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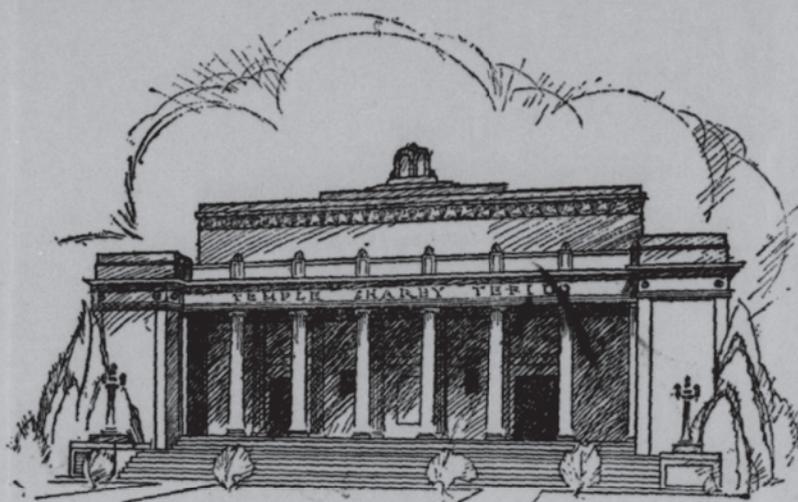
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Orange, New Jersey (East Orange and Maplewood), 1927-1953.

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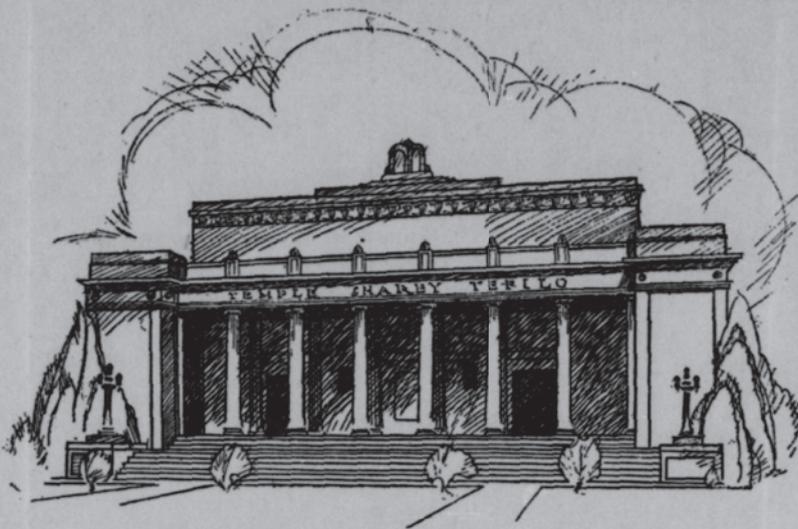
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20 Rutgers Ave.,  
East Orange,

My dear Altra  
Some time ago I wrote you  
about coming here on your next trip East of  
for a special trip to lectures at my New  
Temple. Last week I heard you were going  
to come East soon. Newark is only 15 minutes  
A bus from here. Will you please arrange  
to be here for a noon luncheon or preferably  
an evening - with thanks  
JH

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20 Ridgeway Ave., West Orange, N. J.

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Rev. Dr. Albert Heller, Secor,

My dear Albert,

It would mean a great deal for the  
Judges of the Oranges, my temple and congregation: and  
more still to me, if you could arrange to come  
here as lecturer - But, Judge wants to bring you  
for B'nai B'rith, Judge wants to bring you  
here as its affair toward the good of our new  
Temple. Would you come? If so where? What are  
your fees? I would be glad to have you as  
our guest in our new home -

cordially from De Vera and me to  
you and yours,  
Shammai -

card ✓

Dec. 5th, 1927.

Rabbi Samuel S. Kaplan,  
21 Prospect St.,  
East Orange, N. J.

My dear Samuel:-

I wish I could see my way  
clear to come to your people. I do not however,  
plan to be in the east in the near future and I  
do not know just when I can come.

Should I plan to be in your  
vicinity within the next few months, I shall  
let you know ahead of time.

With kindest regards and wishing  
you all manner of success, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

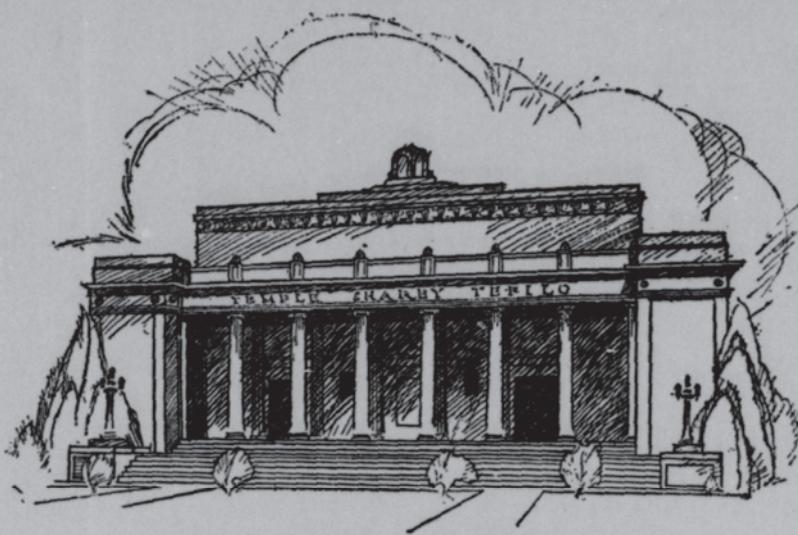
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January 30, 1928.

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

My dear Friend,

In reply to your letter, I was indeed glad to hear from you. As you know, we have a new temple here; also a growing community. We need prominent people like yourself to aid us in the development of a Jewish community. I was glad to hear that you would keep us in mind, but I am sending this reminder, in order to keep the matter before you.

I know you will help me build this temple and do a great deal of good for Judaism. Please let me know what your usual remuneration is for such lectures. Also send me the topic of your lecture when you do come East, and the date that you can give us.

With cordial personal greetings to you and yours,  
from DeVera and myself, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

*Samuel S. Kaplan*  
*SSK*

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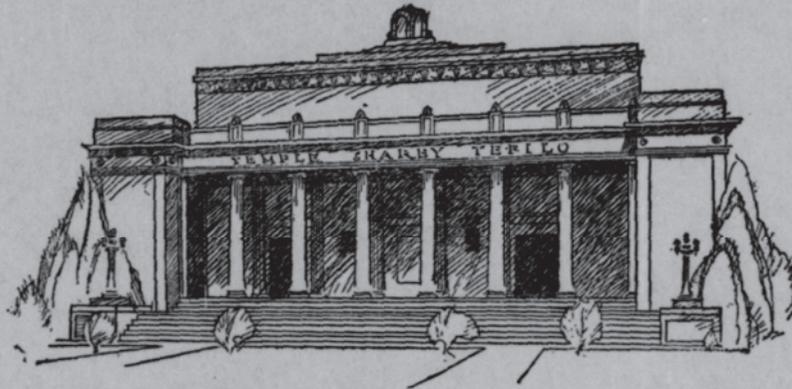
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57 PROSPECT ST., EAST ORANGE, N. J.

*Minister*

RABBI MARIUS RANSON

Temple Study Telephone  
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*President*

HENRY KANEGSBERG  
92 Warrington Place  
East Orange, N. J.

Telephone Nassau 1414

July 8, 1930.

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

Dear Abba:-

Last night at a meeting of the Board to discuss my installation, your name came up for discussion, and someone stated that he knew positively that you would not come for a consecration sermon unless you were paid a fee of \$250.00. which is way beyond our means.

I suggested that it would be a very simple thing for me to write you and obtain your ideas rather than depend on our own opinions.

Friday night, September 5, is the date we have tentatively set, but if you can come on for this occasion, I shall be very glad to make it any day before Rosh Hashona, whether it is a Friday night, or not.

If you can possibly do this, I would appreciate it.

In writing me please tell me what fee or honorarium you would require, in addition of course, to your expenses in traveling, etc.

Please also state whether I am to regard the matter of your fee as confidential or as something that I may freely discuss with the committee.

May I state that I would greatly appreciate your making this fee very small, as your coming would give me a good send-off in my work.

With best regards to you and Mrs. Silver,

Faithfully,

*Marius*

*card*

July 11th, 1930

Rabbi Marius Ranson,  
East Orange, N. J.

My dear Marius:-

I should very much like to attend your installation on September 5th and the matter of the honorarium would be no deterrent. I do not charge for my services when I participate in a religious ceremony. It is only when I address forums, men's clubs, etc. etc. that I charge an honorarium.

Much as I would like to come to your installation, I find that it would be impossible. I shall remain in Cleveland throughout July and August as I have considerable work to do. I plan to take two weeks in September prior to the holidays, a complete rest, somewhere in Canada, to freshen up for the new season. To accept any invitation during that time would simply mean to break up that short period of rest.

I have had to refuse Holtzberg, who invited me to dedicate his new Temple during that period. I trust that you will understand.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

I am

As ever yours,

AHS/IR

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MRS HERBERT BARRY CHAIRMAN METCALF MEMORIAL BLDG  
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A. H. Silver

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**RALPH WECHSLER**

36 NORTH CRESCENT  
MAPLEWOOD, N. J

Dec. 19, 1943.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:

Joel Gross tells me that he was placed in the unenviable position of asking you to come to Essex County when he knows almost better than anyone the strain under which you are working.

Without knowing too many of the details, I too am reluctant to add one iota to your burdens. But I know this community well, and know of what tremendous value it can be in our fight against the White Paper, not only in this local area, but in the entire state of New Jersey and perhaps nationally.

That is why I still feel that it is urgent for you to accept our invitation to speak here at a large massmeeting--to consolidate the work you so effectively started when you spoke here last March 15th.

The meeting will again be held under the auspices of the Essex Cty. Zionist Council, in cooperation with the Palestine Emergency Council. We will arrange the date at your

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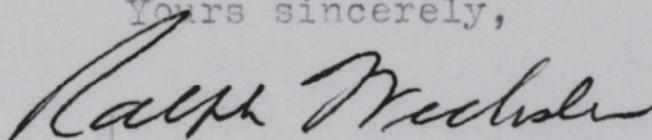
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convenience--preferably late in January or any date in February--either a Sunday afternoon or evening or any week-day evening.

I am looking forward to an early "yes."

With cordial regards and all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,



President,

ZIONIST COUNCIL OF ESSEX CTY.



January 7, 1944

Mr. Ralph Wechsler  
36 North Crescent  
Maplewood, N.J.

My dear Mr. Wechsler:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your kind letter. I have been away from the city a good deal of the time and my correspondence has accordingly lagged.

I appreciate greatly your invitation. I am not now in a position, however, to reply definitely one way or another. Should the Zionist Emergency Council determine upon a series of large-scale mass meetings throughout the country in connection with its program, I shall try to set aside a day for Newark. Please get in touch with me within a month or so.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

TEMPLE SHAREY TEFILO  
57 PROSPECT STREET  
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October 7, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

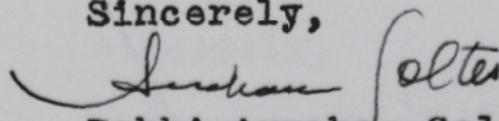
This year Temple Sharey Tefilo is rejoicing in celebration of the Seventy-fifth anniversary of its founding. Our commemoration is taking the form of a series of Friday Evening services devoted to the accomplishments of the American Jewish community in the course of the past three score and fifteen years.

One of the outstanding accomplishments in which we have had the privilege of participating has been the Rebirth of Israel, in which you, Sir, have played such a momentous personal role. It is therefore our desire to celebrate this event in the month of November, which is marked as the anniversary of both the Balfour Declaration and the United Nations Decision on Palestine.

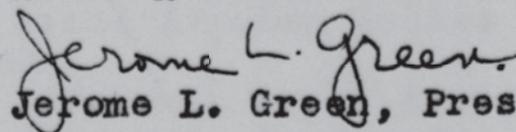
We would be highly honored if you would find it possible to serve as our preacher on Friday Evening, November 4th. Despite the incomparable achievements of the past few years, there are many of our brethren who require enlightenment as to the significance of Israel Reborn for the American Jewish community. For all of us, the occasion is one to be marked by a message of burning and uplifting import. From whom better than the master architect of that Rebirth and the former President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, could such a message come?

We sincerely hope that despite the handicaps of time and space, you will be able to honor us with your presence on this significant occasion in the life of our community.

Sincerely,



Rabbi Avraham Soltes



Jerome L. Green, President

October 10, 1949

Rabbi Avraham Soltes  
Temple Sharey Tefilo  
57 Prospect Street  
East Orange, New Jersey

My dear Friend:

I am deeply grateful to you and Mr. Green for your letter of October 7th inviting me to address your congregation on Friday evening, November 4th, on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of Temple Sharey Tefilo. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately, my out-of-town engagements this year must of necessity be very limited not only because I have been away from Cleveland so much during the last few years, but also because this is the centennial year of The Temple. I am sure that you will understand.

With all good wishes to you, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Temple Israel  
of the Oranges and Maplewood  
432 Scotland Road  
South Orange, N. J.

The Rabbi's Study

December 10, 1953

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Congregation Tifereth Israel  
East 105th Street and Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It is with full realization of the many calls made upon you, and therefore, in a spirit of deference as well as hope, that I write this letter.

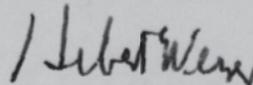
Our Temple in South Orange is having the dedication of its new building on Friday evening, March 12th. At a meeting of the Committee recently, it was suggested that we try to secure as our guest speaker that night, the most eminent Jewish leader of our American community. There was no doubt in anybody's mind but that this meant a letter to you.

So despite your many other obligations, I want to ask you whether you could possibly be present at this affair which is, at least to us, the most important of our history to date. We are able to offer an honorarium of \$200. I know that this is the least of considerations but frankly my hope is that your own calendar and plans would bring you into this vicinity around that time of the year. I need not add how happy your acceptance would make us.

May I ask you the favor of replying as soon as possible.

With all good wishes.

Most sincerely,



Herbert Weiner

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December 17, 1953

Rabbi Herbert Weiner  
Temple Israel  
432 Scotland Road  
South Orange, New Jersey

Dear Rabbi Weiner:

I deeply appreciate your kind letter of December 10th and your gracious invitation to address the dedication services of your new temple on Friday evening, March 12th. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately, I am already so heavily committed with out of town engagements for the coming season that I cannot, in justice to myself, take on any additional commitments.

I wish to congratulate you upon the completion of the new temple edifice and hope that you will enjoy years of fine work and contentment there.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Temple Israel  
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432 Scotland Road  
South Orange, N. J.

The Rabbi's Study

December 18, 1953

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Congregation Tifereth Israel  
East 105th Street and Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

To date we have had no response to our letter of  
December 10th inviting you to be our guest speaker  
at our Dedication Ceremony of our new Temple building  
on Friday evening, March 12th.

We would so much appreciate hearing from you so that  
we can go ahead with arrangements.

Many thanks.

Sincerely yours,

*Ruthe B. Kessler*

Ruthe B. Kessler  
Secretary to Rabbi Weiner

RBK

*Letters crossed in  
mail*