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St. Louis, Missouri, 1940-1954.

CONGREGATION SHAARE EMETH
DELMAR AND TRINITY
ST. LOUIS, MO.

JULIUS GORDON
RAISH

January 9, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
East 105th St. and Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

As chairman of the Jewish Welfare Drive I wish to extend to you the invitation of St. Louis Jewry to be the principal speaker at a mass meeting in our Municipal Auditorium on Sunday evening, May 5. The lay leaders of St. Louis join the rabbis in the conviction that your presence at this meeting, which formally launches the drive, will give us the necessary inspiration to carry the campaign to a successful completion.

Your inability to be with us last year on account of inclement weather was a keen disappointment to all of us. We would therefore like to use our rain-check minus the threat of rain this year. As chairman of the UPA you will render a special service to the cause of Palestine through your much-needed message. We cannot urge you too strongly to accept our invitation and to come to the rescue of Rabbi Isserman and myself who are heading this campaign.

Sincerely,

Julius Gordon
Julius Gordon

JG:ML

January 11, 1940

Rabbi Julius Gordon
Congregation Shaare Emeth
Delmar and Trinity
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Julius:

I greatly appreciate the kind invitation of the St. Louis Welfare Fund to address a mass meeting on Sunday evening, May 5. I should have been most happy to accept your invitation, particularly since I was unable to keep my engagement with you last year. Unfortunately however, our own Cleveland Welfare Fund opens its campaign that very night and I am, as you know, the general chairman of the campaign. Were your meeting held on some other evening, I would make an effort to come.

With all good wishes to you and Rabbi Isserman for great success in the work which you have both undertaken, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Temple Israel

Saint Louis

FERDINAND M. ISSERMAN, RABBI

OFFICE OF THE RABBI
KINGSHIGHWAY AND WASHINGTON
SAINT LOUIS

October 29, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th Street and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Abba:

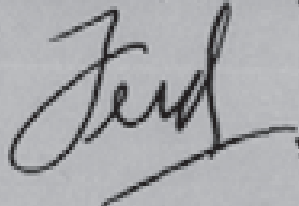
The four reform and two conservative congregations in the city have, for the past five years, held joint Thanksgiving Day Services on Thanksgiving morning, with very fine and satisfactory results.

Could you possibly be the Thanksgiving Day preacher for this Union Service, which is to be held on Thursday, November 21st? I am authorized to invite you in the name of the St. Louis rabbinate.

Do let me hear from you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,



FMI:Ba

October 31, 1940

Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman
Temple Israel
Kingshighway and Washington
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Ferdi:

I wish I were free to come to you on November 21. However, I am to be in New York on that day. I hope that your Thanksgiving Day Service will be very successful.

Please convey my best wishes to all the members of the St. Louis rabbinical fraternity.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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REPRESENTING ORTHODOX AND REFORM RABBIS I WISH TO INVITE
YOU TO DELIVER SERMON AT COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS SERVICE
SUNDAY EVENING MAY FOURTH COMMEMORATING JEWISH MARTYRS
OF THE PAST YEAR AND INAUGURATING THE JEWISH WELFARE FUND
CAMPAIGN LETTER FOLLOWS PLEASE WIRE REPLY VIA WESTERNUNION=
FERD ISSERMAN.

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Saint Louis

FERDINAND M. ISSERMAN, RABBI

OFFICE OF THE RABBI
KINGSHIGHWAY AND WASHINGTON
SAINT LOUIS

March 31, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th St. and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Abba:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Rabbinical Association of St. Louis and the Jewish Welfare Fund of St. Louis to invite you to deliver the sermon at the community service on the eve of the Jewish Welfare Fund campaign, which is to be held on Sunday evening, May 4th.

The members of the Rabbinical Association consists of four reform rabbis and two orthodox rabbis, Rabbis Halpern and Mazur.

Whereas previously Jewish Welfare Fund campaigns have been inaugurated with mass meetings, it was our feeling that a religious service might be more conducive to stimulating the finest in Jews than a secular mass meeting. It is our intention that this service be somewhat in the nature of a memorial service for the victims of pogroms of the past year. The United Hebrew Temple, where we are planning to hold the service, has a seating capacity of 2200.

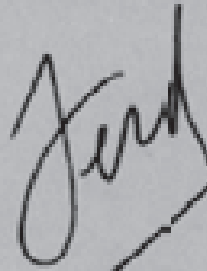
We are very anxious to have you as the preacher on that significant occasion, not merely because of the inspiration that you will bring, but also because we covet the opportunity of presenting you to the Jewish community of our city.

Hoping that you will find it possible to be with us on May 4th, and with kindest personal greetings, I remain

Sincerely yours,

FMI:BA

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FERD ISSERMAN.

**AN ANSWER
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BY THE SENDER OF THIS
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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

8-31-41

Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman
St. Louis, Mo.

NO PLANE LEAVING CLEVELAND SUNDAY AFTERNOON WHICH WILL REACH ST. LOUIS BEFORE EIGHT TEN IN THE EVENING. MUST BE IN MY OWN PULPIT IN THE MORNING BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN AWAY SO OFTEN THIS YEAR. IF IF YOU WISH TO TAKE A CHANCE ON THE WEATHER AND THE PLANE ARRIVING ON TIME I SHALL BE PLEASED TO COME TO YOU. KINDEST REGARDS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

COLLECT - DL

Temple Israel

Saint Louis

FERDINAND M. ISSERMAN, RABBI

OFFICE OF THE RABBI
KINGSHIGHWAY AND WASHINGTON
SAINT LOUIS

April 1, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th St. and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Abba Hillel:

We have just had a meeting of the St. Louis Rabbinical Association, and it was the unanimous opinion that our service be postponed to Monday evening, May 5th so that we can be certain of your presence.

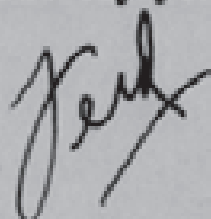
The service is to commemorate the Jewish martyrs of the past year, and formally to inaugurate the Jewish Welfare Fund campaign. We are especially anxious to emphasize the religious motive in Jewish communal life.

In our city, the Jewish Welfare Fund helps to finance the Talmud Torahs, the Y.M.H.A.-Y.W.H.A., the religious work at the University of Missouri, the Hillel Foundations, etc. I cite this to you because I think the tendency on the part of laymen to minimize these spiritual organizations at this time ought to be corrected.

At noon on Monday, May 5th, you are to be the luncheon guest of the rabbinical association. The local rabbis take turns at being host at these luncheons. Fortunately for you, at our May meeting, Rabbi Jacob R. Mazur is the host, and his wife makes the best latkes and best blinzes in the city. Have you a rabbinical ulcerated stomach? Even if you have, perhaps you may violate the doctor's orders for one time to lend yourself to such a feast. I shall reserve a room for you at the Chase Hotel. Let me know the time of your arrival, and we can have a bite of breakfast together. In the evening, before the service, I shall be very happy to have you as my guest for dinner in my home. This leaves you no time to confer with Zionists, B'nai B'rithers, Anti-Defamation Leaguers, etc., and for this relief, you owe me many thanks.

With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,



FMI:BA

April 4, 1941

Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman
Temple Israel
Kingshighway and Washington
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Ford:

Thank you for your letter of April 1. I shall be very happy to be with you on the evening of May 5. I do not know, at the present writing, whether I will be able to come in the morning, or whether I will take the plane during the day arriving in ample time for the evening meeting. My work in connection with the Cleveland campaign and other campaigns is quite heavy and my schedule is therefore very uncertain.

I am not clear in my own mind whether the service is to be a commemorative service for Jewish martyrs of the past year, or whether the Jewish Welfare Fund of your community wishes this meeting formally to inaugurate its campaign, or whether the two are being combined. I am wondering whether announcing the meeting as a memorial service may not put a spirit of depression upon it. However, you in St. Louis, are the best judges of that.

If I arrive in time I shall, of course, be very happy to be the luncheon guest of the Rabbinical association. If not, I am wondering whether it would not be better to meet together after the evening meeting for a friendly chat. I should very much like to be your guest at dinner prior to the meeting and to enjoy your hospitality. It would, however, be a kindness to me if I were permitted to rest until the time of the meeting. I have been going at a fearful pace in the last few months, and my health is not of the best. I am trying to conserve my energies.

With all good wishes and looking forward with pleasure to seeing you again, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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OFFICE OF THE RABBI
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FERDINAND M. ISSERMAN, RABBI

April 11, 1941

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

Dear Abba Hillel:

The service at which you speaking on May 5th is to combine the opening of the Jewish Welfare Fund campaign and ~~the~~ commemoration of the Jewish martyrs of the past year. It occurred to us that the best way to commemorate Jewish martyrs would be to make some provision for the living ones. At the same time, the Jewish Welfare Fund could not sponsor such a service.

In the rabbinical association, there are four reform rabbis and two orthodox. The ultra orthodox, like the Chief Rabbi Epstein, are not members of the association and could not countenance such a service. Under the circumstances, this service is sponsored by the St. Louis Rabbinical Association. We also sponsor annual Thanksgiving Services, and no one has ever raised any objection to these services. When the service is in a reform temple, hats are not worn. When it is in an orthodox synagogue, hats are worn. We take turns in having these services. If it were not for this religious angle, this service should have been sponsored by the Jewish Welfare Fund. We have done it this way because by doing it we are certain to avoid any possible difficulties.

The service, itself, will not be long and you may feel free to speak as long as you desire.

I do hope that you will come here by train, and under all circumstances avoid plane travel as our experiences with planes have been very unpleasant.

With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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Temple Israel

Saint Louis

FERDINAND M. ISSERMAN, RABBI

OFFICE OF THE RABBI
KINGSHIGHWAY AND WASHINGTON
SAINT LOUIS

April 21, 1941

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th St. and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Abba Hillel:

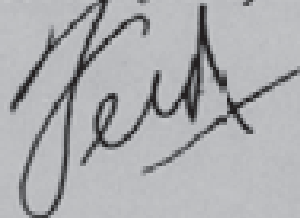
The Executive Director of the Jewish Welfare Fund turned the enclosed telegram from Henry Montor over to me, and I immediately instructed him to formally invite you on behalf of the Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign.

In my communications with you, I have been serving as chairman of a committee of the Jewish Welfare Fund in inaugurating the service and meeting on May 5th.

I hope that you will find it possible to come here by train. Do let me know when you plan to arrive.

Looking forward to seeing you, I remain

Sincerely yours,



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P.S. I am enclosing herein a tentative copy of the program for the service on May 5th.

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HENRY MONTOR.

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Temple Israel

Saint Louis

FERDINAND M. ISSERMAN, RABBI

OFFICE OF THE RABBI
KINGSHIGHWAY AND WASHINGTON
SAINT LOUIS

May 1, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th St. and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Abba Hillel:

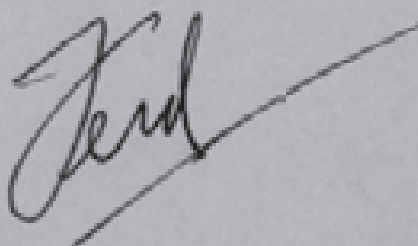
I am enclosing herein program and other material indicating to you the scope of our meeting. Inasmuch as we rabbis are always harping on making the religious emphasis central in life, we in St. Louis decided that instead of inaugurating the campaign with the usual mass meeting that we would inaugurate it with a religious service.

The United Hebrew Temple can seat 2200 people. We hope that the temple will be filled to hear your message and to launch our campaign.

As I have written you in a previous letter, the Rabbinical Association is having a noon luncheon. We would be very happy to have you as our guest. You could hear our stories and probably you could contribute some of your own. If this would burden your heavy program, you need not consider it at all. Do let me know when you are planning to arrive in St. Louis. I am reserving a room for you at the Chase Hotel.

Looking forward to having you with us, I remain

Sincerely yours,



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Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Rabbi F. M. Esserman
St. Louis, Mo.

May 4, 1941

Will arrive St. Louis 8:40 a.m.

Monday. Kindest regards.

A. H. Silver

FOR ST. LOUIS * FOR AMERICAN * FOR OVERSEAS NEEDS

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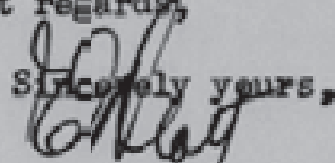
Rabbi Abbe Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

While I thanked you personally as I took you to the train that Monday night, I want to express my official appreciation and that of the community for coming to St. Louis for the mass meeting. I want you to know your willingness to do this, considering the many calls that are made on you, was deeply appreciated. It was indeed a pleasure to have spent the time with you.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,



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MISSOURI STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

September 14, 1943

EVERETT KEITH
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

1943 CONVENTION
ST. LOUIS, NOVEMBER 2-6

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are delighted that you can be with us for the opening session of the meeting of the Missouri State Teachers Association in St. Louis on Thursday morning, November 4, 9:30 o'clock, in the Municipal Auditorium.

The theme for the Convention is "Faith of our Fathers, Living Still".

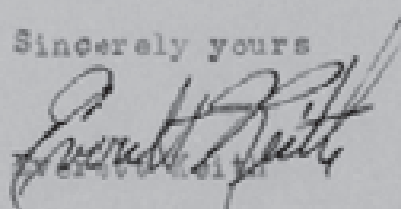
It occurred to us that you might want to use the theme or some adaptation of the theme for the subject of your address. Please understand that you are to feel free to say anything you want to say.

Would you kindly mail me at your earliest convenience the subject of your address, two glossy print photographs, brief biographical sketch, and any advance quotable statements you may care to make for publicity purposes.

In order that the proper budgetary arrangements may be made, may I inquire as to the honorarium satisfactory.

In view of the housing conditions, you will probably want to make a hotel reservation as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours



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Telegram

Sept. 15, 1943

Dr. Edward Keith
Mo. State Teachers Assn
Columbia, Mo.

Will be very happy to be with
you on Thursday morning, Nov. 4th.
Kindest regards.

G. H. Silver *collect*

September 22, 1943

Mr. Everett Keith, Executive Secretary
Missouri State Teachers Association
Columbia, Mo.

My dear Mr. Keith:

Thank you for your kind letter. My secretary has forwarded you a photograph and biographical sketch.

I would appreciate it if you would make reservations for me at the Statler Hotel if that is the Convention Headquarters. As far as the honorarium is concerned, my customary honorarium, which includes traveling expenses, is \$250. If that is more than you customarily give as an honorarium, please feel free to use your own judgement.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK

MISSOURI STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

September 24, 1943

EVERETT KEITH
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

1943 CONVENTION
ST. LOUIS, NOVEMBER 2-8

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am glad to acknowledge receipt of photograph
and biographical sketch.

Would you kindly send me the subject for your
address at your earliest convenience?

The honorarium is quite satisfactory to us. A
reservation is being made for you at the Statler
Hotel for Wednesday evening, November 3rd.

Cordially Yours,


Everett Keith

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OFFICE OF
THE SUPERINTENDENT OF INSTRUCTION

October 19, 1943

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

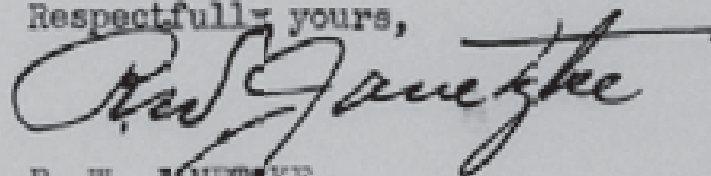
Dear Rabbi:

Mr. Everett Keith, Secretary of the Missouri State Teachers Association, has notified me that you have agreed to deliver one of the principal addresses at our coming annual convention in November.

I would appreciate it very much if you would send me either an advance copy of, or outstanding excerpts from, your address, which could be used for publicity purposes.

I realize that my next request is none too easy, namely, a rather close approximation of the length of your address. This is necessary to arrange for time on the air with local radio stations who will be glad to carry a broadcast of the principal addresses if previous commitments will allow.

Respectfully yours,



R. W. JANETZKE,
Chairman of the Publicity Committee

RWJ:FCS

November 1, 1943

Mr. R. W. Janetzke
Office of the Superintendent of Instruction
Board of Education
St. Louis 1, Mo.

My dear Mr. Janetzke:

In reply to your kind letter of October 19 I should like to say that my address will be about forty minutes. If that is too long for your radio program, please let me know.

I have been away from the city so much of the time that I have been unable to finish the address. I shall try to send you an excerpt. If not, I shall have to bring it to St. Louis with me.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

November 2, 1943

Dr. R. W. Janetzke
Office of the Superintendent of Instruction
Board of Education
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Dr. Janetzke:

I am enclosing herewith an abstract
of the address which I will deliver before
the Missouri State Teachers Association. I trust
that it will not arrive too late for your publicity.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AUS:BX
Enc.

Temple Israel

Saint Louis

Ferdinand M. Isserman, Rabbi

OFFICE OF THE RABBI
KINGSHIGHWAY AND WASHINGTON
SAINT LOUIS (8)

January 21, 1944

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street & Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Abba Hillel:

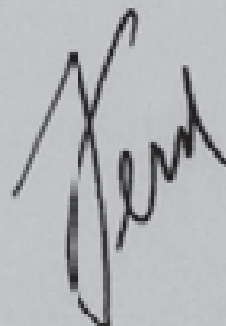
The American Red Cross has requested that I go on a speaking tour for them during the month of February. Even though I was away from my pulpit six months last year, the board of the congregation and I felt that I must accept the Red Cross' invitation and I have done so.

I am wondering if you could occupy my pulpit some Friday night in February. If you can be here for one evening, please let me know by wire, mentioning the date.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

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To F. M. Isserman

Care of or Apt. No. Temple Israel

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Place

WISH YOU WERE FREE TO COME TO YOU BUT MY SCHEDULE IN FEBRUARY SO

CROWDED THAT CANNOT TAKE ON ADDITIONAL OUT OF TOWN ENGAGEMENTS.

PERHAPS LATER IN SEASON WILL BE FREE TO COME.

SILVER

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MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Mr. Harry L. Shapiro

Date December 19, 1944

From A. Tuvim

The preparations for the St. Louis Conference of the American Christian Palestine Committee are proceeding very hopefully. There will be innumerable functions both on the day of the Conference and on the days preceding and following; and there is no doubt that that whole region will buzz with Zionist propaganda for many days.

A great deal of value is being attached there to the possibility of your arriving in St. Louis early enough to address a meeting of teachers which has been called by the Board of Education of St. Louis County. There are approximately 1,700 teachers in this region. A part-holiday has been arranged for by the Board of Education, and attendance is expected to be substantial. This will be on the day of the dinner, January 11.

I told the Sponsors Committee at a meeting we had several days ago that I thought it would be exceedingly difficult for you to make the additional date. I did that thinking that you might find it difficult to do so and I did not want to encourage them too much. I hope, however, that you can make it. I think it might prove worthwhile.

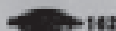
With regard to the dinner meeting itself, the speakers are to be yourself and Dorothy Thompson, with short remarks by the Rev. Clark Walker Cummings, who will be Chairman and Toastmaster, and Drs. Atkinson and LeSourd, who will discuss membership with the APC and CC. We have allotted Miss Thompson forty minutes and yourself thirty minutes. We hope you will come close to that. We find that timing our programs is rather important. An effort is being made to get radio time for your thirty minutes.

AT:LF

P. S. Since dictating this I am advised that Station KFM St. Louis has allotted us a fifteen-minute period from 5:15 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. on Thursday, January 11, and wish to have two of our leaders appear on the program. I would like to suggest that you go on this program, together with one of the other speakers, and would appreciate knowing from you which of the speakers you think would be best suited and whether you agree that it should be an informal discussion rather than a straight script. If you accept this program, then, of course, the meeting of the teachers would be out so far as you are concerned.

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My dear Dr. Silver:

This is to confirm our arrangement over the telephone today with regard to your participation in the St. Louis program.

I am submitting to Radio Station KSD the material which appears in "The Voice of Christian America" and informing them that you are adjusting these remarks to comprise approximately 6½ minutes of time.

I would appreciate it very much if you would let me know your arrival time. All reservations, etc. will be made for you.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely yours

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I am writing to you at the request of the Administrative Committee of the Justice and Peace Commission to ask that, if possible, sessions at the forthcoming meeting of the Conference be devoted to a full discussion on some phases of Justice and Peace.

I also want to invite you again to deliver the opening lecture in the series of lectures on a Just and Enduring Peace. The opening lecture is to be on the Religious Basis of a Just and Enduring Peace. If you recall, we are planning to give these lectures to implement the Statement on Judaism and a Just and Enduring Peace. I should be very happy to have you inaugurate this series in St. Louis or else in any other city that might be convenient to you. The date I should also be glad to set at your convenience.

Do let me know if your schedule will permit you to undertake this assignment, which you can so ably fill.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Ferd.

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REGRET EXCEEDINGLY CANNOT BE WITH YOU NEXT
FRIDAY. KINDEST REGARDS. SILVER

February 6, 1945

Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman
5017 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 8, Missouri

My dear Ferd:

Thank you for your letter of January 3 which I forwarded at the request of the Administrative Committee of the Justice and Peace Commission to Sol Freehof. I am waiting to hear from him and I shall write you then.

I should very much like to accept your invitation to participate in a series of lectures on a Just and Enduring Peace, but frankly I have neither the time nor the energy for additional out of town lectures or engagements. I am simply swamped with work. I know you will understand.

With all good wishes, I am,

Very cordially yours,

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To Rabbi Robert P. Jacobs 9-19-47

Care of or Apt. No. Bnai B'rith Hillel Foundation

Street and No. St. Louis, Mo.

Place _____

Deeply regret inability to accept your
gracious invitation due to pressure of
work in connection with work of U. N.
Assembly on Palestine. Kindest regards.
Chava Hillel Silver

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WILL YOU SPEAK ON PRESENT PALESTINE SITUATION IN OPENING
MEETING AUSPICES HILLEL FOUNDATION AT WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 29TH PLEASE WIRE REPLY=

=BNAI BRITH HILLEL FOUNDATION RABB ROBERT P JACOBS
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To Rabbi Ralt P. Jacobs

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Care of or Apt. No. Bnai Brith Hill Foundation

Street and No. St. Louis, Mo.

Place

Regret cannot accept your invitation
for Jan. 14. Cordially
ibba Hill Silver

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(For reference only)

Sender's telephone
number

December 10, 1948

Rabbi Ferdinand Isserman
Temple Israel
5017 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 8, Missouri

My dear Ferd:

I have looked through my calendar since you spoke to me and extended your gracious invitation. I find that I shall be free to come either on Wednesday, February 9th, or Wednesday, February 16th. If either date is acceptable, please let me know and I shall definitely schedule the meeting. The subject which you indicated is entirely satisfactory.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

Temple Israel

Saint Louis

FERDINAND M. ISSERMAN, Rabbi

OFFICE OF THE RABBI
KINGSHIGHWAY AND WASHINGTON
SAINT LOUIS 8

December 10, 1948

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Abba:

This is a note to confirm the details of my telephone conversation with you yesterday morning.

The Men's Club of my Temple is planning a public meeting. They would like to have you as its speaker in order that you might present to the St. Louis community the situation of the State of Israel and its relationship to the American Jewish community.

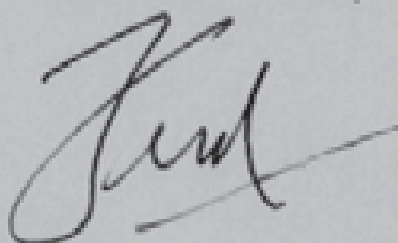
The meeting will be held to suit your convenience, preferably some time in the month of February; but any dates that are open to you would be satisfactory. The Men's Club would prefer a Tuesday or Wednesday evening, or else you might set the day yourself. It is the plan of the Men's Club to invite to a dinner preliminary to the meeting the intellectual, business ~~and~~ industrial professional leaders of the city so that they may meet you personally and they may ask you some questions which you might be able to answer *intimately*.

Such a meeting would be, I believe, of great value to our community and would help the general public understand the situation in Israel.

The Men's Club has an honorarium of \$500.00 set aside for the speaker.

Hoping to hear from you favorably, and with all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,



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Temple Israel

Saint Louis

FERDINAND M. ISSERMAN, RABBI

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December 15, 1948

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St., and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba Hillel:

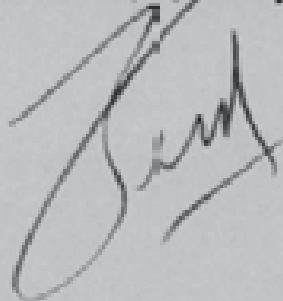
Wednesday, February 16, would be an acceptable date for us. The Council of Jewish Women is having a big concert on the 9th and we think it wiser not to conflict with them though I am sure we would not be hurt and they would.

I shall write you in further detail a little later on.

We are certainly delighted that you are coming here and we know that you will render a good public service.

Looking forward to seeing you and with best wishes to your family, I remain

Sincerely yours,



FMI:df

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5017 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD

ST. LOUIS 8, MO.

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

It is with genuine pleasure that I have been advised by Rabbi Isserman that you have agreed to be our guest speaker at Temple Israel, February 16th. I had the pleasure of hearing you in Boston, and enjoyed thoroughly your message. I know that you have accorded our Temple a great privilege in honoring us with your presence here.

We are making plans for a large meeting to be held in our Temple (seating capacity approximately 1300) and we are also planning a dinner to precede it for selected guests. I understand that Rabbi Isserman has suggested as a topic "The American Jew and the State of Israel", if you have any other suggestion as to a topic which you would prefer, would you kindly let us know.

As you probably know, Temple Israel, more than any other of the four Reformed Temples in St. Louis, has a percentage of American Council members and fellow-thinkers. I am particularly anxious to find a way to get this group in your audience here, to help try to heal this breach which has developed.

I also would like to ask your permission to have a question period following your talk, and it is my plan to use a traveling microphone, if it meets with your consent.

I am looking forward to hearing from you at your convenience regarding your thoughts and suggestions on this meeting.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours

Harold W. Dubinsky
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December 31, 1948

Mr. Harold W. Dubinsky
723 Chestnut
St. Louis, Missouri

My dear Mr. Dubinsky:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of December 29th. I shall be very pleased to speak on the subject which Rabbi Isserman suggested, "The American Jew and the State of Israel".

I shall be very happy to have a question period following the talk.

With all good wishes and looking forward with pleasure to our meeting, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

Temple Israel

Saint Louis

FERDINAND M. ISSERMAN, RABBI

OFFICE OF THE RABBI
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January 27, 1949.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o The Temple
E. 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Abba Hillel:

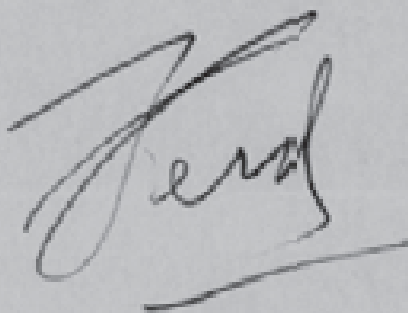
I am glad to know that you are going to be in the city and our Men's Club is making plans. They hope to have a huge turnout to hear you.

I am just beginning to think whom I am to invite to meet you at this dinner. This dinner meeting will be held in the Temple and I hope to have some of the leading educators and civic leaders of the city present.

The Men's Club would like to give a luncheon for you in town, just to be with you and meet you informally. Let me know if that is possible.

With all good wishes and looking forward to seeing you here soon, I remain

Sincerely yours,



FMI:ltf

February 2, 1919

Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman
Temple Israel
Kingshighway & Washington
St. Louis 8, Missouri

My dear Ferd:

In reply to your kind letter of January 27th, I am looking forward with pleasure to my meeting at your Temple. As I understand it, there is to be a dinner to be followed by the public meeting. I am afraid that I shall not be able to take on an additional obligation that day.

With all good wishes and looking forward to seeing you,
I remain

As ever yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

February 2, 1949

Rabbi Ferdinand Isserman
Temple Israel
Kingshighway & Washington
St. Louis 8, Mo.

Dear Rabbi Isserman:

Rabbi Silver is planning to leave Cleveland for St. Louis Tuesday night, February 15th, at 9:05 p.m. Will you be good enough to have your secretary make a hotel reservation for him and notify me accordingly. I should also appreciate her making a reservation for Rabbi Silver to return to Cleveland by plane on Thursday morning, February 17th. If possible, he would like to be back here some time during the afternoon of the 17th, but would like a non-stop flight from St. Louis to Cleveland if that could be arranged.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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St. Louis Zionist District

DR. DAVID REISS, PRESIDENT
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5634 WELLS AVENUE
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February 3, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

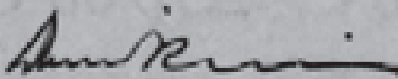
I was happy to hear that you have accepted the invitation of Temple Israel to come and address their Men's Club. Rabbi Isserman tells me that prominent Gentiles and no Zionists will be invited to the reception dinner.

Although some fellow Zionists will be present to hear your address, nevertheless I feel it of the utmost importance that you set aside an hour for the leaders and active members of the Zionist Organization to meet with you. In St. Louis we are confronted with many articulate Montar sympathisers, among them the Maccabean Club, and even your representative, the Chairman of the Emergency Council, Bill Cohen, is one of them. Your meeting with our group will do us a lot of good.

I spoke with Rabbi Isserman and it seems that he is very anxious to monopolize you from the minute of your arrival to your departure. I suggest that you meet with our friends either before the dinner, or in the evening after you address the meeting.

Your immediate reply will be greatly appreciated by our friends. With kindest regards, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,


Dr. David Reiss, President

DR/rm

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Rabbi Hillel Silver,
Zionist Organization of America,
41 East 42nd St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The members of the Maccabaeon Club expressed considerable satisfaction at our last meeting when they learned that you will be visiting our city Feb. 16, the occasion being your address before the Men's Club at Temple Israel.

Many of us, who are your followers and admirers, will attend this address and hope to greet you personally. In this connection, some members suggest that this would be a good opportunity to meet with you to discuss some matters of policy that have been perplexing us lately. We need a new orientation on Zionist program as well as new information to help us determine the position of us Zionists in the current controversies within and without side of our ranks.

The group instructed me to invite you to breakfast or luncheon, which ever is convenient for you, on the day you arrive here, where you may spare us a couple of hours, for the purpose of outlining to us the new course in Zionist work. This meeting will be limited to only a small group of members who are acquainted with the inter-work of our movement.

Will you be good enough to wire if you can accept our invitation?

Looking forward to seeing you, I am

Sincerely yours,

MACCABAEAN CLUB

Ben Tischler
Ben Tischler, Pres.

PLEASE REPLY TO:

Mr. Ben Tischler,
c/o Ben Sobel
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FERDINAND M. ISSERMAN, RABBI

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February 8, 1949.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. and Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Abba Hillel:

We are looking forward to your visit here. The dinner before the lecture will be held in the Temple House and will consist of a picked group of St. Louisans, forty at most. Among those who have already accepted for the dinner are a number of men from Washington University, the Vice-Chancellor, the Dean of the School of Social Work, two of the editors of the Post-Dispatch, the Democratic national committeeman of Missouri, the Postmaster, the president of the Bar Association, Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, the CIO leader, the president of a bank, professor of the Lutheran seminary, the dean of the Cathedral, etc.

The dinner will begin at 6:30. The meeting will be at 8:30.

Please let me know when you arrive and when you plan to leave and what hotel arrangements you want me to make for you.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever,

Ferd

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February 9, 1949

Mr. Ben Tischler, President
Maccabean Club
1015 Washington
St. Louis 1, Mo.

Dear Mr. Tischler:

Many thanks for your letter dated February 8th addressed to Dr. Silver. I know that he will be most interested in its contents.

I understand that Dr. Reiss wrote to Dr. Silver along similar lines. I would suggest that you clear with him in this respect.

I am forwarding your communication to Dr. Silver.

Accept our sincere thanks for your interest.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

SM/M

February 11, 1949

Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman
Temple Israel
Kingshighway and Washington
St. Louis 8, Missouri

Dear Rabbi Isserman:

In reply to your letter of February 8th to Rabbi Silver, I wrote you on February 2nd advising you that Rabbi Silver will arrive in St. Louis on Wednesday, February 16th, at 8:00 a.m., and asking that a hotel reservation be made for him. I also requested that a plane reservation be made for him for Thursday, February 17th, to return to Cleveland, leaving St. Louis in the morning or early afternoon.

I am sorry that my letter of February 2nd did not reach you and I hope that you will be able to make the necessary arrangements.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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February 11, 1949

Dr. David Reiss, President
Zionist Organization of America
St. Louis Zionist District
5631 Wells Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

My dear Dr. Reiss:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of February 3rd. I wrote to Mrs. Shephard requesting her to inform the leaders of the Zionists in St. Louis that I should be pleased to see them at any time in the morning after my arrival. I believe that that would perhaps be the best time - say, around 11 o'clock at my hotel. I am looking forward with pleasure to seeing you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

February 11, 1949

Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman
Temple Israel
Kingshighway & Washington
St. Louis 8, Missouri

My dear Ferd:

Thank you for your letter of February 8th. I plan to arrive in St. Louis on the morning of Wednesday, February 16th. My secretary wrote you on February 2nd requesting that your secretary make hotel reservations for me, and also a reservation to return to Cleveland by plane on Thursday morning. I would appreciate if your secretary would attend to these matters.

I note that the dinner will be at 6:30 and that the meeting will be at 8:30.

Looking forward with pleasure to seeing you, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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February 15, 1949

Miss Elizabeth Rice,
The Temple,
Ansel Road at East 105th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Miss Rice:

Thanks for your kind cooperation in giving us a quick answer, and the reason I did not wire you back immediately on the date was because it took me some time this afternoon to thoroughly clear the date to make sure that there was no other conflict, and by that time it was too late, because of your Eastern time, to reach you at your office. Please advise Rabbi Silver that Wednesday, March 2nd, is acceptable to us, and we shall look forward to his presence here on that date.

Needless to tell you, we have had a lot of consternation and trouble here as a result of the cancellation, but on the strength of this new date, we will go ahead and try to carry out our evening as originally planned. I do hope that Rabbi Silver will not be forced to cancel this second date, because if he does, I am going to jump off of the nearest bridge.

Thanks again for your help.

Yours sincerely,

HWD:dh

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Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us all?



Race Relations Sabbath. Temple Israel, February 9, 1945.

SABBATH SERVICES

Friday Evening 8:00 p. m.

REV. JASPER MILES PETTIGREW

Of the Lane Tabernacle Church

will speak on

"BROTHERHOOD OR CHAOS"

Rabbi Iserman will conduct the Services

The Legend Singers Will Sing Spirituals

Reception after Services

Saturday Morning—Service and Torah Lesson..... 10:30 a. m.

Sunday Morning—Children's Services—The Temple..... 11:30 a. m.

KWK—Rabbinical Association, Rabbi Eugene Borowitz 9:30-10:00 a. m.

KMOX—The Message of the Rabbis, Rabbi Samuel Thurman 10:45-11:00 p. m.

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Ben Landesman Inscribed In Memorial Book

Mrs. Beatrice Landesman has made a generous contribution to the Memorial Fund in memory of her husband, Ben Landesman. His name has been inscribed in the Memorial Book. On the Sabbath nearest the anniversary of his death, his name will be remembered and read at the services in the Temple.

Members desirous of inscribing the names of departed ones in the Memorial Book should communicate with Mr. Herbert Schiele, Chairman of the Memorial Committee, or Rabbi Iserman.

Condolences

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the families of:

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Abba Hillel Silver

One of the leading rabbis of this age, one of the Jewish statesmen who helped create the Republic of Israel and one of America's most eloquent orators, who will speak under the auspices of the Men's Club this coming Wednesday, February 16, at 8:30 P. M., at Temple Israel, on "The American Jew and the State of Israel."

Tickets may be secured by calling the Temple office, ROsedale 8951.

Hostesses at Sabbath Tea

The following ladies will serve as hostesses at the reception this coming Friday evening:

Mesdames: LILLIAN SUNDHEIMER, SAM GILBERG, ISADORE FRY, JOSEPH COHEN, BERNARD EHRENREICH, and MISS DORIS FRY.

Congratulations

To MARILYN RUTH KRETT and SOLOMON ROLLER of New York City, to PAULA HELEN COHEN and ALLEN S. LASRY and to JANE LEVY BERLINGER and SIDNEY L. ABRAMSON on their engagements

A FOUNDER OF TEMPLE ISRAEL



Marie Littmann, 1853-1949

For 63 years a loyal member of Temple Israel, who strengthened it with her faith, with her resources and with her life. Two of her sons and three of her grandsons are members of the Temple and one great grandchild is in the Confirmation Class.

Rev. Jasper Miles Pettigrew

Our guest preacher, Rev. Jasper Miles Pettigrew, is pastor of the Lane Tabernacle Church, a neighboring church. He is president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in St. Louis and president of the Interdenominational Ministers' Alliance. He will be the fifth Negro speaker to occupy the pulpit of Temple Israel on Race Relations Sabbath, established by the Central Conference of American Rabbis to commemorate the life of Abraham Lincoln and make Jews conscious of the pitiful plight of Negroes and other racial minorities in the United States.

Rev. Pettigrew is a leader and spokesman of the Negroes in St. Louis. His sermon subject, "Brotherhood or Chaos," should prove challenging.

The Legend Singers—
Distinguished Negro Choir

The Legend Singers, one of the distinguished Negro choirs in the middle west, headed by Mr. Kenneth Brown Billups, will furnish special music this coming Friday evening in observance of Race Relations Sabbath. This is the ninth annual Race Relations Sabbath at Temple Israel which will have been graced by Negro singers. The program of the choir follows:

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My Soul Now Bless Thy Maker Bach
Like a Choir of Heavenly Angels Glinka
Hallelujah, Praise Ye the Lord

.....Lewandowski

II

Rockin' Jerusalem
.....Arr. by John W. Work
Go Down MosesArr. by Billups
Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

.....Arr. by Billups

Oh, What a Beautiful City
.....Arr. by Dawson

The Book of Job and the
Suffering of the Innocent

The Couples' Club invites you to attend the fourth in the series of Tuesday lectures on Dramatic Books of the Bible on February 15th, at 8:00 p. m., at Temple Israel. Rabbi Isserman will speak on "The Book of Job and the Suffering of the Innocent." There will be a question period following the lecture. A social hour concludes the evening.

Another Minyan Increases

The past week brought ten more responses to the appeal for increased offerings from members of our Temple. The increases range from \$25-\$30; \$25-\$32; \$35-\$40; \$35-\$45; \$50-\$60; \$50-\$65; \$50-\$70; \$80-\$90; \$100-\$150.

The Temple's need is great. Do your share. 89 more minyans needed!

Commandments For Race Relations Sabbath

We declare the basic equality of all races.

We assert that no race has the right to dominate another.

We reaffirm Judaism's teaching of the brotherhood of all peoples.

We deny that God has selected some races for special favors and others for debasing servitude.

We urge the education and full emancipation of all peoples.

We do not regard conflict between races as inevitable. On the contrary, they must cooperate as equals, if there is to be a just and enduring peace.

We look with especial concern upon the exploitation of many millions in Asia and Africa, and urge their admission as equals into the councils of nations.

All sanctions for racial discrimination and segregation must be eliminated from the laws of states and nations, and from the minds and hearts of men.

From JUDAISM AND A JUST AND ENDURING PEACE, a statement endorsed by the Central Conference of American Rabbis, under the Chairmanship of Rabbi Isserman — December, 1942.

Troop 54, Boy Scouts

Troop 54 of the Boy Scouts of America which meets at Temple Israel under the sponsorship of Joseph M. Berger II, Burt Schweizer and Harry Steiner, Jr., will attend services in a body this coming Friday evening.

Cupid's Capers

Love, atmosphere, and dancing to the enchanting music of Bonnie Boss's Orchestra will feature the "Cupid's Capers" dance of the Young Adult Group on Saturday evening, February 12, in the Temple House. Refreshments and entertainment are included in the advance sale of \$1.00 per person or \$1.25 at the door. Proceeds will be divided between the United Jewish Appeal and the St. Louis Heath Program.

Dr. Jules Kopp Addresses Young Adult Group

"Proper Sex Attitudes" was the subject of an interesting talk to the Young Adult Group by Dr. Jules Kopp last Sunday evening. Dr. Kopp, who has been commended for his excellent work in this field, stressed the importance of emotional maturity.

Sisterhood Meeting

The Sisterhood class in Judaism under the leadership of Rabbi Isserman will meet this coming Tuesday, February 15, at 11:00 A. M.

Tribute Fund

The Tribute Fund has received generous contributions from Mr. Moe Jacobs, in memory of the birthday of his wife, FLORA K. JACOBS; from Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Schweig, in memory of ISAAC GREENFIELD; from Mrs. S. Richard Silverman in memory of her father, RALPH M. HILL; and from Mr. Alvin M. Lesser in memory of his mother, BERTHA LESSER.

The Tribute Fund of Temple Israel gives the members of the Temple an opportunity to honor their friends and relatives on joyous occasions and also to commemorate their dear ones. It is administered by Rabbi Isserman and the funds are used only for the worthiest causes. Members of the Temple are encouraged to make use of this Tribute Fund. It is one of the oldest funds of its kind in the city and was founded by the late Rabbi Leon Harrison.

Rabbi Samuel Sandmel

Rabbi Samuel Sandmel, formerly of St. Louis and now at the Hillel Foundation at Yale University, who is a student of the New Testament, will speak on "What Jews Should Know About the New Testament," at the Temple, Sunday evening, February 20, at 8:15 P. M. This address is being sponsored by the Men's Club, the Sisterhood, the Couples' Club and the Young Adults Group.

February 16, 1949

Mr. Harold Dubinsky
723 Chestnut Street
St. Louis 1, Missouri

Dear Mr. Dubinsky:

Thank you for your letter of February 15th. The March 2nd date is recorded on Rabbi Silver's calendar in capital letters, and strictly off the record, if there are any more cancellations, I'll meet you on that bridge.

Rabbi Silver will leave Cleveland for St. Louis on Tuesday night, March 1st, and will arrive in St. Louis at 8:00 a.m. at the Union Station. I have made a return reservation for him for Thursday morning, March 3rd, via TWA on the 9:15 a.m. flight. I assume that reservations will be made for him at the Park Plaza Hotel.

With all good wishes for a successful meeting, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

or

February 21, 1949

Rabbi Ferdinand Isserman
Temple Israel
5017 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 8, Missouri

My dear Ferd:

I know that I owe you an apology for putting you to such great inconvenience. I assure you that it was not of my own choice and as things turned out, I should not have consented to take the trip down to Florida to see Henry Morgenthau in connection with the controversy revolving around the UJA. I did not go to Florida after all, but after making all plans, the trip was cancelled, but I was compelled to stay on in New York nevertheless through the tangled meetings of the full Executive of the Jewish Agency. You have undoubtedly read in the press by now of what happened, and when I see you, I shall tell you more about it.

I understand that the Men's Club has graciously consented to postpone my meeting with them for Wednesday, March 2nd. I am looking forward eagerly to the meeting.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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You will be arriving in St. Louis at 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday, March 2nd, and are scheduled to
leave on Thursday morning at 9:15 via TWA.



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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

St. Louis Zionist District

DR. DAVID REISS, PRESIDENT
MEMBER NATIONAL EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE OF Z. O. A.

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February 21, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

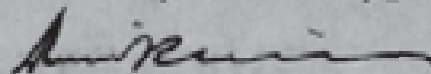
My dear Dr. Silver,

The cancellation of your visit to Temple Israel February 16th has thrown the whole community into a turmoil, but I am sure that they will be amply rewarded for their disappointment when you come March 2nd.

In New York you promised me that you would meet with the leaders of the Zionist Organization upon your arrival in St. Louis, but Rabbi Isserman insists that no meetings be arranged with you until after your talk in the evening. In view of the tense situation, I most urgently beg of you, therefore, to delay your departure from St. Louis at least until Thursday noon, March 3rd, so that in this way an opportunity will be given our leaders to meet with you and to receive first hand information and instructions with reference to our policy. Please let me hear from you so that I may make arrangements for the conference with you on Thursday morning, March 3rd, at your hotel.

Praying for your health so that you may continue to carry our fight to victory, I remain, with kindest personal regards,

Yours very sincerely,



Dr. David Reiss

DR/rm

Temple Israel

Saint Louis

FERDINAND M. ISSERMAN, RABBI

OFFICE OF THE RABBI
KINGSHIGHWAY AND WASHINGTON
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February 23, 1949.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

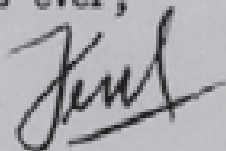
Dear Abba Hillel:

I appreciated the difficulties you were under and we understand what kept you from coming here. Everything was so well set up that the disappointment was double. I had received acceptances from forty-three of the leading citizens of the city for the dinner in your honor. Whether these men will be able to come on March 2 is questionable as March 2 happens to be Ash Wednesday which is an important day in some of the churches. However, I have already received nineteen acceptances and among these I note the lawyer for the Republican National Committee, as well as the Republican Committeeman of Missouri. Also the President of St. Louis University and one of the deans of Washington University, as well as two of the chief editorial writers of the two newspapers, one of them being the Post-Dispatch. So the group will be representative. It will not be the same who had agreed to come the other time.

The Men's Club, too, had gone to a great deal of effort to get you a good audience. They had charged admission of \$1.00 per ticket, not to make any funds but to defray the expenses. The federal government takes twenty-two cents of every ticket in taxes, so you can judge how many tickets they have to sell to break even on the meeting. If they do that, they will be satisfied. I think the delay will not in any way militate against the good attendance we expect to have. Of course I have made arrangements for you at the Park Plaza. I think we shall meet you at the station and perhaps arrange to have you interviewed at breakfast at the station, in order that the evening papers may have a statement from you as well, perhaps, as your photograph.

Looking forward to seeing you here and with all good wishes, I remain

As ever,



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P.S. Sam Sandmel, who is taking a Ph.D. at Yale, while director of the Hillel Foundation there and who specialized in the New Testament, made

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February 23, 1949.

a terrific impression upon 230 ministers at the Institute of Judaism. He spoke on "The Judaism of Greek Jews and Paul" and "The Judaism of the Synoptic Gospels". The evening before, he spoke for my congregation on the subject, "What Jews Should Know About the New Testament". He, I suppose, is the first American rabbi who has become an authority on the New Testament. He certainly handled the subject well and made a great impression on the clergy.



February 24, 1949

Dr. David Reiss
St. Louis Zionist District
5631 Wells Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

My dear Dr. Reiss:

I am sorry that Rabbi Isserman insists that no meetings be arranged with me until after my address in the evening. I should very much like to stay over and meet with the Zionists on Thursday. Unfortunately, I must be in Cleveland Thursday afternoon to conduct my Confirmation Class, and there is no plane leaving St. Louis after 9:15 a.m. which would bring me back to Cleveland in time. I would, therefore, suggest to you that the only time I would be able to meet with the Zionists would be after the evening lecture, which I assume will be over by 10:30. I know that it is not a convenient time either for you or for me, but this is the best I can do under the circumstances.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
Via Air Mail

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March 3, 1949.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street and Ansel Road,
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

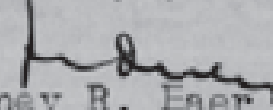
Dear Dr. Silver:

I was inspired by your address at Temple Israel, last night. Naturally, I had heard much about you, but that was the first opportunity I have had to hear you speak. My anticipation was more than realized.

I am presuming to send you a short article which I wrote, which was published some months ago in connection with the UJA Drive in this country, last year. I do so because of the fact that you expressed many thoughts which are included therein.

With my respects to you, I am,

Sincerely yours,


Sidney R. Baer

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

Dear Rabbi:

May I repeat to you my sincere thanks for honoring us with your presence at our recent meeting in St. Louis.

Those of us who had the opportunity to hear you that day have not yet stopped praising you for the breadth and vision of your addresses here. I personally was thrilled by the underlying theme of your address in the Temple.

Enclosed you will find an honorarium, which we are only too happy to send you, and several press clippings which I thought you would like to see.

I am only sorry that I was not able to spend more time with you, and I trust that sometime in the future I will have that opportunity.

Gratefully yours,

Harold Dubinsky

HWD:dh
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ST. LOUIS STAR

MARCH 2, 1949.

Sees Bright Future For Israel



Star-Times Photo.

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER (left), a leader in the Zionist movement for many years, predicted on his arrival here today that Israel will achieve stability and prosperity. He is shown here being greeted by Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman of Temple Israel, where Rabbi Silver will speak tonight.

Rabbi Silver Here, Predicts A Prosperous, Stable Israel

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, a leader of the Zionist movement for many years, predicted here today that the new State of Israel will achieve stability and prosperity.

He said it will do this by maintaining its armed strength, traveling down the middle economic road, and remaining politically neutral. "Israel's leaders will try to take one side only—that of the United Nations," Rabbi Silver said.

Rabbi Silver, interviewed at Union Station, arrived this morning from Cleveland, where he heads The Temple. He will speak at Temple Israel, Kingshighway and Washington blvds., at 8:30 p. m. today on "The American Jew and the Republic of Israel." The guest of Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman, he will be guest of honor at a dinner to be attended by civic leaders at Temple House at 6:30 p. m.

Hailing the armistice agreements recently signed by Israel with Egypt and Lebanon, Rabbi Silver said they mean peace with all Arab nations of the Middle East. He said, however, that negotiations with Trans-Jordan may prove extremely difficult because of her intimate ties with Britain.

His optimism about the security of Israel was tempered by the knowledge that "every small state is insecure in the modern world. Their existence depends on the good will of the great powers."

The 56-year-old Jewish leader, recalling his visits to Israel last year, remarked cheerfully that the people of the new state are "too busy building to be greatly worried about their strategic position."

And, he added, the government, recognized by most countries, is firmly established, able to defend itself beyond doubt.

Europe's D. P. camps, he said, are being emptied at the rate of 30,000 persons a month and should be ready for closing by the end of 1950.

"Imagine," he said, "24,000,000 immigrants coming to the United States each year—that would compare with the immigration rate into Israel since its creation last May."

How is Israel meeting the problem?

Rabbi Silver said the absorption of displaced persons has not been easy. No fewer than 40,000 of them are living in tents.

But, he said, government-sponsored measures will cope with this housing problem. Job chances are good because Israel, blossoming with

new industries, has the chance to develop and supply the entire Middle East.

He foresees, too, a brisk trade between the United States and Israel, based in part on American tourists.

Here are Rabbi Silver's views on several questions frequently asked about the new state:

The recent election exposed the "canard of Communist strength in Israel."

The Holy City of Jerusalem should be internationalized by the U. N.

Damage to religious places during the fighting was inevitable, as in any war. But since the peace, sacred places have received the most "scrupulous respect." Representatives of American Christian churches recently have returned from an inspection trip "very satisfied."

The Israeli government gives "full encouragement" to private investment while patterning itself in part after England's labor government.

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Rabbi Silver Says Israel Stabilizes Jews

Tells 1,000 Here Of New Nation's 'Tremendous' Burden

The newborn State of Israel has given world Jewry a sense of confidence and stability, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland told an audience of almost 1,000 at Temple Israel here last night.

Generally regarded as the leading American spokesman for the new state, Rabbi Silver described the "tremendous burdens which have been assumed by this tiny, fledgling nation."

These burdens, he said, come from two basic sources. One of them he described as the great losses suffered in the "war of freedom" with the Arab armies. The other basic burden he listed as the influx of the displaced persons of Europe who are pouring into Israel at the rate of 30,000 a month.

Tells of War Casualties

The Cleveland rabbi reported that Israel had suffered punishing losses in manpower. He said that of the leaders of the state he knew personally, hardly a home had not lost one or two of its members in the war.

"This is the inevitable sacrifice of the struggle for liberty," he said. "Freedom has never come to man as a gift. Always he has had to struggle. We did it over here. And those people were determined to make the sacrifice over there."

Lauding the proposed new Israel Constitution as a "great document impregnated with the ideals of democracy," Rabbi Silver described the new little nation as one which "in its heart and in its background is essentially allied with the democratic peoples of the world."

Pays Tribute to U. N.

Rabbi Silver paid tribute to the United Nations, its emissary, Dr. Ralph Bunche, and the United States for the success in the founding of the new nation.

"The United States," he said, "has not made a mistake. There, in the Middle East, there is now an outpost of democracy. It will stand as a beacon amidst the Moslem nations."

One of the first diplomatic steps of the state, he said, will have to be the establishment of "close and cordial relations and co-operation with its Arab neighbors."

Jews' Status "Equalized"

"The result of the founding of the new state," he said, "has equalized the status of Jews with all the other peoples of the world."

"And it is a step not without justice for a people who have served mankind not unworthily and who have made contributions to mankind."

Before his speech in Temple Israel—a speech sponsored by the Men's Club of the congregation—Rabbi Silver attended a dinner given by Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman and attended by some 45 of the city's outstanding civic leaders drawn from the universities, colleges, the press, the professions and labor representatives.

Among those at the dinner were the Rev. Paul C. Reinert, president of St. Louis University; Dr. Evarts Graham, representing Washington University; Dr. Franc L. McCluer, president of Lindenwood College; Dr. Clark Walker Cummings, executive secretary of the Metropolitan Church Federation; Walter W. Head, president of the General American Life Insurance Co.; James P. Winnegan, collector of internal revenue, and other leading citizens.

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ISRAEL CALLED JEWS' NON-POLITICAL CENTER

**Zionist Says They Will Keep
Giving Allegiance to Nations
Where They Are Citizens.**

Although Jews throughout the world will aid the new state of Israel in the development of its economy and cultural institutions, they will continue to give allegiance to the nations of which they are citizens, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland said here last night.

Rabbi Silver, a leader of the Zionist movement, spoke at Temple Israel, 5017 Washington boulevard. He is also head of The Temple synagogue in Cleveland.

As the non-political center of world Jewry, Israel will be a unifying influence in Jewish life everywhere, he said. The sympathetic understanding of the new state's problems will be felt by all Jews, but Jewish citizens of other nations will discharge their duties as the citizens of the land in which they live.

Rabbi Silver said the new state already is showing promise of rapid economic development and internal political stability. The recent armistice terms with Egypt and Lebanon virtually guarantee peace with all the Arab nations. Israel's greatest immediate problem is caring for European displaced persons who are emigrating to Israel at the rate of 23,000 a month, he asserted.

However, a housing program sponsored by the government and job opportunities in new industries and the tourist trade will permit the immigrants to be absorbed with ease, he said.

The permanent peace in prospect for Palestine, following the signing of an armistice between the Jews and the Egyptians, comes less than a year after the new nation, Israel, declared its formal existence. This was done on May 15, 1948, and the interim has been punctuated by sanguinary fighting in a full scale war. Now through the mediation of the United Nations, its potent instrument being Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, an understanding has been reached which makes possible total rapport between the stripling nation and the entire Moslem world, with its 33,000,000 population.

This is a historic development, the achievement of the fondest dreams of the Zionists, who for 2000 years have been without a home of their own. They now have a President, the venerable Chaim Weizmann; a Premier, David Ben-Gurion; a Parliament elected by the free choice of the people, and a Constitution with ample guarantees of liberty to all persons regardless of race, creed, language or political complexion.

Israel becomes a nation at a critical moment in world affairs. It is a key country in the Middle East. It is surrounded by Arabs with whom it must live in peace and do business. Its war for independence was costly in men and money, just how costly has never been disclosed. But for a small country its debt is great. Its resources are only making a start at development.

One of its primary tasks is to provide a home for European Jews, victims of the World War. Some 125,000 have been admitted to Palestine since last summer, and more are arriving at the rate of 30,000 per month. Housing is so inadequate that 40,000 are now living in tents. They must be fed and clothed and somehow fitted into the working life of the population.

Over all stands the threat of conflict between Russia and the Western powers. Its leaders have said Israel will attempt to steer a neutral course officially, although its sympathies are entirely with the West. Communists are negligible in Israel. After much vacillation which caused the Zionists to wonder just where the American Government stood on partition, Washington now is in high favor. It was United States insistence that caused the United Nations to undertake mediation; the independence of Israel was recognized de facto a few hours after it was proclaimed in Tel Aviv; a much needed \$100,000,000 loan was extended; American industrial know-how is needed for efficient development of resources, and American dollars are invited to make an investment in a land which has great potentials in business, agriculture, minerals—and oil. Yes, the hotly contested Negev may contain a share of the oil deposits which make the Middle East a much sought prize. Prospecting is now under way and will be intensified.

A St. Louis visitor this week was Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland, long identified with the Zionist movement and a special pleader for Israel before the United Nations. His happiness over attainment of the long goal of a homeland in Palestine is tempered by his appreciation of the vast responsibilities that now lie upon this newest nation.

It is officially launched, representing the hopes of millions of Jews of many generations. It must become highly industrialized, its natural resources are limited. Within its borders are some 600,000 Arabs, a backward people. There must be co-operation if the old frictions are not to be revived. Politically the nation's course must be intelligent and shrewd, because many pitfalls lie ahead.

But at long last there is a Jewish homeland, for which the Christian world in great measure stands sponsor. The Star of David floats today over a proud land, over a proud people. As Rabbi Silver said, Israel is an "outpost of democracy" in the Middle East, a "beacon amidst the Moslem nations." As he said further, it represents "justice for a people who have served mankind not unworthily." Its continued prosperity, its full realization of an ancient dream must be the sincere wish of all.

March 8, 1949

Mr. Harold Dubinsky, President
Temple Israel Men's Club
723 Chestnut
St. Louis, Missouri

My dear Friend:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of March 4th and for the check and clippings which you enclosed. I did indeed enjoy my visit to Temple Israel's Men's Club tremendously. I am grateful to you and to Rabbi Isserman and to all your good friends for the very gracious hospitality which you extended to me. It was pleasant to have spent a day in your midst, and I hope that I shall have the pleasure of welcoming you some day to Cleveland.

Please convey my best wishes to Rabbi Isserman and to all the members of the Men's Club.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

Temple Israel

Saint Louis

FERDINAND M. ISSERMAN, Rabbi

OFFICE OF THE RABBI
KINGSHIGHWAY AND WASHINGTON
SAINT LOUIS 8

March 8, 1949.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

You made a great impression, both on the community at large and on the men who met you more intimately. It was a wonderful representative group and your coming here helped clarify many things for them. My Men's Club is delighted because they felt that through you they have rendered a community service.

I hope the trip did not take too much out of you. It was good to have seen you. I am grateful that I had an hour in the sun, thanks to your being here.

With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

F. M. Isserman /ltf

FMI:ltf

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A Glimpse of 230 Christian Clergy Who Attended the Institute of Judaism at Temple Israel, February 21, 1949.

SABBATH SERVICES

Friday Evening 8:00 p. m.

MR. SAM ROSENKRANZ

will speak on

"Honor Thy Son and Thy Daughter"

The Service Will Be Conducted by Ferdinand M. Isserman, Jr.
Sabbath Tea After Services

**OVER-THE-TEACUP: DISCUSSION ON SERMON SUBJECT
LED BY SAM ROSENKRANZ**

Saturday Morning—Service and Torah Lesson by Rabbi Robert Jacobs,
Hillel Foundation, Washington University 10:30 a. m.
KWK—Rabbinical Association, Rabbi A. Halpern 9:30 a. m.

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at the Post Office at St. Louis, Mo., under
the act of March 3, 1879**Sam Rosenkranz in Pulpit**

Sam Rosenkranz, Director Education, will occupy the pulpit this Friday evening. At the congregational reception following the service, Mr. Rosenkranz will preside at an Over-The-Teacups discussion on the subject of the sermon. Parents of children in the Religious School are especially urged to attend the service and participate in the discussion.

Camp Hawthorn Expands

Boys and girls between the ages of nine and fifteen who are interested in attending the new Camp Hawthorn until this August are invited to communicate with Sam Kadison, director, at 724 N. Union, P.O. 7050.

School Purim Play

Children of the school's dramatics group have written their own Purim play and will produce it for the entire student body on Sunday, March 12. The work is under the direction of Miss Lynne Klein.

**Post-Confirmation Group
Sees Movies**

A surprise film will feature the meeting of the Post-Confirmation group on Sunday afternoon, March 12, at the home of Mrs. Janet Mange, 323 Clara, at 3 o'clock. Food and fun will follow. Plans for the Inter-Temple Post-Confirmation Dance on March 19 will be discussed.

Purim—The Feast of Lots

The festival of Purim is the happiest of all Jewish Holidays. It commemorates the deliverance of the Jews of ancient Persia from the massacre planned by their arch enemy, Haman, the prime minister of King Ahasuerus. The festival begins at sundown Monday, the 14th of March, and concludes at sundown Tuesday, the 15th of March. The Hebrew date is the 14th of Adar.

The Biblical Book of Esther tells the story of this festival. The beautiful Jewess, Esther, was chosen by the King to be his Queen, and at a series of banquets tells the King of the plot of Haman against her people. The indignant monarch orders him hung on the scaffold he had prepared for Mordecai. The Book of Esther is a charming story of virtue rewarded and evil punished.

Since that day the festival has been celebrated with joy and thanksgiving throughout the world. Charity is given; children exchange gifts; special foods are prepared, and even the young are permitted liberties in the Temple denied on all other occasions.

The Book or Scroll of Esther is read at services and an atmosphere of gaiety prevails. Games are played and songs are sung and masks and costumes are worn.

In this day and age, the Purim festival raises the hopes and hearts of all persecuted peoples. It tells of the miracle of deliverance from evil, and gives the promise of the coming of the day when all men will walk in dignity and concord.

—From Commission on Information
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Civic Leaders Appreciate Silver

The following are excerpts from letters of appreciation received from civic leaders who attended the dinner for Rabbi Silver and the lecture following:

"I am very grateful to you indeed for your hospitality of Wednesday evening and the opportunity to meet and hear Rabbi Silver. He conveyed to me the impression of great concentration of power, ability and courage. He is facing an almost incredible task, but not too much, I thought, for him and associates as brave and resourceful as he."—Jacob M. Lashly.

"Both Mrs. DeKins and myself are indebted to you for giving us the opportunity to hear Rabbi Silver's splendid message on the new State of Israel. He is a masterful speaker and has all the facts well in mind."—Scott R. DeKins, Vice-President, Chamber of Commerce.

Tribute Fund

The Tribute Fund has received generous contributions from Theo Haimann in honor of the naming of his daughter; from Mr. and Mrs. R. Morton Moss in memory of EMIL MAYER and MARIE LITTMANN; from Mr. and Mrs. F. Sachs in memory of ISAAC GREENFIELD; from Mrs. Maurice Weil in memory of DOLLIE SHOENBERG; from Mr. Charles Steen in memory of his father, ERNEST STEEN; and from Mrs. Hattie Peck.

Young Adult Group Purim Party

Concession booths, orchestra, dancing, refreshments and a general Purim carnival spirit will feature the party by the Young Adult Group on Saturday evening, March 12. There will be no admission charged for members. Others will be admitted for fifty cents a person. Purim is Tuesday, March 15.

Condolences

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the families of:

ANNA BALCH
JACOB POLUNSKY

Remembers the Temple



Dollie B. Shoenberg

Mrs. Dollie B. Shoenberg was the widow of the late Moses Shoenberg, who had served as president of Temple Israel. She had given the perpetual light in the Temple and the Palestinian antiquities that are in the Temple museum. In her will she bequeathed five thousand dollars to the Temple. The Temple is appreciative of this generosity. Her son and two grandsons are members of our congregation.

Aaron Fuller Library Develops

More than forty volumes were issued from the Aaron Fuller Library last Sunday morning to pupils and teachers, according to Mrs. Nathan Blackman, school librarian. This is a record high for one day's issue.

A modern library system has been installed including the use of Library of Congress cards for cataloguing. More than 281 new books have been added during the past twelve months.

Through the generosity of Leo Fulk and Mrs. Joseph Glaser, Jr., the Library has funds to acquire new books and these books are attracting an ever larger circle of readers.

Civic Leaders and Rabbi Silver Dined by Men's Club Officers

In order that some of St. Louis' representative citizens might meet Rabbi Silver and hear an intimate account of the situation in Israel, the Men's Club arranged a dinner which was held on Wednesday before the lecture at Temple Israel. Among those who attended the dinner were Dr. Everts A. Graham of Washington University; Father Paul C. Reinert, President of St. Louis University; Federal Judge Roy Harper; President F. L. McCluer of Lindenwood College; James Finnegan, Collector of Internal Revenue; Benjamin Youngdahl and Stuart A. Queen, deans of Washington University; Dr. Clark Walker Cummings of the Metropolitan Church Federation; Oscar E. Ehrhardt and A. F. Kojetinsky, leaders of labor; Rev. Leon R. Robison, Jr. of the Second Baptist Church; President Carl C. Bracy of McKendree College; President David Andrew Weaver of Shurtleff College; Professor Theodore Graebner of Concordia Seminary; Professor Roland G. Usher of Washington University and the following editors: Irving Dillard, Ralph Coghlan and H. T. Meek of the Post-Dispatch; Norman Isaacs and Robert Blakely of the Star-Times; Louis LaCoss of the Globe-Democrat; J. E. Mitchell of the Argus. Also present were Samuel Johnson, John S. Leahy, Jr., Dr. William J. Hutchins, W. A. McDonnell, Dr. A. N. Vaughn, Walter Head, Jacob Lashly, Scott R. DeKins.

Temple Israel Art Exhibit

Plans are being made for an exhibit of works of art created by members of Temple Israel or their immediate families in or out of St. Louis. Theodore Haimann will serve as chairman of the Exhibit Committee. If you have something to exhibit, please communicate with Mrs. Theodore Haimann, Parkview 3483, at once. The exhibit will be held some time in May.

Hostesses at Sabbath Tea

The following ladies will serve as hostesses at the reception this coming Friday evening:

Mesdames: EDWARD GLIK, FRANK HILTON, MOE LEVY, DAVID PORTMAN, MARVIN ROSECAE and LOUIS VICTOR.

Sisterhood Judaism Class

The Sisterhood class in Judaism, originally scheduled for March 15, will be postponed until Tuesday, March 22.

Sabbath Candle-Lighter

Mrs. Louis Westheimer will light the candles at the service this Friday evening.

Congratulations

To Mr. and Mrs. Milton Cohen on the birth of a daughter, Barbara Ann.

To Dr. and Mrs. Hellman Wasserman on their 10th anniversary.

To Mr. Albert Schweitzer on his 60th birthday.

To Mr. Harry Berger on his 60th birthday.

To Hy Waltuch and his committee which took care of the Silver meeting of the Men's Club.

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March 11, 1949

Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman
Temple Israel
Kingshighway & Washington
St. Louis 8, Missouri

My dear Ferd:

Thank you so much for your note of March 8th. I need not tell you that I enjoyed my visit to St. Louis very much indeed. I derived deep satisfaction from the two meetings which were held at Temple Israel and from the pleasant time and chat which I had with you. In my very rushed life there are all too few such moments.

I was very happy to see your fine son.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

March 22, 1949

Mr. Sidney R. Baer
Stix, Baer & Fuller
St. Louis 1, Missouri

My dear Mr. Baer:

Thank you so much for your kind note of March 3rd and for the article, "Israel is a Beacon Light" which appeared in the St. Louis Light and which you were kind enough to send me. I read it with a great deal of pleasure and I heartily endorse the sentiments which you so eloquently express.

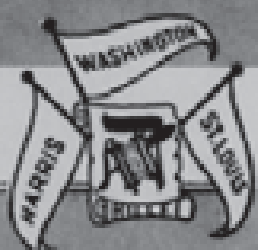
I enjoyed my visit to St. Louis very much.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,

Our Hillel Foundation each year sets up a series of cultural activities which includes the presentation of outstanding Jewish speakers and artists to our large college community and to the townspeople. At our meeting last night I was asked to write to you to extend an invitation to you to speak at our opening meeting which will be held to suit your convenience on a Sunday night in November or up to the middle of December; or the last Tuesday of November. Our Committee has asked that you speak on "The Future of the American Jewish Community". Through Hillel a number of Jewish organizations of the community, both Young Adult and Adult, have been organized into what we call the "Jewish Cultural Committee". This includes the senior and junior divisions of Hadassah, the Council of Jewish Women, and the Zionist groups as well as many young adult groups.

We are able to pay a fee plus expenses by pooling our slim resources.

I hope most earnestly that you will agree to come. This community, which heard you last when you addressed the Men's Club of Temple Israel, has been eager to have you back and I think that our college community is especially desirous of hearing your address.

Kindest personal greetings and very best wishes for a very Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,

Robert P. Jacobs

RRJ:CB

August 28, 1950

Rabbi Robert P. Jacobs
Hillel Foundation
6142 Pershing Avenue
St. Louis 12, Missouri

My dear Rabbi Jacobs:

Permit me to acknowledge your kind letter of August 24th and your gracious invitation to address your organization. It would give me great pleasure indeed to accept. Unfortunately, my calendar is already so overcrowded with other commitments as well as with my own congregational activities that it is impossible for me to take on any additional engagements. I hope that I may be of service to you at some future time.

With all good wishes for a successful year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

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January 14, 1952

SHELDON ROSE
ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Congregation Tifereth Israel
E. 105 St. & Ansel Rd.
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On Sunday, March 5th, 1952 at 8:00 P.M. the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation in St. Louis, serving Washington University, St. Louis University and Harris Teachers College, will hold its Fifth Anniversary Observance.

We should very much like to have you deliver the main address.

Between 1200 and 1700 Jewish students have been served during each of the past five years. The B'nai B'rith has been the chief support of the Foundation, and its 7,000 members in this city are deeply interested in our program.

Twice before I have phoned you in the hope of bringing you to St. Louis to speak at one of our major programs. I hope this time you will find it possible to come.

An airplane flight leaves Cleveland at 1:05 p.m. on American Airlines via Columbus, and arrives in St. Louis at 6:15 p.m. This would make it possible for you to take a leisurely trip.

We recognize how much in demand you are for all good causes. It has been three years since you came to St. Louis and I know that the townspeople eagerly await your return. If you can come, please let me know what your honorarium would be.

kindest greetings and very best wishes.

Sincerely yours

Robert P. Jacobs

RPJ:CB

January 21, 1952

Rabbi Robert P. Jacobs
B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation
6142 Pershing Avenue
St. Louis 12, Missouri

My dear Rabbi Jacobs:

Upon my return to Cleveland, I found your kind letter of January 14th inviting me to address your organization on March 5th. As Miss Rice explained to you, I must be in my own pulpit on Sunday mornings and it would not be possible for me to take a 1:05 plane.

In addition, my out-of-town schedule for the next few months is already so overcrowded that in justice to myself as well as to my congregation, I cannot accept any additional engagements.

With all good wishes to you on the occasion of your Fifth Anniversary Observance, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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June 24, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
105th Street & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

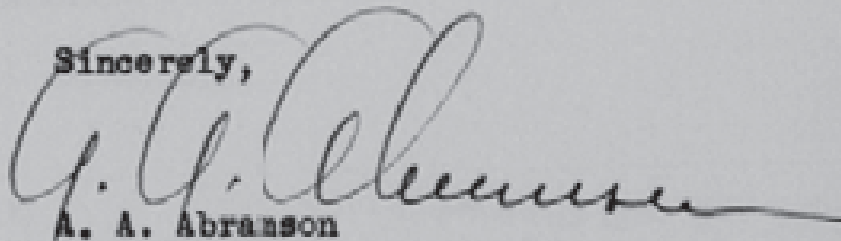
Dear Rabbi:

As President of the St. Louis Federation of Reform Jewish Temples, I wish to invite you to be the principal speaker at our annual meeting of the four reform congregations of St. Louis, at which time we will start our 1953 Combined Campaign for the Union and for the Hebrew Union College. Last year you were unable to come to St. Louis because of a previous engagement, and for that reason, we are writing you early. We can promise you that any Tuesday or Wednesday evening in the month of October would be satisfactory to us. We will greatly appreciate hearing from you.

The writer is leaving the city for a vacation of about five or six weeks. I hope on my return I will have received a favorable reply from you.

Thanks very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,


A. A. Abranson

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ST. LOUIS 15, MO.

August 12, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
105th Street & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

Up to the present time I have not received a reply to my letter of June 24. I will greatly appreciate having you advise whether or not you will be able to be in St. Louis during the month of October.

Sincerely,


A. A. Abranson

AAA/nm

August 14, 1953

Mr. A. A. Abramson
5221 Natural Bridge Avenue
St. Louis 15, Missouri

My dear Mr. Abramson:

Please pardon the long delay in replying to your letter of June 24th. I have been away from the city most of the summer and my correspondence has accordingly lagged.

I regret very much that it will not be possible for me to come to St. Louis in October in connection with the Combined Campaign as my out-of-town schedule for the fall is already very much overcrowded.

With all good wishes and hoping that you have a successful campaign, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

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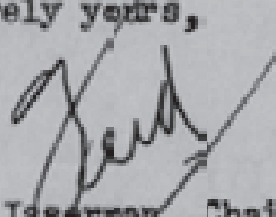
Dear Abba:

I am writing to you on behalf of the American Jewish Tercentenary Committee of St. Louis to invite you to speak at the city wide meeting in honor of the Tercentenary to be held on Wednesday November 24th at the Opera House of the Kiel Auditorium.

This meeting will be sponsored by all local Jewish organizations. There will be another speaker besides you. Your subject, we suggest as The Meaning Of American Jewish History or along that theme. We have available an honorarium of \$250.00 for the address. The Opera House can hold 3700 people and we expect to fill it.

Hoping your schedule will permit you to accept this invitation, I remain

Sincerely yours,



F. M. Isserman, Chairman
Jewish American Tercentenary
Committee of St. Louis

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Congregation Tifereth Israel
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Dear Abba Hillel:

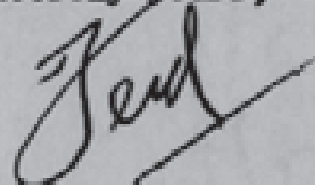
I have just been informed by the authorities of Washington University that they will be very happy to have you as the Thanksgiving speaker on Wednesday morning, November 24, 1954, in the University Chapel, and that they would have an honorarium of \$150.00 for that.

I have written you in a previous letter, inviting you to speak in the evening at the city-wide meeting for the Tercentenary, for which there would be an honorarium of \$250.00.

Do let me know as soon as possible whether you can accept both of these engagements. Of course, the University will invite you officially.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,



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May 26, 1954

Rabbi Ferdinand M. Jasserman
American Jewish Tercentenary Committee of St. Louis
5017 Washington Boulevard
St. Louis 8, Missouri

My dear Ferd:

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter. I have been away from the city a good deal of the time and my correspondence has unfortunately lagged.

I shall be very happy to be with you for the Tercentenary Celebration on Wednesday evening, November 24th. I note the subject which you suggest - "The Meaning of American Jewish History." I shall try to keep it in mind.

With warmest regards and all good wishes for a happy summer, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HELIEL SILVER

AHS:rms

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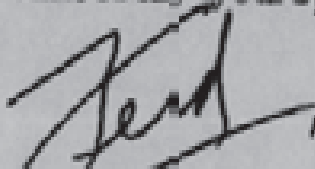
Dear Abba Hillel:

I am delighted that you will be here for Wednesday evening November 24th and I am sure that you will also be here for the convocation at Washington University.

I sent you two letters regarding the Tercentenary celebration at the Kiel Auditorium and your invitation to the convocation at Washington University should be forthcoming immediately.

With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,



F. M. Isserman, Chairman
American Jewish Tercentenary
Committee of St. Louis

FMI:RLA

June 8, 1954

Dr. Huston Smith
Washington University
St. Louis 5, Missouri

My dear Dr. Smith:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of June 4th. I appreciate your thoughtfulness in inviting me. I have accepted the invitation of the St. Louis Tercentenary Committee to address their meeting on the evening of Wednesday, November 24th.

I shall be most happy to be with you on the morning of the same day. I shall look forward with pleasure to making your acquaintance.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:ms



DEPARTMENT OF

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WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

SAINT LOUIS (5), MO.

July 2, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As the executive secretary of the Committee on Religious Policy and Program and as the administrator of the Graham Memorial Chapel, it is my responsibility to convey to you the pleasure of all concerned at your gracious acceptance of our invitation to preach at our Thanksgiving Convocation on November 24 at 11:00 A.M. I shall communicate with you further about the title of your address and your choice of a scripture lesson.

May I also express my personal satisfaction at your coming to St. Louis? I have hoped to hear you speak again after the profound impression you made on me some years ago at Temple Israel where I also serve as organist and director of music. I know that the university community will be the richer for having you in our pulpit for what is, for us, one of the most significant services of the year.

Sincerely yours

Horrand Kebe

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Dear Abba Hillel:

I was happy to hear from Washington University that you have accepted their invitation to address the convocation on Thanksgiving Day.

Our program for the evening of November 24th is rapidly being molded into shape. The meeting will be held in the Opera House of the Kiel Auditorium with a seating capacity of 3400. You will be the only speaker and your address will be combined with a program of music by American Jewish composers performed by the full complement of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra conducted by Vladimir Golschmann.

What will be the exact subject of your address. I have suggested "The Meaning of American Jewish History" but you may have something else in mind. For publication purposes I shall appreciate a photo, biographical data and a copy of your address would prove helpful.

We missed you at the conference. With all good wishes, I remain

Keep the meeting date

Sincerely yours

F. M. Isserman, Chairman
American Jewish Tercentenary
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SAINT LOUIS 8, MISSOURI

September 8, 1954.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Congregation Tifereth Israel
E. 105th St. & Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

As you know, our congregation suffered a great loss on the recent death of Rabbi Julius Gordon who graced our pulpit brilliantly for twenty-five years.

In tribute to the memory of one of the outstanding members of the American Rabbinate, we wish to conduct a Julius Gordon Memorial Series of Friday night sermons throughout the coming fall and winter months. We understand that you are to give the major address at the St. Louis Tercentenary Celebration on November 23. We would be most honored if you would be able to stay over to speak as a member of this series that Friday evening, November 26.

The subject of your sermon will be left entirely to your judgment, and it is not our intention that you should devote yourself to a eulogy on our late beloved Rabbi Gordon. We are considering the possibility of publishing the entire collection of Gordon Memorial Sermons upon completion of the series.

We shall look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience, and hope that you will be able to join us in paying tribute to the memory of a great Jewish American, Julius Gordon.

Sincerely yours,

Louis Shifrin

Louis Shifrin, President
Congregation Shaare Emeth

JMR:bf

x

September 17, 1954

Mr. Louis Shifrin, President
Congregation Shaara Emeth
560 Trinity
St. Louis 5, Missouri

My dear Mr. Shifrin:

Thank you for your kind letter of September eighth and for your invitation to preach in your pulpit on Friday evening, November twenty-sixth. I should very much like to do so in tribute to the late Rabbi Gordon, whose passing I and all his colleagues in the rabbinate so greatly mourn; however, I must return to Cleveland following my two meetings in your city on Wednesday the twenty-fourth. I have an important meeting here on Thanksgiving Day and again on Friday, the twenty-sixth.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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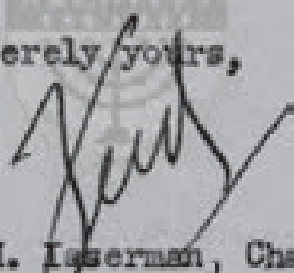
Could you send me some glossy prints and some
biographical material in preparation for our
meeting on November 24th.

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Happy New Year to you.

Sincerely yours,



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FMI/rfa

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October 4, 1954

Rabbi F. M. Isserman, Chairman
American Jewish Tercentenary Committee of St. Louis
5017 Washington Boulevard
St. Louis 8, Missouri

Dear Rabbi Isserman:

Enclosed please find two glossy prints and a biographical
sketch of Rabbi Silver as requested in your letter of
October first.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth M. Sparrow
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

enclosures

35 BRIARCLIFF, SAINT LOUIS 24, MISSOURI

Dear Rabbi and Mrs. Silver -

St. Louis is looking forward to welcoming you on Thanksgiving Eve - and Stanley and I would like to add our special welcome and ask you to come along, Mrs. Silver, and have Thanksgiving dinner with us. We would love to have you to dinner before the lecture if it is not too much of a rush - we are about half an hour away from downtown - and

not more than twenty minutes
from the air-port, so I could
be of service there if you plan
to fly. It would be wonderful
for us if both of you could
manage to be with us. Quite
possibly my father will be here
then too as he usually comes
for Thanksgiving. It would
be a most memorable day
and wonderful to be with you
again after such a long time.

Ellen, our daughter, is in Ruth
Isserman's confirmation class.

this year and enjoying it very
much -

I say that you will come,
and in the meantime -

Warmest greetings from

Stanley and Alice Hake Goodman

October 9, 1954

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Dear Abba Hillel:

It is too bad that Samuels did not yield to you
at the Tercentenary dinner in New York.

We're looking forward to having you here for our
city-wide celebration on November 24. I am happy
to know that you are going to be at Washington
University, and, of course, I shall look forward
to having lunch and dinner with you at that time.

Please let me know when you will arrive in St. Louis.
In the meantime, I am reserving a room for you at
the Park Plaza Hotel for November 24 unless you
get here sooner.

With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

F. M. Isserman
F. M. Isserman, Chairman
American Jewish Tercentenary
Committee of St. Louis

FMI/rle

P. S. For the evening meeting, wear a Tuxedo or full
evening dress will be in order. I shall let
you know which one to wear.

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featuring

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by

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Director, American Jewish Archives

will speak on

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Tuesday, November 23, 1954

10:30 a. m.

United Hebrew Temple

225 South Skinker Boulevard

Coffee Hour 10:00 a. m.

The Public Is Welcome

No Admission Charge

October 28, 1954

Mrs. Alice Hahn Goodman
35 Briarcliff
St. Louis 24, Missouri

My dear Alice:

Please pardon the delay in answering your kind letter. I have been away from Cleveland most of the time, and my correspondence has lagged.

It was lovely of you and Stanley to invite us to have Thanksgiving dinner with you. Mrs. Silver does not plan to accompany me to St. Louis, inasmuch as my visit will be a very brief one. I must return to Cleveland the next morning, for I have weddings on that day.

I shall be very happy to be with you for dinner on Wednesday evening, November 24th, provided the community has not planned any dinner for me prior to the 8:00 meeting in the evening. I am sure you can check that with Rabbi Isserman.

With all good wishes, and looking forward with pleasure to seeing you, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms

Temple Israel

Saint Louis

FERDINAND M. ISSERMAN, RABBI

STUDY OF THE RABBI
KINGSHIGHWAY AND WASHINGTON
SAINT LOUIS 8, MO.

November 3, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Congregation Tifereth Israel
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Abba:

The Rabbinical Association of St. Louis, which consists of reform and conservative rabbis, has asked me to invite you to be their guest for lunch after the convocation address at Washington University on Wednesday, November 24.

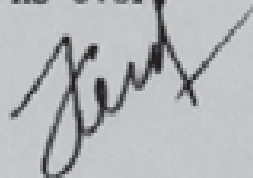
We shall meet at the home of Rabbi Jacob R. Mazur, 6405 Cates Avenue, University City, Missouri, who is the president of the Rabbinical Association.

Naturally the rabbis look forward to the chance of having this little personal visit with you.

The Goodmans have called me about the evening, but I believe the committee would like to make some other arrangements with you.

Looking forward to seeing you here, and with all good wishes, I remain,

As ever,



FMI/sg

November 8, 1954

Rabbi F. M. Isserman, Chairman
American Jewish Tercentenary
Committee of St. Louis
5017 Washington Boulevard
St. Louis 8, Missouri

Dear Rabbi Isserman:

Rabbi Silver plans to arrive in St. Louis on Tuesday, November 23rd, via TWA Flight No. 393 which leaves Cleveland 6 p.m. and arrives in St. Louis 8:07 p.m. His return flight leaves St. Louis at 10:30 the morning of the 25th. I understand a reservation has been made for him at the Park Plaza Hotel for November 24th; we would very much appreciate if one would also be made for the night of the 23rd.

Thank you so much for your courtesy.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth M. Sparrow
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

November 9, 1954

Rabbi F. M. Isserman
Temple Israel
Kingshighway and Washington
St. Louis 8, Missouri

My dear Ferd:

Thank you for your note of November third. I appreciate the invitation of the Rabbinical Association of St. Louis to have lunch with its members at the home of Rabbi Mazur on November 24th. I shall be pleased to attend the luncheon. However, the day will be a very crowded one for me and I should like to leave immediately after lunch so that I can rest in the afternoon.

I have been moving at a terrific pace the last few months and I must conserve myself a bit. I will not accept any other public function for the evening. I do not wish the committee to arrange any other meeting for me.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms

Temple Israel

Saint Louis

FERDINAND M. ISSERMAN, RABBI

STUDY OF THE RABBI
KINGSHIGHWAY AND WASHINGTON
SAINT LOUIS 8, MO.

November 12, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Congregation Tifereth Israel
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Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Abba Hillel:

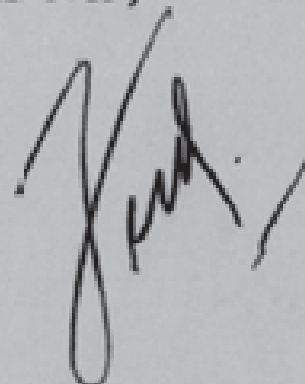
Mrs. Stanley Goodman, whom you know from Cleveland, will meet you at the airport the night of your arrival in St. Louis, and will bring you to the Park Plaza Hotel where a reservation has been made for you.

The luncheon of the Rabbinical Association will be relaxing, unless your colleagues get on your nerves. Mrs. Mazur will provide an old fashioned Jewish meal consisting of gefilte fish, balintzes, etc. Before the meeting that evening, you will have dinner at my home. The new Chancellor of Washington University, Ethan A. H. Shepley, and his wife will also be there.

A reception had been planned for you after the concert at the Park Plaza Hotel where you are staying while in St. Louis. If you want me to call off that reception, I shall do so. Please wire me about this.

With all good wishes, I remain,

As ever,



FMI/sg

Cleveland - St. Louis

TWA Flt. 393

Tuesday, Nov. 23

Lv. Cleve. 6 p.m.

(dinner)

stops in Indianapolis

Ar. St. Louis 8:07 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 25

Delta Flt. 582

Lv. St. Louis 12:05 p.m.

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Lv. Chicago 1:55 p.m.

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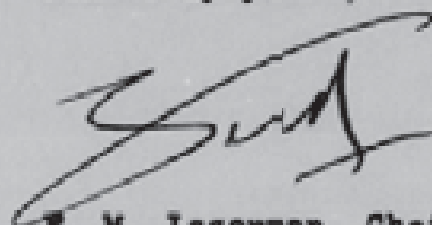
Dear Abba Hillel:

I have just made arrangements with radio station KSD of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, to make a half hour recording of your address which they will put on the air some time Wednesday evening or else the following morning.

I heard that your address in Cincinnati was overwhelming.

Looking forward to seeing you here. With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,



F. M. Isserman, Chairman
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Tercentenary Address -

Wed. eve., Nov. 24 - "The Meaning of American
Jewish History"

No suggested title for Washington University



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You made a fine impression both at the University and in the Kiel Auditorium. I am glad we had such an impressive setting for you.

I enclose herein some clippings which may have escaped your attention. ** see scrapbook*

TREASURER:

HERBERT S. SCHIELE

Your address was carried in full over radio station KSD of the Post-Dispatch and you were heard and seen over several telecasts the next day. I have only heard superlative comments about your part in our Tercentenary celebration.

SECRETARY:

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I am deeply grateful that you came here and your check covering our indebtedness to you is being processed and you will receive it shortly.

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I am also sending you a photograph

thru the Registry attached in the background

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Dear Abba Hillel:

I am enclosing herein a check for \$375.00 from the American Jewish Tercentenary Committee of St. Louis. The \$250.00 is to cover your honorarium and the remainder to cover your expenses.

TREASURER:

HERBERT S. SCHIELE

I am still hearing of the fine impact that your address made on the community. I presume that by this time, you have been to many other cities.

SECRETARY:

MILTON I. GOLDSTEIN

With all good wishes and Chanukah greetings,
I remain

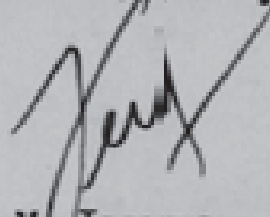
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December 16, 1954

Rabbi F. M. Isserman, Chairman
American Jewish Tercentenary Committee
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St. Louis 8, Missouri

My dear Ferd:

Thank you so much for your kind note of December 14th and for the check which you enclosed.

I did not tell you that I enjoyed my visit to St. Louis in connection with the Tercentenary greatly as well as the pleasure of being with you and in your home.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rmc