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Sampson, New York, 1944.

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U. S. NAVAL TRAINING ~~STATION~~ CENTER
SAMPSON, NEW YORK

28 June 1944

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

Dear Abba:

I am writing to verify my invitation for you to honor us by a visit to Sampson.

Captain W. W. Edel, the Senior Chaplain was delighted when I told him that you had consented to come. He requested me to invite you to remain over for Sunday in order to address a great Drill Hall service for recruits and then to speak at the 11 o'clock service at Royce Chapel. You will be an official guest of the Navy and will receive matchless hospitality which is the tradition of our Branch of the Service.

Now as to dates. I suggest that you plan to arrive either Friday, July 7th or July 14th, as you prefer. If a later date is necessary, let me know but I want you here for early chow (5:30 PM) on Friday because our first service is at 6:30 PM and the second service at 8:00 PM. On Saturday you would make an official inspection of the Station and Sunday you would preach in the morning and then attend a Chaplain's Luncheon in your honor at the Officer's Mess Sunday noon at which the Commandant would be in attendance.

Needless to say, Flora and I will be delighted to have you and we have ample room in our large home in Geneva.

Your route is to Buffalo and then to Geneva on the Lehigh Valley. The best train leaves Buffalo at 10:00 AM and it is two hours to Geneva.

Trusting to have an early and favorable reply,
I am,

Faithfully, your friend,

Henry
HENRY J. BEBKOWITZ
Lieut. ChC, USNR

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Chaplain Henry J. Berkowitz, U.S.N.R.

29 June.

Dear Abba:

Flora scolded me because I did not include Virginia in my invitation! I do so now, happily!

We would love to have her come with you. It would be a unique experience for her, and a real thrill. This is a vast and impressive Navy installation. Civilians enjoy the environment and the color of the place.

Our home in Geneva is comfortable. Virginia would have a lark.

Write soon

Henry

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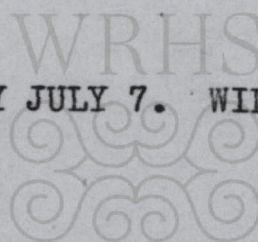
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Lt. Chaplain Henry J. Berkowitz
U.S. NAVAN TRAINING CENTER
SAMPSON, N.Y.

WILL BE WITH YOU FRIDAY JULY 7. WILL BE GLAD TO REMAIN OVER FOR SUNDAY.
KINDEST REGARDS. ABBA



July 3, 1944

H. J. Berkowitz, Lt. ChC
Office of the Chaplain
U.S.N.T.C.
Sampson, N.Y.

My dear Henry:

Thank you for your kind note. Virginia
will be delighted to accompany me to Geneva. I
will let you know the exact hour of our arrival.

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

Most cordially yours,

AHS:RK

July 12, 1944

Captain Harry A. Badt
U. S. Naval Training Center
Sampson, N.Y.

My dear Captain Badt:

May I tell you how greatly I enjoyed my visit to the U. S. Naval Training Center at Sampson and how profoundly I appreciated the gracious hospitality which you and Mrs. Badt extended to me. It was an honor and a pleasure to have made your acquaintance. The religious services which I was privileged to attend were truly moving and inspiring, and they have made an unforgettable impression upon me. The Navy is clearly making a very significant contribution to the spiritual life of our men in the service.

I was delighted with the pleasant hour of relaxation which I enjoyed in your home in the circle of your family. Please convey my warmest greetings to Mrs. Badt and to your lovely daughter. Your younger child — the little red-head — is certainly a joy.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK