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Memphis, Tennessee, 1925-1954.

Feb. 13th, 1925.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Tifereth Israel Congregation,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:-

You are probably familiar with the fact that our pulpit, formerly occupied by Rabbi Wm. H. Fineshriber, is unoccupied at this time, although we have had good fortune in securing Dr. Harry W. Ettelson, now at Philadelphia, to permanently take charge of our pulpit.

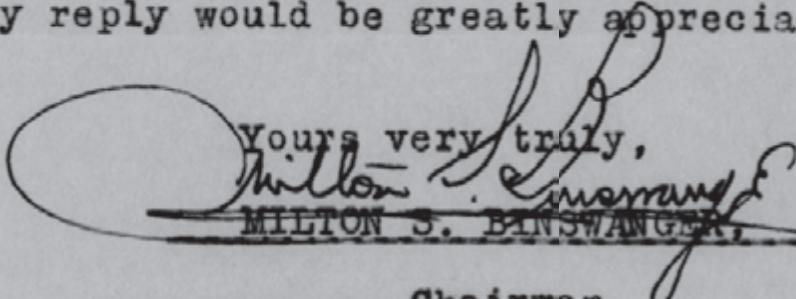
As Rabbi Ettelson will not be in position to assume his duties until April, on behalf of our Congregation I extend to you an invitation to occupy our pulpit some time during the month of March, suiting your convenience.

We have a very large Congregation and we feel quite sure that it would be of great benefit to them to have the opportunity of hearing you and would profit from the inspiration that you could develop.

Needless to say our Congregation would anticipate providing for any expenses incident to your visit here and we are inclined to believe you would enjoy a visit, as well as the satisfaction of having helped maintain interest in Jewish religious life here.

An early reply would be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,


MILTON S. BINSWANGER

Chairman.

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P.O. Box 956.

February Nineteenth
1925

Mr. Milton S. Binswanger,

Memphis, Tennessee.

My dear Mr. Binswanger,

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of the thirteenth. I wish I were in a position to avail myself of the invitation which you tender me. I am, however, very much overburdened with my duties here in Cleveland and with speaking engagements out of town, and for the past few weeks have not been in the best of health. I have, therefore, been compelled to conserve my energies a bit.

Perhaps at some future time I may have an opportunity to serve your congregation.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

OFFICE OF
MILTON S. BINSWANGER
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BINSWANGER & Co.
(OF TENNESSEE)
MEMPHIS, TENN.

Feb. 24th, 1925.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:-

Your kind favor of the 19th inst. is just to hand and I regret exceedingly to learn of your inability to accept invitation to occupy our pulpit here at Memphis. The causes of your inability to do so are understood.

Any time you are in this vicinity and would feel disposed to give us the privilege of hearing you I am confident it could be conveniently arranged.

With best wishes, I am

Yours sincerely,

MILTON S. BINSWANGER,

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THE TEMPLE EAST 105 WESTANSEL ROAD CLEVELAND OHIO..

JUST ORGANIZED MENS CLUB HAVE CHANCE FOR ONLY ONE MEETING
BEFORE SUMMER HENCE ANXIOUS TO HAVE IT GO OVER BIG WOULD LOVE
TO HAVE YOU AS DRAWING CARD MEETING EVENING MAY THIRTY FIRST
OUR FUNDS AT PRESENT LIMITED COULD YOU MAKE US SPECIAL TERMS
WHAT WOULD THEY BE WIRE COLLECT.

HARRY W ETTELSON.

*On account of crowded
program prior to Confirmation
event cannot accept your
kind invitation. Regards -*

If you cannot
go home - send
a TELEGRAM on
MOTHER'S DAY



M ✓ *

Memphis

May 3rd, 1927.

Rabbi Harry W. Ettelson,
The Parkview Hotel
Memphis, Tennessee.

On account of crowded program prior to Confirmation,
regret cannot accept your kind invitation. Regards.

A. H. Silver

sent 11:35 a.m.
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MEMPHIS, TENN.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Colleague and Friend:

On behalf of the programme committee of our Men's Club I am writing to ask whether you expect to be down in our section of the country any time this season on a lecture tour and if so, when. If not, would you consider making a trip down this way for us and what would your terms be?

Our meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month and we prefer as much as possible to keep to the date though of course we shift to suit the convenience of special speakers.

Our funds are not any too flush so I would appreciate it if you will take that into consideration. Let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

With kind personal greetings to you and yours from me and mine, I am

Cordially,

Harry W. Ettelson

HWE.LO

October 10, 1927.

Dr. Harry W. Ettelson,
Men's Club of
Congregation Children of Israel,
Memphis, Tenn.

My dear Dr. Ettelson:

Permit me to thank you for
your kind letter of October 4th.

It may be possible for me
to come to Memphis toward the end of
March, though I am not sure that the
day would be the last Tuesday of the
month.

There are a few other
invitations from southern cities which
I shall try to group in a little lecture
tour.

My customary remuneration
is \$200.00 and traveling expenses.
Should I combine Memphis with other
towns in a lecture tour, the traveling
expenses would not be large.

With kindest regards
and wishing you a very happy New
Year, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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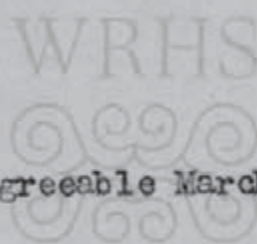
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December 6th, 1927
Memphis, Tenn.

Rabbi A. H. Silver

January date not agreeable March or April date agreeable

Harry W. Ettelson.



card ✓

December 7th, 1927

Dr. Harry W. Ettelson,
Men's Club of Congregation
Children of Israel,
Memphis, Tenn.

My dear Doctor Ettelson:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt
of your telegram of December 6th.

I regret indeed that it was not
possible for you to arrange for a January
meeting. I have cancelled all my March and
April meetings. Perhaps at some future time
I may be of service to you.

With kindest regards, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS,IR

Rabbi A. H. Silver,-

Jan. 16, 1928

Dear Rabbi Silver,-

I have been
looking forward to a rare treat,
ever since I learned that the
Temple Men's Club of Memphis has
planned to have you speak here
in our city. Perhaps I should in-
troduce myself before I go

further - and tell you that I
have met you and Mrs. Lihner
in Cleveland, when I was the
guest of my brother, George Trench.

The real purpose of this letter
is to ask you to be my guest
while you are in Memphis - or
if that is not possible - at least
to have dinner with my
husband and me at that time.

Mr. Terry, who is the
president of the Club, suggests
that any date in April or
May, convenient to you, will
be right for us here. Will you
let him know what date you
prefer?

Again assuring you of
the very cordial welcome that
awaits you here, I remain

With cordial greetings to Mrs. Scher
and you,

Yours sincerely Friend
Hedra Furch Jacobs
(Mrs. Arthur G. Jacobs)
1491 Carr Ave.

Jan. 30th, 1928.

Mrs. Arthur G. Jacobs,
1491 Carr Ave.,
Memphis, Tenn.

My dear Mrs. Jacobs:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of Jan. 16th. I had hoped to be able to come to Memphis some time in March or April.

At the last moment I discovered that it would be impossible for me to leave Cleveland during those two months and I offered the Men's Club a date in January. They advised me that they were not in a position to accept this date and I must therefore forego the pleasure of visiting your city this season.

Perhaps I shall have an opportunity to come to your city next season, at which time I shall have the pleasure of renewing acquaintance-ship with you and yours.

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With kindest regards, permit me to

Very sincerely yours,

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MEMPHIS TENNESSEE ALLIED JEWISH CAMPAIGN READY TO GO ON STOP
LOCAL COMMITTEE FIRMLY OF THE BELIEF THAT YOU ARE THE ONE
TO OPEN THE HEARTS OF LOCAL JEWRY STOP WE KNOW THAT YOU ARE
VERY BUSY WORKING FOR THIS GREAT CAUSE BUT PLEASE MAKE
EVERY EFFORT POSSIBLE BY GIVING US A DATE SUITABLE TO
YOURSELF ANYTIME WITHIN TEN DAYS OR SO STOP PLEASE WIRE
COLLECT TO ONE FORTY SIX UNION AVENUE MEMPHIS=

HARDWIG IERES CHAIRMAN ALLIED JEWISH CAMPAIGN.

card

October 22d, 1930.

Mr. Hardwig Ieres,
146 Union Ave.,
Memphis, Tenn.

My dear Mr. Ieres:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your telegram.

It will be out of the question for me to come to Memphis within the next ten days. I have four out-of-town engagements already scheduled for the next fortnight.

Please let me know just when you plan to hold your campaign and what the nature of the meeting will be at which you want me to speak. If it is at all possible, I will give you a date some time in November.

With kindest regards and best wishes,
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Congregation Children of Israel

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MEMPHIS, TENN.

May 11th, 1934

Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
% The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Colleague and friend:-

I am writing you on behalf of Dr. Louis Levy, who is a member of the Program Committee of the Tennessee State Conference of Social Welfare Agencies. He wants me to back up with my personal influence his official invitation, which is to have you given an address at the evening meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 3rd, to which the general public will also be invited. The Committee is seeking to have Mrs. Roosevelt as speaker the following night.

May I say that Dr. Levy on his own account is Jewishly the President of my Temple and civically, he is President of the Council of Social Agencies. Not only he, but the committee as a whole by unanimous vote, want you as their speaker.

I personally hope that you will give Memphis the chance to hear you, and incidently I am selfish because I would like to see you down here and have the pleasure of hearing you.

In the event that you accept and your other plans and arrangements with the committee permit, Mrs. Ettelson and I would be delighted to have you as our house guest.

With cordial greetings to you and yours
from me and mine,

Sincerely,

Harry W. Ettelson

LOUIS LEVY, M.D.
SUITE 1549 BANK OF COMMERCE BLDG.
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

May 13, 1934

Rev. Doctor Abba Hillel Silver,
% The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Doctor Silver:

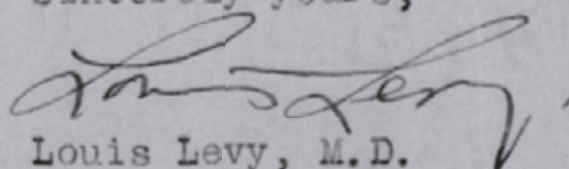
Although we have never met, I am in hopes the time now won't be far distant, for it is my pleasure to have been instructed to write and invite you to be one of our speakers at the Twentieth Annual Meeting of the Tennessee Conference of Social Work which will be held in Memphis on October 2, 3 and 4th.

We would like to have you as our guest speaker on Wednesday evening, October 3, at which time the meeting will also be thrown open to the public. As I am president of the local council of social agencies, and naturally very anxious to see that this meeting is an unusual success, I trust you will be able to see your way clear to assist me by your presence on the program.

No doubt by now you have also had a letter from our good mutual friend, Dr. Harry Ettelson, who promised to write you in our behalf, and urge if possible your acceptance of this invitation.

Looking forward to an early favorable reply, and trusting I shall soon have the pleasure of meeting you personally, I am

Sincerely yours,


Louis Levy, M.D.

LL:d

May 16, 1934

Dr. Harry W. Ettelson,
Congregation Children of Israel,
Memphis, Tenn.

My dear Dr. Ettelson:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which I sent to Dr. Louis Levy. I regret very much that I am unable to accept the kind invitation of the Tennessee State Conference of Social Welfare Agencies. I should like to come to Memphis some day but unfortunately I can't make it on the day when this Conference meets.

I hope to see you at the Rabbinical Conference. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

May 16, 1934.

Dr. Louis Levy,
Suite 1549 Bank of Commerce Bldg.,
Memphis, Tennessee.

My dear Dr. Levy:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of May 13th and for the invitation which you extend to me to address the Tennessee Conference of Social Work on October 3rd. I should very much be tempted to accept your kind invitation but the meeting of your organization comes in the very heart of our busy holiday season and the opening of our Temple activities. I have made it a practice not to absent myself from my post during the early weeks of the new season when my presence here is very much needed. I shall be away from Cleveland this summer up to the time of the Holy Days and it doesn't look right for me to begin traveling immediately after these holidays.

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

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Congregation Children of Israel

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MEMPHIS, TENN.

May 21st, 1934

Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
% The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:-

I appreciate how busy a man you are at all times, and especially right after the Jewish Holidays, getting various activities of your Temple into operation for the season. I am most reluctant, therefore, to be in the position of urging you against such claims of your work to reconsider your non-acceptance of the invitation.

Dr. Levy feels that it is strategic to have you here and on account of various factors and conditions he thought that if I put this to you you might make the sacrifice and that is why this follow-up letter comes from me. We would only claim the time necessary to your getting here, and leaving at once after the evening meeting you are to address. Do you think it at all possible to shift things so as to be with us?

I am hoping to attend the Conference, in which event I look forward to the pleasure of seeing you personally. In the meantime, let me hear from you.

With cordial personal greetings, I am

Sincerely,

(Rev. Dr.)

Harry W. Ettelson

LOUIS LEVY, M. D.
SUITE 1549 BANK OF COMMERCE BLDG.
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

May 23, 1934

Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
% The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

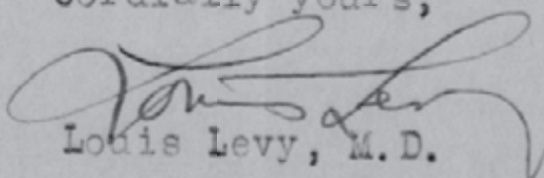
Your letter to hand and to say that I was disappointed is putting it mildly. I have asked our good friend, Dr. Ettelson, to also write and see if he could persuade you to give us the time, for I feel at the present time we need your services for the good not only of this meeting, but of our own Jewish community.

Wouldn't it be possible to leave Cleveland Sunday night or Monday morning and be with us Tuesday, and if necessary leave here Tuesday night at midnight over the IC via St. Louis for Cleveland? I realize that this is the smallest part of the engagement since the work of preparation means so much more, but I hope you will re-consider and let us have the pleasure of your company here.

Since you see that I haven't taken your last letter as a final answer, trust you will let me hear from you soon and that it will be favorable for the cause.

Assuring you of my appreciation, and with Kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Louis Levy, M. D.

LL:d

May 25, 1934.

Dr. Louis Levy,
Bank of Commerce Bldg.,
Memphis, Tennessee:

My dear Dr. Levy:

I should very much like to come to you. However as I explained in my last letter to you I find it quite impossible. I have my responsibilities to my own organization which I cannot subordinate to any other consideration. Please keep me in mind on some future occasion.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours.

AHS:BK

TEMPLE MEN'S CLUB

Congregation Children of Israel

Poplar and Montgomery

Memphis, Tenn. January 31st. '35.



OFFICE OF SECRETARY

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,

% The Temple.

Cleveland Ohio..

Dear Doctor Silver:-

As chairman of the Temple Men's Club lecture programme I would like very much if it is possible to have you as one of our Speakers.

Our Course consists of one lecture a month from October to April and would like to have you either this December or in March 1936.

If you are interested in coming down please let me know what your fee will be and if you can come down during one of the months above .

We want you to know that this Community is anxious to hear you and that your name was given as one of the lecturers for our coming season.

Trusting I may have a favorable reply and that we will have the pleasure of entertaining you here I am,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Louis Levy".

Louis Levy M.D. Chairman.

Temple Men's Club Programme.

L.L./R.P.

P.S. Please address all communications to 1549 Commerce Title Bldg

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JACOB J. PERES & CO.

MEMPHIS, TENN.

February 1st, 1935.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
c/o The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Doctor:-

We are very, very anxious to have you speak in Memphis. As you will note, I wrote to Dr. Louis Levy, Pres. of The Temple; also head of the Templemen's Club and you will confer a great favor if you can come .

Zionist Cause needs you here and you can do much good.

With kindest regards.

Yours,

Hardwig Peres
Hardwig Peres.

HP*IM

LOUIS LEVY, M.D.
SUITE 1549 COMMERCE TITLE BLDG.
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Feb. 1st. '35

Mr. Hardwig Peres,
307 Wagner Pl..
Memphis, Tenn..

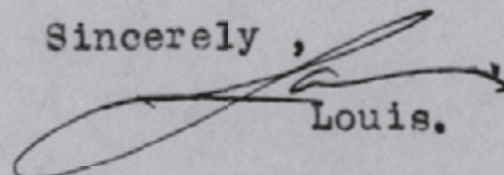
Dear Friend:-

Your kind note to hand and am enclosing copy of letter sent to Dr. Silver for I too am trying to get him here. If you think it will do any good by your dropping him a line asking that if he could you would like to have him accept a place on our programme I would appreciate it. However we must also know his fee for must keep next year's programme cost down as I am not out of the woods yet with this one.

So far I have signed up for next year, Senator Robt La Follette, Upton Close, and Will Durant. Am waiting to hear from Rev. S. Barks Cadman, Minister Ruth Bryan Owen, Dr A. L. Sachar and several others. So you see I am going to try to be ambitious again.

Please return copy of letter as it is the only one I have for my files.

Sincerely ,



Louis.

February 5, 1935.

Mr. Hardwig Peres,
c/o Jacob J. Peres & Co.,
Memphis, Tenn.

My dear Mr. Peres:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of February 1. I have this day written to Dr. Louis Levy from whom I received an invitation to address the Temple Men's Club.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

February 5, 1935.

Dr. Louis Levy,
Suite 1549 Commerce Title Bldg.,
Memphis, Tennessee.

My dear Dr. Levy:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of January 31 and for the invitation which you extend to me to address the Temple Men's Club of your city. I have also received a communication from Mr. Hardwig Peres.

It may be possible for me to come to you in December of this year. You do not, however, indicate on what day in the week your meetings are held. I cannot come on Friday, Saturday or Sunday evenings.

My customary honorarium is \$250.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK

ESTABLISHED 1859

JACOB J. PERES & CO.

MEMPHIS, TENN.

February 7th, 1935.

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

Dear Rabbi:-

Many thanks for your kind letter.

Dr. Louis Levy has talked the matter of the Lecture over with me and I want to explain the position of the Templemen's Club.

Last year was the first of their Lecture Courses and they lost money and we want to try and build up these Lectures as a permanent institution. Maybe you can help us, and could you not make your fee \$150.00 instead of \$250.00? We know it is asking a good deal, but this seems to be the position as explained to me by our mutual friend, Dr. Levy. Please see what you can do and strain a point.

I am very anxious to have you here and have been for a good many years, in the Cause of Zionism. Possibly you can arrange to talk about your trip to Palestine, etc. Do the best you can.

With very kindest regards, I am

Yours truly,

Hardwig
Hardwig Peres

HP*IM

TEMPLE MEN'S CLUB

Congregation Children of Israel

Poplar and Montgomery

Memphis, Tenn.

Feb. 8th. '35.



OFFICE OF SECRETARY

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,

% The Temple.

Cleveland, Ohio..

Dear Doctor Silver:-

Your kind letter to hand and wish I could say come down at the honorarium named, however as our Club is still trying to work out a lecture series that will break even I am not able to offer more than \$150.00. We this year have gone in the hole and it is only because I hope to educate our Group to something worth while that I am continuing to promote this programme. If you can see your way to help us we would like you on either Wednesday Evening December the 11th. or 18th.. This you will note will not interfere with your local work.

It might be possible too that if you come here that one of the nearby Cities would also like to have you so should you care to have me try to work out several night schedule shall be glad to try.

Trusting I may have an early favorable reply and with thanks in advance for any courtesies extended I am,

Sincerely yours,

Louis Levy M.D. Chairman,
Temple Men's Club Programme.

L.L./R.P.

P.S. Please address all communications to 1549 Commerce Title Bldg..

March 22, 1935.

Dr. Louis Levy,
1549 Commerce Title Bldg.,
Memphis, Tenn.

My dear Dr. Levy:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your kind letter of Feb. 8. I have been traveling much in the last few weeks and my correspondence has accordingly lagged.

The honorarium of \$150 will, in view of the circumstances indicated in your letter, be entirely satisfactory. I will be very happy to come to you on December 11. I will send you a list of subjects later on in the season.

With all good wishes, and looking forward with pleasure to my visit to your community, I remain

Yours
Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

TEMPLE MEN'S CLUB

Congregation Children of Israel

Poplar and Montgomery

Memphis, Tenn.

March 28th. '35.



OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,

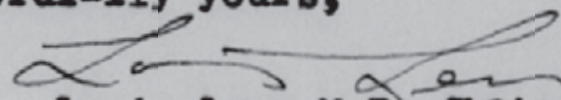
% The Temple.

Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Doctor Silver:-

Your kind letter to hand and in regard to same. Not having heard from you I accepted another date for Dec. 11th. which I tried to switch. I have just heard from the party and unfortunately they are coming thru here at that time on their way west and the date cannot be changed. Would it be possible for you to give us Wednesday Evening Jan. 8th. 1936 for our organization is anxious to have you as our speaker. Trusting that this date will be satisfactory and that you will let me hear at once as to your acceptance I am,

Cordially yours,


Louis Levy M.D. Chairman.

L.L./R.P.

Temple Men's Club Programme.

P.S. Will you if you can accept the above date also enclose a picture of yourself in order that a plate can be made to use in our booklet. Since we have a mixed audience at these lectures would also like to have the title of your address.

Address all communications to 1549 Commerce Title Bldg..

TEMPLE MEN'S CLUB

Congregation Children of Israel

Poplar and Montgomery

Memphis, Tenn.



OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

April 13, 1935.

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

Dear Doctor:

On the 28th. of March I wrote you asking if you would not change your date on our Speakers Series, to January 8th., but as yet have not heard from you. It is not my intention to try to worry you, but unfortunately I am trying to get out our Speakers Bulletin and until I have your definite acceptance am holding same up.

Will you be kind enough to let me hear from you upon receipt of this letter.? As I also requested in my last letter, if the date is acceptable, kindly let me have a picture of yourself to be used in this Bulletin.

Thanking you for an early reply, I am.

Sincerely yours,

Louis Levy, Chairman
Temple Men's Club Program.

P. S. Address all communication to 1549 Commerce Title Bldg.

LL:HL.

April 15, 1935.

Dr. Louis Levy,
1549 Commerce Title Bldg.,
Memphis, Tenn.

My dear Dr. Levy:

I have scheduled your Men's Club for January 8.
I have also requested my secretary to forward you a
photograph.

With all good wishes, I remain



Very cordially yours,



AHS:BK

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Oct. 11, 1935

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

& The Temple

E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd.

Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

As we are to have the pleasure of your company on our Lecture Program, we want to try and make you most comfortable upon your visit here. Will you be kind enough at an early date to give us the time you expect to arrive here, and any other information that might help make you comfortable. Especially would we like to know if you plan to leave the same night.

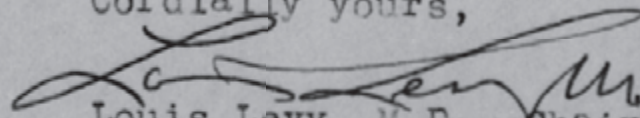
Since, it would be necessary to have your picture for the papers in carrying out the publicity, would appreciate your sending us two pictures for the two newspapers here.

Would also like to know the Title of your Address. Our Audience to these lectures is composed of about 50% Christians.

Enclosed find program of our Lecture Series.

Looking forward to the pleasure of meeting you and with kindest regards. I am

Cordially yours,


Louis Levy, M.D., Chairman
Temple Men's Club Program

October 14, 1935

Dr. Louis Levy,
Suite 1549 Commerce Title Bldg.,
Memphis, Tennessee.

My dear Dr. Levy:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of October 11. Among my subjects which have proved popular with forum groups, I would suggest the following:

1. The Age of Dictators
2. Liberalism at the Crossroads
3. The Cauldron of Europe
4. Religion in a Changing World

I shall write you later on as to the exact time of my arrival. It is my plan to leave for home right after the lecture.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Dec. 16th, 1935

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,

Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Colleague and friend:-

So very happy to know that you are to be in Memphis under our Temple Men's Club Lecture Series. We are looking forward to it with eager zest and the pleasantest anticipations.

My wife and I want you to be our house guest, and I am herewith extending a most cordial invitation to you in her name, as well as mine. Hope you can accept. Dr. Levy, who is not only chairman of the Lecture Series Committee, but President of the Congregation, is satisfied with any arrangements we make.

Let us know when to expect you so that we can meet the train.

With kindest personal greetings, and looking forward to seeing and being with you, I am

Sincerely,

Harry W. Ettelson

December 20, 1935

Dr. Harry W. Ettelson,
Congregation Children of Israel,
Poplar and Montgomery,
Memphis, Tenn.

My dear Dr. Ettelson:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of December 16. I appreciate deeply the proffer of the hospitality of your home. I shall be very happy to be with you. I do not know, however, the exact hour of my arrival. I am to be in Paducah the evening before. I understand that there is a train leaving Paducah at 1:15 P.M. arriving in Memphis at 6:20 P.M. This will probably be the train I shall take although there is an earlier train leaving Paducah at 7:45 A.M. arriving in Memphis at 3:50 P.M. I will let you know from Paducah which train I will take.

With all good wishes and looking forward with pleasure to my first visit to Memphis, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



B'nai B'rith Home for the Aged

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE NO. 7, B. B.

131 NORTH TUCKER STREET

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

September 13th., 1937.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Home is giving a Celebration Banquet on the occasion of its Tenth Anniversary on Sunday, Dec. 5th., at the Claridge Hotel in our city.

The Arrangements Committee unanimously decided to ask you to be the one and principal speaker of the evening. As you probably know, our Home serves seven southern states and is considered one of the finest institutions of its kind in the country. The Seventh District B'nai B'rith has weathered thru ten years of depression in carrying the burden of the Home and is making this event a celebration for the outstanding Jewish Citizens of the Southern States.

Memphis is looking forward to again having the opportunity, honor and pleasure of entertaining you. I certainly hope that you will see your way clear to accept this invitation. We shall, of course, defray whatever expense you might incur.

Hoping that you will grace our Banquet on December 5th. and looking forward to an early reply, I am

Respectfully yours,

Leo Bearman
Leo Bearman,

Chairman Arrangements Committee.

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September 22, 1937

Mr. Leo Bearman,
B'nai B'rith Home for the Aged,
131 North Tucker Street,
Memphis, Tenn.

My dear Mr. Bearman:

Permit me to acknowledge your kind letter of September 13 and to thank you for the invitation which you extend to me to participate in the program of the Tenth Anniversary Celebration of your Home for the Aged on Sunday, December 5. I am deeply honored by the invitation and I wish I were free to accept it. Unfortunately, I find it impossible to leave my own community on a Sunday. I preach in my own pulpit on that day and, as a rule, there are numerous other activities that take place on a Sunday.

Let me extend to you my heartiest congratulations upon the auspicious occasion which you are celebrating.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Sept. 22, 1937

Leo Bearman,
Memphis, Tenn.

Regret inability to accept your invitation
December 5th \ Letter follows.

Abba Hillel Silver

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The executive committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools is anxious to have you speak on the program of the Southern Association at its meeting at the Peabody Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee on the afternoon of December 12. We realize that you have many demands on your time, but we need the message that you can bring to us. I sincerely hope that the opportunity to speak to an organization representing 1600 secondary schools and colleges in the 11 south-eastern states will appeal to you. Our budget does not permit a large honorarium. I am only allowed to offer \$50 and expenses. Our only hope is that you will feel that the opportunity is worth your time and effort.

Since national defense is one of the most pertinent problems facing the nation today and since schools and colleges must inevitably play a part in this program, we are planning to take for a theme either "Education for National Defense" or "Education for National and Individual Security." We wish speakers to have as much freedom as possible in the titles and content of their speeches just so they are related to the place and function of schools and colleges in the program of national security.

We have for a number of years endeavored to have some speaker who represents one of the great religious organizations or churches in the country on our program. Last year for example, we had the editor of the "Catholic News" from New York City. I believe we have never had a Jewish Rabbi, but the group has expressed a desire to have you with us. Since the present world upheaval has tended to emphasize racial and religious intolerance, we felt that some speaker representing one of the racial minorities might have a real message to bring us and we feel that you are peculiarly fitted to bring that message. I would suggest for you "Racial and Religious Tolerance as Related to National Defense." This is merely a suggestion. Feel free to select any title that you feel might suit your purposes better. We are only concerned that it be related to the general theme of the program and so far as possible make some challenge to schools and school people in their work of education.

Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience as it is necessary for us to get our program outlined and the speakers selected as soon as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

M. R. Hinson

M. R. Hinson, President
Southern Association

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I have just returned from a short vacation and find your letter of August 2. I am very happy to know that you will speak on the program of the Southern Association and that the title suggested for you meets your approval.

If you should wish between now and December to change the wording of this title please write me.

Unless you wish otherwise, a room will be reserved for you at the Peabody Hotel. When you learn the exact time of your arrival I would appreciate your letting me know.

I am looking forward with pleasure to our meeting and to your address.

Sincerely yours,

M. R. Hinson

M. R. Hinson

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L. C. HUMES HIGH SCHOOL

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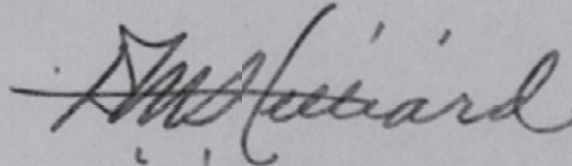
Dear Sir:

You have probably learned from Dr. Hinson that I have been appointed to handle the newspaper publicity for the ensuing December meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

I am glad that you have been invited to be on the Association's program. To enable me to handle the Association publicity it will be necessary for me to have certain information in advance of the meeting. Will you, therefore, at your earliest possible convenience supply me with the following information?

1. Two type-written copies of your address (one for the newspaper and one for the Association Quarterly).
- ✓ 2. A mat, or a glossy photograph of yourself for the newspapers.
- ✓ 3. A short personal sketch to enable us to provide the press with news items during the progress of the Association.

Sincerely yours,



DMH/P

November 7, 1940

Mr. D. M. Hilliard, Principal
L. C. Humes High School
Memphis, Tenn.

My dear Mr. Hilliard:

Enclosed herewith is a photograph
of Rabbi Silver as well as a short biographic
sketch which you may use in your publicity.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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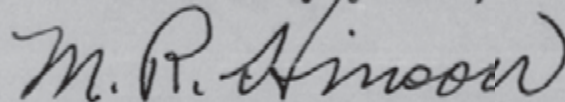
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In checking through my files I note one sentence in your letter of August 2 which indicated that there might be some doubt as to whether you could address the meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools on the afternoon of December 12. I sincerely hope that nothing has occurred to prevent your being with us at that time. Members of the association are looking forward enthusiastically to hear your address. Our program has gone to press and we have scheduled you for the address "Racial and Religious Tolerance as Related to National Defense." I would like to arrange a room reservation for you at the Peabody Hotel if you will let me know when you expect to arrive in Memphis.

Cordially yours,



M. R. Hinson
President

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HOLLAND HOLTON
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November 29, 1940.

Address Correspondence
to Duke Station,
Durham, N. C.

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

Dear Sir:

The advance copy of the program for the annual meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools is printed in the Southern Association Quarterly for November and shows that you are on the program for Thursday afternoon, December 12, with the topic "Racial and Religious Tolerance as Related to National Defense." I am sending you a copy of the Quarterly giving complete program as it now stands.

This letter is to remind you that the addresses delivered at the annual meeting are to be published in the addresses number of the Quarterly. Please, therefore, give a complete copy of your address before or at the time of delivery to Dr. Shelton Phelps, Secretary of the Association.

Very sincerely yours,

Holland Holton,

Holland Holton,
Editor.

HH/ns

December 1, 1940

Dr. M. R. Hinson, President
Florida State College for Women
Tallahassee, Florida

My dear Dr. Hinson:

Thank you for your kind letter of
November 26. I am planning to keep my engagement
with you for December 12.

I would appreciate it if you would arrange
a room for me at the Peabody Hotel. My present plans
are to arrive in Memphis on the morning of December 12.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

TALLAHASSEE

December 19, 1940

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

May I take this opportunity of again expressing to you my sincere appreciation for the superb address given at the Memphis meeting. I think the applause which followed your address told you better than I can what the group thought of it. It was the very message that I hoped you would bring. It will be long remembered by those who had the happy privilege of hearing you. A number of those present told me that it was one of the greatest addresses to which they had ever listened.

I know that you are a very busy man and I want you to know how much I and the other members of our association appreciate your taking the time and trouble to be with us. My only regret is that I could not have time to show you more courtesies. I had hoped that you might be able to attend the banquet, and I had secured a reporter and photographer for an interview. We were, however, unable to locate you and I assume that it had become necessary for you to leave.

Very sincerely yours,

M. R. Hinson

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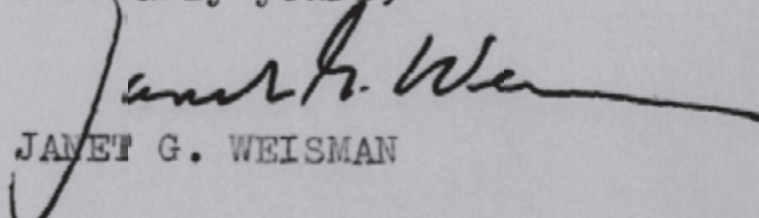
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th St. & Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We have received an inquiry from a Jewish Community Council of Memphis, Tenn., regarding your availability for a lecture between now and April or May.

I shall appreciate your letting me know if you can conveniently fit Memphis, Tenn., into your schedule and what dates will be most preferable. They are prepared to pay \$200.

Cordially yours,


JANET G. WEISMAN

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New York, N.Y.

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A H SILVER

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June 27, 1952

Rabbi Harry W. Ettelson
Temple Israel
257 Hawthorne
Memphis 4, Tennessee

My dear Rabbi Ettelson:

I was very happy to hear from you last evening and to learn that you are well.

I have gone through my calendar carefully for the coming fall and I regret to say that it will not be possible for me to be away from Cleveland on Sunday, October 19th. Not only have I important congregational duties on that day, but I already have scheduled two weddings of close friends and members of The Temple. I find it increasingly difficult to get away from home in view of the many things which I am called upon to do here. In the last few years, in connection with the establishment of the State of Israel, I was compelled to be away for weeks and months on end. I feel now that I should devote more time to the congregation.

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

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

Temple Israel

Poplar & Montgomery
MEMPHIS, TENN.

June 19, 1953

Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Rabbi, Congregation Tifereth Israel
East 105th and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Abba Hillel:

Our congregation, Temple Israel, as I stated to you over long distance this morning, will climax its series of Centennial Celebrations with a gala banquet on Tuesday evening, March 2, 1954,--this being the One-Hundredth Anniversary to a day of the granting of the original Congregation's Charter.

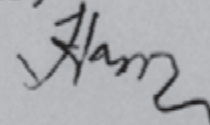
The banquet is to be city-wide and among the guests will be the civic and religious leaders and other notables in keeping with our Congregation's size and standing. We have a membership comprising some 1,150 families. Over the years, the Temple has come to occupy an important place in the cultural and spiritual life of the community and surrounding area.

In as much as we plan to make the banquet an outstanding event, we want an outstanding speaker, par excellence,--and that speaker is naturally, you. The entire committee, as well as both Rabbis, were unanimous as to that choice and I was asked to extend the official invitation to you, which I do most warmly and most earnestly.

Added to all other considerations is the more personal one that I am to become Rabbi Emeritus at a date shortly before or shortly after the banquet (likely before). While the banquet at my insistence will predominately center about the One-Hundredth Anniversary, (I refuse to let there be any combined function), *there* will, I imagine, be some intertwining. This, however, is minor and negligible. The main thing is to have our Temple's One-Hundredth Anniversary Banquet graced by your presence and its program highlighted by the kind of inspiring message you best of all can give.

Trusting that your calendar and other commitments will be clear for March 2 and that you can and will accept our invitation, and with cordial greetings to you and Virginia in which Nell joins, I am,

As ever yours,



DR. HARRY W. ETTELSON

HWE:mr

June 22, 1953

Dr. Harry W. Ettelson
Temple Israel
Poplar & Montgomery
Memphis, Tennessee

My dear Harry:

I received your letter of June 19th. While I am trying to reduce my out-of-town lecture engagements to a minimum in order to conserve myself a bit, I shall come to the 100th anniversary celebration of your congregation out of my regard for you and to the many years of distinguished service which you have devoted to American Israel through your Temple.

I am sure that you will send me more detailed information about the celebration later on.

With warmest regards and all good wishes for a pleasant summer, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

TEMPLE ISRAEL
POPLAR & MONTGOMERY
MEMPHIS 4, TENNESSEE

June 26, 1953

Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Rabbi, Congregation Tifereth Israel
East 105th and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland 6, Ohio

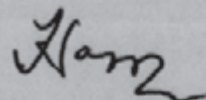
Dear Abba Hillel:

I was thrilled and delighted to get your acceptance. It was indeed gratifying to me to have you write, as you did, that your decision was influenced by your warm regard for me. Thank you very much also for your kind and gracious reference to my honorable service in the rabbinate.

At a later date I shall see to it that you get all necessary information. Meanwhile, together with my own sincere appreciation, let me convey to you the deep appreciation of the Centennial Committee, all of whose members were most happy to get the good news. Whatever honorarium and the like are called for will naturally be taken care of.

With cordial greetings and again wishing you and yours a most pleasant summer, I am,

As ever yours,



DR. HARRY W. ETTELSON

HWE:mr

NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

HOWARD L. MOORE
VICE PRESIDENT

October 1, 1953

Dear Dr. Silver:

Some of the members of Temple Israel who are also members of the Memphis Rotary Club have brought to our attention the 100th Anniversary celebration of the Temple on next March 2. They have also advised us that this date will mark the retirement of Dr. Harry W. Ettelson as Rabbi of Temple Israel, also that you are to be the featured guest speaker on the evening of March 2.

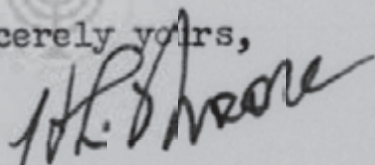
Temple Israel holds a very warm spot in the minds of Memphians, and Dr. Ettelson has endeared himself to Memphis but especially to his associates in our Rotary Club of which he has been a member for many years.

It seems proper that our Rotary Club should recognize the significance of this event and as March 2 is on Tuesday, the day of our regular meeting, I have been asked by the Board of the Club to extend you an invitation to address our Club at noon of that day on a subject of your own choosing.

This has been discussed with officers of Temple Israel and they are aware of this invitation going forward to you. We shall be honored indeed if you can find time in your busy day here to be with us. There should be about 300 to 400 persons present and you will find our Rotarians an interested and intelligent audience. I hope that we may hear from you shortly indicating your acceptance of this invitation.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,



Chairman,
Program Committee
for March

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

TEMPLE ISRAEL
POPLAR & MONTGOMERY
MEMPHIS 4, TENNESSEE

October 2, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
Congregation Tifereth Israel,
East 10th Street and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

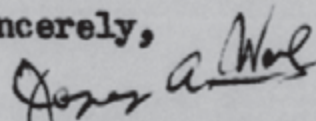
Dear Dr. Silver:

May I personally express to you my delight in your gracious acceptance of our invitation to deliver the principle address at our Centennial Banquet on March 2nd. We all look forward to your presence and your message.

You will receive, or have received, an invitation from the Memphis Rotary Club to address them at noon on March 2nd. I sincerely hope that you will be in a position to accept this invitation. Dr. Ettelson has been a member of this group since coming to Memphis and since his retirement will have taken place the week-end preceding, the Rotary seeks to honor him. The Rotary here, as elsewhere, is made up of the leading citizens of the community and your address before them would be a real contribution. Without intent of flattery I believe that this message would be the high point in the history of the Memphis Rotary. I fervently hope that it will be possible for you to accept the invitation.

With every good wish and kindest personal greetings, I am -

Sincerely,



Dr. James A. Wax

JAW:tpb

October 7, 1953

Mr. Howard I. Moore, Vice President
National Bank of Commerce
Memphis, Tennessee

My dear Mr. Moore:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of October 1st and your gracious invitation to address the Rotary Club of Memphis on the occasion of my visit to your community on March 2nd in connection with the testimonial which is being given to Dr. Ettelson by Temple Israel. I shall be very pleased to attend the Rotary Club meeting at noon of that day.

Looking forward with pleasure to meeting you and the members of your organization, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:dk

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE
M E M P H I S , T E N N E S S E E

HOWARD L. MOORE
VICE PRESIDENT

October 10, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter dated October 7 indicating your acceptance of our invitation to address the Memphis Rotary Club on March 2, 1954. We are extremely happy that you have found it possible to be with us. Under all the circumstances this should prove to be one of the highlights of the Rotary year and we are grateful for your willingness to appear on our program.

In due time if you can advise us the subject of your address and, if possible, give us a picture of yourself, we should like to have advanced publicity through our local papers.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Howard L. Moore

HLM:ECS



NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE
M E M P H I S , T E N N E S S E E

HOWARD L. MOORE
VICE PRESIDENT

February 11, 1954

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

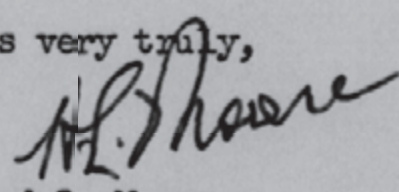
Dear Dr. Silver:

March 2 is only a few weeks away now and we are looking forward to your visit in Memphis on that date. I am particularly interested in your address at our Memphis Rotary Club at lunch, when I believe we will have a record attendance, including many of Dr. Ettelson's members at Temple Israel.

To give advance publicity to your talk, it will be greatly appreciated if we could know the subject that you will use. I have your picture and biographical sketch, so on receipt of your subject we can prepare the publicity for this occasion. A reply at your convenience will be sincerely appreciated.

HLM:ECS

Yours very truly,


Howard L. Moore

February 16, 1954

Mr. Howard L. Moore
National Bank of Commerce
Memphis, Tennessee

My dear Mr. Moore:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of February eleventh.

The subject of my address before the Memphis Rotary Club
will be "The Strength which is America."

With all good wishes, and looking forward with pleasure
to our meeting, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms

Wm. A. Loewenberg

274 Monroe Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee

March 3, 1954

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Congregation Tifereth Israel
East 105th Street & Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

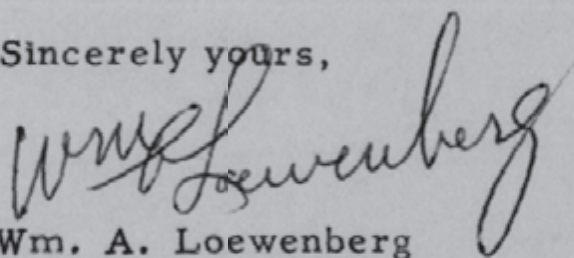
Dear Dr. Silver:

I certainly want to personally thank you for making the trip to Memphis and for the very wonderful talk you made for our Centennial dinner. It was one of the most outstanding speeches I have ever heard and really hit the spot. It was exactly what Memphis Jewry needed and I am sure the good effects will last for a great part of our second century. I hope it will result in our molding a better Temple.

We were particularly sorry that your trip down was so filled with delays and we hope your return trip was without incident and that you arrived in good time and found the weather much improved.

Again thanking you on behalf of the Officers, Board of Directors, and membership of our Temple, I am

Sincerely yours,



Wm. A. Loewenberg

WAL:ph

TEMPLE ISRAEL
POPLAR & MONTGOMERY
MEMPHIS 4, TENNESSEE

March 12/54

Dear abba:

It was wonderful having you down here. Our Centennial Banquet was the climax of our series of 100th anniversary events and celebrations. And your address topped everything! It was magnificent in every respect, — substance, style and spirit. The rapt attention with which the large gathering followed your eloquent utterance and the acclaim and applause at the end indicated how impressive and inspiring we all felt your message was. Too bad you had such a trying experience getting here (we had, not our bad moments, but bad hours uncertain whether you'd finally make it) but then you're a real trouper. Any way it wasn't a case wholly of "Love's Labor Lost". Let me thank you for everything, — not the least, for your gracious words about me and my ministry. I appreciated greatly what you said and the way said it, as did Nell.

Trusting that your return trip was comfortable and that you found the outcome to be "all's well that ends well". I am Gratefully yours Very best to
Harry Virginia

P.S. At your early convenience have your secretary send us the memo so that check can be sent you.

March 16, 1954

Dr. Harry Ettelson
Temple Israel
Poplar & Montgomery
Memphis 4, Tennessee

My dear Harry:

Thank you for your kind letter of March twelfth.

I enjoyed the meeting very much indeed, and I was happy that I was able to attend it in spite of the many obstacles which evidently the "sitra achre" put in the way.

With all good wishes to you and Nell, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms

P. S. My traveling expenses amounted to \$133.50.

Pullman - Clev. to St. Louis	39.17
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TEMPLE ISRAEL
POPLAR & MONTGOMERY
MEMPHIS 4, TENNESSEE

March 25th, 1954

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple
East 105th St. at Ansel Road,
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

The enclosed check in the amount of \$133.50 covers expenses incurred by you incident to your visit on the occasion of our Centennial Banquet on March 2nd.

As our honored principal speaker, you acquitted yourself according to pattern which you have so inimitably fashioned and which has made such an indelible impact on thinking people everywhere.

With warmest felicitations and best wishes on behalf of our Officers, Board, and of the writer personally, we are

Cordially yours,

Henry J. Lewis
Henry J. Lewis
Executive Director

HJL:B

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Wm. A. Loewenberg

274 Monroe Avenue

Memphis, Tennessee

March 25, 1954

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Congregation Tifereth Israel
East 105th Street & Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have today instructed our Executive Director to mail you a check for the expenses of your trip to Memphis - memorandum of which was just received.

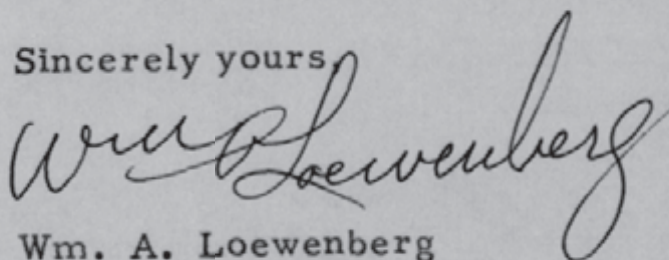
We again want to take this opportunity to thank you for the very fine address you made at our banquet and it certainly made our 100th Anniversary a big success.

We want to mail you an honorarium and would like to know what amount this should be. If you will drop us a line and let us know about this, we will certainly be pleased to send same.

The Memphis community will long remember your talk and it is an inspiration to all of us.

With my very best wishes and looking forward to seeing you again, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm. A. Loewenberg". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Wm. A. Loewenberg

WAL:ph

March 31, 1954

Mr. William A. Loewenberg
274 Monroe Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee

My dear Mr. Loewenberg:

Thank you for your kind letter of March 25th. It is kind of you to offer to send me an honorarium, but I would prefer that you do not. It was a service of friendship which I rendered, and I was very happy indeed to do so.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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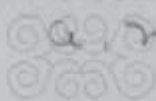
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Fare \$43.68 - one way
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Rabbi Morris W. Graff
Temple Israel
Broadway at Seventh
Paducah, Ky.

Tuesday - P.M.

Subject: SOME ABERRATIONS OF OUR DAY

Dr. Harry W. Ettelson, Rabbi
Congregation Children of Israel
Poplar & Montgomery
Memphis, Tenn.

corr. also with Dr. Louis Levy, Chairman
1549 Commerce Title Bldg. - Memphis

Lecture 8:15 P.M. - Wednesday

Subject: THE AGE OF DICTATORS

Temple Men's Club

Congregation Children of Israel

1935-36

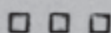
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1935 WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9, 8:15 p.m.—

SENATOR ROBERT M. LaFOLLETTE, JR.
The Progressive Senator From Wisconsin.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20, 8:15 p.m.—

H. V. KALTENBORN,
Editor, Author and News Analyst.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11, 8:15 p.m.—

LOUIS GOLDING,
The English Author and Writer.

1936 WEDNESDAY JAN. 8, 8:15 p.m.—

DR. ALBBA HILLEL SILVER,
Rabbi, The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 29, 8:15 p.m.—

DR. WILL DURANT,
Author and Lecturer.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19, 8:15 p.m.—

REV. S. PARKES CADMAN,
A leader in religious life.

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 8:15 p.m.—

LOUIS UNTERMEYER,
Poet, Critic and Essayist.

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 8.15 p.m.—

DR. A. L. SACHAR
Prof. University of Illinois, National director
B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations.

The Temple Men's Club, for its fifth season, is again presenting a series of lectures which stand out as a unique service to this community. They seek to bring to ever greater numbers of people understanding and insight into perplexing problems, toleration and sympathy for other points of view, and good will towards people of varying creeds and races. This ideal is our guiding star in the dynamic world in which we live, where liberty is still cherished as humanity's dearest possession, an open-minded public platform is as essential as the breath of life. With the discussion of public issues given by experts and with the participation of the audience, this means not only understanding but fair play and mutual respect. Our age is in need of these objectives today more than ever before.

This program offers genuine thinkers and real leaders who are not afraid to question, to challenge, to think, and should appeal to men and women who would cultivate and promote the spirit of fearless inquiry, who have no hesitancy in accepting courageously the reinterpretation of the symbols of yesterday and would carry on in the light of reason as over against passion and prejudice.

8:15 p.m. Wednesday, October 9, 1935

SENATOR ROBERT M. La FOLLETTE, JR.
Progressive U. S. Senator from Wisconsin
"THE WASHINGTON SCENE"

Son of the late Robert M. La Follette, who initiated more progressive legislation perhaps than any other United States Senator, young Bob La Follette has been following in his father's foot-steps and is highly regarded as an able law-maker in Washington.



His challenging leadership in the Senate has constantly attracted national attention. He is very much in the headlines of our daily newspapers. The universal tribute paid to him as a deep thinker and a profound student of economics makes for eager and interested attention any time he speaks, whether on the floor of the Senate or in an occasional lecture engagement.

In an article in Collier's weekly, written by the late Clinton Gilbert, that keen observer of affairs in Washington, he said, "Along side of Mr. Borah as a leader stands young Bob La Follette. I do not know anyone else who combines in himself so many of the qualities that get one on in the world of politics as he does. He has the levellest head in the Senate.

"He always sees things exactly as they are. He is moderate, he is extremely likeable. He is conciliatory in manner, but firm in his opinions. He always knows what he thinks. He never becomes excited, never loses his poise, takes defeat in good part, and is never made vain by success. He is aware of the virtue of hard work. He makes an excellent speech."

Under the subject, "The Washington Scene," Senator La Follette gives a forceful and brilliant address, interspersed with a great deal of humor. Possessing a keen sense of dramatic and combining this with a vivid and fluent oratorical ability, his few speaking engagements always constitute the outstanding events of the season.

8:15 p.m. Wednesday, November 20, 1935

H. V. KALTENBORN
New York, N. Y.
"THE RUSSIA OF TODAY"



One who can express admirably the terms of our new acquaintance with the world about us. He creates an intimate horizon of peoples and countries. On Russia, he is not only veracious and honest but he makes out as well-natured and far-seeing a set of conclusions as any observer since the war. On account of his recent visit to Russia, he will be able to give us a most

interesting picture of the Russia of Today.

Mr. Kaltenborn changes headline phrases to mental pictures painted in words of impressive color. A well informed man who shares his interesting knowledge with you as a friend and not as a pedant who couches his information in delightful phrases—who has a gift of good humor along with an eye for observation and a talent for talking.

8:15 p.m. Wednesday, December 11, 1935
LOUIS GOLDING

Distinguished English Writer and Lecturer
THE MAGNOLIA STREET WANDERER

Mr. Golding was born in Manchester, England, and attended the Manchester Grammar School and Oxford University. At college he was one of the editors of the Oxford books of verse and conducted the Queen's College Miscellany, and undergraduate magazine. After leaving college, he began his wanderings



among the enchanted isles of the Mediterranean. He has achieved the reputation of being the most widely traveled English author of his time. He is the author of "Forward from Babylon," "Seacoast of Bohemia," "Day of Atonement," "Store of Ladies," "The Miracle Boy," "Give Up Your Lover," "Magnolia Street," and "Five Silver Daughters," as well as several books of travel and poems.

8:15 p.m. Wednesday, January 8, 1935

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER
Rabbi, The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio.



Rabbi Silver is a scholar of keen intellectual perception and understanding; he combines within himself the creative faculties of thinker, sage and mystic. Not only has he the power to think and feel deeply, but he has the uncommon gift of oratory, of voicing the thought of his mind and the feeling of his heart in language forceful and eloquent—

a language chiseled in the beauty of cadenced art. He speaks with a voice resonant with the strength which only the great masters of thought and speech command. Dr. Silver has youth and a personality which lends charm and persuasiveness to his discussion. As Rabbi of The Temple in Cleveland since 1917, he has been a constructive force in the social and religious life, not only of his own community, but the country at large.

8:15 p.m. Wednesday, January 29, 1936

DR. WILL DURANT
Formerly of the Department of Philosophy,
Columbia University

Will Durant first became prominent for his work when teaching at Columbia University. Men and women who studied under him there still tell of the exhilarating influence of his enthusiasm and his scholarship; they had never suspected that philosophy could be so intelligible so absorbing, and so fruitfully related to the actual problems of life.



He has attracted overflow audiences in nearly every large city, and nearly every state of America. These audiences have been surprised to find that as the result of long experience, and a certain Gallie wit, Dr. Durant speaks even better than he writes. Hundreds of individuals have pronounced his addresses the best ever heard in their communities.

8:15 p.m. Wednesday, February 19, 1936

REV. S. SPARKES CADMAN

Brilliant Pastor of The Central Congregational Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.



Dr. Cadman has long been a leader in America's religious life.

In addition to his busy life as pastor of the Central Congregational Church of Brooklyn, Dr. S. Parkes Cadman is president and directing head of the Federated Council of Churches of Christ of America, a position that carries multitudinous duties and high-

est responsibilities.

One of America's Ablest Preachers

He is without doubt one of the ablest preachers of the day and is right now at the top of his powers as a thinker, author and speaker. His pastorate extends far beyond the confines of his own large church and parish in Brooklyn. He is emphatically one of the prophets of his age, whose eloquent and brainy utterances are characterized as those of a Christian statesman. He has often been compared to Henry Ward Beecher and we know of no one else who comes nearer to our estimate of this splendid preacher.

His Sunday afternoon talks, broadcast from the Brooklyn Y. M. C. A. have long been a religious feature that has met with a wonder response by America's radio family. His syndicated "Questions and Answers" are widely used in leading papers from coast to coast.

Known as Author Also

His books including "Ambassadors of God," and other noted efforts, have received the warmest appreciation from scientific and literary critics. He is generally considered one of the most eloquent speakers of the English-speaking world. He will fill only a limited number of engagements next season, due to the pressure of his church and Federation duties.

8:15 p.m. Monday, March 23, 1936

LOUIS UNTERMAYER
Toledo, Ohio.

In power, in range of ideas, in mastery of the dazzling phrase and compelling line, the pen and personality of Louis Untermeyer have provoked great interest both in America and in Europe. As a critic, Mr. Untermeyer has long been noted for his curious blend of high idealism and withering irony, and his volume of essays, "Heavens," was widely acclaimed as the most clever and brilliant work of criticism that recent American Literature has produced.



"Tell me what a man reads and I will tell you what he is." Mr. Untermeyer analyzes this quotation and shows how books may be the key to living, even an alert intensification of it.

8:15 p.m. Monday, April 20, 1936

DR. A. L. SACHAR
University of Illinois
"RAW MATERIALS AND RAW DEALS"



Significant of the immense appeal of Dr. Sachar as a lecturer is the fact that his classes at the University of Illinois have always been among the most popular on the campus, crowded alike by students and visitors. He has the rare gift of presenting the most diverse themes lucidly, charmingly, and with authority.

Educated in several cultures, mellowed by teaching and administrative experience, Dr. Sachar is admirably equipped to analyze the currents of contemporary life. His clear thinking, his fluency of speech, his mastery of subject material under discussion and his winning personality, all make him an ideal platform speaker. Dr. Sachar is the National Director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation established at various universities throughout the United States.

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VERY IMPORTANT

We wish to call your attention to the fact that there are a limited number of seats available, and if you want to enjoy and profit by this unusual course, we suggest that you tear off the card on the opposite page and mail immediately.

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Congregation Children of Israel
1549 Commerce Title Bldg.,
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