight,  
Executive Secretary.

HRK:H



# THE LIMA OPEN FORUM

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Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> 1924

Rabbi Silvers  
Cleveland  
O.

Honorable Sir:

I happen to be chairman of the program committee of the Lima Open Forum, which was organized four years ago.

We endeavor each year to have a few speakers of outstanding personalities who are of national reputation. On account of the method of financing and operating our Forum, which plan we have devised in order to make it absolutely independent & of wide appeal to a real cross section of the country our means are strictly limited.

We have been able to accomplish our purpose in a large majority



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due to the fact that our city is  
located upon the main lines of  
two of east + west roads, the Penn-  
the Erie and the B. + O.  
We know you have a great message  
for the world + wonder if you <sup>would</sup> speak  
to us some Sunday aft. between  
last of Oct. + Apr. & what your  
price would be?

We should like to hear from you  
at your very earliest convenience  
so we could submit it to the  
committee.

Very respectfully yours

Ada J. Moke

(Mrs Beecher)

888 N. Spring St  
Lima, O.



October Twenty-second  
1924

Mrs. Beecher Moke,  
888 West Spring Street,  
Lima, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Moke,

Permit me to thank you for your letter of October thirteenth and for the invitation which you extend to me to address the Lima Open Forum. I wish I were in a position to avail myself of your kindness. I make it a rule, however, not to leave Cleveland on a Sunday, as that is our busiest Congregational day and our main Service is held on Sunday.

Regretting my inability to serve you, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,



# Temple Beth Israel

WEST MARKET STREET

LIMA, OHIO  
October 8 1925

Address All Communications to  
SAMUEL KLEINBERGER, Secretary  
801 Brice Avenue

Rabbi Abba H Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:-

The Lima Open Forum has assigned me to make the effort to secure your services as a speaker to our Forum..

I fully realize that the task is great as I know that great demands are being made on you in that and every other direction through out the whole country..

However I wish to state that you can do a wonderful work for the community of Lima -a city of over 50.M. population with a message from you in the interest of real Americanism .real freedom and Liberty.

Any Sunday afternoon at 2.30 during January 1926 with the exception of the Sunday of the 17. or any Sunday during February, March or the fore-part of April .

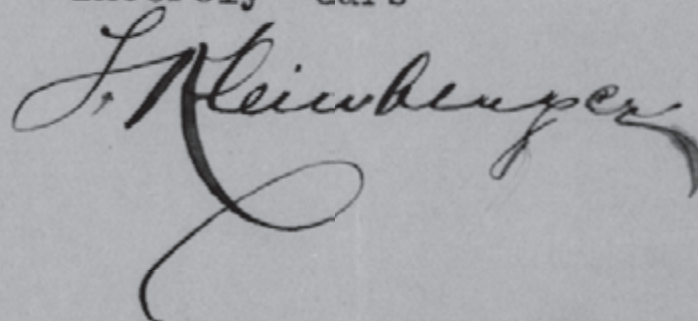
Lima Jewry would certainly be elated to have you accept any one date you may wish to choose and you are at liberty to speak on any subject you may elect .

I trust that you will give Lima the consideration it deserves and that you will have a message for the Open Forum of our community..

The Open Forum has also secured the services of Judge Allen of your city..

Assuring you of our keenest appreciation to have a message for us I beg to be in behalf of the Open Forum

Sincerely Yours



S. Kleinberger  
801 Brice Av  
Lima..O



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Lima, Ohio  
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October 11th, 1925

"Collect" Day Letter to

T. P. Pearman

President Open Forum

Lima, Ohio.

Regret exceedingly cannot cannot accept your kind  
invitation. Because of congregational duties, I never leave Cleveland  
on a Sunday. Thanks. ~~for your letter~~

Abba Hillel Silver



October Sixteenth  
1925

Mr. Samuel Kleinberger, S  
Secretary, Temple Beth El,  
601 Brice Avenue, Lima, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Kleinberger,

I regret that I cannot avail myself  
of your kind invitation to address your Forum.

I make it a practice not to leave  
Cleveland on a Sunday. The principal Service  
of The Temple is held on Sunday morning and  
many of our most important activities occur on  
that day.

With kindest regards and wishing  
you every success, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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1522 W. High St., Lima, O.  
April 16, 1926.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
1485 East 106th St.,  
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are trying to arrange a series of  
lectures to be given next winter before four  
literary clubs.

Your former appearances in Lima have given  
such pleasure that we wish to consider you  
at the present time; will you please send me a  
list of what lectures you give, and state terms  
upon which you could come to us.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs) Elizabeth H. Lawson

Secretary.

Yours



✓\*

April 30th, 1926.

Mr. E.H. Lawson,  
1522 West High St.,  
Lima, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Lawson,

It may be possible for  
Rabbi Silver to visit Lima some time  
next season. His customary remuneration  
is \$150. Some of the lectures which  
? — have proven are listed below.

Sincerely yours,

WRHS



1. Is Democracy the Last Word in Government?
2. The Fundamental Needs of Human Life
3. Is Evolution the Foe of Religion?
4. Is Progress a Myth?



# THE LIMA OPEN FORUM

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July 28, 1926

Rabbi Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

In Lima we have quite an interesting Forum, and reach a large section of people. We endeavor to make the organization democratic by charging a small membership fee. We have had some of the outstanding speakers of the country on our platform, whom we were able to secure when passing through our city.

We are located on the Pennsylvania, Erie, Baltimore & Ohio, D. T. & I., and Nickel Plate Railroads, and several interurban lines.

We would like to secure your services if possible. Our meetings are held on Sunday afternoons, beginning the first of November and closing in April. If you can be with us designate the time, honorarium, etc.

Assuring you your message, if given, will be received by a very receptive and appreciative audience, I am,

Very truly yours,

*Mrs. Beecher Moke*  
Chairman, Program Committee



August Thirty-first  
1926

Mrs. Beecher Moke,  
Chairman, Program Committee,  
Lima Open Forum,  
Lima, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Moke,

Your kind invitation reached my desk during my absence in Europe and I hasten to reply at this first opportunity.

I regret that I cannot accept. The principal religious service of my Temple is held on Sunday and many other important activities take place on that day. I have made it a policy, therefore, not to leave Cleveland on a Sunday.

With kindest regards and wish you a successful Forum, I am

Very sincerely yours,



Rabbi Silver:—

Dear Sir:—

I have been asked by  
(for y) our joint clubs,  
& write you in regard  
to a lecture, this coming  
Season in Lima—

If this is possible, will  
you kindly state, just  
what dates you have  
open, price of lecture, also  
subjects and oblig &

Mrs. Helen R. Paul  
4235 Woodlawn Ave  
Lima - Ohio

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Rabbi Silver:—

As Secretary of four  
of our Clubs, I have  
been asked to write  
you again about a  
lecture—

We meet on Monday  
afternoons, so prefer  
this day—

Open dates, subjects  
and price of lecture



could come in also.  
Hm. #200 -





We desire at once, as we  
are making up our  
Club program for next  
year.

As a former Cleveland  
Woman, a talk from  
yourself would greatly  
interest

Mrs. Jean R. Paul  
423 B. Woodlawn Ave  
Lima -  
Ohio

4/22/27



May Fourth  
1927

Mrs. Dean R. Paul,  
4233 Woodlawn Avenue,  
Lima, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Paul,

Dr. Silver has been so crowded with duties during these closing weeks of The Temple year that his correspondence has suffered to some extent. He directs me to say to you that he believes he could come to Lima on a Monday during December, 1927. His honorarium would be \$200.00. If this be satisfactory to your group will you advise him, please, at your earliest convenience, in order that he may definitely schedule a date for you.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary



Card

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Lima - 1927-28

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Lima, Ohio

June 15, 1927.

### SCHOOL EXAMINERS

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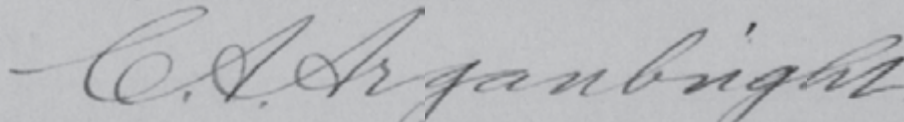
Rabbi A.H. Silver,  
Cleveland,  
Ohio.

My dear Sir:-

It has been suggested to me that I write you to inquire whether you will be available next fall or winter to make an address at one of the Lima Open Forum meetings. If you are available, we should like to inquire what financial remuneration will be necessary to secure you. The Forum season will likely open in October and close about next March.

I am expecting to leave in about two weeks to be gone for a month. Should you not be able to reply to this before the 28th of this month, I am asking you to send reply to Elmer McClain, Attorney-at-law, Domestic Building, Lima, Ohio. He is the chairman of the program committee.

Very respectfully yours,



Vice-president of Lima Open Forum.

CAA-PJ



June 17, 1927.

Mr. C. A. Arganbright,  
County Supt't,  
Board of Education of Allen County,  
Lima, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Arganbright:

It may be possible for  
Rabbi Silver to accept a Forum engagement  
in Lima in December or January.

His customary remuneration  
is \$250.00. Should the terms be  
acceptable, please send him a list of  
tentative dates around the end of this  
year or the beginning of next and I  
shall place the matter before Rabbi  
Silver for final arrangement.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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C. A. ARGANBRIGHT, COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

Lima, Ohio

June 20, 1927.

## SCHOOL EXAMINERS

C. A. ARGANBRIGHT, LIMA  
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C. A. RUSLER, LIMA, R. R. 4

Miss Frances H. Jones, Sec.,  
Rabbi A.H. Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Madam:-

I have yours of June 17th in which you say Rabbi Silver ordinarily receives \$250 remuneration for an address. We do not question the reasonableness of this figure but it is absolutely more than we can pay.

Our Open Forum is not conducted for profit but to give opportunity to various persons of different schools of thought to present their views. At the same time we wish to remunerate them with something worth while. If Dr. Silver would have any date at all on which he did not have an engagement when he could come to us anytime during November or any month following up to an including March, 1928, we would be glad to have him come here. We have been thinking for the last two or three years of having him come at sometime that would be most convenient for him.

Perhaps some other organization could help us here on securing him and pay him something, perhaps to preach in the Temple here some Sunday morning and address the Forum in the afternoon. If you think it worth while for us to negotiate with the church organization here along this line, I shall be pleased to do so. I think we could pay \$75 or \$80 but our finances will not permit us to pay more than \$100 in any event.

Yours truly,

CAA-PJ

*C. A. Arganbright*



June Thirtieth  
1927

Mr. C. A. Arganbright,  
County Superintendent,  
Board of Education of Allen Co.,  
Lima, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Arganbright,

Your letter of June twentieth came to Dr. Silver on the eve of his departure for a trip abroad. He directed me to answer your letter and to say to you that he thought it might be possible to make an arrangement, such as you suggest, with other organizations. While he invariably receives remuneration in the sum of \$250.00, he is always anxious to assist any educational movement. The principal religious service of The Temple is on Sunday morning and Dr. Silver makes it a practice not to be away from Cleveland on that day.

We expect Dr. Silver to be back in Cleveland around the fifteenth of September. Will you kindly write him again at that time?? If other lecture dates in and around Lima could be arranged, he would, I believe, be willing to pro rate the cost to the organizations interested.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary



May Twenty-sixth  
1928

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Lawson,  
1522 West High Street,  
Lima, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Lawson,

Rabbi Silver directs me to acknowledge your letter of April 16th, answer to which has been delayed by his absence from the city much of the time during the past weeks.

Rabbi Silver is unable to make definite dates for speaking engagements next season, at this time, as his plans for the coming fall and winter are not at all definite. If it be not too late for your purpose, he would be glad to have you write him again in the Fall.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary



LIMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
R. E. OFFENHAUER, SUPERINTENDENT

LIMA, OHIO  
September 20, 1928

Rabbi Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Some time ago I wrote you asking if it would be possible for you to appear before our Open Forum. Since I have not heard from you I anticipate that the letter has gone astray. We could arrange for your coming here about the middle of January, the first of February, the last of February or about the middle of March. I would be pleased to have you write me stating a convenient date, if you can come, and also telling us what the fee would be.

I shall thank you for an early reply.

Yours very truly,

*R. E. Offenbauer*

REO/HF



*cancel ✓*

Sept. 27th, 1928.

R. E. Offenhauer, Supt.,  
Lima Public Schools,  
Lima, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Offenhauer:-

Permit me to thank you for your  
kind letter of Sept. 20th. I do not recall  
having received any other communication from you.

It may be possible for me to address  
the Open Forum in your city some time in January.  
My customary remuneration is \$250. but as I  
stated to Mr. Arganbright who wrote to me with  
reference to the Lima Open Forum last year, that  
in view of the circumstances I would reduce my  
fee to \$150.

If the terms are agreeable please  
let me know and I will send you a few of my open  
dates as well as a list of my lecture subjects.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



LIMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
R. E. OFFENHAUER, SUPERINTENDENT

*card*

LIMA, OHIO  
October 8, 1928

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

In reply to your letter of September 27, I am sorry to say that I can not make the engagement for our Open Forum during the month of January. We do not pay more than \$100 for a single engagement and in view of the fee which you request, we have made other arrangements for the month of January. However, I thank you sincerely for considering our proposition.

Yours very truly,

*R. E. Offenbauer*

REO/HF



LIMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
R. E. OFFENHAUER, SUPERINTENDENT

LIMA, OHIO  
September 17, 1929

Rabbi Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

Last year I wrote to you to see if it would be possible for you to serve on the Lima Open Forum. Your first reply and suggestion of fee was such that we could not accept on account of the large fee. Later you stated that you could come for \$150. The following are our dates for the current year:

October 27, 1929  
November 17, 1929  
December 8, 1929  
January 12, 1930  
February 2, 1930  
March 2, 1930  
March 23, 1930

I wish you would look them over and if you can accept one of these dates at \$150, I feel that we can make the arrangement this year, if we can have your answer that you will come on one of the dates suggested at an early time.

Allow me to assure you that we have a large Open Forum, last year averaging about one thousand at each meeting. All of our meetings are held at 2:30 o'clock on Sunday afternoons. Please choose your own subject.

I sincerely trust that you can see your way clear to accept this invitation.

Yours very truly,

*R. E. Offenbauer*

REO/HF



*Carol*

Sept. 20th, 1929.

Mr. R. E. Offenhauer,  
Lima Public Schools,  
Lima, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Offenhauer:-

Permit me to thank you for your letter of Sept. 17th and for the invitation which you again extend to me to address the Lima Open Forum.

I would gladly have come but I simply can not leave Cleveland on Sunday. Our principal service is held on Sunday morning and I must be in my pulpit. Besides there are weddings and other congregational duties which I must attend to on Sunday. If the meeting were on any other day I should have been most happy to avail myself of your kind invitation.

With kindest regards, permit me  
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



## Temple Beth Israel

WEST MARKET STREET

LIMA, OHIO

May 27.1930

Address All Communications to  
SAMUEL KLEINBERGER, Secretary  
801 Brice Avenue

Dr Abba Hillel Silver

Cleveland....O.

Dear Rabbi:-

Our congregation is facing a most distressed situation due to the fact that many of our members are losing religious interest and we have no one to arouse them out of this lethargy of spiritual indifference.

Our Board of Trustees realizes the seriousness of the situation and concluded that most drastic action must be taken to prevent any further lapsing of this morbid apathy towards religion and outlined the following plan...

Soon after the High Holidays this coming autumn we want to have an outstanding rabbi visit our congregation once every month on a Friday evening during any one of the following months, October, November, December, January, February, March, April, May and June and we have selected nine outstanding rabbis for this service.....

We of course are willing to pay for this service anything within reason as we are a small congregation unable to afford the services of a permanent rabbi...

As you have been selected one of the nine we trust you will assent your acceptance for this needful service for which we feel you can do us a great deal of good.

Please advise us at your earliest convenience as to your fees for the one visit of this service and inform us kindly what date will be most convenient for you during any one the months mentioned ....

We have a beautiful temple with an auditorium of three hundred seating capacity and we will do everything in our power to make things pleasant for you and give you our undivided co-operation to crown your efforts with success.....

Awaiting your favorable reply at your earliest convenience I beg to remain in behalf of Temple Beth Israel,

S. Kleinberger, Secretary  
Temple Beth Israel  
801 Brice Av, Lima...O.

*S. Kleinberger* Secretary.



Carol

June 16th, 1930

Mr. Samuel Kleinberger,  
801 Brice Ave.,  
Lima, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Kleinberger:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind  
letter of May 27th.

I wish I could comply with your request  
to come to Lima on a Friday evening to address your  
congregation. Unfortunately I am unable to leave Cleveland  
over the week-end. I am away from Cleveland so much of  
the time that I feel that Friday, Saturday and Sunday,  
when most of our congregational activities take place should  
be entirely devoted to The Temple.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



# LIMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

LIMA, OHIO

## CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

H. W. LEACH, PRINCIPAL  
C. C. ROMAKER, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

July 30, 1931

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
E. 125th and Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As President of the Lima Open Forum for next year, I am speaking the wishes of both the committee and the entire Forum when I say that they want you to appear on our Forum program for next year. Our numbers always come on Sunday afternoon in Trinity M. E. Church. Our Forum is an old established institution, known for its talented discussions that always follow each address. I am wondering if you could be induced to come to Lima. We don't have, and never have had a great deal of money. We have secured most of our speakers for meager fees, anywhere from \$75. 00 to \$100. 00 sometimes including expenses. We have in a large part secured our speakers on what is known as a "friendly engagement". Oft times speakers on a tour find it not too inconvenient to stop over at Lima and appear on our Sunday afternoon program. Two or three years ago I heard you give your lecture before the Ohio State Teacher's Association in Columbus on the subject of "Toleration" and every since I have been wanting to have you come to Lima. While the fee would be as stipulated above the larger compensation will be in the great opportunity you will have in addressing a great audience on a great subject.

I hope you can see your way clear to give us a favorable decision. Trusting that I may hear from you at your earliest convenience, I am

Very truly yours,

*H. W. Leach*  
H. W. Leach, Pres.  
Lima Open Forum

HWL:A

*Wrote him - Regret very much.  
Would love to come - Cannot  
however leave Cleveland on  
Sunday - for services etc. are  
on that day*

*12:05  
1:45  
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3:58  
3:30  
5:06  
7:00  
8:58*



*card*

August 10th, 1931

Mr. H. W. Leach,  
President, Lima Open Forum,  
Lima, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Leach:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 30th and to thank you for your kind invitation to come to your Forum for an address some time next season.

I regret very much that I can not leave Cleveland on a Sunday. Most of our Temple activities take place on that day and I must be in my pulpit for the services.

With kindest regards and trusting that at some future time I may be of service to you, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



ADOLPH WEIXELBAUM,  
President  
1006 State St.

BENJAMIN ACKERMAN,  
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421 S. Jameson Ave.

# Temple Beth Israel

BERNARD M. DORFMAN, Rabbi  
Argonne Hotel

LIMA, OHIO

ARTHUR WOHLGEMUTH,  
Treasurer  
1065 W. Spring St.

BERNARD H. BLUM,  
Secretary  
304 Colonial Bldg.

January 24, 1940

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

You will recall our conversation at the conclusion of services on December 31st, 1939 at which time I told you of the Annual Meeting of our little congregation in Lima, Ohio. This meeting takes place at dinner (6 P.M.) in the Crystal Room of the Argonne Hotel within the first ten days of the month of January. We began these Annual Meetings at my suggestion as an experiment, and have had a former student Rabbi, Dr. Walter Rothman, two years ago; Dr. Louis Wolsey last year, and Rabbi Harry Margolis--another former student Rabbi--on January 3rd of this year. Rabbi Wolsey dedicated our Temple twenty-five years ago, and returned for its Silver Anniversary.

On the Sabbath of Succoth I shall begin the tenth year of my ministry in Lima, and my congregation has graciously allowed me the privilege of picking the speaker for our next Annual Dinner Meeting. It was with the above in mind that I ventured to speak to you in Cleveland, hoping that you might do us the honor of returning to Lima. It has been sixteen years since you have last spoken here, and then it was to a Service Club; if it is at all possible, Temple Beth Israel and I would deem it a very great favor and compliment if we could arrange to have you with us next January.



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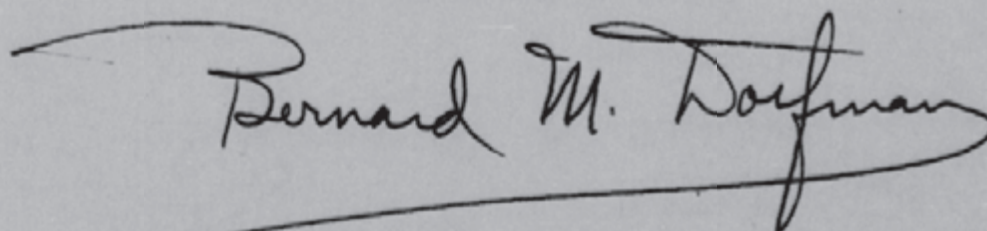
It goes without saying that in a congregation as small as ours that our means are extremely limited, and I hope that you will take this into consideration in naming your honorarium. I believe you mentioned that a Sunday evening is very difficult for you and that the train connections were very bad. Should you desire to use a Sunday evening, I am happy to tell you that Mr. H. L. Solomon has been kind enough to say that he would send his car and chauffeur to pick you up in Cleveland after your Temple Service at a time you might designate in order to have you here in time for dinner. Sunday evening is an ideal time, but we would accept any evening that you might designate.

We all hope that it may be possible to have you with us and to deliver the address of the occasion and I would take it as a great personal compliment if you could arrange to come.

May I hear from you at your leisure, setting your own date if it is possible for you to come.

With kindest greetings to Mrs. Silver, the children and yourself, and regards to Rabbi Harris and Mr. Levy, I am

Respectfully yours,





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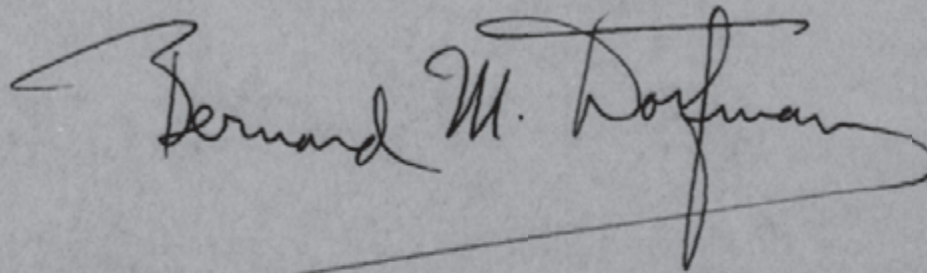
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With kindest greetings to Mrs. Silver, the children and yourself, and regards to Rabbi Harris and Mr. Levy, I am

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Bernard M. Dorfman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.



March 6, 1940

Rabbi Bernard M. Dorfman  
Argonne Hotel  
Lima, Ohio

My dear Dorfman:

I hope you will forgive the long delay in answering your kind letter. A greatdeal of my correspondence has lagged because of my frequent absences from the city.

It is very difficult so far in advance to commit oneself to an engagement. I will say this to you - I will do my best to be with you next January. If you will write me early in the Fall, and if nothing of unforeseen moment interferes, I shall gladly set a definite date for my coming to Lima in connection with your Tenth Anniversary Celebration.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



ADOLPH WEIXELBAUM  
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March 8, 1940

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

Dear Doctor Silver:

Thank you so much for your very kind letter of March 6.<sup>42</sup>  
I am happy to say to you that the Board of my temple and I  
are thrilled at the prospect of your coming to Lima next  
January. We will be very happy to follow your instructions  
and will write you early in the fall to set a definite date  
for your visit here. We shall arrange our Annual Temple  
Meeting and Dinner and my tenth anniversary celebration on  
an evening that will suit your convenience, and we will  
try to arrange your transportation in such a manner that  
your journey down here and your return will be as pleasant  
and comfortable as possible.

A thousand thanks and all good wishes.

Very sincerely yours,

BMD:AM

*Bernard M. Dorfman*



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October 25, 1940.

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Ansel Road & East 105th St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Perhaps you will recall our correspondence of last January and our hopes that it might be possible for you to revisit Lima during the first few days of January, 1941. I enclose for your reference a carbon copy of my original letter to you written last January. You will recall that on March 6th you wrote me and requested me to address another letter to you early in the Fall. In your letter you advised me that you will do your best to be with us in January and that you will set a definite date for your coming to Lima.

As the Holidays are now over, the Board of my Temple requested me to write you again in the hope that it may be possible for you to come to Lima for our Annual Meeting and Celebration. We have always held these meetings on a Sunday evening at dinner in the Crystal Room of the Argonne Hotel. I have been requested to ask you if it would be possible and convenient for you to consider coming to Lima for a dinner meeting on either Sunday, January 5th, or 12th, 1941. I realize that you are in Temple at your own services until Noon. Mr. H. L. Solomon has been kind enough to say that he would gladly send his car and chauffeur to pick you up in Cleveland at any time you might designate, in order to have you here for this dinner and meeting. Lima finds Sunday evening to be an ideal time for this meeting, but we would be happy to accept any evening that you might designate, if Sunday proves to be impossible.

As I wrote you last January, our Congregation is small and our means very limited, and I hope that you will take this into consideration in naming your honorarium.

It has been seventeen years since you have been in our City, and we hope you will be able to revisit Lima and deliver the address of the occasion. My Congregation and I will take it as a great mark of personal favor if you



October 25, 1940

Dr. A. H. Silver.

can arrange to come.

May we hear from you as soon as convenient, in order that we may plan accordingly?

With kindest greetings to Mrs. Silver, the children and yourself, and with every good wish for a Happy New Year, I am,

Respectfully yours,

*Bernard M. Dorfman*

BMD MD  
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November 11th, 1940

Rabbi Bernard M. Dorfman  
Argonne Hotel  
Lima, Ohio

My dear Bernard:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your kind letter. I have been away from the city a good deal of the time and my correspondence has lagged. I should like to come to you this season, but unfortunately I cannot leave on a Sunday, not only because I have services on Sunday, but also because invariably I have weddings on that day and other congregational functions.

I am away from the city so much that I feel that the week-end, at least, belongs to my congregation.

It will be possible for me to come to you on Monday evening, January 13th, 1941. Let me know if that date is convenient for you. As far as honorarium is concerned, I will leave that entirely with your group.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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# Temple Beth Israel

BERNARD M. DORFMAN, RABBI

408 DOMINION BUILDING

LIMA, OHIO

Nov. 19, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of our Temple and myself, I want to tell you of our great joy at the prospect of having you with us in January. Your coming will make our Annual Temple Dinner a signal event, and I am taking it as a personal compliment that you will be here upon the occasion of my tenth anniversary in Lima.

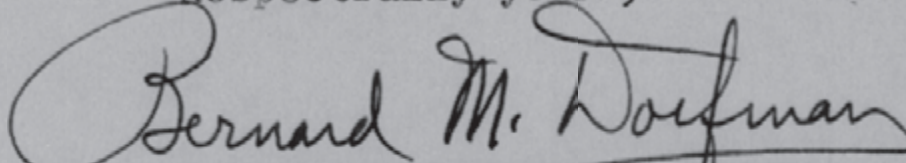
I had hoped to visit you this week in Cleveland but fear that I will be prevented from coming. Consequently this letter and its joyous message.

I have been requested to say to you that we will schedule our Annual Temple Meeting on the day that you will be here. We should be delighted to have you come on Monday evening, January 13th. At the same time I have been requested to write you and ask whether your engagements are all filled on the week preceding the 13th. Our Congregation tries to hold this meeting within the first week or so of January, and only the 9th of January is taken up to date. Should it be possible for you to give us an earlier date in January, we would be delighted to have it. If not, we will accept the 13th of January with great pleasure.

Mr. H. L. Solomon very kindly offers to send his car and chauffeur to bring you to Lima. At your convenience will you please advise me if you can give us an earlier date, when you would like the car to pick you up, and if I may ask you to be my guest at the Hotel Argonne.

With all good wishes and kindest remembrances to Mrs. Silver, the children and yourself, I am,

Respectfully yours,

  
Bernard M. Dorfman, Rabbi

BMD MD



# Temple Beth Israel

BERNARD M. DORFMAN, RABBI

408 DOMINION BUILDING  
LIMA, OHIO

November 25, 1940

Dr. A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th st. at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

May I hope that you are feeling much better than when I talked to you on the telephone in Cleveland last Thursday.

This will serve as a reminder and a request that you please advise me the time and the place at which you would like Mr. H. L. Solomon's car to await you on January 13th. I would allow not less than four hours for this journey, and will ask you to be my guest at Hotel Argonne during your stay in Lima.

We are holding a dinner meeting in the Crystal Room at Hotel Argonne on January 13th. This has always been the annual meeting of our Congregation and we have never admitted outsiders. Our Board seems to feel selfish in not sharing you and your message with some of our Non-Jewish friends in Lima. Therefore I have been asked to write you and inquire as to the nature of your address. Will it be general in scope so that we may invite outsiders to attend, or will it be strictly for a Jewish audience. If convenient, the Subject of your address and a photograph for the newspaper publicity would be very much appreciated.

With all good wishes and kindest greetings to Mrs. Silver, the children and yourself, I am

Faithfully Yours,

*Bernard M. Dorfman*



December 19, 1940

Rabbi Bernard M. Dorfman  
408 Dominion Building  
Lima, Ohio

My dear Bernard:

I believe that the matter of the nature of the address should be decided by you. If your meeting is to be limited to your congregation I should, of course, prefer an exclusively Jewish theme. If you plan to have the community join in, I shall give an address more general in its nature.

I shall be ready to leave around two o'clock, and if your good friend will meet me at The Temple on that day, I shall be very happy to accompany him.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



# Temple Beth Israel

BERNARD M. DORFMAN, RABBI

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LIMA, OHIO

Dec. 24, 1940

Abba Hillel Silver, D.D.  
The Temple  
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you very much for your very kind letter of the 19th. I submitted this letter to the Board of the Temple, as it was necessary for them to determine whether our audience should be limited to the membership of our Temple.

The gentlemen of the Board have decided to retain the identity of this gathering as the Annual Meeting of Temple Beth Israel, and to invite our members and their families. They have issued an invitation to the members of the Orthodox Synagogue to join us as they felt that this was the proper and gracious thing to do, both as a courtesy to you as well as to their members. Consequently, we will have an audience that will be practically all Jewish. It so happens that the Leader of our Choir has been with us for thirty-three years, and our Congregation is honoring him for these long years of service and inviting Mr. and Mrs. Mikesell to be present. I feel that anything that you might have to say to a Jewish audience would be equally well-received by the Mikesells; and even though they are non-Jewish, we regard them as practically honorary members of our Temple. I am also advised that there will be a very few other real friends of the Temple who may be present, but I feel certain that you may regard them in the same light as you would the members of our Temple.

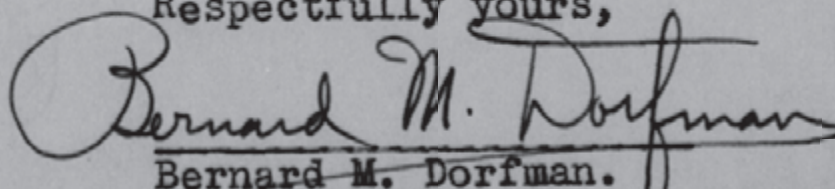
So, for all practical purposes, our audience will be 99% Jewish and entirely composed of the good friends and members of our Temple.

We are delighted at the prospect of your coming, and I hope we can make your visit extremely pleasant as you are making our Annual Temple Meeting and my Tenth Anniversary a splendid occasion.

I have made reservations for you at Hotel Argonne, and hope you will be my guest while in Lima. I am happy to advise you that Mr. H. L. Solomon will have his car at the Temple a little before 2:00 P.M. on January 13th. If there is anything further that we can do to make your visit agreeable, please do not hesitate to advise me.

With many thanks, and every good wish for 1941, I am,

Respectfully yours,



Bernard M. Dorfman.

BMD MD

PS: At your leisure, will you be so good as to send me the subject of your address.



January 9, 1941

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

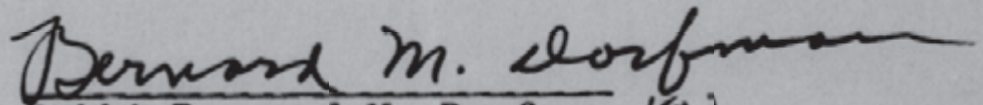
Dear Dr. Silver -

Just a line to advise you that Mr. H. L. Solomon's car and driver will call for you at The Temple at 1:30 P.M. on next Monday, January 13th - and will bring you to the Hotel Argonne where I have made all reservations for you, and where you will please consent to be my guest. I suggest that you leave at 1:30 instead of 2:00 o'clock, as driving conditions are hazardous at this time of the year and the trip will require about four hours.

We are looking forward with great anticipation to your visit to Lima, and I am happy to tell you that an enthusiastic audience awaits your coming. As I wrote you previously, the audience will consist entirely of the members of our Temple, the Orthodox Synagogue, and our Choir. Outside guests have not been invited.

Looking forward with joy to your being with us, and with my deepest appreciation, I am,

Respectfully yours,

  
Rabbi Bernard M. Dorfman. (24)

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# Temple Beth Israel

BERNARD M. DORFMAN, Rabbi  
Argonne Hotel

LIMA, OHIO  
January 21, 1941

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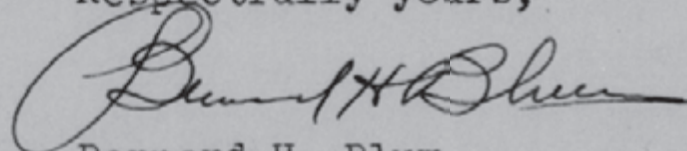
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Kindly accept the enclosed check for \$25.00, in payment of your expenses incurred during your visit here.

I do not know how to find words adequate to express the appreciation of the Board of Trustees and our Congregation for the inspiring and heartening message which you brought to us. May God bless your beautiful work of service to our people, our country, and mankind, and give you strength and many years in which to carry on your noble work.

Under separate cover we are sending you a brief case which we hope you will accept and think of us sometime when you use it.

Respectfully yours,



Bernard H. Blum,  
Secretary.

BHB MD  
Encl.

*My hearty approval of the above, + my most  
Sincere appreciation of your kindness.*

*Bernard M. Dorfman*



February 6, 1941

Mr. Bernard H. Blum, Secretary  
Temple Beth Israel  
Lima, Ohio

My dear Friend:

So you finally had your way and you did present me with a brief case. Even as I spoke at your meeting I felt that you were conspiring against me. And now I have a beautiful brief case!

Please tell your good people how much I appreciate their thoughtfulness and how much I enjoyed being with them.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS: BK