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# TELEGRAM

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August 8th 1929

To The Temple

Street and No. (or Telephone Number)

Place

When will Rabbi Silver be back in America? Please wire collect.

Rabbi Solomon Feinberg

160 Claremont Ave.

New York City

Rabbi Silver will be in America about August 25th.

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WHEN WILL DOCTOR SILVER BE BACK IN AMERICA PLEASE WIRE

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RABBI SOLOMON FINEBERG 160 CLAREMONT AVE NEWYORKCITY.

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RABBI SOLOMON ANDHIL FINEBERG  
160 CLAREMONT AVENUE  
NEW YORK CITY

August 11, 1929.

The Temple,  
E. 105th St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

The officers of Sinai Temple, Mt. Vernon, N.Y., are anxious to communicate with Dr. Silver immediately upon his arrival from Europe. Will you kindly inform me whether he will stop in New York on his return, and if so, where he may be reached while here? If this information is not available will you kindly wire me collect at

669 N. Terrace Ave.,  
Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

as soon as he arrives in Cleveland or can be reached elsewhere?

Sincerely yours,

*Solomon A. Fineberg*



RABBI SOLOMON ANDHIL FINEBERG  
160 CLAREMONT AVENUE  
NEW YORK CITY

P.S. Prior to August 20, kindly address any  
communication to my present address (160 Claremont  
Avenue, New York City).



August 15th, 1929

Rabbi Solomon A. Fineberg,  
160 Claremont Ave.,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Rabbi Fineberg:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 11th, and to advise you that Rabbi Silver does not plan to stop in New York upon his return from abroad. He will be back in Cleveland on August 26th or 27th.

to remain

With kindest regards, permit me

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver



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August 28th, 1929.

Dr. Abba H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Doctor:

Rabbi Solomon A. Fineberg will be installed as Rabbi of Sinai Congregation, Mount Vernon, New York, of which Temple I have the privilege to be President.

The date of installation is to be either Friday, September 13th, or Friday, September 20th, or even as late as Friday, September 27th, if this last date is more convenient for you.

While we prefer to have the installation on a Friday evening, we can arrange it for a week day, if none of these Friday evenings meet your convenience.

Rabbi Fineberg will attempt to see you on your arrival from abroad. If he does not succeed in seeing you, this letter will serve as our invitation to you, to officiate at the installation.

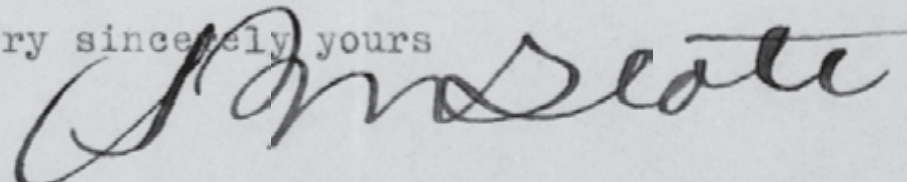
Your presence here on that occasion, will be of great benefit to the Congregation, and will be greatly appreciated by Rabbi Fineberg, and the Members of Sinai Temple.

We sincerely hope that you will reply favorably to our request.

In case Rabbi Fineberg has not succeeded in meeting you, will you kindly wire me collect, at your earliest convenience, stating whether you will deliver the address at the installation, the date that will be preferable to you, and whether there will be a charge for your services, in addition to your expenses.

Hoping that you will be present with us at the installation, and with kindest greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours



Benj. W. Slote  
President, Sinai Temple

Card ✓

WIRE Paid  
Sept. 1st, 1929

S.L.

Benjamin W. Slote,  
President, Sinai Temple,  
Slote Bldg.,  
Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Regret exceedingly can not participate in the installation ceremonies of Rabbi Feinberg. Have just returned from abroad and my many duties compel me to remain in Cleveland.  
With best wishes.

A. H. Silver

WRHS





# Young Men's Hebrew Association

30 NORTH TENTH AVENUE

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y.

July 17, 1930.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE Y. M. H. A.

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ABRAHAM FRIEZE

S. B. KAUFMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Rev. Dr. A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rev. Dr. Silver:

In drawing up the series of our forum events, the Committee was in communication with the Jewish Welfare Board and they advised us that we may write you direct and also the 'Open Forum' of Boston, Mass. as to arrangements for an address by you sometime in March. Thus far the tentative date would be Wednesday evening, March 18th if convenient and acceptable by you. The subject of your address would be selected from a list of topics submitted by you.

Our forum has been addressed by some outstanding men and is open to the entire community of Mount Vernon and vicinity. From our experience the policy of having a scheduled forum speaker speak but once in the community of Mount Vernon within a current season is most efficacious.

We would appreciate hearing from you as to the above and as to the entire fees in this matter.

Yours very truly,

*S. B. Kaufman*  
Executive Director

SBK.EL



card ✓

July 24th, 1930

Mr. S. B. Kaufman,  
Young Men's Hebrew Association,  
30 North Tenth Ave.,  
Mount Vernon, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Kaufman:-

It may be possible for Rabbi Silver to  
address your organisation some time in March of next year.  
His honorarium is \$250.

If the terms are acceptable to you  
please let me know and I will bring the matter to the  
attention of Rabbi Silver.

With kindest regards, permit me  
to remain

Very sincerely yours,



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IRENE ROTHERBERG, CARE THE TEMPLE:

EAST 105 ST AT ANSEL RD=

MTVERNON YOUNG MENS HEBREW ASSOCIATION FORUM COMMITTEE  
ACCEPTS THE TERMS AS MENTIONED IN YOUR LETTER OF JULY  
TWENTY FOURTH PLEASE ADVISE DATE IN MARCH AND SUBJECT  
OF ADDRESS=

S B KAUFMAN.

*Carol*

August 4th, 1930

Mr. S. B. Kaufman,  
Young Men's Hebrew Ass'n.,  
30 North Tenth Ave.,  
Mount Vernon, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Kaufman:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your  
telegram of August 4th.

I shall be very happy to be with you on  
Wednesday evening, March 18th, 1931.

I am enclosing herewith a list of lecture  
subjects from which you can select the one which may appeal  
most to your group. Please advise me which subject you select.

I am looking forward with pleasure to  
our meeting.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



card

# Young Men's Hebrew Association

30 NORTH TENTH AVENUE

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S. B. KAUFMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

August 19, 1930.

Rev. Dr. A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rev. Dr. Silver:

The personnel of the Forum Committee were very much interested in your entire list of subjects but as they are compelled to select but one for the evening of March 18th, 1931, they decided on the topic "Jew and Christian - Will They Ever Meet".

May we ask that you have your secretary release publicity material to us as well as a picture of yourself in order that we may guide ourselves in the type of publicity to be used for the above occasion. Our complete Forum program and booklet is to be printed by the end of this month.

Thanking you kindly, I am

Cordially yours,

*S. B. Kaufman*  
Executive Director

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August 20th, 1930

Mr. S. B. Kaufman,  
Y. M. H. A.,  
30 North Tenth Ave.,  
Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Kaufman:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of  
your letter of August 19th addressed to Rabbi Silver.

We have definitely booked your  
organization for Wednesday evening, March 18th, 1931.  
Rabbi Silver's subject will be, "Jew and Christian -  
Will They Ever Meet?"

Under separate cover I have this  
day forwarded to you a photograph of Rabbi Silver together  
with some facts concerning him. After the photograph has  
served your purpose will you kindly return same to us.

Thanking you very kindly in advance  
for your cooperation, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver



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SECRETARY TO RABBI A H SILVER=

THE TEMPLE CLEVELAND OHIO=

PLEASE CONFIRM RABBI A H SILVERS SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT FOR

OUR FORUM WEDNESDAY EVENING MARCH EIGHTEENTH WIRE REPLY

IMMEDIATELY=

YOUNG MENS HEBREW ASSOCIATION S B KAUFMAN MTVERNON NY.

collect wire 3/13/31

Rabbi Silver will be with you on Wednesday evening March eighteenth

I. Rothenberg, Secretary

# Young Men's Hebrew Association

30 NORTH TENTH AVENUE

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y.

March 20, 1931

Rabbi A. H. Silver,

The Temple,

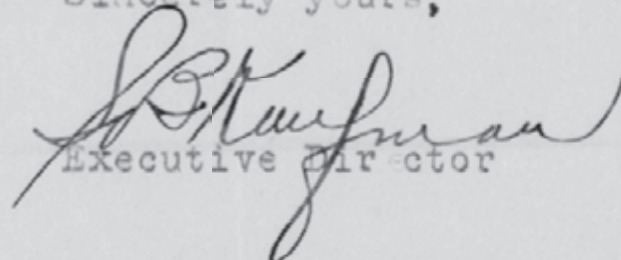
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed herewith please find check of \$250.00.

Our Forum certainly appreciated your splendid address.

Sincerely yours,

  
Executive Director

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Encl.



HARRY P. FIERST  
162 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

Mar. 9  
1936

Rabbi Aba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland  
Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:-

I hope that you have already recuperated from the strenuous week you have encountered in New York.

As usual, your address in the Bronx was an intellectual treat.

Westchester County is crying for 'Silver' and I have undertaken to impose upon your generosity to give us a date the latter part of April. New Rochelle, Portchester, Yonkers and perhaps other communities in Westchester County will join Mt. Vernon. We expect to have the dinner at the Commodore.

When I spoke to you on March 4th, you said that you would look up your *nis* upon your return to Cleveland, a privilege to which I think you are entitled.

We are anxious to get on with our plans and will thank you to wire (collect) to me the date that is most convenient for you so that I may report at our meeting on Thursday.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Harry P. Fierst*

HPF/c



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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=  
THE TEMPLE CLEVE=

WROTE YOU LAST WEEK WILL GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR WIRE  
ACCEPTING OUR INVITATION WESTCHESTER U P A DINNER  
APRIL TWENTY FIRST OR TWENTY SECOND OR FOLLOWING WEEK  
WORKERS CONFERENCE THIS AFTERNOON ANXIOUS YOUR WIRE  
THANKS=

HARRY P FIERST 162 SHERIDAN.

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To HARRY P FIERST

Street and No. 162 SHERIDAN

Place MT. VERNON, N.Y.

DELAYED ANSWERING YOUR TELEGRAM HAVE BEEN CONFINED HOME WITH COLD

REGRET EXCEEDINGLY CANNOT COME TO YOU IN APRIL MY SCHEDULE TOO CROWDED

GETTING READY IN APRIL FOR CLEVELAND CAMPAIGN OF WHICH I AM CHAIRMAN

Abba Hillel Silver

Sender's address  
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RABBI HENRY E. KAGAN  
SINAI TEMPLE  
MOUNT VERNON, N. Y.

September 23, 1940

Dear Dr. Silver,

The Committee representing four Sisterhoods, of two Reform and two Conservative Congregations in Mount Vernon, is arranging a united Sisterhood meeting on the afternoon of January 29, 1941 at my Temple.

They inform me, and I hope the information is correct, that you will be in New York City at that time, attending some Conference. Realizing that they could not afford to pay both an honorarium to you and your traveling expenses, they would like to take advantage of your presence here, and ask you to speak at their meeting, on that date. They are prepared to pay an honorarium of \$100.

Mount Vernon is a 22-minute trip from Grand Central Station in New York City, with frequent trains enabling you to arrive just in time for your address, and to leave as soon thereafter as you wish.

I know that I speak not only for the ladies of the Sisterhoods, but for all my colleagues when I say that the community would be highly honored if it is at all possible for you to accept this invitation.

May I hear from you at your earliest convenience?

With best wishes for the New Year,  
I am

Cordially,

*Henry E. Kagan*

HEK:FG



September 26, 1940

Rabbi Henry E. Kagan  
Sinai Temple  
Mount Vernon, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Kagan:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of September 23. I wish I were free to come to your meeting on January 29. However, I have no engagements scheduled in the East around that time and it would be quite impossible for me to make a special trip. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes for a very happy new year, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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"Answer by WESTERN UNION"  
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Rabbi Henry Kagan  
Mt. Vernon, N.Y.

DEEPLY REGRET UNABLE ACCEPT YOUR KIND INVITATION TO ADDRESS 40th ANNIVERSARY SERVICE YOUR TEMPLE. MY SCHEDULE IS MORE THAN CROWDED. I SEND YOU WARMEST GREETINGS AND YOUR CONGREGATION HEARTIEST FELICITATIONS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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DR ABBA HILLE SILVER=

THE TEMPLE ANSEL RD & E 105 ST=

SINAI TEMPLE CELEBRATING 40TH ANNIVERSARY HONORED IF YOU  
WOULD SPEAK FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES APRIL 12TH 19TH OR  
26TH AND ACCEPT MODEST HONORARIUM \$125 WIRE COLLECT=

RABBI HENRY KAGAN.

40 12 19 26 \$125.

PLEASE CONSIDER YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE



DR. HENRY E. KAGAN  
SINAI TEMPLE  
MOUNT VERNON, N. Y.

OFFICE OF THE RABBI

February 11, 1952

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

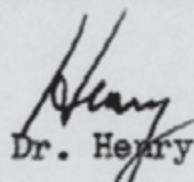
Dear Dr. Silver:

On Friday evening, April 18th, we are holding a service to celebrate the 45th anniversary of our Temple. I have been asked by our committee to try to get the "outstanding Rabbi in America" to be our guest speaker. This reduced my assignment to one choice, and I am writing to you in the hope that you will be able to honor us on that evening.

We have a modest honorarium to offer you of \$200 plus \$50 for travelling expenses.

I sincerely hope that you will find yourself in a position to accept.

Most sincerely yours,

  
Dr. Henry E. Kagan

HEG/jj

February 12, 1952

Dr. Henry E. Kagan  
Sinai Temple  
Mount Vernon, New York

My dear Kagan:


I appreciate very much your thoughtfulness in inviting me to be the guest speaker at your service on Friday, April 18th, on the occasion of the 45th anniversary of your Temple. I should have been very happy to accept your invitation. However, I am scheduled to address a Temple meeting on that evening. The Men's Club has been conducting a course on Comparative Religion and I am closing the series on April 18th. 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





Karl A. Blaustein

March 23, 1953

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

My dear Rabbi:

The Committee of Westchester Temple Brotherhoods earnestly seeks your participation as its principal speaker at its First Annual Meeting. Twenty-five hundred men in our community have unanimously voiced their hopes that you might, in your usual graciousness, consent to come. Our prayers are for your cooperation with this request.

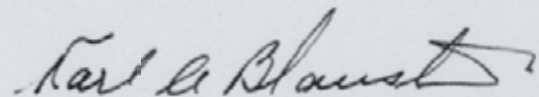
Please permit this letter to urge you to accept our invitation. We would be honored and the community delighted. Our meeting is scheduled for the

New Rochelle Temple  
New Rochelle, New York  
May 7, 1953

The committee will arrange for your transportation and hotel accommodation.

May I hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



Karl A. Blaustein, Chairman  
Annual Meeting  
Committee of Westchester  
Temple Brotherhoods

March 25, 1953

Mr. Karl A. Blaustein  
103 Douglas Place  
Mt. Vernon, New York

My dear Mr. Blaustein:

I deeply appreciate your gracious invitation to address the Annual Meeting of the Westchester Temple Brotherhoods on May 7th. I wish I were free to accept it. Unfortunately, I have a long-standing engagement for that day. My program is exceedingly crowded for the remainder of the season. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With warmest regards and thanking you again for your kind invitation, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



July 31, 1955

Dear Dr. Silver

I am writing to you from my vacation place in California and I hope that this letter will reach you wherever you may be - I hope away from the Eastern heat wave I have been reading about.

Our Temple in Mt. Vernon, D.C. will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1956. On January 13<sup>th</sup>, 1906 the first Sabbath service of Sinai Temple was held. Our anniversary Committee is planning a series of Friday evening services to begin Fri, Jan 13, 1956 on the theme "The Next Fifty Years." The list of speakers are to include Bernard Baruch, Admiral Strauss, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Governor Rilliet of Conn. They are to speak on Friday evenings in February, March, April, and May. Our anniversary Committee has asked me to write you in the hope that we

would have the distinguished honor  
of having you begin this series  
of anniversary addresses. The other  
Speakers will address us on 'The Next  
Fifty years' - In Economics, Atomic Energy,  
International Affairs and Government.  
You would begin the series on "The Next  
Fifty years in Religion"

I am aware of the great demands made  
upon your time and know that an honorarium  
of \$250.00 is not adequate compensation  
but ours is a modest congregation and we  
can only hope that the significance of this  
anniversary occasion to us might move you  
to accept. I recall your generous hospitality  
to me when I spoke at the Temple in Cleveland  
with meaning and I hope you will give me  
the opportunity to reciprocate.  
With deepest respect and admiration  
Sincerely Henry Kagan.

Please reply  
Sinai Temple  
132 Crany Ave  
New Vernon N.Y.



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Mr. Alta Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland  
Ohio

Please forward if necessary

H. Kagan  
132 Cray Ave  
Mt. Vernon  
N.Y.



WRHS





August 17, 1955

Rabbi Henry Kagan  
Sinai Temple  
132 Crary Avenue  
Mt. Vernon, New York

Dear Rabbi Kagan:

Your letter of July 31st addressed to Rabbi Silver has been received and is awaiting the Rabbi's return from Europe early in September.

I shall be happy to see that your letter receives his immediate attention on his return to his study.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth M. Sparrow  
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

September 8, 1955

Rabbi Henry Kagan  
Sinai Temple  
132 Crary Avenue  
Mt. Vernon, New York

My dear Kagan:

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter of July thirty-first. I have just returned from Europe.

I appreciate your gracious invitation to participate in your 50th anniversary series of Sabbath services. I understand that you would like me to open the series on January 13, 1956 on "The Next Fifty Years in Religion." I shall make every effort to be with you. I wonder whether you have succeeded in getting any of the prominent people whom you mentioned in your letter onto your program.

With all good wishes for a very happy New Year, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms





# SINAI TEMPLE

Dr. Henry E. Kagan, Rabbi

132 Crary Avenue, Mount Vernon, N. Y. Tel. Mount Vernon 8-9471

September 8, 1955

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

During the summer I wrote you a letter inviting you to be our guest during the celebration of the 50th birthday of our Synagogue. Your secretary informed me that you were away for the summer.

Since my letter, our Committee has held a special meeting and desires to make the following addition to my letter.

Because of your great service to the cause of Judaism and the Jewish People in our generation, our Anniversary Committee would like to honor you during your presence with us on January 13th at a Friday evening service (as suggested in my original letter). The Committee wishes to have a medal cast to honor you as the outstanding Rabbi of our generation and to present it to you at this Sabbath evening service.

May I repeat from my original letter that we can offer you a modest honorarium of \$250 to cover your expenses. Should January 13th not fit in with your plans, could we suggest January 20th or 27th?

I hope that you will be moved by the high motives of our Anniversary Committee and find time to pay us this great honor of honoring you.

Respectfully yours,

*Henry*  
Dr. Henry E. Kagan

HEK:s



DR. HENRY E. KAGAN  
SINAI TEMPLE  
MOUNT VERNON, N. Y.

OFFICE OF THE RABBI

September 30, 1955

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

Dear Madam:

May we ask you to send us a glossy photo and biography of Dr. Silver who is scheduled to speak at our fiftieth anniversary, Friday, January 13th.

Thank you for your courtesy and cooperation.



Very truly yours,

*Irma Schreider*  
Irma Schreider,  
Sec'y to Dr. H. E. Kagan

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October 5, 1955

Miss Irma Schreider  
Secretary to Dr. H. E. Kagan  
Sinai Temple  
132 Crary Avenue  
Mount Vernon, New York

Dear Miss Schreider:

Enclosed is a glossy print and biographical sketch of  
Dr. Silver as requested in your letter of September  
30th.

Very truly yours,

Miss Sophia Levine  
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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# SINAI TEMPLE

Dr. Henry E. Kagan, Rabbi

132 Crary Avenue, Mount Vernon, N. Y. Tel. Mount Vernon 8-9471

December 20, 1955

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

We have everything in readiness for the honor of your visit to our pulpit on Friday evening, January 13th.

The speaker who will follow you in this series will be Admiral Lewis Strauss. The theme for our series to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Sinai Temple is, "The Next Fifty Years." You will speak on "Religion - The Next Fifty Years."

We are having a special medal cast to present to you to honor you as the outstanding rabbinical leader of our times, and which will be presented to you at the conclusion of your address.

I will be pleased if you could include in your plans to be our guest for dinner and I would appreciate hearing from you regarding your transportation plans so that we can arrange to meet you. If you are planning to stay over night, is there anything that I can do to arrange for your reservations?

My son, Jonathan, thanks you for your warm letter of congratulations on his Bar Mitzvah.

With highest esteem and warm personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

*Henry E. Kagan*  
Dr. Henry E. Kagan

HEK:s

P.S. It will be of interest to you to know that the first Rabbi to occupy our pulpit did so on January 12, 1906. He was Rabbi George Alexander Kohut. Your appearance here on January 13 will be exactly 50 years, short of one day, since that memorable occasion in the history of our Temple.

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AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE IS MAKING PLANS FOR YOUR  
RECEPTION ON FRIDAY JANUARY THIRTEENTH. WE WOULD LIKE  
TO KNOW WHEN WHERE AND HOW YOU WILL ARRIVE. PLEASE  
WIRE COLLECT TO ME AT SINAI TEMPLE 132 CRARY AVE  
MOUNT VERNON M=

RICHARD FINK CHAIRMAN=

SPOKE WITH MRS. FINK ON TELEPHONE WEDNESDAY 28th

MR. FINK WILL CONTACT YOU AT COMMODORE HOTEL  
AT 9:00 A.M. FRIDAY MORNING





tickets purchased Dec. 27, 1955 (Tues)

for trip to Mt. Vernon, New York

Sinai Temple  
50th Anniv. Sabbath Serv  
Fri. Jan 13, 1956

Cleveland to New York - Thurs. Jan. 12th  
via NEW YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD  
Downtown Terminal - Lv. 9:10 PM  
East Cleve. " Lv. 9:19 PM

Lv. Cleveland 9:10 or 9:19 PM  
Ar. New York 8:05 AM - Jan. 13 - Fri

Train #58 - Cleveland Limited  
Car #582  
Single Bedroom "D"

Reserve room Commodore Hotel

Advise Dr. Henry E. Kagan to pick up AHS there  
*Mr. Kagan will phone AHS 9:00 am at Commodore*

(Check #2666 - 12/27/55 - \$26.30) ✓

Return to Cleveland Sat. Jan 14, 1956  
via Capitl Air Lines

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Commodore  
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Collect telegram

12/28/55

2:20 PM

To: MISS. S. LEVINE, SCY  
DR. A.H.SILVER

RESERVING USUAL SINGLE WITH BATH FOR RAEBI SILVER JANUARY 13th

/s/ HOTEL COMMODORE



CHARGE TELEGRAM

Wed. Dec. 28, 1955

phoned 10:00 AM. (SL to ~~KD~~)

TO: COMMODORE HOTEL  
NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

RABBI SILVER ARRIVING FRIDAY 8:00 A.M JANUARY 13th.

WIRE CONFIRMATION USUAL SINGLE ACCOMMODATION.

MISS S. LEVINE  
SEC'Y. DR. SILVER





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DR. HENRY E. KAGAN  
SINAI TEMPLE  
MOUNT VERNON, N. Y.

OFFICE OF THE RABBI

December 30, 1955

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Richard Fink, the Chairman of our Anniversary Committee, informed me that you would arrive Friday morning, January 13th and have accommodations at the Commodore Hotel.

Our entire community and entire Westchester County is excited about your forthcoming appearance here. My wife and I would be very pleased if you would take dinner with us at our home at 6:00 o'clock. We will have someone call for you at the hotel to drive you to Mt. Vernon.

If there is anything I can do for your comfort, I hope you will let me know.

It is a great honor to have you with us.

Very sincerely yours,

*Henry E. Kagan*  
Dr. Henry E. Kagan

HEK:s



DR. HENRY E. KAGAN  
SINAI TEMPLE  
MOUNT VERNON, N. Y.

OFFICE OF THE RABBI

January 7, 1956

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I was pleased to hear from Mr. Richard Fink, Chairman of our 50th Anniversary Committee of your arrangements to have him call you Friday morning at the Hotel Commodore for instructions. We are all looking forward to your visit.

In reference to your address, "Religion - The Next Fifty Years", I hope you will not consider it presumptuous if I bring to your attention two items of special local interest, which, of course, you may have already have thought of including in your remarks.

First, there is considerable agitation here regarding future developments in the increasing pressure for bringing religion into the public schools and I wonder whether you are thinking of saying something about this particular area. Secondly, in one of your addresses several years ago in New York City, among many things you said you did make some reference to the future developments regarding the impact of psychiatry upon religion.

In the hopes that you might also include some reference to this area in your remarks, it occurs to me that your great influence might reinforce the work which I have been doing here in reference to this particular field. You probable know of the modest contributions that I have been making as chairman of the CCAR Committee on Psychiatry and Religion. As a matter of fact, you might recall that it was under the fruitful administration of your own presidency of the CCAR, that through your support that I succeeded in getting this Committee established in the CCAR. You will recall that I made reference to this fact when I took part in the Symposium with Dr. Menninger at your Temple. I need not tell you that it is with certain difficulties that I have been orienting the thinking of my own congregation, as well as others, in this direction.

Therefore, if you feel so inclined and feel it appropriate to your remarks to make any passing reference to my particular leadership in this field, I would be most grateful for the beneficent influence which the authority of your words would have.

My family looks forward to having you as our guest for Sabbath dinner this Friday, and should you wish to come earlier, we have a room prepared for you at our home where you may rest at your liesure.



DR. HENRY E. KAGAN  
SINAI TEMPLE  
MOUNT VERNON, N. Y.

OFFICE OF THE RABBI

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver:

January 7, 1956

If there is anything else I can do for your convenience, please let me know.

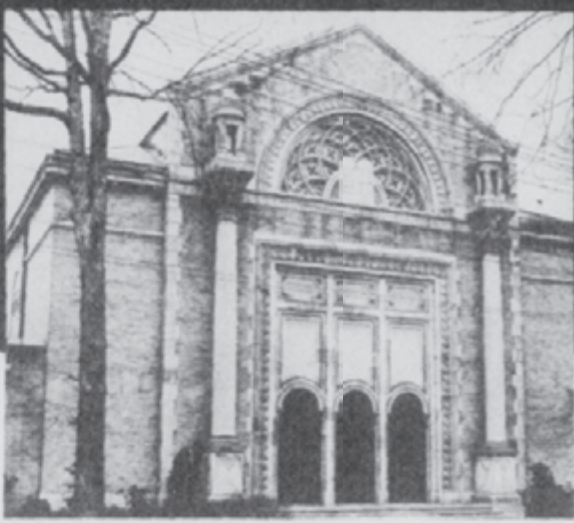
Very sincerely yours,

*Henry E. Kagan*  
Dr. Henry E. Kagan

HEK:s







# SINAI TEMPLE

Dr. Henry E. Kagan, Rabbi

132 Crary Avenue, Mount Vernon, N. Y. Tel. Mount Vernon 8-9471

January 16, 1956

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I should like to express to you on behalf of the Officers and the Members of the congregation of Sinai Temple, our thanks and appreciation for your fine and inspirational address delivered at our services last Friday night.

I'm sorry that time did not permit our honoring you in a more tangible fashion but due to time limitations, space limitations, it was not possible for us to carry out our original plans.

I am sending along with this letter a copy of the front page of the Daily Argus, our Mount Vernon paper, and thought that the article therein would be of tremendous interest to you.

Rabbi Kagan left for Florida late Saturday afternoon and will be gone for two weeks, but I express to you also in his behalf, our appreciation for your most inspiring address.

It was indeed a rare privilege for me to have met you, to have listened to you and to have been associated with you for even a very short time on Friday. I shall look forward to seeing you on some future occasion, and I do hope that when you are in this area that it will again be our privilege to hear you discourse on the subject most dear to your heart. Accept also please, the appreciation of Mrs. Goldberg in this communication.

Sincerely yours,

*Melvin Goldberg*  
Melvin Goldberg  
President

mg/mm

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RABBI LEON A. JICK  
FREE SYNAGOGUE OF WESTCHESTER  
500 NORTH COLUMBUS AVENUE  
MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK

JULY 2, 1958

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER  
THE TEMPLE  
1855 ANSEL ROAD  
CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

DEAR RABBI SILVER:

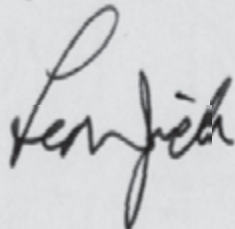
OUR SYNAGOGUE IS CELEBRATING ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR. WE ARE CONCLUDING THE CELEBRATION WITH A SERIES OF FOUR LECTURES ON "RELIGION IN TODAY'S WORLD". WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO BE THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY LECTURER TO DELIVER AN ADDRESS DEALING WITH JUDAISM AND THE WORLD JEWRY. THE ANNIVERSARY WILL BE CELEBRATED DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 15TH TO DECEMBER 15TH.

WE WOULD BE HAPPY INDEED IF YOU WOULD HONOR US WITH YOUR PRESENCE ON ANY FRIDAY NIGHT DURING THIS PERIOD.

OUR SYNAGOGUE HAS ALWAYS BEEN STRONGLY AND WARMLY CONCERNED ABOUT KLAL ISROEL AND IN PARTICULARLY ABOUT THE STATE OF ISRAEL. OUR LATE RABBI MAX MACCOBY, WHO SERVED HERE FOR 28 YEARS, WAS AN ARDENT AND DEVOTED ZIONIST THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE. IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT WE ARE MOST ANXIOUS TO HAVE THE OUTSTANDING AMERICAN JEWISH LEADER OF WORLD JEWRY AS OUR HONORED GUEST AND LECTURER.

I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE HEARING FROM YOU IN THE NEAR FUTURE CONCERNING YOUR AVAILABILITY.

SINCERELY,



LAJ:AS



July 8, 1958

Rabbi Leon A. Jick  
Free Synagogue of Westchester  
500 North Columbus Avenue  
Mount Vernon, New York

My dear Rabbi Jick:

It would have given me great pleasure indeed to participate in your anniversary celebration.

Unfortunately, I am already too heavily committed for the coming season, especially in connection with my work as National Chairman of Bonds for Israel and I am, therefore, under the necessity of declining many invitations which normally I should be very happy and honored to accept.

I am sure that you will understand.

With kindest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER