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Montclair, New Jersey (Upper Montclair, New Jersey), 1923-1948.

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Mr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple. Cleveland
My dear Mr. Silver,



Mrs. Beggs who attended the Congress of the
National Recreation Association was deeply stirred by
your address there. I have been talking with several
of the Secretaries of the Association whom I know well

in regard to getting you to come to address us here. A community like Montclair is proud of its schools and parks but I feel could do much more along the new lines of education for leisure. We have just had a Town Planning Board appointed and I trust they can be brought to see the possibilities in this line.

I have in mind a big gathering on March 11th - not only of the Club women but of the educators of the community including our State Teachers College here. The hour would be three p.m.

We would be able to offer a purely nominal honorarium of \$100 - but it might be that other matters in New York might make you willing

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to take the trip and visit this suburb at the same time.
I can not tell you how anxious I am to have people
here become interested in this subject. Such a
community ought to be taking the lead, with the
resources at their command educationally. Several
members of the staff of the Recreation Association who make
their homes here join me in the earnest hope that you may
find this possible. Yours very truly, Agnes Wilson Osborne

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P.S. It occurs to me that you might want to talk this matter over and that there would be some advantage in my calling up Cleveland after you have received this. Do not bother to reply, I will call you the first of the week and you can ask any questions you may have in mind.

*Upper Montclair,
N. J.*

THE HILLS BROTHERS COMPANY
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 26th 1923.

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

Dear Sir:

I am writing as Chairman of the Forum Committee of the Congregational Church in Upper Montclair, N. J. This church has a membership of about one thousand and serves one of the large suburban communities of New York.

I heard in a round-about way that it is possible we might be able to get you to come and speak at one of our Forum Meetings. These are held Sunday evenings during the latter part of October and through November. On the other hand we would be more than glad if you were going to be in this part of the country some other Sunday and found it convenient to arrange for an appointment with us, to set aside some other Sunday later in the winter. We are able to pay an honorarium of somewhere around fifty dollars. If it is possible for us to take this up with you further we would appreciate it very much.

Most cordially yours,

Lucius P. Postman

July 5th, 1923.

Mr. Lucius R. Eastman,
375 Washington Street,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Eastman,

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address the forum of the Congregational Church. I would gladly avail myself of the privilege which you are extending to me. I regret exceedingly however, that I cannot avail myself of your kindness. Your Forums are held on Sunday evenings, and I do not wish to leave my own pulpit on Sunday in as much as most of our Congregational activities transpire on that day. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

card

October 30th, 1930

Mrs. Harold S. Osborne,
374 Highland Ave.,
Upper Montclair, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Osborne:-

I wish I were free to accept your kind invitation to address the community of Montclair on March 11th. The invitation is very tempting and the subject one in which I am greatly interested.

Unfortunately I am so heavily booked up with lecture engagements this season that I can not in justice to myself accept any more. My work in Cleveland, too, has increased and I shall have to do considerably more work this year in my own community. I therefore do not feel free to commit myself to any more out-of-town engagements. Should an unforeseen meeting take me to New York in the Spring of 1931 I shall be very happy to communicate with you.

With kindest regards and trusting that at some future time I may be of service to you, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

44 Beverly Road,
Montclair, N. J.
March 8th, 1931

Rabbi Abba Helyeh Silver,
Dear Sir:

At Atlantic City,
May 6, 7, 8, and 9th, the New
Jersey State Federation of
Home's Clubs hold their
Annual Convention.

Many of our members have
requested me to ask you to
speak at one of our sessions.
They are most anxious to hear
your messages on recreation
and leisure.

If it should prove possible
and convenient for you to come
at that time would you let me know
which day would be best and
your fee.

Thanking you,
I am,

Most cordially yours
Margaret L. Day, now
Convention Chairman
(Mrs A. G. Day, now)

card

March 11th, 1931

Q/

Mrs. A. G. Seymour,
44 Beverly Rd.,
Montclair, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Seymour:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of March 8th and for the invitation which you extend to me to address the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs at their annual convention.

I wish I were free to accept it. Unfortunately I have other out-of-town engagements at that time.

Trusting that you will have a very successful convention and with kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/TR

379 HIGHLAND AVENUE
UPPER MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

My dear Rabbi Silver,

I am writing
again to see if ~~there~~ if there is
any chance of our having you here
in Montclair to speak on "Education
in Leisure". The date which
we would like to have
would be January 27th
3 o'clock in the afternoon

We would hope to have the
educators of the community
present as well as members of
the clubs and Parent-Teacher
associations. The schools have
made a beginning in this
line and we are anxious
to make some real progress
both in the community here
and in understanding the
question as one of the big
social problems of our country.
If this date is quite impossible

could you let me know of any possible
times when you might be down this way
anyway. Also if you will let us know about your
honorarium.

Looking forward to the privilege of having
you with us -

Yours very sincerely,

Agnes Wilson Osborne

cc

Sept. 24th, 1931

Mrs. Agnes Wilson Osbrone,
379 Highland Ave.,
Upper Montclair, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Osborne:-

Because of economic conditions throughout the country I have been compelled to undertake numerous responsibilities in connection with relief campaigns, etc. which make it impossible for me to accept any more lecture engagements this season.

I trust that I may have an opportunity of serving you at some future time.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

UNITY CHURCH
OFFICE: 67 CHURCH STREET
MONTCLAIR, N. J.

NORMAN D. FLETCHER
MINISTER

June 16, 1936.

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

I am writing to find out whether you would be available to preach some Sunday morning next season in our Collegiate Pulpit.

The Collegiate Pulpit brings to our church and the community each year some four or five of America's greatest preachers and speakers. In the past few years these have included such representative people as Rabbi Nathan Krass, Rabbi Stephen Wise, Dr. L. P. Jacks, Dean Charles R. Brown, Dean Sperry, Bishop Francis J. McConnell, Robert A. Millikan, Rufus Jones and Prof. Reinhold Niebuhr.

The committee on the Collegiate Pulpit is especially desirous of having you as one of the preachers next season. We offer an honorarium of one hundred dollars. Your sermon would be a part of the morning service at eleven o'clock. Our Collegiate Pulpit, which we have built up over a period of years, is something of an institution in our town.

If this appeals to you, will you not submit to me the dates of such Sunday mornings as you have available. We usually have the Collegiate Pulpit preachers and speakers in the interval between the first of December and the first of April. Of course, we prefer, if possible, to space them about a month apart. It has occurred to the committee that it might be possible for you to work this in connection with one of your trips to New York. We are within three-quarters of an hour, train or bus ride from the city. We shall consider ourselves exceedingly fortunate if we can secure you for one of these Sundays.

May I hear from you shortly?

Very sincerely yours,

Norman D. Fletcher

NDF/FBW

*Cannot accept. Must be in our
pulpit on Sundays. Deeply grateful etc.
Some future time -*

June 22, 1936

Rev. Norman D. Fletcher,
Unity Church,
67 Church Street,
Montclair, N.J.

My dear Rev. Fletcher:

In reply to your letter of June 16
permit me to state that Rabbi Silver has left
for his vacation abroad and will be gone until
the early part of September. I shall, however,
be pleased to refer your letter to him.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

Sunday - Collegiate Pulpit

11 o'clock

1 Dec. - 1 April

July 16, 1936

Rev. Norman D. Fletcher,
Unity Church,
67 Church Street,
Montclair, N.J.

My dear Rev. Fletcher:

Your letter of June 16 has been referred to Rabbi Silver. Rabbi Silver regrets very much that he cannot accept your kind invitation to preach in your Collegiate Pulpit some Sunday morning next season as he must occupy his own pulpit on Sunday mornings. Rabbi Silver is deeply grateful to you for your thoughtfulness in inviting him. Perhaps he may be able to be of service at some future time.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

TEMPLE SHOMREI EMUNAH

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19 CLAREMONT AVE.
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MONTCLAIR 3-1108

DR. JACOB J. BLUMBERG, SECRETARY
298 CLAREMONT AVENUE
MONTCLAIR, N. J.
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April 15, 1948

Dear Dr. Silver,

To coincide with the establishment of the Jewish State, May 16th, our congregation is going to have a ground breaking ceremony on that day, for our new Temple.

On this most auspicious day we would like to coincide both events. Our congregation would cherish the idea of having the foremost champion of Jewish life to-day bring the message of the Synagogue and Zion to our community.

To say that we would deem it an honor and a privilege if you would be our guest speaker that day is putting it mildly.

We sincerely hope you can be with us on May 16th, to help strengthen another link in the chain of Jewish communities.

Sincerely,

Joseph Katz

May 3, 1948

Rabbi Joseph Katz
19 Claremont Avenue
Montclair, N. J.

My dear Rabbi Katz:

Please pardon the long delay in acknowledging your kind letter and your invitation to attend the ceremony in connection with the ground-breaking for your new Temple on May 16th.

I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately, pressure on me is so heavy these days that I cannot take on any additional responsibilities. I am sure that you will understand. I wish you and your congregation every success.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain,

Most cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver