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Massillon, Ohio, 1919-1941.

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Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

The Massillon War Chest Campaign for various reasons has been postponed until the week of January 13th to January 18th inclusive.

Would it be possible for you to address the workers at a noon-day luncheon on Tuesday Jan. 14th, Wednesday Jan. 15th, or Friday Jan. 17th? If you can do so, I would be pleased to have you wire me collect upon receipt of this letter, naming the date, or if you prefer I would be very glad to have you wire me which day you could come and permit me to wire you the date desired.

Would be pleased to bear your expenses and any charge you might make for your services.

C. W. Stuart

Chairman Speakers Bureau,
MASSILLON WAR CHEST CAMPAIGN.

CWS-FB.

Regret cannot come

*"Collect" message telephoned
that evening 5 o'clock.
1/8/19*

Very sorry I cannot come

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Nov 19-28
9 Sixth St. N. E.
Massillon Ohio.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver -
Cleveland, Ohio -

Dear Sir -

As chairman of the lecture committee
I am writing to ask if you would
consider a lecture engagement some
evening during the second or third week
in March before the members of the
Massillon Woman's Club and their
friends.

Since we are planning for an audience
of both men and women we had thought
of World Peace and International Relations
as a subject which would appeal to,

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bath. However if you preferred another subject it would be optional with you of course.

If you feel that you could consider such an engagement I should be glad to hear from you at your earliest convenience. Please include a statement of your fee.

Very truly yours -

Mildred Gregory

(Mrs. D. L. J. Gregory)

No answer
up to Jan 10th 1929

Nov. 21st, 1928.

Mrs. Mildred Gregory,
9 Sixth St., N. E.,
Massillon, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Gregory:-

In the absence of Rabbi Silver
permit me to acknowledge your letter of Nov.
19th.

It may be possible for Rabbi
Silver to deliver an address before The Massillon
Woman's Club during the month of March. His
honorarium would be \$250. If the terms are
agreeable, please let me know and I will take
the matter up with Rabbi Silver.

With kindest regards, permit
me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

MASSILLON WOMAN'S CLUB
210 4TH STREET N. E.
MASSILLON, OHIO

July 9, 1935.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Various members of our Woman's Club have requested me to write to you asking you for information concerning your lectures: the subjects of your lectures, the amount you ask for an evening lecture, etc.etc..

Many of us have heard your talks in Cleveland and we are certain that you would be able to give us a very interesting and worthwhile talk.

Our evening lecture series begins in October and, omitting December, lasts through to April.

Would you be so kind as to send me, at your earliest convenience, the information which we desire.

Very Truly Yours,

Mrs. N. H. Crawford

Chairman evening entertainment committee.

*1000 Stratford Ave
Massillon
Ohio*

MASSILLON WOMAN'S CLUB
210 4TH STREET N. E.
MASSILLON, OHIO

Dear Rabbi Silver

Thank you for your kind
letter. It is quite beyond the state
of our finances at present to pay
150 for a lecture. I regret this, as
we were most anxious to have
you in Massillon. Perhaps at
some future date when the Club is
more affluent we may be able to
have you in Massillon.

Sincerely Yours

Mrs. W. L. Crawford
1000 Standard Ave.

July 12, 1935.

Mrs. W. H. Crawford,
1000 Stratford Ave.,
Massillon, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Crawford:

In reply to your letter of July 9 permit me to state that Rabbi Silver is abroad on his vacation and will be gone until the middle of September. I shall refer your letter to him when he returns.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

MASSILLON WOMAN'S CLUB
210 4TH STREET N. E.
MASSILLON, OHIO

September 11, 1935.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

On July ninth I wrote to you asking for some information regarding your lectures for the coming season. Your secretary, Miss Kline, informed me that you were abroad on your vacation and would not be back until this month.

At your earliest convenience will you kindly let me know if you have any available dates for evening lectures, what your subjects are and what fee you charge? The Lecture Committee is very anxious to get its programme lined up for the 1935-36 season and wants to hear from you before making any final arrangements.

I think that I stated in my last letter that we try to plan our programmes so that they will be of interest to a mixed audience, rather than just to women.

Hoping to have a favor of an early reply, I
am,

Very Truly Yours,

Mrs. W. H. Crawford

Chairman of Evening Lecture Committee.

FC/C

September 12, 1935

Mrs. W. H. Crawford,
Massillon Woman's Club,
210 4th St., N.E.,
Massillon, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Crawford:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter
of September 11.

Rabbi Silver has not yet returned to the
city. We are expecting in Cleveland the end of next
week. I shall be pleased to refer your letter to him
when he returns.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

October 3, 1935

Mrs. W. H. Crawford,
1000 Stratford Ave.,
Massillon, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Crawford:

Please pardon the delay in answering your kind letter. I have just gotten around to my pile of correspondence which accumulated during my absence abroad.

It may be possible for me to come to Massillon some evening in March or April. I could discuss with your group my recent visit to Europe, under the subject "The Cauldron of Europe", or one of the following subjects:

- (1) The Age of Dictators
- (2) Liberalism at the Crossroads
- (3) Educating our Children for the New Day

Because of the proximity of your city to Cleveland which would not require too much time in traveling, my honorarium would be \$150.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

See Joseph Hyman

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Indianapolis, Indiana

December 11, 1940

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Rabbi Abba Hiell Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road, East 105th
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are writing to enlist your assistance in guaranteeing the continued success of a cooperative effort of Indianapolis citizens which has its object an emphasis on the great spiritual ideals which were and must continue to be the basis of our American life. By the contributions of Jews, Catholics, and Protestants of every color and nation, these ideals have developed and they ought to be reaffirmed and guaranteed by such regular and representative community meetings in which all groups participate.

Last February, we observed Goodwill Sunday with a great meeting in the afternoon at the Claypool Hotel. Jewish, Catholic and Protestant pastors and people, black and white together, shared in the program. The one speaker--to avoid any suggestion of division--was Judge Florence Allen.

The outstanding success of this first event must be repeated next February. The day is Sunday, the twenty-third, at three in the afternoon. The Claypool Hotel, our largest as you know, contributes the ballroom. Every newspaper will print all the publicity we ask. WIRE will broadcast the address without charge. Under our set-up, this Federation as the majority group is happy to ask the others to join with us. Then the Catholic and Protestant representatives agree that you are the best person in this country to bring us a challenging and confident presentation of the essential spiritual unity which must be our undergirding if America is to achieve what should be its destiny. Needless to say, the Jewish leaders believe such an arrangement is perfect.

So this is a formal invitation to you to be our speaker. We believe it provides you an opportunity for a real service and that you will accept because our community needs your help. Of course, we pay expenses and whatever you consider proper compensation. We take no collection at the meeting as the three groups divide the budget and provide it beforehand. If you need an hour, you can have it. Forty-five minutes is suggested. If it is necessary to change the date for your convenience, that can be arranged. Judge Allen came on Saturday, and rested in the hotel that night. We invite you to do so if you wish. But please find the way to say "Yes" and then command us as you like.

Sincerely yours,

CHURCH FEDERATION OF INDIANAPOLIS

Dwight S. Little
Chairman, Interracial Committee



DSR/bb

December 16, 1940

Mr. Dwight S. River
Chairman, Interracial Committee
Church Federation of Indianapolis
Room D, YMCA
Indianapolis, Indiana

My dear Mr. River:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of December 11 and for your invitation to address your Goodwill Sunday program on Sunday, February 23. Your program interests me greatly and I should like to comply with your request. Unfortunately I cannot come on February 23. I am wondering whether March 16 would be a convenient date for you. I shall be at Purdue University, Lafayette, in the morning. I might arrange to motor back to Indianapolis in time for your afternoon program. If that can be done, I shall be very pleased to come.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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MASSILLON WELFARE FEDERATION

607 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLDG.

MASSILLON, OHIO

February 7, 1941.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
246 East 105th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

The Massillon Welfare Federation is planning for its annual meeting of subscribers to be held in the near future.

We are living in a complex age. War is raging in Europe, Africa and Asia. In our Country, we are busily engaged in a rearmament program. Young men are being called for service in the armed forces.

These factors challenge our social service agencies to sharpen their forces to meet the social need of these new problems.

We would like very much to have you address our group on a subject related to the conditions mentioned, emphasizing the fact of the need of social and character building organizations on the home front regardless of the chaos in the world at large.

We are thinking of a Sunday afternoon meeting, either February 23rd or March 2nd, preferably the latter.

Would you be available for such an engagement, and if so, what honorarium would be required?

Please answer by Western Union collect.

*P.S. Our mutual friend
Rabbi Charles Lats is
also writing you.*

Very truly yours,

MASSILLON WELFARE FEDERATION

J. W. Reinhardt
J. W. Reinhardt, Managing Director

JWR/H

February 11, 1941

Mr. J. W. Reinhardt, Managing Director
Massillon Welfare Federation
607 First National Bank Bldg.
Massillon, Ohio

My dear Mr. Reinhardt:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of February 7 and for the invitation which you extend to me to address the annual meeting of the Massillon Welfare Federation. I wish I were free to come, but pressure upon me in the last few years in connection with overseas campaigns has been so great that I have had to decline many invitations which I would normally have accepted. Again, it is quite impossible for me to leave on a Sunday afternoon. Many congregational activities such as weddings and group meetings take place on that day. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ANS:EK