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January 22-1938-

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver -
Rabbi, Temple Beth El -
Cleveland, Ohio -

Dear Doctor Silver -

I have just concluded a letter to you at the behest of Dr. Fred T. Mitchell of Michigan State College, to endeavor to secure you as a speaker for the Student Convocation -

In the event of a favorable reply and your date is such that you could be here for a Friday, it would make me very happy to arrange for your addressing the Lansing Rotary Club, which meets every Friday at noon. We have an exceptionally fine club, and many of our visiting Rotarians and others, have often asked me, if I have ever heard Rabbi Silver. My response always is that I am still awaiting that pleasure.

Our February committee has Friday, the

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28th open, and if you should be able to
come for a later date I will consult with
the March Committee -

However, I am particularly anxious
that you can find it possible to come
for the Michigan State Student Convocation -

Very sincerely yours

Alex Cohen

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January 22 - 1938 -
Dr Abba Hillel Silver -
Rabbi, The Temple -
Cleveland, Ohio -
Dear Dr. Silver: -

Dr. Fred T. Mitchell, Dean of Men, at Michigan State College, has very kindly drafted me to assist him in procuring a speaker, for the Student Convocation to be held late in February, or the first week in March. Owing to his having listened to your addresses, at two Educational gatherings, together with your outstanding reputation as a speaker, he states that he knows of no one who would be more fitting to address the Convocation than yourself. Accordingly he advised my writing to you on behalf of the College, to see if it is possible to secure a date from you. In the event of receiving a favorable reply, Dr. Mitchell will take up personally the matter of advising you as to all the particulars.

Michigan State College, is an Educational Institution of which the People of Michigan take a great pride. Originally an Agricultural College, it is among the oldest,

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if not the oldest, in the United States. During Theodore Roosevelt's term of the Presidency, he came from Washington to be its speaker at its Golden Anniversary.

It has an enrollment of upwards of five thousand. It is located in East Lansing, and is situated on a Campus of which few in America excel it for beauty, particularly natural beauty.

It is our hope and sincere wish that you may find it possible to make a place for Michigan State College on your speaking Tour schedule.

Thanking you for the favor of a reply-

Sincerely yours

Alex Cohen

January 29, 1938

Mr. Alex Cohen,
Cohen & Barry,
700 East Grand River,
Lansing, Michigan.

My dear Mr. Cohen:

I deeply appreciate your kind letter of January 27. I wish I could come to address the Student Convocation of Michigan State College in February or March. Unfortunately pressure of work makes this impossible. As you know, I have just accepted the chairmanship of the United Palestine Appeal for 1938. This imposes upon me additional obligations of traveling and campaigning and I must forego the pleasure of addressing organizations to which I should like to come. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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