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Manchester, New Hampshire, 1934-1959.

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ABRAHAM SHOUL, GENERAL AGENT

804 AMOSKEAG BANK BUILDING

TELEPHONE 5358-W

MARY COHEN
CASHIER

MANCHESTER, N. H

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I understand that you are to speak at Ford Hall on Sunday evening, February the 10th.

Would it be possible for you also to speak in Manchester, N.H. in the afternoon on the same date; namely, Sunday, February the 10th, at 2:30. After the meeting, it would be quite convenient for you to go to Boston to speak in Ford Hall.

The Manchester Jewish community would like to have you address a non-sectarian audience. This is in keeping with our custom of the past of having the leading Jew talk in the city of Manchester, as our contribution to the community.

If you could see your way clear to come, and if the fee would be within our means, we should like very much to arrange for this lecture.

Very truly yours,

October 8, 1934

A. Shoul

October 19, 1934.

Abraham Shoul, General Agent,
The Union Central Life Insurance Company,
Manchester, N.H.

My dear Mr. Shoul:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of October 8th. I appreciate your invitation very much. I am, however, scheduled to speak in Boston, both in the morning and in the evening and I therefore am unable to accept any other engagements for that day.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:RK

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

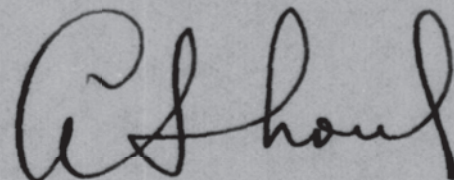
I am in receipt of your letter of the 12th advising of your inability to appear in Manchester the Sunday you are speaking in Ford Hall.

Are you planning to come to Boston or near Boston again this year? What arrangements could we make to have you come to Manchester to address a non-sectarian meeting some Sunday Evening convenient to you this winter.

Trusting to hear from you, I

am

Cordially yours,



October 15, 1934

December 3, 1934.

Mr. A. Shoul,
Union Central Life Insurance Company,
804 Amoskeag Bank Bldg.,
Manchester, N.H.

My dear Mr. Shoul:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your kind letter of October 15th. It was somehow misplaced and I did not chance upon it until today. I regret that it will not be possible for me to accept any other engagements in New England this season. It is quite difficult for me to get away from Cleveland and I have already scheduled myself for more lecture engagements than I should have.

Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you. With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

Manchester Knitted Fashions, Inc.

Mc Gregor & Bridge Sts. • Manchester, New Hampshire

New York Office
417 Fifth Avenue
Tel. CAledonia 5-4800

December 19, 1943.

Reverend Hillel Silver
c/o Rabbi Silver's Temple
105th Street (near Euclid)
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As the chairman of a committee charged with the organization of a Men's Club or Brotherhood of the Congregation Adath Jeshurun of Manchester, New Hampshire, I am greatly pleased to extend to you an invitation to address the members of our community at the organization meeting. The Brotherhood movement is new to this community but it will be a tremendous factor for sustaining interest in the Synagogue and creating an interest among the many Jewish families recently added to the community. We have been attempting with some success to meet the spiritual needs of Jewish officers and men at Grenier Field of the Army Air Corps in Manchester and we feel that your presence at our first meeting will stimulate interest in our undertaking sufficiently to insure its immediate success. The initial meeting will take place on January 12, 1944 and we would appreciate word at your early convenience as to your availability. Naturally, the Committee will be very glad to take care of the expenses involved. It is expected that approximately two hundred fifty people will be present.

Sincerely yours

B. P. Mates

P.S. Mr. Marvin Kane of Cleveland will get in touch with you.



December 24, 1943

Mr. B. P. Mates
Manchester Knitted Fashions, Inc.
McGregor & Bridge Sts.
Manchester, N.H.

My dear Mr. Mates:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of December 19 and for your invitation to address the Men's Club of your congregation in Manchester on January 12. I wish I were free to come, but I cannot. The new duties which I have undertaken in connection with the Zionist Emergency Council take me out of the city two and three days every week and I have had to decline many invitations which normally I would be most happy to accept. Perhaps at some future time I may be able to be of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Men's Club

of

ADATH YESHURUN SYNAGOGUE

Manchester, N. H.

Sept. 13, 1944

Rabbi H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

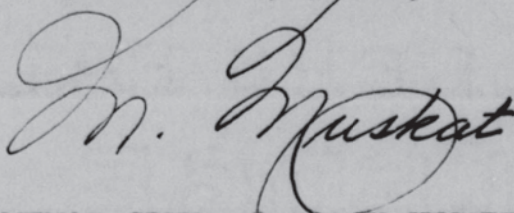
It is with the greatest pleasure that I am writing to you in confirmation of the arrangements made for you to be our guest speaker on the evening of October 18, 1944.

We would be very pleased to receive any memorandum you may wish to forward to us, so that we may publicize your appearance at our Men's Club meeting.

If there is any information that you desire regarding train connections from Boston Mass., or if you wish to have us make arrangements for your quarters here in Manchester for the evening of October 18, we will be happy to do so upon receipt of your request.

You may be assured that it will be a pleasure for our congregation to have you with us on that evening, and also we will do all in our power to make your visit a pleasant one.

Very sincerely yours,



MEN'S CLUB of ADATH YESHURUN SYNAGOGUE
Mitchell Muskat, Secretary.

September 17, 1944

Mr. Mitchell Muskat, Secretary
Men's Club of Adath Yeshurun Synagogue
Manchester, N.H.

My dear Mr. Muskat:

In reply to your letter of September 13, permit me to state there must be some mistake. Rabbi Silver has made no arrangements to be in Manchester on October 18. We have had no correspondence with anyone regarding such a commitment.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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September 21, 1944

Rev. Hillel Silver
Temple at 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As the Chairman of a committee charged with the organization of a men's club or Brotherhood of Congregation Adath Jeshurun of Manchester, N. H., I am greatly pleased to extend to you an invitation to address the members of our community at the organization meeting. The Brotherhood movement in this community is very young and it will be a tremendous factor for sustaining interest in the Synagog and creating interest among the many Jewish families recently added to the community.

We have been attempting with some success to meet the spiritual needs of Jewish officers and men at Grenier Field of the Army Air Corps in Manchester, and we feel that your presence at our next meeting will stimulate interest in our undertakings sufficiently to insure its immediate success.

The next meeting will take place on October 18, 1944 and we would appreciate a word at your earliest convenience as to your availability. Should you be unable to come that date, what other date would be convenient for you to be with us and we shall be happy to change the meeting date.

Naturally, I will be very pleased to take care of the expenses involved and it is expected that approximately 300 people will be present.

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin P. Mates
Benjamin P. Mates

BPM:LW



September 29, 1944

Mr. Benjamin P. Mates
Manchester Knitted Fashions, Inc.
McGregor and Bridge Streets
Manchester, N.H.

My dear Mr. Mates:

Thank you for your kind letter of September 21 and for your invitation to address the Brotherhood of Congregation Adath Jeshurun of Manchester on October 18th, or at some future time during this season. I wish I were free to come to your group. Unfortunately my commitments during these war years to national and international activities, principally of a relief character, have forced me to forego many invitations which in normal times I would have been most happy to accept. I know that you will understand.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

B. P. MATES

McGREGOR & BRIDGE STREETS
MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

December 18, 1952

Rabbi Aba Silver
c/o The Temple
East 105th Street & Ansell Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I can assure you that no letter I have ever written in my life has given me as much pleasure in writing as this one does.

Brotherhood Week in New Hampshire will be held during the week of February 15-22. Our banquet, a highlight of Brotherhood Week, is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 17.

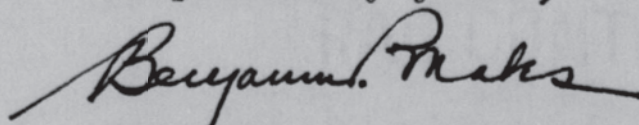
At this banquet, in line with the custom observed throughout the nation, we, too, will honor three outstanding Americans for their contributions to brotherhood ideals and principles.

Your reputation as a powerful force against prejudice and misunderstanding is a matter of record. We in New Hampshire will consider it an honor and a privilege to honor you during the evening of our banquet, together with two other men of your stature, representing the Protestant and Catholic faiths.

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for the work you are doing in behalf of mankind.

Kindly let me know of your availability to come to Manchester on February 17 to take part in our Brotherhood Week Program.

Respectfully yours,



Benjamin P. Mates
New Hampshire Chairman
National Conference of
Christians and Jews

BPM:ad

December 22, 1952

Mr. Benjamin P. Mates
McGregor & Bridge Streets
Manchester, New Hampshire

My dear Mr. Mates:

I deeply appreciate your kind letter of December 18th and your invitation to attend the Brotherhood Banquet in your city on Tuesday, February 17th. I am particularly grateful for your desire to honor me during that evening along with representatives of the Christian faith. It would have given me great pleasure to attend. Unfortunately, I shall be on the Pacific coast during that period. I am leaving Cleveland on the 15th of February to be gone for two weeks. Please convey to the members of your committee my profound appreciation for their desire to have me participate in their Brotherhood Week program.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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SEPTEMBER 24, 1954

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DR. LOUIS ROGOFF
NASHUA, NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEEPLY REGRET UNABLE TO ATTEND ROGOFF TESTIMONIAL NOVEMBER 17.
PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS DENY ME THE PLEASURE.

WARMEST REGARDS,



ABBA HILLEL SILVER



American Judaism

Editor: RABBI SAMUEL M. SILVER

838 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK 21, N. Y. TELEPHONE REGENT 7-8200

3 March 1959

Dear Dr. Silver,

Three items:

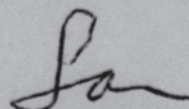
1) Would you be willing to speak at the dedication of a new temple at our congregation in Manchester, New Hampshire. The date is Friday night, June 5th. I will appreciate your letting me know so that I can transmit your answer.

2) I note that you did an Institute on Judaism for the Christian Clergy some time ago for Phil Bernstein. I am in charge of this activity for the Union and would like to know whether I might recommend your name from time to time to rabbis in search of speakers. I need not tell you how valuable is this event. Incidentally, if you have any suggestions for the improvement of this kind of function over those you have witnessed I would appreciate your observations.

3) In re our telephone conversation about whether or not another Reform congregation is needed in Cleveland, I am glad to say that your warning about the need to deliberate on this matter is being heeded. A meeting of representatives of the four East Side temples is being called for Thursday, March 19, I believe. Rabbi Albert G. Baum, of our staff, will be on hand to join with you in the exploration and discussion of this matter. Needless to say, your presence will be much appreciated by all concerned.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially,



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver RABBI SAMUEL M. SILVER
Ansel Road at E. 105th st.
Cleveland, Ohio

March 6, 1959

Rabbi Samuel M. Silver
Editor American Judaism
838 Fifth Avenue
New York 21, New York

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Replying to your letter of March 3rd, - I will not be able to accept the invitation to address the dedication of the new Temple in Manchester, New Hampshire on June 5th.

I would rather that you would not recommend my name to Rabbis in connection with an Institute on Judaism. I am very heavily committed, as it is, to out-of-town lectures, campaigns, etc.

I am sorry that you found it necessary to broach the subject of a new Reform congregation in Cleveland to me over the telephone from the Airport. It is a rather unusual way to present a serious subject. Personally, I see no point in a member of your staff coming to Cleveland on March 19th to discuss it. We at the Temple are not at all interested in the matter at this time.

Very sincerely yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Temple Adath Yeshurun

293 CENTRAL STREET
MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

May 14, 1959

Dr. Abba Hiller Silver
Temple Tifereth Israel
1855 Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

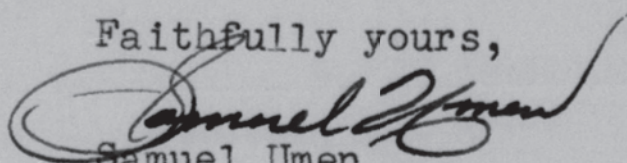
Dear Dr. Silver,

Our congregation is now completing its new Temple which is the most beautiful in the State. It is truly a "Mikdosh M'at," the work of a gifted architect (Percival Goodman) as well as skilled artists and artisans.

We have set the date of Friday evening, September 11, 8:00 P.M. for the dedication Service. We cannot think of anyone who would enrich the history of our congregation and make this occasion more eventful than you delivering the sanctification sermon. Your appearance before the seven hundred people who will attend the Service, will serve the cause of Reform in our area beyond words.

With fervent hopes that God will guide you in an affirmative answer and with my personal sincere wishes for your good health, I remain

Faithfully yours,


Samuel Umen
Rabbi

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D.S.E.

May 14, 1959

Rabbi Samuel Umen
Temple Adath Yeshurun
293 Central Street
Manchester, New Hampshire

My dear Rabbi Umen:

I deeply appreciate your invitation to participate in your dedication service on Friday, September 11th. It would have given me great pleasure indeed if I were free to accept it. Unfortunately, I am not making any engagements prior to the High Holy Days as I do not know just where I will be.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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