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Salem, Ohio, 1927-1941.

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Salem, Ohio. Feb. 9th. 1927.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
1485 E. 106th. St.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

The Salem Masonic Temple Club in charge of social and entertainment activities of the Masonic Fraternity in Salem, extend to you an invitation to come to Salem some night in February or March and give a talk or lecture in the Masonic Temple to Masons and their friends. You to select your subject.

Please give this matter your consideration, and if you can come to Salem, kindly advise the date that would be suitable to you, also your charge.

Yours very truly,

THE SALEM MASONIC TEMPLE CLUB,

W. J. Jerry
Secretary & Treasurer.

*36 Dupont St
Salem Ohio*

February Seventeenth
1927

Mr. W. J. Terry,
Secretary and Treasurer,
36 Depot Street,
Salem, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Terry,

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address the Masons of Salem sometime during this month or March. I wish I could see my way clear to accept, but my speaking schedule for the balance of this season is so crowded that I find myself unable to add to my lecture obligations.

Another season, if you still desire to have me, I may be in a position to serve you.

With kindest regards and best wishes,
I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,



THE SALEM MASONIC TEMPLE ^{C L U B}
~~COMPANY~~

SALEM, OHIO March 15th, 1927.

Abba Hillel Silver, D.D.
1485 East 106th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to yours of the 17th in regard to our invitation to come to Salem, and note that your speaking schedule for the balance of the season is so crowded that you could not accept at this time.

However, we request that if possible, kindly reserve a date for us some time in October or November, the date to be arranged at that time.

Trusting we shall have the pleasure of your visiting us in Salem, we are

Yours very truly,

THE SALEM MASONIC TEMPLE CLUB.

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Secretary-Treasurer.

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SECOND FLOOR MASONIC BUILDING

SALEM, OHIO

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August 4, 1937

Miss Bessie Kline, Secretary,
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D. B.,
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Kline:

You will probably recall my calling at the Temple on Tuesday, July 20th, to inquire as to the possibility of securing Dr. Silver for the address to the graduating class of the Training School for Nurses at Salem, Ohio, which is proposed for Wednesday, September 29th, 1937, at 8 o'clock P. M.

This Training School is under the direction of the Board of Trustees of the Salem City Hospital which is an institution built entirely by funds contributed and maintained by the citizens of Salem, southern Mahoning and northern Columbiana Counties, Ohio.

It was opened on the first day of September, 1913, at which time Dr. George W. Crile and the late Dr. C. A. Hamaan of Cleveland, were present and assisted with the dedicatory services.

This hospital and Training School have always been upon the accredited list of the American College of Surgeons and no graduate of the Training School has ever failed to successfully pass the requirements of an Ohio State Board.

My object in writing this communication at this time is in order that we may ascertain if the date suggested is an open one for Dr. Silver. I understand, of course, that he is abroad and will not return until about September 1st, and that you stated to me you had no authority to accept appointments for him, but, of course, if the date suggested is open, we would feel that we had at least some chance of securing his services at that time, or we might defer or advance the graduating exercises for not to exceed a week from the date mentioned.

I would greatly appreciate any information or suggestions you may care to give us relative to the matter under discussion.

Sincerely yours,

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L. P. Metzger
Chairman of Executive Committee

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CITY HOSPITAL, SALEM, OHIO



August 13, 1937

Mr. L. P. Metzger,
Masonic Building,
Salem, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Metzger:

On returning from my vacation, I found your letter of August 4. I shall be pleased to refer your invitation to Rabbi Silver when he returns to Cleveland on or about the first of September.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

September 1, 1937

Mr. L. P. Metzger,
Metzger, McCorkhill & Metzger,
Second Floor Masonic Building,
Salem, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Metzger:

On returning from Europe I find your letter of August 4 inviting me to address the graduating class of the Training School for Nurses at Salem on September 29. I wish I were free to accept your invitation. Unfortunately my schedule for that month is so crowded with out-of-town lecture engagements that I cannot take on any additional obligations. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

OFFICE OF
CITY SOLICITOR
LOZIER CAPLAN
SALEM, OHIO

May 7th, 1938.

*Answered
by Telephone
Dec 10/38*

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Euclid Avenue Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

As program chairman of our local Kiwanis Club Memorial Day Program and in behalf of our club and other civic organizations and churches who will co-operated with us on a proper program for the occasion, it is with pleasure that I should like to invite you to be our guest speaker. The day that has been set aside for our meeting is Thursday, May 26th.

I deeply feel that in the event of your coming to Salem that such an event should be community wide, and for that reason, I am willing to build a program around to your satisfaction. Our club generally meets at noon, and since at a noon meeting I will not be able to bring all those persons interested in attendance, we would be willing to have the meeting in the evening. I am assured of the co-operation of all of our local churches. It has been suggested too, that we could have both a noon meeting and an evening meeting which will be sponsored by all the civic and religious organizations.

In appreciation of your fine leadership particularly in the United Palestine Appeal, I feel that we could make this an occasion of some note in Salem. We may also guarantee you whatever is necessary by way of remuneration. If I may have your assurance of your being able to come to Salem, I will be pleased to arrange a program to your satisfaction.

Respectfully yours,

Lozier Caplan
Lozier Caplan.

LC:K

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SECOND FLOOR MASONIC BUILDING

SALEM, OHIO

*accepted
July 28*

July 20th, 1938

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

My dear Doctor:

You will recall my invitation to appear at Salem, Ohio, on September 29th, 1937, to address the graduating class of the Training School for Nurses at that time.

I was in Cleveland yesterday and called your secretary, Miss Kline, and she informed me that you were spending the summer in Maine, but that you intended to return about September 1st.

I wish to renew the invitation to appear and to address the graduating class of the Training School for Nurses at Salem, Ohio.

We could arrange, however, if it would be more convenient for you so that the address might be delivered any time during the week of September 11th.

If you will accept this invitation we will be glad to suit your convenience any evening during the week suggested.

Whatever compensation you expect to receive for your services will be cheerfully paid.

Our preference for the date suggested, September 13th, would be that it is the twenty-fifth anniversary of the dedication of our hospital and training school.

We would appreciate your acceptance of this invitation on or before the close of July.

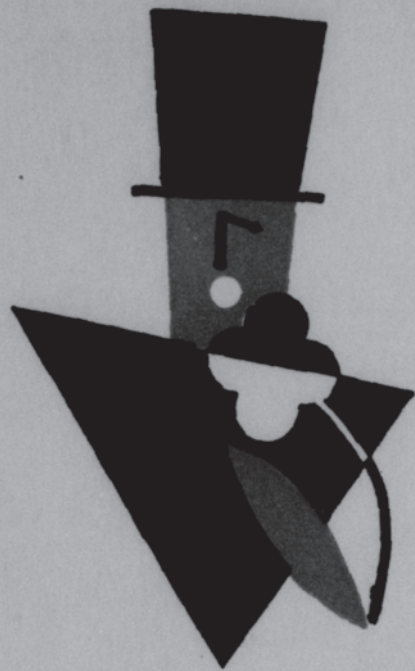
Sincerely yours,

L. P. Metzger

Chairman of the Executive Committee
Salem City Hospital

l/Dc

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August 29, 1938

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

The writer has been requested by a Committee of our City Hospital to write you as they expect to hold the 25th Anniversary on Sunday, September 11th, in the afternoon. They have obtained Dr. Crile and they would like very much for you to come and give an address to the public.

The Chairman of this Committee is on the sick list and is not able to write to you. They, therefore, asked me to do so.

We should like very much for you, if possible, to let us know by phone sometime Thursday or Friday at the latest. Our number is Salem 300 (reverse charges). If you can accommodate our committee with a talk, which they are very anxious to hear, as a suggestion I would say the way conditions are in this country now it would do the community a great deal of good for you to come as this will bind friendship between two different religions a great deal. Would also ask you kindly to give us the fees which you obtain in cases of that character. They are willing to spend as high as \$100.00 for your services, as the hospital, like all the rest of them, is not in very good financial condition.

At any rate will ask you again to let us know as soon as possible.

Respectfully yours,

Mr. Joseph Bloomberg
JOSEPH BLOOMBERG

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SALEM CITY HOSPITAL

ESTHER WILSON, R. N., SUPERINTENDENT

SALEM, OHIO

August 30, 1938

Abba Hillel Silver, D.D.
E. 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

With reference to your correspondence with Mr. L. P. Metzger of Salem, Ohio concerning invitation to address the Graduating Class of the Salem City Hospital Training School for Nurses on September 13, 1938.

This is to advise you that Mr. Metzger has been ill, and confined to his home for the past several weeks with an acute rheumatic condition, therefore, has been forced to retire from the Committee of Arrangements, and our present committee feel that because of present financial conditions, we will not be privileged to have you as our speaker on that occasion. However, the Board of Trustees are planning to celebrate the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the opening of our Hospital, on Sunday, September 11, 1938 at 3:00 P.M. and they extend to you a cordial invitation to be present and to deliver an address of your own selection on that occasion.

Mr. J. Bloomberg has written you concerning this meeting and we trust that we will be favored with your acceptance of our invitation.

Thanking you for your interest and for an early reply,
we are

Very truly yours,

Esther Wilson, R.N.
Esther Wilson, R.N.
Superintendent

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September 1, 1938

Miss Esther Wilson, R.N.
Salem City Hospital
Salem, Ohio.

My dear Miss Wilson:

Let me thank you for your kind note of August 30. I understand the situation with reference to the Graduation Exercises of the Salem City Hospital Training School for Nurses on September 13.

I am grateful to you for your kind invitation to participate in the Twenty-fifth Anniversary celebration on Sunday, September 11. Unfortunately, I cannot leave Cleveland on a Sunday. I have many congregational duties on that day and I have made it a rule not to leave the city on a Sunday.

Hoping that I may be of service to you at some future time and wishing you every success, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

First Methodist Church
Salem, Ohio

CARL ASMUS, PASTOR
HOMER S. TAYLOR,
ORGANIST AND SECRETARY

November 17, 1941.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Temple
Cleveland Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Salem Methodist church is sponsoring a short series of lectures on timely topics. I am writing to invite you to take a place in this series. Will it be possible for you to come and give us a lecture on an evening some time between the last of January and the first part of April?

We will be pleased if you will submit several dates. Will you also state terms under which you will come, what honorarium? If you could also at the same time submit themes from which we might select one for the evening when we would present you.

WRHS
Sincerely yours,

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Carl Asmus

November 25, 1941

Rev. Carl Asmus
First Methodist Church
Salem, Ohio

My dear Rev. Asmus:

Please pardon the delay in replying to your kind letter. I have been away from the city most of the time.

I wish I could avail myself of your kind invitation. It would give me great pleasure indeed. Unfortunately I must devote all the time which I can spare from my own duties here at The Temple to war relief work and refugee work. I am National Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, and that work calls for considerable traveling throughout the country to raise funds. I must therefore decline many invitations which I would normally be very happy to accept. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK