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RABBI MILTON STEINBERG
PARK AVENUE SYNAGOGUE
50 EAST 87TH STREET
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October 11, 1948

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

I have long been wanting, my entire congregation has long been wanting, to hear you preach. If we have not been importunate about invitations, it is because of our awareness of the service that you have been rendering the Jewish community before which our interest in having you in our pulpit is of little moment.

But now, as the Zionist crisis recedes somewhat, would you, could you undertake a sermon for us on some Friday evening of your own choice. We will of course assign to that purpose any date which you select.

And, all other things being equal, I for one would very much like to have you preach a sermon in the conventional and traditional sense of the word. That aspect of your life and endowment has been submerged in the popular mind because of your other activities; I should like to bring it back into prominence once more.

May I hear from you at your first convenience and, I hope, affirmatively.

Edith's cordial good wishes to Mrs. Silver and you and your boys for the New Year.

Sincerely,

Milton Steinberg
Milton Steinberg

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10/11/48

Judge Greenberg's office telephoned this morning. They learned that you would be in N.Y. the weekend of Oct. 30th because of the ZOA Executive. I informed them that I did not think you planned to attend because of congregational responsibilities, but that we would let them know tomorrow upon your return to the city.

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October 12, 1948

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

You probably do not recall, but it is a fact that about two years ago you stated to me that you would be happy to address any forum designated by me at any time, except on a Sunday. I believe that the time elapsed proves that I have not taken undue advantage of your offer. However, I should like to take advantage of your kindness at this time.

Last year, our district had a Chanukah dinner at which we honored several people and at the same time raised over \$11,000.00 for the American Zionist Fund and our District and Regional needs. 430 people attended the dinner. Everyone present stated it was a memorable evening.

This year, we shall have a similar function at which we will honor a number of our outstanding members as BUILDERS OF ISRAEL. We hope to raise an even larger sum for the American Zionist Fund. This dinner will be held at the Concourse Plaza Hotel in the Bronx on Wednesday, December 15, 1948. I should be very grateful to you if you will advise me of your acceptance of this invitation to address our function.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

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October 12, 1948

With best wishes for a very Happy New Year with
continued good health, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Arthur Levenson

ARTHUR LEBENSON

Co-Chairman, Dinner Committee
185 E. 159th Street
Bronx, N. Y.



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OCTOBER 12 1918

To JUDGE HENRY CLAY GREENBERG

Care of or Apt. No. N.Y. COUNTY COURT HOUSE

Street and No. NEW YORK 7, NEW YORK

Place

DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR KIND INVITATION. REGRET HOWEVER THAT DUE
TO VERY CROWDED SCHEDULE AM UNABLE TO ACCEPT IT. MY BEST WISHES
FOR THE NEW YEAR.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

THE TEMPLE EAST 105 ST & ANSEL RD CLEVELAND OHIO 09

THE ANNUAL DINNER OF HISTADRUTH IVRITH OF AMERICA WILL BE DEDICATED THIS YEAR TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MEDINAT ISRAEL. THE DINNER IS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 19, 1948 AT THE HOTEL ASTOR, NEW YORK CITY.

IN BEHALF OF OUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WE TAKE THE PRIVILEGE OF INVITING YOU TO BE THE GUEST OF HONOR AT OUR DINNER. YOU SYMBOLIZE THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ISRAEL AND AMERICA BY YOUR GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JEWISH STATE, AND BY YOUR GENUINE INTEREST IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE HEBREW LANGUAGE AND CULTURE IN THIS COUNTRY AS REPRESENTED BY THE HISTADRUTH IVRITH.

WE EARNESTLY HOPE THAT WE MAY HAVE THE PLEASURE OF YOUR ACCEPTANCE AND THAT YOU WILL LET US HEAR FROM YOU TO THAT EFFECT. PLEASE ACCEPT OUR HEARTIEST GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR=

SAMUEL J BROWSKY ALEXANDER M DUSHKIN BORIS MARGOL IN
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OCTOBER 19 1918

To MR. SAMUEL J. BOROWSKY

Care of or Apt. No. HISTADRUTH IVRITH

Street and No. 165 WEST 146 STREET

Place NEW YORK, N.Y.

DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR INVITATION TO ADDRESS DINNER OF HISTADRUTH IVRITH
DECEMBER NINETEENTH. REGRET THAT I AM UNABLE TO LEAVE CLEVELAND ON THAT
DAY. WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Sender's name and address
(For reference only)

Sender's telephone
number

October 19, 1948

Mr. Arthur Levenson
185 East 159th Street
Bronx, New York

My dear Mr. Levenson:

I deeply appreciate your kind invitation to be with you at the dinner which you are arranging on December 15th. I should very much like to be of service to you. Unfortunately, pressure of work on me in connection with the work of the Jewish Agency and the Emergency Council are such that I cannot take on any additional responsibilities. I am sure that you will understand.

I wish you every success. With all good wishes for a very Happy New Year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

October 19, 1948

Rabbi Milton Steinberg
Park Avenue Synagogue
50 East 87th Street
New York 28, New York

My dear Friend:

I received your gracious invitation and I wish I were free to accept it. It would give me deep satisfaction to preach in your pulpit. Unfortunately, I am as yet unable to take on additional responsibilities. The pressure of Zionist duties on me has not relaxed, and when it does, I should like to devote myself a little more to the duties of my own congregation which I am afraid I have greatly neglected in the last few years.

Should I have a breathing spell at any time later on in the year, I shall be most happy to avail myself of your gracious invitation.

With all good wishes for a very Happy New Year to you and Edith in which Mrs. Silver joins me heartily, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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FIRST NATIONAL ZOA ECONOMIC CONFERENCE SCHEDULED NOVEMBER
14 WALDORF-ASTORIA. CORDIALLY INVITE YOUR MAKING MAJOR
ADDRESS AT CONFERENCE. ANTICIPATE NATIONAL ATTENDANCE LEADING
ZIONISTS, BUSINESSMEN, INDUSTRIALISTS. REGARDS=

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105th & Ansel Rd THE TEMPLE=CLEVE:

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=RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOUR ACCEPTANCE SPEAKING WEDNESDAY NOV
17TH DINNER AND MEETING HONORING JACK GOODMAN OPENING
METROPOLITAN ZIONIST FUND FOOD FOR ISRAEL CAMPAIGN YOUR
PRESENCE WILL GIVE BROOKLYN GREAT IMPETUS THIS VITAL ZOA
PROJECT PLACE EAST MIDWOOD JEWISH CENTER AUSPICES FLATBUSH
ZIONIST ORGANIZATION PLEASE WIRE COLLECT ENABLE US BEGIN
LODGE ARRANGEMENT=

ZOA= Mr 0150

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PHIL LASSAR=

DAY LETTER

OCTOBER 26, 1948

JACOB M. ALPOM
ZOA ECONOMIC AFFAIRS COMMISSION
41 EAST 42 STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

DEEPLY REGRET UNABLE TO ACCEPT YOUR KIND INVITATION. AM
SCHEDULED TO BE IN BOSTON THAT WEEKEND ATTENDING THE BI-
ENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGRE-
GATIONS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



DAY LETTER

OCTOBER 26, 1948

PLEASE FORWARD

PHIL LASSAR
ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
41 EAST 42 STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

DEEPLY REGRET UNABLE TO ATTEND MEETING HONORING JACK GOODMAN
AND OPENING OF YOUR CAMPAIGN. AM SCHEDULED TO BE IN BOSTON FOR
A CONVENTION AT THAT TIME. KINDEST REGARDS

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



RABBI MILTON STEINBERG
PARK AVENUE SYNAGOGUE
50 EAST 87TH STREET
NEW YORK 28, N. Y.

October 27, 1948

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

My dear Dr. Silver :

It was with trepidation that I extended my invitation to you to speak from my pulpit; it was with total understanding that I read your letter of response; it is with regret and yet without hesitation that I release you from any obligations to us.

But should that "breathing spell" occur, concerning which you write, though it seems most unlikely to me, will you let us know. There is no rule against hoping.

With cordial good wishes,

As ever,

Milton Steinberg
Milton Steinberg

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THE TEMPLE CLEVE=

I AM ANXIOUS TO HAVE YOU AS SPEAKER AT DINNER OF AMERICAN RED MOGEN DOVID WALDORF ASTORIA NOVEMBER TWENTY SECOND. WHILE IN ISRAEL I SAW AMPLE EVIDENCE OF MAGEN DAVID ADOM'S HUMANITARIAN WORK. YOUR PRESENCE AND REMARKS AT THIS DINNER WOULD GREATLY ENHANCE CAUSE OF MAGEN DAVID ADOM. HERBERT BAYARD SWOPE WILL BE TOASTMASTER. SPEAKERS INCLUDE FORMER SECRETARY OF WAR PATTERSON; FORMER GOVERNOR ARNALL; TED THACKREY; GENERAL KLEIN; ELIAHU EPSTEIN, ISRAELI MINISTER TO WASHINGTON. PLEASE WIRE YOUR ACCEPTANCE 1450BROADWAY NEW YORK CITY REGARDS= CONGRESSMAN EMANUEL CELLER:

=DOVID ADOM'S DAVID ADOM 1450==

NOVEMBER 10, 1948

CONGRESSMAN EMANUEL CELLER
1150 BROADWAY
NEW YORK, N.Y.

DEEPLY REGRET CANNOT ACCEPT YOUR KIND INVITATION. AM
UNABLE TO LEAVE CLEVELAND ON THAT DAY. KINDEST REGARDS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER, THE TEMPLE=

EAST 105TH ST CLEVELAND

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OUR GRAND MASTER, FRANK M. TOTTON, JOINS ME IN ASKING THAT
YOU BE OUR FEATURED SPEAKER AT CONSECRATION COMMUNION
BREAKFAST FOR 3,000 LEADING MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW
YORK ON SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 1949, AT 10:00 A.M. ASTOR HOTEL,
N.Y. FEEL IT IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR REAL MESSAGE
AND BETTER UNDERSTANDING. WIRE YOUR ACCEPTANCE COLLECT=

WILLIAM F ROSENBLUM GRAND LODGE OF MASONS ROOM 1823 71
WEST 23RD STREET NEW YORK CITY:

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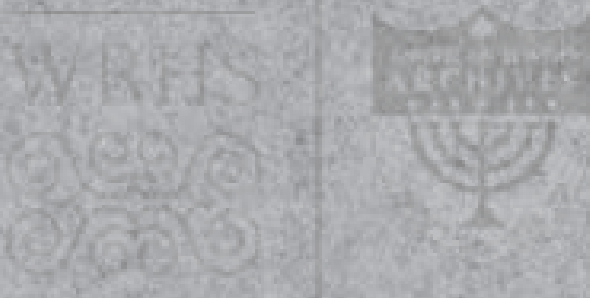
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DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER
THE TEMPLE
EAST 105 STREET
CLEVELAND OHIO

DECEMBER 30, 1948

OUR GRAND MASTER, FRANK M TOTTON, JOINS ME IN ASKING THAT YOU BE OUR
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WILLIAM F ROSENBLUM, GRAND LODGE OF MASONS
ROOM 1823, 71 WEST 23 STREET, NYC



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December 31, 1948

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Rd. & E. 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We are very anxious to have you accept some speaking engagements in New York City during the 1949 UJA campaign.

Realizing the great demands made upon your time in other communities throughout the country, we would of course, book you for only the most important fund-raising functions in New York.

Would you be good enough to let me know when you might be available during the months of March, April, May and June. I shall then schedule such meetings to suit your calendar.

With grateful appreciation, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Florence Warner".

Florence Warner, Director
Speakers Bureau

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January 3, 1949

AIR MAIL

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

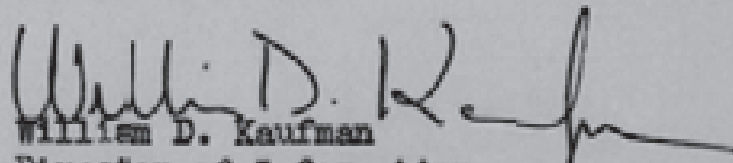
Dear Dr. Silver:

Your suggestion with reference to the article on the American Zionist Emergency Council has been taken care of. Mr. Ziprin of the Seven Arts Feature Syndicate informed me this morning that it will be circulated at the end of this week.

With reference to your letter to Harold Manson regarding the Masonic "consecration communion breakfast", through discreet inquiries I have learned the following: The Grand Lodge of Masons, which is sponsoring the "breakfast" is the supreme lodge of all Masonic groups in New York State. The consecration communion breakfast is an annual affair. Last year there were three featured speakers: Judge Proskauer, Jim Farley and Attorney General Tom Clark. This year there will be two featured speakers, of which you are the first invitee thus far. The "breakfast" is open only to the Masonic officers from the various state lodges and a number of distinguished members.

I further understand that wide publicity is accorded to this affair. In speaking to a number of small-fry Masons, I learned that the consecration communion breakfast is the big Masonic event of the year. It meets on a note of interfaith activity, preaching tolerance, etc.

Sincerely yours,


William D. Kaufman
Director of Information

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GRAND LODGE
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
OF THE
STATE OF NEW YORK

FRANK M. TOTTON
GRAND MASTER
16 FINE STREET
NEW YORK 5, N. Y.

January 4, 1949

Rabbi Abba Hillel-Silver,
The Temple,
East 105 and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In accordance with custom, the Masons of this Metropolitan area will hold a communion consecration breakfast on Sunday morning, March 20, 1949. Our Jewish brethren go to service in the Central Synagogue at 8 A.M., and our Protestant brethren attend St. Bartholomew's Church at the same hour. At 9 o'clock a parade is formed and we all march to the Hotel Astor where we sit down together to breakfast. Last year there were over two thousand at this affair. It is a representative and inspiring group, as you may well imagine.

This year we plan to have two speakers, one of the Jewish faith and one a Protestant. We would like very much to have you as one of the speakers, and because of the importance of this function we hope you will find it possible to accept.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Frank M. Totton
Grand Master

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of the City of New York

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January 5th, 1949

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio,

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have just been handed your telegram of yesterday accepting the invitation of the Grand Lodge of the Masons of the State of New York through me to deliver the address at the Consecration Breakfast on Sunday Morning, March 20th. Our Grand Master, Frank M. Totton, just told me that he had written to you personally to second my invitation.

This breakfast brings together several thousand of the nearly three hundred thousand Masons of the state of New York, most of them men in representative capacities. Grand Masters of other states will be present and nearly always the dais is graced by prominent figures in civic and national life.

It has been the pattern to have a Christian and a Jewish speaker in order to demonstrate to the world the brotherhood which Masonry is designed to manifest. Two years ago the speaker was Morris Lazaron, and last year it was Joseph Proskauer. This year in view of the establishment of Israel and of the great part you played in its realization I felt that a message from you on democratic ideals would be of tremendous importance and impress.

I have suggested Governor Stassen, President of the University of Pennsylvania, as the Christian speaker and it is my hope that he too will accept. This will bring together two "republicans" who are really great "democrats".

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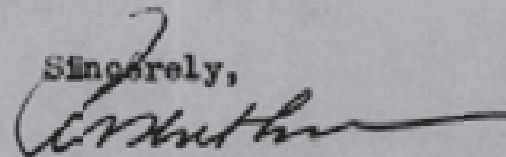
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We are to have a meeting of our committee shortly, after which I will send you a complete outline of the program and of the nature of the audience you will meet. Morris can tell you that it is a thrilling experience to have the attention of men of this kind.

When I suggested your name to our Grand Master and told him that you are considered to be not only the most eloquent of our preachers but the finest representation of the ideals of our nation and our fraternity together manifested, he said that he relies on my judgment to "produce". Among other things you are now "a Rosenblum production".

With very warm personal greetings and wishes for a Happy "ew Year. I am looking forward to the opportunity of hearing you on March 20th.

Sincerely,



WFR/gjl

WESTERN UNION

WILLIAM F. ROSENBLOOM
GRAND LODGE OF MASONS
71 WEST 23RD STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

I APPRECIATE YOUR KIND INVITATION TO ADDRESS THE CONSECRATION COMMUNION
BREAKFAST ON SUNDAY MARCH 20TH AND I SHALL BE VERY PLEASED TO BE WITH YOU.
PLEASE SEND ME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. KINDEST REGARDS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



January 6, 1949

Mr. Frank M. Totton, Grand Master
Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons
18 Pine Street
New York 5, New York

My dear Mr. Totton:

Permit me to thank you for your nice letter of January 4th. I feel deeply honored at the invitation which you have extended to me. As I indicated to Mr. William F. Rosenblum, I shall be most happy to be with you at the communion consecration breakfast on Sunday, March 20, 1949.

Looking forward with pleasure to our meeting, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



MASONIC VETERANS COMMITTEE
ROOM 1823

GRAND LODGE FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

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MASONIC HALL
71 West 23rd Street
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21 January 1949

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We are indeed overjoyed that you have consented to address the Masonic Communion-Consecration Breakfast at the Hotel Astor on March 20th. We know you will give us a memorable address that will make the Breakfast a wonderful thing.

We would appreciate your sending this office a glossy print of yourself together with pertinent excerpts from your address for publicity purposes.

With keen appreciation of your interest,

I am

Sincerely yours,

W. M. Witherspoon
W. M. Witherspoon
Executive Director &
Public Relations,
Grand Lodge



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January 21, 1949

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105 and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Would you be good enough to send me an outline of
your career to be used for publicity purposes in connection
with your speech at the Masonic Communion Breakfast at the Hotel
Astor on Sunday morning, March 20, 1949.

We are all looking forward to hearing you upon this
occasion.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Frank M. Totton
Grand Master

January 25, 1949

Mr. Frank M. Totton
Grand Master
18 Pine Street
New York 5, New York

Dear Mr. Totton:

Dr. Silver has asked me to send you the enclosed memorandum containing some biographical items which you requested.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

cc
Enc.

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver has for more than three decades been the spiritual leader of The Temple in Cleveland, the largest liberal Jewish congregation in the United States.

He has been actively identified with many social movements of our day. He was an early champion of the rights of organized labor, and one of the first advocates in the United States of unemployment insurance. As Chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency for Israel, and Chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, Dr. Silver is the foremost spokesman of Zionism in the United States. He represented the movement before the Assembly of the United Nations, and is one of the leaders who are responsible for the establishment of the state of Israel.

Dr. Silver is the author of several volumes on history and religion, notably his work on "Religion in a Changing World" and "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival".

John Gunther, in his book, "Inside U.S.A.", speaks of Dr. Silver as the first citizen of Cleveland.

Dr. Silver is a graduate of the Hebrew Union College, and was ordained in 1915.

January 25, 1949

Mr. M. M. Witherspoon
Grand Lodge
Free & Accepted Masons
71 West 23rd Street
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Witherspoon:

In accordance with your request of January 21st, I am herewith enclosing a glossy print of Dr. Silver. Excerpts of his address will be forwarded to you at a later date in time for publicity.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

or
Enc.

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February 24, 1949

בתשובה נא לתוביר

In reply please quote:

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

Esteemed Dr. Silver:

I know it is a sin to trouble you now, but I hope you will forgive me since I believe my reason justifies the bother. At present it is impossible for you to fulfill the eager wish and hope of our Mexican friends and be in Mexico for the opening of the United Israel Campaign. I understand your difficulty in view of the recent "difficulties" in connection with the meetings of the Jewish Agency Board of Executives.

Now our friends in Buenos Aires are contemplating the opening of an exceptionally big Israel Campaign in Argentina and they write as follows:

"We won't be able to start this Campaign on such a large scale as we had originally planned if the exceptionally famous Zionist leader won't come to us for its opening. We urge you to invite Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, who is very popular here. Rabbi Silver could come here two days after Pesach and stay with us about ten or fourteen days and would certainly elevate the effectiveness of this Campaign".

Therefore, I dare to ask you, esteemed Dr. Silver, to make a special effort to visit the Argentine for the above mentioned period. I am sure no one will be able to contribute so highly to this emergency campaign as you will.

I will be glad to have your positive decision at your earliest convenience in order to enable our friends in Argentina to make the necessary preparations.

With best regards to you and Mrs. Silver.

Yours sincerely,

Moshé Gurary
Moshé Gurary

MG:mb

By the way, will you be kind enough to let me know when you will be in New York and when you will be able to record a message for the Campaign in the Latin American countries.

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February 28, 1949

Dr. Abba Millel Silver
Emergency Council
346 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Hunts Point Zionist District #133, of the Bronx, respectfully requests the honor of your presence at a Salute to Israel rally, to be held on Tuesday, March 29, 1949, at the Hunts Point Palace, 163rd Street and Southern Boulevard, at 9 P. M..

This Salute to Israel rally has been formulated as the outstanding event in the Bronx. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt has graciously accepted our invitation to be a guest speaker at this function.

The committee in charge of this affair realizes that a speaker of your prominence and stature, is an absolute necessity to address this rally, as a representative of the Zionist Organization of America.

Therefore, the committee anxiously awaits your response to this communication, so that they might make plans for your presence.

With Zion's Greeting,

HUNTS POINT DISTRICT #133

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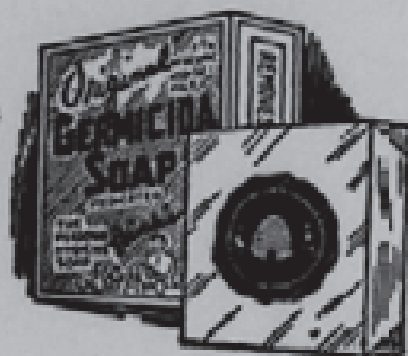
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
105th Street and Ansell Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As associate chairman of our Community UJA (Inwood-Upper Manhattan) drive, I come to you with a problem. I have been ordered to act on the local dinner committee, which is being held at the inception of the drive, on Sunday, evening, April 10th, at the Yeshiva University, 187th Street and Amsterdam Ave., New York City.

While in past years, we have not raised the greatest amount in dollars, these drives have nevertheless helped to publicize the needs of our brethren, so much so, that we now boast the most potent ZOA district in the Metropolitan Area.

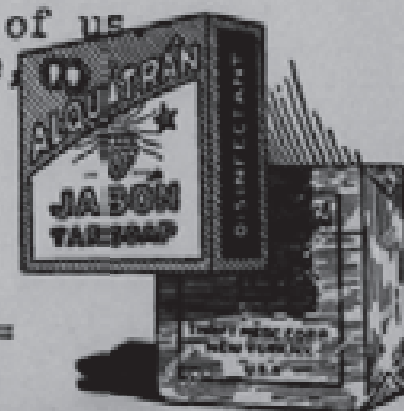
The Chairman selected for this year is one of the many ardent ZOA members. Unfortunately, the recent developments forced him, as an act of violent protest, to resign and relinquish his responsibilities. To ignore the consequences locally, to disregard the unity of our three Synagogues in this undertaking and discontinue this year's drive, would be, I feel, a fatal tragic step.

We are a comparatively small segment of a Jewish Community in a large city, keenly aware of all that transpired and feeling just resentment. If you would but graciously accept our humble invitation to address us at our dinner, much harmony could be achieved by your presence. If it is at all possible, your telegraphic acceptance would give us added strength, morale and justification to fight for a cause so dear to all of us. I hope you will forgive the intrusion. Believe me, it is with sincerest intention and purpose.

Sincerely,

M. Block
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In reply please quote:

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

Esteemed Dr. Silver:

-- I wrote you a letter on February 24th which I am sure didn't reach you. Otherwise I wouldn't be able to explain the fact that you didn't honor me with an answer. Therefore I take the liberty to send you attached a copy of that letter and I hope you will be kind enough to let me know your answer at your earliest convenience.

The Argentine presses me to make every effort to get your agreement to open the United Israel Campaign there.

I am sure your participation will insure an enjoyable experience for you as well as a tremendous success for the Campaign.

With best regards to you and Mrs. Silver.

Sincerely yours,

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March 14, 1949

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th St. and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are looking forward to having you with us
at the big Communion Consecration Breakfast at the Hotel
Astor at 9:30 AM on next Sunday, March 20th. It will
please you, I know, to learn that we already have almost
3,000 reservations.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Frank M. Totton
Grand Master

March 15, 1949

Mr. M. M. Witherspoon
Grand Lodge of Masons
71 West 23rd Street
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Witherspoon:

I am enclosing herewith an abstract of the address which I am to deliver before the Communion-Consecration Breakfast of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons on Sunday, March 20th, at the Hotel Astor.

Looking forward with pleasure to seeing you, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
Enc.

Via Air Mail Special

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MARCH 15, 1949

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER. REGRET VERY MUCH MY INABILITY BECAUSE
OF PREVIOUS ENGAGEMENTS TO ACCEPT YOUR KIND INVITATION. WARMEST
REGARDS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



March 22, 1949

Mr. Moshe GurAry
United Israel Campaign
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Reference No. 338

My dear Friend:

I trust that you will pardon the delay in replying to your letters. I have been away from Cleveland most of the time and my correspondence has sadly lagged.

I should very much like to go to the Argentine, but it is quite out of the question for me to devote the time that would be required. I have many commitments here in Cleveland as well as some out-of-town engagements during the latter part of April and May. I have long wanted to visit both Mexico and the Argentine and the Latin-American countries, but it will not be possible, I am afraid, this year.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

ABS:er
Via Air Mail

March 22, 1949

Dr. Isaac Bernstein
1054 Faile Street
Bronx 59, New York

My dear Friend:

I deeply appreciate your kind invitation to address a Salute to Israel rally to be held on March 29th. However, because I must be in Cleveland on that day, it will be impossible for me to attend.

With all good wishes for a successful meeting, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Via Air Mail



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March 22, 1949

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th St. and Anzel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

You were magnificent Sunday morning at our Communion Consecration Breakfast at the Astor. Thank you so much for giving us the great spiritual lift which you did. God has given you a great talent and you are using it fully and freely in His service. Countless brothers have expressed in the highest terms their feelings for you and your message.

Will you be good enough to tell me the amount of your expenses incurred in making this trip to New York?

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Frank M. Totton
Grand Master



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NEW YORK 5, N.Y.

March 23, 1949

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th St. and Anzel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you so much for the kind expressions concerning our Communion-Consecration Breakfast. You had the major share in making it the great spiritual experience which it was.

In addition to reimbursing you for your out of pocket expenses, we would like you to accept this modest honorarium which you may wish to use in some of your numerous good works.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Frank M. Totton
Grand Master

March 24, 1949

Grand Master Frank M. Totton
Free and Accepted Masons
18 Pine Street
New York 5, New York

My dear Mr. Totton:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of March 22nd. I deeply appreciate what you say about my address at the Communion Consecration Breakfast last Sunday. It was a thrilling and inspiring sight to see that vast congregation of men gathered for the high purpose which animated the meeting. I do not recall a gathering quite like it in many years of my public life. And may I in passing tell you how charmed everyone was with the manner in which you presided at the meeting. Even as an outsider I could feel the high and affectionate regard in which you were held by everyone there.

With all good wishes and hoping to have the pleasure of seeing you in the near future again, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

P.S. My traveling expenses amounted to \$75.00.

State Masons March to Annual Breakfast After Church and Synagogue Services

The largest gathering ever to attend the annual communion-consecration breakfast of the Grand Lodge of Masons of New York State—1,160 persons—overtaxed the facilities of the main ballroom of the Astor Hotel yesterday morning to hear Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, rabbi of The Temple, Cleveland, and Lieut. Gov. Joe R. Hanley of New York join in condemning discrimination against minorities. The overflow group heard the speeches in another room over a loud-speaker.

The Masons had marched to the Astor with a fifty-piece Salvation Army band and a police motorcycle escort after Protestant members had taken communion at St. Bartholomew's Church, Fiftieth Street and Park Avenue, and Jews had attended a consecration service held simultaneously at the Central Synagogue, 652 Lexington Avenue.

Dr. Silver, former chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and

president of the Zionist Organization of America, declared that the Atlantic Pact "is symbolic of the new role of positive and dynamic leadership which this country is now taking in the life of mankind." The pact, he said, "is a natural outgrowth of the Truman Doctrine had a confession that collective security and international cooperation are not yet entirely possible."

Lieutenant Governor Hanley pictured Masonry as a foundation for "the bridge of understanding that must unite all peoples and nations of the world." The Masonic order knows no national or racial barriers, he declared, adding that the "optimistic" philosophy of all "genuine Masons" was more essential today than ever before.

The speakers were introduced by Grand Master Frank M. Totton, vice president of the Chase National Bank, who announced that Masons of this city would participate under the sponsorship of the Grand Lodge in the Loyalty Day parade on April 30.

Why do all present-day enemies of human liberties persecute religion? Because religion in its spiritual essence is their death warrant. They see in Judaism and Christianity the last unwearied watchman^e over the ramparts of human liberties who must be destroyed before their own freedom-annihilating materialistic revolution^s can be firmly established. They must eradicate ~~if they are to survive~~, ^{the} entire complex of ethical and spiritual ideas, rooted in the principle of the sacredness of human personality, the worth of the individual, the transcendent moral law and method of human progress which are at the very heart of the Judeo-Christian civilization.

Thoughtful men are coming to understand that mankind's surest way to freedom is the way which leads forward to God. They have come to understand that faith in God is the strongest bulwark of a free society. Human freedom began when men ~~began~~ ^{became} ~~considering~~ ^{ever} that over and above society and nature there is a God Who created them, Who ~~planted~~ ^{breathed} His spirit into them, Who fashioned them after His likeness, and that they are therefore possessed of intrinsic and independent significance, ~~that they~~ ^{and} are endowed as individuals with original and irrevocable rights and authority. Men became free when they acknowledged a higher authority than that of state, class, system or ruler.

Friends of democracy have somehow forgotten ~~that~~ ^{the} religious origin of the whole democratic dogma in the modern world. They have forgotten that political freedom came to the Western world as a result of the long struggle for religious freedom, and not vice-versa. Every important social and economic movement in Western Europe in the last few centuries was inspired by the Judeo-Christian ethical idealism. Modern democracy was born in the struggle for religious freedom in the 16th and 17th centuries. The demand for spiritual freedom, emancipated from the shackles of tradition the ecclesiastical dictatorship and grounded in the authority of direct revelation soon expressed itself in demands for other forms of liberty. Political and economic rights were demanded by humble people who quoted the ~~religious~~ sanctions of the Bible as their authority. All men were equal because God made all men equal.

The things which they demanded were the things which the Bible, the revealed word of God, ^{conceded} revealed to them and to all men.

The thinking of the Founding Fathers of the American Republic was greatly influenced by the religious ideas of many of the sects which sprang up in the wake of the Protestant Reformation. Some of these sects were hundreds of years ahead of their time. They held that the state had no right ^{to} circumscribing the freedom of the individual. They held that the duty of the state was only to protect the good and to punish the evil, and beyond that, the state itself was evil. They demanded the absolute separation of church and state. They preached universal toleration and freedom of worship. They maintained that all property belonged to God. Some of them, like the early Christians, practiced voluntary communism which is a very different thing from the secular, involuntary, materialistic communism of our day; in fact, it is violent negation in everything but the name.

Thus, out of victories won for religious freedom on the battlefields of the spirit, there stemmed other victories for man's political, economic and social freedom. When the Founding Fathers wrote into the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," they were giving political expression to these seminal religious doctrines. When they proclaimed that resistance to tyrants is obedience to God, ^{and} when they engraved upon the Liberty Bell the Biblical proclamation, "And thou shalt proclaim freedom throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof", and when they placed on the first seal of the new-born Republic of the United States the figure of Moses leading the children of Israel out of Egypt, they were marshalling religious truth, authority and tradition to underwrite their political revolution. The American Revolution ^{kindled} its torch at the flame of a religious drama. The long protracted struggle in our country to emancipate the slaves likewise received its powerful momentum ^{not from} ~~in~~ ~~some~~ economic or ~~some~~ ^{from} ~~new~~ materialistic

conception of history, but from profound and dynamic religious ^{convictions} conflicts which revolted against the enslavement of human beings. ^{who} ~~You~~ are the children of God." And which heard in the tramp of men marching to battle the ^{very} footsteps to God - "His truth is marching on."

Democracy shrivels when its religious source dries up. An early and friendly critic of American democracy, De Tocqueville, cautioned ~~it~~: "Despotism may govern without faith, but liberty cannot."

There is a real danger that the whole continent of ideals which we associate with Judaism and Christianity may drop out of our world and be sunk like some lost Atlantis - the inalienable rights of man, the inviolability of the individual, the freedom of the human mind, the right of dissent, tolerance, brotherhood, equality, peace. In many parts of the world these ideals are already regarded as black heresy and treason. ^{Elsewhere} ~~In other parts of the world~~ they are still tolerated, but regarded as something of an annoyance and considerably in the way.

^{In a} ~~If our world is~~ ^{As a result} ~~as it is~~ divided, into two distinct and hostile camps, there is the danger that even the ~~Western~~ democratic camp, in ^{present} ~~mobilizing its~~ ^{drift} ~~military~~ ^{for} what it has been led to ^{believe} ~~think~~ is the irrepressible struggle will come to adopt the same technique of ^{vicious} ~~regimentation~~ and suppression of ~~all~~ basic human freedoms which it is charged ~~that~~ those behind the so-called Iron Curtain have already adopted. Freedom will be sacrificed in a crusade to preserve it.

The vision of ^{the} ~~the~~ world united and made secure in ~~the~~ ^{law}, in which the weak as well as the strong would be free to live their ~~independent and~~ unmolested lives is again fading out as it did after the first World War. In place of collective security and international cooperation, the old and dangerous device of power balancing and regional military pacts are being revived. Over all is the shadow of war ^{darkening} ~~drain-~~ ^{ing} the lives of men and nations, paralyzing their normal activities ~~and~~ distorting their outlooks and confounding their reason. The wealth of nations after the second

World War, as after the first, is being drained off into armaments and ^{national} ~~regional~~ energies are being harnessed to war preparation. That all this in the last analysis, ^{UN VST} ~~can~~ ^{lead to the} ~~be done only at the cost of~~ ^{of the} lowering standards of living, ^{to} increased taxation, and the retardation of social improvements is ~~seemingly~~ ^{seriously} not taken into consideration.

It is clear, therefore, that men of goodwill all over the world who are inspired by the great teachings of their religions, which in the case of Jews and Christians stem from one common source, the spiritual and ethical teachings of the Bible, should unite to defend their intrinsic spiritual ^{values} ~~ideals~~. We must work for the one world under all circumstances, and especially must we work for it with increased fervor in a period in human history such as ours when the prospect of the one world is dimmest. We must never accept the idea of an inevitable and ^{unresolvable} ~~irreparable~~ conflict whether between classes, societies or nations, in spite of surface indications to the contrary. Athwart the dark and obdurate irreconcilabilities of systems and ideologies, we must hold aloft steadfastly the ^{light} ~~right~~ of reconciliation. It is ^{not} ~~to~~ the best interest of mankind that we work for the hardening of the disastrous division of our world. It is ^{not} ~~to~~ the best interest of mankind that we become violent and indiscriminate protagonists of one economic system as against another. It is far more helpful to concern ourselves not with systems but with safeguarding those indispensable principles which each age must be challenged to safeguard regardless of the system which it prefers. Whether it be capitalism, socialism or communism, there are basic principles of human rights and essential human ideals at stake in each, and we must defend these ideals for which no system is adequate guarantee. Neither the rule of king, people or proletariat is sufficient insurance against abuse of power, the exploitation of man and the defeat of the spiritual promises of human life.

The long debate which will undoubtedly continue for generations on authority versus freedom, on social controls to insure economic security versus constitutional

guarantees to protect the individual, will not be settled quickly nor by the atomic bomb. Regional security pacts and armament races will not settle it. It is only through the very patient and heartbreakingly slow process of working together, through such available agencies as the organs of the United Nations, that peoples may find their way ultimately through the labyrinth of suspicion, fear and hatred to the open fields of cooperation and peace.

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March 28, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
105th St. & Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In preparation for the forthcoming program year I am interested in ascertaining whether or not you would consider accepting a number of engagements to appear on Jewish forum programs in various parts of the country.

If you would consider such an invitation it would be helpful if you could inform me of the honorarium and the subjects which you would prefer to cover.

I hope that the pressure of your work will permit you to accept several engagements this year.

Sincerely yours,


SAMUEL D. FREEMAN

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March 29th. 1949

Mr. Abba Hillel Silver
Rabbi of the Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor:

I wish to extend
to you my heartiest congratulations
upon your most inspiring speech
at the Masonic Communion -
Consecration Breakfast at the
Hotel Astor on Sunday March 20th.

It was indeed a
great sight to see the Masonic
Brethren of the Christian and
Jewish Faiths breaking bread
to-gether.

God Bless you Rabbi

Silver, and may you enjoy many
Years of good health.

Sincerely yours,
Arthur Frobach



March 31, 1949

Mr. Samuel D. Freeman
Jewish Center Lecture Bureau
115 East 32nd Street
New York 16, New York

My dear Mr. Freeman:

Thank you for your letter of March 28th. I regret that the uncertainty of my schedule for the coming year makes it impossible for me to put my name on any lecture bureau program. I hope that at some future time the pressure of work will ease sufficiently for me to be of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

April 1, 1949

Mr. Arthur Forbach
638 East 226th Street
New York 66, New York

My dear Forbach:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of March 29th. I deeply appreciated your kind words. I enjoyed participating in the Masonic meeting very much and it is gratifying to know that my address was so well received.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

April 1, 1949

Dr. A. Rosenfeld
Histadruth Ivrit
165 West 16th Street
New York 19, New York

My dear Dr. Rosenfeld:

Please pardon the delay in answering your kind letter.
I should very much love to come to you on April 30th.
Unfortunately, I shall be unable to leave Cleveland that
weekend. I trust that your Conference will be most
successful.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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FRED GREENMAN=

April 12, 1949

Mr. Fredrick F. Greenman
135 Central Park West
New York City

I SHALL BE PLEASED TO BE WITH YOU ON THURSDAY, MAY 19.
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April 12, 1949.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
105th and Ansell Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

This will confirm my telegram to you of this day reading as follows:

"Many thanks your telegram. We are all very happy you will be with us and we look forward to an eventful evening with you."

Perhaps you do not realize the joy which this message brought to all of those who are interested in our work in this city. I can merely tell you that it has brought a great lift to everyone of us. We are looking forward to being with you, and I should like to know something about your plans for the day of May 19 so that I can spend some of the time with you.

You will probably be thinking about your address on that night, and if you should want a suggestion or two, I would be pleased to venture them on this occasion. On the other hand, you probably have some message you want to bring to the Jews of this city and of this land of ours, and in that event just pay no attention to what I have said.

If there is anything you want me to do in the way of obtaining reservations for you - hotel, transportation or otherwise, please let me know. Of course, the expenses of your trip to New York will be ours, and I hope you will not fail to let us have a statement of what they are so that we can make proper reimbursement.

With best wishes to you and hoping to see you soon, I am

Sincerely yours,

Fred Greenman
President.

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April 15, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Cong. Tifereth Israel
3. 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

It was a joy to have the good news from Colonel Greenman that you had accepted the invitation of the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues to be the main speaker at our Annual Dinner on May 19th. I do look forward to your coming and your being with us. I know that your presence will do much to make the dinner a very effective occasion for arousing interest in Liberal Judaism and the institutions dedicated to its advancement.

Is there anything I can do to prepare for your coming and to make you comfortable while you are here? Please don't hesitate to tell me.

With very kindest greetings to Mrs. Silver and yourself from Mrs. Davis and myself,

Cordially,

Daniel L. Davis

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have recently become the chairman of a dinner celebrating the tenth anniversary of Bitsaron, the Hebrew Monthly of America.

I think you have probably heard of Bitsaron, which has, over a ten-year span, brought to America the culture of Israel. It has presented to Americans for the first time the writings of teachers and scientists, then little known in America, who have today become world famous leaders in Israel. And now, at the end of its first ten years of existence, as Israel prospers, Bitsaron looks forward to bringing to us in America additional scholarly works of these scientists and teachers.

The dinner, which will celebrate the tenth anniversary of the magazine and, at the same time, the long life and growth of Hebrew culture, is to be held at the Commodore Hotel in New York City on the evening of June 7.

It would do us great honor if you would be a principal speaker at the dinner, which will have among its guests some of the dignitaries of the Israeli government.

Will you please wire me at your earliest convenience whether you will be able to attend the dinner on June 7?

Sincerely yours,

Abraham Mazer

ABRAHAM MAZER

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April 22, 1949

Mr. Abraham Mazer
Hudson Pulp & Paper Corp.
220 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

My dear Mr. Mazer:

I appreciate very much your kind invitation to speak at the dinner celebrating the 10th anniversary of Bitsaron on June 7th. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately, I must remain in Cleveland on that day for long-scheduled congregational engagements.

I hope that the meeting will be eminently successful. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

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Respectfully yours,

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April 27, 1949

Mr. Morris Eliach, Executive Secretary
United Charity Institutions of Jerusalem
1947 Broadway
New York 23, New York

My dear Friend:

Permit me to acknowledge your kind letter of April 25th and your invitation to address your meeting on Sunday evening, May 15th. It would indeed give me great pleasure to be with you. Unfortunately, I cannot leave Cleveland that day because of congregational responsibilities and engagements of long standing.

With all good wishes for a successful meeting, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

May 3, 1949

Colonel Fred Greenman, President
New York Federation of Reform Synagogues
3 East 65th Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Colonel Greenman;

According to present plans, Dr. Silver will arrive in New York on Thursday morning, May 19th, and will stay at the Hotel Sulgrave, Park Avenue and 67th Street. He will leave New York for Cleveland that same night at 12:00 midnight, Daylight Saving Time. Upon Dr. Silver's return to Cleveland, I shall send you a statement of his expenses.

If there is any further information which you wish, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

or

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May 6, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Congregation Tifereth Israel
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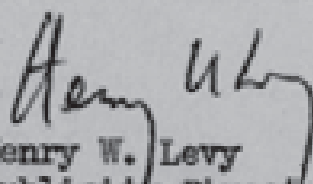
Dear Dr. Silver:

I am hopeful that you will have prepared sometime soon a copy of your address to be delivered at the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues on Thursday evening, May 19th. If so, would you please send me a copy of it so that we can prepare our publicity. As you know, on a dinner like this, which does not present any spot news, the New York morning papers like to have the releases prepared for them before the dinner actually gets under way.

If, by any chance, you won't have a full text, I'd appreciate your letting us have, at least a day or so in advance, a three or four hundred word excerpt that would be suitable for the newspapers.

Many thanks for your cooperation, and looking forward to seeing you soon again, I am

Sincerely yours,


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May 17, 1949

Mr. Henry W. Levy, Publicity Director
Annual Combined Campaign
3 East 65th Street
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My dear Mr. Levy:

In accordance with your request of May 6th, I am here with
enclosing an excerpt of my address to be delivered Thursday
evening, May 19th, before the New York Federation of Reform
Synagogues. I trust that this will be satisfactory.

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

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:ter
Enc.

Via Air Mail Special

May 20, 1949

Colonel Fred Greenman, President
New York Federation of Reform Synagogues
3 East 65th Street
New York 21, New York

My dear Colonel Greenman:

Dr. Silver's expenses in connection with his trip to New York to address your organization amounted to \$85.00.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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May 24, 1949

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

It was certainly good to have you at our Annual Dinner. Your great message gave us all a new vision and a new sense of purpose in Liberal Judaism. For all of us in the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues, may I convey our hearty appreciation to you for coming to us and adding so much to our Annual Dinner. We are all strengthened as a result of your being with us.

I do look forward to seeing you in Bretton Woods, and with kindest greetings from Sonia and myself to Mrs. Silver and the boys,

Cordially,

Samuel D.

Director

P.S. I am enclosing a check of the Federation which I trust will reimburse you for your expenses.

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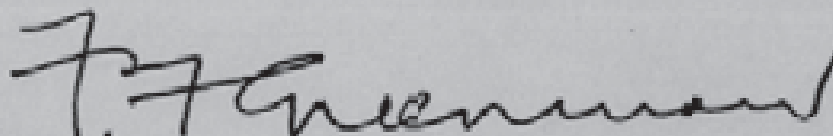
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105th and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I shall never cease to be grateful to you for the inspiring message which you delivered at the Annual Dinner of the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues last Thursday night. You have furnished a guide post for the conduct of Jews in America, as well as the world over.

For your willingness to speak at our dinner, we all extend to you our deepest thanks and hope that we shall on many occasions again have the pleasure of having you with us.

Sincerely yours,



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Dear Dr. Silver:

From July 1st to 4th, Hapoel Hamizrachi of America, the religious pioneer workers movement, is conducting its 26th Annual Convention at the Hotel Furst, in Fallsburg, New York.

I take this opportunity as chairman of the convention committee and on behalf of the National Administration of Hapoel Hamizrachi to extend to you our most cordial invitation to attend this convention as our guest of honor and main speaker. You are undoubtedly aware of the role that our organization has played both here and in Israel toward the establishment of the State of Israel. As a foremost leader of the Zionist Movement, we feel that you undoubtedly hold some positive views with respect to the religious content of the new civilization being forged in Israel today. The Torah Va Avodah movement at this convention for itself will clarify and adopt a program with respect to its own ideology. As chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, we also invite your comment as to the part that should be played by us on the American Zionist scene.

If you can accept this invitation will you kindly inform us of this fact at your very earliest convenience. Tentatively we would schedule your address for Sunday afternoon or evening, July 3rd.

Your respectfully,

Nathaniel Zelikow
Nathaniel Zelikow, Chairman
Convention Committee

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June 13, 1949

Mr. Nathaniel Zelikow, Chairman
Convention Committee
Hapoel Hamizrachi
1133 Broadway
New York 10, New York

My dear Mr. Zelikow:

I deeply appreciate your kind letter of June 8th and your invitation to address the annual convention of Hapoel Hamizrachi of America July 1 - 4. It would have given me great pleasure indeed to avail myself of your gracious invitation. However, I shall in all probability be out of the country during the months of July and August, and I, therefore, must forego the pleasure of being with you. I send you and the members of the Hapoel Hamizrachi all my good wishes. I trust that your convention will be eminently successful.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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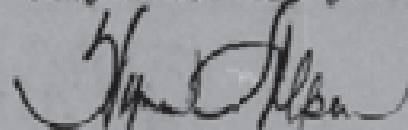
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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Arsel Road and E. 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have been directed by the Jewish Academy of Arts and Sciences to invite you to be one of three speakers at a Tchernowitz Memorial Meeting to be held under the auspices of the Academy on Wednesday evening, October 26. The topic that we should like you to consider is "Chaim Tchernowitz, The Man."

I trust that you will find it convenient to accept this cordial invitation. An early reply will be appreciated.

Very sincerely yours



Hymen Alpern, Chairman
Committee on Tchernowitz Memorial Meeting

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June 27, 1949

Dr. Hyman Alpern, Chairman
Committee on Tchernowitz Memorial Meeting
Jewish Academy of Arts and Sciences
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Alpern:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of June 15th and your invitation to address the Tchernowitz Memorial Meeting on Wednesday, October 26th. It would have given me great pleasure indeed to participate in the program. Unfortunately, other commitments as well as congregational responsibilities make it impossible for me to accept.

With all good wishes for a very successful meeting, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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My dear Dr. Silver:

I reckon that everything in life represents liabilities, as well as assets, on one's ledger. This goes with age, I know. And while I figure that there is infinitely more on my asset side than I deserve, I must confess that on the liability side there is the fatigue that goes with constant work, and the worries that we all have regardless of how it be tempered with optimism.

So, rather reluctantly, I am taking the advice of my doctor, and am leaving tomorrow on a six weeks vacation. I sail from New York next Friday on the ARGENTINA of the Moore-McCormack Line, but will be back before the 1st of September.

In the meantime, I am thinking in terms of the success of the convention of the Southwest Region, which will be held in Houston on the Labor Day weekend. You will recall that we discussed this in New York some months ago. So much depends upon your presence that I am taking this

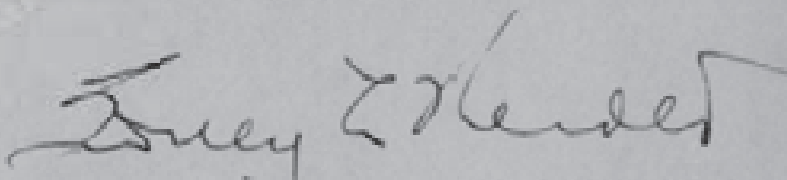
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means of again calling your attention to the circumstances, and to request that you give us a formal acceptance so that the fact of your being present as our main speaker may be given the wide publicity that it deserves. This will mean so much to the Zionists of the Southwest.

As I shall not be here to receive your answer, please reply to Mr. Marcus Levinson, Medical Arts Building, Houston, Texas.

With my very best wishes, I am,
as always,

Cordially,


Sidney L. Herold

SLH/mb

July 14, 1949

Mr. Marcus Levinson
Medical Arts Building
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Levinson:

Just before Dr. Silver left today for a brief vacation in France, he received a letter from Mr. Sidney Harold asking him to address the convention of the Southwest Region in Houston over the Labor Day weekend. Unfortunately, Dr. Silver will not return from Europe until September 6th and it will, therefore, be impossible for him to be with you.

Dr. Silver asked that I express his deep regrets to you and to Mr. Harold at his inability to be with you, and his best wishes for a very successful convention.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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My dear Dr. Silver:

You will recall that the Bronx Zionist Region had planned to tender a testimonial dinner to Mr. Edward J. Flynn in recognition of the outstanding services which he has rendered to the Zionist Cause. The dinner was originally scheduled to be held last April. However, the new date finally arrived at is Thursday, October 27, 1949, at the Commodore Hotel.

You are, of course, fully cognizant of the assistance Mr. Flynn has rendered to our Cause. At the direction of the American Zionist Emergency Council, the Bronx Zionist Region has made many calls upon Mr. Flynn for assistance and he has readily responded at all times. He was particularly helpful, you will remember, when the United States presented the Trusteeship proposal, when the matter of sanctions was before the United Nations and when the Bernadotte Plan was under consideration. Mr. Flynn interested himself also in the matter of the one hundred million dollar loan, but more particularly was Mr. Flynn of greatest help in connection with the President's prompt recognition of the State of Israel.

I have reviewed these facts briefly to indicate some of the reasons that caused us in the Bronx Zionist Region to feel that the time had come for Zionists to give due recognition to a man who has rendered such yeoman service to the Cause of Israel. Incidentally,

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this dinner will also be of material financial aid to our Region and to the American Zionist Fund. I should also state, in order to complete the record, that we consulted the Emergency Council and the Z.O.A. before launching this project.

In view of the fact that you were at the helm of the Emergency Council and the guiding genius of our public relations efforts when the aforementioned events occurred, it seems to us most appropriate that you should be present at this dinner to express your sentiments regarding Mr. Flynn.

Accordingly, on behalf of the Bronx Zionist Region, I have the honor to extend to you a cordial invitation to be our guest speaker on this important occasion. I trust that you will agree with us that this dinner should prove of extraordinary value, from the public relations standpoint, to our Cause at this time. Your presence will assure its importance and significance.

May I hear from you at your earliest convenience.

With Israel's greetings and with kindest personal regards,
I remain

Most sincerely yours,

David Moskowitz

David Moskowitz
President

September 22, 1949

Mr. David Moskowitz, President
Bronx Zionist Region
40 West Burnside Avenue
Bronx 53, New York

My dear Mr. Moskowitz:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of September 19th and your invitation to address the testimonial dinner to Mr. Edward J. Flynn on October 27th. I should very much like to come and to express my appreciation for the services which Mr. Flynn rendered to us. I regret, however, that I am unable to come East on that day. I must remain here in Cleveland for an important Temple function which has been planned in connection with the centennial celebration of our congregation. I am compelled to forego numerous invitations because of the prior claim of my congregational duties here which I have neglected now for some year.

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

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

Via Air Mail

Temple Israel

Lawrence, N. Y.

Rabbi's Study

September 28, 1949

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

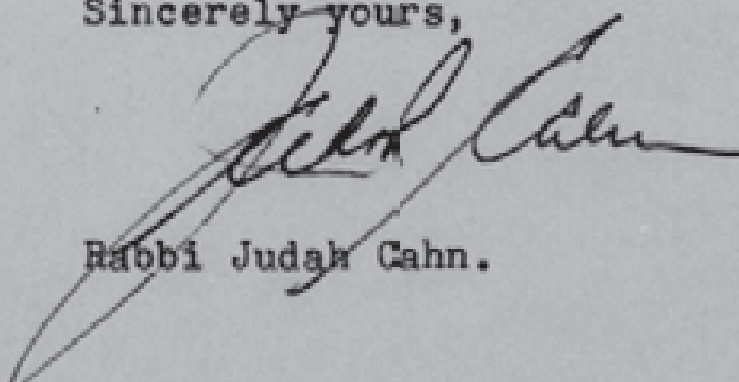
I am writing to you once again in the hope that you will find it possible to join us here at Temple Israel on some Friday evening in the Spring. I know how very full your schedule is, yet I hope that you will find one Friday evening when you are visiting in the East, to speak to the Congregation on the subject of "The Relationship between Israel and the American Jewish Community."

You probably know many of the members of the Congregation: Philip Whitman, Herbert Rosengarten, H. M. Stein and many others who have been very active in the American Jewish community.

I know you would be warmly and enthusiastically received by the members of Temple Israel and our community. If it is at all possible for you to join us, we would be extremely grateful.

With my best wishes for a Happy New Year,

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Judah Cahn.

JC:bn

October 2, 1949

Rabbi Judah Cahn
Temple Israel
Lawrence, New York

My dear Rabbi Cahn:

I very much appreciate your kind invitation to address Temple Israel on some Friday evening in the spring. It would indeed give me great pleasure. Unfortunately, I must forego the pleasure of being with you this season. I am trying to devote as much of my time as I possibly can to my own congregation this year, not only because I have been away so much in recent years, but also because this is our centennial year and many activities are being planned in connection with this anniversary. I am sure that you will understand.

Hoping to be of service to you at some future time and with all good wishes for a very Happy New Year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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Dear Doctor Silver:

May we express the gratitude of the Israel Maritime League Committee for your gracious acceptance of the Honorary Chairmanship of the Israel Maritime League, a beneficiary of the American Fund for Israel Institutions. We believe that the weight of your name will provide an inspiration to our members who are responsible for the task of bringing the message of maritime activity in Israel to the American public.

We cordially invite you to be our honored guest at the first Annual Dinner of the Israel Maritime League which will take place in the Sert Room of the Waldorf-Astoria on Wednesday night, November 16th.

If you will be good enough to let us know if you can attend, we will make suitable arrangements.

Sincerely,

Joshua Goldberg
Cdr. Joshua Goldberg, CHC: USNR

S. S. ISQUITH

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RADM. Solomon S. Isquith

October 10, 1949

Cdr. Joshua Goldberg
Israel Maritime League
267 West 71st Street
New York 23, New York

My dear Friend;

I appreciate very much your kind letter of October 7th and your invitation to be the guest at the first Annual Dinner of the Israel Maritime League on November 16th. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately, I am tied down with other engagements. I am compelled to reduce my out-of-town lectures this year to a minimum, not only because I have been away so much from The Temple the last few years, but also because this is our centennial year. I am sure that you will understand.

As it is, I am scheduled to address a Zionist gathering in New York on November 29th.

With all good wishes for success, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

October 16, 1949

Mr. Harry Torczyner
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Friend:

I wish I were free to accept the invitation to address the Zionist meeting on November 2nd at the Manhattan Center. Unfortunately, an earlier commitment makes it impossible for me to come. I trust that the meeting will be very successful.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42 Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

We know how pleased you will be to learn that we have created, for the first time, a special Humanitarian Award, so that the same may be presented to George P. Vassil, President of the Sunnyside Zionist District, whose extraordinary achievement in his work for and on behalf of the Jewish people has won national recognition and acclaim.

Because of his significant service to the Zionist Organization of America we feel that it is fitting that you be the guest speaker of the evening.

The presentation will be made on Wednesday, October 26, at 8:30 P.M. at the Sunnyside Post 251 Headquarters, Sunnyside Jewish Center, 45-46 43 Street, Sunnyside, Long Island.

We look forward to your gracing this very important occasion, despite the fact that we are aware of the many demands on your time.

Cordially yours,

QUEENS COUNTY COUNCIL

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Mr. Morris Gimpelson, Commander
Queens County Council
83-27 159th Street
Jamaica 2, New York

Dear Commander Gimpelson:

Your letter of October 17th addressed to Dr. Silver has been forwarded to us in Cleveland, and in view of Dr. Silver's absence from the city, I am taking the liberty of replying to you.

I know that Dr. Silver will deeply appreciate your kind invitation to address the meeting at which Mr. Vassil will be awarded the newly-created Humanitarian Award of your organization. Unfortunately, Dr. Silver is speaking in Pittsburgh on October 26th and will be unable to be with you. I know that he would want me to express his regrets to you and his heartiest felicitations to Mr. Vassil.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

or



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November 30, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

On Sunday evening, January 29th, the B'nai Zion will hold its annual Order Day dinner which this year will be given in honor of the president of the Zionist Organization of America, Mr. Daniel Frisch.

I know you are terribly busy and how difficult it is for you to get away from Cleveland over the week-end, yet I am again making the effort to ask the man to whom I look for leadership in American Zionism to honor us on this very important occasion.

Could you find it possible to please your devoted followers in B'nai Zion by your presence?

Sincerely yours,

Harris Fineberg
DR. HARRIS J. LEVINE

HL:VP

P.S. Meeting you and Dr. Heumann last night was like a "breath of fresh air" - to a heavily suffocated Zionist.

December 2, 1949

Dr. Harris J. Levine
B'nai Zion
225 West 57th Street
New York 19, New York

My dear Friend,

Thank you so much for your letter of November 30th. I wish I could come to the B'nai Zion annual Order Day dinner on Sunday evening, January 29th, but I am afraid that it will be quite impossible for me to absent myself from my pulpit that Sunday and from congregational duties which I have already scheduled for that day. It would have given me great pleasure indeed if I could come.

I enjoyed the meeting the other evening very much.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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SAMUEL LICHTENSTEIN, D. D. S.
156 WEST 86TH STREET
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December 10, 1949

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On January 11, 1950, Zionist District 39 will celebrate 25 years of devotion to Zion at its annual dinner for the American Zionist Fund. Our dinner will feature a dramatic pageant intended to prepare our guests for the appeal. In the past this technique has elicited individual contributions ranging up to \$1500. We are preparing for an attendance of over 500 guests and hope that the collections will exceed \$20,000.

As president of District 39 it gives me great pleasure to extend to you the invitation of the district to attend our simcha. We feel that at this moment of defeat to Israel, this will be a most timely opportunity for our Silver Anniversary Celebration to serve as a forum for a message from you that will revitalize Zionism in the Bronx. We expect most Bronx leaders to attend. Furthermore, your presence will guarantee the maximum response to our appeal.

With deep Zionist fervor I beg you to accept this invitation. Of course, District 39 will defray all your expenses.

My warmest personal greetings to you.

Shalom u'vracha,

Samuel Lichtenstein

Dr. Samuel Lichtenstein
President District 39

December 12, 1949

Dr. Samuel Lichtenstein
156 West 86th Street
New York 24, New York

My dear Dr. Lichtenstein:

Thank you for your kind letter of December 10th and for your gracious invitation to address the annual dinner for the American Zionist Fund on January 11, 1950. It would give me great pleasure indeed to do so. However, because this is the Centennial Year of my congregation I must spend most of my time in Cleveland, and the few out-of-town engagements which I have accepted for this year have already overcrowded my schedule. I hope that at some future time I may be able to serve you.

With all good wishes for a very successful meeting, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

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