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New York City, New York, Free Synagogue, 1918-1930.

January 4th, 1918

Rabbi Sidney Goldstein

New York City.

My dear Rabbi Goldstein,

I am in receipt of your kind letter of December 31st. I was very sorry indeed that I was unable to be with you on the 22nd. Unfortunately, a very dear friend of mine - Mr. Louis H. Hays of this city, passed away on Friday and was buried on Sunday.

It is very kind of you to ask me whether I could arrange to come on the 26th of January. I could come, but of course there is always the possibility of the unforeseen occurring, as happened in connection with the December date. However, if you wish to extend the invitation with this measure of uncertainty, I shall be glad to accept.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

September 18th, 1918.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise,
23 West 90th Street,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Wise,

It is very kind of you to invite me to speak in your pulpit this year. I shall be very happy to do so on one condition, that some time during the year, either on a Sunday morning or some Friday evening at one of our Forums, you pay us the compliment of occupying our pulpit.

I was very happy to note that there is a possibility of your speaking in this City on the thirtieth. Should you come here, Mr. Herman Moss, who was in my study when I received your letter, would be most happy to welcome you to his home.

I am sorry that I cannot attend the Administrative Committee meeting in New York this Thursday, but the pressure of work here is too great.

Hoping to see you in the near future,

I am

Very sincerely yours,

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SIDNEY GOLDSTEIN

36 WEST 68 ST CLEVELAND

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RABBI A H SILVER

THE TEMPLE CLEVELAND O

CAN YOU POSSIBLY ARRANGE SPEAK AT CARNEGIE HALL FOR FREE SYNAGOGUE SUNDAY
MORNING DECEMBER TWENTY SECOND DOCTOR WISE MOST ANXIOUS TO HAVE YOU SPEAK
WHICH INVITATION I GLADLY SECOND WIRE OUR EXPENSE GIVING SUBJECT

SIDNEY GODSTEIN

506PM

Rabbi Sidney Goldstein
36 West 68th St.
New York City.

Will speak at Tree Synagogue
December twenty-second, unless
unforeseen prevents. Will wire
subject soon. A. H. Silver


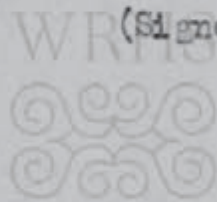
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Copy of telegram - December 11, 1918 - 11 a.m.

To Rabbi Morris Feuerlicht,
Washington Blvd.,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Could you occupy my pulpit Sunday,
December-twenty-second during my
absence in New York? Would surely
appreciate your acceptance. Wire
collect.

(Signed) A.H. Silver



R e p l y:

4;30 p m.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec.11,1918

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Accept unless unforeseen prevents
and provided you reciprocate sometime.

Morris Feuerlicht.

Telegram

December 12th, 1918

Rabbi Sidney Goldstein
36 West 68th Street
New York City.

Please announce subject - "The New Age and The New Testament".

A. H. Silver

December 13th, 1918

Rabbi Sidney Goldstein,
36 West 68th Street,
New York City.

My dear Rabbi Goldstein,

Confirming my telegram of this
date - you may announce my subject as -
"The New Age and the New Testament".

I am sorry if the delay in ac-
cepting the courteous invitation of yourself
and Dr. Wise has in any way inconvenienced
you, but conditions here made it impossible
for me to advise you sooner.

Looking forward with much pleasure
to seeing you very soon, I am

Very sincerely yours,

HENRY MORGENTHAU,
PRESIDENT
ABRAM I. ELKUS,
VICE-PRESIDENT
SAMUEL SAMUEL,
TREASURER
CHARLES E. BLOCH,
HON. SECRETARY
FREDERICK L. GUGGENHEIMER
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Free Synagogue

RABBIS
STEPHEN S. WISE
SIDNEY E. GOLDSTEIN

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Social Service Department
36 WEST 68TH ST.
BENJAMIN SCHLOSS
CHAIRMAN
SAMUEL SAMUEL
TREASURER
SIDNEY E. GOLDSTEIN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dec. 30, 1918

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I know you will pardon me for failing to answer your telegram before this. We have been so crowded with work that it really slipped my attention.

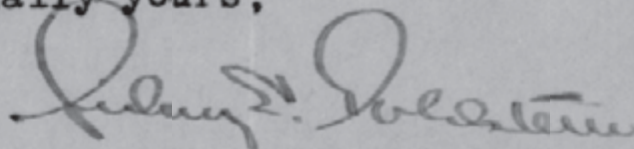
We were all very much disappointed in not being able to have you with us on the 22nd. Judge Mack, however, kindly agreed to speak in your stead and discussed "Jewish Rights and the Peace Conference".

I am sorry to say that we have already filled the program for the 5th, 12th and 19th of January. I do wish, however, that it might be possible for you to come some time during Dr. Wise's absence. The difficulty is the uncertainty, and it is hardly fair to you or to the congregation here to schedule you again unless your coming is positive. I do not suppose that you can secure from the members of your congregation a pledge that they will postpone all services in which you are needed until you can return.

Will you not write me whether you could arrange to come after the 19th,-- let us say the 26th if Dr. Wise has not returned by that date.

With kindest regards,

Cordially yours,



hold which you have taken upon them. They are to be congratulated and you, too, for you have their love and they have your service.

I trust that you understood what I meant to imply on Sunday morning about the congregation's helping you to make the noblest use of the gifts which God has given you.

With heartiest greetings,

Faithfully yours,

W. L.

WRHS



FREE SYNAGOGUE
NEW YORK

STEPHEN S. WISE
RESIDENCE, 23 WEST 90TH STREET

Mar. 19, 1920

Rev. A.H. Silver, D.D.
Cleveland, Ohio
Dear Abba Hillel:

I came back Monday to your town, not voluntarily, because, alas, I missed a train, having rushed away from the Kopald wedding in order to get the train out of Cleveland at 7:30 in the morning and miss ~~ed~~ it by five minutes. Had you been in town, I would have gone to your office and spent part of the day with you. In your absence, I went back to the ~~Countryside~~ ^{Hotel} and had a very delightful, quiet time up there. ~~How was Baltimore?~~

I am writing this line in the first place to thank you for your hospitality, which I greatly enjoyed; and in the next place, to remind you that although you said I was not to worry about my bill at the Statler, I was all but arrested when I returned to the hotel on Monday morning. But that may be straightened out in time.

In the third place, I would remind you, dear Silver, that you definitely promised me to preach in my pulpit on Sunday morning, Apr. 25th. What shall be your theme? Would it be hard for you to give me three or four subjects and let me perhaps indicate which of them my people most need and which will most help them.

I cannot tell you what a joy it was to come to you and greet your people, and to see how fine is the

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DR A H SILVER

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THE TEMPLE CLEVELAND O

ANNUAL SYNAGOGUE DINNER SUNDAY EVENING MARCH TWENTY EIGHTH HOTEL ASTOR
GREAT FUNCTION MOST CORDIALLY INVITE YOU AS SPEAKER WITH GOVERNOR AND
CABINET MEMBER PLEASE WIRE ACCEPTANCE

STEPHEN WISE

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Free Synagogue
ANNIVERSARY DINNER AND DANCE
HOTEL ASTOR, MARCH 28th, 1920

Please send, with your request for Dinner cards, the names of your guests in order that they may be included in the dinner list which is to be printed. The list will close on March 25th.

Cards entitling holder to admission at 9 o'clock to the boxes for the speeches, and for the dance after the dinner, can be procured at One Dollar each.

Applications for these cards should be made to Mr. Bloch at once as only a limited number can be issued.

Very truly yours,

CHARLES E. BLOCH, Treasurer
16 West 23rd Street

Anniversary Celebration Committee
ARMAND BAER Jr., Chairman

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE

Free Synagogue

HAS THE HONOR TO INVITE YOU TO ATTEND THE

ANNIVERSARY DINNER

OF THE FOUNDING OF THE SYNAGOGUE

TO BE HELD

SUNDAY EVENING, MARCH TWENTY-EIGHTH

NINETEEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY
AT SIX-THIRTY O'CLOCK

HOTEL ASTOR

THE GUESTS OF HONOR WHO ARE TO DELIVER ADDRESSES AT THIS
CELEBRATION WILL BE OF NATIONAL DISTINCTION

SUBSCRIPTION:
FOUR DOLLARS

TABLES SEATING EIGHT AND TEN
MAY BE RESEVED

ABEAM I. ELKUS
President

ARMAND BAER, Jr.
Chairman Dinner Committee

DANCING

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THE FAVOR OF AN EARLY REPLY ON THE ENCLOSED CARD IS REQUESTED

March 24th, 1920

Dr. Stephen S. Wise
23 West 90th Street,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Wise,

I am sorry that I missed you on your return to Cleveland. I had a very pleasant time in Baltimore. Secretary Daniels spoke most effectively. I hear that they raised that night close on to \$70,000.

I leave Sunday night for New Orleans, in behalf of the Restoration Fund.

I shall be very happy to preach from your pulpit on Sunday, April 25th. I shall send you in the near future a list from which you may select the subject which you feel would be most appropriate for the occasion.

Of course, I need not tell you how much I enjoyed having you in my pulpit, and you know how much the people appreciated your message.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

FREE SYNAGOGUE
NEW YORK

STEPHEN S. WISE
RESIDENCE, 23 WEST 90TH STREET

Apr. 12, 1920

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Silver:

Your telegram has just come and of course I shall do your will and advertise that your subject will be "Israel and American Judaism." I still wish, however, that you would send me three or four themes and let me choose one. I know my people so well that I regret to say I find there is a great difference in the matter of attendance, dependent upon the subject announced. If you don't mind, I still wish you would send me half a dozen subjects with permission to choose one.

Please let me hear from you soon as to when you plan to be here and where you plan to stay. I take it for granted that you have made no other appointments for Sunday afternoon and evening because I am sure that the Zionists will wish to make use of you and ask you to help in two communities afternoon and evening. I know you will be generous enough to be willing to help in this way.

Sincerely yours,

Telegraphed 4/14/20 - 10:30 -

my subject was:

Wise

"Is there an American

Judaism"? (Signed) A. H. Silver

FREE SYNAGOGUE
NEW YORK

STEPHEN S. WISE
RESIDENCE, 23 WEST 90TH STREET

Apr. 8, 1920

Rabbi A.H. Silver, D.D.

Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba Hillel:

You naughty boy not to have sent me the subjects from among which to choose. Please do so at once. It would be a great kindness if you would telegraph them as our bulletin goes to print very early.

Faithfully yours,



- 7 Mr. Hare.

April 14th, 1920

Dr. Stephen S. Wise,
23 West 90th Street,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Wise,

I have just sent you a wire giving you the correct wording of my subject for the 25th, i.e.

"Is there an American Judaism"?

I am sorry that my first message was bungled in transmission and gave you such a distorted subject.

I realize that the subject as it is now is not very startling, but I do not think the subject matters materially. I could suggest to you four or five subjects, but somehow I just feel that I would like to speak on this particular theme. You will understand, I am sure.

I am afraid that I shall not be able to do much Restoration work in New York, for I shall be compelled to leave the city the same evening.

Have just returned from a meeting in Toledo, Ohio, where we raised a sum of money, and shall be in Buffalo this coming Monday evening, and possibly in Pittsburgh on Thursday.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FREE SYNAGOGUE

NEW YORK

STEPHEN S. WISE

RESIDENCE, 23 WEST 90TH STREET

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Rabbi A.H. Silver, D.D.,
Cleveland, Ohio

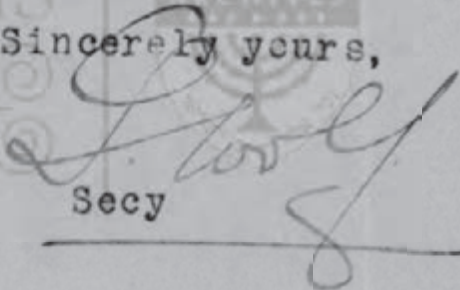
Dear Silver:

Your telegram has just come and we shall announce your theme as you **give** it,-- namely, "Is There An American Judaism?"

Dr. Wise would very much like to have an abstract of your address in advance for the press.

Dr. Wise will probably be passing through Cleveland for a few hours on Apr. 23rd on his way to Toledo where he is to install Rabbi Coffee.

Sincerely yours,


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GEORGE ALEXANDER KOHUT
220 WEST 87TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

April 26th, 1920.

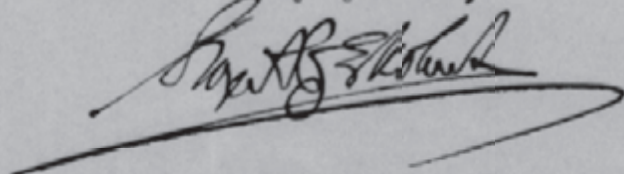
Dear Dr. Silver:-

It was my pleasure and privilege to listen to the glorious and inspiring message you delivered at the Free Synagogue on Sunday last. My comment to a prominent member of the Community was simply this: "A new prophet has arisen in Israel!"

I do not recall having been so thrilled, since the days when I sat at the feet of my father and was moved by his marvelous eloquence. While I had heard great things of you from various sources, I had never had occasion to hear you, so that I was all the more startled by the revelation of your personality. You have extraordinary gifts of heart and mind, but perhaps your most distinctive power lies in your spiritual passion, which sweeps over the audience like a whirlwind and carries it along despite itself.

A man of your stamp is sorely needed in this City. Verily, it is a modern Babylon and only another Jonah can purge it of its iniquities. You are a master of emotional appeal and have rightly defined the function of religion to be warmth and cheer and mystic fervor. I am deeply indebted to you for this new spiritual experience which has cut deep into my very soul and earnestly hope that I may have an early opportunity of telling you personally what your message has meant to me.

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "George Alexander Kohut", with a long, sweeping horizontal line underneath it.

May 5th, 1920

Dr. Stephen S. Wise,
23 West 92nd Street,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Wise,

I was very sorry to have missed
seeing you in New York.

I need not tell you how much I enjoyed addressing the members of your Congregation and meeting some of them.

I shall try to be in New York during the Convention. In that case I shall, of course, see you.

Fifty Dollars would, I believe, cover my expenses.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FREE SYNAGOGUE
NEW YORK

STEPHEN S. WISE
RESIDENCE, 23 WEST 90TH STREET

Mar. 28, 1921

Rabbi A.H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio
Dear Silver:

The second session of the Free Synagogue Rabbinical Summer School will be held Tuesday, July 5th to Sunday, July 31st, at the Synagogue House, 36 W. 68th St.

In addition to the courses that are to be offered by Professor Charles Foster Kent of Yale and Professor W. H. Worrell of the Hartford Theological Seminary, we wish to arrange for the men in attendance (in the Jewish ministry or preparing for it) Conferences from day to day with men in the ministry or in places of spiritual and ethical leadership in the nation. These conferences are designed to give to those in attendance at the Summer School the privilege of meeting with a group of men who have counsel and inspiration to bring to young men in or fitting themselves for the ministry in our day.

These conferences will be held mornings, from nine to ten thirty or from ten forty-five to twelve fifteen, -- one hour for the address and a half hour for discussion.

Would you indicate whether it will be possible for you to accept our invitation, which day will be convenient for you, and what theme you would like to discuss.

With appreciation of what we trust may be your acceptance of our invitation,

Sincerely yours,

Stephen S. Wise

FREE SYNAGOGUE
NEW YORK

STEPHEN S. WISE
RESIDENCE, 23 WEST 90TH STREET

May 8, 1921

Rabbi A.H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Silver:

Just a word to say that on May 22nd, I am to be in Chicago, speaking at the Hirsch service. Would it be possible for you to come to us that morning? I ask, assuming that your Sunday service is ended for the year.

Please wire your acceptance, which I eagerly await.

With hearty greetings,
Sincerely yours,

at my expense
same cannot come

I was delighted to learn from Reich of your kindness to him, and of your promise to do something for him. What can you and will you do? I shall try to raise five hundred dollars for him of which I shall give one hundred myself. Do what you can. He and I will be most grateful.

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RABBI A H SILVER

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THE TEMPLE CLEVELAND OHIO

CAN YOU STAY OVER PREACH FOR ME SUNDAY MORNING MAY SEVENTH ANSWERING
IF YOU CHOOSE ANTI SPEECHES ON LODGE FISH RESOLUTION OR ANY OTHER THEME
IF YOU DESIRE COULD PREACH FOR YOU SUNDAY MORNING MAY SEVENTH PROVIDED
I COULD LEAVE NOON TRAIN REACHING CHICAGO FOR DINNER THAT NIGHT PLEASE
WIRE AT ONCE

STEPHEN WISE

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April 27th, 1922.

Br. Stephen S. Wice,
23 West 90th St.
New York City.

Train leaves here 12:30 noon, arriving
in Chicago 7:30. If you can preach for me
in the morning, I shall be happy to occupy
your pulpit on the 7th.

A. H. Silver.

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RABBI A H SILVER

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DELIGHTED TO EXCHANGE WITH YOU MAY SEVENTH PLEASE WIRE YOUR SUBJECT

STEPHEN WISE

341P

April 29th, 1922.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise,
23 W. 90th St.,
New York City.

Have not received a reply to my telegram of Thursday.
May I count upon your coming here on the 7th, in that
case I shall be pleased to occupy your pulpit.



A. H. Silver.



SYNAGOGUE HOUSE
1076 BROAD STREET

Free Synagogue
OF NEWARK

A RELIGIOUS CENTER FOR
COMMUNITY SERVICE

RABBI BENJ. B. GOLDSTEIN
ADDRESS, 87 LINCOLN PARK

October 29, 1923.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
c/o Free Synagogue House,
West 68th Street,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

I am writing to ask you if we may
make arrangements with you whereby it would be possible
to have you speak before the Free Synagogue of Newark.

Our Forum Committee is very anxious
to have you address a Public Forum in Newark while you
are in these parts.

Would you be kind enough to favor
me with an answer as to whether it will be possible for
you to be with us or not? I do earnestly hope that you
will be able to favor us with your presence at a Public
Forum. Thanking you, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Benj. B. Goldstein

BBG/AV

November 9th, 1923.

Rabbi Benj. B. Goldstein,
87 Lincoln Park,
Newark, N.J.

My dear Rabbi Goldstein,

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address a meeting of the forum of your Congregation. I wish I were in a position to accept it. Unfortunately the amount of labor involved in the construction of our new Temple is so great that I cannot in justice to myself accept any more engagements.

Hoping that I may be of service to you at some future time, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Central and Free Synagogues

Synagogue House
WEST 68TH STREET
NEAR CENTRAL PARK
NEW YORK

June 28, 1924

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Central Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:

I am writing on behalf of the Women's Organization of the Central and Free Synagogues, and also at the urgency of Dr. Wise, to ask you whether you would be kind enough to set aside some date, either in the Fall or early winter of the coming season, to address the members of our Organization as well as the members of both congregations at some gathering.

Are you planning to be in New York at any specific time? We shall be happy to pay your expenses for such an occasion, but would, of course, be glad to share them with some other organization. Our meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday of each month, and the one which we would arrange for the privilege of having you with us could be held either in the afternoon or evening. The subject could be any one of timely interest, of your own choosing.

This carries also the personal greetings of the writer. I am the sister of James Heller of Cincinnati, and remember with pleasure having met you at his graduation exercises.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth H. Cohen,

(Mrs. George L. Cohen)
President Women's Organization.

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July Second
1924

Mrs. George L. Cohen,
Synagogue House,
West 68th Street,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Cohen,

Permit me to thank you for your kind
letter of June 28th and for the invitation which
you extend to me.

I cannot at the present time set aside
any dates for lecture engagements. I shall be ex-
tremely busy next year with the organization work
in our New Temple. Should I plan a series of
lectures in or around New York next year, I shall
be very glad to get in touch with you.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Free Synagogue

NEW YORK

Wise W.
Synagogue House

WEST 68TH STREET
NEAR CENTRAL PARK

June 8, 1925.

Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Friend:

Under the terms of a resolution adopted at a recent meeting of the Executive Council of the Free Synagogue, I am instructed to invite you to do the Free Synagogue the honor of occupying its pulpit some Sunday in the year 1925-26. It will give my people and myself the greatest satisfaction to welcome you in the pulpit of the Free Synagogue as one of a number of the more distinguished rabbis in American Israel. Knowing that my people will rejoice in your message and be served by it, I most earnestly join in the invitation and ask you not merely to accept but to indicate what month of the year would best fit into your own arrangements. It will be best if you can indicate the two or three Sundays, so that the program may be shaped to fit the needs of the men who are being invited.

The congregation will, of course, be delighted to make adequate arrangements in the matter of reimbursement of all outlays, though it assumes that you will not desire an honorarium for this service.

With most cordial greeting and trusting that I may hear from you before I leave for Europe in the near future,

Faithfully yours,

Wise

*Have answered that
you are in Europe until
September - AHJ*

X

October Fifteenth
1925

Dr. Stephen S. Wise,
40 West 68th Street,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Wise,

I have in mind your request that I occupy your pulpit some time this year. I would gladly avail myself of the opportunity if you would reciprocate by occupying my pulpit the same Sunday that I am with your Congregation. I could be with you on Sunday, December 20th.

Recalling your refusal to address my Men's Club unless I consented to arrange a meeting for you at which you planned to interest the people in the Jewish Institute, I wish to anticipate any unpleasantness by saying that this exchange of pulpits does not involve me in any such obligation.

I have this day forwarded to Mr. Lipsky copies of my correspondence with Mr. Brown. You may perhaps be interested in reading the letters.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Free Synagogue

NEW YORK

Synagogue House

WEST 68TH STREET

NEAR CENTRAL PARK

November 4, 1925.

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

Dear Silver:

I am just about to leave town, but before I do I want to settle finally the matter of our recent correspondence. December 20th will not do, nor will December 29th. It will have to be a little later. What other dates can you suggest? Must I exchange with you? The next two or three months I shall be giving so much time to the United Palestine Fund Appeal that I don't want to make any further appointments unless I must. Aren't there some people nearby who could jump in and take your place, perhaps some Cincinnati man? I will be here when you come and have the satisfaction of your visit with us.

By the way, dear Silver, it is not quite fair to say, as you did in your recent letter, that I refused to address your Men's Club unless you consented to arrange a meeting for the Institute. You asked me what honorarium I expected for the service to the Men's Club and I replied, "None, excepting in return, the opportunity to meet with a group of worthwhile men on behalf of the Institute". But I shall never press the matter with you again. It will be for you to bring the question up when you see fit to do so.

I cannot close this letter without telling you how delighted I am with your reply to Mr. Marshall. It is fine, strong, manly statement and I hope you will be free to publish it in the next day or two.

Yours,

Stephen S. Wise

Dictated by Dr. Wise but
signed in his absence.

Free Synagogue

NEW YORK

Synagogue House
WEST 68TH STREET
NEAR CENTRAL PARK

December 30 1925

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

Dear Silver:

Through some inadvertence I never saw your telegram of a few days ago, and so yesterday I dictated a long letter to you, begging you again to come to us on the seventeenth. I now learn, to my very great delight, that you have accepted for that date, and we may expect you both in the morning and the evening. This is very generous of you and I need not say how grateful I am.

What will your theme be for the morning? I am so happy to think that I can be there at the Service and need not be absent, as I usually am, because of the necessity of exchange.

on some aspect of Zionism! Please speak
I note what you say about the publicity for the meeting. Of course you know that that matter is not in my hands, but I can't imagine that anyone of the K.H. should be willing to do otherwise than give the fullest publicity to your own part in the meeting. You are to be the chief speaker. I will have no set address whatever, and I need not say that unless Weizman should come -- and there seems to be one-millionth of a chance that he may -- the publicity will center inevitably and of right around your own address.

Would you care to do me just a little additional favor? I do not press it - I venture merely to suggest it, namely that you come in and meet with the children of our Religious School at 9:30 in the morning. It would be a great joy to me to present you to the children and I know how happy they would be to hear a word from you. Please let me know that you will do this. It would like you, too, to have a glimpse of our School, under the very able leadership of Dr. Bullowa.

With most cordial greeting,

Faithfully yours,

Abel

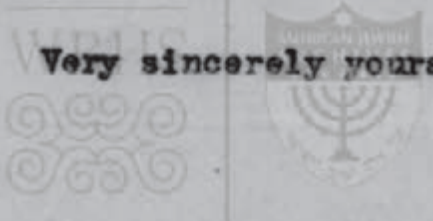
December Thirty-first
1925

Dr? Stephen S. Wise,
40 West 68th Street,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Wise,

I have not heard from you in
reply to my telegram and I am, therefore,
proceeding to make other arrangements for
Sunday morning, January seventeenth. I have
accepted an invitation to speak at the open-
ing of the campaign on the evening of the
seventeenth.

Very sincerely yours,



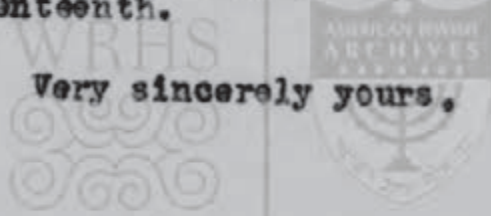
December Thirtjefirst
1925

Dr. Stephen S. Wise,
40 West 68th Street,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Wise,

I am happy to have heard from you in reply to my telegram and I am proceeding to make other arrangements for Sunday morning, January seventeenth. I have accepted the invitation to speak at the opening of the campaign on the evening of the seventeenth.

Very sincerely yours,



January 5th, 1926.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise,
40 West 68th Street,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Wise,

In as much as I shall
speak on Zionism in the evening,
I do not wish to speak on the same
subject in the morning. I would
suggest the following subject: "The
Fundamental Needs of Human Life".

I should like very much
to be with the children of your
Religious school but I am afraid that
it would tax me very much. I have six
addresses scheduled during the week of
the 15th of January and I am afraid that
even I am getting sufficiently advanced
in years to wish to conserve my energies
a bit.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

40 West 68th Street,

Free Synagogue

NEW YORK

Synagogue House

WEST 68TH STREET

NEAR CENTRAL PARK

January 11, 1926.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Dr. Wise is just leaving town and he asked me to write to you to say that he has noted your theme on "The Fundamental Needs of Human Life". I presume you know that the service begins at 10:45 in the morning. Dr. Wise has noted that you feel that it would be too much for you to speak at the Religious School in the morning.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Hattell

Secretary to Dr. Wise.

1485 EAST 106 STREET
CLEVELAND, OHIO

Dr. S.S. Wins Free Synagogue
40 West 68th St. N.Y.
unless I receive a more
cordial message than that
conveyed in your secretary's
letter I shall assume that
you do not wish ~~to~~ me
to occupy your pulpit
next Sunday.
A. H. Silver

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November 3, 1930

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I daresay that you have heard that Dr. Wise has been ill for some weeks. He is still in the hospital, although he expects to leave there at the end of the week and go away for a prolonged rest. In all likelihood he will not be able to go back to the pulpit until after the first of the year. That means, of course, that he must give up the engagements for December 21 in Cleveland, much to his regret.

Both Dr. Wise and the Executive Council of the Synagogue are of the hope that you will adhere to your own program and preach before the Free Synagogue Congregation on the 21st of December, even though he cannot make it an "exchange". A number of Dr. Wise's friends in and out of the pulpit are volunteering to do just this. I am sure that Dr. Wise and the Council would be very happy to learn that they may expect you on the 21st of December.

Sincerely yours,

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Secretary to Dr. Wise

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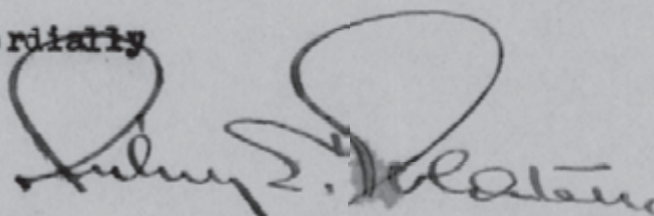
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Dr. Wise I know has written you in regard to December 21st. and I want to add this word in the name of the Executive Council and the Committee on Pulpit Supply. We are all very eager to have you and you will understand the urgency of the situation when I tell you that Dr. Wise really is not well and should not occupy the pulpit for some weeks to come. He must have complete rest and relaxation in order to recover his strength. It was his plan to exchange pulpits with you, which of course is now impossible, and we do hope you will be able to find some one to take your place when you come to us on the 21st. May I have a word from you this week so that we may announce your coming in the bulletin. I should greatly appreciate it.

With kindest personal greetings, believe me

Yours cordially



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November 13, 1930

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

About a week or so ago, my secretary wrote you at my instance, telling you of my illness and explaining that I could not exchange with you on December 21, because I shall not be permitted to go back into the pulpit until some time in January, at the earliest. And even then I shall have to limit my addresses.

May not the Committee, who is now trying to complete the December program, count upon you for the December 21 date, with the understanding that later in the year, or another year, if my health permit, I shall occupy your pulpit.

Though I am somewhat better now, the doctors seem to think it unsafe for me to take up any public work whatever.

With cordial greetings,

Faithfully yours,

Stephen S. Wise

SSW:IT

Nov. 13th, 1930

Mr. Sidney E. Goldstein,
Synagogue House,
40 West 68th St.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Goldstein:

Nov. 11th.

Permit me to thank you for your letter of

I am very sorry to hear of Dr. Wise's illness. I hope that he will regain his strength in the very near future.

While the task of finding someone to occupy my pulpit on December 21st will be a very difficult one, I shall make every effort to be with you on that day.

Some time early in December I shall send you the subject of my address.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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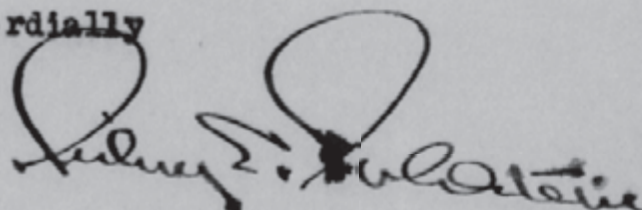
Rabbi Abba Silver,
The Temple
East 105th Street and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Allow me to thank you for your note of the 13th. We are very happy to know that you are coming to preach for us December 21st. and I trust that you will let me have your subject the first week in December so that we may announce it in the bulletin in time. I should also be very grateful if you would send me in advance of your coming such paragraphs as you would like to have sent to the newspapers. We do this as a rule on the Friday before in order to insure space on Monday morning.

With kindest greetings and best wishes, believe me

Yours cordially

Julius F. Sulzberger

Nov. 24th, 1930

Rabbi Sidney E. Goldstein,
Synagogue House,
40 West 68th St.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Rabbi Goldstein:-

The subject of my address on December 21st at the Free Synagogue will be: "The Role of Religion In a Changing World."

This, by the way, is the title of my forthcoming volume of essays.

I shall try to have a few paragraphs for you in time for the newspapers.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

Nov. 24th, 1930

Dr. Stephen S. Wise,
Free Synagogue,
40 West 68th St.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Wise:-

Thank you for your letter of Nov.

13th.

I have made arrangements to have somebody occupy my pulpit on December 21st so as to be in your pulpit on that day.

I trust that you are recuperating from your illness and that you are fast being restored to your good health.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

Dec. 15th, 1930

Rabbi Sidney E. Goldstein,
Synagogue House,
40 West 68th St.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Rabbi Goldstein:-

Complying with your request I am enclosing
herewith an abstract of the address "The Role of Religion
in a Changing World" which I will deliver at the Free
Synagogue next Sunday morning.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

Just

JOSEPH MELCER
COUNSELLOR AT LAW
1482 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

TELEPHONE, BRYANT 9494

Dec. 22, 1930.

Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, O.

My dear Doctor:-

Your sermon delivered yesterday morning in the Free Synagogue in this city was the most erudite and inspiring to which I have listened in 25 years, at the same time being the most irrefutable defense of religion in the current assault upon it by science that has yet been advanced by any champion of whatever creed or denomination.

I traveled 50 miles especially to hear you and I feel now that I have been rewarded by absorbing a lecture by a veritable Giant of Israel.

May I ask you to be kind enough to let me know the name of the author of (I believe) "The Impotence of man" whom you quoted? Or, may I have the quotation from the book dealing with man's impotency which so impressed your audience?

I formed a fondness for your great city more than 20 years ago when as a cub reporter here, I "covered" the baseball games played in this city by the Cleveland team under Napoleon Lajoie, for the Cleveland Plain Dealer and I have retained my interest in the affairs of your community since.

Again assuring you of my profound admiration for you personally, and for my highest regard for your scholarly attainments and rabbinical leadership, I beg to remain

Most respectfully yours
Joseph Melcer

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Dec. 23, 1930

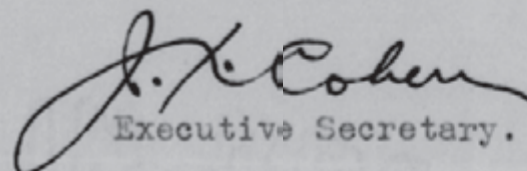
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D.D.
The Temple
E. 105th St. at Ansel,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed is check for \$100 in reimbursement of your expenses, incident to your coming to New York to preach before the Free Synagogue on Sunday morning, December 21, on "The Role of Religion in a Changing World." I do not need to express to you my heartfelt personal appreciation of the splendid message which you delivered to the great congregation that morning. But I do want to express to you the gratitude of the members of our Executive Council for your very helpful cooperation at a time when Dr. Wise is convalescing from his recent illness.

With kindest greetings,

Sincerely yours,


Executive Secretary.

Enc.
Rabbi J.K.Cohen/SL

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December 23, 1930
(Dictated at Dr. Wise's Home)

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

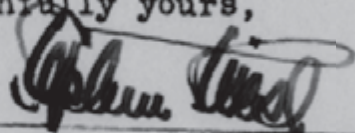
Dear Silver:

Do let me thank you for your kindness in coming to us and giving what I hear on every hand was the very fine address of Sunday morning. I am sorry that I could not have heard it, but I had suffered from dizziness for the last few days, and the doctors seemed to think it unsafe to risk the trying atmosphere of Carnegie Hall.

With renewed thanks for the message that you brought my people, believe me

Faithfully yours,

SSW:T



Dec. 26th, 1930

Dr. Stephen S. Wise,
Free Synagogue,
40 West 68th St.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Wise:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind
letter of Dec. 23d.

I was very happy that I could be of some
service to you in occupying your pulpit last Sunday.

I tried to reach your home by telephone
to inquire after your health but was told to call up
the Synagogue House, where I left a message for you.
I hope that it reached you.

I was happy to read in your bulletin that
you plan to occupy your pulpit a week from this Sunday.
I trust that this means that you are fully recovered.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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