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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
1855 Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

On January 31 I wrote you requesting you to intercede on our behalf as far as a more adequate allocation from your community is concerned. Please accept my very deep gratitude for your efforts, which I know will prove helpful. We have just heard from Mr. Sidney Weitz, Chairman of the Budget Committee, advising us that you had spoken to him, and that we have been invited to a hearing on March 19.

Now, again, I am taking the liberty of asking still another favor of you, one which I hope you will find it possible to grant us. I should appreciate it very much if you would accept an invitation from the Jewish community of Ottawa to speak at the opening of their United Israel Campaign on April 11.

As a beneficiary agency of this campaign, we are very much interested in your speaking at this occasion because we feel that your presence there would give the meeting prestige and dignity and would most certainly increase their fund-raising power. Should you find it possible to accept the invitation from Ottawa, may I ask you to be good enough to emphasize the important cultural and educational services which the beneficiaries of the American Fund render to the young State of Israel.

With every assurance of our appreciation, and with cordial greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

Edward A. Norman
Edward A. Norman
President

March 19, 1951

Mr. Edward A. Norman, President
American Fund for Israel Institutions
267 West 71st Street
New York 23, New York

My dear Mr. Norman:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 9th. With reference to my appearing in Ottawa on April 11th, I regret that a previous engagement on that date makes it impossible for me to comply with your request. I hope that I shall have the opportunity on some other occasion to be of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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March 17, 1952

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
1855 Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

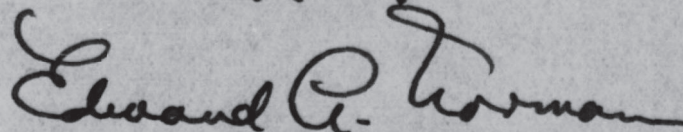
May we take this opportunity to ask whether you will be free to appear as guest speaker at the Inaugural Dinner of the 1952 United Jewish Appeal, to be held Sunday evening, May 4th, in Ottawa, Canada. Unfortunately, you were unable to attend last year, but it is our hope that circumstances will permit you to accept the current invitation.

The leadership of the Ottawa Jewish Community Council, as well as we, are convinced that your presence at the Inaugural Dinner would give the occasion prestige and dignity and would provide the necessary impetus for a successful campaign.

The American Fund, as you know, is a beneficiary agency of the Ottawa campaign and during the past year received a proportionally good allocation for our cause. In the happy event that you are able to attend, we should be most appreciative if you would emphasize in your speech the important contributions being made by the Fund's beneficiaries to the normal development of the young state of Israel.

With gratitude for your interest in our program, and with cordial greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,



Edward A. Norman
President

March 18, 1952

Mr. Edward A. Norman
American Fund for Israel Institutions
267 West 71st Street
New York 23, New York

My dear Mr. Norman:

Thank you for your kind letter of March 17th. I wish I were free to accept the invitation to address the Inaugural Dinner of the United Jewish Appeal in Ottawa on May 11th. I regret that it will not be possible. I have already booked myself for so many engagements for the remainder of the season that I cannot, in justice to myself, take on any additional responsibilities.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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December 24th, 1952.

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

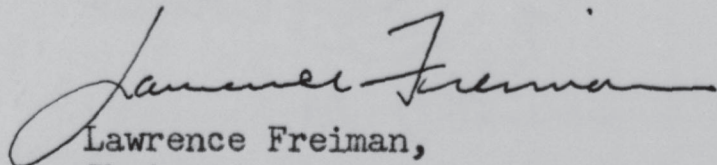
Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Jewish Community of Ottawa would consider it a great honour if you were to accept this invitation to be the guest speaker at the Inaugural Dinner of our 1953 United Jewish Appeal tentatively set for Sunday evening, May 3rd. Depending upon your availability, the Dinner could also be held either Sunday evening, April 26th or Sunday evening, May 10th, although May 3rd would be preferable.

Over 500 persons are expected to attend this function which will set the pace for a unified fund-raising effort on behalf of Israel, Overseas Relief and Local Needs. Your distinguished presence as one of the leading figures on the world Jewish scene would assure the success of this vital campaign.

Anticipating a favourable reply, I am on behalf of the Jewish Community of Ottawa

Sincerely yours,



Lawrence Freiman,
Chairman,
United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa.

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January 6, 1953

Mr. Lawrence Freiman
A. J. Freiman, Ltd.
Ottawa, Canada

My dear Mr. Freiman:

I very much appreciate your gracious invitation to be the speaker at the Inaugural Dinner of your United Jewish Appeal on a Sunday evening in April or May. I regret that my schedule is so crowded that I cannot, in justice to myself, take on any additional engagements, especially on a Sunday when I must attend to my own congregational duties in Cleveland. I wish you every success in your campaign.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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January 8th, 1953.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Freiman is in Europe and not expected back until the first week in February. I am therefore taking the liberty of acknowledging the receipt of your letter of January 6th.

I regret to learn that you will be unable to accept the invitation to be the speaker at the Inaugural Dinner of the United Jewish Appeal.

On Mr. Freiman's return I shall be pleased to draw your letter to his attention.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas Dooley
Secretary to
Mr. Freiman.