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July 7, 1931.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Would you be available for an address to the freshmen at the University of Pittsburgh, Thursday morning, September 17th?

About twelve hundred (1200) freshmen men and women in their orientation week will be assembled to hear an address upon the place of religion in university life.

I have been commissioned to find if it would be possible for you to be with us. We would, of course, pay you an honorarium for your services.

We would appreciate a reply as soon as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

*W. W. Mendenhall*  
W. W. Mendenhall,  
Executive Secretary.

WWM:G

*You write for your name -  
cannot come on  
Thursday, Sept. 17 - another engagement  
Could come on  
Wed. Sept. 16.*

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July 13th, 1931

Mr. W. W. Mendenhall,  
Y. M. C. A.,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Mendenhall:-

In the absence of Rabbi Silver, who is spending his summer vacation up in New Hampshire, permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 7th.

It will not be possible for Rabbi Silver to come to you on Thursday, September 17th as he has a long standing engagement for that day. He could however, come to you on Wednesday, September 16th. If this date is acceptable please let me know and I shall definitely schedule it.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

Sept. 13th, 1931

Mr. W. W. Mendenhall,  
Y. M. C. A.,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Mendenhall:-

I am taking the liberty of enclosing herewith  
a copy of my letter sent to you on July 13th.

Not having received a reply thereto and having  
scheduled the date of Wednesday, September 16th tentatively  
for an address by Rabbi Silver before the freshmen of the  
University of Pittsburgh, I would appreciate very much if  
you would kindly let me hear from you by return mail in this  
regard.

With kindest regards and thanking you in  
advance for your prompt attention, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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September 15, 1931.

Miss Irene Rothenberg,  
Secretary to Rabbi Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Miss Rothenberg:

I am embarrassed when I acknowledge my mistake in not writing you sooner. The assembly at the University of Pittsburgh was definitely fixed and, since Rabbi Silver could not come on that date, I did not count on him at all. I laid your letter aside to be answered, but the summer was not very conducive to letter writing. Please forgive me for this oversight. I have sent you a wire as follows:

Not counting on Rabbi Silver, September 16. Date  
was unsatisfactory.

I certainly hope that we shall have the pleasure of hearing Dr. Silver here at the University of Pittsburgh. I have read his book with great pleasure and many people here are looking forward to having an address from him.

Respectfully yours,

*W W Mendenhall*

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# TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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January 15th,  
1932.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,

Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:-

I am approaching the tenth anniversary  
of my publication.

In the ten years I have served not only  
the local Jewish community, but every worthy  
rational cause, and particularly Zionism. You,  
dear Rabbi Silver, understand that the lot of a  
local Yiddish newspaper is not a very happy one,  
and that one must have a great deal of patience  
and love for his work to carry on for ten long  
years, which are far less remunerative than any  
other occupation would be with as much energy  
put into it.

To compensate myself in the least, I am  
celebrating this tenth anniversary with a  
special issue on Friday, March 4th, and on Sunday  
evening March 6th, I am arranging a public cele-  
bration at the Nixon Theatre. I plan to have a  
very elaborate concert program and charge  
admission. The proceeds of this evening will be  
donated to various local charities.

I am extending you an invitation to grace  
this public celebration Sunday evening, March 6th  
with your presence. It would mean a great deal  
to me, because your person would lend so much more  
importance to the event, and some word from you is  
to the duty of a newspaper to a community, and  
that of the community to the newspaper would be of  
even greater significance.

Rabbi Silver

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I am taking this liberty in calling upon you, knowing your big heart and understanding. I cannot say any more than ask you earnestly to favor me.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Respectfully yours,

*Gracie Paley Baron*

LYB:I



Jan. 18th, 1932

Mr. L. T. Borkon,  
The Jewish Leader,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Borkon:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind  
letter of January 15th.

I am happy to learn of the approaching  
tenth anniversary of your publication. I wish I  
were free to accept your kind invitation to participate  
in the public celebration on Sunday evening, March 6th.  
Unfortunately I am leaving that day for an extended  
lecture tour in the West and I must forego the  
pleasure of being with you.

Wishing you every success and with  
kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



# JUNIOR HADASSAH

PITTSBURGH UNIT.



February 29, 1932

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio.

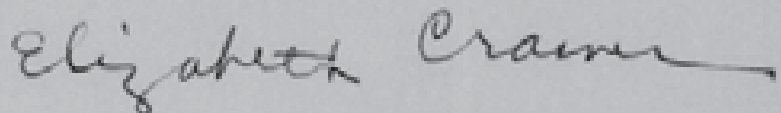
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Pittsburgh Unit of Junior Hadassah is sponsoring its first Donor Luncheon on Sunday, April 17, 1932. We are anxious to make the luncheon a fitting climax to our efforts, and of course, one of the most important features of such an affair is the program. The committee feels that the success of the Donor Luncheon would be assured if we could have you as our guest speaker, and I am writing to inquire if it would be at all possible for you to attend.

Please let me hear from you immediately so that we may go ahead with our plans.

Assuring you of our deepest appreciation, and looking forward to your favorable reply, I am

Sincerely yours,



Elizabeth Cramer  
Vice-Chairman, Donor Luncheon Committee

2312 Murray Avenue  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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DONOR LUNCHEON APRIL SEVENTEENTH=

ELIZABETH CRAMER TWENTY THREE TWELVE MURRAY AVE.

March 6th, 1932

Regret exceedingly can not accept engagement for April seventeenth.

A. H. Silver

*Handwritten:* 5 ep - 1000 L Apr 17  
A.H.S.

card ✓

March 7th, 1932

Miss Elisabeth Cramer,  
2312 Murray Ave.,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Miss Cramer:-

Permit me to thank you for your letter of February 29th and for the invitation which you extend to me to address your Donor Luncheon on Sunday, April 17th.

I regret that I can not accept your invitation. I can not leave Cleveland on a Sunday. I must occupy my own pulpit on that day and attend to numerous other congregational duties.

With kindest regards and best wishes, to you in your splendid work, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

# JUNIOR HADASSAH

PITTSBURGH UNIT.



March 17, 1932

Rabbi Abba H. Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St. at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Many thanks for your letter of  
March 7th advising us of your inability to  
attend our Donor Luncheon.

I sincerely hope we may have the  
opportunity of having you as our guest upon  
some other occasion.

Sincerely yours,

*Elizabeth Cramer*

Vice-Chairman, Donor Luncheon Com.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 125th Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Since our return from the National Conference in Philadelphia, there has been considerable interest shown in having you come over to Pittsburgh and repeat your lecture which you gave at the National Conference. We should like very much to have you present your position at a joint meeting of the Hungry Club and of the social workers, where there would be the possibility of some discussion from the floor. As you probably know, the Hungry Club meets at noon, from about 12:15 to 2 o'clock. Unfortunately, the year for the Social Workers' Club and for the Askon Club, which is the Jewish Social Work Club, has closed, and there is no money in the treasury. We would, however, be able to raise from private contributions enough for expenses, if you would be willing to come to us on those terms. I realize this is a very busy time of the year for you and that you probably are very tired after the strenuous year's work. If this were not such a serious and significant moment I would feel that next year might serve the purpose. However, we are very much concerned in Pittsburgh with many problems connected with unemployment, not the least of which is the question of how social work can best serve the larger good, and it was in this connection that we would be interested to have you present your point of view. We think the meeting should come before the first of July, but almost any day would suit, although the Hungry Club ordinarily meets on Monday. There may be several questions which you might want to ask and I would be only too glad to clear them up for you.

Yours very truly,

*Mary J. R. Condon*  
(Mary J. R. Condon)

President,  
Social Workers' Club



card

June 7th, 1932

Miss Mary J. R. Condon,  
President, Social Workers' Club,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Miss Condon:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of June 6th and for the invitation which you extend to me to address a meeting of the Social Workers' and the Hungry Club some time this season.

I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately the amount of work for the next few weeks in connection with my congregational duties is so heavy that I can not in justice to myself accept any out-of-town engagements. My program is particularly crowded at the present time as I am endeavoring to plan my Temple's activities for next year for I shall leave for a year of study abroad early in the Fall.

With kindest regards and best wishes,  
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

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August 10, 1933.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
One Hundred Fifth and Ancil Sts.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

We would be pleased to have you give an address to all the University of Pittsburgh freshmen during Freshmen Week on "The Place of Religion and Religious Activities in the Life of a College Student."

Until recently, the University has tried to orient the student to every other phase of University life except the religious. For the past two years we have had a very successful experience in having a religious convocation for all freshmen. We would like to have you give this address on Friday morning at eleven o'clock, September 22nd.

We want a distinguished rabbi for this purpose. We regret that Dr. Goldenson's schedule makes it impossible for him to be with us. Rabbi Glazer concurs with our judgment that we should secure you if it is at all possible.

Unfortunately, the amount of honorarium is somewhat limited. We could pay your expenses and twenty-five dollars.

We hope that your busy schedule can be adjusted to enable you to render us this significant service.

Very respectfully yours,

W. W. Mendenhall

W. W. Mendenhall,  
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August 15, 1933.

Mr. W.W. Mendenhall,  
Executive Secretary, Y.M.C.A.,  
University of Pittsburgh,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Mendenhall:

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your kind letter of August 10th and to thank you for the invitation which you extend to me to address a convocation of the freshmen of the University of Pittsburgh on September 22nd. I should be eager to accept the opportunity of addressing the young people. Unfortunately the date falls right in the heart of our busy Holiday season which begins on September 20th. It is the busiest part of our congregational year and I am compelled to devote all of my time to my congregational duties here in Cleveland.

Perhaps at some future time I may be in a position to be of service to you. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

LEONARD S. LEVIN  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
PITTSBURGH, PA.  
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August 25th, 1933.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
105th & Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

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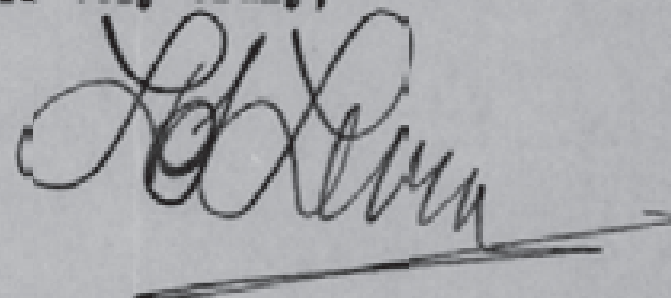
My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing you at the request of the  
Board of Directors of the Jewish Home for the Aged, of this  
City.

The new building in which the inmates of  
the Home will be housed will be dedicated on Sunday afternoon,  
September 10th, and the Board extends to you an invitation  
to be the speaker of the day. Your many friends here will  
be made very happy if you can see your way clear to accept the  
invitation, and if you will wire me, at my expense, your  
acceptance, it will be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you in advance, and with kind  
personal regards, I remain

Yours very truly,



LSL/B

August 28, 1933.

Mr. Leonard S. Levin,  
Grant Building,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Levin:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of August 25th and for the invitation which you extend to me to dedicate the new building of The Jewish Home for the Aged on September 10th. I am scheduled to attend the National Boycott Conference on that day and to speak in the evening and must therefore forego the pleasure of accepting your invitation. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BE

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November 16th, 1933.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St. and Angel Road  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:-

May we ask your help in the following matter?

For several years past, we have been trying to organize opinion in Pittsburgh on behalf of the Hebrew University. Dr. Magnes was very warmly received there on his last visit to America, and from time to time, efforts have been made to capitalize on the general interest which exists among a number of good people there. Unfortunately, apparently for lack of real leadership, nothing has ever been done in Pittsburgh for the University, and with the exception of a few isolated persons (really outside of the Rosenbloom family and a few people who are members of a Society of Friends of the Hebrew University, I can think of nobody), the University has never enjoyed the support which it certainly deserves in that large Jewish community.

Now another attempt is to be made in the same direction. Mr. Lewis M. Alpern, an attorney, (529 Union Trust Building), has been one of the most active friends of the University there. He writes us that at a meeting held early in November, at the Study of Rabbi B.A. Lichter, of the B'Nai Israel Congregation, President of the Pittsburgh Zionist District, it was decided to attempt to raise special funds for the University through two lectures, the proceeds of which they hope to donate to the Hebrew University. At this meeting, a representation of the Zionist District, the Pittsburgh Chapter of Hadassah, the Junior Hadassah, and the small group known as the Friends of the Hebrew University, were present.

They are very anxious to have you deliver a lecture in Pittsburgh, preferably early in January, or possibly in February. They wish to have the lecture -- and they hope to have Dr. Wise for another one -- at the Carnegie Music Hall, the largest and finest hall of



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its kind in Pittsburgh. It is their purpose to devote the entire proceeds, above the actual cost of the hall and the printing and distribution of the tickets, to the Hebrew University.

Would you let us know, or write Mr. Alpern directly, whether you can accept this invitation? It was our thought you might find it possible to go to Pittsburgh on one of your tours of the country. I am sure, however, that if it would necessitate your making a special visit there, the group would of course take care of your expenses. If you find the date suggested out of the question, could you let us know when it would be possible for you to cooperate in this way? The Pittsburgh people seem to feel that your presence and the address that you would give would be sufficient not only to draw an immense audience, but to make that audience part of the regular support so badly needed by the University.

We hope that we may have your favorable reply.

Believe me to be,

Very sincerely,

*A. S. W. Rosenbach*

A.S.W. Rosenbach  
President

ASWE:KO

November 20, 1933.

Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach, President,  
American Friends of the Hebrew University,  
71 West 47th Street,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Rosenbach:

Permit me to thank you for your  
kind letter of November 16th.

I regret that pressure of  
work will make it impossible for me to  
go to Pittsburgh in the interest of the  
Hebrew University.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK

Richard S. Rauh  
2837 BARTLETT STREET  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

December 20, 1933

Dear Dr. Silver;

This, by way of confirmation, of our telephonic conversation of this afternoon.

The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of Pittsburgh (seventeen affiliated Jewish organizations) will have their annual meeting on January 28th.

I have been asked by the executive board, with all the fervor at their command, to urge you to speak at that gathering on any subject that you particularly desire.

This will be the first annual meeting in fifteen years preceded by a dinner, and a very simple but impressive short program.

We will have the meeting on that Sunday afternoon if it would suit your wishes, but since we intend making this a gala evening for the community we would want nothing better than to have you as the speaker at the conclusion of the dinner.

We are planning to give this meeting wider publicity than any other in recent years and it should prove a red-letter night in Jewish circles in Pittsburgh.

Your appeal is to every group in a community and your appearance would be the culminating achievement in a meeting which would go far toward stimulating the spiritual values of our City.

Should you speak in Pittsburgh in the afternoon, we will undoubtedly hold the meeting in the Temple, but if the session is held following the banquet, we would select the proper headquarters.

You understand of course that your expenses will be met by us.

I shall consider your acceptance a great personal favor and our entire Jewish citizenry will be honored to have you in our midst.

Please do say "Yes".

Sincerely,

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio

*Dick*



December 22, 1933.

Mr. Richard S. Raub,  
5837 Bartlett Street,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Dick:

I received your letter of December 20th. I appreciate very much the invitation which you extended to me by letter and by telephone to address the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of Pittsburgh.

I should very much like to come, if only to please you. I regret, however, that I must limit my out-of-town traveling engagements to those already made and to the various campaign meetings in connection with the German-Jewish situation which make a great draft upon my time and my energy. As you know, I am very active in the American League for Defense of Jewish Rights, and in its behalf I travel back and forth all too frequently. I have been overwhelmed with work ever since my return from the sabbatical year which I spent abroad. I really cannot, in justice to myself, take on additional out-of-town lectures.

Please feel free to call upon me some other year when the pressure of my work will not be as great as it is now. With all good wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

AHS:BK

# YOUNG MEN & WOMEN'S HEBREW ASSOCIATION

BELLEFIELD AVENUE, BETWEEN FIFTH AND FORBES

PITTSBURGH, PA.

January 16, 1934

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
Euclid Avenue Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are planning a series of outstanding free meetings for our members and your name was among the first suggested as a speaker. We are prepared to pay a reasonable honorarium.

Pittsburgh hasn't had the opportunity to hear you for quite some time and I am sure you have a message for our people which we need very badly at this period in our Jewish life. I wonder if you could possibly arrange to come here some time during February, March or April. You may set the date at a time most convenient to yourself.

Will you kindly advise if you can come, the date, and the honorarium you will expect.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*H. Passamaneck*

H. Passamaneck  
Executive Director.

January 19, 1934.

Mr. H. Passamaneck, Exec. Director,  
Young Men and Women's Hebrew Association,  
Bellefield Ave., Between Fifth and Forbes,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Passamaneck:

Permit me to thank you for your kind  
letter of January 16th. It may be possible  
for me to come to Pittsburgh in April.

My honorarium is \$200. If the terms are  
acceptable, please let me know and I will  
indicate some dates.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

# YOUNG MEN & WOMEN'S HEBREW ASSOCIATION

BELLEFIELD AVENUE, BETWEEN FIFTH AND FORBES

PITTSBURGH, PA.

January 22, 1934

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 108th St. at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have your letter and we shall be glad to have you come to us some time in April. Please let me know as soon as you can what dates suit you best. We would prefer a Sunday night if you can make it. If not, almost any other night in the week will do, except, of course, Friday or Saturday.

May I tell you at this time how much I enjoy reading your articles in the Jewish Daily Bulletin.

Sincerely yours,

*H. Passamanek*

H. Passamanek  
Executive Director.

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January 26, 1934.

Mr. H. Passananeck, Exec. Director,  
Young Men & Women's Hebrew Association,  
Bellefield Avenue, between Fifth and Forbes,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Passananeck:

Thank you for your kind letter of January 22nd.  
Sunday is a bad day for me to get away from Cleveland.  
I have my own services in the morning and usually a  
wedding or funeral in the afternoon.

I would therefore prefer some mid-week  
day. Would Wednesday evening, April 4th or 11th be  
convenient for you? Or Tuesday, April 24th, or  
Wednesday April 25th? Please let me know. I shall  
then send you a list of subjects.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX



# YOUNG MEN & WOMEN'S HEBREW ASSOCIATION

BELLEFIELD AVENUE, BETWEEN FIFTH AND FORBES

PITTSBURGH, PA.

January 29, 1934

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Please hold April 4th for us subject to change  
with sufficient notice. In the meantime, I shall be glad  
to have you send a list of subjects.

Sincerely yours,

*H. Passanareck*  
Executive Director.

February 1, 1934.

Mr. H. Passamaneck, Exec. Director,  
Young Men & Women's Hebrew Association,  
Bellefield Ave., between Fifth and Forbes,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Passamaneck:

I have set aside the evening of April 4th  
for the Pittsburgh Young Men & Women's Hebrew  
Association. Should there be a change in your  
schedule, please let me know in ample time.

Among my addresses which have proved  
rather popular with audiences this year have been:

- (1) Things I Learned in Europe  
(Impressions which I gathered during  
my year's stay abroad.)
- (2) The Age of Dictators
- (3) The Changing Status of the Jew in the  
Modern World
- (4) A Month in Palestine
- (5) What Can the Youth of America Look  
Forward to Today?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK



# YOUNG MEN & WOMEN'S HEBREW ASSOCIATION

BELLEFIELD AVENUE, BETWEEN FIFTH AND FORBES

PITTSBURGH, PA.

March 13, 1934

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are proceeding with the arrangements for your lecture here on April 4th. One of the subjects you suggest in your letter of February first is "The Changing Status of the Jew in the Modern World." If this lecture covers the present world situation as it affects the Jewish people I think this subject would be satisfactory.

Jews here, as well as everywhere else, are quite worried about the growth of anti-semitism as the result of the situation in Germany. A lecture covering this situation will probably be most popular.

However, I am willing to abide by your own choice and judgment in the matter.

Will you kindly send me several photographs (glossy prints, if you have them) of yourself, as well as any biographical material you may have. I shall look forward to this material as well as your advice regarding the subject.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*H. Passamanek*

H. Passamanek  
Executive Director.

March 15, 1934.

Mr. H. Passamaneck, Exec. Director,  
Young Men & Women's Hebrew Ass'n.,  
Bellefield Avenue, Between Fifth and Forbes,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Passamaneck:

I have noted the subject which you  
have selected: "The Changing Status of the Jew  
in the Modern World." The lecture will cover the  
general subject of the growth of anti-Semitism,  
etc.

With all good wishes and looking forward  
to my visit, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.

*2 glasses  
& tubing sent*

# YOUNG MEN & WOMEN'S HEBREW ASSOCIATION

BELLEFIELD AVENUE, BETWEEN FIFTH AND FORBES

PITTSBURGH, PA.

March 28, 1934

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I will appreciate it very much if you will advise me by return mail when you expect to arrive in Pittsburgh for your lecture here next Wednesday night. I hope you will be able to get here early in the morning. I suggest that you go to the Schenley Hotel.

Wishing you a Happy Passover, I am

Sincerely yours,

*N. Rosamaneck*  
Executive Director.

April 2, 1934.

Mr. H. Passananeck, Exec. Director,  
Young Men & Women's Hebrew Association,  
Bellefield Ave., Between Fifth and Forbes,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Passananeck:

I shall arrive in the afternoon  
and will go to the Schenley Hotel.

Looking forward with pleasure  
to seeing you, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BX

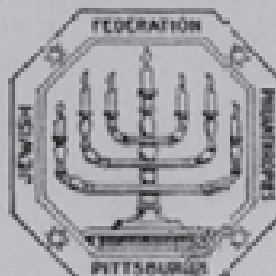


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April 30, 1934

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
105th & Ancel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

As you no doubt know, the National Conference of Jewish Social Service will be held in Atlantic City from May 26th to 30th, with headquarters at the St. Charles Hotel.

The Program Committee of the National Conference has planned a very important joint session with the National Association of Jewish Center Executives, the National Council of Jewish Education and the National Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. This session is to take the form of a Symposium on one of the most vital questions confronting organized Jewish life in America, the exact title being "What do Jewish lay and professional leaders think of the need of reconstructing our communal life? From the point of view of the lay leader, the Jewish educator, the Jewish religious leader, the Jewish Center leader, the Jewish Federation leader, the Jewish labor leader!"

It is our intention to turn the session, - which may possibly last from two to two and a half hours and is scheduled for Tuesday evening, May 29th, - over to brief discussions on the part of possibly twelve or fourteen leaders identified with the various fields as indicated in the previous paragraph.

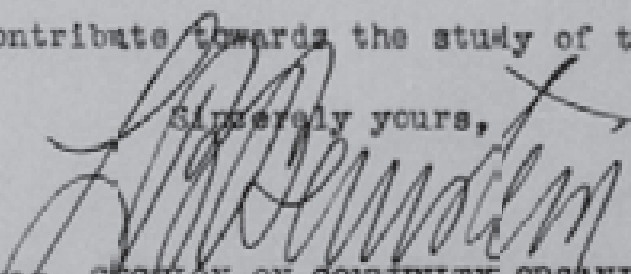
With a view of making the symposium as animated and interesting as possible, each one of the twelve or fourteen leaders will be limited to five minutes for a presentation of his point of view. This will enable us to get a great variety of important expressions of opinion and it will also allow us sufficient time to answer questions that may be raised from the floor and to summarize the discussion.

As Chairman of the Section on Jewish Community Organization, I am herewith extending to you, on behalf of the National Conference, a cordial invitation to be one of the participants in the symposium, representing your point of view as a leader in the field of Jewish religion, and to be prepared to ask questions of the other participants in the Panel, for the purpose of elucidating the other points of view.

In order to complete the arrangements, I would be greatly obliged to receive your acceptance of our invitation at the earliest possible moment; at any rate, not later than May 10th.

Thanking you in advance for your willingness to contribute towards the study of the great question with which we are confronted, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
Chairman, SECTION ON COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION  
A BENEFICIARY OF THE COMMUNITY FUND OF PITTSBURGH



May 1, 1934.

Dr. Ludwig B. Bernstein, Exec. Director,  
The Federation of the Jewish Philanthropies of Pittsburgh,  
15 Fernando Street,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Dr. Bernstein:

Let me thank you for your kind invitation  
to participate in a symposium of the National Conference  
of Jewish Social Service on May 29th. I am sorry that I have  
another engagement scheduled for that day.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:RK

PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BEN G. GRAHAM, SUPERINTENDENT

PITTSBURGH, PA.

MARY J. COWLEY SCHOOL  
FINEVIEW SCHOOL  
FRANK A. FINLAY, PRINCIPAL

September 12, 1934.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:


May I, as Chairman of the Program Committee of the Pittsburgh Principals Club, invite you to address the Club at our Annual Lincoln Day Dinner on the evening of February 9th, 1934 in the Hotel Schenley. A message of High Idealism and Good Americanism as one might draw from the life of Abraham Lincoln.

The Pittsburgh Principals Club is composed of all the Principals of the Pittsburgh Public Schools together with the Superintendent of Schools and his staff.

I am authorized to offer you an emolument of one hundred dollars plus your expenses for your services in addressing our Club.

Hoping that you will be able to accept this invitation, Rabbi Silver, and looking forward to the inspiration that an address from you can give, I remain

Very truly yours,



Chairman, Program Committee,  
Pittsburgh Principals Club,  
Mary J. Cowley Public School,  
1200 Sherman Avenue,  
N. S. Pittsburgh, Pa.

# YOUNG MEN & WOMEN'S HEBREW ASSOCIATION

BELLEFIELD AVENUE, BETWEEN FIFTH AND FORBES

PITTSBURGH, PA.

September 13, 1934

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You will recall that after your lecture here last spring I told you we probably would want you back again this season, and so it came to pass.

Will you kindly let me know when you can come here. Any date convenient to you will be satisfactory for us.

If anything, we are having a tougher time financially than last year, so in setting your fee please bear this in mind.

With my very best wishes for a Happy New Year,  
I am

Sincerely yours,

*H. Passamanick*  
Executive Director.

# The Temple

EAST 106TH STREET AT ANSEL ROAD

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Cleveland

RABBI LEON I. FEUER  
MINISTER OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ABBA HILLEL SILVER, D.D.  
RABBI

HARRY A. LEVY  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

September 14, 1934.

Mr. Frank A. Finlay, Principal,  
Mary J. Cowley Public School,  
1200 Sherman Ave.,  
N.S. Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Finlay:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of September 12 and for the invitation which you extend to me to address the Pittsburgh Principals Club on the evening of February 9. I should very much like to come. I am however scheduled to be at the Harvard University Chapel services on Sunday morning, September 10 and it will not be possible for me to be in Pittsburgh on the preceding evening. If your meeting were scheduled at any other time I should make an effort to come.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

*Abba Hillel Silver*

AHS:BX

September 14, 1934.

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Mary J. Cowley Public School,  
1200 Sherman Ave.,  
N.S. Pittsburgh, Pa.

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With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BX



September 14, 1934.

Mr. H. Passananeck, Executive Director,  
Young Men & Women's Hebrew Association,  
Bellefield Ave. between Fifth and Forbes,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Passananeck:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of September 13. I appreciate very much your invitation to visit the Young Men & Women's Hebrew Association of Pittsburgh again this coming season. It may be possible for me to come to you in March or April, 1935. I should like to be of service to you in the matter of the honorarium, but I am afraid I shall have to hold it to where I set it last year for your organization -- \$200.

With all good wishes for a very happy new year, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

# YOUNG MEN & WOMEN'S HEBREW ASSOCIATION

BELLEFIELD AVENUE, BETWEEN FIFTH AND FORBES

PITTSBURGH, PA.

September 26, 1934

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

If you can come to Pittsburgh on Tuesday night, March 5, 1935, you can put the date down in your book for a definite engagement. Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

When you write you might also list several subjects for our consideration.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*A. Passmanek*  
Executive Director.

HP:RH

September 28, 1934.

Mr. R. Passamaneck, Executive Director,  
Young Men & Women's Hebrew Association,  
Bellefield Avenue, Between Fifth and Forbes,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Passamaneck:

Let me thank you for your note of September 26.  
I have definitely scheduled the Pittsburgh Young Men  
& Women's Hebrew Association for Tuesday evening,  
March 5.

I would suggest as the subject of my address  
for your body this year "The Decline of the Individual."  
Another subject which may interest your group is "The  
Four Major Tendencies in Jewish Life."

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

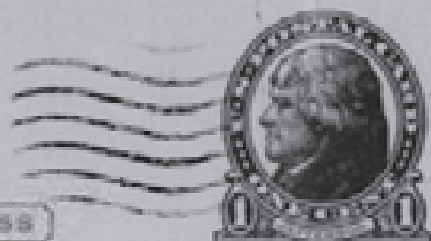
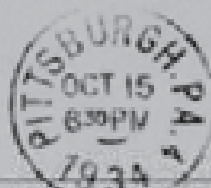
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YOUNG MEN & WOMEN'S HEBREW ASSOCIATION

Please send at your earliest convenience several  
photographs and some publicity material on  
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver for his lecture here  
on Tuesday evening, March 5th.

Yours very truly,

(Miss) *Rosella Horvitz*  
Rosella Horvitz  
Secretary



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Secretary to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio.

The Temple



October 17, 1934.

Miss Rosella Horwitz, Secretary,  
Young Men & Women's Hebrew Association,  
Bellefield Ave., Between Fifth and Forbes,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Miss Horwitz:

I am enclosing herewith a photograph and a  
biographic sketch of Rabbi Silver which you may use  
in your publicity.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

BJK  
Enc.2.

PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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PITTSBURGH, PA.

FINEVIEW SCHOOL  
MARY J. COWLEY SCHOOL  
FRANK A. FINLAY, PRINCIPAL

October 26, 1934.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

After receiving your letter of September 14th and noting you could not come to speak at the Annual Lincoln Day Dinner of the Pittsburgh Principals Club due to a speaking engagement at Harvard the next day, I had abandoned hope of having you at our dinner on February 9th. I find there is so much sentiment to have you come to Pittsburgh for our annual dinner that we have asked the hotel people if they would change our reservation from Saturday evening, February 9th to Tuesday evening, February 12th, and they have agreed to do so. The committee is unanimous in its desire to have you address the Club, so I am writing to ask you, Rabbi Silver, if it will be possible for you to address our organization on your way back to Cleveland from Cambridge. The date to be Tuesday evening, February 12th, in the Hotel Schenley, at six-thirty o'clock.

Your message could be anything you may choose to make it; a message of high idealism and good Americanism as one might draw from the life of Abraham Lincoln and apply it to the present day.

Your compensation will be one hundred dollars plus hotel expenses while in Pittsburgh and transportation to Cleveland.

We expect Mr. Marcus Aaron, President of the Board of Public Education in Pittsburgh together with his fellow members of the Board to be present to hear you; the Superintendent of Schools and his staff; the Principals of the Elementary and High Schools; and audience about two hundred.

Since hearing you speak before the Department of Superintendence in Cleveland I have been constantly asked to try to induce Rabbi Silver to come to our annual dinner. I hope you will be able to do so Rabbi.

The hotel is awaiting my final reservation with them, so may I hear from you by telegram if possible, at my expense, as to whether you will be able to be with us on Tuesday evening, February 12th.

Awaiting your reply, Rabbi Silver, and hoping we will have the honor and pleasure of having you with us, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

*Frank A. Finlay*

Home address:- 93 Harwood Street, Mt. Washington, Pittsburgh

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Nov. 1, 1934.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I wrote last week but perhaps  
you have not received my letter.

Will it be possible for you to  
address The Pittsburgh Principals Club, an organ-  
ization of some two hundred school people, in  
the Hotel Schenley, at their annual Lincoln Day  
Dinner on Tuesday evening, February 12th, 1935, at  
six-thirty o'clock. A message of high idealism  
as one might take inspiration from the life of  
Abraham Lincoln.

We had previously reserved the  
hotel for the previous Saturday evening but upon  
learning that you could not attend on that evening  
due to an engagement at Harvard next day we have  
made arrangements with the hotel people for Tuesday  
evening, the 12th. In order that I may inform  
the hotel people may I hear from you, Rabbi Silver,  
in the near future.

There is a great demand in Pittsburgh  
to have you come, since several members heard your  
fine address at the Department of Superintendence  
in Cleveland last February.

Hoping you will be able to accept  
this invitation, Rabbi Silver, and that I shall hear  
from you in the near future, I remain

Sincerely yours,

*Frank A. Finlay*  
Chairman, Program Committee,  
Pittsburgh Principals Club.

Address:

Mary J. Cowley Public School,  
1200 Sherman Avenue,  
N. S. Pittsburgh?, Pa.

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November 1, 1934 19

To Frank A. FinleyStreet and No. 93 Harwood St.Place Mt. Wash Washington - Pittsburgh, Pa.

REGRET EXCEEDINGLY CANNOT BE WITH YOU ON FEBRUARY 12 WOULD BE GLAD

TO COME ON DATE IN JANUARY MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE

A H SILVER

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November 2, 1934.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

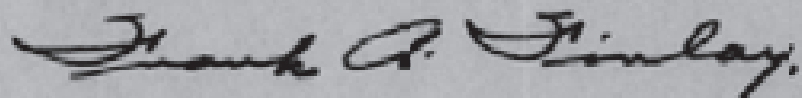
I received your telegram yesterday and learned with regret of your inability to address our Pittsburgh Principals Club at the Annual Lincoln Day Dinner on February 12th.

Since your speech to the school people assembled in the Cleveland Public Auditorium last February before the Department of Superintendence I have been repeatedly asked to invite Rabbi Silver to our annual dinner. We are sorry you cannot accept, Rabbi Silver, but we realize you are a very busy man.

Another occasion may arise when we can invite you again and when we will have the honor and pleasure of listening to one of your inspiring messages.

Thanking you, Rabbi Silver, for your kindness and courtesy throughout our negotiations, I remain

Sincerely yours,



Chairman of the Program Committee,  
Pittsburgh Principals Club,  
1200 Sherman Avenue,  
N. S. Pittsburgh, Pa.



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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

CARE THE TEMPLE EAST 105 ST AND ANSEL RD=

SINCE YOU ARE COMING TO SPEAK HERE ON MARCH FIFTH WOULD IT  
BE POSSIBLE TO ARRIVE BEFORE TWO THIRTY AFTERNOON TO SPEAK  
BRIEFLY TO WOMEN OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZING TO HELP YM AND  
WHA AN IMPORTANT FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN YOUR PRESENCE AT  
MEETING WILL SURELY PROVIDE SPARK THAT WILL SET OFF  
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TWENTY ARRIVES PITTSBURGH ONE FORTY YOUR ACCEPTANCE WILL  
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## MINUTES IN TRANSIT

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PURSUANT TO YOUR REQUEST FOR INFORMATION RE ENGAGEMENT HERE  
TOMORROW PENNSYLVANIA TRAIN LEAVES CLEVELAND TEN THIRTY AM  
ARRIVES PITTSBURGH ONE FORTY PM WILL MEET YOU AT STATION=  
H PASSAMANECK.

1. Send copies of Resolutions & thanks to Mack  
et al.
  2. Redraft letter re Recognition -
  3. Contact with Katz - -
  4. Program Com -
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# Pennsylvania Conference on Social Welfare

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519 Smithfield St.—Room 600  
Pittsburgh

October 24, 1935

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
Kodesh Shalom Temple,  
E. 106th St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Pennsylvania Conference on Social Welfare is planning a regional meeting to be held in Pittsburgh December 6 - 7, 1935.

At the request of the Program Committee (Mr. Joseph Tufts, Chairman), I am writing to extend an invitation to you to address the Conference at the Conference Dinner Meeting on Friday, December 6, on the subject "Social Work in a Changing Social Order". There is to be only one address of approximately forty-five or fifty minutes. I hope it will be possible for you to accept the Conference's invitation as many of your friends in Pittsburgh will be looking forward to hearing you speak again.

The Conference will, of course, reimburse you for travel expense account of the meeting. May I have a reply from you as soon as possible, as we want to get out the preliminary program in the very near future.

Yours truly,

*H. A. Walckoenig*

H. A. Walckoenig,  
Secretary

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October 25, 1935

Mr. H. A. Waldkoenig, Secretary,  
Pennsylvania Conference on Social Welfare,  
519 Smithfield St.,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Waldkoenig:

I appreciate deeply your kind invitation to address the Dinner Meeting of the Pennsylvania Conference on Social Welfare in Pittsburgh on December 6. I would have considered it a great privilege to come. Unfortunately I have other lecture engagements scheduled for that week-end which make it impossible for me to avail myself of the opportunity to meet with your group. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

AHS: BK



# THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

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PITTSBURGH, PA.

MARCUS AARON  
PRESIDENT

November 8, 1935

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Ansel Road Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Pittsburgh Principals Club observes Lincoln's birthday by arranging for an annual dinner upon or near that date and by engaging a noted speaker to address them upon a subject appropriate to the anniversary season.

Since I am President of the Pittsburgh Board of Education and have the privilege of your friendship, they have asked me to extend an invitation to you to speak to them on the evening of Tuesday, February 11, 1936, at the hour of 6:30 o'clock at the Hotel Schenley, Pittsburgh. The dinner will be attended by about two hundred representative men and women of the Pittsburgh Public School System whom you will find a very understanding and sympathetic audience. The Club will be glad to reimburse you for your expenses and you may expect to receive a fair honorarium.

A number of our school staff heard your address before the Department of Superintendence at Cleveland in February, 1934, and were very favorably impressed by your address, as I would expect them to be.

If you can arrange to accept this invitation to come to Pittsburgh on February 11, you will be very courteously received, and I can assure you that you will meet with an audience who will be eager to hear your message.

Very sincerely yours,



G.

November 12, 1935

Mr. Marcus Aaron, President,  
The Board of Public Education,  
Bellefield Avenue at Forbes Street,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Aaron:

Let me thank you for your letter of November 8. When I was in Pittsburgh last week, some member of the Pittsburgh Principals Club approached me and spoke to me about the annual Lincoln's birthday dinner of that organization. They wrote to me a year or two ago but at that time I was unable to accept. I appreciate very much the invitation which the Principals Club extends to me through you and I shall make every effort to be with them on Tuesday evening, February 11.

I trust that you are well. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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PITTSBURGH, PA. November 15, 1935.

MARCUS AARON  
PRESIDENT

Dr. A. H. Silver,  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:

I appreciate very much  
your kind note of November 12th. I am sure  
that the Principals' Club will be greatly  
delighted at your acceptance of their in-  
vitation.

I am recovering very  
nicely from the Mayo operation and hope  
to be myself shortly.

With kindest greetings,

I am,

Very sincerely yours,

*Marcus Aaron*  
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A/N

PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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JOHN FRANKLIN BAILEY, PRINCIPAL

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November 18, 1935

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
105 St. Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

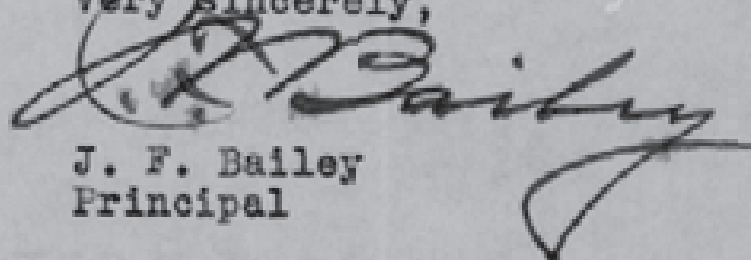
I am writing this note to give you a memorandum of our conversation at Carnegie Music Hall when you were speaking in Pittsburgh recently, and to say that Mr. Marcus Aaron has reported to me that you have accepted his invitation to be our speaker at Schenley Hotel, Tuesday evening, February 11th.

As you recall from our conversation, this occasion is a dinner meeting of the Pittsburgh Principals' Club. It is an annual occasion in which we celebrate Lincoln's birthday. In all probability, there will be 200 or 250 at this dinner. I am giving you this bit of detail to explain the general situation.

In order that our committee may make full arrangements, will you be good enough to mention the honorarium for this occasion?

Thanking you for accepting Mr. Aaron's invitation and looking forward to an enjoyable celebration of Lincoln's birthday, I am,

Very sincerely,

  
J. F. Bailey  
Principal

JFB/L



November 19, 1935

Mr. J. F. Bailey, Principal.  
David B. Oliver Junior-Senior High School,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Bailey:

Let me thank you for your letter of November 18. I shall be very pleased to be with the Pittsburgh Principals Club on Tuesday evening, February 11 at Schenley Hotel. I note that it is to be a dinner meeting.

As regards the honorarium, it would be \$150 which would include my traveling expenses. If the fee is beyond the means of your organization, please let me know.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BR



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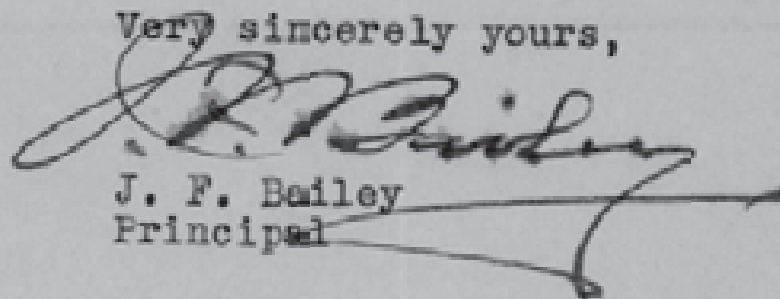
Rabbi A. H. Silver  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

This note is to remind you of our Lincoln-Day Dinner at the Schenley Hotel, Tuesday evening, February 11th, at 6:30 o'clock.

Will you be good enough to let me know your time schedule and your desire with reference to time before the dinner and immediately following the dinner so that a committee of reception may be of any possible service to you on next Tuesday evening.

Very sincerely yours,



J. F. Bailey  
Principal

JFB/L

February 5, 1936

Mr. J. F. Bailey, Principal,  
David B. Oliver Junior-Senior High School,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Bailey:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of December 4. Please do not bother about a reception committee. I plan to arrive in the afternoon and go straight to the Schenley Hotel. I shall be ready for the meeting at 6:30 P.M.

I would appreciate it if you would reserve a room for me at Hotel Schenley.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX



# Young Men & Women's Hebrew Association of Pittsburgh, Pa.

— Bellefield, between Fifth & Forbes —

February 10

1 9 3 6

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
E. 105th Street at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing to pre-empt Sunday evening, April 26, and invite you at the same time to address the Annual Meeting of our Association. If this date on your calendar is not already taken, I trust you will accept the invitation and be our guest speaker on that occasion.

Naturally, we shall be glad to pay a reasonable honorarium.

In behalf of the Committee in charge and for myself personally, I urge you to come here if you possibly can on April 26.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*H. Passamanek*

H. Passamanek  
Executive Director.

February 14, 1938

Mr. H. Passananeck, Executive Director,  
Young Men & Women's Hebrew Association,  
Bellefield, between Fifth & Forbes,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Passananeck:

Let me thank you for your kind letter  
of February 10. It may be possible for me to come  
to you on the evening of April 26. My honorarium  
would be \$200.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



# Young Men & Women's Hebrew Association of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Bellevue, between Fifth & Forbes

February 17  
1 2 3 6

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In your letter of February 14, you say it "may" be possible for you to come here on April 26. We shall appreciate it if you will make this date definite. The honorarium is satisfactory.

As I wrote you in my last letter the occasion is the Annual Meeting of the Y. M. & W. H. A.

With cordial good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

*H. Passamanick*  
Executive Director.



February 19, 1936

Mr. H. Passamaneck, Executive Director,  
Young Men & Women's Hebrew Association,  
Bellefield, between Fifth & Forbes,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Passamaneck:

Thank you for your letter of February 17.  
I have definitely scheduled your meeting for  
Sunday evening, April 26.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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# Young Men & Women's Hebrew Association of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Bellevuefield, between Fifth & Forbes

April 6, 1936

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We have already announced that you will be the guest speaker at our Annual Meeting on Sunday evening, April 26th. I am writing at this time regarding the subject of your address. It so happens that the annual conference of Jewish Center Executives this year will be devoted to the theme "The Jewish Center As A Directive Force in Jewish Life." In order to get the point of view of lay and professional leaders on the subject the Jewish Welfare Board has been arranging regional meetings for a discussion of the theme. Several of these meetings have already been held. In Pennsylvania the first meeting was held two weeks ago at Allentown and another will be held next Tuesday at Philadelphia. The discussions of these meetings will be compiled and embodied in a report to be submitted at the conference.

Because of the above I should like very much to have you speak to us on the subject "The Jewish Center As A Directive Force in Jewish Life." With your permission I should like, also, to invite the Pennsylvania Center Executives and representative laymen to join in a round table discussion the following morning on the same subject with you as the leader. If you can possibly stay over until noon the next day, it would be a real favor. I am sure this round table with you would be the most important of the entire series and a great deal of good will come out of it.

I will appreciate an early reply, advising if the subject is favorable and whether you can stay over with us.

Wishing you a Happy Passover and with kindest regards, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours,  
*H. Passamanick*  
Executive Director

April 8, 1936

Mr. H. Passamaneck, Executive Director,  
Young Men & Women's Hebrew Association,  
Bellefield, between Fifth & Forbes,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Passamaneck:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of April 6. I note that you wish me to speak on the subject "The Jewish Center As A Directive Force in Jewish Life". You know that I am not an authority on Jewish centers and that I have no particular contribution to make to this subject. I can talk around and about the subject but I have no especial contribution to make. Perhaps it would be wiser to announce my subject as "Centers of Jewish Life". This would give me an opportunity to talk also about Jewish Centers, YMCAs, etc.

It would be quite impossible for me to stay over for Monday morning. I must be back in Cleveland. We are in the midst of intensive preparation for our 1936 Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign of which I am General Chairman.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX



# Young Men & Women's Hebrew Association of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Bellevue, between Fifth & Forbes

April 14  
1936

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,

East 105th Street at Ansel Road,

Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The subject for your address here on Sunday evening, April 26, as phrased by yourself "Centers of Jewish Life" is satisfactory. I am sorry you cannot stay over with us Monday morning.

Awaiting your visit with us with a great deal of pleasure, I am

Sincerely yours,

*H. Passamaneck*  
Executive Director.





# Young Men & Women's Hebrew Association of Pittsburgh, Pa.

*Bellefield, between Fifth & Forbes*

April 20, 1936

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

A further word about the subject of your address here next Sunday night. Regardless of the title of the address I wonder if you would be good enough to discuss the value of institutions like the Y. M. H. A. and Jewish Centers and their place in future Jewish communal life.

One of the real problems confronting us, and I understand this is true in practically every large Jewish community, is the veering off of our young people into radical movements and away from things Jewish. As you know there are any number of apparently conservative organizations with extreme radical leadership who are making every effort to bore from within. Radical leaders in youth movements receive an eager hearing and are creating a state of affairs which ultimately will work serious harm to the Jews of America; at least this is my feeling. A discussion of the problem and a warning to our young people coming from one of America's outstanding spiritual leaders would be extremely valuable at this time. If you can do this without running counter to your own convictions in the matter, I hope you will consider it.

If none of the above suggestions is satisfactory use your own judgment as to the text and form of your address. We are all looking forward to having you with us again.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*H. Passanich*

Executive Director.

P. S. Please let us know when you will arrive in Pittsburgh and on what train and we will arrange to meet you at the station.

H.P.

April 27, 1936

H. Passamanek, Executive Director,  
Young Men & Women's Hebrew Association,  
Bellefield, between Fifth & Forbes,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Passamanek:

I am deeply sorry that I had to disappoint you at the last minute. I was sent to bed by the doctor on Friday evening with a severe cold and was kept there until this morning. I was out of my own pulpit yesterday morning. Rabbi Harris substituted for me. I have been suffering from a hang-over of a grippe attack which has not entirely left me as yet.

I hope that I did not inconvenience you too much. I pray that I may be of service to you at some future time.

With all good wishes. I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



# Young Men & Women's Hebrew Association of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Bellevuefield, between Fifth & Forbes

April 28, 1936

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was delighted to hear from you and hope you have fully recovered from your illness.

A large audience came to the meeting Sunday night to hear you and naturally were really disappointed. We were fortunate, however, in being able to secure Rabbi Baruch Braunstein, of Wheeling, W. Va., who did very well.

If you are not already booked up for next winter I should like to extend an invitation to appear on our Forum Series in the Fall.

Trusting your good health will continue uninterrupted in the future, I am

Sincerely yours,

*H. Rossmore*  
Executive Director.

July 18. 1936

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof,  
Rodef Shalom Temple,  
Fifth and Morewood Avenues,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Dr. Freehof:

Rabbi Silver has not yet returned from Europe. He and his family are sailing for home on the 21st of this month and should be back in Cleveland around the 1st of September. I shall be pleased to refer your letter to him then.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

RABBI SOLOMON B. FREEHOF, D. D.  
RODEF SHALOM TEMPLE  
FIFTH AND MOREWOOD AVENUES  
PITTSBURGH, PA.

August seventeenth  
1936

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

Dear Abba:

This coming year the Rodef Shalom Sisterhood and Men's Club will celebrate Hanukkah together at a large joint meeting. It was the earnest wish of the Committee that you would concur in my suggestion to come and be the speaker for this occasion. The Committee has \$150.00 appropriated for your expenses and fee. If you find it possible to come this Hanukkah I will deem it a great favor and Lillian, you and I and Virginia (if she can come), will make a personal celebration of it.

Very sincerely,

Sal

SBF:MG



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August, 24, 1936.

Dr Abba Hillel Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr Silver,

We are building a most interesting and successful forum movement in Pittsburgh. It is a cooperative platform with the endorsement of every organized group in the town. The enclosed program will give you a picture of our second year's program.

We are opening our season this year Monday, September 28th. The Pittsburgh Teachers Association will join with the Forum for this occasion. Both the Pittsburgh teachers and the Forum Committee are most anxious to have you open the season. They feel a broad picture of the problems facing the world could be analyzed by you as by no one else. And that a plea for the solution of these problems through education and the democratic processes would make an excellent opening for the Forum.

Because of the extensive free program which we present, it is impossible to pay very large honorariums. Would \$100 be satisfactory? Until such time as we can build up a larger financial reserve, we must continue to ask the cooperation of such leaders as yourself.

We are hoping that you can come to us and that this large public audience will have the opportunity of hearing a message which heretofore has been the privilege of closed groups in Pittsburgh.

Very cordially yours,

(Mrs Louis) Florence S. Reizenstein  
Executive Secretary.

Briar Farm,  
Gibsonia, Pa.

August 27, 1936

Mrs. Louis J. Reizenstein,  
Briar Farm,  
Gibsonia, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Reizenstein:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of August 24. Rabbi has been spending the summer in Europe and will be gone until September 1. I shall be pleased to refer your letter to him when he returns.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

September 4, 1936

Mrs. Florence S. Reizenstein,  
Briar Farm,  
Gibsonia, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Reizenstein:

In looking through Rabbi Silver's calendar, I find that it will not be possible for him to accept your kind invitation for September 28.

He may be free to come on October 5. His customary honorarium is \$250. In view of the proximity of Pittsburgh, however, he would reduce his honorarium to \$200. If these terms are agreeable please let me know and I will present the matter before Rabbi Silver for final action.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

September 4, 1936

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof,  
Rodef Shalom Temple,  
Fifth and Morewood Avenues,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Sol:

Upon my return from Europe I found your note on my desk inviting me to address your Hanukkah meeting. You do not say when that meeting is to be held. If it is a convenient day, I shall make every effort to come.

With all good wishes to you and Lillian in which Virginia joins me, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS: BK

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September eighth  
1936

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th Street and Ansehl Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I was delighted to hear from you that you can come for our Hanukkah celebration provided, of course, the specific date is suitable. I am offering you a choice of two dates. I hope you will find one of them convenient.

We expect to make this affair worthy of your coming and of the holiday. The Sisterhood and Men's Club will unite in one large meeting. It will no doubt be a dinner meeting. Which of these two dates do you prefer?

Thursday, December 10  
Wednesday, December 16 ✓

With best wishes,

As ever,

Sol

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September 8, 1936

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To Mrs. Florence S. Reizenstein

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September 11, 1936

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof,  
Rodef Shalom Temple,  
Fifth and Morewood Avenues,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Sol:

I have set aside Wednesday, December 16 for  
your group and I shall look forward with pleasure  
to my visit.

With all good wishes to you and Lillian for a  
very happy new year in which Virginia joins me  
heartily, I remain

As ever yours,

AHS:BK

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September 12, 1936

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

This will confirm our telephone conversation and correspondence relative to your speaking to the Community Forum, Monday evening, October 5.

Dr. Clausen has a fifteen minute interview with the speaker at 7 o'clock p.m. over station K D K A . This interview requires no preparation whatever.

The Community Forum has rapidly become the outstanding medium for the discussion of Public Affairs in this city and we are honored to have you among our list of speakers. I am enclosing a program of last year.

Your honorarium will be \$200.

Very respectfully yours,

*W. W. Mendenhall*

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Chairman Program Committee

TWM:RS

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September, 24, 1936.

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

Dear Dr Silver,

We are anticipating your coming to Pittsburgh with much pleasure.

Kindly send me your topic, also time of your arrival in Pittsburgh. The newspapers have requested an interview. If this is satisfactory to you, we will arrange it as soon as we know when you arrive here and where you will be.

Also, we ask each of our speakers to give a 15 minute broadcast. This takes the form of an interview with our Chairman, Dr Clausen. No preparation or manuscript is necessary. If there are any special questions you wish Dr Clausen to ask you, he will, of course, be happy to do so. This interview is over station K.D.K.A. at 5:15. We will be happy to take you to the station. Upon arrival, kindly call Ma 3500 (University of Pittsburgh) and I can then clarify any of the above. -

Very sincerely yours,

*W. W. Mendenhall*  
Chairman of Program.

FSR



September 28, 1936

Mr. William W. Mendenhall,  
University of Pittsburgh,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Mendenhall:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of  
September 24.

I would suggest as the topic of my address  
before the Community Forum of Pittsburgh: "Some  
Aberrations of Our Day". This will give me an  
opportunity to discuss the subject suggested in  
Mrs. Reizenstein's letter to me of August 24.  
Another topic which has proved popular with forums is:  
"The Christian-Jewish Tradition -- And What Threatens  
It In the Modern World". Please indicate to me which  
of these subjects you prefer.

I note that the newspapers have requested an  
interview which I shall be pleased to give them; also  
that I am to give a fifteen minute broadcast interview  
with Dr. Clausen.

I plan to arrive on the 4:15 train from  
Cleveland going straight to the Schenley Hotel.

Looking forward with pleasure to our  
meeting, and with best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

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September 29, 1936

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Not knowing exactly the contents of the lectures which would fall under the topics you gave me, I would make a good guess and suggest that "Some Aberrations of our Day" would suit us better than one of the others.

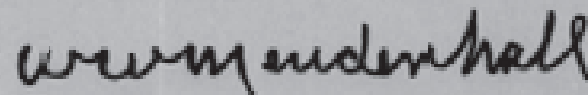
What we are trying to help our audience understand is the drift of things in American life; to get a sense of direction, and to see the sources of danger and the assumptions which are false.

This meeting is under the sponsorship of the Pittsburgh Teachers' Federation and it was their suggestion to have you give some general orientation to the group. I presume that the topic indicated would cover the matter.

Inasmuch as our radio time has been assigned to 5:15, I would suggest that on your arrival in Pittsburgh you go to the William Penn Hotel rather than to the Schenley Hotel. The William Penn is near the radio station and it would hurry you to go to the Schenley Hotel and back again.

If you will inform us on which railroad you are arriving, we will try to have someone meet you.

Sincerely yours,



W. W. Mendenhall  
University of Pittsburgh

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Nov. 16

1936

To Dr. Solomon B. Frauchof

Street and No. Temple Rodef Shalom

Place Pittsburgh, Pa.

Convenient to stop at Schenley, Will stay overnight,  
Kindest regards,

Abba Hillel Silver

Sender's address  
for reference

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY  
IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

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RABBI SOLOMON B. FREEHOF, D. D.  
RODEP SHALOM TEMPLE  
FIFTH AND MOREWOOD AVENUES  
PITTSBURGH, PA.

November eighteenth  
1936

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

Dear Abba:

December sixteenth--our big date--happens to be the last day of Hanukkah but we will pretend that the evening is still the afternoon and will call it Hanukkah. The title that I prefer of the three is "The Light That Never Failed."

I look forward to hearing your address. We are going to have a grand evening, you being the chief guarantor of that fact. Don't forget to tell us how soon you can come in and we will have plenty of fun.

Lillian joins me in good wishes to Virginia and yourself.

As ever,

Sol

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GA949 23 NL=PITTSBURGH PENN 2

RABBI A H SILVER=

:CARE THE TEMPLE ANSEL RD AND 105 ST CLEVE=

:WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE SUBJECT OF YOUR ADDRESS FOR THE  
SIXTEENTH OF DECEMBER AND WHETHER MRS SILVER IS ACCOMPANYING  
YOU HERE REGARDS=

ELIZABETH HELLER COHEN.



SOLOMON B. FREEHOF, D. D.

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December 8, 1936.

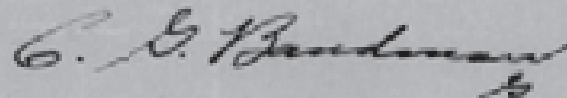
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple  
Ansel Rd. at 105th St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am writing to inform you that the Hanukkah Dinner scheduled for Wednesday, December 16, has been publicized as being strictly informal and those in attendance will be dressed accordingly. However, Dr. Freehof leaves it to your judgment and preference as to whether you will wear a tuxedo. If you decide to wear a tuxedo, Dr. Freehof will do likewise. Kindly advise me of your decision.

Anticipating the pleasure of having you with us and assuring you of my high regard, I am

Cordially yours,



C. G. Bandman  
Executive Secretary

CCB:ENG

December 9, 1936

Mr. Chester G. Bandman, Executive Secretary,  
The Rodef Shalom Congregation,  
Fifth and Morewood Avenues,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Bandman:

Let me thank you for your kind  
letter. I shall bring my tuxedo along with me for  
the meeting.

Please convey my best wishes to  
Dr. Freehof.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

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RABBI ABBA H SILVER=

TEMPLE EAST 105 ST AND ANSHEL ROAD CLEVE=

WOULD YOU PREFER TO STAY WITH US AT THE RUSKIN OR AT SCHENLEY  
WHERE MEETING WILL BE ARE YOU TAYING OVERNIGHT PLEASE WIRE

REPLY COLLECT=

SOLOMON B FREEHOF.

*Ga 0150*

*an 1210 P BK*

5255 FAIR OAKS STREET  
PITTSBURGH, PENNA.

Dear Rabbi Silver: -

The Men's Society and  
Sisterhood wish to express  
to you their sincere ap-  
preciation for your presence  
at the Chanukah Dinner.  
Your message was most

inspiring to all of us. And  
made us realize more keenly,  
our responsibility - to our chil-  
dren and our duty to our-  
selves.

We do hope Mrs. Silver  
and yourself can honor  
us again by coming here.  
My personal regards



to you both. As Robert John  
joins

Cordially yours,  
Elizabeth Cohen

December twenty, second.

December 29, 1936

Mrs. John Cohen,  
5255 Fair Oaks Street,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Elizabeth:

Let me thank you for your kind  
note and for the check which you enclosed.

It was a pleasure to see you  
in Pittsburgh. I do hope that on the occasion  
of my next visit I shall have the pleasure of  
being in your home again.

With all good wishes in which  
Virginia joins me, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ARS:EK

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RABBI A H SILVER=

CLEVE=

THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS ARE HOLDING SIMULTANEOUS PROTEST  
MEETINGS IN EVERY CITY WHERE WE HAVE POSTS IN OPPOSITION  
TO CELEBRATIONS IN GERMANY COMMEMORATING HITLER'S FOURTH  
ANNIVERSARY AS CHANCELLOR WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOU AS OUR  
PRINCIPAL SPEAKER IN PITTSBURGH ON MONDAY FEBRUARY FIRST  
PLEASE WIRE REPLY COLLECT BY WESTERN UNION FOURTEEN NAUGHT  
NINE FIFTH AVENUE=

HARRY H SCHAFER NATIONAL COMMANDER..

1409 - 5<sup>th</sup>

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th St. & Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We have had an inquiry regarding  
your availability for a lecture in Pitts-  
burgh on a Tuesday evening some time during  
the late fall or the first part of the year.

Please let me know what period  
would be most convenient for you and what  
your honorarium would be.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Janet G. Weisman*  
JANET G. WEISMAN  
Lecture and Concert Bureau

*Pittsburgh, Y.M.H.A.  
6 200 East 105th  
Nov. 9  
10 & 5th  
Tues.*

June 25, 1937

Miss Janet G. Weisman,  
Jewish Welfare Board,  
220 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Weisman:

In the absence of Rabbi Silver, permit me to say that it may be possible for Rabbi Silver to come to Pittsburgh for a lecture early in 1938. His customary honorarium is \$250.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



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Miss Bessie Klein,  
Secretary to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
105th St. and Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Miss Klein:

I thank you for your note of recent date, indicating that Rabbi Silver will be available for lectures in Pittsburgh this fall. I would like at this time to offer the date of October 5th and if that is not available, November 9th would be a second choice.

I understand that in previous appearances at the Pittsburgh YMHA Rabbi Silver's fee was \$200. Since we are a non-commission service agency, I shall appreciate your allowing the same fee to stand for the present invitation.

Please let me know which of the above dates the rabbi would prefer.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Janet G. Weisman*

JANET G. WEISMAN  
Lecture and Concert Bureau

July 2, 1937

Miss Janet G. Weisman,  
Jewish Welfare Board,  
220 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Weisman:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of June 30th. Rabbi Silver has already left for his vacation in Europe. I am forwarding your letter to him today. I shall be pleased to communicate with you as soon as I hear from him.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BX

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

Y. M. H. F.  
2000

Oct 5  
Nov. 9

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July 7, 1937

Miss Bessie Kline,  
Secretary to Rabbi Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th St. at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Miss Kline:

Thank you for your note of July  
2nd.

While you are awaiting Rabbi  
Silver's reply to my letter of June 30th,  
I shall very much appreciate your reserv-  
ing the date of October 5th for the  
Pittsburgh YMHA. They are very eager to  
have him open their forum series this  
year and I would like to know now if the  
date is open, pending his confirmation of  
both date and fee.

Appreciating an early reply, I

am

Sincerely yours,

*Janet G. Weisman*  
JANET G. WEISMAN  
Lecture and Concert Bureau

July 8, 1937

Miss Janet Weisman  
220 Fifth Ave.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Weisman:

I sent you the following telegram this morning:

REGRET CANNOT SCHEDULE LECTURE ENGAGEMENTS TENTATIVELY OR OTHERWISE WITHOUT FIRST CONSULTING RABBI SILVER. LETTER FOLLOWS.

I have forwarded your wire to Rabbi Silver today. When I hear from him I shall be pleased to communicate with you immediately.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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THE TEMPLE EAST 105 ST & ANSEL RD=

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FULL-RATE	DAY LETTER

SHALL VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR INDICATING BY WIRE TODAY  
WHETHER OR NOT THE DATES OF OCTOBER FIFTH FOR A LECTURE  
BY DOCTOR SILVER IN PITTSBURGH AND NOVEMBER TWENTY FOURTH  
FOR A LECTURE IN ATLANTIC CITY CAN BE RESERVED TENTATIVELY  
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BESSIE KLINE - Secretary

Oct 5 - Pitkin (Sun)

at City - Nov 24 (Wed)

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*Director, Lecture and Concert Bureau*

Miss Bessie Kline,  
Secretary to Rabbi Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th St. & Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Miss Kline:

While we are awaiting word from  
Rabbi Silver regarding his availability for  
a lecture in Pittsburgh for the fall, I  
find that they have decided to change their  
opening date from October 5th to November 9th.

In calling this matter to Dr.  
Silver's attention, I shall appreciate your  
noting the change.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Janet G. Weisman*  
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Miss Bessie Kline,  
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Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Miss Kline:

I am wondering if Rabbi Silver has returned from Europe and if it is now possible to have definite commitments on the lecture invitations he has received from our groups.

More specifically, can you now confirm the date of November 9th for the Pittsburgh YM and WHA and November 24th for the Atlantic City Jewish Community Center?

Appreciating an early reply, I am

Sincerely yours,

JANET G. WEISMAN  
Lecture and Concert Bureau

August 31, 1937

Miss Janet G. Weisman,  
Jewish Welfare Board,  
220 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Weisman:

I have just returned from abroad and  
find your letter of August 24.

I have definitely scheduled the  
Pittsburgh YM and WNA for Tuesday evening, November 9.  
I regret that I shall not be free to accept the Atlantic  
City invitation.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



# YOUNG MEN & WOMEN'S HEBREW ASSOCIATION

BELLEFIELD AVENUE, BETWEEN FIFTH AND FORBES

PITTSBURGH, PA.

September 2, 1937

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your secretary gave us November 9th, subject to your confirmation, as the date for a lecture here under the auspices of the Y. M. & W. H. A. Since we are ready to go ahead with our publicity on the series, I wonder if you can now tell me definitely if you will be with us on that date.

I understand you had a very exciting time in Europe and all of us in Pittsburgh are extremely eager to hear you tell us about it.

I know you are very busy now right before the holidays, but I would appreciate it very much if you would drop me a brief line.

I wish you and yours A Very Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

*A. Passamanick*  
Executive Director

September 3, 1937

H. Passananeck, Executive Director,  
Young Men & Women's Hebrew Association,  
Bellefield Ave. between Fifth and Forbes,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Passananeck:

Permit me to acknowledge your kind letter of September 2. I have definitely booked your organization for November 8th. If you wish me to speak on the subject "Palestine at the Cross-roads" I shall be very pleased to do so. If the subject does not fit in with your plans, please let me know and I shall send you others.

With all good wishes for a happy new year,  
I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

# YOUNG MEN & WOMEN'S HEBREW ASSOCIATION

BELLEFIELD AVENUE, BETWEEN FIFTH AND FORBES

PITTSBURGH, PA.

September 5, 1937

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

Dear Madam:

Kindly forward to me at your earliest  
convenience biographical material and photographs  
of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver who will appear before  
our organization on November 9, 1937.

Your prompt attention to the above will  
be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*Roella Horvitz*  
Secretary to Mr. Passamaneck

*Sent  
Tues - Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>*

# YOUNG MEN & WOMEN'S HEBREW ASSOCIATION

BELLEFIELD AVENUE, BETWEEN FIFTH AND FORBES

PITTSBURGH, PA.

September 22, 1937

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The biographical material you sent us does not do you justice. Couldn't you possibly give us something which would cover in greater detail all of your various activities. Please include organizations in which you hold office, books you have written in addition to "Religion in a Changing World", and other details which will help fill in for publicity purposes. The more, the better.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*H. Passermaneck*  
Executive Director

September 23, 1937

Mr. H. Passananeck, Executive Director,  
Young Men and Women's Hebrew Association,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Passananeck:

I am afraid that I shall have to get a publicity man to write me up. The few items of information about myself which I sent you are evidently not adequate. I really don't know what else to say about myself.

Along side of my book "Religion in a Changing World", I also wrote "Messianic Speculations in Israel" and "The Democratic Impulse in Jewish History".

I have recently returned from a visit to Palestine and I attended the World Zionist Congress in Zurich where, as you probably know, I was one of the spokesmen against the Partition plan.

Now all the rest of my acts and all that I did and the amazing things which I have accomplished, are they not written in "Who's Who?" Please consult.

With all good wishes for a happy new year,  
I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX



# YOUNG MEN & WOMEN'S HEBREW ASSOCIATION

BELLEFIELD AVENUE, BETWEEN FIFTH AND FORBES

PITTSBURGH, PA.

September 24, 1937

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We have selected for the subject of  
your lecture on our series in Pittsburgh,  
Tuesday evening, November 9th, "Palestine at  
the Cross-roads".

If for any reason you desire to change  
this subject before the date of the lecture,  
please notify us.

Sincerely yours,

*N. Passmanack*

Executive Director

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THE TEMPLE EAST 105 ST AT ANSEL RD CLEVE=

DO YOU HAVE DINNER ENGAGEMENT PITTSBURGH TOMORROW NIGHT IF  
NOT SEVERAL MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE EXTEND INVITATION TO DINE  
WITH THEM WIRE COLLECT ANSWER TO ABOVE AND WHAT RAILROAD YOU  
ARE USING=

H PASSAMANECK.

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PLEASE WIRE BY WESTERN UNION TIME OF ARRIVAL TOMORROW HOW  
LONG YOU WILL STAY AND WHAT YOUR PLANS ARE LECTURE  
SCHEDULE TO BEGIN AT 830 LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU  
AGAIN=

H PASSAMANECK

6:20

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

— Collect —

Nov. 8, 1937

H. P. Assamuech  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Will be pleased to have dinner with  
Committee. Arriving Pa. R.R. six-twenty  
Abba Hilaf Silver

# YOUNG MEN & WOMEN'S HEBREW ASSOCIATION

BELLEFIELD AVENUE, BETWEEN FIFTH AND FORBES

PITTSBURGH, PA.

June 10, 1938

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Will you do us the honor of coming to our Forum Series again next season. If you are available I would appreciate it very much if you could give us a Tuesday night early in November so that we can open the Series with you.

Awaiting your early reply, I am

Sincerely yours,

*M. Passanunck*  
Executive Director



June 16, 1938

Mr. H. Passamaneck, Executive Director  
Young Men & Women's Hebrew Association  
Bellefield Ave. between Fifth and Forbes  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Passamaneck:

Let me thank you for your kind letter  
of June 10. On looking through my schedule, I find  
that I have the date of November 8 open. That is  
a Tuesday. Will that fit in with your schedule?  
If so, I shall be very happy to come to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

# YOUNG MEN & WOMEN'S HEBREW ASSOCIATION

BELLEFIELD AVENUE, BETWEEN FIFTH AND FORBES

PITTSBURGH, PA.

June 21, 1938

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thanks very much for accepting an engagement here next Fall. You know we are always happy to have you with us.

However, the date you suggest, November 8, is Election Day and I am afraid it won't do. The 1st or the 15th would be better. Is either of these dates open?

With kindest regards and best wishes for a splendid summer, I am

Sincerely yours,

*H. Passanoneck*  
Executive Director

June 27, 1938

Mr. H. Passamaneck, Executive Director  
Young Men & Women's Hebrew Association  
Bellefield Ave., Between Fifth and Forbes  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Passamaneck:

Let me thank you for your letter of  
June 21. I did not know when I wrote to you  
that November 8 is Election Day. I shall be  
pleased to come to you on November 1.

With all good wishes for a pleasant summer,  
I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

# YOUNG MEN & WOMEN'S HEBREW ASSOCIATION

BELLEFIELD AVENUE, BETWEEN FIFTH AND FORBES

PITTSBURGH, PA.

July 1, 1938

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thanks for your very kind letter and acceptance of November first as the date for your lecture under our auspices in Pittsburgh. This will confirm your engagement here.

The only thing left for you to do now is to send us a list of topics from which we may select one for November first.

Thanking you and wishing you a very pleasant summer, I am

Sincerely yours,

*H. Passanareck*  
Executive Director

P. S. Kindly send photographs and biographical material

# YOUNG MEN & WOMEN'S HEBREW ASSOCIATION

BELLEFIELD AVENUE, BETWEEN FIFTH AND FORBES

PITTSBURGH, PA.

August 19, 1938

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St. at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

The Dean at Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pennsylvania, (about 30 miles from Pittsburgh) has asked me to inquire if you would be willing to speak there on the morning after your lecture here which is scheduled for November 1st.

He told me he selected four of the outstanding people coming to Pittsburgh this year and was very eager to have you as one of the four.

It was his suggestion that perhaps the fee in both cases could be reduced somewhat if you would be able to make two addresses in this neighborhood.

I'll appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

*H. Passanaveck*  
H. Passanaveck  
Executive Director



September 2, 1938

Mr. H. Passamaneck, Executive Director  
Young Men & Women's Hebrew Association  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Passamaneck:

I have just returned from my vacation  
and find your letter of August 19 inquiring  
whether it would be possible for me to speak before  
the Washington and Jefferson College on the  
morning of November 2. I think that can be  
arranged.

I don't like to reduce my lecture fee  
but if it would help the Y.M.H.A. and the Washington  
and Jefferson College, I will, as a "mitsvah" reduce  
the fee for each organization by \$25.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK

September 8, 1938

Mr. H. Passamaneck, Executive Director  
Young Men & Women's Hebrew Association  
Bellefield Avenue, Between Fifth and Forbes  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Passamaneck:

In view of what you wired me, I shall  
make no changes in my schedule and shall abide  
by our arrangements.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

=CARE THE TEMPLE EAST 105 ST AT ANSEL RD=

COMMITTEE ALARMED AT SUGGESTION OF POSTPONING YOUR  
ENGAGEMENT HERE AS WE COUNTED HEAVILY ON OPENING SEASON  
WITH YOU ANY CHANGE WILL MAKE IT VERY EMBARRASSING FOR  
US AS DATES ARE ALREADY ANNOUNCED AND CIRCULARS PRINTED  
PLEASE GO THROUGH WITH OUR ORIGINAL DATE=

H PASSAMANECK.

# YOUNG MEN & WOMEN'S HEBREW ASSOCIATION

BELLEFIELD AVENUE, BETWEEN FIFTH AND FORBES

PITTSBURGH, PA.

September 13, 1938

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

East 105th Street at Ansel Road

Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Will you kindly send me the subject you intend to use for your address here on November first. Sorry to trouble you right before the holydays, but I need it for publicity purposes.

Sincerely yours,

*H. Passanau*  
Executive Director

P. S. Would you be kind enough to send us some biographical material and photographs of yourself.

September 14, 1938

Mr. H. Passamaneck, Executive Director  
Young Men & Women's Hebrew Association  
Bellefield Ave. Between Fifth and Forbes  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Passamaneck:

Do you think that the subject, "The Rights of Minorities and the Next War", would be of interest to your Forum? I spoke on the subject recently at the City Club of Cleveland and it created considerable interest.

My secretary informs me that she sent you some glosses and biographic material this summer.

With all good wishes for a very happy new year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:EK



# YOUNG MEN & WOMEN'S HEBREW ASSOCIATION

BELLEFIELD AVENUE, BETWEEN FIFTH AND FORBES

PITTSBURGH, PA.

September 19, 1938

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thanks for your letter of September 14.  
We had hoped that you would discuss the Palestine  
situation in your lecture here. If this is  
included in the subject you gave us then it is  
all right. I'll appreciate hearing from you just  
this one more time and then I shall not bother  
you until around November first.

With best wishes for A Very Happy New  
Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

*H. Passamanech*  
Executive Director

September 20, 1933

Mr. H. Passamaneck, Executive Director  
Young Men & Women's Hebrew Association  
Bellefield Ave. Between Fifth and Forbes  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Passamaneck:

In reply to your kind letter of September 19,  
let me say that I shall be very happy to discuss the  
subject, THE FUTURE OF ZIONISM, on November 1 instead  
of the one which I gave you.

With all good wishes for a very happy new  
year, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ANS:BX

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October 3, 1938

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Junior Hadassah, the largest youth Zionist group in America, is holding its 15th Annual Convention, at the Hotel William Penn, Pittsburgh, Pa., November 24-27.

On Sunday afternoon, November 27th, we are planning to hold a mass meeting at which time there will be present not only delegates and members, but also a large number of Jews from Pittsburgh and vicinity. On this important occasion we would consider it a pleasure and a rare privilege to have you with us as the chief speaker of the afternoon. We turn to you, Dr. Silver, because we feel that your message of hope, borne of a deep knowledge and experience in behalf of our people, would give to our guests that inspiration and understanding which is so vital in these difficult times.

Since we are planning your appearance as the outstanding event of the Convention, we hope that your contribution to our program will mean much to strengthen Zionism among American youth.

With Zionist greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Naomi Brodie*

Naomi Brodie  
Convention Chairman

MB:R

October 6, 1938

Miss Naomi Brodie, Convention Chairman  
Junior Hadassah  
1860 Broadway  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Brodie:

I greatly appreciate your kind invitation to address the annual convention of Junior Hadassah in Pittsburgh on November 27. I really would very much like to come to you. Unfortunately I cannot leave Cleveland on a Sunday. I must be in my own pulpit in the morning and there are always either weddings or funerals which necessitate my remaining in the city. As you probably know I am very busy and I try to give whatever time I can spare from my duties in Cleveland to the United Palestine Appeal. Please keep me in mind for some other year.

With all good wishes for a successful convention, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BX

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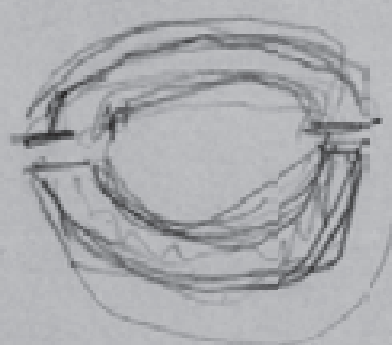
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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER-

UTICA AVE TEMPLE CLEVE-

YOU ABOVE ALL OUR LEADERS HAVE A REAL PERCEPTION OF THE  
DESTINY OF JEWISH YOUTH IN THESE FEARFUL TIMES STOP THE  
FUTURE OF OUR PEOPLE LIES WITH OUR YOUTH AND DESPITE THE  
UNBEARABLE BURDENS YOU ARE CARRYING WE FEEL WE HAVE THE  
RIGHT TO ASK YOU TO LEAD US AND INSPIRE US AT OUR CRUCIAL  
CONVENTION IN PITTSBURGH PLEASE PLEASE DO NOT FAIL US IN  
OUR NEED ANSWER COLLECT VIA WESTERN UNION-  
NAOMI BRODIE CONVENTION CHAIRMAN.

ABBA HILLEL DESTING.





October 13, 1938

Miss Naomie Brodie, Convention Chairman  
Junior Hadassah  
1860 Broadway  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Brodie:

I did not decline the convention of the Junior Hadassah with a light heart. I wanted very much to come to you but it is simply not possible for me, as I wrote, to get away on Sundays. I still am Rabbi of The Temple and my first obligations are here. I trust that you will understand.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BX

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Y. M. & Y. H. A.  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Collect  
D. L.

Nov. 1, 1938

Rabbi Silver will arrive Pittsburgh 5:55  
today via Pa. R.R. Will stay over night  
and take early <sup>morning</sup> train back to Cleveland.  
Please make reservations at Schenley.

Bessie Kline  
saying to Rabbi Silver

Telephones  
Algonquin 4-3600  
Rumsey 7-6469



## MASADA

YOUTH ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA  
... Affiliated with the Zionist Organization of America ...  
111 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

December 2, 1938

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Western Pennsylvania Region of Masada, Youth Zionist Organization of America, is holding its annual forum at the YMHA in Pittsburgh on January 15th, 1939.

They are very anxious to secure you as the main speaker for this event and they would assure you an audience of over 500 people. Your appearance would be a tremendous asset to the status and organizational growth of this Region which already consists of five chapters. They are planning a membership drive with your prospective appearance as a springboard.

Would you please inform me as to the possibility of your appearance and the amount of your fee and expenses.

With Zion's greetings,

Very sincerely,

*Matthew Huttner*

Matthew Huttner  
Executive Secretary

mh:lc

December 6, 1938

Mr. Matthew Huttner, Executive Secretary  
Masada  
111 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Huttner:

I deeply appreciate your kind invitation to address the Western Pennsylvania Region of Masada on January 15. Much as I am tempted to accept your invitation, I cannot because of tremendous pressure of work, most of it due to the United Palestine Appeal whose chairman I am. Perhaps at some future time I may be able to be of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK

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April 7, 1939

Mrs. H. Silberblatt  
1533 Asbury Place  
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REGRET DEEPLY CANNOT ACCEPT YOUR KIND INVITATION FOR MAY NINTH CLEVELAND WILL  
BE IN THE MIDST OF ITS WELFARE FUND CAMPAIGN THAT WEEK AND I AM CHAIRMAN OF THE  
DRIVE I WISH YCU EVERY SUCCESS

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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THE EVENING OF MAY 9 1939 AT THE LOCAL Y FOR COMMUNITY  
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ROTHCHILD HADASSAH UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL? IN EVENT OF  
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=THE TEMPLE 105 AND ANSEL ROAD=

I AM SORRY I WAS UNABLE TO COMPLETE MY TELEPHONE CALL TO YOU IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING YOUR BROADCAST STOP YOUR MESSAGE CAME THROUGH BEAUTIFULLY AND WAS MOST INSPIRING STOP I AM SURE THE MANY THOUSANDS OF WOMEN WHO LISTENED TO YOU EXPRESS THEIR APPRECIATION AND THANKS ALONG WITH MINE FOR YOUR MOST TIMELY MESSAGE ON THE OPENING OF THE WOMENS DIVISION CAMPAIGN STOP KINDEST PERSONAL REGARDS=

OLIVER M KAUFMANN.

# YOUNG MEN & WOMEN'S HEBREW ASSOCIATION

BELLEFIELD AVENUE, BETWEEN FIFTH AND FORBES

PITTSBURGH, PA.

June 20, 1939

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This is our annual invitation to you to speak on our Lecture Series. I know how busy you are with the United Jewish Appeal, but I hope that you will be able to take time out to bring us a message.

As you know, our lectures are held on Tuesday nights and all dates are open with the exception of the following:

October 31, 1939  
November 28, 1939  
February 13, 1940  
March 12, 1940

We should like to have you come as early in the fall as possible.

I need not tell you how much I personally appreciate your annual visits to the Pittsburgh "Y" and I hope we may have the pleasure of having you with us again.

Wishing you a very pleasant summer, I am

Sincerely yours,

*H. Passamunet*  
Executive Director

*Tuesday  
June 9*

*said you would  
write directly to them  
or to me - latter  
instance I would  
communicate with  
them.*

June 23, 1939

Mr. H. Passamaneck, Exec. Director  
Young Men & Women's Hebrew Association  
Bellefield Avenue, between Fifth and Forbes  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Passamaneck:

Your letter arrived after Dr. Silver had left the city for his summer's vacation abroad. I am, this day, forwarding it to him. Dr. Silver will either communicate with you directly, or with me. In the latter instance, I shall be happy to write to you as soon as I hear from him.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BKX

Secretary to Dr. Silver.

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July 8th 1939.

My dear Mr. Passananeck,

Your kind letter was forwarded to me  
here.

My visits to the Y.M.H.A. at Pittsburg  
have become a sort of a habit with me. If the  
date of Tuesday evening, January 9th, is open on  
your calendar, I shall be very pleased to come.  
I would suggest that you wait for my subject  
until later in the Fall, when I may have a fresh  
theme to present.

With all good wishes, and hoping that  
you will have a pleasant summer,

I remain,

Very cordially yours,



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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

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YOU DID FOR US WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU=

IRWIN D WOLF

5255 FAIR OAKS STREET  
PITTSBURGH, PENNA.

[no date]

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I just wrote your  
wife to accompany you  
to B. H. Shul at the re-  
sult of December. And  
I do hope she will accept.  
We are now writing

our publicity for the  
Charitable Dinner, and  
we should like to know  
the title of your address.  
When convenient, would you  
please send it to me.

Solue and I are looking  
forward to seeing you  
that night. With kindest

Regards to you both.

Faithfully,

Elizabeth Miller Cohen

Tuesday.



# The Community Forum of Pittsburgh

"THE Community Forum is a voluntary assembly of the earnest and thoughtful people of a community, without regard to economic, religious or political differences, for the purpose of discussing any matter of public concern under the inspiration of acknowledged leaders in the interest of truth, fair play, and mutual enlightenment with full opportunity for participation by the audience."



SCHENLEY HIGH SCHOOL  
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*Mondays at 8:15 o'clock P.M.*



OCTOBER 7, 1935 to MAY 11, 1936



## Program - - 1935-1936

All forums held at Schenley High School Auditorium  
Monday nights, 8:15 P.M.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

### "The Challenge of New Ideas"

EDUARD C. LINDEMAN, author, Professor at New York School For Social Work, and lecturer at New School For Social Research. (Forum cooperating with Council on Adult Education.)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

### "Birth Control"

MRS. THOMAS N. HEPBURN, mother of Katherine Hepburn, Chairman of Legislative Committee of National Birth Control League. (Forum cooperating with Allegheny County Birth Control League.)

DR. R. A. D. GILLIS, Gynecologist at Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

### "Ethiopia—A Pawn In European Diplomacy"

DR. ERNEST WORK, Professor of History at Muskingum College, lived in Ethiopia where he established a school system and helped write a Constitution.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

### "A Better Economic Order"

RT. REV. MONSIGNOR JOHN A. RYAN, Economist, Professor of Ethics at Catholic University.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

### "Pittsburgh—Today and Tomorrow"

H. B. KIRKPATRICK, President of Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of Industrial Commission of Pittsburgh.

DR. B. J. HOVDE, Professor of History, University of Pittsburgh.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

### "Why A World Wanting Peace Gets War"

DOROTHY DETZER, Executive Secretary of Women's International League For Peace and Freedom. (Forum cooperating with Women's International League of Pittsburgh and League Against War and Fascism.)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

### "Art and Propaganda"

MAX EASTMAN, noted author and lecturer.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

### "America Faces The Relief Problem"

C. HARTLEY GRATTON, well known author, has spent last 10 months studying the problem of relief for Scribners Magazine.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

### "International Economic Cooperation—A Necessity of This Age"

C. DOUGLASS BOOTH, traveler, publicist and lecturer, has spent many years in Europe, North Africa and the Near East, collecting material on economic and political problems. (Forum cooperating with Carnegie Endowment For International Peace.)

## PROGRAM—Continued

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

### "Cooperative Living"

E. R. BOWEN, of New York, Secretary of National Co-operative League.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

### "Our Own Race Problem"

DR. MORDECAI JOHNSON, President of Howard University, often called the greatest orator in the United States. (Forum cooperating with the Urban League.)

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

### "Social Credit—Alberta's Experiment"

ALLAN R. BROWN, President of New Economics Group, New York City.

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

### "The Road To Progress"

DR. HAROLD GLENN MOULTON, Economist, author, President of Brookings Institution. (Forum cooperating with Falk Foundation.)

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

### "Why We Need A Third Party"

THOMAS R. AMLIE, United States Congressman from Wisconsin.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

### "The Church and Social Justice"

RABBI EDWARD L. ISRAEL, Chairman Commission on Social Justice, Central Conference of American Rabbis, 1927-34.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

### "Labor's Growing Ranks"

LEO KRZYCKI, General Executive Board member of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

### "Education In A Changing Social Order"

DR. JESSE HOLMES, Professor of Philosophy at Swarthmore College.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

### "The War on Wealth"

JOHN T. FLYNN, noted Economist, columnist for Scripps Howard newspapers.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

### "Exploitation by Demagogues—Radio, Yellow Press, Politics"

ROGER BALDWIN, Director of American Civil Liberties Union.

MONDAY, MARCH 2

### "Which Way America, 1936-40"

DR. HARRY W. LAIDLER, Executive Director of League For Industrial Democracy, author, economist, student of social movements here and abroad, director of National Board of Economic Research.

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MONDAY, MARCH 9

### "The Old and New Russia"

GENERAL VICTOR YAKHONTOFF, in Czar's and Kerensky's regime. (Forum cooperating with Friends of Soviet Union).

MONDAY, MARCH 16

### "An Approach to a National Policy"

RICHARD CLEVELAND, Baltimore Attorney, son of President Cleveland, Chairman National Policy Committee.

MONDAY, MARCH 23

### "Crime and the Morals of Punishment"

DR. MORTIMER ADLER, Professor of Philosophy of Law, University of Chicago, Associate of Robert Hutchins  
DR. JUSTIN MILLER, Assistant Attorney General, Washington, D. C. Directing national program of crime prevention.

(Forum cooperating with National Council of Jewish Women, and Pennsylvania Committee on Penal affairs.)

MONDAY, MARCH 30

### "The Pittsburgh Traction and Transportation Problem"

Transportation Experts and Representatives of Public and Railway Interests.

*Harold Ickes* MONDAY, APRIL 6

### "The Aims and Accomplishments of the New Deal"

Prominent spokesman for the Roosevelt Administration.

MONDAY, APRIL 13

### "Doom and Dawn"

SHERWOOD EDDY, noted social and religious leader.

MONDAY, APRIL 20

### "Government Control in a Democracy"

ETHAN A. SHEPLEY, Attorney, St. Louis, Mo. Spokesman for American Liberty League (Forum cooperating with American Liberty League).

MONDAY, APRIL 27

### "A Workable Approach to Economic Salvation"

TOYOHICO KAGAWA, famous social and religious leader of Japan.

MAY 4

### "Education for Today and Tomorrow"

JOHN W. STUDEBAKER, United States Commissioner of Education.

MAY 11

### "If We Want Peace....."

GEORGE LANSBURY, head of British Labor Party  
KIRBY PAGE, Author.

JAMES G. McDONALD, Foreign Policy Leader.

(Forum cooperating with Emergency Peace Council).

## AFFILIATED OR COOPERATING ORGANIZATIONS

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PITTSBURGH TEACHERS ASSOCIATION.  
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FEDERATION OF SOCIAL AGENCIES.  
IRENE KAUFMAN'S SETTLEMENT.  
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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN.  
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The bulk of our support must come from those friends of the "Town Meeting" who make subscriptions. Any amount is welcomed. Subscriptions of \$5.00, \$10.00 and more are needed but those who give \$200 or more will be placed on the Forum mailing list and will receive weekly notices of the program. We urge those who can take a share in maintaining the Forum to fill out the blank below.

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