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Montgomery, Alabama, 1923-1952.

RABBI WILLIAM B. SCHWARTZ
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

November 21, 1923,

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

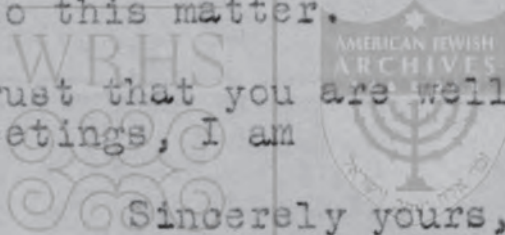
Dear Friend,

A number of reports have come to me from neighboring cities to the effect that you have cancelled your ~~speaking~~ engagements in the South. We had no word from your secretary cancelling your engagement in Montgomery. And I hope that you will not be compelled to do so. Please let me hear from you with reference to this matter.

I trust that you are well and with cordial greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

Schwartz



November 23rd, 1923.

Rabbi Wm. B. Schwartz,
Montgomery, Alabama.

My dear Schwartz,

I am very sorry that you were not informed of the cancellation of my Southern tour. Due to the increasing number of tasks in the completion of our new Temple structures I found it necessary in justice to myself to cancel my Southern tour. Early in September I had an attack of illness which put me to bed for a few days and it made me realize that I had been going at too fast a pace. At the suggestion of my physician I cancelled my Southern tour and quite a few other engagements. Perhaps next season I may be in a position to visit you and your community.

With kindest regards and trusting that you are getting along splendidly, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

WILLIAM B. SCHWARTZ, RABBI
30 CLAYTON STREET

Temple Beth-Or
SAYRE AND CLAYTON STS.
MONTGOMERY, ALA.

LEOPOLD STRAUSS, PRESIDENT
600 S. COURT STREET

October 27, 1924

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

Dear Friend,

Last January my congregation inaugurated an Annual Congregational Dinner,,in connection with our annual meeting. It was a very real success. We are to have another this coming January.

Now, I am very eager that you should be our guest and principal speaker on that occasion. I want you to come even if it will mean a special trip. I can arrange the date to meet your convenience - any time between the first and twentieth of January. Tell me how you feel about it.

With warm greetings, kindest regards for Mrs. Silver and yourself, I am

Sincerely yours,

Schwartz

November 6th, 1924.

Rabbi William B. Schwartz,
30 Clayton Street,
Montgomery, Alabama.

Dear Schwartz,

Thank you very much for your letter of October 27th and for the invitation which you extend to me to address the Annual Dinner of your Congregation in January. I wish I could see my way clear to come. At the present writing I cannot. The trip to and from Montgomery would probably take me three or four days and I am afraid that I cannot spare that much time in any one week. I hope that I shall be able to be of service to you at some future time. This year is rather a busy one for me because of the many activities involved in the opening of our new Temple.

I trust that you are well and enjoying your work. I heard many very fine things about your work at the last Executive Meeting of the C.C.A.R. in Washington.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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REV DR A H SILVER

CARE THE TEMPLE



ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONGREGATIONAL JUBILEE CELEBRATION UNDER WAY
FOR

BUT WE ARE ALL WAITING/WORD FROM YOU CELEBRATION TO BE HELD

APRIL FIRST OR APRIL EIGHTH WE EXPECT TO MAKE IT A NOTABLE AND

MEMORABLE EVENT DR MORGENSTEIN AND JUDGE IRVING LEHMAN ALSO

TO PARTICIPATE IT WILL BE A TWO DAYS CELEBRATION I WOULD WANT

YOU FOR FRIDAYS SERVICE PERIOD TRAIN SCHEDULE WILL PERMIT YOU TO

RETURN FOR SUNDAY SERVICE TRUST YOU WILL NOT DISAPPOINT US PLEASE DO

IT FOR FRIENDSHIPS SAKE WIRE OUR EXPENSE GREETINGS

SCHWARTZ

1230P

WILLIAM B. SCHWARTZ, RABBI
30 CLAYTON STREET

Temple Beth-Or

SAYRE AND CLAYTON STS.

MONTGOMERY, ALA. II-IO-27

EMIL WEIL, PRESIDENT
1250 SO. PERRY STREET

Dr. A. H. Silver.

Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friend:- I am writing again to ask whether you are planning to make a southern tour this year, and whether you have accepted any engagements in the neighborhood of Montgomery.

I think it is about time that you did pay us a visit. Please let me know if there is any possibility of your coming our way this winter.

Trust you are well and with all good wishes, I am

Fraternally Yours

Schwartz

M.

Montgomery,
Ala.

February 14th, 1927.

Rabbi Wm.B. Schwartz,
50 Clayton St.,
Montgomery, Ala.

Am scheduled at Boston Ford Hall
Forum on April 3rd. Will be gone first part of
the week. Cannot be away again on 8th. Regret
exceedingly cannot be with you.

A.H. Silver.

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REV DR A H SILVER

CARE THE TEMPLE

HAVE WIRED YOU WEEK AGO WITH REFERENCE TO ACCEPTING OUR INVITATION
ON JUBILEE OCCASION STOP CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY YOU MAKE NO REPLY
WOULD APPRECIATE WORD FROM YOU BY WIRE OUR EXPENSE GREETINGS

SCHWARTZ

1200P

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reply?*

WILLIAM B. SCHWARTZ, RABBI
30 CLAYTON STREET

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MONTGOMERY, ALA.

EMIL WEIL, PRESIDENT
1250 SO. PERRY STREET

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Feb 28-27

Dr. A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Friend:

So sorry You cannot be with us.
Shall try again on another occasion.

You probably know that the Rochester
pulpit will be vacant. If you are asked
to suggest someone for the post, please
mention my name.

Intercede with fraternal greetings.

Yours

Schwartz.

WILLIAM B. SCHWARTZ, RABBI
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EMIL WEIL, PRESIDENT
1250 SO. PERRY STREET

Dr. A. H. Silver.

Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friend:- The Memphis Temple Bulletin carries an announcement of your coming to Memphis under the auspices of their Mens Club.

I am wondering whether you would be able to make Montgomery on the same trip. We are only an overnight ride from Memphis.

Please let me hear from you.

When are you scheduled to be in Memphis?

With best wishes for much happiness in your new home I am
Yours

William B. Schwartz

P.S. You did not answer my last letter but I forgive you seeing how busy you are. We are prepared to pay not only your expenses but your fee as well,

December 23d, 1927.

Rabbi William B. Schwartz,
30 Clayton St.,
Montgomery, Ala.

My dear Schwartz:-

Please pardon the long delay
in answering your letters. I have made a
real effort to arrange for a southern tour
this season. Unfortunately I have failed
again.

I had given Louisville and
Memphis tentative dates in March. I found
that I would not be able to leave Cleveland
in March and so offered them dates in January,
which they could not accept. And so here I
am again.

If ever I can arrange to get
down to your medinah, I am going to come to
Montgomery for I am very anxious to see you
and to accomodate you.

With kindest regards and wishing
you all kinds of success, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

Alabama Education Association

Established 1882

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

21 Adams Avenue

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

January 13, 1943

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Alabama Education Association, which represents the organized body of Alabama educators, meets in Birmingham in annual convention the latter part of next March. The officials of this organization believe that it is highly desirable that our educators should be led to consider some of the great moral issues involved in the present world conflict and in the peace to follow. Our leaders, therefore, would be deeply pleased if you could arrange to be with us on the evening of Thursday, March 25, for the purpose of discussing these issues under the general topic of The Moral Impact of the War Upon Our Civilization, or some such topic. The entire State of Alabama would be benefited by your coming. Your visit would undoubtedly clarify much of our thinking and stabilize our action.

If you can arrange to be with us, we shall, of course, be pleased to provide any honorarium which you might suggest.

Very truly yours,

Frank L. Grove
Frank L. Grove
Secretary

FLG:VM

Copy: Mr. H. G. Greer, President, Alabama Education Association, Monroeville, Alabama.

January 21, 1943.

Mr. Frank L. Grove,
Secretary, Alabama Education Association,
21 Adams Avenue,
Montgomery, Alabama.

My dear Mr. Grove:

I am deeply appreciative of your kind invitation to be with the Alabama Education Association on Thursday evening, March 25 and to address the gathering. I should have been delighted to avail myself of the opportunity, but I am scheduled to address the North Central Association of Colleges & Secondary Schools at Chicago on that very day. Please keep me in mind for some other occasion.

With all good wishes and hoping that I may be of service to you, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:bw

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25 August 1951

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
E. 105th Street & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Our Congregation is celebrating its 100th Anniversary Year beginning this fall, and continuing through April of 1952. During this period we hope to bring a series of outstanding personalities to our pulpit.

At a recent meeting of our Anniversary Committee your name was suggested as one of the speakers our Congregation should hear.

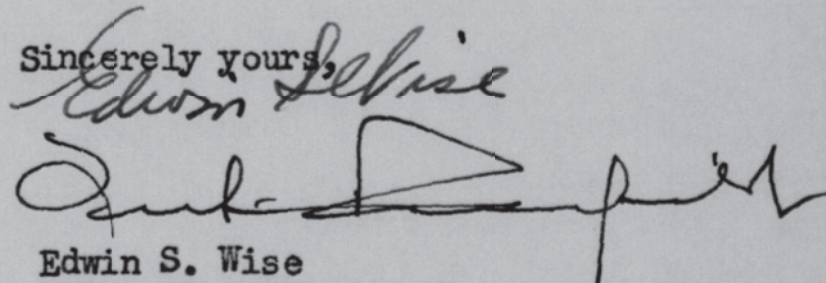
We would like to invite you to be our guest for a Friday night in February, on a date that will be mutually agreeable.

An honorarium, in addition to your expenses, has been provided.

If, for any reason, February is not a convenient time please suggest another date, and we will coordinate with our program committee.

We look forward to having you as our guest.

Sincerely yours,



Edwin S. Wise
Nathan Rosenfield
Co-Chairmen

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TEMPLE BETH-OR

P. O. Box 1150

MONTGOMERY 2, ALABAMA

STUDY OF THE RABBI

EUGENE BLACHSCHLEGER

August 27, 1951

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

Dear Dr. Silver:-

I am writing to express the hope that you will accept the invitation of the Centennial Committee to occupy our pulpit on some Friday in February mutually agreeable.

Our Congregation plans to invite the most outstanding rabbis in America to occupy our pulpit once a month during our centennial year.

Our Congregation is unanimous in expressing the hope you will honor us by your presence. We realize you are extremely busy and that many calls are made on your time, but because of the nature of the celebration we are hoping you will accept the invitation.

We expect to pay an honorarium in addition to your expenses. Will you please let me know what honorarium you would expect.

I trust you have had a pleasant summer and have returned to your work with renewed strength and inspiration.

Anticipating the pleasure of entertaining you in Montgomery and with all good wishes from house to house, I am

Sincerely yours,

Eugene Blachschleger

EB-rrd

August 29, 1951

Mr. Edwin S. Wise
Mr. Nathan Rosenfield
Temple Beth-Or
102 Clayton Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Dr. Silver is at present out of the country, and I am, therefore, acknowledging your kind letter of August 25th. Upon his return to Cleveland early in September, your letter will be brought to his attention at which time I am sure that you will hear from him directly.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice
Secretary to Dr. Silver

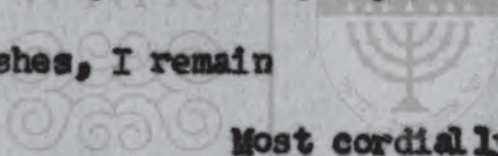
September 5, 1951

Rabbi Eugene Blachschleger
Temple Beth-Or
P.O. Box 1150
Montgomery 2, Alabama

My dear Rabbi Blachschleger:

Thank you for your kind letter of August 27th and your gracious invitation to address your congregation some Friday in February. I should be most happy to come, and I am sure that we can arrange a mutually satisfactory date. My honorarium is \$300 in addition to my traveling expenses.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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September 21st, 1951.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Rabbi Blachschleger has turned over to us for reply your letter to him of September 5th. We are very happy to note that you have consented to be with us as part of our Centennial Celebration. For the moment, we are confirming to you the evenings of February 15th and 22nd; definite reply from us regarding which date we find more satisfactory will be made known to you within the next three or four weeks. We trust that this causes you no inconvenience, but it is just not possible at the moment to tie together all the details regarding the celebration.

While, certainly, we do not wish to impose upon your good nature, there is still the possibility that April 26th will also be feasible under our program and we will thank you to let us know immediately if that date is also open on your calendar. By the time we have your reply we should be in position definitely to let you know which of the three dates will best fit into the program.

The terms mentioned are satisfactory.

Both of us look forward to having the pleasure of meeting you personally.

Yours very truly,

Edwin S. Wise

Edwin S. Wise,

Nathan Rosenfield

Nathan Rosenfield,
Co-Chairmen.

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STUDY OF THE RABBI
EUGENE BLACHSCHLEGER

December 4, 1951

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
East 105 th and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, O.

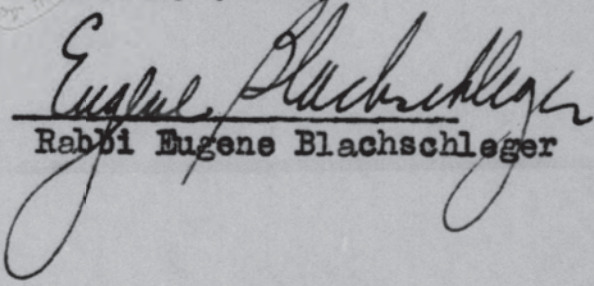
Dear Rabbi Silver:-

My Congregation and I are delighted you will be our speaker on Friday, February 15th. At your earliest convenience will you please ask your Secretary to send me your picture for publicity purposes.

Looking forward to welcoming you to Montgomery and with kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

EB-rrd


Rabbi Eugene Blachschleger

December 7, 1951

Rabbi Eugene Blachschleger
Temple Beth-Or
P.O. Box 1150
Montgomery 2, Alabama

Dear Rabbi Blachschleger:

In accordance with your request, I am enclosing herewith a photograph of Rabbi Silver. I should appreciate your returning it to me when you are finished with it.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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Temple Beth-Or
Cordially Invites You, Your Family and Friends
to hear
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Rabbi, The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio
speak on the subject
"The Future of the American Jewish Community"
Friday, February 15th, at 8:00 P. M.
Social Hour

DR. SILVER IS THE FOURTH SPEAKER IN A SERIES OF PROMINENT JEWS WHO WILL
ADDRESS THE CONGREGATION IN CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

TEMPLE BETH-OR

P. O. Box 1150
MONTGOMERY 2, ALABAMA

January 22, 1952

STUDY OF THE RABBI
EUGENE BLACHSCHLEGER

Miss Elizabeth Rice,
The Temple,
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Miss Rice:-

I have your letter of January 17th regarding Rabbi Silver's plans. Unfortunately there is no train from Atlanta to Montgomery which would bring Rabbi Silver to Montgomery earlier than the 6:05 plane. There is a train which leaves Atlanta at 9:40 A.M. and also a local around noon which does not arrive in Montgomery until 5 P.M.

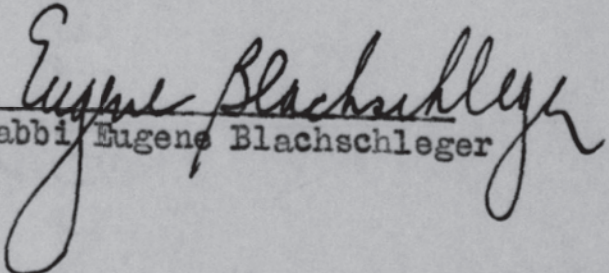
I note Rabbi Silver plans to be in Montgomery Thursday, February 14th. You know of course the Service is scheduled for Friday night, February 15th at 8 P.M. We would be delighted to have Dr. Silver with us the additional night, but since Dr. Silver is extremely busy I am wondering if you have given a thought to a train schedule. He could leave Cincinnati Thursday night, February 14th at 8 P.M. on the Humming Bird of the L & N and arrive here Friday morning at 7:55. This would enable him to spend the morning in Cleveland. However, Dr. Silver can do as he pleases and if he prefers the plane trip on Thursday that is alright with us and we would be honored to have him with us for this additional time. I am making a reservation for him at the Greystone Hotel.

Please check very carefully with the airlines regarding his return as Dr. Binstock who was here last weekend thought he had a reservation to return to Chicago on the plane, but unfortunately there was a misunderstanding on the part of the Chicago Office and he had to return by train.

Please let me hear from you again.

With cordial regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


Rabbi Eugene Blachschleger

EB-r rd

January 24, 1952

Rabbi Eugene Blachschleger
Temple Beth-Or
P.O. Box 1150
Montgomery 2, Alabama

Dear Rabbi Blachschleger:

Thank you for your letter of January 22nd and for the suggestions which you make. While it is true that Rabbi Silver could get to Montgomery on time if he left here by plane on Friday morning, February 15th, we have been having such consistently bad weather up here that both he and I are afraid that he might not get there in time. Accordingly, he will leave here as I wrote you on February 14th, arriving in Montgomery at 6:05 p.m.

With many thanks to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

February 1, 1952

Rabbi Eugene Blachschleger
Temple Beth-Or
P.O. Box 1150
Montgomery 2, Alabama

Dear Rabbi Blachschleger;

In reply to your telegram, the subject of Rabbi Silver's address will be "The Future of the American Jewish Community".

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

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EUGENE BLACHSCHLEGER
RABBI

February 21, 1952

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
E. 105th at Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Dr. Silver:-

I am in receipt of the letter from Miss Rice and regret exceedingly that you had such a difficult time arriving home. I was worried when I learned you did not leave on schedule. I know how tired you must have been and hope by now you have rested from the strenuous ordeal.

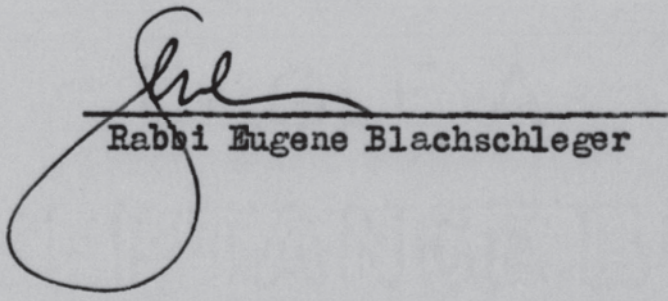
Let me thank you again for the most inspiring address you delivered. Everyone is singing your praises and I can say we have never had a speaker who was so dynamic and thought provoking.

I am enclosing a check for \$450.00 to cover your honorarium and expenses.

Berniece joins me in sending all good wishes and kindest regards to Mrs. Silver and you.

Sincerely yours,

EB-rrd


Rabbi Eugene Blachschleger

February 25, 1952

Rabbi Eugene Blachschleger
Temple Beth-Or
102 Clayton Street
Montgomery, Alabama

My dear Rabbi Blachschleger:

Thank you for your kind letter of February 21st and for the enclosed check. I did have quite a bit of difficulty getting back to Cleveland and to my pulpit Sunday morning. I stayed up all night in the airports of Chicago and Detroit, but succeeded in reaching The Temple in time to occupy my pulpit on Sunday morning, but I am none the worse for the experience.

I need not tell you that I enjoyed my visit with your community greatly and I am especially grateful for the gracious hospitality which I enjoyed at your hands and that of Mrs. Blachschleger. It was nice to have been with you and your people.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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