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San Francisco, California, 1927-1958.



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Richard Gustadt,  
District Grand Lodge, B'nai Brith,  
San Francisco, Cal.

Would gladly have availed myself of  
your kind invitation but am leaving for Europe  
on the 19th of June. Trust that your convention  
will be very successful.

A.H. Silver.



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## Congregation Sherith Israel

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San Francisco,

Dec. 13th 1928

Rabbi Hillel Silva

Cleveland Ohio

Dear Colleague.

The Conference of U. A. H. C. Meets here  
next Feb. and I am informed that you will be present.  
It has been arranged that Services held on the Sat-  
before the Meeting shall be addressed by visiting Rabbis.  
May I hope that you will address my Congregation on  
the Sabbath preceding the Conference. or if that be not  
possible the Saturday succeeding the Conference.  
Will you be good enough to let me know as quickly as  
possible so that due publicity be had and that the  
Committee's program may be properly arranged.

Yours very truly  
Jacob Nieto



*The Congregation Emanu-El*  
*Arguello Boulevard, corner Lake Street*  
*San Francisco*

December  
13th  
1928

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am taking the liberty to write  
you with reference to the following matter:

I am now in the midst of reinter-  
preting and restating the work of my Temple House on  
the basis of our experience in the past few years.  
Heretofore we have had a Supervisor of Temple House  
Activities, but I have come to feel that in his place  
we should have a Director of Religious Education, pre-  
ferably a young Rabbi. Am I correct in my belief that  
your experience in Cleveland has led you to the same  
conclusion? I note on the caption of your Temple  
Bulletin that Rabbi Feuer is Minister of Religious  
Education. We will be interested, also, in learning  
if the subdivision of duties for the Minister of Reli-  
gious Education has been defined.

I have always been impressed by  
the success of your Temple Religious School. How in  
the world do you manage to have such amazing attendances?  
Must the parent of every pupil, except those admitted by  
scholarship or excused from payment, be affiliated with  
your Temple? Have you any data on the administration  
and curriculum of your School? We are on the threshold  
of certain new departures in the field of religious edu-  
cation here and I would appreciate greatly any informa-  
tion you may have to offer.

We trust we may welcome you in our  
community in February. We would rejoice to have you in  
our pulpit at any one of the four services you may select -  
either Friday evening, February 8th, Saturday morning, Feb-  
ruary 9th, or Friday evening, February 15th, or Saturday  
morning, February 16th. Are Mrs. Silver and your little  
son coming with you? It will be pleasant, indeed, if my  
boys, particularly Jeremy Uhry, could meet your little boy,  
Daniel Jeremy.

Looking forward to the pleasure of  
seeing you here and anticipating a word from you at your  
convenience, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Louis C. Newman*

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Dec. 21st, 1928.

Dr. Louis I. Newman,  
Congregation Emanu-El,  
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Rabbi Newman:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind  
letter of December 13th.

We began with a Director of Temple  
Activities five years ago, but after experimenting  
with it for two years we discontinued the office and  
in its place we chose a Director of Religious Education.

The Temple is steadily abandoning all so-  
called Temple center activities and is centering more  
and more upon the two things for which we believe the  
Temple stands, worship and religious education. In  
view of our policy it was imperative that we get a man  
who knows religious education and is in complete sympathy  
with the Temple point of view. The new arrangement is  
working out very satisfactorily. I have asked Rabbi  
Feuer to write you in further detail as to the administra-  
tion of the school, etc.

It is indeed very kind of you to invite  
me to occupy your pulpit. It will not be possible for  
me to come to San Francisco before the tenth as I must  
be in Texas up to the 8th. I shall be pleased however,  
to occupy your pulpit Saturday morning, February 16th.

San Francisco. Mrs. Silver is not planning to come to  
time just now. Daniel Jeremy has a monopoly on her

remain

With kindest regards, permit me to

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



*Card*

Dec. 21st, 1928.

Dr. Jacob Nieto,  
Congregation Sherith Israel,  
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Rabbi Nieto:-

It was indeed very kind of you to invite me to occupy your pulpit during the week of the Convention. I had hoped to accept your invitation for the morning of February 9th but in looking through my schedule I find that I can not get in to San Francisco in time for the service.

I am scheduled to be in El Paso for the evening of the 7th. I have already accepted an invitation to speak in Rabbi Newman's pulpit on the 16th.

Thanking you again for your thoughtfulness and kindness and hoping to have the pleasure of spending some time with you while in San Francisco, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

*16th*

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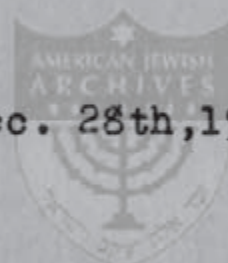


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Dec. 28th, 1928



Dr. Louis I. Newman,  
Congregation Emanu-El,  
San Francisco, Calif.

WILL BE PLEASED TO SPEAK AT EMANUEL ON FIFTEENTH AND SHERITH  
ISRAEL ON SIXTEENTH    REGARDS TO YOU AND DR. NIETO

RABBI A. H. SILVER



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BRITH WELCOMES YOU TO OUR CITY OUR MEMBERSHIP OF FIFTEEN  
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ADDRESS THE MEETING ON MONDAY EVENING FEBRUARY ELEVENTH/MAY  
WE HOPE FOR A FAVORABLE REPLY WIRE COLLECT TO M GORDON TWO  
TWO SIX TWENTY EIGHT AVENUE SANFRANCISCO=  
M GORDON.

I APPRECIATE VERY MUCH *(over)* answer 1/8/29  
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UNFORTUNATELY I CAN NOT ACCEPT IT I AM  
ALREADY BOOKED FOR QUITE ANUMBER OF  
ADDRESSES IN YOUR CITY AND I WANT TO BE  
FREE TO ATTEND THE SESSIONS OF THE CONVENTION  
WITH KINDEST REGARDS

A. H. SILVER

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January 10, 1929

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
C/o Congregation Tifereth Israel  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

San Francisco Jewry, as a whole, is glad, indeed, to know that you are going to be a visitor here during the Convention in February.

As we are calling a special meeting of our Council on February 10, in honor of Mrs. Joseph Friend, President of the National Council of Jewish Women, who will also be here at that time, we cordially invite you to be our guest for the day, and certainly would appreciate it if you would kindly give the opening invocation at our meeting.

I am Anticipating having the pleasure of meeting you,

Cordially yours,

*Regina Epstein*  
Corresponding Secretary

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Jan. 14th, 1929.

Miss Regina Epsteyn,  
1939 Divisadero Street,  
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Miss Epsteyn:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of January 10th and for the invitation which you extend to me to deliver the opening invocation at the Annual meeting of the San Francisco Section Council of Jewish Juniors on February 10th.

I am not at all sure that I will arrive in San Francisco before February 11th and I must therefore forego the pleasure of accepting your kind invitation.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



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Arguello Boulevard and Lake Street  
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May 11, 1932.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th. St. and Ahseel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The members of the Board of Rabbis of Northern California note with pleasure and interest the announcement of your coming visit to the Pacific Coast. We understand that you are to deliver an address in Los Angeles on July 24th. Assuming that you are to visit other cities on the Coast including San Francisco, the Board of Rabbis would deem itself fortunate, indeed, if you would consent to address a conference of representative laymen and rabbis from fifteen different Jewish communities, to be held in San Francisco, for the purpose of discussing the serious problem confronting the smaller communities where Jewish life is threatened with disintegration and utter ruin, due to either lack of responsible leadership or inadequate financial support, or both.

At a meeting of the Board of Rabbis, and upon the recommendation of the executive committee consisting of Rabbis Burstein, Reichert and Weinstein, it was unanimously voted to extend to you an invitation to address the representatives of these communities at a public mass meeting. The morning will very likely be given over to the reading and a discussion of reports; in the afternoon a series of seminars will be held at which educational problems will be discussed. The evening will be devoted to an address by yourself. We ~~was~~ first intended to hold a conference some time in the middle of June, but in view of your visit to the Coast, we have decided to postpone the gathering until July, pending a reply from you, and you can choose the exact date to suit your own convenience. It is needless for me to emphasize the prestige your presence will lend to such a conference.

In the hope of receiving a favorable reply, I am

Cordially yours,

*Reuben R. Rinder*  
Secretary

RRR:HS

P. S. Please reply by return Air Mail.



*Carson*

May 18th, 1932

Mr. Reuben R. Rinder,  
Arguello Blvd. and Lake St.,  
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Rev. Rinder:-

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of May 11th and the kind invitation which your Board of Rabbis of Northern California extends to me.

I had planned to go to Los Angeles in connection with the International Recreation Congress but since making that engagement my congregation has voted me a sabbatical year and I shall leave the country immediately after the High Holy Days in October and will be gone a full year.

I am therefore constrained to remain in Cleveland all summer to plan the activities for next season. And I have cancelled my Los Angeles engagement.

Please convey to the members of your Board my profoundest appreciation for their kind invitation. Perhaps at some future time I may have the privilege of being of service to you.

With kindest personal regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR





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Rabbi Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:

It has been reported to me that you are contemplating a visit to the western coast. I, at this time am building my course for the second season of the San Francisco Town Hall Forum. This will begin in October. There seems to be very vital interest concerning the Palestinian question, and I am very much interested in forming a symposium presenting different viewpoints on "Who shall rule Palestine"? Ameen Rihani (who is considered a very brilliant speaker) would ably represent Arabia; Sir Ronald Storrs, England; and naturally one of our greatest thinkers must present wisely, the Jewish situation. I am therefore most anxious to know whether you would consider such a proposition. Please be so kind as to advise me when you are contemplating your journey and your ideas concerning this undertaking. I am anticipating hearing from you and I do hope that my suggestion will meet with your approval.

Very sincerely,

Founder and Director.

P.S. I neglected to tell you that there would be three dates, Los Angeles, Portland and San Francisco.



March 15, 1938

Mr. Albert Rappaport, Founder & Director,  
San Francisco Town Hall,  
Clift Hotel,  
San Francisco, California.

My dear Mr. Rappaport:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of March 11. I shall be in San Francisco for two days, on April 6th and 7th in connection with the Campaign for the United Palestine Appeal. It will not be possible for me to return to the Coast again during 1938. Perhaps in 1939 I may be free to make another trip.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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THE SUPERINTENDENTS OF SCHOOL OF THE UNITED STATES HOLD THEIR ANNUAL CONVENTION IN SAN FRANCISCO DURING THE LAST WEEK IN FEBRUARY. AS YOU WILL RECALL THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION IS NOW KNOWN AS THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS. THE OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS UNITE IN EXTENDING TO YOU A CORDIAL INVITATION TO ADDRESS THE GENERAL SESSION AT SAN FRANCISCO TUESDAY MORNING FEBRUARY TWENTY-FOURTH ON THE TOPIC "MORALE BUILDING IN AMERICA." I HOPE THAT YOU WILL GIVE THIS INVITATION YOUR FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION. THE ASSOCIATION WILL EXPECT TO PAY A SUITABLE HONORARIUM. PLEASE ANSWER COLLECT WESTERN UNION=

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THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS  
A DEPARTMENT OF THE NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION  
1201 SIXTEENTH STREET, NORTHWEST, WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 22, 1942

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

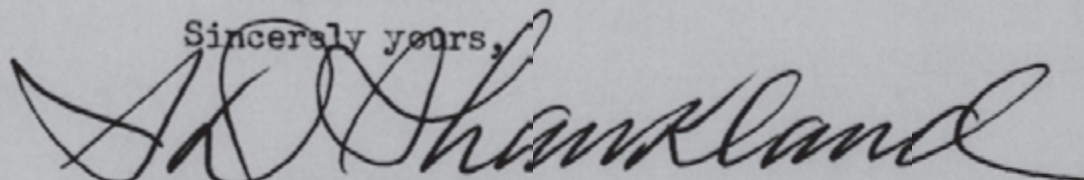
We were delighted to receive your telegram accepting our invitation to address the San Francisco convention of the American Association of School Administrators on Tuesday morning, February 24, 1942.

Several of the larger San Francisco hotels are reserved to capacity for the period of our convention. However, we have reserved accommodations for speakers on the program at the Palace Hotel. If you will fill out the enclosed pink blank as precisely as possible, and return it to me in the enclosed stamped envelope I will give the matter prompt attention.

I am enclosing a draft of the material which is to be printed soon in the Journal of the National Education Association. If you wish any change in the listing of your name and topic please let me know soon.

As stated in my wire to you we will pay a suitable honorarium.

Sincerely yours,

  
S. D. SHANKLAND  
Executive Secretary

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THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS  
A DEPARTMENT OF THE NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION  
1201 SIXTEENTH STREET, NORTHWEST, WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 31, 1942

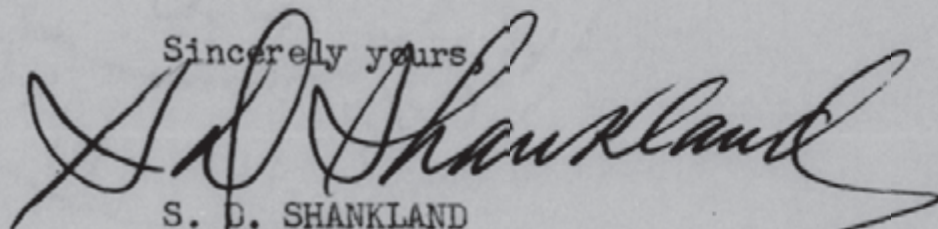
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple, Ansel Rd. and E. 105th St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We have your blank for hotel reservation at San Francisco and complying with your request we have asked the Palace Hotel to reserve a single room with bath priced at \$5.00 per day for your arrival on Monday, February 23rd. You will receive confirmation direct from the management of the Palace Hotel.

I suggest that you make payment to the hotel when you check out and add the amount to your expense account. Check for expenses and honorarium will be ready at San Francisco.

Sincerely yours,



S. D. SHANKLAND  
Executive Secretary

SDS:AMG



NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES  
1201 SIXTEENTH STREET. N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 6, 1942

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are pleased to have you as a speaker on the program of the 72nd annual convention of the American Association of School Administrators, which will be held in San Francisco, California, February 21-26.

The convention will emphasize the part education will play in winning the war. Unity in purpose and action are necessary for victory. It is essential that the public and school cooperate in a spirit of mutual sympathy and understanding. Every effort is being made to take this convention to the people. Newspapers and radio have pledged their hearty cooperation. All, however, will work against the obstacles of added burdens, decreased staff, and the competition of war news. We hope you may be able to assist the publicizing of this convention by preparing your address far enough in advance of delivery so that it may be duplicated and made available to the press. Time is now more than ever the essence of good service in newspaper reporting. Can you send us a copy of your speech on or before February 16?

You may receive requests for copies of your address from newspapers and other publishers. The request may be referred to us if you wish, since your speech will be duplicated at our office. The manuscript you send us will also be used as the copy of your address for the printed Proceedings of the convention.

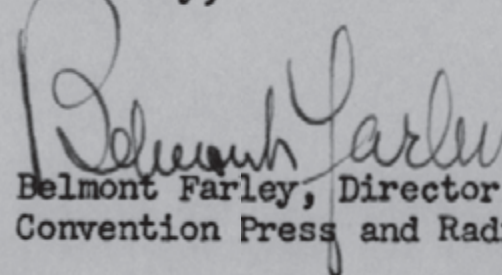
Please write on your manuscript the name of the hotel at which you expect to stay during the meeting.

Address the manuscript to:

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Palace Hotel  
San Francisco, California

With appreciation for your cooperation,

Sincerely,

  
Belmont Farley, Director  
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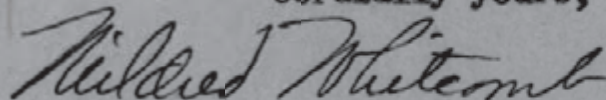
February 27, 1942

Dear Rabbi Silver:

At the request of Dr. A. B. Moehlman we are returning herewith the copy of your talk at the American Association of School Administrators conference recently held in San Francisco. Many thanks for letting us have the use of this for our magazine.

A complimentary copy of the March issue has been sent you and if you will turn to page 47 you will find the article, "Morale Building in America."

Cordially yours,



Mildred Whitcomb  
Assistant Editor

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January 4, 1942

To Members of the American Association  
of School Administrators:

Pearl Harbor and its aftermath have taken the world war out of the realm of newspaper headlines and put it as a grim reality into every American activity, including the schools. At such a time of national emergency education as never before is called upon to conserve spiritual values, build morale, and develop an intelligent understanding of the cause for which free men all over the world are fighting.

It is imperative that the school administrators of the country set an example of calm, courageous thinking and decisive action. As leaders in the education of twenty-four million school children throughout the United States, we pledge anew our faith in American youth, in democratic principles, and in the outstanding contribution which education makes to national strength.

After careful consideration of all the facts involved, the Executive Committee of the American Association of School Administrators, meeting in Washington today, has unanimously reaffirmed its decision to hold the seventy-second annual convention of the Association at San Francisco, February 21-26, 1942. We believe that, in view of the information now at hand, any drastic changes in the plans for the convention would have a most deleterious effect on the morale of educators, laymen, and children alike. Furthermore, throughout the year plans have been completed for the organization of a program involving more than three hundred meetings, supplemented by extensive exhibits. The professional inspiration which this convention will bring in the present situation is of inestimable value.

We propose, therefore, to go ahead with the San Francisco convention as planned and we are confident that the Association membership will support this action.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
American Association of School Administrators

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### TENTATIVE GENERAL SESSIONS PROGRAM

for the Seventy-Second Annual  
Convention of the American As-  
sociation of School Administra-  
tors, San Francisco, California,  
February, 21-26, 1942.

#### Saturday, February 21

ALL DAY—Registration and exhibits in the San Francisco Civic Auditorium  
2:00 PM—Joint conference on teacher education  
4:00 PM—"People's Platform," CBS Broadcast from San Francisco, Lyman Bryson, moderator  
8:00 PM—National Society for the Study of Education, presenting the yearbook on "Philosophies of Education"

# The SAN FRANCISCO CONVENTION

CONVENTION THEME—*Education for a Free People*

Sunday, February 22, 3:30 PM

*Vesper Service—Section A*

Presiding—W. Howard Pillsbury, superintendent of schools, Schenectady, N. Y.; president, American Association of School Administrators  
MUSIC—A cappella choir and orchestra of San Francisco State College, William E. Knuth, director  
PRIORITIES FOR EDUCATORS—Bruce Baxter, bishop of the Methodist Church for the Portland Area

*Vesper Service—Section B*

Presiding—Milton C. Potter, superintendent of schools, Milwaukee, Wis.; past president of the association  
MUSIC—A cappella choir of Humboldt State College, Arcata, Calif., Edmund V. Jeffers, director; string quartet of the College of the Pacific, Stockton, Calif., Horace I. Brown, director  
SPIRITUAL VALUES IN EDUCATION—Willis A. Sutton, superintendent of schools, Atlanta, Ga.

Sunday, February 22, 7:40 PM and 9:10 PM

*A Concert of Pan-American Music*

The San Francisco public schools will present favorite songs of the Indian, French Canadian, Mexican, Chilean, closing with Chadwick's cantata, "Land of Our Hearts," descriptive of our own United States.

Monday, February 23, 9:00 AM

*Education and Government*

Presiding—President W. Howard Pillsbury  
THE CONVENTION EXHIBIT—H. C. Grubbs, president, Associated Exhibitors of the NEA.  
EDUCATION FOR A FREE PEOPLE—Frederick M. Hunter, chancellor, State System of Higher Education, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon  
THE CONTRIBUTION OF EDUCATION TO THE WINNING OF THE WAR—George D. Strayer, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, N. Y.  
THE ROLE OF THE SCHOOLS IN THE PRESENT EMERGENCY—Alexander J. Stoddard, superintendent of schools, Philadelphia, Pa.

Monday, February 23, 2:30 PM

*Afternoon Discussion Groups*

PROMOTING HEALTH IN SCHOOLS THRU THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROCEDURES PRESENTED IN THE 1942 YEARBOOK  
CHARACTER EDUCATION  
ADJUSTMENT OF RURAL SCHOOLS TO PRESENT NEEDS  
SCHOOL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES  
PARENT EDUCATION  
SCHOOL PROBLEMS IN DEFENSE BOOM CITIES  
THE SCHOOL LIBRARY  
PLANNING THE CURRICULUM FOR THE THIRTEENTH AND FOURTEENTH SCHOOL YEARS  
GUIDANCE FOR MEN RETURNING FROM SERVICE AFTER THE WAR  
THE GUIDANCE PROGRAM AND OCCUPATIONAL ADJUSTMENT

Monday, February 23, 7:30 PM and 9:15 PM

*A Patriotic Revue: "Listen, Mr. Speaker"*

The schools of Oakland will present thru music and the drama a stirring story of America—Script by Jean M. Byers. Music by Muriel Olofson Ewing.

Tuesday, February 24, 9:00 AM

*Morale Building*

Presiding—President W. Howard Pillsbury  
IN BRITAIN—Sir Gerald Campbell, director general, British Information Services, New York, N. Y.  
IN AMERICA—Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, The Temple, Cleveland  
IN OUR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES—John W. Studebaker, U. S. Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C.  
BUSINESS MEETING—Reports of committees; nomination of officers from the floor

Tuesday, February 24, 2:30 PM

*Afternoon Discussion Groups*

VITALIZING HEALTH EDUCATION  
SCHOOLS AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
CARRYING THE SCHOOL INTO THE COMMUNITY  
ADULT CIVIC EDUCATION  
SUPERVISION IN RELATION TO SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION  
HOW CAN THE SCHOOL DEVELOP DEMOCRATIC ATTITUDES?  
THE SCHOOLS AND RADIO  
FINANCING THE SCHOOLS  
THE INTEGRATION OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION WITH GENERAL EDUCATION  
GIFTED CHILDREN

Tuesday, February 24, 8:00 PM

*Program by the Associated Exhibitors*

This evening members of the American Association of School Administrators and of the NEA will be guests of the Associated Exhibitors.

Wednesday, February 25, 9:00 AM

*Section A—"Health in Schools"—the 1942 Yearbook*

Presiding—John L. Bracken, superintendent of schools, Clayton, Mo.; chairman, 1942 Yearbook Commission  
HEALTH AND NATIONAL DEFENSE—Ray Lyman Wilbur, president, Stanford University, Calif.  
HEALTH AND THE HOME—Mrs. Willie Snow Etheridge, author, Louisville, Ky.  
PANEL DISCUSSION—Health in Schools

Wednesday, February 25, 9:00 AM

*Section B—School of the Air of the Americas*

Presiding—President W. Howard Pillsbury  
In colorful pageantry the Columbia Broadcasting System will present its regular weekly broadcast, "The School of the Air of the Americas," from the stage of the convention hall. The script is prepared with a view to promoting goodwill among the nations of the Western Hemisphere.



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Wednesday, February 25, 2:30 PM

*Afternoon Discussion Groups*

SCHOOL HEALTH EDUCATION  
NEW VOTER PREPARATION AND RECOGNITION  
CURRENT PROBLEMS IN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS  
THE EVALUATION AND SELECTION OF TEXTBOOKS  
VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR GIRLS  
THE DEVELOPMENT OF CRITICAL THINKING IN SECONDARY EDUCATION  
FOR THESE AMERICAS  
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS  
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY  
IS EDUCATION DESTINED TO BECOME A FEDERAL FUNCTION?  
SCHOOL FORUMS AS A COMMUNITY PROJECT  
THE JUNIOR RED CROSS  
SAFETY EDUCATION

Wednesday, February 25, 6:00 PM

*College Dinners*

Wednesday, February 25, 8:15 PM

*America and the Far East*

Presiding—President W. Howard Pillsbury  
CHINESE MUSIC—by Chinese children of the San Francisco public schools  
CHINA TODAY—Chih-Tsing Feng, consul-general of the Republic of China  
CHINESE PROGRAM ON THE STAGE  
THE JAPANESE MENACE—Walter H. Judd, outstanding authority on the Orient

Thursday, February 26, 9:00 AM

*America's Destiny*

Presiding—President W. Howard Pillsbury  
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS—James M.

Spinning, superintendent of schools, Rochester, N. Y., chairman  
THE EDUCATIONAL OUTLOOK—Robert Gordon Sproul, president, University of California  
THE SELECTIVE SERVICE AND THE SCHOOLS—General Lewis B. Hershey, director, Selective Service System, Washington, D. C.

Thursday, February 26, 1:30 PM

*Youth Programs for a Free People*

SYMPOSIUM—A. L. Threlkeld, superintendent of schools, Montclair, N. J., chairman  
George D. Stoddard, dean, Graduate College, State University of Iowa  
Francis T. Spaulding, dean, Graduate School of Education, Harvard University  
DeWitt S. Morgan, superintendent of schools, Indianapolis, Ind.  
John K. Norton, Teachers College, Columbia Univ.  
James Marshall, president, Board of Education, New York City  
Alonzo G. Grace, state commissioner of education, Hartford, Conn.

Hotel Reservations—Write Joseph P. Nourse, chairman, Housing Bureau, Room 200, 61 Grove St., San Francisco.

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

Dec. 13, 1942

S. D. Shankland

Washington, D.C.

Thank you for your kind invitations.  
I shall be very happy to be with you  
on Tuesday, Feb. 24. Kindest regards.

Q. H. Silver





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UNITED JEWISH COMMITTEE OF SANFRANCISCO AGAINST NAZI  
EXTERMINATION OF JEWS AND OTHER MINORITIES WILL HOLD MASS  
MEMORIAL MEETING THURSDAY EVENING JUNE 17TH AT CIVIC  
AUDITORIUM. THIS MEETING UNDER JOINT SPONSORSHIP OF CHURCH,  
CIVIC, COMMUNITY, LABOR, EDUCATIONAL FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS  
OF COMMUNITY. THOMAS MANN, EDDIE CANTOR PARTICIPATING IN  
PROGRAM. YOUR PRESENCE YOUR MESSAGE IN BEHALF OF OUR PEOPLE  
ALL IMPORTANT TO MEMORIALIZE THIS MEETING. WE NEED YOU TO  
SOUND THE CLARION CALL FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE. WILL MEET  
FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS. PLEASE WIRE COLLECT IMMEDIATELY  
YOUR ACCEPTANCE=!

UNITED JEWISH COMMITTEE SOL SILVERMAN CHAIRMAN  
251 KEARNY STREET SANFRANCISCO.

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Regret exceedingly that urgent matters make  
it impossible for me to accept your kind  
invitation. I wish your meeting every success.  
a. H. S.



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FRANCISCO ESPECIALLY NOW OWING RECENT ATTACKS INDOCTRINATION  
BY MOST COMPETENT LEADER INDISPENSABLE STOP VERY ANXIOUS  
HAVING YOUR ACCEPTANCE DEFRAYING EXPENSES PLEASE WIRE=  
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THE AMERICAN SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT 935 MARKET=



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OCTOBER 24, 1949

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA  
935 MARKET STREET  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

REGRET VERY MUCH UNABLE TO ACCEPT YOUR INVITATION. AM  
SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS ZIONIST MEETING IN NEW YORK ON  
NOVEMBER 29. REGARDS

ABBA HILLEL SILVER





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590 MINNESOTA STREET

SAN FRANCISCO

October 31, 1952

Dr. Aba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Silver:

I have been pondering with the problem of reactivating the Z.O.A. on this western region. A region that has vast potentialities for our cause, because of its rapid growth in population.

The Zionist movement that has been your life-long endeavor needs your assistance now, in order to reactivate our region and our districts. We need two executive directors, one in the southern and one in the northern part of the state. To accomplish this we need funds for the A.Z.F.

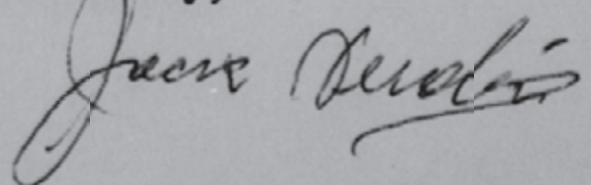
It is my firm belief that only you can be instrumental in this effort and ignite a new interest, in the rededication to work for a stronger Z.O.A. and to restore the prestige of our organization and to help us raise necessary funds, which otherwise could not be obtained.

If you were to accept an invitation to address a Zionist dinner in San Francisco. As a Testimonial in honor of your 60th birthday and in recognition of your great leadership and accomplishments.

Knowing, that your trip to the west coast would only pay, if Los Angeles would do likewise. I have attended the last regional board meeting held in Los Angeles and I suggested to invite you to address a large gathering in San Francisco and Los Angeles. This suggestion was received with tremendous enthusiasm and I was requested to approach you with an invitation to come to the coast in the month of January. And needless to say that we would all be tremendously gratified to have your confirmation. The choice of dates would be yours. May I expect your favorable early reply? We are all eager to start the preparations for such an event.

Mrs. Verdi joins me in sending our kindest regards to Mrs. Silver and yourself.

Most sincerely,





November 6, 1952

Mr. Jack Verdi  
California Bag Company  
590 Minnesota Street  
San Francisco, California

My dear Friend;

I was happy to receive your letter of October 31st. There is a possibility that Mrs. Silver and I will visit the Pacific coast in February for ten days or so. Our son will be stationed as Naval Chaplain in San Diego and we are hoping to visit him some time in February. I shall know more definitely the dates within about a fortnight.

I should like to visit San Francisco and Los Angeles, and I would devote an evening to each of these two cities in behalf of the ZOA and its fund, the AZF, provided I would be assured that an exceptional effort would be made in both communities to insure the success of both meetings and that substantial funds are raised prior to my coming. I have, in recent years, been rather skeptical of the Los Angeles ZOA leadership and their desire to make any ZOA function there really successful. Their interests seem to lie elsewhere. I may be wrong.

Please communicate with me again in a few weeks.

With warmest regards to you and Mrs. Verdi in which Mrs. Silver joins me, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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590 MINNESOTA STREET  
SAN FRANCISCO

November 28, 1952

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Needless to say how happy we were to hear of Mrs. Silver's and your visit to the Pacific Coast in February.

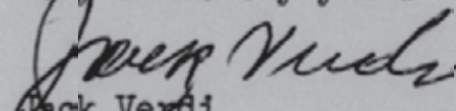
I can assure you that we will make every effort to make your visit in San Francisco a financial success for the A Z F and it will also be an historic event in the Jewish community, in general, and the Zionist movement here, in particular. I have the assurance from Los Angeles, that they will do likewise and indications points that they mean it, as they are already hard at work in making the proper arrangements.

May I also suggest that you and Mrs. Silver, spend a few days in San Francisco, as our guest, and see the interesting places in our vicinity. San Francisco is an interesting city, as you know.

We would appreciate it, if you would indicate the date of your visit, so we could proceed with the arrangements.

Mrs. Verdi joins me with our kindest regards to you and Mrs. Silver.

Very sincerely yours

  
Jack Verdi



December 3, 1952

Mr. Jack Verdi  
California Bag Company  
590 Minnesota Street  
San Francisco 7, Calif.

My dear Friend:

Thank you for your letter of November 28th. I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which I sent today to the ZOA office in New York and it will indicate to you my plans for February.

I shall be very pleased to address a meeting in San Francisco either on Tuesday, February 24th, or Wednesday, the 25th. At the present time I do not know how much time I shall be able to spend in San Francisco. I shall inform you of that later. I do not wish to address more than that one meeting as I am trying to conserve myself. I have been under considerable pressure and I do not want to tire myself with meetings.

Please convey my best wishes to Mrs. Verdi in which Mrs. Silver joins me most heartily. Looking forward with pleasure to seeing you in your own city next February, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

WE AND THE REST OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF SAN FRANCISCO  
ANTICIPATE YOUR APPEARANCE HERE WITH GREAT INTEREST  
THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH  
CONGRESS IS PLANNING A LARGE COMMUNITY WIDE ANTI MCCARRAN  
WALTERS ACT MEETING DURING WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23 SHOULD  
YOUR SCHEDULE PERMIT WE WOULD BE HONORED TO HAVE YOU AS  
OUR PRINCIPAL SPEAKER IF SO PLEASE ADVISE US OF YOUR OPEN  
DATES CAN ARRANGE PRESS CONFERENCE AND WILL BE PREPARED  
TO COVER ADDITIONAL EXPENSE=

BEN SILBERSTEIN CHAIRMAN EXECUTIVE BOARD  
AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS 788 MISSION STREET=



JANUARY 8, 1953

BEN SILBERSTEIN  
788 MISSION STREET  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

REGRET THAT MY ~~SEE~~ CROWDED SCHEDULE WILL PERMIT NO ADDI\*  
TIONAL MEETINGS OTHER THAN THE ONE WHICH I HAVE ALREADY  
SCHEDULED IN SAN FRANCISCO. REGARDS

ABBA HILLELSILVER





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# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42nd STREET • NEW YORK 17, N. Y. • MURRAY HILL 2-3205

February 10, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We have received an urgent request from our district in Sacramento, California, where they would very much like to conduct a mammoth meeting in your honor when you are in California.

I understand that they also wired you and I would appreciate to learn of your reaction.

Please accept my warmest wishes also to Mrs. Silver.

Sincerely yours,

Hannah Stein  
Director  
American Zionist Fund.

HS/rf



February 11, 1953

Miss Hannah Stein  
Zionist Organization of America  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, New York

My dear Hannah:

I regret that it will not be possible for me to accept the invitation of the Sacramento District. As you probably know, I shall have to fly from San Francisco to Mexico City where I have accepted an invitation to speak. I do not wish to burden myself any further.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



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February 13, 1953

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you for your kind reply of February 11. I have informed our friends in Sacramento accordingly.

I am due to go into San Francisco prior to the dinner in your honor and hope that you will not mind if I call you there on February 22, for an informal chat with you and Mrs. Silver. To me, the lunch I had with both of you in the Barclay Restaurant in Paris more than three years ago, is still one of the outstanding events of my life.

I sincerely hope that you will have a pleasant trip and send you and Mrs. Silver my warmest personal regards.

Most cordially yours,

*Hannah.*

Hannah Stein  
Director  
American Zionist Fund.

HS/rf



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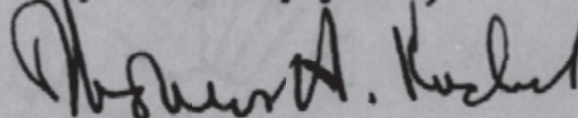
February 18, 1953

Mr. Benjamin H. Swig, Chairman  
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver Reception Committee  
935 Market Street  
Suite 312  
San Francisco, California

My dear Mr. Swig:

I was greatly impressed with Dr. Abba Hillel Silver at the time of President Eisenhower's inauguration. The fine character which stood out so clearly in his countenance and the inspiring words he used in his prayer on that occasion were truly memorable. I wish I could have the honor of meeting him, and I would particularly enjoy doing so in California as your invitation suggests. The business of the Senate will prevent that, and I want to tell you how very much I regret that I cannot pay this distinguished American my respects.

Very sincerely yours,



THOMAS H. KUCHEL  
United States Senator

THK:jv



*Ch Tavel*

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7TH ARMORED DIVISION  
Camp Roberts, California

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19 February 1953

SUBJECT: Letter Order 2-90

TO: CH (COL) HENRY TAVEL 039652 ChC  
Hq 7th Armd Div dy w/Ch Sec  
Camp Roberts, California

You are placed on DS for two (2) days off o/a 24 Feb 53 to visit San Francisco, Calif to attend banquet in honor of Dr Abba Hillel Silver. Govt air auth. No additional expense to the Govt. AUTH: AR 210-10.

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# B'NAI B'RITH HILLEL FOUNDATION

AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY

February 23, 1953

Edwin T. Golden  
Chairman, Silver Testimonial Dinner  
935 Market Street, Suite 312  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Golden,

On behalf of the Stanford Hillel Foundation I would like to take this opportunity to express our particular tribute to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, and to the Northern California Zionist Organizations.

The achievements and accomplishments which are brought about by the devotion of such distinguished persons as Dr. Silver are indeed worthy of universal testimony. We, the neophytes of the adult Jewish community, realizing the urgency of our contemporary situation, can only hope to achieve some measure of the great chronicle of progress which Dr. Silver has set before us.

May he long continue to successfully strive for the ideals which are so dear to him and to all mankind, and may we humbly extend our best wishes on this youthful occasion of his sixtieth birthday.

Sincerely,

*Jack Fine*

Jack Fine  
President,  
Stanford University  
Hillel Council





**DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER**  
Great Orator and Statesman

# **MOMENTOUS NEWS TO THE SAN FRANCISCO JEWISH COMMUNITY**

*Dr. Abba Hillel Silver*  
Testimonial Dinner Committee

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LEOPOLD LERNER  
GEORGE EDELSTEIN  
JOSHUA TORCZYNER

Dear Friend:

Here is news of a truly important event:

On February 24, 1953, the Zionist Organization of America will bring to San Francisco, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, brilliant orator, scholar and author, prophetic and dynamic spokesman for the Jewish people.

Rabbi Silver will be remembered by many people for many things. Beyond the scope of special Jewish concern he is remembered as a constant and ardent champion of human rights, fighting bigotry and intolerance. He has served with dignity and good result as a citizen of the United States and the international scene and as one of our foremost leaders of the Jewish community at large.

Those who were close to the critical struggle in the years from 1942 to 1948, leading to the establishment of the State of Israel, will remember Rabbi Silver most of all as the courageous and determined figure who brought his strength to the leadership of the whole American Zionist movement at the time when it was desperately needed and rallied the forces of Zionism in the fight that brought victory and created the new State.

As he celebrates his sixtieth birthday, Rabbi Silver again brings his eloquence and his powerful influence to the Zionist cause at the moment in history when it becomes apparent that as the strength and devotion of American Zionism was needed to bring the State of Israel into being, so is it needed now to help to preserve that State and to counteract the powerful forces at work to weaken it and, if possible, to destroy it.

We invite you to enlist or to reenlist in this great cause by returning to us now the enclosed membership application to bring you into the Zionist movement.

We alert you to the date of February 24, 1953, when we will honor Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver at a testimonial dinner, of which details will be announced later.

Anybody joining the organization between now and February 24th, will be eligible for a special membership class created in honor of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

Sincerely yours,

Jack Verdi, President  
San Francisco District  
Zionist Organization of America



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PLEASE EXTEND MY CORDIAL GREETINGS TO ALL ATTENDING THE  
DINNER THIS EVENING HONORING A GREAT AMERICAN AND A GREAT  
HUMAN BEING. DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER. HIS PRESENCE IS AN  
HONOR TO OUR CITY AND I JOIN WITH EACH AND EVERY ONE OF  
YOU IN WISHING FOR HIM MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THIS DAY=  
ELMER E ROBINSON MAYOR OF SAN FRANCISCO=





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26 February 1953

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I deemed it good fortune to be able to attend the testimonial dinner in your honor at San Francisco, and to hear you on that occasion. I enjoyed being able to chat with Mrs. Silver and you.

It was my hope to see you again at your hotel, but transportation was arranged for me early in the afternoon. You can see from my orders that our Adjutant considered honoring you as the principal basis for orders and travel authority.

My family joins me in best wishes. May God bless you with many more birthdays, and your dear ones with you, with health and honor in your achievements.

Sincerely,

*Henry Tavel*  
HENRY TAVEL  
Chaplain (Col) USA  
Division Chaplain

Dr. Silver: While in Heidelberg I was in contact with the Israeli Consul, Dr. Finck & had several gratifying occasions to be of help to him for Israel.  
HT.



# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Rd. & E. 105th St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I want to thank you on behalf of our committee and myself for your visit to our community.

We are beginning to harvest the results of your visit with an upsurge in ZOA membership and sentiment for our cause, which cannot be measured in dollars and cents. Received a new lease on life. Also, the financial results should be considered satisfactory, in view of the fact that our organization was on the verge of deterioration. So far, we have about \$22,000 and we are following up and continuing our efforts to collect.

The moral we can derive is that there is still a great deal of sentiment and interest in the ZOA cause, if this temporary lull is reawakened.

You have done it in San Francisco! You have done it in Los Angeles! And, if an effort along these lines is followed nationally, we can put the ZOA on the forefront in the Jewish communities.

Mrs. Verdi joins me in expressing our gratitude and warmest regards to Mrs. Silver and myself.

Sincerely yours,

*Jack Verdi*  
JACK VERDI



EDWIN T. GOLDEN  
ONE MONTGOMERY STREET  
SAN FRANCISCO 4, CALIFORNIA

March 6th 1953.

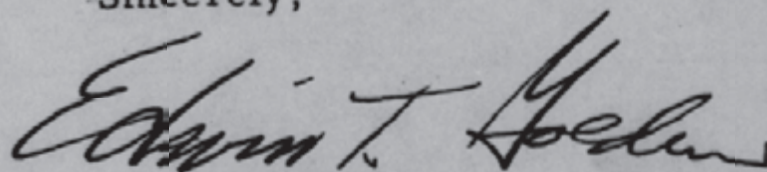
Dear Dr. Silver:

It is now ten days since we had the very great pleasure of the presence of Mrs. Silver and your own good self here in San Francisco. This is supposed to be the city that "knows how", but certainly as regards these transcending causes our city of San Francisco is desperately ignorant and inert. Your presence here was a great and needed inspiration to those who heard you and to the handful of us who pack the load which should be shared by a great number. Your presence here clarified as never before, in this community, the vitally important role of the Zionist Organization.

You gave a new dignity, a new meaning and new vitality to Z.O.A. in San Francisco. For this I express to you my deepest personal gratitude. God has seen fit to assign to your capable hands a most important work which you have accepted to do with devotion and great capacity. I feel a personal gratitude for this and from the small amount I have done personally I know the disappointments which must come to you and the occasional temptations you must feel to abandon the taxing efforts of this struggle. I wonder if Abraham Lincoln must not have felt a similar discouragement when he was struggling to serve the needs of this great country in a similar atmosphere of inertia and disinterest. George Washington also must have felt the same doubts when he was attempting to save the newborn democracy of his day.

May a blessed providence give you the strength and determination to carry on your indispensable work which I consider of limitless importance, not only to the new country of Israel, but to all civilization.

Sincerely,



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio.



EDWIN T. GOLDEN, C. L. U.  
NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY  
1 MONTGOMERY STREET  
San Francisco 4 Calif.  
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March 7th 1953.

Russell G. Smith, Executive  
Vice President  
Bank of America  
300 Montgomery St.  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Smith:

In Re: Pro-Arab trend in Washington

Reading the papers the last few days it would appear that President Eisenhower is being influenced in the direction of equalizing treatment of the Arabs and of Israel. That this approach to the situation in the Middle East is not at all in the interests of America and the democratic world, I am sure you will agree.

The record indicates that the Arab countries were no friends of ours whatsoever in either World War I or II. Those countries, as you know, are run as tyrannical, fuedal States with no affection whatsoever for the great institutions which are the foundation of our way of life. The fuedal princes of the Arab countries have all their limitless privileges to lose if their countries go Communistic. This should be self evident. Consequently, their flirting with Russia is absolutely a joke, except as it is a means of attempting to blackmail our government into reducing or eliminating support of Israel.

I am writing this letter to you by way of an appeal to request your greatest possible co-operation in preventing the Administration from making serious blunders in this area and this certainly would be the case if the only democracy in the Middle East was to be put on a par with those States which have showed no inclination to be our friends.

Obviously it is in the interests of the Arab oligarchy to eliminate this democratic nation in their midst because it is a threat to their vast privileges which they hold with such great cost to their citizenry. Obviously, too it is in the interests of Russia to liquidate the one solid friend of democracy in the Middle East.

But How - how could it be in America's interests to desert this brave model of democracy, struggling to establish a beachhead for our way of life in the godforsaken moral morass that is the Middle East?



It would seem that nothing could be more vital, more sound in our foreign policy than for America to stand foursquare behind any and all nations promoting true represented government within their boundaries.

I certainly will be deeply grateful to your fine bank and your own good self, if in the enlightened self interest of all of us, you will exert all possible influence to stop this tragic development.

Sincerely,

Edwin T. Golden, C.L.U.

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P.S. Even in the nursery rhyme there is a line that says "Never smile at a crocodile." To judge by some of the developments referred to above it would appear that there is more realism in the nursery than in the State Department.



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# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42nd STREET • NEW YORK 17, N. Y. • MURRAY HILL 2-3205

March 9, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple Cleveland  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

On leaving San Francisco, Dr. Bernard Kaufman, Jr. asked me for an autographed photograph of yourself.

Dr. Kaufman is a past president of our district and one of the few real Zionists in the town. I wonder if you would care to comply with his request:

Dr. Bernard Kaufman, Jr.  
1 Ventura Ave  
San Francisco, California

I sincerely trust that your trip to Mexico was pleasant and that you and Mrs. Silver are feeling well.

With warmest wishes.

Cordially yours,

*Hannah*

Hannah Stein  
Director, American Zionist Funds

HS:DS



March 17, 1953

Colonel Henry Tavel  
Hq., 7th Armored Division  
Office of the Chaplain  
Camp Roberts, California

My dear Henry:

Thank you for your kind note. I was very happy to see you in San Francisco. I have heard of the fine work which you are doing at Camp Roberts.

I send you all my good wishes in which Mrs. Silver joins me, and I hope that you will have a very happy Passover.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



March 17, 1953

Mr. Edwin T. Golden  
1 Montgomery Street  
San Francisco 4, California

My dear Mr. Golden:

I appreciate very much your thoughtful letter of March 6th which I read with a great deal of pleasure. I enjoyed my visit to San Francisco very much. I am happy to note from your letter that my coming has stimulated renewed interest in the work and in the opportunities of the Zionist Organization. I trust that you and your good friends will prosecute the work energetically.

It was nice to have seen you and I hope that we may have the pleasure of seeing each other again in the not-too-far-distant future.

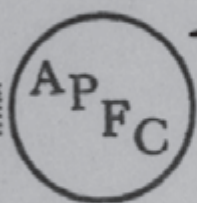
With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Permit me to call your attention to my letter of August 12th which remains unanswered, in which I extended an invitation to you in behalf of our Fellowship to be the guest speaker at our forthcoming Assembly to be held in San Francisco on June 21, 1954: the topic, "Jerusalem in the Light of the Ages."

I realized at that time it was too early to ask you to confirm the date, and yet knowing of the demand placed upon you throughout the country, I hasten to write you again, hoping you will accept our invitation.

Since last writing you, I was privileged to visit Israel, and after this, my seventh visit since the State was established, I found the spirit of the people of Israel undaunted in spite of all the difficulties with which they are confronted every hour of every day.

Hoping this letter finds you, Mrs. Silver and your family in the best of health, and with all good wishes of Shalom.

Very respectfully yours,

American Physicians Fellowship Committee,  
Inc. of the Israel Medical Association

Morton J. Robbins, M.D., President

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December 17, 1953

Dr. Morton J. Robbins, President  
American Physicians Fellowship Committee, Inc.  
273 Main Street  
Nashua, New Hampshire

My dear Friend:

Please pardon the long delay in replying to your kind letters. A good deal of my correspondence has lagged as a result of pressure of work. In this particular instance I was waiting to see how my schedule would work out for next June in connection with your gracious invitation to have me address the American Physicians Fellowship Committee in San Francisco in June.

I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately, my plans now indicate that I shall probably be out of the country at that time. I hope that your meeting will be very successful.

Trusting that you are well, and with all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms





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DR. MORRIS GOLDSTEIN, RABBI

December 23, 1954

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



Dear Colleague:

It is with the greatest of pleasure that I extend to you an invitation to stop over in San Francisco on your way to the Biennial in Los Angeles. The NATS is visiting San Francisco en masse during the weekend before the opening of the Convention. They will attend a special Service at Emanu-El in San Francisco on Friday evening, February 11th, to be addressed by a guest rabbi. The meeting of NATS on Saturday morning, February 12th, (the time of our main Service) will be at my Temple. It would be wonderful to have you give the sermon on that occasion. Then it would be simple enough for you to continue on by train or plane to Los Angeles and arrive in good time.

It would mean ever so much to have you as our guest speaker, especially because of my personal fondness for you. Please try to work this out and let me know as soon as possible.

With cordial regards, I remain,

Sincerely,

*Morris Goldstein*



January 2, 1951

Rabbi Morris Goldstein  
Congregation Sherith Israel  
California and Webster Streets  
San Francisco 15, California

My dear Friend:

I greatly appreciate your kind letter of December 23rd and your gracious invitation to occupy your pulpit on February 12th.

I hoped to be able to attend the Convention of the Union in Los Angeles, but unfortunately it will not be possible. I must therefore forego the pleasure of accepting your invitation.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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=MAURICE GOLDSTEIN=

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*Rabbi Gerald Raishkin*  
*Peninsula Temple Shalom*  
*849 San Mateo Drive*  
*San Mateo, California*

May 28, 1957

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
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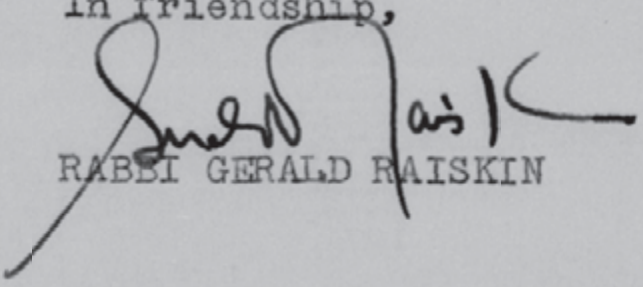
Dear Dr. Silver:

The Board of Rabbis of Northern California sponsors a monthly television program and on August 11 hopes to be able to discuss various current books in the Jewish field. I have been asked to review your latest book and also to obtain a photograph of you which might be flashed on the screen. I do hope that you have one available which we may use, and if you desire we will return it to you following the broadcast. If you have a biographical sketch available we would appreciate that as well.

I do have a chance to write from time to time to Harold in Pittsburgh. We were classmates at the JIR and do keep in touch with each other.

I hope that all is well with you.

In friendship,

  
RABBI GERALD RAISKIN

GR:gk



June 3, 1957

Rabbi Gerald Raiskin  
Peninsula Temple Sholom  
849 San Mateo Drive  
San Mateo, California

My dear Rabbi Raiskin:

Thank you for your kind letter of May 28th. Complying with your request I am enclosing herewith my photograph as well as some biographical material.

I should be very happy to receive a copy of the review which you plan to give of my book.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:sl  
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ABBA HILLEL SILVER



# CONGREGATION BETH EL

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October 25, 1957

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Synagogue Council of the East Bay last year initiated an Annual Institute on Judaism. Dr. Robert Gordis, the first lecturer, spent a weekend in the Bay Area discussing the Bible. Three scholarly lectures were delivered to large audiences of the nine member Congregations that make up the Council.

The Synagogue Council has unanimously asked me to invite you to deliver this year's lectures on a theme of your choice, on a weekend available to you, between January 15 and May 15. The pattern is as follows: Friday Evening Temple Service, Saturday Evening Lecture, Sunday Morning Lecture. Last year over two hundred copies of Dr. Gordis' books were also sold.

We know that your presence in our area would inspire and revitalize our entire populace. Ours is a young Jewish community, thirsting for knowledge and eager to hear noted scholars such as yourself. The Council will be pleased to provide honorarium and expenses.

I hope that your answer will be in the affirmative.

Sincerely,

*Sidney Akselrad*  
Rabbi Sidney Akselrad

CONGREGATION BETH EL

2301 VINE STREET  
BERKELEY 8, CALIFORNIA



file: Synagogue Council  
of East Bay

November 4, 1957

Rabbi Sidney Akselrad  
Congregation Beth El  
2301 Vine Street  
Berkeley 8, California

My dear Rabbi Akselrad:

I greatly appreciate your gracious invitation to be the guest of your Annual Institute on Judaism.

It would indeed have given me great pleasure if I were free to avail myself of your invitation. I am however, already heavily committed with out of town engagements and I expect to spend several weeks this Spring in Israel.

Under these circumstances I am constrained to forego this invitation which I would otherwise have been very happy to accept. Perhaps at some other time I can be of service to you.

With kind regards and all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:sl

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



*Peninsula*

# TEMPLE SHOLOM

GERALD RAISKIN, Rabbi

PHONE DIAMOND 2-4377

849 SAN MATEO DRIVE  
SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA

November 20, 1958

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

Dear Dr. Silver

I am writing to you on behalf of the four Rabbis who are serving on the Peninsula just south of San Francisco. Most of our Congregations are rather new and we are all in the midst of erecting new edifices. Our membership consists mainly of young married couples, as is true of so many other suburban areas, and we find that there is a great deal of a re-awakening on their part to Judaism.

The Rabbis feel that the time has now come to arrange, not only for more adequate adult education courses within each Congregation, but also for the four Temples to band together for the purpose of holding a community-wide meeting, at which time we will present an outstanding personality and scholar in the Jewish field.

I have been asked to correspond with you to determine whether you would be able to be the speaker at this first event, which we hope will be an annual procedure. We further thought that the theme might be "Where Judaism Differed", and that we would have copies of your book on this subject for sale.

The date for this event is one which can be arranged according to your convenience. It might be during the springtime of 1959, or even later in that year, or the beginning of 1960. The date itself is not significant. We would need only adequate time to make the proper arrangements.

At this point, we are certain that we will be able to cover all expenses involved. We would also like to pay an honorarium, but our contemplated budget might make this limited. Any information your office would be able to give us concerning this matter would be greatly appreciated, since it will guide us in our plans and in the request that we make of our Congregations.

*(A Member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations)*

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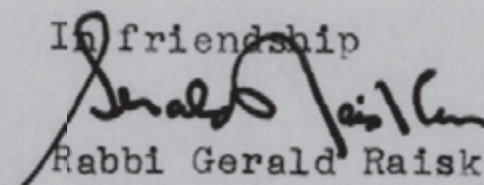


November 20, 1958

During the past year, I was able to review your book on one of the local Television Stations in San Francisco, and since then have received many questions from members of the community and my Congregation. I have referred these people to your book itself.

I do hope that I might hear from you soon, so that I will be able to contact the other Rabbis involved, and begin the formulation of the plans for this event. Though the time seems yet quite distant, we feel that we would need all the months available for the proper planning.

In friendship

  
Rabbi Gerald Raitskin

GR MI





Declined S. E.

November 24, 1958

Rabbi Gerald Raiskin  
Peninsula Temple Shalom  
849 San Mateo Drive  
San Mateo, California

My dear Rabbi Raiskin:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of November 20th and for your gracious invitation to participate in your Adult Education program. I wish I were free to come. I am honored by your invitation; however, Mrs. Silver and I are leaving next month for an extensive visit abroad, and upon our return I shall have to devote myself to my work here in Cleveland and to the out-of-town commitments which I have already made. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm