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New London, Connecticut, 1924-1940.

MRS. IRVING LIPTON
283 HUNTINGTON STREET
NEW LONDON, CONNECTICUT

May 15, 1924.

Dear Mr. Sibles: I am James' sister writing
you this note. If you can possibly do me
that kindness, I would be very grateful.

I am a member of our local B'nai
B'rith Auxiliary, and nothing would please
me so much if we all had the pleasure
of hearing you speak. Financially we
could never afford the sum. We hope
time to have a Temple here. I would love
to have you speak on that subject here.

Any time you are East in the Fall or Winter
months, say for instance you are to speak
in New York, New Haven, Hartford, we would
be glad to pay the expense from any of those
points.

It is only through relationship that I
feel I may take the privilege to write you.
Hope I may have the courtesy of a reply. I am
Sincerely, Sarah Baratz Lipton

May 26th, 1924.

Mrs. Irving Lipton,
283 Huntington Street,
New London, Conn.

My dear Mrs. Lipton,

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address the Bnai Brith Auxiliary some time next fall or winter. My plans are very indefinite for next season and I cannot of course definitely at this time say whether I can come or not, but I shall keep your letter in mind and if it is at all possible, I shall try to accommodate you.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

MRS. IRVING LIPTON
283 HUNTINGTON STREET
NEW LONDON, CONNECTICUT

June 11, 1934

Dear Mr. Silver :- I want to thank you
for your delightful letter -

I do hope New London will have the
opportunity to hear you speak -

If you will be kind enough to let me
know about one month in advance when
you intend to come, I will be very grateful.
I have plans to have a Musical and
have you the Speaker of the evening.
We have a Young Women's College here
and a very able man as President
Mr. Benj. Marshall. Quite a number
of Jewish young women. In my last
letter I wrote you we intend in time
to have a reformed Temple here.
As a Mother I have seen the absolute

need of it here. Our little ones must be taught from childhood the beautiful part of religion as well as its history in a language that they can understand. In the smaller cities enthusiasm must be aroused and a personage like yourself can do so much.

Does Mrs Silver accompany you on your lecture tour? I would be delighted to entertain you.

Thanking you again for your kindness, With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely,

Sarah B. Lipton -

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SAMUEL S. RUDERMAN, RABBI

New London, Conn.

October 17, 1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I would like to invite you to address the community Forum sponsored by the Men's Club of our Congregation. I notice that you are scheduled to speak in Newark on January 15th, and it occurred to me that you may be able to visit our city on the 16th. We would deem it a great privilege and honor if you will accept this invitation. If the date is inconvenient, perhaps you can suggest others.

We have available for this lecture \$125.00. I do not know what is your usual remuneration, so please do not hesitate to say if this is unsatisfactory.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Samuel S. Ruderman

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Rabbi Samuel S. Ruderman

October 20, 1939

Rabbi Samuel S. Ruderman
Congregation Beth El
New London, Conn.

My dear Rabbi Ruderman:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of October 17 and for the invitation which you extend to me to address the community Forum sponsored by your Men's Club. I cannot come to you on January 16th as I have another engagement on that day. I am, however, to be in Boston on April 16 for an afternoon meeting. I could arrange to come to you on that day, leaving Boston at 5:05 P.M. arriving in your city at 7:22 P.M.. If that date is satisfactory, I shall be pleased to come to you.

My customary honorarium is \$250 but in view of the fact that my traveling expenses will be borne by the Boston organization, the honorarium would be \$175.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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SAMUEL S. RUDERMAN, RABBI

New London, Conn.

October 25, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I wish it were possible for us to accept unconditionally your gracious acceptance of our invitation to address the community forum, sponsored by our Men's Club on April 16th. Unfortunately, however, we are faced with the obvious financial limitations of a small community, and despite the generous reduction from your usual honorarium, we still find it somewhat beyond our means.

I realize fully well that it is a presumption and breach of good taste on our part, but if you would consent to come to us for \$125.00 plus your expenses from Boston to New York, we would greatly appreciate it and feel deeply in your debt.

Several professors and students at Connecticut College for Women to whom I intimated that you might come to New London, were thrilled by the prospect. As president of the Zionist District, I know what would be the reaction of the Zionists in this entire vicinity to your acceptance. I do so hope that you will be able to send me a favorable reply.

Very sincerely yours,

Samuel S. Ruderman

SSR:REP

Rabbi Samuel S. Ruderman

October 30, 1939

Rabbi Samuel S. Ruderman
Congregation Beth El
New London, Conn.

My dear Rabbi Ruderman:

Permit me to acknowledge receipt
of your letter of October 25. I shall be
very happy to be with you on the evening of
April 16.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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SAMUEL S. RUDERMAN, RABBI

New London, Conn.

November 2, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

I was delighted to receive your note
of acceptance of our invitation to address our
Forum on the evening of April 16th. We shall be
looking forward eagerly to greeting you at that
time.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Samuel S. Ruderman

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SAMUEL S. RUDERMAN, RABBI

New London, Conn.

March 12, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I would deeply appreciate your sending
me a newspaper cut and other publicity material, as
well as ^{the} topic of your address in our city on April
16th.

Needless to say, we are all looking for-
ward eagerly to your visit here.

Very sincerely yours,

Samuel S. Ruderman

Rabbi Samuel S. Ruderman

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March 25, 1940

Rabbi Samuel S. Ruderman
Congregation Beth El
New London, Conn.

My dear Rabbi Ruderman:

I would suggest one of the following two subjects for my address before your group:

- 1) THE WORLD CRISIS AND JEWISH SURVIVAL
- 2) THE STRENGTH WHICH IS AMERICA

Please indicate which one you select.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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SAMUEL S. RUDERMAN, RABBI

New London, Conn.

March 31, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In regard to the subject of your address on April 16th we would like you to speak on "The Strength Which is America."

Will you please let me know on what train you expect to arrive so that I may meet you at the station.

Very sincerely yours,

Samuel S. Ruderman

Rabbi Samuel S. Ruderman

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April 5, 1940

Rabbi Samuel S. Ruderman
Congregation Beth El
New London, Conn.

My dear Friend:

I have just learned from Dean Sperry, of Harvard, that my Duddleian Lecture is scheduled for three o'clock in the afternoon of April 16. That means that I will not be able to get a train earlier than six o'clock for New London. This will bring me to your city at eight twenty-five. I trust that this will not be too late.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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New London, Conn.

April 25, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

I want to thank you again for the splendid lecture you gave in New London. The reports were uniformly enthusiastic. I cannot tell you how much the executive committee of our Men's Club, as well as I personally, appreciate your cooperation.

With best wishes for a happy

Passover, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Samuel S. Ruderman

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Rabbi Samuel S. Ruderman