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NEWORLEANS CAMPAIGN OPENS WITH BIG DINNER SATURDAY JANUARY FOURTH FOR  
JEWISH WAR SUFFERERS THEY AGAIN APPEAL TO US TO HAVE YOU ATTEND YOUR  
PRESENCE WILL ASSURE SUCCESS IN ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR DRIVE THAT  
CITY AND WILL HAVE POWERFUL MORAL EFFECT ON BALANCE OF STATE FROM  
WHICH WE HOPE TO RAISE TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ADDITIONAL

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RABBI A H SILVER

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BIG MASS MEETING SUNDAY DECEMBER EIGHTH NEWORLEANS FOR JEWISH  
WAR SUFFERERS MORGENTHAU WILL BE THERE BUT WE NEED ORATOR SUCH  
AS YOURSELF TO DELIVER APPEAL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS OUR NEWORLEANS  
CHAIRMAN CHARLES ROSEN WIRES URGENT APPEAL TO OBTAIN YOU FOR THE  
JOB HOPE YOU WILL DO THIS AS YOUR PRESENCE WILL ASSURE SUCCESS  
WE OF COURSE WILL GLADLY PAY EXPENSES WIRE

JACOB BILLIKOFF

Rev. Herbert C. Harrison  
Secy. Nat. Council Cong.  
Churches  
Gettysburg





Max Heller  
Rabbi Temple Sinai  
New Orleans

July 2 1919

Rabbi A. H. Silver

Cleveland, O.

My dear Colleague:

The Sinai Club wish to arrange  
a course of Jewish lectures and I  
have suggested you as one of the  
speakers. Will you kindly let me know  
whether you could accept a lecture  
engagement for any time during  
the next 3 or 4 months and what  
would be your terms. I might be able to  
secure other engagements along the  
route for you, should you desire it.  
I am, with best regards,

Sincerely yours  
Max Heller.



January 6th, 1919

Dr. Max Heller,  
Temple Sinai,  
New Orleans, La.

My dear Dr. Heller,

I was very pleased to receive your letter extending to me in the name of the B'nai B'rith of your city an invitation to address the order.

If I could make arrangements for three or four other engagements in the vicinity of New Orleans during some week in March, I should be happy to come. My remuneration would be fifty dollars and traveling expenses.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Max Heller  
Rabbi Temple Sinai  
New Orleans

Feb 7 '19

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Pardon my seeming remission in  
leaving your welcome letter unanswered  
all this time. The fault lay with my  
Bnai B'rith friends to whom I promptly  
forwarded it, but who could not, before  
this, make up their minds to any  
course of action under the ravages of the  
flu.

They have now concluded to have a  
Bnai B'rith day on a large scale at  
which you are to be the orator. They will  
be glad to arrange it in March and  
ask you to wire me the date most  
convenient to yourself. Kindly do so at  
your earliest, so <sup>that</sup> we may make all  
necessary arrangements.

Your terms are entirely acceptable  
to the committee. We shall work in  
making you stay highly appreciative.

I am, with kindest regards,

Yours faithfully, Max Heller.

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February 23rd, 1919

Rabbi Max Heller  
Temple Sinai,  
New Orleans, La.

My dear Rabbi Heller,

I have been so greatly overburdened with work that my correspondence has suffered. Hence this delay in answering your letter of the seventh.

I think I can come to New Orleans in March, possibly for the eighteenth, but before deciding definitely, would like to have you advise me whether I could count on speaking engagements for the 19th and 20th in town easily accessible from New Orleans. If you can arrange for two or three other addresses in addition to the one I am to deliver in New Orleans, I shall be glad to come to you on the eighteenth.

Awaiting further word from you at your earliest convenience, I remain, with kindest regards

Very sincerely yours,



Max Heller  
Rabbi Temple Sinai  
New Orleans

July 16 1920  
Rabbi Abba H. Silver Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It gave me great pleasure to read of your striking success at the recent New York meeting which opened the Palestine Restoration Drive. an attack of the grippe prevented my attendance, so that, in the last moment, I found myself self-annulled to fulfil my promise to cooperate.

I want now to ask for your assistance in bringing about a change of atmosphere in Zionism here in New Orleans. This, I believe, is the moment and the victory will be distinctly worth while.

I don't know whether you are aware that New Orleans Judaism is largely comparable that of Italy. Just as there we have a diminutive Jewry (40,000) of disproportionate large influence, so here we have a small community (8000 heads) of commanding commercial and intellectual importance. No Jewish Community of size, anywhere, has the number of millionaires, the large institutions, the influence, civically, commercially, in general leadership which ours has. The reason is, in both cases,



Max Heller  
Rabbi Temple Sinai  
New Orleans

the same: an advanced stage of assimilation.  
As in other instances, one effect is a spirit of hostility to Zionism. There is no bitterness in that direction; taking infection from the general air of Jewish indifference (fueled by sensitiveness of prevailing social ostracism) it is a rather lukewarm antagonism, an instinctive dislike. One reason is that there is no Anti-Zionist leader while my Zionism is respected for its patent disinterestedness.

It is my feeling that your kindling and well-informed eloquence would accomplish at this critical time what, hitherto, the best Zionist talent has entirely failed in, or visits here. (You have had Dr. Haas, Mordechai, Min Gold, Dr. Friedlaender, Formanow, Raskin, Horvitz, Dr. Wise, Dr. Kailin, Ben Ami, Barak, Min Stern, Min Romer. not one of them has made as much as one convert.)

My plan is this: if you can come down here, at our expense we have 3 dates for which the finest hall in the city is disengaged: March 14, 28, April 4 (all Sundays). You would go out at 5 P.M., the same hour at which Krass speaks at



Max Heller  
Rabbi Temple Sinai  
New Orleans

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the same hall, on Jewish  
has Relief this Sunday. We  
would arrange for you a  
dinner at which to meet  
the moneyed men, a lunch at which  
to speak to the Christian clergy, if that  
can be arranged; our clergy is not nearly  
as broad as that of North and West; we  
would give you every publicity and act  
upon any direction you might wish to  
give.

You will find us a misqure community  
replied, genial, Jewish, very ignorant, &  
despise all the rabbis' efforts. The Capricious  
of this country, pleasure-loving, courteous,  
delightful. You will find that you can  
do a great deal of arousing where it is  
badly needed.

I hope for an affirmative answer.  
We shall warmly appreciate your sac-  
rifice.

Yours with fraternal greetings, in  
the hope of the New Year

Faithfully Yours  
Max Heller.

Max Heller  
Rabbi Temple Sinai  
New Orleans

Jan 29 1920

Rabbi A. H. Silber Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silber:

Will you kindly hasten your  
reply to my recent request, as other-  
wise we lose an option on the large  
hall we wish to engage, an only first-  
class hall for which the demand is  
great.

I am with best regards, in the hope  
of the New Year, Faithful Yours  
Max. Heller.



January 28th, 1920

Dr. Max Heller,  
1328 Marengo Street,  
New Orleans, La.

My dear Dr. Heller,

I was very happy to receive your letter of the 16th instant. It would afford me the greatest pleasure to visit your city and spend a day or two in your company. I shall try very hard to so arrange my work here as to enable me to avail myself of your invitation. I cannot, however, say definitely at the present moment that I can accept any one of the three dates mentioned in your letter, and shall write you again in the near future about the definite time.

Thanking you for your very kind invitation and wishing you well, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,



February 19th, 1920

Dr. M. Heller,  
1828 Marengo Street,  
New Orleans, La.

My dear Dr. Heller,

I have just received your letter and note that you would like to have me come on a Sunday. This would, of course, make it necessary for me to get a substitute to occupy my pulpit, and would also make it necessary for me to be away from Cleveland on Friday and Saturday, two very important days of the week.

If you could arrange to have me speak in New Orleans on a Tuesday or Wednesday evening, or even a Thursday evening, it would be a great convenience to me. Or if this be utterly impossible for you to plan, I think I might be able to come either on Sunday, April 18th, or Sunday, April 25th. I would, however, much prefer to come during the week.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Max Heller  
Rabbi Temple Sinai  
New Orleans March 4 1920

Rabbi A. H. Silver Cleveland, O.

My dear S-Silver:

We find that Wednesday March 31  
would suit our purposes, if you can  
speak for us on that date. That will of-  
course mean missing any of your Sabbath  
or Sunday duties.

You could be with us on Tuesday and  
Wednesday and the cause, I am sure,  
would be greatly advanced.

Kindly let us know at once, so we  
able to make every preparation.

I am with many thanks and the  
most pleasant of anticipations,  
in the hope of the near future,

Faithfully Yours  
Max Heller.

Wed. Ev. March 31



March 10th, 1920

Rabbi Max Heller,  
1828 Marengo Street,  
New Orleans, La.

My dear Rabbi Heller,

I am in receipt of your kind  
letter and note the date which you have  
selected for your meeting.

I will D.V. be with you on Wed-  
nesday, March 31st. If I should find it  
possible to get there earlier, I shall be  
with you also on the preceding Tuesday.

I am looking forward with great  
pleasure to seeing you and talking with you  
again.

Very sincerely yours,

*En* ~~Have written you~~ *Mar. 12/20 - 10:30 a.m.*  
*Had, Mar. 31 - 10:30*  
*a. H. Heller*

Max Heller  
Rabbi Temple Sinai  
New Orleans

March 15 1920

Rabbi A. H. Silver Cleveland, O.

My dear R. Silver:

I was greatly gladdened by  
your telegram promising us a visit  
for March 31<sup>st</sup>. Be assured that every-  
thing will be done to make your work  
a perfect success and your experiences  
delightfully pleasant.

You will be invited to be the guest  
of Mrs. J. E. Friend during your stay.  
I trust you will accept, as there is not  
a family in this city where it would  
be as great a privilege to be. Mrs. Friend  
is a most delightful hostess who has inter-  
tained such people as Lord Dunsany  
and his likes; she has a beautiful home,  
a genial family, she is regarded, by Jew  
and non-Jew, as the most valuable of  
our women. Work by bright charming,  
idealistic, she claims to be a full-  
fledged Zionist.

I trust you will see your way to ac-  
cept especially as owing to the recent (!)  
dear hotel accommodations are  
very hard to secure.

I am with warm greetings, in the  
hope of the New Year faithfully yours  
Max Heller.



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MAX HELLER

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*A. H. S.*

April 10th, 1920

Dr. Max Heller,  
1820 Marengo Street,  
New Orleans, La.

My dear Dr. Heller,

I have recently received your kind letter of April first, and wish to take this occasion to tell you how much I enjoyed my stay in New Orleans, especially the opportunity to meet you and to spend some time with you.

I trust that your campaign is progressing nicely.

Do you contemplate attending the Central Conference this year? If so, I shall soon have the pleasure of seeing you again.

I do not know exactly what my traveling expenses were on my recent trip to New Orleans, but I think that \$75.00 would completely cover everything.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Heller and your daughter, I remain

Very sincerely yours,



April 14th, 1920

Dr. Max Heller,  
1820 Marengo Street,  
New Orleans, La.

My dear Dr. Heller,

I received your very kind letter of the first of April, and desire to take this occasion to tell you how much I enjoyed my stay in New Orleans, especially the opportunity to meet you and to spend some time with you.

I trust that your campaign is progressing nicely.

Do you contemplate attending the Central Conference this year? If so, I shall soon have the pleasure of seeing you again.

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With kindest regards to yourself, Mrs. Heller and your daughter, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Max Heller  
Rabbi Temple Sinai  
New Orleans

Sunday Apr. 18. 1920  
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Feb 12 1920  
Rabbi A. H. Silber  
Cleveland, O.

Dear R. Silber:

I am informed that our large hall will be free for Sunday afternoon (the most practicable time for a large meeting) for March 28th and the weeks following.

It is thought advisable to have the meeting after Passover (April 8th).

Whenever you will let us know your convenience in the matter we shall make every preparation for a successful meeting.

Be assured of the most cordial reception and of our warm gratitude. If you can make a stay of a few days I can promise you that you will meet a unique community the study of which is found to throw almost interesting light on the Jewish world-problem.

I am with warm greetings, in pleasant anticipation of your visit.  
Faithfully yours  
Max. Heller.



Max Heller  
Rabbi Temple Sinai  
New Orleans

April 1 1920

Rabbi A. H. Silver Cleveland, O.

Dear R. Silver:

The town is still full of your praises and it is a pleasure to find that the high-brows are in agreement with the masses in warm appreciation of your delightful and impressive eloquence.

Personally and on behalf of our people, I feel deeply indebted to you for a spirit of self-sacrifice which I find a parallel. To take so long ~~and~~ trip for so short a stay during so busy a time certainly means to give the cause most difficult service. Both the community and I will always remain indebted to you.

Will you be kind as to let us know what expense you have incurred so as to enable us to reimburse you as promptly as possible.

I am, with warm greetings,  
Faithfully Yours  
Max Heller.

COUNCIL OF SOCIAL AGENCIES

611 GRAVIER STREET

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

RAYMOND 7131



January 18, 1936

Rabbi Abba H. Silver  
Roosevelt Hotel  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Rabbi Silver:

There was such a rush following the meeting that I had no opportunity to express to you in anything like an adequate way, our appreciation of your inspiring address. I do not know when I have seen our group so enthusiastic over any speaker.

Please come to New Orleans again before long, and if you do, let us know, so that we may have a chance to persuade you to meet with us again.

Sincerely yours,

*Wilmer Shields*  
Executive Secretary

WS/b





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NEWORLEANS COUNCIL OF SOCIAL AGENCIES VERY ANXIOUS TO HAVE  
 YOU ADDRESS GENERAL MEETING EITHER AFTERNOON OR EVENING OF  
 JANUARY 18 OR 19 STOP USUAL ATTENDANCE OF 100 MEMBERS STOP  
 LEAVE CHOICE OF SUBJECT TO YOU STOP PLEASE WIRE REPLY  
 COLLECT BY WESTERNUNION=

WILMER SHIELDS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.

AN ANSWER  
IS EXPECTED

BY THE SENDER OF THIS  
MESSAGE. PLEASE GIVE  
IT TO THE MESSENGER  
OR TELEPHONE IT TO

WESTERN UNION

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ANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

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WRHS



CAN YOU POSSIBLY ADDRESS OUR CONGRAGATION DINNER ON NIGHT  
JANUARY SIXTEENTH PLEASE WIRE ANSWER BY WESTERNUNION AND  
FEE=.

JULIAN FEIBELMAN.

*Regret*

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January 15, 1937

Rabbi Abba H. Silver  
Roosevelt Hotel  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We were so pleased to receive your telegram accepting our invitation for the afternoon of January 18th. I did not write you immediately, as I noticed that the wire came from New York, and thought it would probably be better to communicate with you here.

The meeting will be the regular January one of all delegates and committee members of the Council of Social Agencies. We usually have an attendance of about one hundred persons, both laymen and social workers. The meeting will be held in the Auditorium of New Orleans Public Service Inc., 317 Baronne Street.

I will appreciate it if you will communicate with me by telephone shortly after you arrive in New Orleans so that we might decide upon the exact subject for your talk. We should like to have the press carry notice of the meeting, and at that time inform our group of the topic that you will discuss.

Again assuring you of our gratification over the idea of having you appear before our group, I am

Cordially yours,

*Wilmer Shields*

Executive Secretary

WS/b





LEOPOLD STAHL  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
NOTARY

PHONE RAYMOND 9595

NEW ORLEANS

CANAL BANK BLDG.

August 16th, 1939.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The local Lodge of the B'Nai B'Rith is arranging a lecture series for the coming year, and we would consider it a rare privilege to have you as one of the speakers on our roster.

If you are interested, and it is possible for you to arrange for a lecture here, kindly advise at your earliest opportunity. We may leave the discussion of details until such time when and if you are able to commit yourself definitely.

With every good wish, I am

Respectfully yours,

*Leopold Stahl*

LEOPOLD STAHL, Chairman  
Jewish Lecture Series.

LS/rb.



August 25, 1939

Mr. Leopold Stahl  
Canal Bank Bldg.  
New Orleans, La.

My dear Mr. Stahl:

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 16 to Dr. Silver. Dr. Silver has been spending the summer in Europe. We are expecting him back in Cleveland in about two weeks. I shall be pleased to refer your letter to him at that time.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver.

September 8, 1939

Mr. Leopold Stahl, Chairman  
Jewish Lecture Series  
Canal Bank Building  
New Orleans, La.

My dear Mr. Stahl:

On returning from abroad, I found your kind letter of August 16 inviting me to address your local B'nai B'rith Lodge. I wish it were possible for me to come to you. However, it will be quite impossible for me to get away this season inasmuch as I must devote all my spare time to the United Jewish Appeal of which, as you know, I am National Co-Chairman.

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

Very cordially yours,

AHS: BK



LEOPOLD STAHL  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
NOTARY

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NEW ORLEANS

CANAL BANK BLDG.

September 12th, 1939.

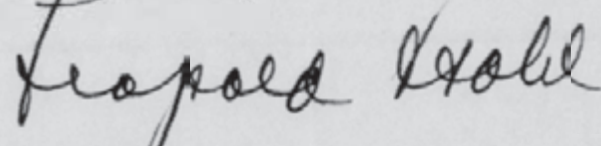
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 8th, advising that it will be impossible for you to come to New Orleans for a lecture, and to express the regret of our organization, as well as my personal regret at a loss which will be entirely ours.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am

Respectfully yours,



LEOPOLD STAHL.

LS/rb.



NEW ORLEANS JEWISH WELFARE FUND

303 STERN BUILDING - 348 BARONNE ST.

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February 12, 1940.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
E. 105th Street & Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

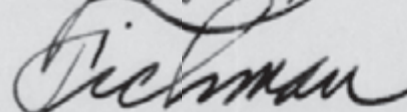
Dear Silver:

We are beginning to make plans for our 1940 Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign which will take place April 2-12. The goal has been set at \$150,000, which for a community of approximately 7000 Jews is a very high goal. Last year we raised \$128,000 on a \$125,000 goal. The year before that we raised \$60,000 on a goal of \$59,000. So you realize that we are this year undertaking a real job. All of which I am telling you that I may impress you with the importance of our getting a top notch speaker for the Opening Meeting. I cannot think of any more top notcher than you. Can you be persuaded, if it is at all within the range of possibility for you, to come to us on that occasion? I know how terribly busy you are and what unreasonable demands are made on your time, but I also know of your readiness to help whenever possible.

I do not want to appear to be offering you a bribe, but I would like to suggest that we have lovely weather here around that season of the year and you might arrange to have a little vacation while performing a great mitzvah. Won't you please at your earliest convenience let me know whether I may hold out any hope for your coming. Needless to say if you do come, our whole community as well as myself will be no end appreciative and grateful.

In the hope of a favorable response, I am,

Cordially yours,



David Fichman,  
Executive Secretary.

DF:AB



February 19, 1940

Mr. David Fichman, Executive Secretary  
New Orleans Jewish Welfare Fund  
303 Stern Building  
New Orleans, La.

My dear Mr. Fichman:

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter. I have been away from Cleveland a good deal of the time.

New Orleans is a long distance from Cleveland, and under ordinary circumstances, I would hesitate a great deal before accepting such an invitation. But you did such a splendid job for the Jewish Welfare Fund last year, and are prepared to do an even better one this year, that I feel under a moral obligation to come to you. I understand that the meeting will be on April 2. Is it to be a mass meeting, or a dinner meeting? And would it be possible for me to meet a small group of your larger givers a little ahead of the meeting so that I might take up with them in greater detail the emergency needs of 1940?

With all good wishes, and looking forward with pleasure to seeing you, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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February 23, 1940.

AIRMAIL SPECIAL

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
East 105th Street at Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

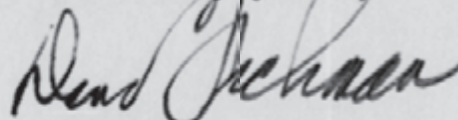
Our Organization as well as I were very happy to have your letter of February 19, advising that you accepted our invitation to speak at the Opening Meeting of our 1940 Campaign.

Although the Campaign begins on April 2, the Opening Meeting is scheduled for Sunday March 31st. Our experience through the years has been that Sunday evening is the best time for a community meeting. We could also arrange the type of meeting that you suggest for a small group of our larger givers in the form of a dinner meeting. The evening meeting will be after dinner.

Won't you please let me know by return of post whether you can be here for a Sunday night meeting? I feel very certain that your coming to our community will greatly stimulate giving in the Campaign. For this reason and for the more personal reason of wanting to see you, I am looking forward to your coming.

With cordial greetings, I am,

Faithfully yours,



David Fichman,  
Executive Secretary.

DF:AB



February 26, 1940

Mr. David Fichman, Executive Secretary  
New Orleans Jewish Welfare Fund  
348 Baronne Street  
New Orleans, La.

My dear Fichman:

Let me acknowledge your kind letter of February 23. When I accepted the invitation of the New Orleans Jewish Welfare Fund, I assumed that the meeting would be held on the opening day of your Campaign, on April 2, which is a mid-week day. I cannot come to you on Sunday. I must occupy my own pulpit on that day and attend to many other congregational duties.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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Feb. 28, 1940

David Fichman  
New Orleans, La.

Will be pleased to be with you on  
Tuesday, evening, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Kindest  
regards.

Abba Hillel Silver

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WE ARE SO ANXIOUS TO HAVE YOU ADDRESS OPEN MEETING THAT  
WE ARE POSTPONING OPENING DATE OF CAMPAIGN PLEASE WIRE  
ME YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF TUESDAY NIGHT APRIL SECOND=  
DAVID FICHMAN.



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AIR MAIL

February 28th, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silber  
The Temple  
East 105th St at Ansel Road  
Cleveland Ohio

Dear Silber:-

I have today wired you as follows which is hereby confirmed:

"WE ARE SO ANXIOUS TO HAVE YOU ADDRESS OPEN MEETING THAT WE ARE  
POSTPONING OPENING DATE OF CAMPAIGN PLEASE WIRE ME YOUR AC-  
CEPTANCE OF TUESDAY NIGHT APRIL SECOND".

Our Committee was unanimous in its opinion that it would  
rather have you on a Tuesday night than anybody else on the Sunday night  
preceding. So, as indicated in the telegram, we have decided to postpone  
the opening date of the Campaign and have the Opening Meeting on April 2nd.

I hope nothing has intervened since my last writing to  
you to prevent your coming to us. As I told you in my first letter, we are  
going to have a difficult time raising \$150,000.00. We'll need all the help  
we can get. Without any desire to flatter you, I knew that you will be of  
inestimable service.

Looking forward to your coming, I am,

Sincerely yours

*David Fichman*  
DAVID FICHMAN  
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P.S. Your letter has just arrived. Very happy  
You're coming. (D)



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March 27th 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland Ohio

Dear Silver:-

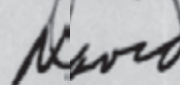
Won't you please let me know by wire when you are planning to arrive in New Orleans and your means of getting here?

Our people are anticipating a real treat and I know they won't be disappointed. I also know that your coming to us will act as a fine stimulus to the realization of our goal.

We are not arranging any meeting for you other than the Tuesday night meeting at which we hope we will have pretty close to a thousand people.

Looking forward to seeing you, I am,

Sincerely yours



DAVID FICHMAN  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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March 29, 1940

David Fichman, Executive Secretary  
New Orleans Jewish Welfare Fund  
348 Baronne Street  
New Orleans, La.



WILL ARRIVE NEW ORLEANS VIA AIRPLANE TUESDAY APRIL SECOND THREE P.M. KINDEST REGARDS

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THE TEMPLE CLEVELAND

LOOKING FORWARD YOUR ARRIVAL BY PLANE TUESDAY. PLEASE  
PREPARE STATEMENT FOR PRESS IN THE MANNER IN WHICH YOU  
WOULD GIVE OUT AN INTERVIEW DEALING WITH THE SITUATION  
ABROAD. AIR MAIL SPECIAL IT SO THAT WE CAN GET IT INTO THE  
PAPERS TUESDAY MORNING AND AFTERNOON. THANKS. REGARDS=  
FICHMAN.

FICHMAN.



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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

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Chapel Hill, N. C.*

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A. W. GOTTSCHALL

The National Conference, in cooperation with the Catholic Committee of the South and the University of North Carolina, held a two-day institute at Chapel Hill last December. One of the fine results of that institute was the personal invitation from Dr. P. A. Roy, S. J., president of the Loyola University of the South, to hold a similar institute at New Orleans at his school this fall.

The dates decided on are October 28 and 29. The general theme of the institute will be "Inalienable Rights - Inescapable Duties." On Wednesday morning, October 29, beginning at ten o'clock, the group will consider the question of "Freedom of Speech and Freedom of Worship" as related to the general theme, with a panel discussion. The problem will be posed first of all by the Right Rev. Msgr. T. James McNamara of Savannah, Georgia, after which there will be three more or less formal presentations by a Catholic, a Jew and a Protestant, to be followed by frank and open discussion on the part of the selected group that will attend.

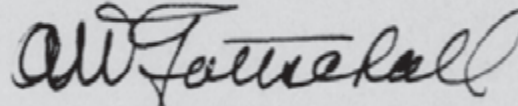
We are asking the Rev. William J. Harty, S. J., pastor of the Church of the Holy Name of Jesus, New Orleans, to be the Catholic representative, and President Raymond R. Paty of Birmingham-Southern College, to represent the Protestants. As a result of a conference with the committee in charge of the program, I am inviting you and urging you to share this part of the program as the representative of the Jewish group. I know just how busy you will be at this particular time of the year, but I need not emphasize to you how very important, not only to the work of the Conference, but to the whole program in which the Conference is interested, this institute will be, and therefore I earnestly urge if at all possible your acceptance of this assignment. The Conference, of course, will be responsible for your expenses in connection with this trip to New Orleans.



We feel very deeply that just now, with this kind of a program we can make a distinct and worthwhile contribution to a lot of questions that are in the minds of a great many people concerning the solution of some of the post-war issues which all of us need to face right now. May I hope, then, to receive from you at your earliest convenience an affirmative reply to this request?

With sincerest regards, I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,



A. W. Gottschall





August 14, 1941

Mr. A. W. Gottschall  
The National Conference of Christians and Jews  
730 Southern Building  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Gottschall:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter and for your invitation to participate in an institute at New Orleans under the auspices of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. I wish I were free to come to you on October 29 and share in the interesting program. Unfortunately the pressure of work upon me from the United Jewish Appeal and the United Palestine Appeal is so great that I can not in justice to myself take on any additional obligations.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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NATHANIEL S. SHARE  
Rabbi

New Orleans 15, La.

Nov. 11, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Euclid Ave. Temple  
8206 Euclid Ave.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

On January fifteenth my congregation will celebrate its Centennial with a banquet. I have been wondering whether you would be available to honor the occasion with your presence, and to deliver the main address of the evening.

I would appreciate very much if you would let me know if there would be a possibility of your coming, and if so, on what terms.

With every kind good wish, I am,

Sincerely yours,

NS:ibs

NATHANIEL SHARE, Rabbi  
Congregation Gates of Prayer

Centennial Year



November 21, 1949

Rabbi Nathaniel Share  
Congregation Gates of Prayer  
1139 Napoleon Avenue  
New Orleans 15, Louisiana

My dear Rabbi Share:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter. I wish I were free to come to you on January 15th and to participate in your Centennial celebration. It would have given me great pleasure indeed. Unfortunately I cannot leave Cleveland at that time. My Temple is also celebrating its Centennial this year, and during the month of January we have scheduled important events which will make it impossible for me to leave the city.

Permit me to congratulate you upon the auspicious event in the life of your congregation. I hope that you will greatly prosper in the future.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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RABBI LEO A. BERGMAN  
TOURO SYNAGOGUE  
NEW ORLEANS



STUDY  
4238 ST. CHARLES AVENUE

March 26, 1952

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Beginning this Fall, shortly after the High Holydays, Touro Synagogue will begin the celebration of its 125th anniversary.

We plan to bring to our Pulpit the outstanding men in American Jewish Life to mark various events and occasions during this Anniversary Year.

I dare come to you and not simply ask you but also plead with you and urge you to please accept this invitation and to help us celebrate this great occasion. I am asking you to come to New Orleans and to speak to us on Friday Evening, January 16, 1953. The reason I have chosen this date is twofold.

First, because it is the Yahrzeit of Judah Touro, after whom our Congregation is named, and we are planning to make the third Friday of each January the date during which we shall invite a Judah Touro Memorial Lecturer.

Second, on this Friday Evening the Congregation also plans to celebrate the 5th anniversary of my being Rabbi of Touro Synagogue. For reasons which you know by this time it will mean nothing to me unless you are the speaker for the occasion. If you are, it will be one of the highlights of my life.

I can offer an honorarium of \$300.00 and full expenses. If Mrs. Silver will consent to come with you please bring her along and give me the privilege of having her here as my personal guest with all expenses paid.



RABBI LEO A. BERGMAN  
TOURO SYNAGOGUE  
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

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March 26, 1952

At a time such as this my mind and heart automatically turns to the one whom I regard as my Rabbi, to the one who inspired me and the one whom I have tried to emulate in my life.

Please do me the honor of allowing me to hear from you as soon as possible so that we can make our plans accordingly.

If for any reason you would prefer one of the other Friday Evenings in January, with the exception of January 2, we will be very happy to change the date to suit your convenience.

With all my love to you and Mrs. Silver, I am,

Fondly,

*Leo*

Rabbi Leo A. Bergman

lab/av

March 28, 1952

Rabbi Leo A. Bergman  
Touro Synagogue  
New Orleans, La.

Dear Rabbi Bergman:

Dr. Silver is out of the city until the end of next week,  
and I am therefore acknowledging your letter of March 26th.  
Upon his return to the city, your kind invitation will be  
brought to his attention.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice  
Secretary to Dr. Silver



April 4, 1952

Rabbi Leo A. Bergman  
Touro Synagogue  
4238 St. Charles Avenue  
New Orleans, Louisiana

My dear Leo:

Upon my return from the Pacific Coast I found your letter of March 26th inviting me to participate in the 125th anniversary celebrations of the Touro Synagogue. You wish me to come for Friday evening, January 16, 1953. While that month will be a crowded one for me because of the celebration of my 35th year as Rabbi of The Temple and my 60th birthday, nevertheless I shall make every effort to be with you on that date. I do not know how long I shall be able to stay or whether Mrs. Silver will come with me, but the date is a long way off and we have time to make these decisions later on.

I trust that you are well and I shall look forward to being with you on the auspicious occasion which will also celebrate your 5th anniversary with the Touro Synagogue.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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NEW ORLEANS 16, LA.

Dec.10,1952

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
Ansel Road Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

It has been called to our attention that you will be in New Orleans to speak on Friday evening, Jan. 16th for Touro Synagogue.

We are wondering if there would be any possibility of your meeting with some of our local Zionist leaders for a luncheon, either on Friday or Saturday, as suits your convenience.

As you may, or may not know, anti-Zionist forces in New Orleans have always been very powerful, and for a time there was a strong chapter of American Council for Judaism here, but that was ridiculed out of existence.

Of course, what we would like to have done would be to build a meeting around your presence here, and since our installation of officers for the New Orleans Zionist District is due around that time, to have you install them would have been a rare privilege. But I have spoken with Rabbi Bergmann, of Touro, and very naturally he would not favor any kind of public meeting with you involved, as it might detract from the attendance at the Friday evening services of Touro Synagogue, and we can well understand that.

The composition of our Jewish community here in New Orleans does not at all follow the usual pattern. In this city of 650,000 there are less than 7500 Jews in all. Most of us, like myself, are third and fourth generation in America Jews. The economic status of the Jewish community is well above that of the general population. New Orleans has always primarily been a Reform center and the majority of the Jewish Community are members of Reform temples, although many, both reform and orthodox, have dual or even triple membership in the various synagogues. I know of several cases where membership is held in all six. Without dual memberships, the synagogues could hardly exist, with our small population. There is really no sharp line of demarcation, as up north, and good feeling exists in the community.

The writer had the pleasure of meeting you some years ago in Washington, at a meeting of the American Zionist Emergency Council, and again in New York, at the Convention at which Daniel Frisch was elected. I have your autograph, in fact, put away, on the dinner menu of that event. Our Zionist group here certainly needs the stimulation that a meeting with you would afford, if something could be worked out which would not conflict with any commitments you might have with Touro Synagogue. Our Zionist membership here has shrunk from 450 to 175, in spite of all efforts. I am not going into Zionist politics in this letter, but I want to assure you that there never was an anti-Silver or anti-Neumann faction here. I would appreciate learning from you if there is any chance of your meeting with a Zionist group, no matter how small.

Sincerely,

ISADORE SEELIG, Chairman, Am. Zionist Committee



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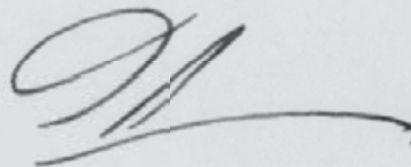
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P.S.

Perhaps I should explain that Chairman of the local committee of the American Zionist Council, we usually sign as American Zionist Committee. I also have the honor of being a past vice-president of the Southwest Zionist Region. As such, I have been asked to address you.

Rabbi, if you at least have lunch with us, we can assure you that it will be a lunch that will be real New Orleans - we have a local cuisine most unique, and one that is unmatched in its field nationally.



December 12, 1952

Mr. Isadore Seelig  
Chairman, American Zionist Committee  
223 North Peters Street  
New Orleans 16, Louisiana

My dear Mr. Seelig:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of December 10th and your kind invitation to meet with your local Zionist leaders for a luncheon on Friday, January 16th, the day that I am to speak at the Touro Synagogue. I should like to accept your invitation although I have made it a practice not to address two meetings the same day as I must conserve myself a bit.

I will, however, make an exception in your cases provided Rabbi Bergman of the Touro Synagogue is agreeable to the arrangement, and provided also that you will make an effort prior to my coming, to build up your membership to the point where it was and to present me at the time that I meet with you at least an additional 200 new members. It is important to build up the membership of the Zionist Organization of America, and I am inclined to believe that my presence at this meeting may be used as a spur to accomplish this desired end.

With all good wishes I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



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NEW ORLEANS 15, LA.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

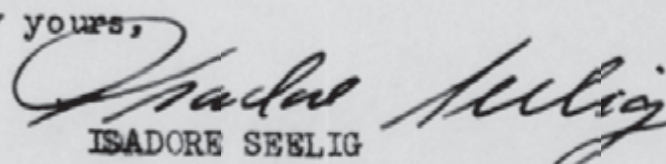
Thanks awfully for your letter of December 12th, and for your generous offer to speak for us at a luncheon. We feel certain that the conditions you laid down could easily have been met, with the incentive of having you speak for us to spur our workers on.

However, on checking with Rabbi Bergman, we found that he was most emphatically opposed to the whole project, and I can understand his reasons. He wanted nothing to detract from the attendance at the Synagogue that Friday evening. You are "his show" and he intends keeping it that way. I do not blame him, as you are "top" attraction. I explained to him that very, very few of his members being Zionists (his synagogue is the least Zionist in the city), we would attract very few of his members, because a paid-up Zionist card would be the requisite for admission to our luncheon. But he was adamant, and he is boss.

Further, he said that he expects you to be HIS guest for luncheon, and he is not going to be deprived of that pleasure. I certainly do not blame him.

My guess is that Touro Synagogue will have the largest Zionist attendance in its history on Friday night, Jan. 16th services.

Cordially yours,

  
ISADORE SEELIG



RABBI LEO A. BERGMAN  
TOURO SYNAGOGUE  
NEW ORLEANS



STUDY  
4238 ST. CHARLES AVENUE

January 21, 1953

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Please accept the enclosed check as a symbol of my personal appreciation as well as of the gratitude of my entire Congregation.

It is impossible to repay you for your kindness in coming to us for this occasion. Our deepest regret is that you had to experience such extreme inconvenience both on your trip down and back.

I called Charleston, West Virginia, tracing your flight and I also called Pittsburg Airport and learned that you had reached Pittsburg but I was unable to find out what happened and until Mrs. Silver wrote me and told me you were forced to take a train home, I hadn't any other news. I can't tell you how deeply I felt about all these disturbances on your trip.

Try to allow it to be some small compensation to you that someone who looks up to you and was influenced by you as a son is by his father, is deeply grateful to you for making an event in his life a great one simply by your presence, and by giving him the strength and courage at a moment when he needed it desperately.

With all my love to you and Mrs. Silver and those dear to you, I am,

Fondly,

RABBI LEO A. BERGMAN

LAB:AV



July 1, 1957

Mr. Herbert R. Abeles  
Council of Jewish Federations and  
Welfare Funds, Inc.  
Room 1101  
165 West 46th Street  
New York 36, New York

My dear Mr. Abeles:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of June 25th and for your invitation to address the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds on Thursday evening, November 14, 1957.

I shall be very pleased to be with you and I hope that nothing will interfere which will make it impossible for me to come.

I shall keep in mind what you say about the theme for the opening session.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:sl

ABBA HILIEL SILVER

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July 8, 1957

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In the absence of Mr. Abeles and Phil Bernstein, both of whom are on vacation, your very welcome letter of July 1st came to me. I did have a chance to talk with Phil yesterday and told him the good news, which pleased him tremendously.

On behalf of all of us in the Council, I should like to express our deep appreciation for your acceptance of our invitation. We shall all be looking forward very much to your opening address at the General Assembly.

Mr. Abeles will acknowledge your letter personally when he returns.

Sincerely,

*Arnold Gufin*

ARNOLD GUFIN  
Director, Field Service

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**COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS, INC.**

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July 23, 1957

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 195th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

WRHS



We are so very pleased that you will be with us at our General Assembly in New Orleans.

We would like to know when you are planning to arrive and how long you plan to stay with us so that we can make appropriate arrangements for you at the Hotel Roosevelt. As you know, the General Assembly opens on Thursday, November 14th and continues through Sunday, November 17th.

As soon as I hear from you I will contact the Hotel Roosevelt and you will receive a confirmation from them of your hotel arrangements.

Sincerely yours,

BEATRICE FINKELSTEIN  
Secretary of Reservations  
General Assembly

BF:SM

July 25, 1957

Beatrice Finkelstein  
Sec'y. of Reservations  
Council of Jewish Federations  
and Welfare Funds, Inc.  
729 Seventh Ave.  
New York 19, New York

WRHS



Dear Miss Finkelstein:

Thank you for your letter of July 23rd which I am taking the liberty of acknowledging in Dr. Silver's absence from the country.

When Dr. Silver returns (the beginning of September) I shall be pleased to see that your letter receives his immediate attention.

Yours very truly,

Miss Sophia Levine  
Secretary to Dr. Silver



September 3, 1957

Beatrice Finkelstein  
Secretary of Reservations  
General Assembly  
CJFWF, Inc.  
729 Seventh Avenue  
New York 19, New York

Dear Miss Finkelstein:

I plan to arrive on Wednesday evening, November 13th and would like to leave on Friday, November 15th. I would appreciate if you would make the necessary hotel reservations.

Would you please also ask your office to make plane reservations for me to and from New Orleans.

With all good wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

AHS:sl

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Before finalizing your transportation arrangements from Cleveland to New Orleans, I wanted to clear with you whether the plan we have been able to work out would be convenient for you.

One thing has been definitely determined - there are no through flights from Cleveland to New Orleans. They all require making a change, and we have worked your plans out to change at Chicago. Here are the suggested flights which appeared most appropriate:

\* Leave Cleveland, United Airlines Flight #301, Wednesday, November 13th,  
5:30 P.M., Eastern Standard Time.

Arrive Chicago, 6:19 P.M., Central Standard Time.

Leave Chicago, Delta Airlines Flight #751, 6:50 P.M. Central Time

Arrive New Orleans, 8:47 P.M., Central Time.

Leave New Orleans, Delta Airlines Flight #750, Friday, November 15th,  
5:30 P.M., Central Standard Time.

Arrive Chicago, 9:37 P.M., Central Standard Time.

Leave Chicago, 10:05 P.M., United Airlines Flight #632

Arrive Cleveland, 12:30 A.M. Eastern Standard Time.

As soon as we hear from you we will confirm the reservations and forward the tickets to you.

With very best wishes for a happy New Year,

Sincerely yours,

*Beatrice Finkelstein*

BEATRICE FINKELSTEIN  
Secretary of Reservations  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

**26<sup>th</sup>** General  
Assembly

ROOSEVELT HOTEL NOVEMBER  
NEW ORLEANS, LA. 14-17, 1957



September 25, 1957

Miss Beatrice Finkelstein  
Secretary of Reservations  
CJFWF, Inc.  
729 Seventh Avenue  
New York 19, New York

Dear Miss Finkelstein:

Dr. Silver has asked that I reply to your communication of the 23rd regarding his reservations to New Orleans on Wednesday, November 13th.

The United Flight #301, leaving Cleveland at 5:30 P.M. on Wednesday, November 13th is satisfactory and you may proceed to confirm this reservation.

On the return trip however, it would be appreciated if you would confirm space on Capital Airlines Flight #82, leaving New Orleans at 8:45 A.M., Friday, November 15th. This flight connects with Flight No. 80 in Pittsburgh, leaving there at 3:55 P.M. for Cleveland.

My best wishes for a successful meeting and a happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Miss Sophia Levine  
Secretary to Dr. Silver

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123 BARONNE STREET  
*New Orleans 9, Louisiana*  
October 21, 1957

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

At the request of Mrs. Beatrice Finkelstein, we are pleased to confirm reservation of a two room suite, consisting of parlor, bedroom and bath, beginning November 13 until November 15, for the meeting of the COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS.

You may be assured that your accommodations will be assigned as promptly after arrival as possible and that every courtesy will be extended to make your visit thoroughly enjoyable.

Very cordially yours,

THE ROOSEVELT

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October 24th  
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### AIRMAIL

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed you will find your airline ticket for transportation from Cleveland to New Orleans and return.

There has been a slight change from the original instructions due to change in airline schedules beginning in November. The difference is that your change is in Pittsburgh instead of Chicago.

We are looking forward to welcoming you at our General Assembly.

Sincerely,

*Beatrice Finkelstein*

BEATRICE FINKELSTEIN  
Secretary of Reservations  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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enc.

**26<sup>th</sup>** General  
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ROOSEVELT HOTEL  
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October 31, 1957

## M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Cleveland Delegates to the General Assembly of the  
Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, Inc.

FR: Max Simon, President

I am very pleased to designate you as a delegate from Cleveland to the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds' General Assembly, which will take place in New Orleans from November 14 - 17, at the Roosevelt Hotel.

Below is a complete list of the Cleveland delegation.

### VOTING DELEGATES:

Mrs. Albert J. Goodman  
Irving Kane  
L. W. Neumark  
Mrs. L. W. Neumark  
Elmer Rocker

Henry A. Rocker  
Lloyd S. Schwenger  
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Max Simon  
Sidney Z. Vincent

### ALTERNATES FOR VOTING DELEGATES:

Mrs. Irving Kane  
David Rabinowitz

Mrs. Elmer Rocker  
Gerald S. Soroker

Rudi Walter

The CJFWF office will send you additional material concerning the Assembly.

We have an excellent delegation this year, and I look forward to seeing you in New Orleans.



October 31, 1957

Mr. Louis Stein  
CJFWF  
729 Seventh Avenue  
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Stein:

At the request of the local Welfare office I am enclosing herewith a few glossy prints and some biographical material of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver. This is for use in connection with the publicity of Dr. Silver's visit to New Orleans on November 11th at the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds 26th General Assembly meeting.

Sincerely,

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encl

Miss Sophia Levine  
Secretary to Dr. Silver

October 31, 1957

Mr. Harry Barron  
CJFWF  
211 CAMP STREET  
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Dear Mr. Barron:

At the request of the local Welfare office, I am sending you herewith a few glossy prints and some biographical material of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver which is for your use in publicizing Dr. Silver's visit to your city on November 14th in connection with your 26th General Assembly program.

With kind regards and all good wishes for a successful meeting,  
I remain

Sincerely yours,

/sl  
encl

Miss Sophia Levine  
Secretary to Dr. Silver



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## COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS, INC.

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November 1, 1957

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Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St. at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Uncle Abba:

You already know what a very special privilege and pleasure it is for us to have you give the keynote address at our General Assembly. It will be the largest Assembly in our history -- there are more than 800 advance registrations, in addition to the attendance of the New Orleans community.

Florence is planning to be in New Orleans. It will be the first Assembly she has attended in many years, and she is looking forward particularly to your own part in it.

I know that all of the arrangements regarding travel and your accommodations were made some time ago. If there is anything at all that we can do to help assure that your stay in New Orleans will be a thoroughly pleasant one, please let me know.

It will be good to see you. Warmest regards to Aunt Virginia and the children.

As ever,

*Phil*

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

HERBERT R. ABELES

November 1, 1957

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road and East 105th St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

Mrs. Abeles and I would like very much to have you take dinner with us on Thursday, November 14, in New Orleans, prior to the opening general session of the Assembly which you will address. If it is convenient for you we could do this at 6:00 P.M. which would give us ample time. The session is scheduled for 8:30 P.M.

I'm asking Phil and Florence Bernstein to join us. We're looking forward with very special pleasure to seeing you and to your address.

Kindest personal regards.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Herbert R. Abeles', is written above the typed name.

HERBERT R. ABELES



November 4, 1957

Mr. Herbert R. Abeles  
165 West 46th Street, Room 1101  
New York 36, New York

My dear Mr. Abeles:

Thank you so much for your kind note of November 1st. Mrs. Silver and I will be delighted to have dinner with you on Thursday, November 14th and I am happy that Phil and Florence will be able to join us.

With warmest regards and looking forward to seeing you at the Assembly, I remain

Cordially yours,

AHS:sl

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

November 4, 1957

Mr. Philip Bernstein, Executive Director  
CJFWF, Inc.  
729 Seventh Avenue  
New York 19, New York

My dear Phil:

I was very happy to hear from you. I am looking forward to my visit to New Orleans. Aunt Virginia is coming along and I know that she will be delighted to see both you and Florence there.

I have received my airplane tickets and my hotel reservation so that all things seem to be in order.

I am wondering whether you plan to have a display of books of Jewish interest at the General Assembly. If so, I would appreciate if you would include my WHERE JUDAISM DIFFERED among them. I am interested in giving the book the widest distribution. I am sure that the Macmillan Company would be pleased to send copies of the book on consignment. You might wish to get in touch with the office of Macmillan Company in New York and speak to Mr. Guy Brown, head of its Religious Department.

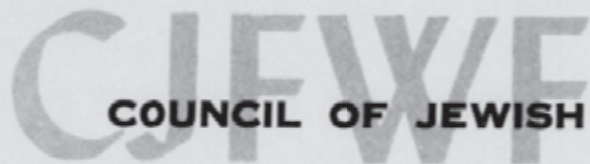
I am looking forward with pleasure to seeing you and Florence. With warmest regards, I remain

As ever,

AHS:sl

ABBA HILLEL SILVER





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November 8, 1957

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Uncle Abba:

I was delighted to hear from you and that Aunt Virginia will be with you in New Orleans. Needless to say, Florence is delighted too.

While we have no other books on display, we checked with the McMillan Company to make special arrangements. We have arranged to have the book displayed with order blanks for purchase. It was too late to have a bulk shipment from here, but we will also follow up in New Orleans to see what can be worked out there.

We're looking forward to seeing you.

As ever,

*Phil*

Philip Bernstein

PB:cp

**26<sup>th</sup>** General  
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November 12, 1957

Mr. Morris Kass  
% The Roosevelt Hotel  
123 Baronne Street  
New Orleans 9, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Kass:

WRHS  
AMERICAN JEWISH  
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RABBI SILVER

Rabbi Silver has asked that I forward to you the text of the address which he will deliver before the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds on Thursday, November 14th.

Sincerely,

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Miss Sophia Levine  
Secretary to Dr. Silver



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

HERBERT R. ABELES

November 26, 1957

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

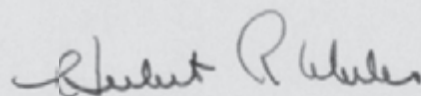
You delivered a magnificent message in keynoting our General Assembly -- and you already know the impact it made. What you had to say was a great service to American Jewry.

It was a privilege to have had you open the Assembly -- and a very special honor to have had your presence throughout the Assembly.

We already have received many requests for the paper and it will be distributed throughout the country, both to those who were there and want it for reference, and to many others who could not be present.

Our warmest thanks and regards.

Cordially,



HERBERT R. ABELES  
President



# COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS

729 Seventh Avenue

New York 19, N. Y.

*Memo!*

January 20, 1958

FROM: HERBERT R. ABELES, President

TO: MEMBER AGENCIES

On November 22, 1957, in sending you the text of the resolutions adopted by our General Assembly in New Orleans, I reported:

"One other resolution was approved in substance -- an affirmative resolution on civil rights -- but the wording will be developed by a special committee. That language will then be submitted for final approval."

Following the Assembly the text of that resolution was drafted by a special committee consisting of:

Herbert R. Abeles, Newark  
Julian Freeman, Indianapolis  
Sidney Hollander, Baltimore  
Morris Jaffe, Dallas  
Irving Kane, Cleveland

Label A. Katz, New Orleans  
Mortimer May, Nashville  
Barney Medintz, Atlanta  
Stanley C. Myers, Miami  
Isidore Sobeloff, Detroit

That resolution has been submitted to the General Assembly delegates and has been APPROVED by an official vote of 163 1/4 in favor and 5 1/3 opposed.

A total of 180 official delegates representing member agencies in 70 communities in every section of the country cast their votes -- Canadian delegates did not vote. Some communities divided their quota of votes, based on Jewish population, among a larger number of delegates, entitling each delegate to a fraction of a vote.

This resolution therefore has become part of the official action of the Council, and should be appended to the other resolutions you already have received.



# ACTION

# GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ROOSEVELT HOTEL • NEW ORLEANS, LA.

NOVEMBER 14-17, 1957

## RESOLUTION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

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(Approved by Delegates in mail poll  
December 24, 1957-January 10, 1958)

This General Assembly:

In accordance with its commitment to social justice and the sacred heritage of Judaism;

Recognizes that the rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States are not divisible, and must be secured equally to all Americans;

Is convinced that the blessings of our democratic order can be realized only if the laws, as enacted or interpreted by duly constituted authority, are upheld and the due processes of law are observed.

Accordingly, this Assembly calls for the observance of Constitutional guarantees and the carrying out of the decisions of the Supreme Court regarding equality of educational opportunity, to foster in all sections of the country the realization of the ideal of equal rights and opportunity for all without discrimination because of race, religion, or origin.

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