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Pittsfield, Massachusetts, 1929.

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ADULLAM LODGE No. 326

INDEPENDENT ORDER B'NAI B'RITH

MEETINGS, SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAYS

PITTSFIELD, MASS.

February
Fifteenth,
1929.

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

Reverend Dear Sir:

For the past three years I have heard expressions from many people of our Jewish community regarding the fact that Pittsfield has never had an opportunity of hearing you.

As president of Adullam Lodge, it would be one of my fondest hopes to be able to fulfill that desire for our people.

The thought occurred to me that, possibly, you might be on a speaking tour in this part of the country during the coming months, and that you might be able to include Pittsfield in your itinerary. We would be most happy to arrange this meeting for any evening suitable to your convenience, and I would thank you to advise as to the prospects of such an engagement, also the financial reimbursement involved.

Respectfully,

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Henry Alperin

Feb. 18th, 1929.

Mr. Henry Alperin,
Adullum Lodge No. 326
Independent Order B'nai B'rith,
Pittsfield, Mass.

My dear Mr. Alperin:-

In the absence of Rabbi Silver permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 15th.

Rabbi Silver is at present on the Pacific Coast and will be gone the entire month of February. Immediately upon his return I shall present your letter to him for his attention.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

card

Feb. 25th, 1929.

Mr. Henry Alperin,
Adullam Lodge No. 326,
Independent Order B'nai B'rith,
Pittsfield, Mass.

My dear Mr. Alperin:-

Permit me to thank you for your
kind letter of February 15th and for the invi-
tation which you extend to me to address the
Adullam Lodge.

I wish I could see my way clear
to come but unfortunately I have so many lecture
engagements scheduled for this season that I
can not in justice to myself accept any more.
Perhaps next season I may be in a position to be
of service to you.

With kindest regards, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

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MEETINGS, SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAYS

PITTSFIELD, MASS.

November 19, 1929

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

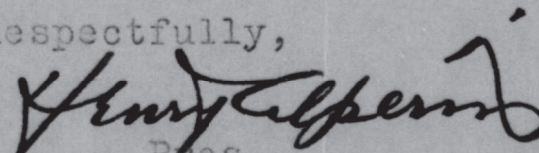
My Dear Rabbi Silver;

Hardly a day has passed this Fall that I have not been asked by one or more of our people as to when I was going to make good my promise to bring Rabbi Silver to Pittsfield. I made this promise to them last year on the strength of our correspondence, in which, you expressed the hope that you might be able to visit Pittsfield this year.

Our Lodge is this year sponsoring the local Talmud Torah. We have undertaken the work of reorganizing the school along modern lines of Jewish Education. In order that we may proceed along well guided lines, we have caused to be made a complete survey of our Jewish community under the direction of the Jewish Bureau of Social Research, of New York. Their recommendations for the Talmud Torah calls for an annual expenditure of about \$7000. Of this amount \$4000. is pledged and we are faced with the problem of raising the balance.

From my own canvass of our people I am convinced that a lecture with Rabbi Silver as the speaker, will net us a sizeable sum. May I express the hope of receiving a favorable reply from you.

Respectfully,


Pres.

373 North St.,
Pittsfield, Mass.

Nov. 20th, 1929.

Mr. Henry Alperin,
373 North St.,
Pittsfield, Mass.

My dear Mr. Alperin:-

Permit me to thank you for your
kind letter of Nov. 19th.

I wish I were free to accept your
invitation. Unfortunately I am so heavily booked
with out-of-town lecture engagements that I can not
in justice to myself accept any more.

I am very sorry that I can not
assist you in your very fine work in connection with
the Pittsfield Talmud Torah this year.

With kindest regards, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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