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Salem, Massachusetts, 1934-1936.



*Salem Forum*

19 NORTH STREET  
SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS  
MAY 21, 1934.

RABBI ABBE HILLEL SILVER  
CLEVELAND, OHIO.

DEAR DR. SILVER :

I AM ACTING AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF A BODY IN SALEM, CONSISTING OF FIVE ( 5 ) PROTESTANT CHURCHES, NAMELY, FIRST UNIVERSALIST, FIRST UNITARIAN, SECOND UNITARIAN, TABERNACLE ( CONGREGATIONALIST ), AND CROMBIE STREET ( CONGREGATIONALIST ) CHURCHES, WHO ARE SPONSORS OF A SUNDAY NIGHT FORUM.

AS SECRETARY OF THE SALEM YOUNG MEN'S HEBREW ASSOCIATION ( WHICH CONDUCTS A MONDAY NIGHT FORUM SERIES DURING THE WINTER MONTHS ), I WAS INVITED TO ATTEND THEIR MEETING A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO. AT THIS MEETING, A LIST OF SPEAKERS WANTED FOR THIS COMING SEASON WAS DRAWN UP AND YOUR NAME WAS AMONG THOSE SELECTED. THE PARTIAL LIST IS AS FOLLOWS : RABBI ABBE HILLEL SILVER, REV. JOHN HAYNES HOLMES, REV. FR. MICHAEL J. AHERN, S.J., PROF. KIRTLEY MATHER, EDWARD A. FILENE, MRS. FRANKLIN DELAND ROOSEVELT, DR. MARY E. WOOLEY, PAUL SHEARER, GLENN FRANK, WALTER BRANGLIFFORD, JAMES GORDON GILKEY, PROF. SHAPLEIGH, ANTON DE HAAS, WILLIAM GREEN, PROF. FRANCIS BOWES SAYRE, GRENVILLE HICKS AND OTHERS.

JUDGE ROBERT W. HILL, ESQ., CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP, REQUESTED ME TO WRITE TO YOU INVITING YOU TO COME TO SALEM TO ADDRESS ONE OF THE FORUM MEETINGS. THE FORUM SEASON WILL START ON THE SECOND SUNDAY IN JANUARY AND WILL CONTINUE EVERY SUNDAY UNTIL MARCH 17TH, 1935 AT WHICH TIME THEY WILL CONCLUDE. THERE IS ALSO ANOTHER FORUM HELD IN DANVERS, MASS., FOUR ( 4 ) MILES FROM SALEM, HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF A GROUP OF PROTESTANT CHURCHES. THEY HAVE ALSO EXPRESSED THE DESIRE TO HAVE YOU SPEAK AT THEIR AFTERNOON FORUM ON THE SAME SUNDAY THAT YOU WOULD SPEAK IN SALEM.

KINDLY ADVISE ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER YOU WOULD CONSIDER COMING TO SALEM AND DANVERS ON SOME SUNDAY DURING NEXT SEASON AND THE RATE THAT WE IN SALEM AND THE OTHER GROUP FROM DANVERS WILL HAVE TO PAY.

HOPING TO HEAR FROM YOU FAVORABLY IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE, IN ORDER THAT I MIGHT GIVE A FAVORABLE REPORT AT OUR NEXT MEETING, AS I KNOW THAT WE ARE VERY ANXIOUS TO HAVE YOU DOWN TO SALEM AND DANVERS.

VERY FRATEERNALLY YOURS,

*Louis A. Patterson*  
..... ( LOUIS A. PATTERSON ) .....



May 24, 1934.

Mr. Louis A. Patterson,  
19 North Street,  
Salem, Massachusetts.

My dear Mr. Patterson:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of May 21st. It may be possible for me to come to the Salem Forum some Sunday next year.

My honorarium would be \$250. Should I accept a Forum engagement for Danvers, Mass. for the afternoon of the same day, my honorarium for each engagement would be \$200. If the terms are acceptable, please let me know and I shall send you a list of dates when I will be free to come.

With best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER, THE TEMPLE=

EAST 104 ST AND ANSEL RD=

NOTICE THAT YOU ARE TO BE IN SAINTLOUIS FEBRUARY TWENTY SIXTH COULD YOU ARRANGE TO ARRIVE HERE ON TWENTY FOURTH FOR INSTATUTE ABOUT WHICH I WIRED YOU PREVIOUSLY YOU CAN RETURN WITH ME TO SAINTLOUIS PLEASE WIRE IMMEDIATELY=

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*Monday*

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COULD YOU COME HERE FEBRUARY SEVENTEENTH TO DELIVER TWO  
ADDRESSES TO PROTESTANT CLERGY AND CATHOLIC PRIESTS AT  
INSTITUTE ON JUDAISM IN MY TEMPLE ON SUBJECT SOME PHASES  
OF JEWISH RELIGIOUS THOUGHT HONORARIUM OF ONE HUNDRED  
DOLLARS PLUS EXPENSES AVAILABLE PLEASE WIRE REPLY=

FERD. —



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

January 23, 1936

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To Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman

Street and No. Kingshighway and Washington

Place St. Louis, Mo.

REGRET WILL NOT BE ABLE TO LEAVE CLEVELAND ANY EARLIER THAN TUESDAY EVENING

HOPE TO BE OF SERVICE TO YOU AT SOME FUTURE TIME

SILVER

Sender's address  
for reference

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY  
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