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RABBI ABBA H SILVER

TEMPLE TISERETH ISRAEL EAST 105 ST/CLEVELAND OHIO

WILL YOU DELIVER ADDRESS BEFORE INTERRELIGIOUS CONFERENCE SPONSORED
BY CENTRAL CONFERENCE AT FEDERAL CHURCHES CHRIST AND CATHOLICS AUGUST
EIGHTH TO FIFTEENTH PLACE OF MEETING OLIVET MICHIGAN SUBJECT OF CONFERENCE
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Rabbi E. Frisch,
1016 Sam Pedro Ave.
San Antonio, Texas.

Am not at all certain about my
remaining in the country over the summer.
Regret therefore cannot definitely accept
your kind invitation.

A.H.Silver.

Residence:
1016 San Pedro Avenue

RABBI EPHRAIM FRISCH, PH. D.

TEMPLE BETH-EL
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

August 15, 1928.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
E. 105th St. at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Silver:

Our SanAntonio Open Forum has been very eager for two or three years now to have you deliver a lecture in our course and I need not add that I myself would love to have you speak here. I organized the Forum soon after my coming here and am Vice President of it. I am aware that you have been communicated with this year by Mr. Elmer Scott of Dallas for both the Dallas and San Antonio Forums and that you wrote to Mr. Scott that you could not come this season but that you might be available next year. I have been thinking, however, that while you could not book yourself for two or three cities you might be in a position, in case you are going to make the trip to the Union Convention at San Francisco, to go or come back by way of San Antonio, which is the important stopping station on the Southern route. I was informed by Zepin that the dates of the convention in San Francisco are February 10th through the 15th. Would it be possible for you to address the Forum here, say on Thursday evening, February 7th?

I neglected to tell you when we saw each other that I had read the first part of your "Messianic Speculation in Israel" and found it a splendid volume.

With cordial greetings from house to house,

Sincerely,

Ephraim Frisch

P.S. I forgot to say that while the remuneration we give to lecturers here is \$150 or thereabouts, in your case it would probably be \$250 or \$300.

Carol

Ham Sunday -
Ar. Tuesday 5:55 P.M.

August 22d, 1928.

Rabbi Ephraim Frisch,
Temple Beth-El,
San Antonio, Tex.

My dear Frisch:-

Thank you very much for your letter of August 15th and for the invitation which you extend to me in behalf of the San Antonio Open Forum to deliver an address in your city. I wish I were free to come. I have however, looked over the time tables and I find that it will not be possible for me to come to San Antonio without spending too much time.

I am scheduled for an address in Los Angeles on February 7th and to keep an engagement in San Antonio that week I would have to absent myself from my pulpit on February 3d. This would mean that I would have to be away from Cleveland for more than three consecutive Sundays. I do not like to do that.

On my way back from San Francisco I must take a northern route for I am already scheduled in Denver, Omaha and St. Paul.

I trust that at some future time I may be able to come to you. I should love to very much.

With kindest regards and trusting that you have had a very pleasant summer, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

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October 9th, 1928.

Rabbi Ephraim Frisch,
Temple Beth-El,
San Antonio, Tex.

My dear Rabbi Frisch:-

My lecture engagement with the Los Angeles people has been changed from the 7th to the 18th of February. That leaves me free to accept one or two invitations in the South.

If your lecture program is not definitely fixed, I think that I can arrange to come to San Antonio for Tuesday evening, Feb. 5th. Is that a convenient date for your Forum?

With kindest regards, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

Residence:
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RABBI EPHRAIM FRISCH, PH. D.

TEMPLE BETH-EL
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

October 15, 1928.

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Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th St at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I wanted to answer yours of the 9th by return mail but just could not find the time.

I feel very badly and so also do my associates the officers of our Forum, that it is too late to arrange to have you deliver a lecture here under the auspices of the Forum in February, now that you have found a date available. When you wrote me some time ago that you would not be available for San Antonio, we engaged someone else. Our speakers in February come once a week and we could not arrange for more frequent speaking, especially since we are carrying a larger number of speakers this year than ever and are uneasy about our budget besides.

Mr. Fred Lowrey, the acting secretary of our Forum, who is in actual charge of engaging the speakers under our advice and direction, of his own account rang up by long distance Mr. Elmer Scott of the Dallas Open Forum (Mr. Scott is the pioneer in the Forum movement in Texas). Mr. Lowrey reports that Mr. Scott spoke very admiringly of you and said that he would be very glad to secure an engagement for you if you were coming this way, if you were assured of an engagement in San Antonio or the neighborhood. I am to speak in Houston tomorrow evening and will see while I am there whether I can't arrange for an engagement for you in that city. When I return to San Antonio I shall communicate with Austin and make other attempts. You will hear from me again.

With cordial greetings.

Sincerely,

Ephraim Frisch

Residence:
1016 San Pedro Avenue

RABBI EPHRAIM FRISCH, PH. D.
TEMPLE BETH-EL
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

October 23, 1928.

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

Dear Silver:

In my previous letter I wrote you that I was to be in Houston Tuesday and would look into the question whether I could secure an engagement for you. I am glad to say that I succeeded. My friend Dr. Henry Aronsfeld, a very fine fellow, Chairman of the Texas State Board of Optometry, who happens to be also the newly elected president of the Men's Club of Rabbi Barnston's Temple, (Beth Israel) to whom I suggested securing you for a lecture on or about February 5th, was delighted with the idea and so was my friend Mr. Sam Miller, one of the leading Jewish citizens and communal workers, who is a member of the board of Rabbi Barnston's Temple. They have arranged to have a small group of men guarantee your remuneration. I asked Dr. Aronsfeld to write to you direct.

Since I haven't a Men's Club as yet connected with my Temple (though I hope to organize one soon) and there seems to be no other arrangement possible at the present to book you for a lecture here, I am writing to Mr. Elmer Scott, the Executive Secretary of the Dallas Civic Federation and the Director of the Open Forum there, who had told Mr. Lowrey by long distance that he would endeavor to secure a speaking engagement for you in Dallas, to see whether he can carry his wishes into effect. I am suggesting that he write to you direct. I am also advising Dr. J.J. Ettlinger, Professor of Mathematics at the University of Texas, Austin, who is very influential at the University and is at the same time the recognized leader of the Jewish student body at Austin (which numbers 200 or more) to get in touch with you if he should find it possible to arrange a speaking engagement for you either before the Jewish students or under the auspices of the University, or before some other audience.

With cordial greetings,

Sincerely,

Ephraim Frisch

P.S. I didn't know what your customary remuneration for a lecture was. I told the Houston gentlemen that my impression was that it was \$300, but it might be more or less. They were to write you to find out. They set out to raise \$300.

Nov. 6th, 1928.

Rabbi Ephraim Frisch,
Temple Beth-El,
San Antonio, Texas.

My dear Rabbi Frisch:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of October 23d. You have been very courteous indeed to me in going to all the trouble of arranging lectures for me in your State.

I have scheduled Houston for Feb. 6th and El Paso for the 7th. I do hope that I shall have the pleasure of seeing you during my visit to your State.

With kindest regards, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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SANANTONIO OPEN FORUM DESIRES LECTURE ENGAGEMENT WIRE MONDAY
AVAILABLE OCTOBER TO APRIL STOP FRISCH SENDS REGARDS=

FRED V LOWREY.

Answer D. L. July 11th, 1930

Can not at present indicate whether
I can come to San Antonio next season
will try to make it but will not know until
Fall. Kindest regards.

A. H. Silver

TEMPLE BETH-EL

210 Belknap Place
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

September 12, 1932.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Silver:

Do you expect to be in our neighborhood during the winter to deliver public lectures? If so, I am very eager to have one of our organizations undertake to have you speak under its auspices if this can be arranged. I have in mind a lecture for the whole community, not for the Jewish people alone. I am not sure that we can arrange it because of financial conditions here, which have been very serious during the last year. We have to hesitate to undertake any considerable financial guarantee.

The San Antonio Open Forum is not bringing any lecturers this year but it will sponsor lecturers brought by other organizations and I am sure would consider it a privilege to endorse any lecture that you might give here.

Please let me know whether you are coming this way and when, and also what remuneration you would expect. I would appreciate your making the remuneration as small as you possibly can because it will be absolutely necessary for our organization to make something on the lecture so as to enable it to carry on its normal activities.

I hope you are enjoying the sabbatical year you are taking and that your family is also getting the full benefit of it.

While writing to you may I say that your book "Religion In A Changing World" which I read some time ago, gave me a great deal of intellectual and spiritual satisfaction.

With cordial greetings and best wishes for the New Year to yourself and family,

Sincerely,

Ephraim Frisch

card

Sept. 15th, 1932

Dr. Ephraim Frisch,
Temple Beth-El,
210 Belknap Place,
San Antonio, Tex.

My dear Frisch:-

Thank you so much for your letter of Sept. 12th.

I should very much like to come to San Antonio for a lecture but, as you know, I am going abroad on a sabbatical year right after the holidays and will be gone until September 1933. Perhaps when I get back I may be able to arrange for a tour of some of the southern Jewish communities, although this is not at all certain.

Thank you very much for what you say about "Religion in a Changing World."

With best wishes to you and to your family for a very happy New Year, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS/IR

Residence:
130 Luther Drive

Rabbi Ephraim Frisch
Temple Beth-El
San Antonio, Texas

March 14, 1939

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

Dear Silver:

We are looking forward to your coming on March
28th.

Mr. W.W. Jackson, President of the University of
San Antonio, a small but very liberal college under
Methodist auspices, has asked me whether you would favor
him by addressing a special assembly of his school while
you are in the city. He heard you at a convention in St.
Louis, I believe, and admires you greatly. If you can
conveniently get in an address at this college it would
be a very useful thing to do. The morning is the only
time when they can get all their students together.

Please let me know by air mail.

Sincerely,

Ephraim Frisch
v.f.

March 16, 1939

Rabbi Ephraim Frisch
Temple Beth-El
San Antonio, Texas

My dear Frisch:

Thank you so much for your kind note of March 14. I shall be very happy to see you in San Antonio on March 28.

I am afraid that I must decline the invitation of the President of the University of San Antonio. I am having a terrific schedule of lectures for the next few weeks and I am traveling like "meshugah" from one part of the country to the other. I must conserve my health. Please explain that to Mr. Jackson.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK