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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

PROGRAM COMMITTEE MAINE STATE WELFARE CONFERENCE TO BE  
HELD AT BANGOR MAINE OCTOBER NINETEENTH COMMAND ME TO  
OBTAIN YOUR MOST VALUED SERVICES AS PRINCIPAL SPEAKER  
SINCERELY HOPE YOU WILL ACCEPT MAINE PEOPLE VERY ANXIOUS  
TO HAVE YOU ANSWER COLLECT RESPECTFULLY=

MAX L PINANSKY JUDGE PORTLAND MUNICIPAL COURT.

Answer same-date July 9th, 1928

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR INVITATION. REGRET EXCEEDINGLY  
CAN NOT ACCEPT IT. MUST REMAIN IN CLEVELAND THAT WEEK.

A. H. SILVER

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Dear Rabbi Silver:-

## TREASURER:

Samuel C. Feuerstein  
Malden, Mass.

The Biltmore Hotel declined to let you have the suite which had been reserved for you and now compounded the error by sending you the bill which had not been intended for you. Thank you for returning it. We are taking care of it.

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It was good--very good-- to have you with us. We enjoyed hearing you, and being with you both before and after our Tu Bishvot observance.

The size of the gathering on a night of a near blizzard should show you how well people regard you and how greatly they are interested in what you have to say. I trust this will be of some consolation in the difficult time you have been having.

I have been quite busy studying Midrash Tehillim and preparing it for the Yale Judaica series--of which you probably heard. The Jewish public gives ~~grin~~ grudging approval to a rabbi who busies himself with such "Useless activities". But it seems to me that unless men in the rabbinate dare break the evil spells of Shetusa and Ketanos which beset us we shall drift into an atmosphere which is Kulo Kingston, Rahamono lizelan.

The enclosed check is a token of our appreciation. You may dispose of it ~~in~~ in any way you deem proper.

Cordially,

Bill

P.S. I typed the letter myself and did a poor job. I wanted you to receive it without further delay.



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March 20, 1945.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

Confirming the request which was made upon you by Israel Bernstein, who headed the UJA in Portland for 5 years, and who was also Chairman of the Maine Jewish Committee for 4 years, I, as President of the Jewish Federation of Portland and Vice-President of the Maine Jewish Committee, and affiliated with Zionist activities in Portland and in the State, an ardent supporter of your militant policy, and of the Emergency Committee in the State, want to urge you to make a supreme effort to be with us on any one of the Sundays in April which were left open for your convenience. We certainly would consider it an honor to have you with us in person.

We in Portland feel that under your administration the Zionist Emergency Committee has accomplished far more for Palestine than has been done in the last decade. I assure you that Portland would certainly give you the most genuine reception that any leader has had in the past.

I look forward to meeting you personally in Portland.  
With kindest regards.

Respectfully,

*A. S. Levey*  
Abraham S. Levey, President  
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March 20, 1945.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

It was a pleasure to talk to you over the telephone for the first time, and it will be an even greater pleasure to talk to you personally.

We, here in Portland, have a Federation which functions most effectively, which has now been in existence for three years, and which is the outgrowth of cooperation in former UJA Campaigns.

This year the Federation is raising \$50,000 for the two principal agencies of UPA and JDC, and ours will be the first Campaign in the state, which through its Maine Jewish Committee plans to raise a minimum of \$150,000 for these two agencies. Thus you see that we here in Portland are depended upon to show the way for the rest of the state.

Each year we have had a national speaker, and each year we made every effort to have you with us, but had not been successful. Now we feel that this is the year for you to accept our invitation and to inaugurate the most successful campaign in our history. We here in Portland have always had a warm spot in our hearts for you, and this year we are solidly behind you in your vigorous efforts to place Zionism on a sound, public foundation without dependence on any single public personality. Personally I have already given you very loyal support.

Moreover, if you were to come, I can arrange for about 25 of the principal Zionist leaders in our state to meet with you in conference the afternoon of the banquet, and in that way you will be able to accomplish two most worthwhile purposes.

We will leave open the Sundays of April 15, 22 and 29, so that you may select which one will suit your convenience.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

The history of the Federation has been one of progressive success. Your coming will not only insure the success of the immediate campaign, but will strengthen us in our long range program for Federation activities locally, and for Zionist activities nationally and internationally.

With kindest personal regards, and with the hope that you will honor us with your presence, I remain

Faithfully and Respectfully,

Israel Bernstein

Air Mail

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ISRAEL BERNSTEIN  
PORTLAND, MAINE

April 3, 1945

Dear Rabbi:

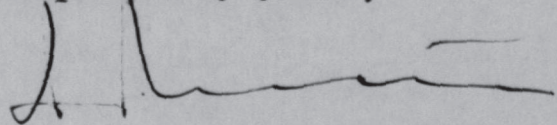
I had been hoping to hear from you in reply to my letter of invitation of March 20th, and when time passed without a reply I tried to reach you on the telephone at your home but was not successful.

Now we have reached the stage here where we have to make definite plans for the opening dinner to our campaign, which at this date cannot be held any earlier than Sunday, April 22nd. So I would very much appreciate a reply from you by the first of next week, if at all possible, advising me whether you can accept the invitation.

I realize full well that in some respects this invitation may impose upon your time and effort, but all of us here have set our heart on having you as our guest and are convinced that your presence here will help us not only in this campaign and in the campaigns throughout the State but will be a cementing influence for our future activities for all Jewish causes.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Faithfully and respectfully yours,



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland  
Ohio

April 7, 1945

Mr. Israel Bernstein  
Jewish Federation of Portland  
341 Cumberland Avenue  
Portland 3, Maine

My dear Mr. Bernstein:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your kind letters. I have been away from the city most of the time and the holidays have intervened so that my correspondence has lagged.

I wish I could come to help with your campaign. Unfortunately I am already scheduled to open campaigns in so many places, as well as for other organizations that it is simply a physical impossibility for me to take on any additional out of town engagements. I assure you that if I were at all able, I would have been most happy to accept your kind invitation. I know of the fine moral support which you and your friends have given me right along. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK