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Paterson, New Jersey, 1923-1954.

**Diamond Jubilee Committee**  
of  
**Congregation B'nai Beshurun**  
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October 24, 1923  
Paterson, N. J., \_\_\_\_\_ 192

Rabbi Abba H. Silver  
The Temple  
55th Street and Central Avenue,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

The Diamond Jubilee of my congregation will be celebrated on Sunday, December 2, and we would very much like to have you as the speaker of the occasion.

The celebration will consist of a service in the afternoon and a dinner in the evening. We would like to have you deliver the principal address of the afternoon and, if you can stay over for the evening affair, give a brief talk after dinner.

Kindly let me know at your very earliest convenience whether you can be with us. We would, of course, pay all your expenses. If your plans would enable you to stay here over night we would, of course, arrange for your entertainment while here. Let us know about it.

Hoping to get your favorable reply, I am, dear Rabbi Silver,

Very sincerely yours,

*Max Raisin*  
361 - 12th Avenue, Paterson, N.J.



October 26th, 1923.

Dr. Max Rasin,  
361 12th Avenue,  
Paterson, N. J.

My dear Dr. Rasin,

I appreciate very much your kind invitation to address the Diamond Jubilee of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun on Sunday, December 2nd. I have made it a rule never to leave Cleveland on Sunday. I feel that my first duty is to my own Congregation and as you know our principal service takes place on Sunday morning. I have for the same reason been compelled to turn down the invitation of Dr. Eoster to attend his Jubilee.

I hope that you will have a very successful and inspiring celebration.

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

Very sincerely yours,

*Polyzansky*



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February 16, 1927.

Rabbi Hillel Silver,  
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Dear Dr. Silver:

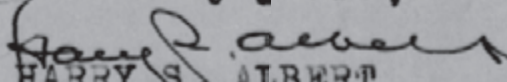
The City of Paterson, New Jersey with a population of 150,000 of which 20,000 are Jews have never had the good fortune to have you as their guest.

During my affiliation with the Y.M. and Y.W.H.A. hundreds of requests have been made to me to make every effort to secure you as a speaker at our Building.

At this time permit me to extend to you an invitation to speak in Paterson on your next trip East. I only hope that it will be convenient for you and if so, will you please inform me just what date is available.

I am awaiting your reply with great interest.

Sincerely yours,

  
HARRY S. ALBERT  
Executive Director.

HSA:JR



February 24th, 1927.

Mr. Harry S. Albert,  
Y.M.H.A. 152 Van Houton St.,  
Patterson, N.J.

My dear Mr. Albert,

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address the Y.M.H.A. of Patterson. I wish I could see my way clear to accept it. Unfortunately I am so heavily booked up with lecture engagements this year that I cannot in justice to myself accept any more. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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September 29, 1928

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
East 105th St. at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You have engagements for us in Brooklyn on Monday evening, November 19 and Elizabeth, New Jersey, Tuesday evening, November 20. I am writing now to ask you if you would be available for the forum in Paterson, N.J., on Wednesday evening, the 21st, fee, \$250. I have a letter from them this morning inquiring about that date.

We are using the enclosed publicity sheet for you. I think it has had your recent o.k. but should you desire any changes made, we shall be glad to revise it.

Sincerely yours,

*Mildred C. Smith*

Executive Secretary

MS/B  
Enc.



Cards

October 24, 1928.

Mildred C. Smith, Executive Sec'y.,  
Open Forum Speakers Bureau,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Smith:-

Permit me to acknowledge your  
letter of September 29th.

I have definitely scheduled  
Brooklyn for November 19th and Elizabeth for  
November 20th.

I regret to say that I am unable  
to accept the invitation from Paterson for the  
21st as I must be back in Cleveland on that  
day.

I am returning the publicity sheet  
which you sent me and which I have revised to  
bring it up to date.

With kindest regards, permit me  
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



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PATERSON NEWJERSEY FORUM WIRES ASKING WHETHER YOU CAN SPEAK  
THERE WEDNESDAY NIGHT JANUARY SECOND OR JANUARY SIXTEENTH  
PLEASE WIRE WHETHER AVAILABLE ON BOTH DATES AND YOUR  
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Open Forum Speakers Bureau  
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IT MAY BE POSSIBLE FOR ME TO  
COME TO THE PATTERSON NEW JERSEY FORUM  
WEDNESDAY MARCH 27th.

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A. R. H. Silver





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October 15, 1928

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your telegram suggesting March 27 for the Paterson, N. J. Forum. I have written them regarding that date and they tell me that they can let me know a little later whether it will fit satisfactorily into their schedule. Will you, therefore, try to keep the date free for us for a little while?

Today's mail brings an invitation for you from Plainfield, N. J. where the YMHA Forum would like to have you speak, preferably sometime in January 1929, an evening lecture.

They have agreed to the \$250 fee and want now to know what dates you might be able to give them in January as they want to take into consideration other important community events before deciding on the exact date.

I shall be glad, therefore, to have you suggest two or three possible dates in January or if that month is inconvenient, possible dates in February or March. Perhaps you would like us to see whether they could arrange it on March 26 or 28 so that it would tie up with Paterson on the 27th if that engagement materializes, as I think it will.

Looking forward to an early reply, I am

Sincerely yours,  
*Mildred C. Smith*  
Executive Secretary

MS/B



Nov. 6th, 1928.

Miss Mildred C. Smith,  
Open Forum Speakers Bureau,  
80 Boylston St.,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Smith:-

In reply to your letter of  
October 15th permit me to say that I can come  
to Plainfield, N. J. Tuesday evening, March  
26th. That would tie up with my engagement with  
the Patterson, N. J. people on Wednesday, March  
27th.

Please confirm these two dates.

With kindest regards, permit  
me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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November 10, 1928

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I have final confirmation this morning from Paterson, N. J. of your engagement there on Wednesday night, March 27, 1929, fee, \$250.

I have not yet heard from Plainfield but have written again and trust I shall have some definite word from them, for you, before the last of next week.

Sincerely yours,

*Mildred C. Smith*

Executive Secretary

MS/B

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# OPEN FORUM SPEAKERS BUREAU

Room 1243, Little Building, Boston..... Nov. 10, 1928

Rabbi A. H. Silver .....(Lecturer)

Will you please hold the following dates as definite:

Date	Hour	Forum	Fee
March 27, 1929	Evening	Paterson, N. J. YMHA	\$250.
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Full instructions will be sent 10 days before the meetings.

Mildred C. Smith, Executive Secretary.



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November 24, 1928

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The checks have just come to us from the two forums before which you spoke on Monday and Tuesday and I am enclosing our own check to you in payment herewith.

I do not feel we should take full commission on the Brooklyn engagement, even though you generously suggested it in your letter of July 20; under the circumstances I feel it is fairer to split it and take only 10% instead of our customary 20%.

I have had no further word from Plainfield, N.J. regarding an engagement on March 26 or 28 to tie up with your meeting in Paterson on the 27th and will not ask you to save those dates longer if you have an opportunity to place them elsewhere.

Sincerely yours,

*Mildred C. Smith*

Executive Secretary

MS/B



# Congregation B'nai Beshurun

Nathan Barnett Memorial Temple

Broadway and Straight St.

Max Kassin, Rabbi

270 East 30th Street

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Paterson, N. J.

February 9, 1929

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

My dear Dr. Silver:-

My congregation will observe the Eightieth Anniversary of its founding with special services on Friday, March 15 and Saturday March 16. The celebration will be brought to a close with a banquet on the evening of Sunday, March 17, at the Alexander Hamilton Hotel.

We would consider it a great honor if you could be with us on March 17, at the dinner. There will be many other distinguished guests, both Jewish and Christian, and we feel that your presence would considerably help to make the affair the success we are anxious to give it.

I am aware that you are to be in Paterson for a lecture on March 27. But this need not interfere with your coming to our celebration which necessarily will be a limited affair whereas your ~~next~~ lecture will be before a large audience at ~~the~~ one of the largest halls in the city. We would, of course, pay all your expenses.

Hoping you will favor me with an early~~y~~ reply, and that your answer will be favorable, I am, dear Rabbi Silver,

Very faithfully yours,

*Max Kassin*



Feb. 13th, 1929.

Rabbi Max Raisin,  
270 E. 30th St.,  
Paterson, N. J.

My dear Rabbi Raisin:-

In the absence of Rabbi Silver, who is attending the Convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations on the Pacific Coast, permit me to acknowledge receipt of your kind letter of February 9th.

I am afraid that it will be impossible for Rabbi Silver to come to you on Sunday, March 17th. We have our own services here at the Temple on Sundays and Rabbi Silver does not like to be away on that day. Then, also, he has a wedding date of long standing, scheduled for this date. Perhaps at some future time he may be able to serve you.

With kindest regards, permit me  
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver



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February 15, 1929

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Just a brief note to let you know that your topic in Paterson, N.J., on March 27, will be "Fundamental Needs of Human Life".

The Jewish Center, in Washington, D.C., wrote me a day or two ago about including you on their program this season. I have suggested the possibility of their using a week-night just before or after March 27 and will let you know promptly if anything definite materializes.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred C. Smith

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February 20, 1929

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I mentioned in my last letter that the Jewish Community Center, in Washington, D. C., were interested in arranging for you to lecture under their auspices. I suggested a date just before or after your Paterson, N.J. engagement for us and told them I thought the \$250 fee that you were charging our forums would doubtless be your charge to them.

I have just had the following note from them:

"In reply to your letter of February 13th that Rabbi Silver is to speak in Paterson, N. J., allow me to state that a date can easily be arranged provided the fee would be more in line with the condition of our treasury.

We have been limited to the fee of \$150 in the maximum. Would it be possible for you to persuade Rabbi Silver in view of the philanthropic nature of the institution and also in view of the fact that he will be enroute, to accept this fee?

I am sure that if you will place this matter in his hands or allow me to do so that he will accept."

I shall be glad to know whether you wish to make any special arrangements for them. An early reply will be most helpful.

Cordially yours,

*Mildred C. Smith*

Executive Secretary

MS/B



Feb. 22d, 1929.

Miss Mildred C. Smith,  
Open Forum Speakers Bureau,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Smith:-

In the absence of Rabbi Silver  
permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter  
of February 20th in connection with the  
Washington, D. C. appointment.

Rabbi Silver has been on the  
Pacific Coast for the past three weeks. He will  
return to Cleveland on Wednesday of next week  
at which time I will present your letter to him  
for his attention.

With kindest regards, permit me  
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver



*and*

Feb. 25th, 1929.

Rabbi Max Raisin,  
270 E. 30th St.,  
Paterson, N. J.

My dear Rabbi Raisin:-

Permit me to thank you for your  
kind letter of February 9th.

I appreciate very much your  
thoughtfulness in inviting me to participate  
in your Eightieth Anniversary Celebration on  
March 17th. I wish I could see my way clear  
to come. But I have just returned from a three  
week's visit on the Pacific Coast. That is a  
long time to be away from one's congregation  
and I feel that I should spend the rest of the  
season in my own community and not accept any  
more engagements than I have already booked  
for the remaining few months. I trust that  
I may be of service to you at some future time.

I wish you every success in your  
work. Please accept the heartiest felicitations  
of my Congregation and me on the occasion of  
your Celebration.

With kindest regards, permit me  
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



Feb. 25th, 1929.

Miss Mildred C. Smith,  
Open Forum Speakers Bureau,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Smith:-

In your letter of February 15th you state that the Paterson, N. J. Forum has chosen the subject "Fundamental Needs of Human Life" for my lecture on March 27th.

This is a sermon and I wonder whether they would not prefer a more secular subject. "The Faith of an Untired Liberal" has proved popular with forum audiences. So has "What is Happening to the American Home?"

A lecture of particular Jewish interest which they may prefer is "The Four Major Tendencies in Jewish Life."

Please communicate with them and let me know their decision.

With kindest regards permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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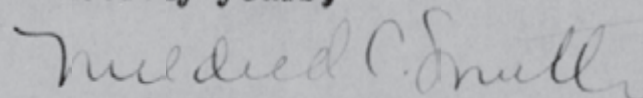
March 6, 1929

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
105th St. at Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I sent to Paterson, N. J. your comment with regard to the topic they had selected and have a note from them today telling me they will be glad to follow your suggestion and change, but they do not know quite whether to take "Is Evolution The Foe of Religion" or "The Faith of An Untired Liberal". They have asked for a brief outline of each to help them in their selection.

Sincerely yours,



Executive Secretary

MS/B



March 11th, 1929.

Mr. Harry S. Albert,  
152 Van Houten St.,  
Paterson, N. J.

My dear Mr. Albert:-

The Open Forum Speakers Bureau  
of Boston informs me that you do not know which  
of the two subjects to select for my address  
before your organization.

I would suggest the subject,  
"The Faith of an Untired Liberal." It is a  
discussion of the status of democracy in the world  
today. This address has proved rather popular  
with forum audiences.

With kindest regards, permit me  
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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March 14, 1929.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
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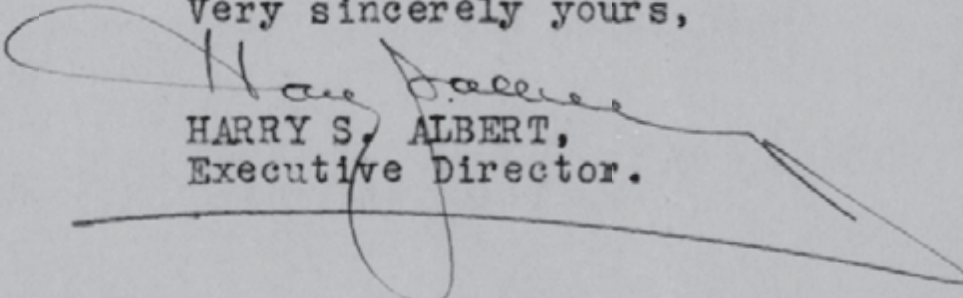
My dear Rabbi Silver:

Your suggestion ~~was~~<sup>of</sup> the subject  
of your lecture in Paterson on Wednesday night,  
March 27th, has been accepted by the committee.

We are looking forward to a most  
interesting and educational talk on "The Faith  
of An Untired Liberal."

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

  
HARRY S. ALBERT,  
Executive Director.

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Mar. 30, 1929

Memoranda of account between

Lecturer Rabbi P. H. Silver and OPEN FORUM SPEAKERS BUREAU

Single engagements:

Patterson, N. J. Y. M. H. A. Date Mar. 27, 1929

.....Date.....

.....Date.....

Total fee.....\$ 250.00  
Less 20% commission on 250.00.....\$ 50.00  
\$ 200.00

Balance due lecturer.....\$ 200.00

Check Enclosed For: \$ 200.00



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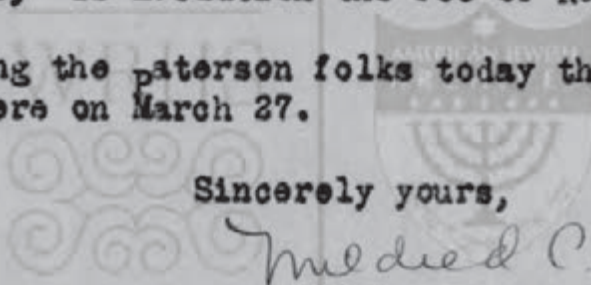
March 20, 1929

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Inasmuch as I have not had from you a synopsis of those two lectures to send on to Paterson, I think it would be wise for you to consider their choice of topic as, "Is Evolution the Foe of Religion?".

I am writing the Paterson folks today that that will be your topic when you speak there on March 27.

Sincerely yours,



*Mildred C. Smith*

Executive secretary.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.



March 22d, 1929.

Miss Mildred C. Smith,  
Open Forum Speakers Bureau,  
Little Bldg., Rm. 1243  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Smith:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 20th in connection with Rabbi Silver's subject for his Paterson address on March 27th.

On March 14th Rabbi Silver received a letter from Mr. Harry S. Albert, Executive Director of the Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association of Paterson in which he advised that they were accepting as the subject for the address Rabbi Silver's suggestion, "The Faith of an Untired Liberal."

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver



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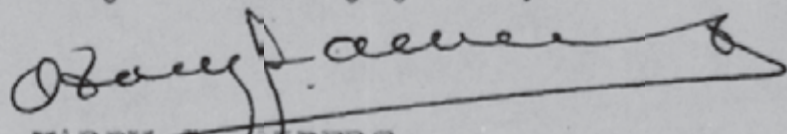
My dear Rabbi:

You recall your lecture engagement in Paterson several years ago. Since that time we have been very anxious to bring you to Paterson for another lecture, as we feel that our community is in need of an inspiring message from such an outstanding lecturer like yourself.

We are now planning our lecture course for the fall and winter of 1931-1932. I would appreciate very much if you would accept our invitation to lecture here.

Please let me know by return mail what your most reasonable fee for such a lecture would be, and the possible dates for your lecture tours in the east. Any consideration that you can give us will be greatly appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

  
HARRY S. ALBERT,  
Executive Director.

HSA/EL



*Carol*

March 14th, 1932

Mr. Harry S. Albert,  
Y. M. & Y. W. H. A.,  
152 Van Houten St.,  
Patterson, N. J.

My dear Mr. Albert:-

In going over the record of my correspondence I find that I have never replied to your kind letter of September 4th inviting me to deliver a lecture before your Forum. Please pardon the oversight.

I would not have been in position to accept your kind invitation anyhow for I have endeavored to limit my out-of-town lectures as much as possible this year.

Trusting that I may be of service to you at some future time and with kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



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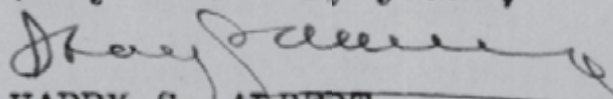
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
"The Temple"  
East 105th Street,  
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My dear Rabbi Silver:

I have your belated reply to my  
letter of last September 4th.

I sincerely hope that in the future  
we shall be able to present you to our Paterson  
audience at a lecture.

Very sincerely yours,

  
HARRY S. ALBERT,  
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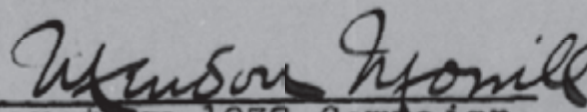
Dear Rabbi Silver,

The Paterson United Jewish Appeal Campaign will begin with a dinner on Sunday Evening, June 19th. At a meeting of a few people held last night it was agreed that if you were the Speaker of the evening, our Campaign would take on a new spirit.

While formerly we were rich in goods and in leadership, disintegration has set in, and we are confronted with a paucity of both of the elements. We need a spiritual renaissance. We need a person like you to inspire it.

It would be splendid of you, and for us, if you could conveniently arrange to accept our invitation.

Respectfully yours,

  
Secretary 1938 Campaign.

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May 16, 1938

Mr. Mendon Morrill,  
45 Church Street,  
Paterson, N.J.

My dear Mr. Morrill:

I deeply appreciate your kind letter inviting me to open the Paterson United Jewish Appeal Campaign on Sunday evening, June 19. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately I am not only booked for that evening but for that entire week. June, as you probably know, is a very crowded month for congregational activities - weddings, commencements, etc. - and it will not be possible for me to leave the city. I am sure that our organization in New York will be very happy to assist you in getting the right man to open your Campaign.

I wish you every success and I trust that Paterson will join the ranks of all other Jewish communities in the United States who are this year doing extraordinarily well in their campaigns in behalf of our stricken brethren abroad.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

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February 2nd, 1945.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
E. 105th St.,  
Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

The above named organization, which represents through its affiliated local groups the overwhelming majority of Paterson's 22,000 Jews, conducts each year a united fund raising campaign for national and overseas needs. Last year we raised \$187,000., of which the United Jewish Appeal received \$145,000. This year our goal will be most likely \$250,000. An additional goal of \$25,000. will be set for Fairlawn (a suburb of Paterson) which last year was part of our campaign and this year will conduct a separate fund raising function. The United Jewish Appeal quota for Paterson and Fairlawn is \$200,000. Paterson's pledge towards the United Jewish Appeal has been paid in full for the past three years. Paterson has always over-subscribed to its quota.

We would like to keep up, and if possible, to excel the past record. There is a warm feeling in the community for unprecedented giving. The needs of the UJA constituents, the United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee, have been brought home to our Jews through a series of educational meetings with prominent speakers discussing the relief, rescue and rehabilitation program in Palestine and elsewhere.

It is the unanimous opinion of our Executive Committee, our UJA officers and the Zionist groups, that a Special Gifts Dinner at the start of the campaign with Abba Hillel Silver as guest speaker, would in great measure contribute towards a dynamic, intelligent and successful campaign.

We, the undersigned, have been delegated as a collective "sheliach tzibur" to implore you to grace our opening event of our 1945 campaign with your presence. Your indomitable courage as a Jewish leader, your vast knowledge of Jewish affairs, your intuitive certainty of the hour of crisis and decision which you impart in unsurpassed prophetic eloquence will give us a unique inspirational experience, which, we are sure, will not fail to



February 2nd, 1945.

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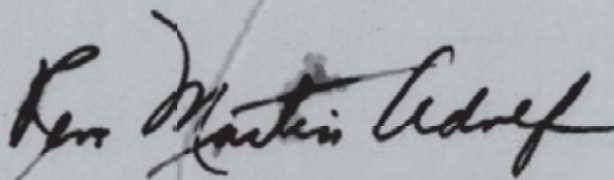
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

translate itself in assuming the right share of responsibility towards the UJA.

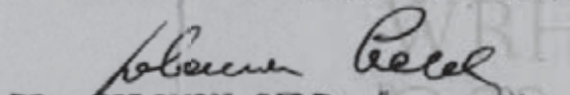
Sunday evening, May 6th, has been set as the date of the dinner. If you cannot come on May 6th, we will gladly postpone our dinner for May 13th. The enthusiasm which an announcement of your consent to be with us would create among our workers is beyond imagination.

We would appreciate your favoring us with an early reply.

With warm greetings and prayers for the redemption of our people in a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine, we remain,

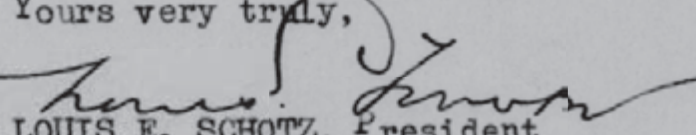


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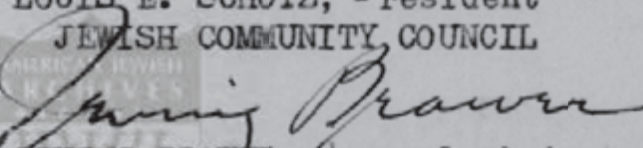


DR. SOLOMON GELD, Exec. Dir.  
JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Yours very truly,



LOUIS E. SCHOTZ, President  
JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL



IRVING BRAWER, General Chairman  
1944 UNITED JEWISH APPEAL OF  
PATERSON

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February 7, 1945

Mr. Louis E. Schotz, President  
Jewish Community Council  
179 Ellison Street  
Paterson 1, N.J.

My dear Mr. Schotz:

I deeply appreciate your letter and your kind invitation to address the Special Gifts Dinner of your campaign on May 13. I should very much like to help you out, but unfortunately I cannot leave Cleveland on a Sunday. I must be in my own pulpit on Sunday mornings, and numerous congregational activities take place on that day. I am sure that you will understand.

With all good wishes for great success in your very important undertaking, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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REV. MARTIN ADOLF  
399 EAST 34TH STREET  
PATERSON, N. J.  
SHERWOOD 2-6609

March 7, 1952

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
c/o The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have made several efforts in the past years, particularly during my term as President of the New Jersey Zionist Region, to invite you as our guest speaker on certain outstanding occasions. Unfortunately, I never succeeded. Yet, I have enough determination left within me (being a Zionist) to try again with the hope that the odds are now in my favor.

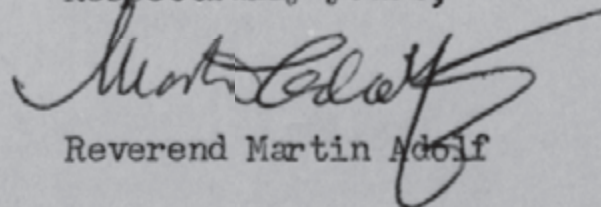
The community of Paterson consisting of 22,000 Jewish population is opening its U.J.A. Campaign on May 6th. This event will be coupled with the celebration of the fourth anniversary of the establishment of the Jewish State. I have been approached by the leadership in our community to use my influence and persuasive powers, if any, to have you accept the invitation to be our guest speaker for this great event.

If Tuesday, May 6th, is not suitable to you we will gladly consider any day prior or succeeding that date. I certainly would deem it a rare privilege to be able to convey to my friends your affirmative reply.

Simultaneously your visit would afford me and the Zionist leadership in Paterson the opportunity of discussing some Zionist problems with you which are so abundant at all times on our horizon. God knows we need your counsel and advice now more than ever before.

I would greatly appreciate a reply at your earliest opportunity. With Zion greetings, I remain

Respectfully yours,

  
Reverend Martin Adolf



March 18, 1952

Rev. Martin Adolf  
399 East 34th Street  
Paterson, New Jersey

My dear Reverend Adolf:

I appreciate very much your kind letter of March 7th and your gracious invitation to address the U.J.A. Campaign meeting of your community in May. I wish I were free to come to you as I should very much like to accede to your request. Unfortunately, I am heavily burdened with lecture engagements for the rest of the season. In fact, I am afraid that I have taken on too much, and the particular date that you suggest, May 6th, I am to open the campaign in Detroit. I am afraid that I shall not be free for the remainder of the season to take on additional lecture engagements.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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October 21st 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have been requested by the West Essex Jewish Cultural Forum of New Jersey to inquire regarding the possibility of your appearance before the Forum on April 3rd 1955.

This Forum is an amalgamation of six small communities who have pooled their resources to bring to it eminent personalities such as yours.

They would be able to give you a token remuneration of \$250.00, plus your expenses.

Your acceptance of this invitation would do much to stimulate the entire idea of a Jewish Cultural Series in this area. I do hope, sir, that you can have your secretary call or wire me affirmatively regarding this invitation.

I want to take this opportunity to express my own personal admiration for your outstanding career and contribution to the life of America and Israel.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Irving Rockmore

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# Jewish Community Council of Paterson, N. J.

390 BROADWAY

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November 4th, 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

During the past few months, our community has shown a very great interest in developing programs on a local level, in recognition and celebration of the American Tercentenary. A number of our local organizations have shown the kind of ingenuity and imagination in the preparation of their programs which reflects a deep understanding and appreciation of this great event in our lives.

At the last two meetings of our representative committee, there was expressed a strong desire that we hold a meeting in recognition of this event in which the entire community could take part. Such an event could not, of course, be successful unless we could have as our speaker, a person of acknowledged prominence in the American Jewish Community.

It is our unanimous feeling that you would suit our needs perfectly for this occasion, and, we therefore extend a cordial invitation to you to join with our community, as guest speaker in celebrating this historic event. We would prefer to hold this affair on January 5th, or January 12th, but we would be glad to suit the exact date to your convenience, sometime during that period. We would, of course, be glad to pay transportation or any other expenses incurred by you in connection with your trip to Paterson.

We look forward to your early reply with deep appreciation, and the sincere hope that you will be able to accept this invitation.

Sincerely yours,

*Albert H. Slater*  
Albert H. Slater  
President

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November 9, 1954

Mr. Albert H. Slater, President  
Jewish Community Council of Paterson, N. J.  
390 Broadway  
Paterson, New Jersey

My dear Mr. Slater:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of November 4th and for your invitation to address the Tercentenary celebration that is being planned for your community.

I regret that I have committed myself to so many Tercentenary engagements all over the country that I cannot, injustice to my health, take on any additional out of town engagements. I trust that you will understand.

Wishing you much success, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILIEL SILVER

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