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Reading, Pennsylvania, 1921-1938.

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READING, PENNSYLVANIA

Nov. 21st, 1921

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Silver:-

I want to thank you for your kind letter of Nov. 17th and regret that you are unable to come to Reading in December.

However, I am very glad to learn that you will be able to address the Reading Chamber of Commerce in January and will accept your date of Jan. 23rd.

Our meetings are held in connection with a six o'clock dinner at the Berkshire Hotel.

I will write you after the first of the year to give you further information and to learn from you the subject of your address which I imagine will be along the line of community service such as Chambers of Commerce are trying to render their communities.

Very truly yours,

H. W. Elvidge
Secretary

TML:BM

November 23 rd, 1921.

Mr. H. W. Elvidge, Secy,
Chamber of Commerce,
Reading, Pa.

My dear Mr. Elvidge,

I shall be very pleased
to be with your body on Monday, January
23rd.

Very sincerely yours,

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READING, PENNSYLVANIA

Jan. 3rd, 1922

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I am writing you with reference to your visit to Reading on Jan. 23rd to address the members of the Reading Chamber of Commerce and to advise you of a situation that has just arisen here and I think should be brought to your attention.

It is simply that in response to urgent requests from our members we have arranged for a dinner meeting on Monday, Jan. 16th at which time a speaker from Washington will address our members on the Disarmament Conference. This brings a dinner meeting of our members within one week of the date scheduled for your address, which is running things somewhat closer together than we usually arrange. It has just occurred to me that under the circumstances you might care to postpone your coming one week, viz., to Monday, Jan. 30th with the idea that an interim of two weeks between meetings might add some strength to the attendance of your meeting.

However, I feel confident that the effect on the attendance of the arrangements as they now stand will be slight indeed and I am not writing to urge the postponement I mentioned above but simply to bring the situation to your attention in case you should prefer to make a postponement of one week. We expect that both the meeting of the Disarmament Conference and the one which you will address will attract so much interest that there will be no question of a large attendance at both but I appreciate that some times under these conditions a speaker prefers to take such matters into consideration.

We are leaving the whole matter entirely up to you and are looking forward to your coming with a great deal of pleasure. I would like to know on what subject you expect to speak in

order to make proper announcement locally. I am assuming that you will speak on some subject that adheres closely to community service thru organizations of this sort or something that applies to the general field of civic activities and community service. We would prefer to let the matter of the subject entirely up to you because you will know, from your own experience what will be most interesting and valuable to an organization such as ours.

With all best wishes for the coming year, I beg to remain

Very truly yours,

Theodore M. Leinbach

TML:BM

Asst. Sec'y.



January 6th, 1922.

Mr. T. M. Leinbach,
Reading Chamber of Commerce,
Reading, Pa.

My dear Mr. Leinbach,

I would personally prefer to postpone my lecture before your body in as much as the week of the 22nd is a very crowded one for me. I cannot however, come on the 30th. I would be able to come on Monday the 13th or the 20th. If these dates are inconvenient for you, please let me know and I may select some date later in the season.

With kindest regards, I beg
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

January 11th, 1922

Reading Chamber of Commerce,
Reading, Pa.

Will come on Monday January 23rd.
Subject: Organizing for Service.

A. H. Silver.

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Night Letter	N L
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THE TEMPLE EAST 55 ST AND CENTRAL CLEVELAND OHIO

YOUR TELEGRAM STOP REGRET YOU CANNOT COME JANUARY THIRTIETH BUT UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES AM COMPELLED TO URGENTLY REQUEST HOLDING TO ORIGINAL DATE MONDAY JANUARY TWENTY THIRD STOP WE WANT YOU IN JANUARY BY ALL MEANS STOP PRESUME MONDAY THE THIRTEENTH AND TWENTIETH MEANS IN FEBRUARY STOP KINDLY WIRE CONFIRMATION AND SUBJECT OF ADDRESS OUR EXPENSE

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READING, PENNSYLVANIA

Jan. 13, 1922.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

I want to thank you for your telegram of January 11th, and I am writing to assure you that we are very glad that you will come to Reading to address the members of the Chamber of Commerce on January 23d. We are now preparing to advise our members of your coming and your subject.

The occasion will be a dinner meeting in the Hotel Berkshire at six o'clock. The dress will be informal.

I will make reservations for you at the Hotel for the night unless you advise me to the contrary. Kindly advise me as to the time of your arrival and we will meet you at the train. If you are coming east directly from Cleveland, I presume you will come via Pittsburgh on the Pennsylvania Railroad to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and there change to the Philadelphia and Reading. The last train on the Philadelphia and Reading that will bring you to Reading in time for the dinner leaves Harrisburg at 4:30 P.M. and arrives in Reading at 5:50 P.M.

If there is any further information which you desire, kindly advise me.

Very truly yours,

Theodore M. Leinbach

L:T

Asst. Sec'y.

January sixteenth
1922

Mr. Theodore M. Leinbach,
4th Floor, American Casualty Building,
Reading, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr. Leinbach,

I received your letter of the
thirteenth and am looking forward with
pleasure to my meeting with you on the
twenty-third.

I wonder whether you would be
good enough to find out for me regarding the
trains that leave Reading for Richmond, Va.
I must be in Richmond on the evening of the
24th.

With kindest regards, I beg to
remain

Very sincerely yours,

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January 19, 1922.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver -

The newspapers of Reading have expressed a desire to give full publicity to your visit and address here on January 23rd. I am therefore writing to ask that you bring with you or send us in advance press copies of your address or abstracts from it. Two copies will be sufficient.

I do not want to put you to any trouble about this but can assure you that you will confer a favor of the local newspapers if you will be able to furnish them with some press matter.

Assuring you that we are looking forward to your visit and address with a great deal of pleasure, I beg to remain,

Sincerely yours,

Theodore M. Leinbach

Assistant Secretary.

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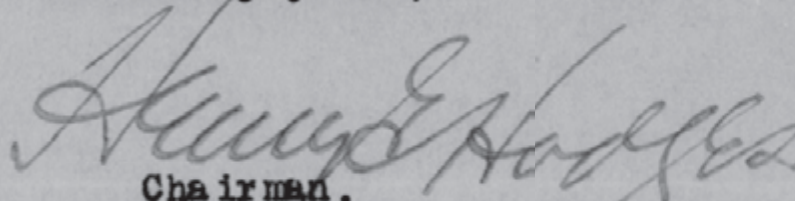
Aug. 15, 1922.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:-

You will remember that before you left us last year you promised me personally that you would journey to Reading again with another of your inspirational messages for the season of 1922-23. We are just making up our program and will make our arrangements fit any date suitable to you. Our Committee was unanimous in instructing me to ask you to be with us again this year.

Sincerely yours,


Chairman,
Public Affairs Committee.

H:T

August 18th, 1922.

Mr. Henry G. Hodges,
Reading Chamber of Commerce,
Reading, Pa.

My dear Mr. Hodges,

Thanks very much for your kind invitation to address your body again this year. I shall be very happy to come. I cannot at the present writing however, give you a definite date. I am leaving for an extensive lecture tour on the Pacific Coast and I shall return the middle of September. Please get in touch with me then, and I shall give you a definite date.

Trusting that you are having a pleasant summer, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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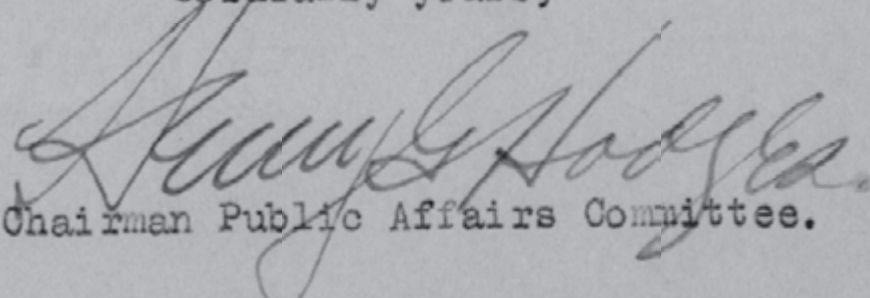
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:-

We were very glad to receive your letter of August 18th and want to assure you that any date which fits in with your program will be acceptable to us. If you can make it sometime in November, this would be convenient so far as our present arrangements are concerned.

I can certainly assure you of a large and enthusiastic crowd of listeners on your coming trip to Reading.

Cordially yours,


Chairman Public Affairs Committee.

September 22nd, 1922.

Mr. Henry G. Hodges,
Reading Chamber of Commerce,
Reading, Pa.

My dear Mr. Hodges,

I think I can give the Reading Chamber of Commerce, February 14th or March 14th, both days being on Wednesday. Please let me know if either of these dates is acceptable to you.

With kindest regards and trusting that you are well, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

READING INVESTMENT COMPANY
(INCORPORATED IN PENNSYLVANIA)

SIXTH AND WASHINGTON STREETS
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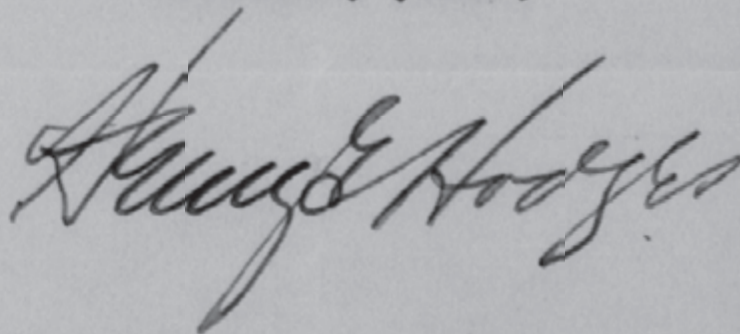
September
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Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Silver:-

We have your very kind letter, suggesting dates for the Reading Chamber of Commerce, and we will select February 14th. I am, personally, looking forward to that meeting with a great deal of pleasure and inspiration. I trust that your western trip left a lot of real strength and is responsible for an accumulation of new ideas.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Henry G. Hodges". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Henry G. Hodges".

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THE TEMPLE EAST 55 ST AND CENTRAL CLEVELAND OHIO

WE ARE PREPARING NOTICES FOR YOUR ADDRESS DINNER MEETING HERE WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY FOURTEENTH SIX O'CLOCK STOP KINDLY WIRE COLLECT SUBJECT YOUR
ADDRESS

READING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Reading Chamber of Commerce,
Reading, Pa.

I shall be pleased to speak on
Racial and Religious Conflicts in the
United States if you think that is appropriate.
If not I shall send you another subject.

A. H. Silver.

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RABBI A H SILVER

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THE TEMPLE CLEVELAND OHIO

SUBJECT MENTIONED IN YOUR TELEGRAM SATISFACTORY FOR YOUR ADDRESS HERE
FEBRUARY 14 STOP SHALL I MAKE HOTEL RESERVATION FOR YOU THAT NIGHT

READING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE THEODORE M
LEINBACH ASSISTANT SECY

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ISIDORE WHITESON
READING, PA.

Feb. 16, 1923.

Rabbi Abba Hiller Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:-

Complying with your request I am mailing you one of our Reading newspapers in which you will find your name in connection with the eloquent lecture you delivered before our Chamber of Commerce.

Your ears must have been burning constantly since your arrival home as it has been the talk of all those who were fortunate enough to hear your noble remarks the other night. It has been a great inspiration to all of us and we hope to hear you soon again.

In reference to what I spoke to you about coming here to the dedication of our Temple. I don't mean to be harsh in insisting on your acceptance but hope you will comply with the wish of the members of our congregation as we are all so wrapped up in you that we hope to have you give the opening address at the dedication of our Temple which will soon be completed.

We will let you know in advance when the dedication services will be held.

Wishing you further success in your noble work,
I remain,

Sincerely yours,

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READING, PENNSYLVANIA

August 17th, 1923.

Rabbi A. H. Silver
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:-

We are making another program for the Reading, Chamber of Commerce and it was unanimously urged that we book our stellar attraction for the third consecutive year. I am sure you won't dissappoint us and I would merely like to know how we could best fit into your program. A definite date may come later.

My kindest regards to the family and my Cleveland friends.

Public Affairs Committee,

Henry E. Hoopes
Chairman.

August 31st, 1923.

Mr. Henry G. Hodges,
Reading Chamber of Commerce,
Reading, Pa.

My dear Mr. Hodges,

Permit me to thank you very
kindly for your invitation again to address
the Reading Chamber of Commerce. I wish
I could see my way clear to accept this
invitation



August 31st, 1923.

Mr. Henry G. Hodges,
Reading Chamber of Commerce,
Reading, Pa.

My dear Mr. Hodges,

Permit me to thank you very kindly for your invitation again to address the Reading Chamber of Commerce. I wish I could see my way clear to accept this invitation, but my Congregation is at present in the midst of building a new Temple which is occupying practically all my time and which necessitates my continuous presence in Cleveland. I am therefore compelled to forego the pleasure of meeting you and the men of your organization. I trust that after this big job is out of the way I shall have the opportunity again of visiting Reading.

With kindest regards, I beg
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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READING, PENNSYLVANIA

September 16, 1924

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:



It has been two years since you were with us here in Reading. You will remember that last year we did not press our request because of the fact that you were in the midst of the building program of your new synagogue.

Can you possibly put us on your program for this winter? The date is entirely up to you.

Sincerely yours,

Chairman Public Affairs Committee

September Twenty-fourth
1924

Mr. Henry G. Hodges,
Chairman Public Affairs Committee,
Reading Chamber of Commerce,
Reading, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr. Hodges,

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of September sixteenth. I shall be very happy to come to Reading, but I cannot at the present time tell you just when I can be with you. My work here is so heavy that I would not be justified in making definite arrangements just now. If I am free during the early winter months, I shall get in touch with you.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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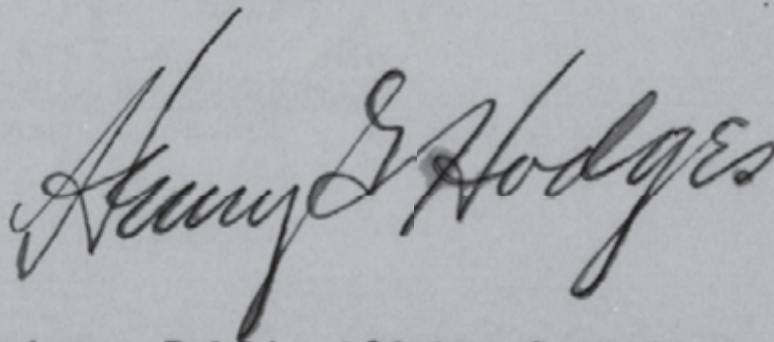
September 29, 1924

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:

I was very glad to receive your letter of the 24th. It would be better probably from our standpoint, if you could come to Reading some time during January or February. At any rate we won't bother you for several months. After that time we can make no promises.

Very sincerely yours,



Chairman Public Affairs Committee

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12 November 1924

Rabbi A.H. Silver,
East 105th St., at Ansel Rd,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This is with further reference to previous correspondence between you and Mr. Henry G. Hodges, chairman of our Public Affairs Committee. Mr. Hodges has asked us to suggest to you that it might be well to try to make a definite appointment for your visit to Reading and address to our members at that time. In his last letter he suggested some time during the months of January or February for this meeting. If you will advise us of a date during either of these two months, we will be glad to be guided by your wishes and will plan accordingly. Kindly advise us of the date on which you find it most convenient to come to Reading for this meeting.

Our members are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to hearing and seeing you again. We had a number of inquiries as to the time of your visit and I can assure you we will have a large and interested audience to greet you.

With kindest regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

H. W. Elvidge

Secretary.

HWE-R

November 20th, 1924.

Mr. H. W. Elvidge,
Reading Chamber of Commerce,
Reading, Pa.

My dear Mr. Elvidge,

It is indeed thoughtful of you to write to me again concerning a possible lecture date with the Reading Chamber of Commerce, but really I am afraid that I must forgo the pleasure this year. My work here has been exceedingly heavy due to the opening of our new Temple and Meeting House and I cannot in justice to myself accept any more lecture engagements this year. Perhaps you will be kind enough to get in touch with me again next year.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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24 November 1924

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Your letter of November 20th is at hand and it is with great regret that we learn of your inability to visit Reading this year. We had been confidently anticipating your visit to this city and a number of our members have been inquiring of us regarding the date of your coming. I know it will be a disappointment to a large portion of our membership to know that you cannot accept our invitation for this season. At the same time, we appreciate the pressure of work in Cleveland and we will have to comply with your decision. Please rest assured that we will be glad to have you come to Reading whenever you find it possible to do so. Even though you find yourself unable to make any engagements at the present time, we would appreciate it indeed if, in case you find that later in the winter you would have an opportunity to come this way and address our members, you will feel free to do so.

With kindest regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

H. W. Elvidge

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HENRY G. HODGES,
SECRETARY-TREASURER

September 26, 1925

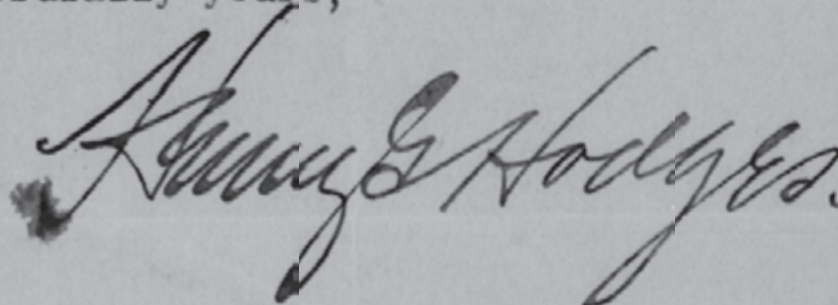
Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

Once again we are engaged with the winter program for the Reading Chamber of Commerce. You have not been with us for a couple of years and we would very much appreciate having you at our November meeting, if it would fit in with your plans.

Our prospective engagements were discussed at the Committee Meeting the other day and a number of our men who heard you speak on two previous occasions, were very enthusiastic about your coming to Reading again.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Henry G. Hodges". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name "Secretary".

Secretary



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Rabbi A. H. Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Reverend

As the present Vice President and slated for election as President at our next meeting of our Brotherhood of our Temple Cheb Sholom of our city, I am taking the liberty of writing you in the hope that it will be possible to have you make an address before our Brotherhood and friends at one of our meetings in the future.

We have a beautiful Temple that does credit to our people and our city. Our Brotherhood was created about two years ago and has had a healthy growth, but it is our aim to build bigger and better and the stronger our organization, the more service we can render our Temple.

The writer has had the extreme pleasure of having heard you speak on two occasions before our Chamber of Commerce and I know that your presence with us, and your talk to our Brotherhood will be inspiring and helpful, for this meeting will not alone be for our Brotherhood, but members of our Temple and friends.

Our congregation took upon themselves a large obligation when we built our Temple about five years ago but we have thus far succeeded in making considerable progress and feel that with the assistance of men of your type we can go still further.

Perhaps you will be invited to come to Reading by our Chamber of Commerce at sometime and you may be able to arrange to stay over until the next evening to be with us and we shall expect to reimburse you for your time and expense, etc. If this be the case, would appreciate very much if you would be able to set the date for us so we in turn could make the necessary arrangements in time to have a real bang-up meeting and stimulate still further interest in our Temple and Brotherhood.

Would appreciate a reply from you as to the possibilities of having you with us. Address your letter to me as given below. With best wishes, remain

Sincerely yours

David Sulkis
1413 Hill Road
Reading Pa.

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HENRY G. HODGES,
SECRETARY-TREASURER

October 21, 1925

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:

We were very much disappointed indeed to receive your telegram about your inability to be with us in November. I am really sincere when I tell you that a number of people have been asking, from time to time, when we were going to have you come to Reading again. Would it be possible, at this time, to tell me whether or not you can be with us this winter, and which month will probably best suit your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Henry G. Hodges.

Secretary

*Tuesday
Jan. 19*

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Paid Day Letter

Henry Hodges
Secretary Chamber of Commerce
Reading, Penna.

Pennsylvania Hotel

Your telegram not understood. Rabbi Silver in New York today and
returning
plans to stop over in Reading for lecture *before Chamber of Commerce* which he has scheduled for Tuesday evening,
on Friday afternoon his

January nineteenth. He telegraphed you subject- - "Is Progress a Myth!"

Wire today
Please ~~telegraph me~~ if any misunderstanding of these arrangements, in order
that I may *Keep in touch with* Rabbi Silver. *Please also telegraph me collect-*

Frances H. Jones, Secretary
The Temple, E. 105th at Ansel Rd.

1/15/26

Mr. Henry Hodges, Secretary
Reading Chamber of Commerce,
Reading, Pa.

If you have not selected subject for
my lecture, I will speak on "Is Progress A Myth?"

A.H. Silver.

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RABBI A H SILVER

CLEVELAND OHIO

WHAT NIGHT CAN YOU BE WITH US IN READING

HENRY HODGES, Secretary, Chamber
of Commerce -
Reading, Pa.
1026A

Your telegram not understood.
Rabbi Silver is in New York. His schedule covers a lecture before Reading Chamber of Commerce Tuesday, January 19th. He plans to stop off in Reading on his return trip from New York. He telegraphed his subject to you on 12 progress a month over.

Friday afternoon. Please telegraph me at
once if any misunderstanding ~~of~~ this arrangement
in order that I may notify Rabbi Selass
at once.

Frances H. Jones - Secretary -

Please have message
telephone to Mr. Hodges home.

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Reading W.U. office telephone this to home of
Henry Hodges

Paid Day Letter

Sunday, January 17th, 1926

11 A.M.

Henry Hodges
Secretary Chamber of Commerce
Reading, Penna.

Your telegram not understood. Rabbi Silver in New York,
Pennsylvania Hotel, today. Returning plans to stop over in Reading for lecture before
Chamber of Commerce which he has scheduled for Tuesday evening, January nineteenth.
He telegraphed you on Friday afternoon his subject - "Is Progress a Myth". Please
wire today *whether or not Rabbi Silver is expected to speak in Reading, Tuesday*
~~if any misunderstanding of arrangements.~~ Kindly send me collect a duplicate
of your wire to Rabbi Silver.

Frances H. Jones, Secy.
The Temple, E. 105th at Ansel Road,

Paid Day Letter

Reading

January 17th, 1926 11:30 A.M.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

Pennsylvania Hotel, New York City

Telegram from Hodges, Reading Chamber of Commerce infers you are not scheduled there for nineteenth. Have asked him to wire you today whether or not you are expected ~~at that time~~, also to wire me.

F.H.Jones



- Reading -

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HENRY G. HODGES,
SECRETARY-TREASURER

Jan. 18, 1926

My dear Ratti:

I was more than sorry to
be compelled to phone you as I did this
morning - and I would certainly will
feel better if I could be sure that the
slip up was not chargeable to me. We
sincerely hope you will be coming this
way again soon and that you will
give us another chance.

With kindest personal

regards

Henry G. Hodges.

January 25th, 1926.

Mr. Henry G. Hodges,
Reading Investment Co.,
Sixth and Washington St.,
Reading, Pa.

My dear Mr. Hodges,

Thank you very much for
your note of the 18th. The confusion
in dates was entirely our own. My
secretary failed to write you. It was
very kind of you indeed to phone me to
New York. I do hope that I shall have
the pleasure of seeing you again before
very long.

With kindest regards, permit
me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Reading

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READING, PA.

HENRY G. HODGES,
SECRETARY-TREASURER

February 10, 1926

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:

Would it be possible for you to be with us in Reading some time in March, between the 5th and the 15th?

Cordially yours,

Henry G. Hodges

Secretary

No more this year!
Sorry - next year!

February Twenty-fourth
1926

Mr. Henry G. Hodges,
Care Reading Investment Company,
Sixth and Washington Streets,
Reading, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr. Hodges,

I regret very much indeed that it is not going to be possible for me to accept your kind invitation for this season. March is going to be a very busy month for me and my speaking schedule for the balance of the season is heavily booked up. Perhaps next year, if you still desire to have me, I may be able to serve you. With

With kindest regards and thanking you for your courtesy, I am

Very sincerely yours,

REFORM CONGREGATION OHEB SHOLOM

SIGMUND S. SCHWERINER,
President

SIDNEY L. REGNER,
Rabbi



READING, PA.

December 13, 1927.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Brotherhood connected with my congregation is planning its Annual Dinner to be held in April. The president of our Brotherhood, Mr. David Grotta, who met you some time ago in Newark and spoke to you then about coming to Reading to speak, wishes me to ask if it would be possible for you to be our speaker on this occasion. Our meetings are usually held on Thursday evenings and the time most suitable for us would be April 12, but of course, if you can come to Reading, we would arrange our date to meet your convenience. May I know if you can come and if so what dates you have available in April?

My Brotherhood wishes me to inquire also what your charge would be.

Hoping that we may have the privilege of having you with us and with kind personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Sidney L. Regner

Card

December 23d, 1927.

Rabbi Sidney L. Regner,
Reform Congregation Oheb Shalom,
Reading, Pa.

My dear Rabbi Regner:-

Permit me to thank you for your
kindness in inviting me to address the Brotherhood
of your congregation some time in April.

I wish I were in a position to
avail myself of your kind invitation. Unfortunately
I am so crowded with lecture engagements that I
cannot in justice to myself accept any more. Per-
haps at some future time I may be of service to
you.

With kindest regards, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

MAX FISHER
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR-AT-LAW
526 COURT STREET
READING, PA.

521 Carsonia Avenue,
Pennside, Reading, Pa.,
April 7, 1937.

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

Dear Rabbi:

It has just come to my attention that you are scheduled to address the Hadassah Donor Luncheon in Philadelphia on May 19 and the Atlantic City community that same evening.

It has been the hope of Reading Chapter of Hadassah for many years to bring, if possible, Rabbi Silver to address our Donor Dinner, which is the outstanding event in Jewish community life in our city. All our quotas for this year have already been over-subscribed. We are fortunate also in having an administrative fund which we have been accruing for the last few years. This places us in a financial position to offer you the sum of \$100.00, plus expenses, to address our Dinner, knowing how valuable your time is and the heavy demands that are made on you. We could guarantee an audience of three hundred men and women from Reading vicinity, plus drawing from surrounding communities which we would feel obliged to invite should we be so fortunate as to have you consent to remain one day longer in this locality, since Reading is only sixty miles from Philadelphia.

I cannot tell you how much this will mean to all our members who have been loyal to Hadassah for twenty-one years and who have rightfully earned the great Rabbi Silver. Dare we hope?

Please advise as soon as possible.

With Zionist greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rose M. Fisher
(Mrs. Max Fisher)
Cultural Chairman

MAX FISHER
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR-AT-LAW
526 COURT STREET
READING, PA.

P. S. Do you remember during the U. P. A.
Conference in Washington last year the young lady who
asked Mrs. Edward Jacobs "How good must one be before one
may think in terms of a Silver"? That's I!

M. F.



April 8, 1937

Mrs. Max Fisher,
521 Carsonia Avenue,
Pennside,
Reading, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Fisher:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of April 7 and for your invitation to address the Hadassah Donor luncheon of the Reading Chapter during my visit in the East. I wish I were free to accept your invitation. I am, however, scheduled to speak before the Philadelphia Hadassah at noon on May 18, and in the evening before the National Recreation Association, in Atlantic City. I must leave immediately after this meeting for Michigan where I am to address a convention. Perhaps at some future time I may be able to be of service.

In passing, let me say that I never accept any honoraria for addressing Zionist meetings.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

ROSE M. FISHER
521 CARSONIA AVENUE
READING, PENNA.

Reading, Pa.
Dec. 9, 1938.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio
Dear Rabbi,

Each year I write
you asking you to honor
us with your presence at
our Donor Dinner, naming
your own date. preferably
a Sunday - March or April.

We are fortunate in
having a Hilarious spirited
gentleman in our community

will finally consent to
be with us on that
occasion at which time
we have a gathering of
about 400 people.

Anxiously awaiting
your reply, I am

With Hadassah greetings

(Mrs. M. M.) Rose M. Fisher
Chairman of Program

who has offered to pay all fees - if you will consent to be with us.

I would like to add that the Hadassah Dinner where men are included acts as a forerunner for impetus to the U. J. C.

which usually follows and where our Hadassah ^{women} take a strong lead.

It would be a feather in our cap if you

December 14, 1938

Mrs. Rose M. Fisher
521 Carsonia Avenue
Reading, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Fisher:

I am afraid that I must again deny myself the pleasure of coming to your organization. It is simply impossible for me to scatter my energies in so many directions. I am devoting all my spare time to the work of the United Palestine Appeal which in 1939 will call for much larger contributions from American Jewry and will therefore involve even more traveling on my part.

I wish you every success.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK