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Muskegon, Michigan, 1935-1936.

# Grossman's

DEPARTMENT STORE

Muskegon, Michigan

May 15/35

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
% The Temple  
Cleveland Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Many thanks for your prompt answer of  
May 9th in which you state it was not possible  
for you to address our joint meeting here.  
I realize your time is very much occupied,  
but appreciate your good will.

Some day, we hope to have you here on  
some other occasion.

With my best good wishes for the good  
work you are doing, I remain  
Yours very Sincerely

Samuel Grossman



203-205 W. WESTERN AVENUE



PRIVATE EXCHANGE DIAL 23-741

Muskegon, Michigan

March 7, 1936

Dr. Aba Hillel Silver  
c/o The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

There is a strong movement on in Muskegon to form a branch of the National Council for Prevention of War and to promote peace and good will among the various religious groups. The Jews of this city have been invited to take part in the formation of this organization.

I have been requested to contact you to come here on or about the 24th or the 31st of March or any other date you might designate suitable to you to address us. This would be a great boost for our Jewish community, and if you could possibly see your way clear to come here, I am sure you would receive our gratitude as well as that of our Christian friends.

Awaiting your earliest reply, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

*Samuel Grossman*

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March 9, 1936

Mr. Samuel Grossman,  
Grossman's Department Store,  
203-205 W. Western Avenue,  
Muskegon, Michigan.

My dear Mr. Grossman:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of March 7 and for your invitation to address the Muskegon branch of the National Council for Prevention of War. I wish I were free to accept it. Unfortunately my schedule for the remainder of the season is crowded with both local and out of town lecture engagements and I cannot in justice to myself or to my work here accept any additional obligations.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



1014 First Street, Muskegon, Mich.,  
March 21, 1936.

Dr. C. H. Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver,

At a meeting of the Greater Muskegon Forum Committee, you were suggested as a possible speaker for the 1936-1937 season.

The aim and objects of the Forum are briefly these;  
To bring to the people of Muskegon discussions of current economic, social, religious and political questions. With questions from the floor or supplementary discussions by a panel of persons who will study the given question in advance of the lecture and either challenge the speaker's thesis or raise questions to clarify important points.

The cost of the ticket is reduced to the lowest possible point so there may be a wider representation of the people.

For the past three years the admission charge has been one dollar per person. (Inclosed folder of this year's program.)

Since our funds are limited we must unfortunately take the latter in consideration.



when making out our program.

A number of Muskegon people have had the pleasure of hearing you and have asked the Committee to contact you for the Forum. (My husband has had that pleasure twice, National Educational meetings at Cleveland and this past month in St. Louis)

We have a very fine group of Hebrew people here who have co-operated with the Forum so splendidly that we would like to show our appreciation to them by being able to bring you to them.

We realize you are an exceedingly busy person but as we have ~~plane~~ service, you could do it in minimum of time.

We would appreciate hearing from you as to your availability for the 1936-1937 season and the fee you would expect for your services. May we have an early reply?

Very truly yours,

M. Elizabeth Zimbreit

(Mrs. R. G.)

1014 First Street  
Muskegon, Michigan

Committee member of the  
Greater Muskegon Forum.



March 24, 1936

Mrs. A. G. Umbreit,  
1014 First Street,  
Muskegon, Michigan.

My dear Mrs. Umbreit:

I am deeply appreciative of your thoughtfulness in writing to me and inviting me to address the Muskegon Forum some time during your forthcoming season. I wish I could say at the present time whether I can come or not. Unfortunately, I cannot do that. My program for next season is very indefinite and I do not wish to commit myself to any engagement so far ahead.

Hoping that I may be of service to you at some future time, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



The Public Schools of the City of Muskegon

Muskegon, Michigan

JUNIOR COLLEGE

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

March 30, 1936.

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

Dear Dr. Silver,

I wish to thank you for your prompt  
reply to my letter.

The Forum Committee asked me to write  
again to inform you, that while we try  
to schedule our talent early, our program  
is not printed until last of September.

Could we plan on you tentatively? To do  
this we would have to know your fee so  
as to set aside that sum. A possible  
date could be arranged later when your  
program for the next season is made out.

We are most anxious to place you on  
our program this next winter if at all  
possible. (The reason I gave you in  
my first letter.)

Again thanking you for your prompt

reply,

I am,

Yours very truly,  
M. Elizabeth Zinbreit  
(Mrs. A. S.)

1014 First Street



April 14, 1936

Mrs. A. G. Umbreit,  
1014 First Street,  
Muskegon, Michigan.

My dear Mrs. Umbreit:

Rabbi Silver has requested me to  
write to you and to tell you that his  
customary honorarium for out of town lecture  
engagements is \$250.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.