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Omaha, Nebraska, 1936-1954.

Nebraska Clothing Co
FARNAM AT FIFTH
OMAHA

October 15, 1936

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
10311 Lakeshore Blvd
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

The Omaha Jewish Welfare Federation and Community Center will celebrate during the week commencing October 26th, both the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Federation and the Tenth Anniversary of the opening of the Community Center building.

This celebration will be participated in by all of Omaha Jewry.

Friday evening, October 30th, there will be a combined community service participated in by the Reformed, Conservative and Orthodox Jewish people.

The committee of which I am Chairman, has expressed the desire to have the foremost Rabbi address this community service. Inasmuch as we understand you will be in Omaha on Thursday, October 29th, we would greatly appreciate your remaining over another day to participate in our service.

Your presence at the service will not only stimulate our people but will be of great benefit to the entire community.

May we have the pleasure of a reply by wire collect that you will be with us Friday evening, October 30th? Any additional expenses which may be incurred on account of your remaining over, will be willingly paid to you.

Sincerely yours

Mrs. L. S. Sogman

WLH:EK

October 19, 1936

Mr. William L. Holzman,
Nebraska Clothing Co.,
Farnam at Fifteenth Street,
Omaha, Nebraska.

My dear Mr. Holzman:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of October 15 and for the invitation which you extend to me to address a meeting of your community on Friday evening, October 30. I am scheduled to be in Omaha in the morning and I must leave for Lincoln, Nebraska to address a teachers' convention in the evening; and on Friday, I speak in Norfolk, Nebraska. This, of course, makes it impossible for me to accept your invitation.

I trust that I may be of service to you at some future time. With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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~~XXXXXXXX~~ Oct. 21, 1936

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To Mr. Wm. L. Holzman

Street and No. Nebraska Clothing Co.

Place Omaha, Nebraska

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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RABBI ABBA HILLESILVER

The Temple E 105 & Harold Rd
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KINDLY REPLY MY LETTER INVITING YOU PARTICIPATE JOINT COMMUNITY
SERVICES FRIDAY OCTOBER THIRTIETH

WILLIAM L HOLZMAN.



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FROM MAIN OFFICE
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By *7*

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BK*

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Jewish Welfare Department	
Jewish Community Center	
Jewish Free Loan Society	101 North 20th Street
Jewish Old People's Home	Omaha, Nebraska
Jewish Philanthropies	
Social Service Department	December 31, 1939

Mr. Henry Montor
United Jewish Appeal
New York City

Dear Henry:

I have your letter of December 27, in which you inform me that Dr. Silver would visit Omaha during the course of the campaign.

I believe you should know something of our plans to understand our desire to have Dr. Silver appear at the Annual Community Meeting.

Our Annual Community Meeting is intended to be the tone-setter for the Annual Campaign of our Philanthropies. This year our plans are to start the campaign somewhat earlier than usual. This is due to our desire to start intensive work before the spring sets in. With the severe drought affecting us all here, and with fears for poor crops, it was thought that an early start would prove beneficial to the campaign.

You know that pre-campaign enthusiasm and spirit are very important for a successful outcome of a campaign. It's too late to have even the most powerful speakers "sometime during the course of the campaign." Our plans are to lay the ground thoroughly and begin solicitation of Initial Gifts sometime in March. Hence the importance of having Dr. Silver here early enough to give us the proper start.

If Dr. Silver cannot come early in February, then anything between February 15 and March 31 would be satisfactory. We are staging the Annual Community Meeting very carefully, deliberately planning it to be as a sort of a mobilization of the Jewish Community on behalf of the forthcoming campaign.

I, therefore, urge you to consider this matter as a vital one as far as its effects on the campaign are concerned. I hope that a satisfactory date can be worked out for Dr. Silver's visit to Omaha.

With kindest regards, and with best wishes for 1940, I am

Cordially yours,

Paul Veret

Veret Feb. 27

Thurs Mar. 14

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342 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

January 16, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

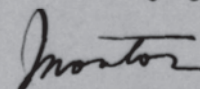
May I again urge the possibility and advisability of your accepting the urgent invitation of Omaha to visit that community any time in February or March that is convenient to your calendar.

If we are to obtain in 1940 the same amount as in 1939, not to speak of a greater sum, it will be necessary to plant in the minds of the leaders of each important community the variety and extent of the needs today. Unfortunately, it is often true that when a public meeting is arranged for the launching of a campaign all the preliminary work involved in the setting of standards has already been completed. It is most difficult after that time to inculcate a new appreciation of responsibility.

Omaha has indicated an increasing awareness of responsibility. I think that your visit at the time suggested by Omaha would be most helpful in the direction of enlarging its contribution to our work. During a visit to New York Mr. Monsky added his personal plea to that which has already come to you through me and from Omaha.

Looking forward to word from you within the next few days so that Omaha may plan amply in advance, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:EH

\$20,000,000 is the National Goal for 1939

January 24, 1940

Mr. Henry Montor
United Palestine Appeal
111 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

With reference to Omaha: It may be possible for me to address their Federation for Jewish Service on Thursday evening, March 14. I will be in Chicago the day before. Please find out whether the date is a convenient one for them.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:GK

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Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Oct. 3, 1941

Henry Monsky
Omaha, Nebraska

REGRET DEEPLY UNABLE TO COME OCTOBER 26th. Services in morning and weddings evening. Kindest regards

Abba Hillel Silver

WRHS



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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

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THE TEMPLE 105TH & ANSEL=

WESTERN STATES REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF COUNCIL OF JEWISH
FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS WILL BE HELD IN OMAHA OCTOBER
25 AND 26. EDWARD M. H. WARBURG AND JOSEPH HYMAN WILL OPEN
CONFERENCE AT GENERAL SESSION SATURDAY NIGHT, AND WE WOULD LIKE
TO HAVE YOU AS PRINCIPAL SPEAKER AT BANQUET SUNDAY EVENING,
, CLOSING CONFERENCE. THERE WILL BE FINE REPRESENTATION OF
JEWISH LEADERSHIP FROM TEN STATES, NAMELY, MINNESOTA,
WISCONSIN, MISSOURI, NEBRASKA, KANSAS, NORTH DAKOTA, SOUTH
DAKOTA, COLORADO, IOWA, ILLINOIS. WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO
HAVE YOU ACCEPT THIS INVITATION IF YOU CAN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS
TO COME, YOU COULD LEAVE CLEVELAND ON UNITED AIR LINES AT
11:35 AM SUNDAY ARRIVING IN OMAHA AT 4 PM, AND YOU COULD LEAVE
OMAHA SHORTLY AFTER THE DINNER, WILL YOU HONOR US WITH YOUR
PRESENCE? KINDEST PERSONAL REGARDS=

HENRY MONSKY.

25 26 11:35 AM 4 PM.

RECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

11-5-44

TELEGRAM

HENRY MONSKY
OMAHA NATIONAL BANK BLDG.
OMAHA NEBRASKA

I SHOULD HAVE BEEN DELIGHTED TO ACCEPT BAR ASSOCIATION INVITATION FOR
DECEMBER 28 BUT I HAVE WEDDING OF DEAR FRIENDS AND TEMPLE MEMBERS LONG SCHEDULED
FOR EVENING THAT DATE. HOPE TO BE OF SERVICE TO YOU SOME FUTURE TIME.



ABBA HILLEL SILVER



RABBI LOUIS L. MANN CHAIRMAN	Chicago
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RABBI JACOB D. SCHWARZ SECRETARY	Cincinnati 1526

Commission on Institutes on Judaism

Joint Auspices: THE UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS
and the CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS

Merchants Building · Cincinnati 2, Ohio

January 31, 1945

Dr. Abba H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

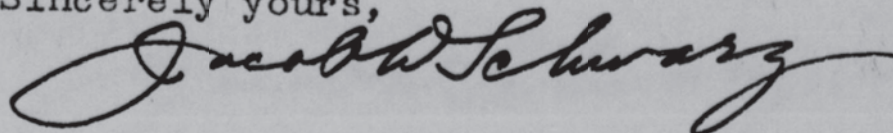
Dear Friend:

I received a telegram from Rabbi Lou H. Silberman of Omaha, stating they are arranging their seventh annual Institute on Judaism on March 7th and inquiring as to whether you will accept their invitation to be the leader of the Institute on the date given.

Will you please reply to Rabbi Silberman, % Temple Israel, Park Ave. & Jackson Sts.; or if you prefer, let me know and I will communicate your reply to him. If the date is not acceptable, perhaps you may be able to arrange another date.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


Secretary

JDS:RS

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DR ABBA H SILVER=

EAST 105TH ST AT ANSEL RD CLEVE=

RABBI SILBERMAN OF OMAHA. PARK AVE & JACKSON ST. ASKS ME TO WIRE YOU WHETHER YOU CAN ACCEPT INVITATION TO ADDRESS HIS CLERGY INSTITUTE ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7TH. HE IS VERY ANXIOUS TO ARRANGE THIS. PLEASE WIRE REPLY TO HIM OR TO ME. THANKS AND REARDS=

JACOB D SCHWARZ.

DUPLICATE OF TELE-GRAPHED TELEGRAM

February 1, 1945

Rabbi Jacob D. Schwarz
Commission on Institutes on Judaism
Merchants Building
Cincinnati 2, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Schwarz:

Much as I should like to accept the invitation of the Omaha community to participate in their Institute on Judaism on March 7th, I find that it is quite impossible for me to accept the invitation. I am already heavily dated up with out-of-town lecture engagements for the next few months and I cannot in justice to myself take on any additional out-of-town engagements. Please explain the situation to Rabbi Silberman.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:EK

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RABBI SILBERMAN OF OMAHA PARK AND JACKSON STREET ASKS ME TO WIRE YOU
WHETHER YOU CAN ACCEPT INVITATION TO ADDRESS HIS CLERGY INSTITUTE ON WEDNESDAY
MARCH SEVENTH. HE IS VERY ANXIOUS TO ARRANGE THIS. PLEASE WIRE REPLY TO HIM
OR TO ME. THANKS AND REGARDS.

JACOB SCHWARZ

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THE TEMPLE (CLEVE)=

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YOU GRACIOUSLY INDICATED THE POSSIBILITY THAT YOU COULD BE WITH THE NEBRASKA BAR ASSOCIATION AT ITS PRINCIPAL FUNCTION, THE BANQUET ON THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 28 IN OMAHA. YOU ASKED ME TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOU SO THAT YOU COULD CHECK YOUR ENGAGEMENTS AND ADVISE ME DEFINITELY. THE PRESIDENT OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION IS INQUIRING FOR CONFIRMATION. I DO HOPE IT MAY BE POSSIBLE. A MESSAGE FROM YOU DEALING WITH THE PROBLEMS OF POSTWAR COLLABORATION AND WORLD PEACE, TO 400 OR 500 NEBRASKA LAWYERS FROM EVERY PART OF THE STATE WILL BE A VALUABLE AND IN THIS STATE A VERY MUCH NEEDED CONTRIBUTION. YOUR PROMPT REPLY WILL BE APPRECIATED=

HENRY MONSKY.

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W. P. MARSHALL, PRESIDENT

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RABBI A H SILVER=

THE TEMPLE 105 AND ANSEL RD CLEVE=

PLEASE WIRE COLLECT AVAILABILITY HONORARIUM ANY THURSDAY
EVENING FEBRUARY JEWISH CENTER OMAHA NEBRASKA=

SAMUEL D FREEMAN JEWISH CENTER LECTURE BUREAU

145 EAST 32 STREET.

*Wired regrets
10/16/52.*

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SAMUEL D. FREEMAN
JEWISH CENTER LECTURE BUREAU
145 WEST 32 street
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

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ELIZABETH RICE, SECRETARY





TELEGRAPH YOUR
VALENTINE

FEB.
14th

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W. P. MARSHALL, PRESIDENT

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

THE TEMPLE EUCLID AT 106 ST CLEVELAND

PLEASE WIRE AVAILABILITY MARCH 23 YMHA PHILADELPHIA=

SAMUEL F FREEMAN JEWISH CENTER LECTURE BUREAU 145

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145 E. 32ND ST., NEW YORK 16, N. Y. LEX. 2-4949-59

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SAMUEL D. FREEMAN, *Director*

February 6, 1953

FW

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Euclid at 106th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Jewish Community Council of Omaha is anxious to have you speak on "Israel and It's Needs" in connection with their annual meeting. They will set the date of the meeting to conform with your convenience. The open dates on their calendar are February 25th, March 4th, February 23rd, and March 2nd, in that order of preference.

We have acquainted them with your honorarium which is acceptable.

We also have an inquiry from the Y.M.H.A. of Philadelphia which is interested in the possibility of March 23rd. The subject in which they are interested is "Anti-Semitism Behind the Iron Curtain, What Can American Jews Do About It".

I hope that you can phone or wire me collect on Monday morning giving me your reply.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel D. Freeman
SAMUEL D. FREEMAN

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FEBRUARY 9, 1953

SAMUEL B. FREEMAN
JEWISH CENTER LECTURE BUREAU
145 EAST 32 STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

REGRET THAT PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR DR. SILVER
TO ACCEPT EITHER OMAHA OR PHILADELPHIA ENGAGEMENTS.

ELIZABETH RICE, SECRETARY



Beth-El SYNAGOGUE

Myer S. Kripke, Rabbi
Aaron I. Edgar, Cantor

49th and Farnam Streets
Glendale 3221
Omaha 3, Nebraska

Alexander Katz,
Assistant to the Rabbi

October 6, 1953

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Continuing the subject of our telephone conversation of yesterday afternoon, I send you a small brochure of the events planned for the Centennial Year Celebrations in Omaha. You will note, of course, that these events include a number of "Roman Circuses", but it is hoped that the musical events and the three forums (which I have checked) will be culturally significant events.

The Synagogue Council of Omaha has asked me to invite you to be the Jewish speaker on the forum "Tomorrow and Religion" on the evening of Wednesday, May 12, 1954. I mention that the invitation comes from the Synagogue Council, because it may be of interest to you to know that the full Jewish community here will be honored to have you represent Judaism. The Catholic and Protestant groups also hope to bring in only those people whose names would be known anywhere in America.

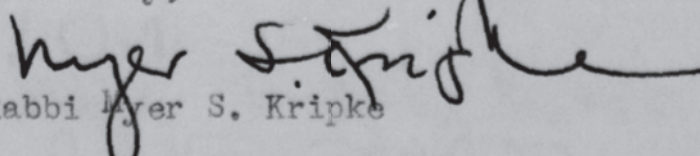
The Forum Committee itself has not yet grappled fully with the question of procedure at this and the two other major forums. In tentative thinking, they suggest presentations by the three speakers of approximately thirty minutes each. It would by no means be amiss to include some tie-up in your presentation between Omaha's Centennial and American Jewry's Tercentenary. These presentations would be followed by free comment in round table fashion by each of the three, on the statement of the others. Since the audience is expected to be some 5,000 people or more, perhaps 10,000, it will naturally be impossible to allow comment from the floor. Should you have any suggestions on the method of procedure, I shall appreciate your writing.

For the moment, however, let me repeat my hopes that you will be able to accept our invitation. There is no other Jewish religious leader whom we would rather have, and we do hope that it will be possible for you to come.

The Centennial Committee is paying the expenses of the speakers at the forum, and the Jewish community here will provide your honorarium. I shall appreciate your telling me either by letter, or by telephone (our expense) what your honorarium would be if you can come.

Although the Festival Season has passed, let me send my warm greetings for a Joyous New Year.

Sincerely,


Rabbi Myer S. Kripke

October 14, 1953

Rabbi Myer S. Kripke
Beth-El Synagogue
149th and Farnam Streets
Omaha 3, Nebraska

My dear Rabbi Kripke:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of October 6th. I appreciate very much the invitation of the Synagogue Council of Omaha to be the speaker on the forum "Tomorrow and Religion" on the evening of May 12, 1954. I have noted this date in my date-book and I hope that nothing will interfere with my attendance at this meeting.

I shall be pleased to receive more detailed information on the arrangements as they develop. As far as the honorarium is concerned, I shall leave that to the discretion of your committee.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:dk

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Beth-El SYNAGOGUE

49th and Farnam Streets
Glendale 3221
Omaha 3, Nebraska

Myer S. Kripke, Rabbi
Aaron I. Edgar, Cantor

Alexander Katz,
Assistant to the Rabbi

October 20, 1953

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

We are delighted to have your acceptance of our invitation to participate in the Omaha Centennial Forum on Religion on May 12th, 1954.

You may be interested to know at this point, that the Catholic speaker will be Father Robert Gannon, and the Protestant speaker is likely to be Norman Vincent Peale.

We are most appreciative of your graciousness in putting it that the honorarium will be left to our Committee's discretion. The Committee will not, of course, take advantage of this loose arrangement you have so generously permitted.

The Centennial Office here, excited at your acceptance, is eager to have publicity material and a picture. Will you be good enough to have your secretary send us these items?

As developments occur, we will keep you informed on plans for May 12th. Again may I tell you how very much pleased we are that you plan to be with us for what promises to be one of the really fine celebrations of the Centennial Year.

Sincerely yours,

Myer S. Kripke
Rabbi Myer S. Kripke

MSK:t

October 29, 1953

Rabbi Myer S. Kripke
Beth-El Synagogue
49th and Farnam Streets
Omaha 3, Nebraska

Dear Rabbi Kripke:

In accordance with your letter of October 20th, I
am pleased to enclose herewith a glossy print of
Rabbi Silver and a copy of biographical data.



Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Dorothy Koslen
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

Temple Israel

SIDNEY H. BROOKS, M.H.L., RABBI

OMAHA, NEBRASKA

March 11, 1954

TEMPORARY LOCATION
101 NORTH 20TH STREET
OMAHA 2, NEBRASKA

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I want you to know how delighted all of us are with the information that you will be here in our community on May twelfth to take part in the Centennial Observance of the City of Omaha. It will be a distinct honor to have you here and I know that your presence will reflect distinction upon our Jewish Community.

I am writing to ask if you will let me know, when you have arranged your travel plans. My wife and I would like to offer you the hospitality that best suits your convenience and, of course, if there is anything I can do to make your stay in Omaha comfortable and pleasant, it would be our pleasure.

I would like also to extend a very eager and hopeful invitation to you, to speak to a dinner meeting of our Congregation. If it would be possible for you to spend an additional evening in Omaha, we could arrange for our Supper Club to meet on Tuesday evening, May eleventh, or on Thursday evening, May thirteenth. Your presence at this affair would go far in encouraging our members at a time when we are most in need of additional stimulation. As my cousin Lou Bing who was present at our ground breaking may have told you, we are in the process of constructing a new Temple. Meanwhile we are rather inconveniently situated in temporary quarters. I do hope that it will be possible for you to be with us and give added incentive to our efforts.

With my sincerest regards to you and your family,

I am

Respectfully yours,

Sidney H. Brooks
Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks

SHB:EJH

March 23, 1954

Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks
Temple Israel
101 North 20th Street
Omaha 2, Nebraska

My dear Friend:

Thank you for your kind letter. I too am looking forward to my visit to Omaha on May twelfth. I wish I were free to spend another day in your city and to attend the meeting of your congregation. Unfortunately, that is not possible. My schedule is all too tight for that. I am overcrowded with engagements of one kind or another, and it is quite impossible for me to take on any additional responsibilities.

I shall write you of my travel plans a little later on.

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

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms



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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing you once again in the name of the Omaha Centennial Religious Participation Committee just to brief you a bit on the coming Religious Forum of the Future at which you are to be one of the three guest speakers. I believe the following points will be of interest.

1. The event will take place on the evening of May 12 at 8:30 p.m. in the Ak-Sar-Ben Coliseum. We are hoping and praying that there will be a large crowd present.
2. Preceding the Forum there will be a dinner at the Fontenelle Hotel at 6:00 p.m. to which have been invited besides yourself a group of distinguished guests. The speakers of the evening for the Education and Science Forums wore formal garb both at the Forum and at the dinner. Perhaps you will want to do the same.
3. We will proceed by private conveyance from the Hotel to the Coliseum where we will be able to enjoy the musical prelude presented by the Boystown Choir.
4. For the Forum itself you will be seated with the other two speakers at one long table each with a separate microphone. Your moderator for the evening will be The Honorable Robert Crosby, Governor of the State of Nebraska. He will open the program after being introduced by the chairman of our Committee. After a few introductory remarks, Governor Crosby will introduce the first speaker. In the interests of conserving time we will expect each speaker to take no more than twenty minutes for his address. Your order of appearance can be determined that evening among yourselves, since we on the Committee have no preference in this regard.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

April 13, 1954

5. At the conclusion of the first speech the ushers will collect the questions which members of the audience shall have written on the cards provided. These questions will be brought to the stage and given to the moderator. The same procedure will be followed after the second and third speaker. At the conclusion of the third address the moderator will read those questions directed to the first speaker, then those directed to the second speaker, etc.
6. After the program is over we will be returned to the Hotel and your task will be completed.

I would like very much to hear from you in the near future in final confirmation of your plans to be with us. I would like also if possible to know about when you plan to arrive so that we can arrange for press, radio, and TV interviews. This Forum is one which will need, of course, as much publicity as possible and if you can help us by making yourself available at least during the day on which the Forum takes place we will be in a much better position to promise a crowd. The two preceding Forums have been very well attended and inasmuch as we plan to promote this event through the pulpits and religious organs of the city we rather expect an even better turnout.

Please feel free to ask any questions. I will be most happy to answer them to the best of my ability. May I thank you again for accepting our invitation. We are all looking forward to a wonderful evening and, of course, to the privilege of meeting you.

Very sincerely in Christ,

Carl M. Reinert, S. J.

Carl M. Reinert, S. J., Chairman
Religious Participation Committee

CMR:jw

April 16, 1954

Dr. Carl M. Reinert, S. J.
Chairman, Religious Participation Committee
Omaha Centennial Committee
607 City Hall
Omaha 2, Nebraska

My dear Dr. Reinert:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of April 13th. I am looking forward with pleasure to my participation in the Religious Forum of the Future on the evening of May 12th. I have taken note of the information about the arrangements which you were kind enough to enclose in your letter. The arrangements are entirely satisfactory.

My secretary will inform you in ample time as to the time of my arrival. I have taken note of the fact that you wish me to come a little earlier for interviews. I would appreciate if you would let me know who the other two speakers on the program will be.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms

*Capital
Lv. Des. 8 a.m.
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your letter of April 16. We will be most happy to hear from your secretary the exact time of your arrival in Omaha and any other plans which you may wish to communicate.

Forgive me for not mentioning the names of the other speakers on the panel. They will be the Reverend Daniel A. Lord, S.J., founder of the Sodality in the United States, and well known youth leader. His headquarters are at The Queen's Work, 3115 South Grand Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri.

The other speaker will be the Reverend Theodore Ferris, of the Old Trinity Church in Boston, well known preacher and lecturer.

Incidentally, I have just come from Chicago where I spent several days at the National Catholic Education Association Convention with my brother, Paul, President of St. Louis University. He mentioned that he had spoken on a panel with you in the east some months ago and he was quite enthusiastic about your ability as a lecturer. Needless to say, we are all looking forward to having you with us.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Carl M. Reinert, S.J.

Carl M. Reinert, S.J., Chairman
Religious Participation Committee

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April 29, 1954

Dr. Carl M. Reinert, S. J.
Chairman, Religious Participation Committee
Omaha Centennial Committee
607 City Hall
Omaha 2, Nebraska

Dear Dr. Reinert:

Rabbi Silver is planning to arrive in Omaha at 12:05 p.m. on Wednesday, May 12th. Since he will have some matters to attend to in Washington on the 11th, he will leave for Omaha from Washington on the morning of the 12th. It will be his intention to board an 8:30 a.m. plane from Washington, arriving in Chicago at 10:10 a.m. (Flight 509), and from there changing to Flight 323, leaving Chicago at 10:50 a.m. and reaching Omaha at 12:05 p.m. (UNITED)

We assume that a hotel reservation will have been made for him for the night of the 12th. Rabbi Silver is looking forward to this trip with a great deal of pleasure.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth M. Sparrow
Secretary to Dr. Silver



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Gentlemen:

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver is to be a speaker on our Religious Forum on May 12, at the Omaha Centennial. So far, we have received no biographical material on him. It is most important that we have both glossy pictures, 8 x 10, and publicity material as soon as possible, so we can have mats and publicity material printed.

We would appreciate it if you would send us this material at once, by airmail if possible.

Thank you very much.

Yours very truly,

Jacqueline Lambach

OMAHA CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE
Jacqueline Lambach, Publicity

JL/js

sent 4/5/54

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May 3, 1954

Dr. Carl M. Reinert, S. J.
Chairman, Religious Participation Committee
Omaha Centennial Committee
607 City Hall
Omaha 2, Nebraska

Dear Dr. Reinert:

Please forgive the oversight in my letter to you of April 29th. I neglected to mention the airline on which Rabbi Silver would be traveling to Omaha. He hopes to arrive in Omaha, as I mentioned previously, at 12:05 p.m. on United Airlines Flight 323.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth M. Sparrow
Secretary to Rabbi Silver



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May 21, 1954

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Just a short note to thank you in my own name and for the other members of our Religious Participation Committee for the outstanding lecture you gave as part of our Religious Forum on May 12 in Omaha. All reactions from the public have been favorable and your own people were delighted to have you back with them. I know you must have been pleased with the large turnout. An official count showed a number just under five thousand. Surely all these good people went away better for having listened to three such outstanding speakers. May we all meet again under similar circumstances and renew what I hope will be the beginning of a long and profitable friendship.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Carl M. Reinert, S.J.

Carl M. Reinert, S.J., Chairman
Religious Participation Committee

CMR: jw

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May 25, 1954

Reverend Carl M. Reinert
Omaha Centennial Committee
607 City Hall
Omaha 2, Nebraska

My dear Dr. Reinert:

Thank you very much for your gracious note of May twenty-first. I enjoyed the evening of the Religious Forum on May twelfth tremendously, and I was amazed at the large attendance of men and women who came to hear a religious discussion. That is very encouraging indeed.

I share with you the hope that we may have the opportunity in the not far distant future to renew our acquaintance and friendship.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS :rms