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Sandusky, Ohio, 1920-1956.

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THE R. M. & C. B. WILCOX CO.

SANDUSKY, OHIO

March 4, 1920.

Rabbi Silver. Cleveland, O.

Dear Sir:-

On May 24th the Men's Literary Club of this city will have their annual banquet, and in accordance with the usual custom, will secure an out-of-town speaker for the program.

As chairman of the executive committee, I write to ask whether you could serve us on that night, and if so, what would be the terms. Also advise the range of topics on which you would feel qualified to speak.

We trust we may have an early reply.

Yours very truly,
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M. S. WILCOX Sandusky, Ohio.

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March 10th, 1920

Mr. M. S. Wilcox, The R. M. and C. B. Wilcox Co., Sandwalty, Ohio.

DearnSir:-

reply to your letter of March 4th. He thanks you for the courteous invitation tendered him, to address the New's Literary Club of Sandusky and thinks he may be able to accept for the date ton mention -May 25th.

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Should your arrangements be perfected, please notify Rabbi Silver as soon as possible, advising him which subject you select.

Yery truly yours,

Seretary.

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THE R. M. & C. B. WILCOX CO.

SANDUSKY, OHIO

March 24, 1920.

Rabbi Abba Silver. East 55th St., Cleveland, O.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 10th received. The same has been submitted to the Executive Committee of the Men's Literary Club.

Much as they regret it, they are unable to put through anything at such a price and will be obliged to call the matter off this time.

With very highest regards, etc., we are

Yours very truly,

MSW/MMB

Sandusky, Ohio.



Rotary Club of Sandusky

Sandusky, Ohio July 31st. 1922.

Rabbi Albert Silver. Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi: -

On behalf of the Rotary Club of this City, I desire to extend to you an invitation to speak before the Club at its noonday luncheon on Tuesday, August 15th.

We meet promptly at 12 o'clock and adjourn at 1.15 P. M.

We trust that you will be able to accept our invitation and advise us accordingly.

Yours very truly,

A. C. Close.

Chairman Speakers Committee.

August 2nd, 1922

Mr. A. C. Close, Rotary Club of Sandusky, Sandusky, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Close,

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address the Rotary Club of Sandusky.

I would gladly avail myself of the privilege, but I am leaving the middle of August for an extensive visit to the Pacific Coast.

should an opportunity present itself during the coming winter. I should be pleased to come to Sandusky to address your organization.

Very sincerely yours,

SANDUSKY PUBLIC SCHOOLS F. J. PROUT, SUPERINTENDENT SANDUSKY, OHIO, Oct. 30, 1922. Rabbi Silver, The Temple, E. 55th St., Cleveland, Ohio. My dear Rabbi Silver: We shall be very glad to have you give the Commencement Address, at our next June Commencement, to be held May 24th, at 7:30 o'clock. There will be an honorarium of fifty (\$50.00) dollars and expenses. Please advise us as soon as possible, if you can accept this engagement. Very truly yours, F. Prout FJP/A

SANDUSKY PUBLIC SCHOOLS F. J. PROUT. SUPERINTENDENT SANDUSKY, OHIO. Nov. 27, 1922. Rabbi Silver, The Temple, E. 55th St., Cleveland, Ohio. My dear Rabbi Silver: On the thirtieth of this last month, we wrote you asking if you could arrange to give the Commencement Address to the graduating class of this high school, on May 24th, 1923. Thus far we have had no reply to our letter and I am a little fearful that it may have been missent. Please advise us as early as convenient whether or not you could take this engagement with us. Very truly yours, FJP/A

December second. 1922

Mr. F. J. Prouty, Sandusky Public Schools, Sandusky, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Prouty,

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address the Sandusky High School Graduating Class, on May 28th. I regret exceedingly that I cannot accept. The date falls during a period of important activities in my Congregation, at which time I cannot be away from Cleveland.

another year, and thanking you again for your courtesy, I am

Very Sincerely yours,

P.S.

I find I answered your previous letter on November 6th. As you say, the letter must have miscarried.



SANDUSKY, OHIO 2/9/25

Rabbi A H Silver, Cleveland Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I am very much elated over the good news I just heard from Chaplain McLane of the Ohio Soldiers and Sailors Home, he tells me that he is looking forward to your coming here under the suspices of the American Legion to address a Sandusky audience. Our people regardless of creed have been looking forward for some time to such an ocassion and I know that a hearty welcome is awaiting you and a splendid audience assured.

Realizing how impossible it is for you to respond to every call from the samll Jewish Communities for a personal visit to them, I want to take advantage of this opportunity however and would ask if it would be convenient for you during your visit to be the guest of the Jewish people here for the short time at your disposal. We would be pleased to be honored with your presence at a six or six thirty dinner at which time we would have our people together and it would be a splendid occasion for everyone to met you.

Trusting you may find it convenient to do so and could you let me know a week in advance of your coming so that we may make proper arrangements.

Awaiting anxiously to see you here. I am

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Cordially yours,

S. Kaplan

The Ohio Soldiors and Sailors Home

OFFICE OF

Harry F. MacLane, Chaplain

Late 37th Division A. E. F., Member Perry Post No. 83, American Legion

For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.—Holy Bible.

March 6, 1925.

What America needs is not more laws, but more respect for laws.

-Thomas R. Marshall.

Preamble of the Constitution of The American Legion

"For God and Country,

We associate ourselves totogether, for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;

To maintain law and order;

To foster and perpetuate a one hundred per cent Americanism.

I am an American citizen. I am aware of the fact that there is an amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America making prohibition a law. My personal opinion regarding the statute is irrelevant and unimportant. I love America and believe the right method of showing my respect and affection for the country of my birth is to obey the laws. If I do less than this I am not a 100% American.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver, 1485 East 106 St., Cleveland, 0.

Dear Dr. Silver:

After my last interview with you, I came home and reported that you had promised to speak for us at an early date. The American Legion members were greatly delighted to hear this, and as the report leaked out to the public, I have received many anxious inquiries as to the date of your coming.

We have made elaborate plans for this series of meetings, and as you are the chief corner-stone of the plan, we are very anxious, indeed, to have you give us an early date. Fellowing your address we expect to have Ex-Justice, John H. Clarke, and following him the most distinguished, Catholic prelate, that we can secure. Will you not try to give us an evening in the very near future. I am sure that we can promise you a very fine audience, and a wonder-dul reception. Anxiously awaiting your reply, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

N.7: Machon

March 31st, 1925.

Mr. H.F. MacLane, The Ohio Soldiors and Sailors Home, Erie County, Ohio.

My dear Mr. McLane,

Please pardon the long delay in acknowledging your letter of March 6th. I have been out of the city most of the time. It will not be possible for me to come to you until late in the spring, say around the 13th or 20th of May. If either of these two dates is acceptable to you, please let me know. I am quite overwhelmed with work here.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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HARRY F. MACLANE

STATE SOLDIERS HOME
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Sandusky, Ohio May 14, 1925

Rabbi Abba Hilliel Silver,

The Temple,

Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Here is the clipping of the report of your speech here last night. It is but a poor and weak account of the poetic eloquence you used. I am deeply sorry I could not report it accurately with long-hand notes, but you must pardon me. I hope that I in some small messure retained as least the gist of your message.

I am sending also another clipping that being one of a communication addressed to this paper today. It comes from a journalist now at the Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Home here.

Thanking you for your perdon, I am

Yours Very Truly

Paul I.T. Motry, Reporter,

Sandusky Star-Journal.

Perry Post No. 83, American Legion



257 JACKSON ST. SANDUSKY, OHIO

May 28th, 1925.

Rabbi Abba Hillil Silver, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

At our last regular meeting, Wednesday May 20th, the members of Perry Post unanimously and enthusiastically endorsed and approved your splendid address given here under the auspices of the Post. The public that were fortunate in hearing your adress were pleased as was indicated in conversations with numerous ones who were there. It has given our post a boost in the standing of our community, in fact has done more good for the welfare of Perry Post and in the American Legion in this city than anything I Know of. So please accept the heartfelt thanks and appreciation of my comrades and myself for your willingness to come here and present the fine address which you rendered.

I am enclosing a check for your expenses incurred in coming here and I am sure the members and myself wish it could be for more, Thanking you again for your services rendered and extending to you the best wishes of Perry Post, I am

Yours respectfully

Olyde C. Bitter. Post Adjutant.

SANDUSKY ROTARY CLUB

MEETS EVERY THURSDAY NOON HOTEL RIEGER



November 2nd, 1929.

Rabbi A. H. Silver, Cleveland, Ohio,

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am wondering if you have overlooked my letter of recent date, extending you an invitation to be the guest and speaker of the Sandusky Rotary Club on Thursdaynoon, December fifth.

We are very eger to have you come to Sandusky, and I should like to be advised at an early date whether or not you will be able to make a visitation at that time.

Thanking you for a favorable consideration, and with kindest wishes, believe me,

Rotarily yours,

Chairman, Speakers Committee.

Nov. 7th, 1929. Mr. A. C. Close, Sandusky Rotary Club, Sandusky, Ohio. My dear Mr. Close:-Permit me to thank you for your letter of November 2d. I wish I were free to avail myself of your kind invitation to address the Sandusky Rotary Club on December 5th. I am, however, scheduled to address the New Jersey Conference of Social Workers at Asbury Park on that day. Thanking you for your gracious invitation, permit me to remain Very sincerely yours, AHS/IR

SANDUSKY ROTARY CLUB MEETS EVERY THURSDAY NOON HOTEL RIEGER SANDUSKY, OHIO December 27, 1929 Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D.D. East 105th at Ansel Road

Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Some months ago you wrote me in response to an invitation to come to Sandusky as the honor guest and speaker of the Sandusky Rotary Club, that you were very busy with a heavy schedule which would not permit you to get away for a visit with our men at that time.

You suggested that I write you at a later date. consequently I am now writing you to inquire whether it would be possible for you to come to Sandusky to be the gest of our Club on either Thursday noon, February 20th or Thursday noon, February 27th, 1930.

I number of our men remind me at regular intervals of their desire to have you with us and so I am writing at this time to inquire whether or not you will be able to fill one of our openings as suggested. We should be most delighted and honored to have you come for either one of these dates.

Thanking you for the courtesy of an early reply. and with kindest wishes for a very happy New Year, believe me

Rotarily yours,

A. C. Close, Chairman Speakers' Committee

ACC/I

Jan. 9th, 1930 Mr. A. C. Close. Rotary Club, Sandusky, Ohio. My dear Mr. Close:-Again permit me to thank you for your thoughtfulness in inviting me to address the Sanduaky Rotary Club. And again I am compelled to decline the invitation at this time. I am so heavily burdened with lecture engagements for the next few months, both local and out-of-town that I can not in justice to myself accept any more. Perhaps next season I will be in a better position to come. Let me assure you that I am very appreciative of your kind invitation. With best wishes, permit me to remain Very sincerely yours, AHS/IR

SANDUSKY ROTARY CLUB

MEETS EVERY THURSDAY NOON HOTEL RIEGER WHO SERVES BEST

SANDUSKY. OHIO January 10th, 1931.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Cleveland, Ohio,

My dear Rabbi Silver:

On behalf of the Sandusky Rotary Club, I am writing to extend you an invitation to be the honor guest and speaker of the Sandusky Rotary Club, at its annual Lincoln Day celebration, to be held on Thursday, F ebruary 12th.

Our membership is extremely hopeful that your busy schedule will permit you to get away from Cleveland for the few hours necessary to come to our City to address our men at this time. We meet at twelve o'clock noon at the Hotel Rieger, and adjourn promptly at one-fifteen, which will enable you to be back in Cleveland again by the middle of the afternoon.

Thanking you for a favorable consideration of this invitation, and with kindest greetings, believe me,

Cordially yours,

A. C. Close, Chairman, Speakers Committee.

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and I Jan. 13th, 1931 Mr. A. C. Close, Rotary Club, Sandusky, Ohio. My dear Mr. Wlose:-Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address the Sandusky Rotary Club on Lincoln's Birthday. I would gladly have availed myself of your kind invitation but I have already accepted to speak in Buffalo on that day. With kindest regards, permit me to remain Very sincerely yours, AHS/IR

MEETS EVERY
THURSDAY NOON
HOTEL RIEGER
WHO SERVES BEST
SANDUSKY, OHIO

January 14, 1931.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you so much for your letter of January 13th. We, of course, are extremely sorry that our invitation to come to Sandusky for Lincoln's Birthday reached you too late.

However, we are not daunted in our ambition to have you come to appear as the honor guest and speaker of our organization and if you would select some Thursday in March for our organization, we should be eternally grateful to you. We are leaving the date and subject to your own choosing, and if you will kindly consult your schedule and let me know if we are to be favored with an acceptance for one of these dates, I am sure you will have won a place in the hearts of scores of our members who have been clamoring for your appearance for many months.

Again thanking you for your kindly consideration, and with best wishes, believe me

Rotarily yours,

A; C. Close, Chairman Speakers! Committee

ACC/I

Sandusky, Ohio. January 29, 1931.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

The Men's Club of the Congregational Church of Sandusky, Ohio request me as Chairman of their Program Committee to invite you to be their guest and speaker of the evening for one of their Wednesday night meetings this winter or spring.

It is our custom to have a supper at 6:15, following this immediately with the talk which takes place in the dining room with everyone seated at the tables. At your meeting, (if you will accept our invitation, of course) we would invite both the ladies and the men due to the more than ordinary interest in the occasion.

Like many church organizations, our funds are limited, but we would not expect you to come, of course, without paying your expenses.

We would like to have you some Wednesday evening between February 25 and April 15. In the event you can come, could you state your first and second choice, also if possible your third choice which will greatly aid us in making up our schedule? Your early favorable reply to this will be most sincerely appreciated.

JCJ:EB

James C. Judson, Judson 233 E. Madison St

ery truly yours,

P.S. Of course, we would issue a special invitation to the Jewish people of Sandusky to join with us in this event in case you accept our invitation. Incidentally, you might be interested in the copy which I am attaching of Mr. Stein's letter of September 18 to Mr. Kaplan offering them the use of our auditorium for the celebration of Rosh Hashana.

Feb. 3d, 1931 Mr. James C. Judson, 233 E. Madison St. Sandusky, Ohio. My dear Mr. Judson:-Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address the Men's Glub of the Congregational Church of Sandusky some time in the near future. I wish I could see my way clear to accept but unfortunately I am so over burdened with lecture engagements that I can not in justice to myself accept any more. Perhaps at some future time I may be able to be of service to you. With kindest regards, permit me to remain Very sincerely yours, AHS/IR



Sandusky Lodge, No. 949 B'NAI B'RITH

Sandusky, Ohio

August 4, 1952

Rabbi Aba Hillel Silver, 105th St. & Lake Shore Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

We take this opportunity to introduce ourselves as officers of B'nai B'rith Lodge #949, Sandusky, Ohio. The occasion for this letter is in connection with a 50th year celebration of the Providence Hospital of Sandusky.

We have been invited, along with the leading service, fraternal and civic groups of this city to comprise a committee to formulate the plans for the celebration of this anniversary. The committee desires the services of an outstanding man who is in complete accord with this type of program which includes service to community and value of religious groups cooperation. The Providence Hospital is a Catholic institution.

The committee has followed your work with our religion and inter-faith groups and feels that no one could present this picture more vividly to the group. The Ministerial Association and the general chairman are unanimous in their selection to have you speak before them.

The plans as outlined call for a seven day celebration highlighted by a luncheon and dinner on October 7, 1952 to held at the Sandusky Junior High School Auditorium. Your address will be made to the above mentioned groups and will be the feature of the program. The entire program is being accomplished without financial burden to any group or persons.

We personally, as deeply gratified that these non-Jewish groups have singled out our organization to be responsible for the most important part of the week-long program. The success of our efforts in their behalf will be another important step in cementing inter-group and inter-faith relationship.

We anxiously await your reply in order that we may complete any necessary details.

Very sincerely yours,

Louis Fingerhut, Pre

Marvin L. Byer, Secty

Mr. Fingerhut is President of Sandusky B'nai B'rith. The civic celebration is in honor of the 50th anniversary of their Catholic Hospital. August 26, 1952 Mr. Louis Fingerhut 216 Franklin Street Sandusky, Ohio Dear Mr. Fingerhut: Upon my return to the office, I was informed of your telephone call and your kind invitation to Rabbi Silver to participate in the civic celebration in your city on October 7th. Rabbi Silver will not return to Cleveland until after Labor Day, at which time I shall bring your request to his immediate attention. However, since October 7th falls during the week of Succoth, it is unlikely that he will accept an out-of-town engagement during that period. With best wishes, I am Sincerely yours, Elizabeth Rice Secretary to Rabbi Silver

September 5, 1952 Mr. Louis Fingerhut 216 Franklin Street Sandusky, Ohio My dear Mr. Fingerhut: Upon my return from abroad, I was advised of your kind invitation to speak at a civic celebration in your city on October 7th. Unfortunately, this falls during the week of our Succoth holiday, and I am unable to accept any out-of-town engagements at this time. With all good wishes and hoping to be of service to you at some future time, I remain Most cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:er

September 8, 1952 Mr. Louis Fingerhut 216 Franklin Street Sandusky, Ohio Dear Mr. Fingerhut: Upon check with Rabbi Silver concerning your appointment on Thursday, he advised me that he would be unable to see you at 2 o'clock. He stated that it is impossible for him to be with you on October 7th, and unless there is some other matter you wish to discuss with him, he did not want you to make a special trip into Cleveland. His calendar for the next two months is already very overcrowded and he does not wish to make any additional commitments. I am sure you will understand. Sincerely yours, Elizabeth Rice Secretary to Rabbi Silver

CONGREGATION OHEB SHALOM

SANDUSKY, - OHIO

1511 East Perkins Avenue Sandusky, Ohio November 14, 1956 attend - aludas arouses

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road & East 105th Street
Cleveland. Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I spoke with your secretary via telephone today and she suggested that I put my request in writing with all pertinent facts included.

Our Jewish congregation totals 42 families and this year we completed our new synagogue. Prior to the completion of this new building, we held our services in a house which was equipped to serve as a temple and before that we rented various halls. Our congregation was incorporated in 1915, but it was just this year that a real synagogue was completed which will serve as a real Jewish community center. Considering the size of our congregation we feel that the completion of this new temple is a noteworthy achievement.

Our temple will be dedicated on Sunday, December 2, at 2:15 p.m. We should like to have you attend and be our main speaker. Perhaps we are presumptuous in making such a request of you, inasmuch as our congregation is so small, but it took great courage to complete our new temple so we have decided to borrow some of that courage and approach you.

If the transportation to Sandusky and back to Cleveland presents a problem, we shall arrange to have you flown into our city. There is regular air service between Sandusky and Cleveland which would allow you to be picked up at either the Cleveland Municipal Airport or the Lakefront Airport. The flight between our cities takes from 20 to 25 minutes. The plane used is a new allmetal Cessna 172 which is quite roomy and comfortable. If you would prefer to have the time of our dedication program changed to make it more convenient for you to attend and speak, we shall make the change in the time. If you do not care to fly, we can arrange to have someone drive you into Sandusky and then back to Cleveland. As you can see, we will do almost anything to have you as our main speaker.

We trust that your schedule will allow you to come to our dedication ceremonies. Your participation in those ceremonies would make of them the most memorable in the history of the Sandusky Jewish community.

May we hear from you?

Very sincerely yours,

CONGREGATION OHEB SHALOM

P.S.: Please call or wire us collect with your answer.

Those 8088 in Sandusky.

and Goldfarb Goldfar