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April 11, 1921.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
C/o the Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:-

We are wanting a Rabbi to address our chautauqua assembly this Summer and you have been highly recommended to us by Dr. Englander of Cincinnati, pastor of the local Jewish congregation, also by Mr. A.B. Jones, manager of the Lakeside, Ohio, assembly. Our assembly will be held Aug. 21 to Sept. 4th. Can you be with us for an address between those dates and if so upon what terms. Will you kindly advise me by return mail as if you cannot come we wish to communicate with some others we have in mind.

Very truly yours.

204 N 17th St

F. F. Riggs Sec'y



April 15th, 1921

Mr. F. F. Riggs,  
204 North 17th Street,  
Richmond, Ind.

My dear Mr. Riggs,

I am in receipt of your kind  
letter inviting me to address your Chau-  
I regret that  
I cannot accept, inasmuch as there is a  
likelihood of my going abroad again this  
summer.

Hoping that there may be an oppor-  
tunity of serving you at some future time, I  
beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,



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September 4, 1926

Rabbi Hillel Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

During the National Conference in Cleveland several of our workers and myself heard you in your addresses at the conference and mentioned at that time that we would be very fortunate if we could secure you to speak at our Annual Meeting in October and it is for this purpose that I am writing you at the authorization of our Board of Directors.

Our Annual Meeting is usually held about the middle of October, with a dinner meeting attended usually by approximately three hundred people. Our directors have chosen two possible dates for the meeting, October 12th or 19th. We would be glad to know at your earliest convenience whether or not you can address our meeting. If so which of these dates would be most satisfactory and what remuneration would be expected?

We sincerely hope that you can arrange to come.

Very truly yours,

*Esther W. Barker*

General Secretary.

*Can't  
come on  
October*

B\*M



September Seventh  
1926

Miss Esther W. Barker,  
General Secretary,  
The Social Service Bureau,  
111 North Eighth Street,  
Richmond, Indiana.

My dear Miss Barker,

I have your very kind letter of September fourth. I wish I could see my way clear to accept the invitation it contains. It will be impossible however for me to take on any additional engagements for October. That month sees the opening up of all of our Temple activities for the season, which will compel me to remain in Cleveland.

Perhaps there may be an opportunity at some future time for me to serve your organization.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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September 9, 1926

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

Dear Friend:

Miss Barker, Executive Secretary of the Social Service Bureau, has told me of your reply to her letter inviting you to give the address at the annual meeting of the Richmond Social Service Bureau. As Chairman of the Committee on Program, I am inclined to take the matter up with you again and see if in some way the matter can not be adjusted.

We are exceedingly anxious to have you here and, finding that your trip to Richmond can be packed into a rather small compass of time, I am hoping that you will find it possible, even in the face of a busy month, to accept our invitation. Any date in October that would suit you would be satisfactory to us, although either the 12th or the 19th would be most convenient to us. However, the 26th would be satisfactory, or as stated above, any other date.

I find that you can leave Cleveland at 9:25 A. M., arriving at Richmond 3:30 P. M., and further, that you can leave Richmond at 9:25 P. M. and arrive at Cleveland at 8:20 the next morning.

Miss Barker and some of the other members of the staff of our Bureau attended the convention in Cleveland and were so attracted by your address that they have been enthusiastic to have you here. Further than this, many of our people have heard you and are very anxious that you shall be our speaker this year if it possibly can be arranged. May I therefore appeal to you to give the matter further consideration, and may I express a hope that you will find it possible to accept our invitation.

Sincerely yours,

*David M. Edwards*



September Twelfth  
1926

Dr. David M. Edwards,  
President, Earlham College,  
Richmond, Virginia.

My dear Dr. Edwards,

I am very sorry indeed not to be able to accept the very kind invitations which have been extended to me to address the annual meeting of the Richmond Social Service Bureau. However, the month of October is an exceedingly busy one for me. Many of the important activities of my Temple are launched during October and I am loath to absent myself from Cleveland at that time.

Perhaps there may be an opportunity for me to serve your organization at some future time.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,



R- Richmond Ind. \*

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June 14, 1927

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Our Board of Directors is unanimous in authorizing me to again ask you if you will address the annual meeting and dinner of this organization the latter part of September or the early part of October of this year. We were greatly disappointed at not being able to have you last year and sincerely hope that you can address us this year. I cannot express too strongly the desire of our board to have you come.

With the sincere hope that it will be convenient for you to come, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Esther W. Barker*

B:M

General Secretary.



R- Richmond, Ind. \*

1927-28

June 17, 1927.

Miss Esther W. Barker,  
The Social Service Bureau,  
Richmond, Indiana.

My dear Miss Barker:

Permit me to thank you for  
your kind note of June 14th.

It will not be possible  
for me to accept lecture engagements in  
the month of September or October as  
many of our holidays occur during these  
two months and I am, of necessity,  
constrained to remain in Cleveland.

Perhaps later in the  
year I may find it possible to accept  
an invitation from your organization.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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VIRGINIA ASHER CLUB

June 25, 1927.

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

My dear Rabbi:

We are keenly disappointed that you will be unable to come to Richmond during September or October. I only wish we could arrange our Annual Meeting to have you later in the year, but our Annual Meeting should be over by the early part of October as that is the beginning of our fiscal year's activities.

Thanking you for this interest, we are

Very truly yours,

*Esther W. Barker*

General Secretary.

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April 10, 1928

Abba Hillel Silver, D. D.,  
The Temple,  
E. 105th St. at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

No doubt you will recall our correspondence with you in 1926 and 1927, asking you to address the annual dinner and conference of this organization. We were keenly disappointed that you were unable to come at either time.

We are writing you again for the same purpose because of the strong desire of our Board of Directors to have you come to Richmond.

In your letter to us last June, we note that you could not accept any speaking engagements in September or October because of your own activities in Cleveland but perhaps could later in the year.

Could you arrange to come in November? I believe we could very satisfactorily plan our meeting for almost any date suitable to you during that month.

Anticipating the pleasure of a favorable reply, I am

Cordially yours,

*Esther W. Barker*

B\*M

Secretary.



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The Temple,  
E 105th At Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

On April 10th we wrote you about addressing our Annual Meeting in November, but no doubt you have been too busy to respond as yet. We are sincerely hoping that you can come to Richmond, as our directors have been anxious to have you for the past three years. If it is possible for you to make your plans accordingly, could we know at an early date?

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

General Secretary.

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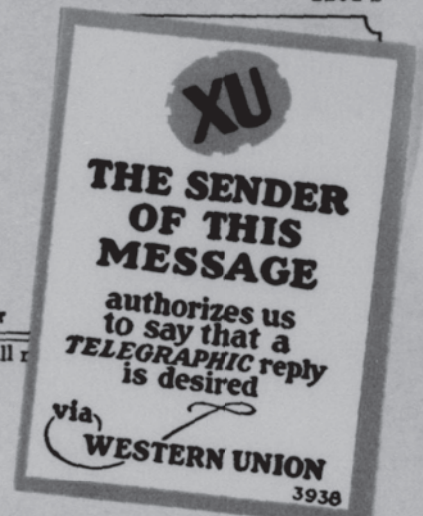
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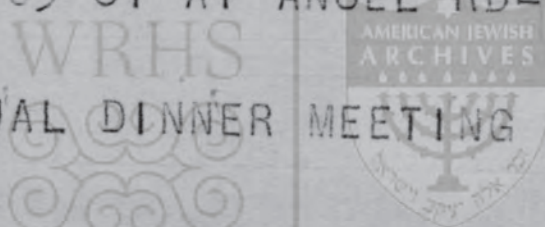
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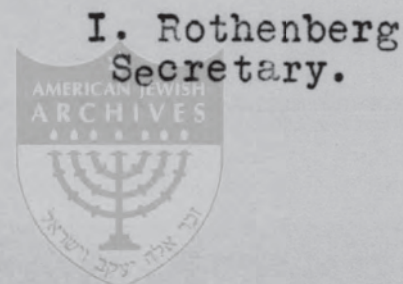


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Answer 9/17/28

Dr. Silver could come Tuesday Nov. 13th  
Remuneration two hundred dollars Please  
wire whether date and terms acceptable.

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I. Rothenberg  
Secretary.