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North Adams, Massachusetts, 1925-1926.

OPEN FORUM SPEAKERS BUREAU

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TELEPHONE BEACH 7275

North Adams, Mass

LITTLE BUILDING, ROOM 1243
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MASS

September 15, 1925

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your letter of September 10th suggesting March 8th or 15th for the Jewish Center in Brooklyn - fee, \$150. and expenses. I am writing them today asking for an immediate decision and ought to have word to you by the first of next week.

The Y.M.H.A. in North Adams, Mass., is organizing an elaborate community forum for the coming season and wish very much you might open their series of meetings on Monday evening, November 2nd. Would this be possible and what would be your fee? They could comfortably pay \$150, I think, if it means a special trip for you, though they hope for connecting engagements and a somewhat lower charge.

If that date is not free, could you let me know which of the following are available and I could immediately let you know our selection.

November 9th, 23rd 30th - December 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th - *Dec. 21st*
January 4th and 11th

Isn't there some Sunday between the middle of November and the last of March when you could be in Boston? I have several invitations for you. The Boston Y.M.H.A. is particularly anxious to have you come.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred C. Smith

Executive Secretary

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

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September Seventeenth
1925

Miss Mildred C. Smith,
Open Forum Speakers Bureau
Little Building, 80 Boylston St.,
Boston, Massachusetts.

My dear Miss Smith,

Replying to your letter of
September fifteenth, it may be possible for
me to come to the Y. M. H. A. at North Adams,
Mass. on December 21st. My remuneration would
be \$150.00 and traveling expenses.

Should the date and terms be
agreeable, I will send them a list of subjects
a little later on.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

North Adams

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September 24, 1925

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The North Adams group has just confirmed Monday evening, December 21st - fee, \$150. and round trip expenses from Cleveland.

Don't you feel that you can now give us Sunday evening, December 20th, for the Boston Y.M.H.A? I think they have never paid more than \$50. If you feel you cannot undertake it for that and must ask \$75., I think they would make an exception in your case and agree to that amount.

I shall be glad to hear from you promptly about this as they want to print their program very soon.

Sincerely yours,

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

Mildred C. Smith
Executive Secretary

Rabbi Silver:

You can positively make your North Adams engagement. I arranged it for Rabbi Wise a few weeks ago by taking a Boston and Albany train at 2:00 P.M. out of Boston, arriving Pittsfield 6:20P.M. Auto will await you Pittsfield. You will be brought to North Adams 7:00 P. M. Plan Boston luncheon under way. Absolutely guarantee timely arrival North Adams for lecture. Wire acceptance immediately.

Robert Silverman.

A.H.Silver.

You can positively make your North Adams engagement.
I arranged it for Rabbi Wise a few weeks ago by taking
Boston and Albany train at two o'clock out of Boston arriving
Pittsfield 6:20. Autos will await you Pittsfield. You will
be brought to North Adams at 7 o'clock. Plans Boston
luncheon under way. Absolutely guarantee your timely arrival
North Adams for lecture. Wire acceptance immediately.

Robert Silverman.

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September Twenty-sixth
1925

Miss Mildred C. Smith,
Open Forum Speakers Bureau,
Little Bldg., 80 Boylston Street,
Boston, Massachusetts

My dear Miss Smith,

I have booked the North Adams date
definitely - Monday evening, December 21st.

I cannot accept any invitation for
a Sunday evening and must, therefore, forego the
invitation of the Boston Y.M.H.A.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours



Rabbi Irving Miller

HEBREW COMMUNITY BUILDING
North Adams, Massachusetts

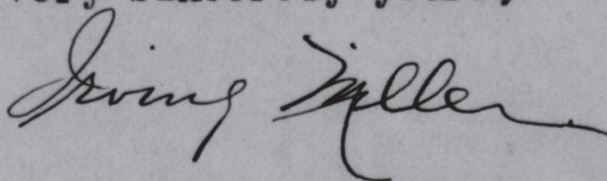
Dec. 14, 1925

My dear Rabbi Silver,

The Jewish Community of North Adams would consider it a great honor to tender a little private reception to you during your stay in North Adams to address our forum.

I would, therefore, like to know just what time you are figuring on arriving and when you will have to leave North Adams. Will you also please inform me whether you would prefer accommodations in a hotel or a private home.

Very sincerely yours,



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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

THE TEMPLE CLEVELAND OHIO

YOU CAN POSITIVELY MAKE YOUR NORTHADAMS ENGAGEMENT

I ARRANGED IT FOR RABBI WISE A FEW WEEKS AGO BY TAKING A BOSTON

AND ALBANY TRAIN AT TWO OCLOCK OUT OF BOSTON ARRIVING

PITTSFIELD SIX TWENTY STOP AUTOS WILL AWAIT YOU PITTSFIELD

YOU WILL BE BROUGHT TO NORTHADAMS SEVEN OCLOCK PLANS BOSTON

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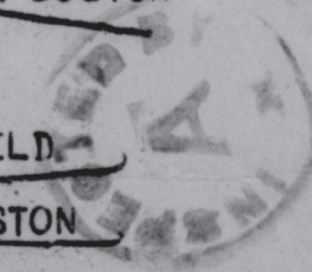
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ROBERT SILVERMAN.

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12:30 @ 2:20 12/15/25



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December Eighteenth
1925

Rabbi Irving Miller,
Hebrew Community Building,
North Adams, Massachusetts.

My dear Rabbi Miller,

Permit me to thank you for your kind note of the fourteenth. I am compelled to attend a luncheon for the Palestine Foundation Fund the same day I am to be with you. I plan to leave Boston at two o'clock, arriving at Pittsfield at 6:20, and from there I shall go by auto to North Adams, arriving in your city about 7 o'clock. I had hoped to spend a whole day with you, but the emergency of our Palestinian work compels me to use every hour of the day at my disposal.

With kindest regards and looking forward to seeing you soon, I am

Very sincerely yours,

OPEN FORUM SPEAKERS BUREAU

ROOM 1243, LITTLE BUILDING

80 BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ENGAGEMENT ON DATE OF: December 21, 1925

TOWN North Adams, Mass. ORGANIZATION Community Forum

AUSPICES Y.M.H.A.

CORRESPONDENT Rabbi Irving Miller, N. Adams, Mass. Tel. 668 R

LECTURER Rabbi A. H. Silver

SUBJECT Is Progress a Myth?

DATE Monday - Dec. 21, 1925 HOUR 8:00 p.m.

HALL High School Auditorium Location North Adams

Capacity 1100 Average attendance Tel. 790 M

OTHER ENGAGEMENTS none

TRAIN SCHEDULES: IMPORTANT: Confirm all train schedules.

→ Via: Please write Rabbi Miller in advance what train you are
Lv: arriving on, and whether you will plan to stay overnight
Ar: in North Adams. I will not attempt to give train
schedules, not knowing your plans.

Returning: Lv: at

Ar: at

→ Kindly send a statement of your traveling expenses to the Bureau immediately...
following date of engagement.

MEETING DATA: preliminaries address one hour questions yes
Previous speaker George Creel date Dec. 14 subject Uncle Henry on Current Events
Next speaker Herbert Adams Gibbons date Dec. 28 subject The World Court
& Everett Colby

REMARKS Bill will be rendered upon receipt of Rabbi Silver's expense statement.

Attendance this meeting?

LECTURER: That you may be reached quickly in emergency, please notify the Bureau in advance of (1) Your address for the week-end; (2) Your time of arrival.

IN EMERGENCY: Both forum and lecturer should call immediately by telephone:

1. Local correspondent.
2. Open Forum Speakers Bureau, Beach 7275.
3. Executive Secretary: Miss Mildred C. Smith, Newton North, 673-R. 1103 J
4. Chairman: George W. Coleman, Back Bay 6648.

PAYMENT: Payment is required on the day following the meeting. All payments are made through, and all checks should be made payable to: OPEN FORUM SPEAKERS BUREAU. The Bureau pays the lecturer.

NOTE: After the lecture—PLEASE RETURN this notification of engagement with notations either on front or back of sheet giving (1) your comments on the meeting. (2) Additional data regarding forum which should be included on instructions.

THESE INSTRUCTIONS SENT IN DUPLICATE TO LECTURER AND FORUM.

December Twenty-third
1925

Miss Mildred C. Smith,
Open Forum Speakers Bureau,
Little Building, 80 Boylston Street,
Boston, Massachusetts.

My dear Miss Smith,

In accordance with the terms of the contract under which I addressed the North Adams Y.M.H.A., I desire to report that my traveling expenses amounted to \$50.00. My honorarium, as you know, is \$150.00.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,



North Adams, Mass

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January 4, 1926

Memoranda of account between

Lecturer Abba Hillel Silver and OPEN FORUM SPEAKERS BUREAU

Single engagements:

North Adams, Mass......Date 12-21-25.....

.....Date.....

.....Date.....

Total fee.....\$ 150.00

Less 20% commission on \$150....\$ 30.00

120.00

Plus expenses.....50.00

Balance due lecturer.....\$ 170.00

Check Enclosed For: \$ 170.00