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LITTLEROCK ARK 27)

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

CLEVELAND OHIO

I EARNESTLY INVITE YOU TO ADDRESS LITTLEROCK AND ARKANSAS JEWRY

ON FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLAR CAMPAIGN AT LITTLEROCK IT IS VERY

IMPERATIVE THAT A MAN OF NATIONAL PROMINENCE SPEAK TO OUR

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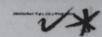
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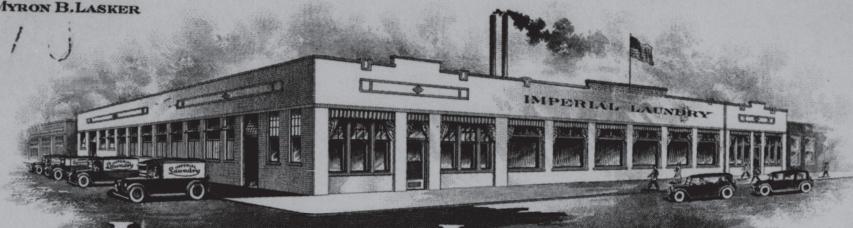
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LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

March 27, 1926

Rev. Doctor Abba Hillel Silver Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver :

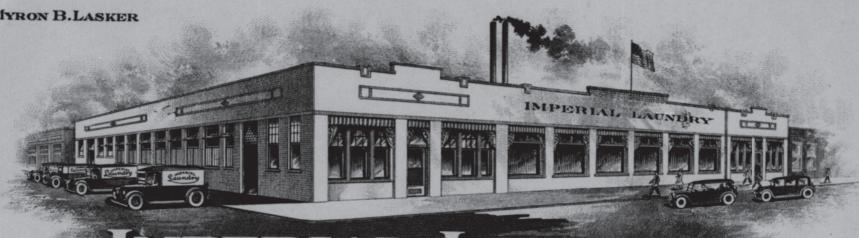
I wired you to day as follows .:

" I earnestly himite you to address bittle Rock and Arkansas Jewry on the Fifteen Willion Campaign at Little Rock. It is wery imperative that a man of national prominence speak to our people to this cause. Any time is satisfactory between April 19th and May 1st. Letter follows."

Perhaps you may think it rather strange that I address you but inasmuch as there is a general apathetic indifference prevalent in this community concerning Jewish problems, it is absolutely necessary that a man of national prominence address our people and you being very well known in this community, I have taken the liberty of asking you to come to Little Rock and help me to arouse our people, so that Little Rock and Arkansas will do their duty towards the Fifteen Million Dellar Campaign.

We have a very fine element of Jews here but we have never been recognized and appreciated by the Jewish Organization in New York, and when we are asked to raise a sum of \$75,000.00 and the Jewish population in Arkansas being very small and it will take "dynamite" to accomplish the task of collecting such a large amount.

So I am hoping dear Rabbi, that you will accept my invitation and that you will come to Little Rock at your earliest convenience and I feel positively certain that we will go over the top.



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LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

March 27, 1296

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Howver I have all the confidence in the world that we will raise this amount but it will take you to help me "to put it over".

Please write me immediately and I am praying to God that your answer will be favorable and that my feeble efforts will be rewarded by the great God above and that we Jews of Arkansas can orove to the world that the Jewish spirit still prevails and that we will be recognized as very big men and women, every ready to help those in distress.

It is the hope of the members of our congregation that your stay in Little Rock will be as long as you possibly can remain, and while here, you are to be my personal guest.

I had the extreme pleasure of listening to your fine address in Carnegie Hall held in New York in 1923 at the time of the great Jewish Convention.

Awaiting your reply, I am,

March 29th, 1926.

Mr. Myron B. Lasker, Imperial Laundry, Little Rock, Ark.

My dear Mr. Lasker,

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address a meeting in Little Rock in behalf of the fifteen million dollar campaign.

I wish I could see my way clear to accept your kind invitation but unfortunately I am so overburdened with lecture engagements (many of them in behalf of Palestine and Foreign Relief campaigns) that I cannot in justice to myself accept any more.

with kindest regards and wishing you great success in your worthy cause, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Rabbi Silver:

Myron B. Lasker Chairman United Jewish Campaign Arkansas wired me Arkansas Community eager to have you address them at Little Rock anytime suit your convenience between April 19th and May 1st in Interest Campaign. They feel that your coming would arouse enthusiasm, stimulate and assure success in Campaign. I would personally appreciate your accepting their invitation. Regard Holy Greetings.

David A. Brown.

JUVENILE COURT DIVISION THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT PHONES 4-5357, 3-1557 LITTLE ROCK, ARK. January 24, 1927 The Reverend Abba Hillel Silver, The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio. Dear Rabbi Silver: I was one of ten Arkansas social workers who attended the National Conference of Social Work, last year, in Cleveland, where I was fortunate enough to hear you deliver two addresses. Social work, in all of its phases, has moved very slowly in our State. Illiteracy, lack of advanced education, superficial class concepts and religious and racial intolerance have hindered our progress. Those of us who have heard you are firm in our conviction that you, more than any other person, could bring a vital and helpful message to Arkansas. I have been asked by the Executive Committee of the Arkansas Conference of Social Work to write you in regard to giving us two or three addresses at our annual meeting, to be held in this city April 20-23. We would, of course, expect to pay all your expenses and a fee for each lecture. This is a bit mundane, perhaps, but do you think that fifty dollars a lecture would be a suitable fee? If not, please state frankly what you would consider a proper sum. I am not sure that my letter conveys our eagerness to have you in our State. What I am trying to say is that we need you and the message that we know you can bring us, and we shall be deeply disappointed if you cannot come. Very sincerely, Mrs. Katherine Gibson, KG:EM State Supervisor, Juvenile Court Work. (Past President, Arkansas Conference of Social Work.)

Mrs. Katherine Gibson, Juvenile Court Division, The Attorney General's Department, Little Rock, Arkansas.

My dear Mrs. Gibson,

I wish it were possible for me to avail myself of your very courteous invitation to address the Arkansas Conference of Social Work at the annual meeting. April 20th to 23rd. I regret exceedingly that I am not able to accept because the period of your sessions comes within the week of the Jewish Passover.

Perhaps another year may afford me an opportunity to servce you.

With kindest regards and best wishes for a successful conference, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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RABBI ABBA. HILLEL SILVER

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ARKANSAS CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL WORK AUTHORIZES ME TO ASK YOU TO

CONSIDER APRIL. TWENTY SEVENTH. THIRTIETH AS POSSIBLE DATES FOR

CONFERENCE PLEASE WRITE OR, WIRE MY EXPENSE

KATHER INE GIBSON STATE CAPITOL.

Collect Day Letter

Regret exceedingly cannot make the dates you suggest. Will find it next to impossible to make consider any date during the remainder of this season. Thanks for your courtesy.

(Signed) Abba Hillel Silver

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Congregation B'nai Israel

IRA E. SANDERS, RABBI

Nov. 26, 1930

Dr. Abba H. Silver, The Temple, East 105th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Temple Men's Club of our congregation has asked me to communicate with you to ascertain whether it is possible for you to be our speaker at our annual Sisterhood-Men's Club Night, Thursday evening, January 22nd.

we realize that our invitation is somewhat late.

If, however, this date is unsatisfactory would you be willing to give us an open date on a ruesday or a thursday evening in rebruary? I am confident that our group will be glad to arrange its evening to meet with your schedule.

In writing me will you be kind enough to state what your honorarium will be.

Appreciating an early reply, I beg to remain

yours very sincerely,

21 Broadway Secretary Temple Men's Club

card Nov. 29th, 1930 Mr. Henry Spitzberg, 421 Broadway, Little Rock, Ark. My dear Mr. Spitzberg:-Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address your Sisterhood-Men's Club meeting on January 22d. I should very much like to accept your invitation but I plan to attend the Convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations the week of the 18th in Philadelphia. My customary honorarium for lectures is \$250. With kindest regards, permit me to remain Very sincerely yours, AHS/IR

Temple Men's Club

CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

March 19, 1937

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

Dear Silver:

Our Temple Men's Club is arranging its annual series of lectures for next year. we should like very much for you to end our course some time during the latter half of March or the first part of April, 1938.

Inasmuch as we have already arranged for three speakers -- John Haynes Holmes, V. C. Kaltenborn, and Lewis Browne, we should like to know by return mail whether we may secure you for our fourth and last speaker. We desire to announce our completed series in the immediate future.

If you cannot give us a definite date at the present time, perhaps you can let us have a tentative one. Also let us have your honorarium.

with kind greetings, I am always

Sincerely yours, Jandes

IES: CNM

March 23, 1937 Rabbi Ifa E. Sanders, Congregation B'nai Israel, apitol Avenue and Broadway, Little Rock, Arkansas. My dear Sanders: I am deeply appreciative of your invitation to share in the lecture program which your Men's Club is arranging for next year. Were your community a little nearer to Cleveland, I would not hesitate. As it is, it would take me from two to three days to make the return trip and that is more than I can spare. Also, I find traveling such long distances quite tiring. I do want you to know, however, that I am grateful for your thoughtfulness in inviting me. With all good wishes to you for a very pleasant Pesach, I remain Very cordially yours, AHS: BK



May 27, 1943

Rabbi Hillel Silver Cleveland Ohio

Dear Sir:

The State Department of Education and the Arkansas Education Association sponsor an annual summer conference for school administrators in this state. The conference this year will be held August 16-18.

The program committee has instructed me to extend to you an urgent invitation to address the conference on Tuesday, August 17 at 8:00 p.m. You would be free to select your own subject, but we should like for you to discuss the role of education in America. In this connection, we are thinking not only of contributions which secondary schools and higher institutions are called upon to make at the present, but we are also looking at this problem from the long range point of view.

We are in a position to pay your expenses and also a modest honorarium. Several of us heard your address at the recent meeting of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The theme of your address in Chicago would be highly appropriate for our conference.

Yours truly,

M. R. Owens, Director Division of Instruction

MRO:s

June 2, 1943 Mr. M. R. Owens, Director Division of Instruction State of Arkansas Department of Education State Capitol Little Rock, Arkansas My dear Mr. Owens: I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing to me and in inviting me to address the Annual Summer Conference for School Administrators which the Arkansas State Department of Education and the Arkansas Education Association sponsor. It would have given me a great deal of pleasure to accept your invitation and to meet with your group, but unfortunately I have planned to take a few weeks off in August for my annual vacation. This has been an unusually hard year for me and I will be kept going at a steady pace until August when I hope to get away for a few weeks with my family. I hope that I may be of service to you at some future time. With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, AHS : BK

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Sept. 13, 1945

WANT A REPLY?

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T. M. Stinnett Exec. Sec'y Arkansas Education Ass'n Littlerock, Ark.

DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR INVITATION. REGRET EXCEEDINGLY THAT OTHER COMMITMENTS MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO ACCEPT IT. HOPE TO BE OF SERVICE TO YOU AT SOME FUTURE TIME. KINDEST REGARDS.

A H SILVER

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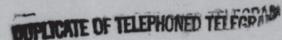
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THE TEMPLE EAST 105 ST AND ANSEL CLEVE=

WOULD YOU BE AVAILABLE FOR AN ABBRESS TO THE STATE
CONVENTION OF THE ARKANSAS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION THURSDAY
NIGHT NOVEMBER EIGHTH? PLEASE WIRE ME IF AVAILABLE AND I
WILL WRITE YOU DETAILS=

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March 14, 1946

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

JOURNAL OF ARKANSAS EDUCATION

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You will recall that I made an effort to engage you to speak to our annual convention last fall but that you had a previous engagement.

We are now making tentative plans for our convention this fall which is to be held on November 8 and 9, and I am very anxious to schedule you on one of these dates if at all possible, preferably on November 8.

I would appreciate it, therefore, if you would write me if there is any possibility of your accepting and would appreciate your indicating the fee you would expect.

Our convention is attended by six or seven thousand teachers of the state, and your audience would number about three thousand, which is the capacity of our auditorium.

Cordially yours,

Executive Secretary

March 26, 1946 Mr. T. M. Stinnett, Executive Secretary The Arkansas Education Association 501 Union Life Building 212 Center Street Little Rock, Arkansas My dear Mr. Stinnetts I deeply appreciate your kind invitation to address The Arkansas Education Association on November 8 or I assure you that if I were free to accept engagements during that period I should be delighted to avail myself . of your gracious invitation. Unfortunately, I cannot commit myself to engagements during the fall. I may not be in the country at the time. Please keep me in mind for some future occasion. With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, AHS: GR

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March 28, 1946

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JOURNAL OF ARKANSAS EDUCATION

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I appreciate very much your reply to my letter concerning a possible speaking date here during our convention, and your cordiality encourages me to write to say again that if you have no objections, I shall plan to communicate with you about the first of September to ascertain if your commitments are such as to permit you to consider the date.

Cordially yours,

Executive Secretary

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September 9, 1946

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

JOURNAL OF ARKANSAS EDUCATION

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You will recall that I wrote you early in the year concerning the possibility of your being on our convention program the night of November 7. At the time, in your reply, you gave it as your opinion that you probably would not be able to accept, but I requested the privilege of writing you again later on in the year to determine definitely.

I would be most grateful to you if you can indicate by return mail whether there is now any possibility that you will be in position to accept such an invitation.

Cordially yours,

Executive Secretary

September 12, 1946 Mr. T. M. Stinnett, Executive Secretary The Arkansas Education Association 212 Center Street Little Rock, Arkansas My dear Mr. Stinnett: I deeply regret that I will not be able to come to you in November. I am leaving in November for Europe to attend an international conference in Switzerland. Hoping to be of service to you at some future time, I remain Most cordially yours, AHS: BK