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Portsmouth, Ohio, 1926-1928.

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MRS. GEORGE W. FRENCH
CHURCH SECRETARY

Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church

ARTHUR STAPLES, MINISTER
1411 GALLIA STREET

Portsmouth, Ohio

October 30, 1926.

My Dear Rabbi,

We have here in Portsmouth an InterChurch luncheon Club composed of men and women from the different Protestant churches, meeting every three or four weeks.

At these meetings we have representative men of different churches speak and through friends of yours we have learned that you have some addresses that would be suitable for such an organization and that the members of the club would like to hear, so I am writing you to ask if you could come to Portsmouth sometime and speak for us, when you could come and how much it would cost us.

Our speaker for the next meeting is not quite sure about the date and if he should fail us, could you come some Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday, Nov. 15th to Dec. 3?

Or if these dates are not available could you suggest a date sometime after the holidays and tell us how much we should pay you.

Yours very sincerely,

Arthur Staples

Rabbi H. Silver,
Cleveland, O.

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November Eleventh
1926

Rev. Arthur Staples,
Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church,
1411 Gallia Street,
Portsmouth, Ohio.

My dear Rev. Staples,

I trust you will pardon the delay in answering your kind letter of October thirtieth. I have been out of the city much of the time and find myself overwhelmed with correspondence on my return to my desk.

I wish I could see my way clear to accept your kind invitation. I am compelled to decline, however, because my speaking schedule for the next few months is very full and I must, in justice to myself, let up a bit. Perhaps some future season may offer an opportunity for me to serve you and your community.

Wishing you all success, permit me to remain, with kindest regards

Very sincerely yours,

Independent Order B'nai B'rith

Portsmouth Lodge No. 840

Portsmouth, Ohio

February 17, 1928

Rabbi Abba Silver,
c/o Euclid Avenue Temple,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

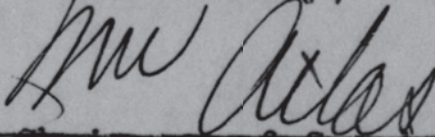
The B'nai B'rith lodge of this city is scheduling several famous Jewish lecturers for public addresses in this city during 1928 and would be very much pleased to have you as the first of our speakers. Would you kindly let me know what date you can give us and what your honorarium would be. We would prefer having you some time during the next two or three months, if possible. We feel sure that a large audience would greet you.

I might say for your information that Rabbi Stephen S. Wise is planning to address a similar gathering here in the Fall.

Will you kindly let me know as soon as possible what date you can give us.

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Yours truly,



Chairman of Speakers Committee
I.O.B.B. #840

920 Gallia Street

The Independent Order of B'nai B'rith has taken upon itself the mission of uniting Israelites in the work of promoting their highest interests and those of humanity; of developing and elevating the mental and moral character of the people of our faith; of inculcating the purest principles of philanthropy, honor and patriotism; of supporting science and art; alleviating the wants of the poor and needy; visiting and attending the sick; coming to the rescue of victims of persecution; providing for, protecting and assisting the widow and orphan on the broadest principles of humanity.

—PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF B'NAI B'RITH.

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Feb. 22d, 1928.

Mr. Wm. Atlas,
Independent Order B'nai B'rith,
Portsmouth, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Atlas:-

Permit me to thank you for your
kind letter of February 17th and for the invita-
tion which you extend to me to address the B'nai
B'rith Lodge of your city.

It may be possible for me to come
to you the latter part of May. My honorarium is
\$250. If the terms are agreeable, please let
me know and I will send you a definite date,
as well as a list of subjects.

With kindest regards, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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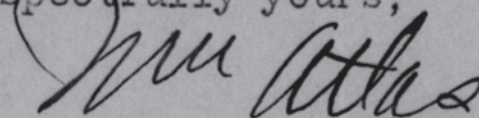
February 25, 1928

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I certainly was delighted to receive your kind letter of February 22nd stating that you could address an audience for us some time during May at an honorarium of \$250.00. We will be delighted to have you, and you will kindly furnish us dates as quickly as possible.

Respectfully yours,



Chairman of Speakers Committee
I. O. B. B. #840

902 Galha St.

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May 28.

The Independent Order of B'nai B'rith has taken upon itself the mission of uniting Israelites in the work of promoting their highest interests and those of humanity; of developing and elevating the mental and moral character of the people of our faith; of inculcating the purest principles of philanthropy, honor and patriotism; of supporting science and art; alleviating the wants of the poor and needy; visiting and attending the sick; coming to the rescue of victims of persecution; providing for, protecting and assisting the widow and orphan on the broadest principles of humanity.

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March 1st, 1928.

Mr. William Atlas,
902 Gallia St.,
Portsmouth, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Atlas:-

In looking over my schedule, I find
that it may be possible for me to come to you
on Monday evening, May 28th.

If the date is acceptable, please
let me know and I will send you the subject
of my address.

With kindest regards, permit me to
remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Independent Order B'nai B'rith

Portsmouth Lodge No. 840

Portsmouth, Ohio

March 2, 1928.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
c/o The Temple,
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

The date of May 28th is acceptable to the B'nai B'rith Lodge for your address, and we have already made arrangements to rent the High School Auditorium, which seats about one thousand people, for your address. Please bear in mind that the audience will be about 90% Gentile. I tell you this so as to assist you in your choice of a subject.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

M. Atlas
Chairman Speakers Committee
I.O.B.B. No. 840.

902 Gallia St.

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12:20 a.m. Union
Sunday
mt 9:20
12:00 Noon

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March 6th, 1928.

Mr. Wm. Atlas,
I. O. B. B. #840.
Portsmouth, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Atlas:-

I would suggest either
of the following subjects, which have proved
popular with mixed audiences:

1. "Democracy At The Crossroads."
2. "What Is Happening To The American Home?"

permit me to remain

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

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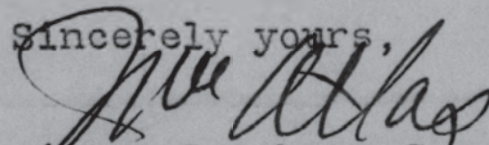
March 7, 1928

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
c/o The Temple,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

In reply to yours of March 6th
I believe we would prefer "What Is Happening To
The American Home" as your subject. Now may I ask
you to furnish us with some publicity matter and a
newspaper halftone of yourself as the newspapers
here are very kind in co-operating with us and give
us free publicity. We want to start publicity on
your lecture very soon.

Sincerely yours,



Chairman Speakers Committee
I.O.B.B. #840.

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March 9th, 1928.

Mr. Wm. Atlas,
I. O. B. B. 840
902 Galilea St.,
Portsmouth, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Atlas:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 7th and to advise you that I have today under separate cover sent you a photograph of Rabbi Silver to be used for your publicity.

I am also enclosing herewith some facts about Rabbi Silver for your publicity.

After the photograph has served your purpose, will you please return same to me.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very truly yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

Independent Order B'nai B'rith

Portsmouth Lodge No. 840

Portsmouth, Ohio

May 2, 1928

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
c/o The Temple, Ansel Rd.,
East 105th St.,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Our local Rotary Club meets each Monday noon. Since it happens that the date of your lecture falls on a Monday, I am wondering if it would inconvenience you greatly to make a short address before this club, of which I am a member. I feel sure that it would help a great deal in our publicity campaign and that the Rotary Club would deem it a signal honor. Will you kindly let me know if you can do this for me. If you will answer in the affirmative I will immediately get in touch with our Program Committee and have them issue you a formal invitation.

I might say for your information that N & W train #26 arrives in Portsmouth at 12:10 P. M., and that the best possible train for you to take out of Cleveland would be Big 4, train #5, which leaves Columbus at 12:20 A. M., but carries a sleeper which is open at 9:30 P. M., the previous evening. This sleeper gets into Columbus very early in the morning, but you can occupy the berth until 7:30 A. M., and then catch N & W train mentioned above, which leaves Columbus at 9:20 A. M., and arrives here at ten minutes after the noon hour. This is the only possible train for you to take from Columbus to arrive here in time for the evening lecture, as the next train from Columbus does not arrive here until about 9:30 P. M. Of course, it may be possible that you could arrange to come somewhat later by bus from Columbus, but I feel sure that you prefer to travel by rail.

I must say that your secretary was quite modest for you in furnishing us with publicity matter. I would appreciate some further data in this regard, say a short synopsis of outstanding lectures, etc.

Yours truly,

Sam Atlas

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902 Galbraith St.

May 24th, 1928.

Mr. William Atlas,
902 Gallia St.,
Portsmouth, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Atlas:-

I plan to arrive in
Portsmouth at noon on Monday, May 28th, I do
not wish to address any other body during the
day.

Looking forward with pleasure
to seeing you, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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