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Newport News, Virginia, 1942-1953.

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Newport News, Virginia

August 2, 1942

Rabbi Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

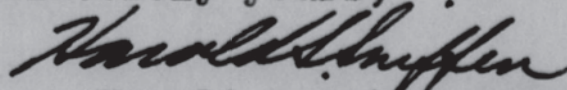
The Institute of Public Affairs of Newport News, Virginia is now arranging its program of public forum speakers for the 1942-43 season.

Would you kindly let us know if we might consider the pleasure of having you lecture from our platform?

Perhaps you are planning a trip to this part of the country. If so and if you might consider coming to Newport News we should like to know when that might be. Otherwise we should like to consider asking you sometime early in 1943.

If you might come we should also like to know approximately what your charges and expenses would be.

Sincerely yours,



Harold S. Sniffen, Pres.
c/o The Mariners' Museum
Newport News, Virginia

August 17, 1942

Mr. Harold S. Sniffen
Mariner's Museum
Newport City, Virginia

My dear Mr. Sniffen:

Thank you for your letter of August 2nd which was forwarded to me here. I greatly appreciate your invitation to address the Institute of Public Affairs of Newport News, during the forthcoming season. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately I am so heavily burdened with work for the coming season that I cannot take on any additional responsibilities.

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

AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES
Most cordially yours,

DECEMBER 18, 1952

SAMUEL D. FREEMAN
JEWISH CENTER LECTURE BUREAU
115 EAST 32 STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

AM FREE TO ACCEPT INVITATION OF NEWPORT NEWS COMMUNITY FOR MARCH 18.

REGARDS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



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LECTURER OR ARTIST Rabbi Abba H. Silver

TO APPEAR ON Wed. March 18, 1953

HOUR OF APPEARANCE 8:30PM

AUSPICES Jewish Community Center

AGE RANGE OF AUDIENCE

PERSON IN CHARGE Mr. Chas. Olshansky, Exec. Dir.
(Name) (Address)

(Bus. Phone)

(Home Phone)

INVOICE TO BE SENT TO Mr. Chas. Olshansky c/o Center

PLACE OF MEETING JCC

SEATING CAPACITY

ADDRESS 98 26 Street

CITY Newport News ZONE NO. STATE NY

NATURE OF MEETING

PROGRAM SHARED WITH

SUBJECT OR PROGRAM TO BE ADVISED

LENGTH OF PROGRAM

TERMS \$500.00 plus travel expenses from Cleveland, less 12 1/2% EXCLUSIVE OF TRAVEL EXPENSES

Hotel Reservations at _____ Double _____ Single _____

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(For Lecturer or Artist)

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December 29, 1952

Miss Elizabeth Rice
Secretary to Dr. Abba Silver
East 105th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Miss Rice:

Many thanks for forwarding to me the biographical sketch of Dr. Silver. As far as transportation from Cleveland to Newport News is concerned, it is advisable to either take the C&O to Newport News via Richmond or to check with the Pennsylvania Railroad for transportation to Richmond and then on to Newport News.

We are anxious, of course, to arrange for a dinner in Rabbi Silver's honor and would appreciate if you would let me know exactly when he is due to arrive.

Sincerely,

Charles Olshansky
CHARLES OLSHANSKY,
Executive Director.

Rabbi Jesse Joel Finkle

84-32nd Street
Newport News, Va.
February 26, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver :

Our local Jewish Forum Series committee has given me the honor of introducing you when you come to speak in our community on Wednesday evening March 18th.

Will you please be good enough to let me know just what your topic will be, together with any other information which may have any bearing thereon. We would also like to know when and where you will arrive so that proper arrangements can be made to meet you.

Our committee also suggested that if you plan to arrive early in the day, we would like to arrange an informal luncheon in your honor and have you meet with the leaders of our non-Jewish and Jewish communities. We shall of course wait to hear from you before any steps are taken for this luncheon.

Mrs. Finkle and I cordially invite you to be our guest for dinner Wednesday evening March 18th.

Looking forward to having the honor and pleasure of your presence with us, and with all good wishes and Purim greetings, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Jesse J. Finkle
Rabbi J.J. Finkle

March 5, 1953

Hotel Statler
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen;

Will you please reserve a room for Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
for Tuesday, March 17th. I shall appreciate receiving con-
firmation of this reservation.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice
Secretary to Dr. Silver

March 6, 1953

**Rabbi Jesse J. Finkle
84-32nd Street
Newport News, Virginia**

My dear Rabbi Finkle:

I have just returned from a visit to the Pacific Coast and to Mexico, and I am pleased to acknowledge your kind letter of February 26th.

According to present plans, I shall arrive in Newport News at 3:44 p.m. on the afternoon of March 18th so that I shall have to forego the pleasure of the luncheon which you mention in your letter. However, I shall be very pleased to have dinner with you and Mrs. Finkle.

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

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

March 6, 1953

Mr. Charles Olshansky
Jewish community Council
98 Twenty-Sixth Street
Newport News, Virginia

Dear Mr. Olshansky:

According to present plans, Dr. Silver will arrive in Newport News at 3:44 p.m. on the afternoon of March 18th via Capital Air Lines. He will leave the following morning at 11:15 a.m. Will you please make a hotel reservation for him and advise me accordingly?

I note in your letter of December 29th that you wish to arrange a dinner for Dr. Silver. Rabbi Finkle has written him that he and Mrs. Finkle would like him as their guest for dinner, which invitation he has accepted.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Elisabeth Rice
Secretary to Dr. Silver

Telephone
LExington 2-4949

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LECTURER'S BOOKING REMINDER AND REPORT

to Rabbi Abba H. Silver

DATE March 9, 1953

PERSON IN CHARGE Mr. Chas. Olshansky

BUSINESS PHONE 41764

ORGANIZATION Jewish Community Center

HOME PHONE 21533

NATURE OF } Forum
MEETING }

INVOICE TO BE SENT TO Mr. Chas. Olshansky c/o Center

AGE RANGE } 16-70 yrs.
OF AUDIENCE }

DATE AND HOUR Wednesday, March 18, 1953 at 8:00PM

SEATING CAPACITY 450

PLACE OF MEETING JCC, 98- 26 Street

SUBJECT Rabbi Silver will be contacted
by Mr. Olshansky, if not done so
already

CITY AND STATE Newport News, Va

LENGTH OF PROGRAM

FEE \$500.00

PROGRAM }
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EXPENSES Travel from Cleveland, O.

Hotel Reservations at Hotel Warwick

Double Single **X**

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Mar. 19

Dear Dr. Silver

I do hope you had a pleasant trip home. It is needless for me to repeat how much we enjoyed having you with us. We all pray for your continued health and look forward to having you come back to our community real soon.

I am enclosing the article that appeared in this afternoon paper.

Sincerely
Charles Olshansky

FOR 40 CAUSES IN ISRAEL, THE WORLD OVER, AT HOME

— We Must Raise \$155,000 —

March 24, 1953

Mr. Charles Olshansky
United Jewish Appeal
98-26th Street
Newport News, Virginia

My dear Mr. Olshansky:

Thank you for your kind note of March 19th, and for the article which you enclosed. I enjoyed my visit to Newport News greatly and I was very happy with the people whom I was privileged to meet and the hospitality which I enjoyed at their hands. Please convey my best wishes to Rabbi Finkle and to Rabbi Adelman.

With warmest regards, I remain



Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

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June 3, 1953

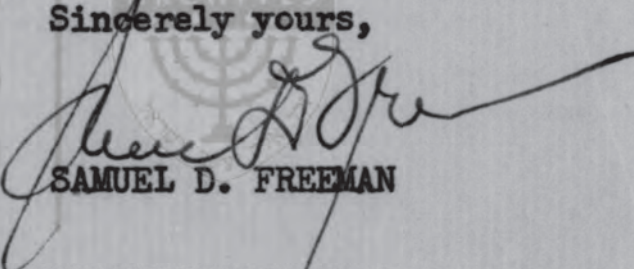
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th Street & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We received a highly commendatory report on your appearance in Newport News. We have been informed that, in this case, you were paid directly by the organization.

Would you therefore submit to us our service charge of \$62.50.

Sincerely yours,


SAMUEL D. FREEMAN

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