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Peoria, Illinois, 1922-1945.

UNIVERSITY CLUB  
OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS

September 21, 1922.

Doctor Abba Hilel Silver,  
Cleveland,  
Ohio.

My dear Doctor:

The Universtity Club of the City of Peoria gives a banquet on the evening of November 23, 1922, and greatly desires that you be a guest of the banquet on that occasion and address the members and their guests. Rabbi Bottigheimer and several of the members of the Synagogue join with me in urging you to accept our invitation. Of course we will pay all your expenses and present you with your usual honorarium. The President of the University Club joins with me as Chairman of the Speakers Committee in urging you to accept the Club's invitation for the above date.

Respectfully,

*P. G. Hennick*  
P. G. Hennick,  
Chairman of Speakers Committee.

*Note  
9/27/22*



September 28th, 1922.

Mr. P. G. Rennick,  
Chairman, Speakers Committee,  
University Club,  
Peoria, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Rennick,

Permit me to thank you for your  
kind invitation to address the University Club  
of Peoria. I think that I can see my way clear  
to come to you on November 23rd.

I would appreciate it very much  
if you would indicate to me what type of lecture  
you desire.

My honorarium would be one hundred  
and fifty dollars.

With kindest regards, I beg to  
remain

Very sincerely yours,

Penn., Ill.

Oct. 5, 1922.

Rabbi Abm. Hillel Silver,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Silver:-

I understand that you have been invited to deliver an address here before the University Club, Thursday evening, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

I trust that you will be able to see your way to accepting that invitation and furthermore, to remaining over the following day and occupying my pulpit that evening.

My congregation is extremely anxious to hear you and I want them to have the opportunity if it can possibly be arranged.

With thanks, and with energetic wishes upon you



Engagement, I am,  
Cordially yours,  
Meyer Lovitch.





UNIVERSITY CLUB  
OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS

October 6, 1922.

Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 55St. and Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Doctor Silver;

The members of the University Club  
Committee were delighted when I read them  
your letter of acceptance.

Feel perfectly free to use any subject  
you may desire, barring the discussion of  
politics. Would you be kind enough to  
suggest to me the lecture or lectures that  
you prefer to deliver.

We will have no more than three speakers  
and probably no more than two. The time  
alloted to each speaker is forty-five minutes.  
Do you wish regular platform contract?

Yours truly,

*P. J. Ramsey*  
Chairman Speakers Committee.

October 9th, 1922.

Mr. P. G. Rinnick,  
University Club,  
Peoria, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Rinnick,

Perhaps one of the following  
lectures may prove acceptable to your  
audience. Please designate the one and  
let me know.

1. Organizing for Service.
2. Racial and Religious Conflict in the  
United States.
3. Concords and Concessions.
4. Is Progress Possible.
5. Have we an American Civilization.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



October 9th, 1922.

Rabbi Hyer Lovitch,  
Peoria, Illinois.

My dear Rabbi Lovitch,

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter. I have definitely accepted the invitation to address the University Club of your city and I look forward with great pleasure to our meeting again.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



UNIVERSITY CLUB  
OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS

October 20, 1922.

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

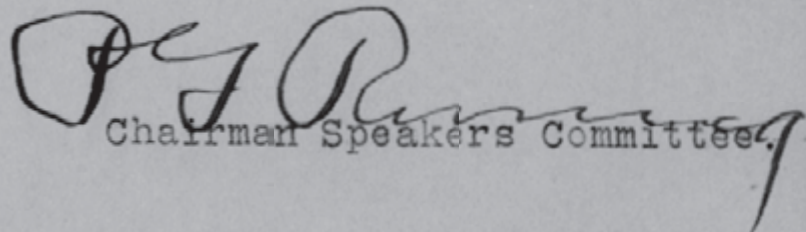
My dear Doctor Silver:

We very heartily approve of the  
subject "Organizing for Service" which  
you mentioned first on the list.

A little later we will write you  
again in reference to your time of  
arrival, etc.

Conveying the kindest regards from  
the Club, I am

Yours truly,

  
Chairman Speakers Committee.

Peoria, Ill.,

October 24, 1922.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
Cleveland, O.

Dear Silver:-

I received your letter and was  
glad to learn that you had accepted the  
invitation of the local University Club.

You did not say however whether you  
could remain over the following day and  
occupy my pulpit. Am I to understand that  
your acceptance of the other includes also  
this. I hope so.

Looking forwards to having you with  
us, I am, with kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Myer Luntz.*



November 7th, 1922.

Rabbi Meyer Lovitch,  
Peoria, Ill.

My dear Rabbi Lovitch,

I do not recall whether I answered your letter of October 24th. I wish I were in a position to stay over in Peoria and occupy your pulpit, but I simply cannot as I must be back in Cleveland in time for our Temple Forum. I hope that at some future time I may be of service to you.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



UNIVERSITY CLUB  
OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Nov. 27, 1922.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Doctor Silver:

On behalf of our  
University Club Committee I wish again to  
express to you our very great appreciation  
for the eloquent and masterly address which  
you delivered on the occasion of our annual  
banquet.

I am enclosing herewith a draft for \$150.00  
and would kindly ask you to inform me of any  
expense that you may have incurred which our  
committee was not able to anticipate.

Please permit me to add my personal appre-  
ciation and beg to remain,

Very respectfully yours,

*B. L. Culver*

December 2nd, 1922.

Mr. B. L. Hulsebus,  
University Club,  
Peoria, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Hulsebus,

Permit me to thank you for  
your letter of November 27th, and for  
the check which you enclosed. I think  
the check fully covers any expense which  
I might have incurred.

I need not tell you how much  
I enjoyed my visit to your splendid or-  
ganization. I am really very grateful  
for the warm hospitality which I received  
while in your midst. Mr. Love and Mr. Dancy  
were extremely thoughtful and kind throughout.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



December 2nd, 1922.

Mr. H. W. Dancy,  
University Club,  
Peoria, Ill.

My dear Mr. Dancy,

I have just returned home from a visit in the east and I want to take the first opportunity to write you and tell you how much I appreciated the many courtesies which you extended to me during my recent visit to your city. You made my day an exceedingly pleasant one, and I am very grateful to you. Please convey my best wishes to Mr. Love.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,





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**PEORIA, ILL.**

January 22, 1923

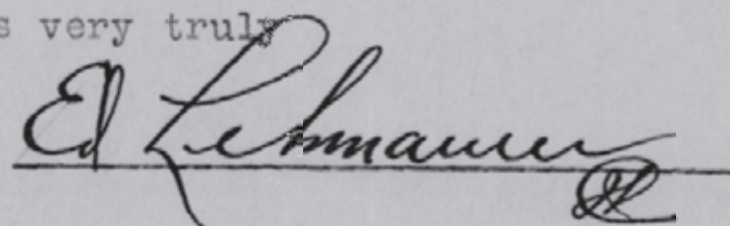
Rabbi Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio:

Dear Rabbi:

Would you please advise me if  
you would care to deliver a lecture here on  
Sunday evening, February 25th at a Sunday  
evening Fourm in the Universalist Church.

I would appreciate a reply.

Yours very truly



EL:K

January 24th, 1923

Mr. Ed. Lehman,  
Care Lehman-Stern Company,  
Peoria, Ills.

My dear Mr. Lehman,

I am directed by Rabbi Silver to say to you, in reply to your letter to him of the 22nd, that it would be impossible for him to accept an invitation for Sunday Evening, February 25th. The principal Service of the week at The Temple is held on Sunday morning, and many of the important activities take place on that day, so that Rabbi Silver has made it a policy not to leave Cleveland on a Sunday. Will you kindly advise the friends of the Universalist Church Forum that Rabbi Silver regrets having to decline their invitation.

Very sincerely yours,



June 23rd, 1924.

Mrs. Jacques Bloom,  
Peoria Women's Club,  
Peoria, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Bloom,

Permit me to thank you for your letter of June 18th and for the invitation which you extend to me to address the Peoria Women's Club. Should I be in the neighborhood of Chicago some time next fall, I shall let you know a bit ahead of time. At present I cannot definitely say whether I shall be able to come to Peoria next year or not. We are opening our new Temple next year and I shall be extremely busy, but I shall keep your organization in mind.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



PEORIA WOMEN'S CLUB

344 Moss Avenue,

Peoria, Illinois,

June 18<sup>th</sup> - 1924.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver -

I recall with such pleasure  
the magnificent talk you gave two years ago at  
the University Club banquet, that I wish very much  
that you would speak next season for the Peoria  
Woman's Club. Our meetings are held in the  
afternoon on the second and fourth Mondays  
in the month. Should you be in Chicago after  
the holiday season you may find it possible  
to arrange a date for our Club.

If so state time in your letter.

And oblige Very truly yours

(Mrs Jacques Bloom) Marie Asker Bloom.  
President.



PEORIA WOMEN'S CLUB

344 Mrs Avenue,  
Peoria, Illinois.

June 28<sup>th</sup> 1924.

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

My dear Dr Silver. Being under the impres-  
sion that you lecture every season at Sinai  
Center in Chicago, I hoped that you would  
include Peoria also. Our Year Book goes to  
press in August and the program for our  
meetings is necessarily arranged before  
that time.

Very truly yours,  
(Mrs Jacques Bloom) Marie Asker Bloom.  
President.

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July 7, 1924

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The Sunday Evening Forum in Peoria, Illinois, is asking whether you would be available for them some Sunday evening between January 11 and March 22. They usually pay about \$75, but occasionally can go as high as \$125.

Should you see a date for them, I shall be glad to have you write me.

Sincerely yours,

*Mildred C. Smith*  
Executive Secretary.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

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July Tenth, 1924

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

My dear Miss Smith,

Replying to your letter of the seventh, I regret that I cannot accept the invitation to speak in Peoria, as I do not leave Cleveland on a Sunday.

Very sincerely yours,

MRS. HAROLD SALZENSTEIN  
117 NORTH INSTITUTE PLACE  
PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Dear Doctor Silver:-

The Sisterhood of  
Anshai Mosh Congregation  
of Peoria has been eager  
to have you talk at  
one of its meetings for  
some time. But, realizing  
that good things come  
high, it hesitated.

As chairman of the  
program committee for  
the coming year.



MRS. HAROLD SALZENSTEIN  
117 NORTH INSTITUTE PLACE  
PEORIA, ILLINOIS

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I have taken the liberty to write and ask you if you intend to be in this vicinity sometime during the winter and whether it would be convenient for you to come and talk to us at that time? We can arrange our meeting for any evening that you may

MRS. HAROLD SALZENSTEIN  
117 NORTH INSTITUTE PLACE  
PEORIA, ILLINOIS

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be able to come.

In answering, will  
you please let us know  
your terms?

I hope that the  
Jewish community here  
will have the great  
pleasure of hearing you  
talk to them this year.

Sincerely yours,  
Leontine Salzenstein.

September twenty-fifth.



October first,  
1924

Mrs. Harold Salzenstein,  
117 North Institute Place,  
Peoria, Ills.

My dear Mrs. Salzenstein,

Permit me to thank you for your letter of September twenty-fifth, containing your very kind invitation to address the Sisterhood of Anshei Emeth Congregation. I wish I were in a position to accept, but owing to the opening of our New Temple, I am greatly overburdened with work and shall be for the next few months, and I am not accepting any additional out of town engagements.

If, during the early spring months, I see an opportunity of going to Peoria and vicinity, I shall get in touch with you.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

5/13/26

Rabbi Wm.P. Mayer,  
Peoria, Ill.

Regret exceedingly cannot accept any  
more engagements. Am too heavily booked for the  
next month.

A.H. Silver.

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# Temple Anshai Emeth

BERNARD M. DORFMAN, RABBI  
MONROE AND HANCOCK STREETS

PEORIA, ILL.

September 15th, 1926

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple  
East 105th Street  
Ansel Road - Cleveland Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have been asked by my community to inquire whether you are entirely booked up for the coming year, and to learn whether there would be any possibility of getting you to come to Peoria at any time?

I hope that your European trip and subsequent vacation afforded you the rest you were in need of, and that the ensuing year will be one of joy and good health for Mrs. Silver and yourself.

With cordial personal greetings, I am

As ever yours,

*Bernard M. Dorfman*

P.S. Would you be kind enough to have your Bulletin mailed to me?

*now given  
to office.  
H.H.J.*



October First  
1926

Rabbi Bernard M. Dorfman,  
Temple Anshai Emeth,  
Monroe and Hancock Streets,  
Peoria, Illinois.

My dear Rabbi Dorfman,

I cannot say definitely at this time whether or not I shall be able to visit Peoria this year. I am curtailing my out of town lecture engagements a bit this season to devote much of my time to Palestine and relief funds and to necessary work at home. If an opportunity presents itself during the season for me to accept your kind invitation, I will get in touch with you.

I have given instructions that the Temple Bulletin be sent to you each week.

Mrs. Silver joins me in wishing you a year of happiness and success.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



Answered in  
person by Dr. Silver  
to Rabbi Dorfman  
(in Peoria at Temple)

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# Temple Anshai Emeth

BERNARD M. DORFMAN, RABBI  
MONROE AND HANCOCK STREETS

PEORIA, ILL.  
October 13th, 1926

Dr. A. H. Silver,  
The Temple  
East 105th St. and Ansel Road  
Cleveland - Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Day before yesterday, I was at Sinai Temple in Chicago and note that you are going to speak there during the course of the coming year.

I do not care to press this matter, as I know you are very busy, but Peoria is 150 miles from Chicago and my Community is very anxious to have you come here if possible. Anytime that you can come, we shall be delighted to welcome you, and I personally would be more than grateful for such a visit.

With kindest personal greetings to Mrs. Silver, yourself and our mutual friends of the Temple, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Bernard M. Dorfman

Answered  
directly



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# Temple Anshai Emeth

BERNARD M. DORFMAN, RABBI  
MONROE AND HANCOCK STREETS

PEORIA, ILL.

12-16-26

Dr. A. H. Silver,  
c/o The Temple  
Cleveland - Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Permit me to remind you of our last conversation together during which you told me that you would come to Peoria sometime in the Spring between Passover and Shabuoth.

You ask for a reminder from me about the first of the year. I have announced that you will be with us and my community are anxiously awaiting your return to this city. It seems they have not forgotten your last visit.

Would you be kind enough to drop me a line and giving me a date in order that I may properly prepare for your coming, and plan accordingly.

I hope to see you in January at the convention.

With cordial personal greetings to Mrs. Silver and yourself,

I am

Very sincerely yours,

Bernard M. Dorfman



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January 24th, 1927.

Rabbi Bernard M. Dorfman,  
Anshe Emeth Congregation,  
Peoria, Ill.

My dear Rabbi Dorfman,

I have deliberated long upon your kind invitation to me to visit your community this year and I regret to say that after a close scrutiny of my calendar I find that it will be absolutely impossible for me to come to you. I have just received word from New York that I must give them ten lectures within the next eight or nine weeks for the United Palestine Appeal, which must go over this year in view of the conditions in Palestine. I am cancelling some of my speaking engagements already made. This has been an unusually crowded year for me and I feel that in justice to myself I ought not to take on any additional work other than those which I must in behalf of the Palestine campaign. I know that you will understand the circumstances which compel me to defer my visit to your community.

me to remain

With kindest regards, permit

Very sincerely yours,



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Peoria

# Temple Anshai Emeth

BERNARD M. DORFMAN, RABBI

MONROE AND HANCOCK STREETS

PEORIA, ILL.

Dear Dr. Silver:

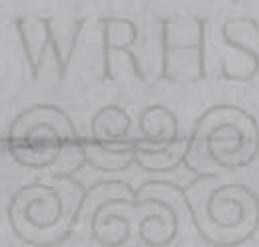
I regret exceedingly your letter of the 24th, and hope you will find it possible to reconsider your cancellation of speaking in Peoria.

I have long announced your coming and the whole Community has been looking forward to it.

Could you not arrange on one of your Chicago trips to drop down here, as it is only a three hour ride?

Very truly yours,

*Bernard M. Dorfman*



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*in Peoria*

April 12



Peoria \*

T E L E G R A M

Day Letter

March 18, 1927.

Rabbi Bernard M. Dorfman,  
Temple Anshai Emeth,  
Monroe and Hancock Streets,  
Peoria, Ill.

WRHS  
AMERICAN JEWISH  
ARCHIVES  
I am to be in Springfield, Illinois for the Midday Luncheon  
Club on Tuesday April 12. I understand that I can reach  
Peoria in time for an evening meeting. If date acceptable  
please wire. My honorarium is \$150.00.

AHS:NEB  
Sent at  
3:30 P.M.

A. H. Silver

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DOCTOR A H SILVER, CARE THE TEMPLE.

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VERY HAPPY TO HAVE YOU ON TUESDAY APRIL TWELFTH GIVING A DINNER  
IN YOUR HONOR ADVISE ME WHEN YOU WILL ARRIVE IN PEORIA.

BERNARD M DORFMAN.

will arrive five forty five on  
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A Silver

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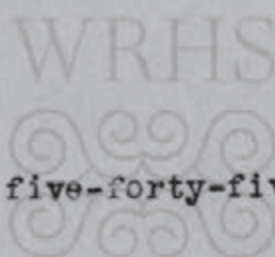
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March ~~19th~~, 1927

Rabbi Bernard M. Dorfman

Peoria, Illinois.

Will arrive five-forty-five on Chicago and Alton.

A. H. Silver



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# Temple Anshai Emeth

BERNARD M. DORFMAN, RABBI  
MONROE AND HANCOCK STREETS

PEORIA, ILL.

March 21st, 1927

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Photo  
mailed  
March 25/27

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have had both of your wires concerning your speaking here on April 18th. A committee was formed and a congregational dinner will be given that will accomodate a large number of people.

The Committee in charge has asked me to make one request of you for them, namely, that you send us your subject in advance and also your photograph that you generally give out for newspaper use, as we desire this to be a community affair and open to the public.

This committee asked me to say to you that in the past month they have entertained Dr. Chaim Weitzman and a couple other Zionsts, have had a campaign for Zionism, etc, and request you to please make your address on any subject other than Zionism or Palestine, as they have been rather fed up on the subject and would be grateful if you would not make this your subject.

Springfield is 80 miles distant from Peoria, and if you enjoy touring, I will motor over for you, as the trip takes about two hours by machine.

Needless to say that I am more than grateful to you for consenting to come here and we expect to have a real affair awaiting you.

I would appreciate your letting me know whether you prefer the train to a machine trip as well as your subject.

With kindest personal greetings to Mrs. Silver, yourself and mutual friends, I remain

Respectfully yours,

Bernard M. Dorfman



"P." Peoria  
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March 25, 1927.

Rabbi Bernard M. Dorfman,  
Temple Anshai Emeth,  
Monroe & Hancock Sts.  
Peoria, Ill.

My dear Rabbi Dorfman:

Under separate cover, I  
am sending you as per your request, my  
photograph.

I shall speak on "Democracy  
at the Cross-roads."

I should be very happy to  
motor with you from Springfield to Peoria,-  
provided you are a safe motorist.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely,

AHS:NEB



# UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

*P. Peoria, Ill.\**

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705 CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK BUILDING,  
PEORIA, ILL.  
March 28, 1927.

DR. A. A. FREEDLANDER,  
Regional Director

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am informed that you are to address the Sisterhood of the local Reform Temple shortly. The Zionists of Peoria are happy to know that you will be here and they would very much like to arrange some sort of a luncheon reception for you during your stay. This they want to do not only to pay their respects to you as a Zionist but also because there is reason to believe that your visit here is being planned to counteract the rising Zionist sentiment we have succeeded in arousing here following the visits of Maurice Samuel, Mrs. Archibald Silverman, and recently, Dr. Weizmann. This will sound ludicrous to you but I assure you I would not write you as I am unless I felt fully warranted in bringing this situation to your attention.

It is being widely advertised that you are to speak here "NOT on Zionism" with emphasis on the not. While I have no objection to your addressing the local Sisterhood on any subject you desire, I feel you will want to know something of the spirit back of a number who regard your appearance here in the light of the opening gun in a campaign to counteract the Zionist sentiment we have succeeded after great effort in creating here and the rest of the State of Illinois.

In order that the community may know where you stand on the question of Zionism, I think it advisable that the local Zionist district be permitted to pay you their respects. This too could be utilized to good effect in connection with our U.P.A. campaign which is about to begin. I know that if you feel you can be of any help to our Cause while here, you will want to give that help.

Please regard this communication in the light of an invitation tendered on behalf of the Peoria Zionist District. In view of the fact that I will be away from Peoria during the next week or so, may I ask you to reply to Mr. Albert Schiff, president of the Peoria Zionist District, c/o Peoria Dry Goods Co., 221 S. Adams St?

Sincerely yours,

*A. A. Freedlander.*

# \$7,500,000 FOR 1927

(ILLINOIS-IOWA QUOTA \$100,000)



"Peoria"

March 30, 1927.

Mr. Albert Schiff,  
c/o Peoria Dry Goods Co.  
221 South Adams St.  
Peoria, Ill.

My dear Mr. Schiff:

I have just received a letter from Mr. Freedlander inviting me to attend a reception luncheon on the day of my visit to Peoria. I would gladly have availed myself of your kindness, but I shall address a meeting of the Mid-Day Luncheon Club in Springfield that day and I shall come ~~to~~ to Peoria that day just in time for the evening meeting.

Mr. Freedlander seems to be under the impression that the Sisterhood will utilize my coming "to counteract the rising Zionist sentiment" in your town and they are advertising that I am to speak "NOT on Zionism". I shall address the organization on "Democracy at the Crossroads".

I cannot see just how my coming could be utilized in the light of the "opening gun in a campaign to counteract the Zionist sentiment" in your city. I think Mr. Freedlander is needlessly disturbed. It is because my Zionism is so well known to the members of the Sisterhood that unless they point out to the members that I am to discuss a "neutral" subject, they would suspect that I would be another Zionist lecturer.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:NEB



"Peoria"

March 30, 1927.

Rabbi Bernard Dorfman,  
Peoria, Ill.

My dear Dorfman:

I have heard from friends in Peoria that you are advertising me as one who is not to speak on Zionism. That has aroused a bit of sentiment in your community.

I would prefer that you just announce my subject as I gave it to you. It is not necessary to point out that it is a "neutral" or "not a Zionist" subject.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely,

AHS:NEB



**Temple Anshai Emeth**

BERNARD M. DORFMAN, RABBI  
MONROE AND HANCOCK STREETS

PEORIA, ILL.

April 15th, 1927

*P- Peoria\**  
                    

Dear Dr. Silver:

Just a line of appreciation to you for your kindness in coming to Peoria.

To tell you how much your address was enjoyed or how much good it did for me, would be merely wasting your time and paper.

I hope that at sometime in the future when we have descent rail connections, you will consent to come back again.

Inclosed please find the remainder of your check for your services.

I look forward to seeing you in the very near future in Cleveland and hope that you had a pleasant return trip.

Respectfully yours,

*BMD Dorfman*





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## HOTEL PÈRE MARQUETTE

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

January 30, 1930

Dr. A. H. Silver  
c/o The Temple  
Ansel Road and E. 105th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Permit me first of all to offer you and Mrs. Silver my sincere congratulations upon the arrival of your second child. May I hope that your wife is doing nicely and that you will both derive much joy and happiness from your children. May I inquire whether you are scheduled to be any where near Peoria during the month of March, as my Congregation is extremely anxious to have you back again for a dinner meeting such as we enjoyed a couple of years ago. If you are any where in the vicinity between March 12 and March 27, I should be delighted to invite you to be my guest.

With kindest personal greetings to Leon, yourself and mutual friends, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

*Bernard M. Dorfman*



card

Feb. 13th, 1930

Rabbi Bernard M. Dorfman,  
Hotel Pere Marquette,  
Peoria, Ill.

My dear Bernard:-

Please pardon the long delay in answering your letter. I have been extremely busy the last few weeks with household duties. There has been a new arrival in our family, Raphael David and his daddy has been kept busy with many things.

I wish I could accept your kind invitation to come to you some time between March 12th and 27th. Unfortunately my March program is terribly crowded. I have any number of lectures scheduled in the East and in this part of the country. I may have a little more leeway in April or May. If you still want me at that time please write me and I shall make an effort to set aside a date for you.

With best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR





• H. EDGAR GREGORY, Manager •

# HOTEL PÈRE MARQUETTE

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

February 14, 1930

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of the 13th. I trust that Mrs. Silver and your new son are both doing nicely.

As you make your calendar for the months of April and May (preferably April) you might keep me in mind for an engagement. You may have occasion to go to Chicago or St. Louis and if so, Peoria is four hours travel from either of them. If there is any possibility of your coming our way, I would be very grateful to you.

With kindest personal greetings, I am

Respectfully yours,

*Bernard M. Wayman*



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CONGREGATION ANSHAI EMETH  
MONROE AND HANCOCK STREETS  
PEORIA, ILLINOIS

RABBI MELBOURNE HARRIS  
*Rabbi*

Feb. 24, 1934.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.  
The Temple,  
105th St. and Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

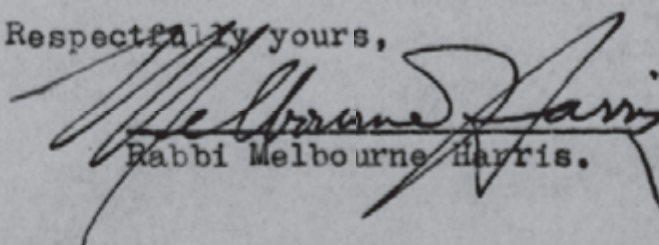
We are planning to launch our second annual Jewish Welfare Bund Drive about the middle of March - possibly March 20-24. Realizing the emergency situation confronting all the major philanthropic organizations, we want to make this a combined Emergency Campaign. And we would like to inaugurate this campaign with a large mass meeting.

Is there any possibility of you traveling in these parts about this time? And if so, would you consent to address this mass meeting for the above cause? We would not care to spend too much money on traveling expenses of the speaker, and that is why I specifically ask whether or not you would be traveling in this neighborhood any time around the middle of March.

In speaking to Mr. Max Shulman of Chicago, he mentioned that he would try to persuade you to come to Peoria in behalf of the Zionist Organization. Were you to come, we would include the Zionist Organization as one of the constituent organizations to participate in the funds of the Emergency Drive, together with such organizations as J.D.C., HIAS, Anti-Defamation League, American Jewish Congress, American Jewish Committee.

Trusting I may hear from you at your earliest convenience, listing possible dates available, I am

Respectfully yours,

  
Rabbi Melbourne Harris.

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March 1, 1934.

Rabbi Melbourn Harris,  
Congregation Anshai Emeth,  
Monroe and Hancock Streets,  
Peoria, Illinois.

My dear Rabbi Harris:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of February 24th. I wish I were free to come to you and help you with your Jewish Welfare Fund Drive. Unfortunately, I am so terrifically busy that I cannot, in justice to myself accept any additional out-of-town engagements. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



February 4, 1938

Dr. J. P. Coney,  
103 N. Washington Street,  
Peoria, Ill.

My dear Dr. Coney:

Let me thank you for your kindness in writing to me and for the gracious invitation which you extend to me to address the opening meeting of the Peoria campaign in behalf of your Jewish Welfare Fund. I hope that it will be possible for me to come to you, although at the present writing, I am unable to give you a definite answer. There is a possibility of my going to the Pacific Coast during the month of April for the United Palestine Appeal. Because of this possibility, I am not definitely committing myself to any other engagements during that month. Please go ahead with your plans for your campaign. If I am free, I shall be happy to come. If not, we will help you to procure some outstanding figure who will, I am sure, help you materially in your work.

With best wishes, permit me to  
remain

Most cordially yours,

ahs;bk



OFFICE OF  
THE CONIGISKY ESTATE  
103 NORTH WASHINGTON ST.  
PEORIA, ILL.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I thank you for your  
letter of February 4th and have noted con-  
tents.

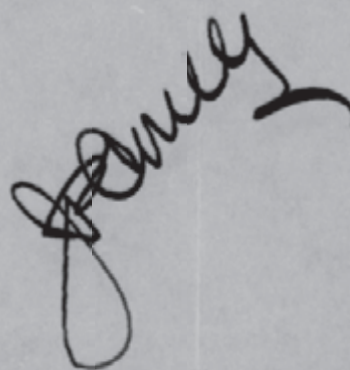
I know that you will  
agree that a great cause makes great de-  
mands. For this reason alone, I am asking  
your help. And I feel that you will accept  
if humanly possible. However, please re-  
member that we realize the many other de-  
mands made upon your time. Might it be pos-  
sible for you to plan the inclusion of  
Peoria on your way to or from the Coast.

We hope for an affirm-  
ative final answer. However, we will appre-  
ciate your co-operation and assistance in  
any event.

With best wishes for  
you, yours and your wonderful work, I remain

Most sincerely yours,

February 14 1938.  
JFC:RB.





OFFICE OF  
THE CONIGISKY ESTATE  
103 NORTH WASHINGTON ST.  
PEORIA, ILL.

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

My dear Rabbi:

We would like to set a definite date for the Peoria Jewish Welfare Fund campaign. From our previous correspondence, you know that we had planned to have this drive early in April.

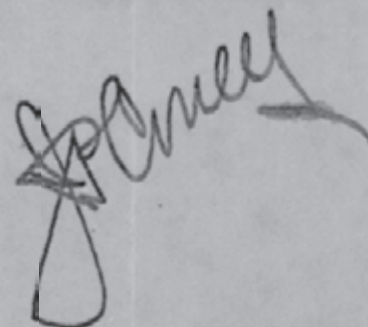
Uppermost in our minds at this time is the question of opening speaker. We are still hoping that it will be possible for you to be here. We feel that your response will be gratifying.

I must report to the March Board meeting which will be held next week upon this matter. Will you kindly advise me if it will be possible for you to come.

Most sincerely yours,

J.P. Coney.

March 4 1938.  
JPC:RB.





March 8, 1938

Mr. J. P. Coney,  
103 North Washington Street,  
Peoria, Ill.

My dear Mr. Coney:

Let me thank you for your letter of  
March 4.

In looking through my calendar, I find that  
it will be quite impossible for me to come to Peoria  
for your Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign, much as I  
should like to.

I am writing to our New York office  
requesting them to send you a list of speakers  
who would grace the opening meeting of your campaign.

With all good wishes for success, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



Mrs. J. P. Conroy

PEORIA CHAPTER SENIOR HADASSAH

137 Rebecca St

May 31, 1942

Peoria

Ill. Peoria, Ill.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I feel rather guilty talking up your valuable time with something, that seems out of reach. Still they say if you "hitch your wagon to a star" you may attain your goal. You are truly a star in the minds and hearts of so many of our people to-day, that your very presence in our community would seem like a dream come true.

Dare we ask you if you would come to our little community in Peoria Ill and speak for our donors' luncheon (10 per person) which we are planning to hold in February? Our Hadassah has grown so strong



PEORIA CHAPTER SENIOR HADASSAH

numerically, that we feel if we present  
to them Rabbi Silver as our speaker for  
February our organization could double  
its donors' participants and it would be  
an incentive to work on for increased  
membership. We hope we will have your  
permission to use your name as a drawing  
card to arouse interest in our cause when  
we start an early membership campaign.  
I have been following closely your where-  
abouts and am praying for your continued  
health & strength to carry on to fulfillment  
your dream and mine.

Sincerely  
Mrs J.P. (Ethel M) Coney



June 2, 1942

Mrs. J. P. Coney  
137 Rebecca Place  
Peoria, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Coney:

I deeply appreciate your invitation to address the Donor Luncheon of the Peoria Chapter of Hadassah. I regret deeply that it will not be possible for me to accept it. Pressure of other duties force me to decline many invitations which I would otherwise be happy to accept.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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August 24, 1942

Dear Rabbi:

Some time ago I wrote Rabbi Harris, advising him that this fall we expected to entertain the Midwest Regional Convention of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds and that we looked forward to having you as our principle speaker and key-noter.

The Executive Committee meeting was held at Omaha a few weeks ago and the general feeling previous to the meeting was to postpone our regular fall convention this year, but when forty people from all over the region attended this meeting and when from twelve to fifteen was the usual attendance, it was decided that we are doubly interested in the plight of our brethren the world over, at this time.

We expect the attendance throughout the region, covering territory from Illinois to Colorado and from Kansas to the Canadian Boundary to be approximately 200 besides those who will attend from Chicago and the state of Illinois.

The convention will open on Saturday evening and our entire community and the officers in charge of this convention look forward to having you open this convention.

May I ask your kind indulgence? Thanking you, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

*Clarence A. Ullman*  
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Chairman, Regional Convention  
Council of Jewish Federations and  
Welfare Funds

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Rabbi Abahil Silver  
c/o Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

DATE OF CONVENTION: OCTOBER 24-25





CONGREGATION ANSHAI EMETH

MONROE AND HANCOCK STREETS

PEORIA 3, ILLINOIS

HARRY B. PASTOR

*Rabbi*

September 24, 1945

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Here in Peoria we are having a series of lectures this year called the Pulpit Forum Series sponsored jointly by five Christian churches and our own Temple. This series will be open to the public free of charge and will be financed by the religious institutions involved. The Christian ministers have asked that we include one Rabbi among our lecturers and it is the unanimous agreement of the entire committee that you are the person whom we should like to have.

Are you going to be in Chicago or St. Louis for any engagements during this coming season? If so, would you be willing to make a trip to Peoria also and include us on your itinerary? If not, would you be willing to make a trip from Cleveland to Peoria for this cause? What would be the honorarium?

I shall certainly appreciate a reply at your earliest convenience and I sincerely hope that you will find it possible to make that reply an affirmative one.

With every good wish for the New Year, I am,

Respectfully yours,

*Harry B. Pastor*

P.S.

The preferred day of the week for these lectures is Sunday evening.



September 27, 1945

Rabbi Harry B. Pastor  
Congregation Anshai Emeth  
Monroe and Hancock Streets  
Peoria 3, Ill.

My dear Rabbi Pastor:

I appreciate your kind invitation to participate in the Pulpit Forum Series of your community and I wish I were free to accept it. Unfortunately my work is terribly heavy and will be, I am afraid, for the remainder of the season. I have undertaken quite a number of additional responsibilities, and I really do not know how I can do justice to them all. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK