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Rutgers University (New Brunswick, New Jersey), 1939-1945.

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
NEW BRUNSWICK NEW JERSEY

DEAN OF MEN

June 20, 1939

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I realize we seek a great favor in asking if it will be possible for you to speak before our students at Rutgers University, Kirkpatrick Chapel, on Sunday, September 24, 1939. The distance between Cleveland and New Brunswick will require a considerable trip, but we will be very happy if you can find it convenient to address our students on that occasion.

The service is a religious one. I am enclosing copy of one of our programs for your information. The time is eleven o'clock.

I regret the honorarium of Fifty Dollars is all too little, but hope it will be possible for you to accept the invitation.

Very sincerely yours,

F. Metzger

Fraser Metzger
Dean of Men

*Sept 24 is day after Yom Kippur
said you would either write
directly to him, or to me.*

June 23, 1939

Dr. Fraser Metzger
Rutgers University
New Brunswick, N.J.

My dear Dr. Metzger:

Your kind letter of June 20 arrived after Dr. Silver had left the city for his summer's vacation abroad. I am, however, forwarding your letter to him. Dr. Silver will either communicate with you directly, or with me. In the latter instance, I shall be happy to write to you.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver.

*Sum
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July 8th 1939.

My dear Dean Metzger,

Your letter was forwarded to me here. I deeply appreciate your kind invitation to speak before the students at Rutgers University on Sunday, September 24th. Generally speaking I find it difficult to leave my own pulpit on a Sunday, and it would be particularly difficult for me to come to you on September 24th, which occurs at the time of our High Holy Days. Please keep me in mind for some future occasion. I shall be very happy to be of service to you.

With all good wishes,

I remain,

Very cordially yours,

B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation

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October 18, 1945

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

I am emboldened to write you not because *כי אני חושב* but because our Zionist committee feels that your presence at a student mass Zionist meeting would be so helpful in clarifying the position of the American Jew in his relationship to Zionism.

I need not tell you how propitious the moment is for authoritative words from one who has been at the helm of Zionist life these many years.

The Zionist committee with one voice urged me to write you in the hope that you will find the time to come to New Brunswick and speak before an interested body of students and townspeople. I can assure you that our spacious auditorium will be jammed to capacity and that your efforts will certainly bear fruit.

I do not mention the specific time because I leave the matter entirely in your hands.

I hope that you will give the matter proper consideration and let me know at your earliest opportunity whether my voice is a *קול נשקע*

Respectfully yours,

Julius Funk

Rabbi J. Funk

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October 25, 1945

Rabbi J. Funk
B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation
76 Church Street
New Brunswick, N.J.

My dear Rabbi Funk:

Thank you for your kind letter of October 18. I wish I were free to come to Rutgers University to address a meeting in behalf of the Zionist cause. However, you must know how heavily burdened I am at the present time with the emergency which has developed in our movement. I have not the time to attend to my own duties as Rabbi of The Temple. Please convey to the members of your committee my deep appreciation for their thoughtfulness in inviting me. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to them.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK