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September 14, 1917.

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

Dear Rabbi:-

We are taking the liberty of writing to you in view of the fact that we are planning our lecture schedule for the coming season, and in behalf of the Board of Education of our Association we are therefore extending you this invitation to speak in our auditorium.

We are the proud owners of the finest Y. M. H. A. Buildings in the country, possessing an auditorium with a seating capacity of one thousand people, and we are certain that the hall would be taxed to its capacity if you would be kind enough to favor us. During the past six months we have been successful in bringing to Scranton such men and women as Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Carl Ackerman, the famous war-correspondent, the Hon. Jeannette Rankin, Congresswoman from Montana, and we have acceptances from the Governors of Idaho and Utah, Alexander and Bamberger, Hon. Abram Elkus, former Ambassador to Turkey, Samuel Gompers, President, American Federation of Labor and many others.

We would appreciate, therefore, if you would favor us by return mail, giving us any Sunday evening after October 7, and at the same time stating under what conditions you would come to Scranton.

Very sincerely yours,

YOUNG MEN'S HEBREW ASSOCIATION

*A. S. Weisberger*  
General Secretary.

ASW/FH



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Mr. B. H. Newman  
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September 21st, 1917

Mr. A. S. Weisberger  
General Secretary  
Young Men's Hebrew Assn.,  
Scranton, Penna.

My dear Mr. Weisberger,

Permit me to thank  
you for your kind invitation to ad-  
dress the Scranton Young Men's Hebrew  
Association.

I am planning to make a  
tour of some of the eastern cities  
during the month of March. I shall be  
very glad to speak before your Associa-  
tion.

I shall be in a position  
to give you a definite date in a few days.

My usual compensation is  
fifty dollars and traveling expenses.

Very sincerely yours,

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October 15, 1918.

Rev. Dr. Abba Silver,  
55th Street & Central Avenue,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:-

Rabbi Lovitch of Scranton has informed me that you are on a lecture tour through the Country and that there may be a possibility of you visiting the city of Scranton and addressing the Jewish Community here. I would therefore, in the name of the Young Men's Hebrew Association extend a formal invitation that you please try and see if you can include Scranton in your itinerary.

At the Y.M.H.A. we have a large Auditorium which can seat comfortably a large representation of the Jewish community, and I haven't the least doubt that if you can possibly arrange to come here you will have a most hearty welcome.

Please let me know how soon you could possibly make Scranton, for I would like very much to include a lecture or talk from you in our Winter program.

Trusting to hear from you, I remain

Very truly yours,

*Louis Bloch*

General Secretary.

*Reply  
cannot state now  
whether I can come.  
Please write to me  
again.*

LB:FH

October 22, 1918

Mr. Louis Bloch  
440 Wyoming Avenue  
Scranton, Pennsylvania

My dear Mr. Bloch:-

Rabbi Silver has directed me to reply to your letter of October 15, inviting him to visit Scranton to address the Jewish Community. He regrets that it is altogether impossible for him to accept definitely any appointments for any dates in the future.

If you care to he would be glad to have you write him again later in the season.

Very truly yours,

Sec'y.

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July  
Twenty-first  
Nineteen-twenty

Rabbi Hillel Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Will you please let me know whether you contemplate making a trip East this next Season. If so we should like very much to arrange to have you speak before one of our Sunday evening gatherings. The Y. M. H. A. here is the only Community center for the Jewish people on Sunday evenings and we can usually draw more people to our Auditorium than we can accomodate. We should be glad to arrange for such a talk if you will consider coming.

Sincerely yours,

SAMUEL KUTTNER  
General Secretary



July 27th, 1920

Mr. Samuel Kuttner,  
General Secretary,  
Young Men's Hebrew Association,  
440 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, Penna.

My dear Mr. Kuttner,

Rabbi Silver is in Europe and will  
not return until the last week of August.  
Your letter will be brought to his attention  
as soon as he comes back to Cleveland.

Very truly yours,

Secy.



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August  
Twenty-fifth  
Nineteen-twenty

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East Fifty-fifth St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of August 20th. If we cannot have you for a Sunday evening I believe our people would be glad to hear you on any other day in the week. Therefore when you contemplate making the trip east if you give us due notice and let us know we shall make every effort to have you with us.

Sincerely yours,

SAMUEL KUTTNER  
General Secretary

August 20th, 1920

Mr. Samuel Kutner,  
General Secretary,  
Young Men's Hebrew Association,  
440 Wyoming Street, Scranton, Pa.

My dear Mr. Kutner,

I have just arrived home from abroad and find your kind invitation to address the Scranton Y.M.H.A., at one of its Sunday evening gatherings.

I regret exceedingly that I cannot avail myself of your kindness. I cannot leave Cleveland on a Sunday. Many important Temple activities transpire on that day, making it necessary for me to remain here.

Trusting that I shall have the privilege at some future time of meeting your people, I remain, with kindest regards

Very sincerely yours,

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10/31/20. JEWISH FEDERATION OF SCRANTON. Pa

*Charities*  
Regret exceedingly my inability to accept your kind  
invitation to address Annual Meeting. Cannot leave  
Cleveland on a Sunday. (A. H. Silver)

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December  
Twentieth  
Nineteen-twenty

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 55th and Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

You will remember that sometime in August you wrote me regarding your inability to come to Scranton on a Sunday for a talk before our people. If you are planning to be in the East during the next few months can you give us a date here? We have a Beautiful Auditorium with a seating capacity of one thousand and I feel sure that we could give you a very fine audience.

If you will let me know upon what terms and what dates you can come I feel sure that we can make satisfactory arrangements.

Sincerely yours,

SAMUEL KUTTNER  
General Secretary

December 24th, 1930

Mr. Samuel Kuttner,  
Y. M. H. A.,  
Scranton, Penna.

My dear Mr. Kuttner,

Rabbi Silver has asked me to write, telling you that it may be possible for him to visit your city on February 24th or on March 3rd. His remuneration would be one hundred dollars and traveling expenses.

If either of the dates mentioned be acceptable to you, and the other arrangements are satisfactory, please let me know at your earliest convenience, in order that I may make definite arrangements for Rabbi Silver.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.



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January  
Sixth  
Nineteen-twenty-one

Miss Frances H. Jones, Sec.,  
The Temple,  
East Fifty-fifth St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Miss Jones:

We have delayed reply to your letter of December 24th as we have expected to have a meeting of our Board of Directors. The Board will meet next Tuesday evening, after which I will be able to say definitely whether it will be possible for us to arrange for a meeting on February 24, when we shall like to have Rabbi Silver with us.

Very truly yours,

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January  
Twelfth  
Nineteen-twenty-one

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 56th Street and Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am very glad to say that the Board of Directors of the Y. M. H. A. at a meeting held Tuesday evening, January 11th, instructed me to write you and accept the date which you mentioned, Thursday, February 24, for your visit to Scranton. The remuneration and traveling expense as stated in your letter of December 24 will be satisfactory to us.

Will you be good enough to let us have a cut or a photograph of yourself along with any publicity material that would help us in arranging for a large attendance to hear you speak?

At this time there is no suggestion that I can make as to the subject of your talk. I believe we would be pleased to have you choose your own subject. Mr. Samuel Samter, Chairman of our Board, however, is anxious to invite a number of our gentile friends of the City to hear you so that the subject might be one that they too might listen to with profit.

I am sure that your visit to Scranton is going to be looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure, and we will do everything possible to have the meeting a tremendously successful one.

Sincerely yours,

SAMUEL KUTTNER  
General Secretary

January 19, 1921

Mr. Samuel Kuttner,  
s/o Y. M. H. A.,  
Scranton, Pa.

My dear Mr. Kuttner,

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of January 13th, and to confirm the date of Thursday, February 24th for my lecture before your organization.

I am enclosing herewith a photograph of myself, and I shall before long send you the subject of my address.

My lecture on "Prejudice-How To Meet It" is proving rather popular. I wonder if you would care to have it delivered before your organization.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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February  
Third  
Nineteen-twenty-one

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple, East 55 St. & Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

My absence from the city has delayed the reply to your kind letter of January 19th. Thank you for sending me the photograph.

The chairman of the Educational Committee and I have talked over the topic for your address and we feel that something other than prejudice would fit in better for the occasion we have in mind. Rabbi Wise was here sometime ago and spoke along these lines. Rabbi Heller of the local Temple has also stressed the subject.

We would appreciate it there fore, if you can address our people of some other subject which would appeal to the Gentile people too, although I believe that it will be ninety per cent Jewish.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

SAMUEL KUTTNER  
General Secretary

February 7th, 1921

Mr. Samuel Kuttner,  
Secy. Y. M. H. A.,  
Scranton, Penna.

My dear Mr. Kuttner,

Replying to your letter of the third,  
any one of the following lectures, I believe would  
be proper for your assembly:

1. The Immigrant vs. The Foreigner
  2. The Triumphs and Failures of Democracy
  3. The Great Opportunity of American Israel
- This being a discussion of the need  
for an "American" Judaism.

Looking forward to meeting you  
soon, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours,



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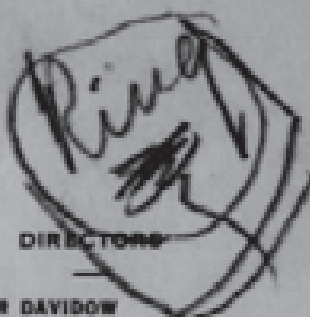
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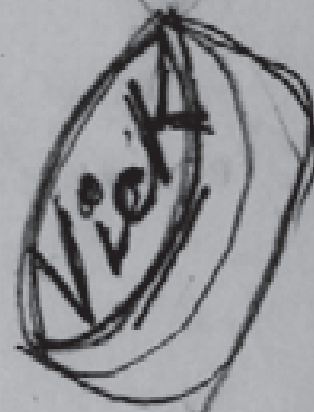
My dear Rabbi:

Thank you for your letter of the 7th. giving me the choice of three subjects for your lecture in Scranton on February the 24th. We have decided upon the "Great opportunity of American Israel". It seems to me that this lecture ought to be just the thing we need here.


May I ask you to send me as soon as possible any biographical material, which I can use for publicity purposes. It will be very helpful in arranging for a very large audience for the evening of the 24th. I am anxious to give you an overflow attendance.

Sincerely yours,

SAMUEL KUTTNER  
General Secretary



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February  
Seventeenth  
1921

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple, East 55th St. & Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Will you be good enough to let me know when you expect to arrive in Scranton on Thursday 24th, so that we can have one of our Board Members meet you at the station?

Let me know also when you expect to leave Scranton, and whether you wish us to make any railroad reservations for you.

Sincerely yours,

SAMUEL KUTTNER  
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OCCUPY MY PULPIT FRIDAY EVENING PLEASE WIRE ME ANSWER ALSO THE TRAIN  
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SCRANTON, PA.

February 28th 1921.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:-

When you were in Scranton you promised that you would let us have an abstract of your address which you delivered here? You made such a profound impression upon us that I feel as Editor of the Argus, that many of our readers who were unable to hear you should not lose the opportunity.

If you would be kind enough to write it or send it if you have it prepared, same would be appreciated. I took rather full notes of your lecture, but I feel you would rather not have me quote you.

Trusting to hear from you within a few days,

I beg to remain,

Appreciatively yours,

*Albert S. Rosenberg*

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March 2, 1921.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple, West 55th. St. & Central  
Cleveland Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Please pardon the delay in sending you the enclosed check of \$150.00, which I hope will cover all the expense which you incurred in coming to Scranton, of Thursday 24.

I hope you were not disappointed in the size of the audience, I was somewhat disappointed, but a good many people have felt that, everything considered, the audience was a good one. I want you to know, however, that what they lacked in size was made up in interest and enthusiasm. There has been nothing but praise for your address, and I am sure we all derived a great deal from it. You made a profound impression in Scranton.

I am sure that the next time you come here, our auditorium is going to be too small to hold all the people who will be anxious to hear you.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*Samuel Kuttner*  
SAMUEL KUTTNER  
General Secretary

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A. L. Schille

Scranton, ~~Ohio~~. *Penna.*

Cleveland, O. April 14, 1921

Regret exceedingly my inability to come in April or May.

A. H. Silver



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Brooks Building,  
Scranton, Pa., November 28, 1921.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
East 55th St. and Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:

At the expense of being called a nuisance  
I am again writing to you to ask you to please  
set aside one day any month this season for a  
lecture in Scranton.

We are very anxious to have you here, and  
I would consider it a great favor if you would  
advise me definitely when you can be with us.  
Of course you understand that the conditions are  
similar to those of last year, as far as expen-  
ditures are concerned.

Trusting to hear from you real soon, I am

Sincerely yours,

LJE/RBH

December 2nd, 1921.

Mr. Max J. Finklestein,  
440 Wyoming Avenue,  
Scranton, Pa.

My dear Mr. Finklestein,

I believe it would be possible  
for me to come and address your body on  
Monday February 27th. This is of course  
subject to cancellation. There is always  
something turning up and I don't want to  
feel myself absolutely bound. If that day  
is acceptable to you, please let me know.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

MAX J. FINKELSTEIN  
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Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
East 55th St. and Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

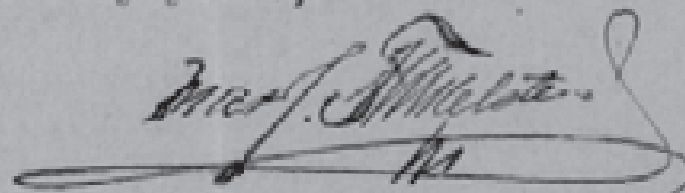
My dear Rabbi:

I have your favor of December 2, for which I thank you very much. Accordingly, I have set aside Monday, February 27, for your lecture.

I note your remark that this is, of course, subject to cancellation. Naturally, if anything turns up that prevents you from coming here, I shall be obliged to accept it with the grace of a good loser. However, if anything like that does occur, you will greatly oblige me by advising me two or three weeks in advance.

Anticipating the pleasure of seeing you, and with my personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



MJT/BBK

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January 28, 1922.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
East 55th and Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:

In connection with your coming here  
to address the Y. M. H. A. on Monday, February 27th,  
I would ask you, if it is possible, to be good  
enough and send me either a "cut" or a photograph  
of yourself, to be used for newspaper publicity.

Anticipating the pleasure of seeing  
you soon and with my personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Max J. Finkelstein*

MJF:RH

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February 16th  
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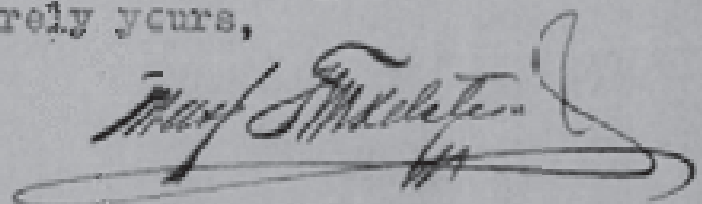
My dear Rabbi:

In connection with your lecture at our Y. M. H. A. on February 27th, May I ask you to be good enough and advise me as to the subject of your talk. Incidentally, will you permit me to suggest that the Jewish people of Scranton would particularly like to have you touch on Zionism in general.

You will confer a favor upon me by advising me in advance as to the exact time of your arrival in Scranton so that we may be at the station to receive you.

Anticipating the pleasure of seeing you soon and with my personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



MJF.RH



February Twenty-first  
1922

Mr. Max J. Finkelstein,  
Brooks Building,  
Scranton, Penna.

My dear Mr. Finkelstein,

Either one of the following lectures,  
I believe would be appropriate for your organiza-  
tion:

1. Christian and Jew - Will they ever meet?
2. Palestine as I saw it
3. Prejudice - How to meet it

Please select your subject and let me know.

I hope to arrive in Scranton some time  
Monday morning. I shall wire you the exact hour  
of my arrival.

Very sincerely yours,

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February  
Twenty-eighth  
1922

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
E. 55th St., & Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.  
c/o The Temple.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed please find check as per conversation with Mr. Finkelstein. The amount of the check is very small and I am sure that our people feel as I do that there is no money value on the lecture you delivered here.

With kindest personal regards and expectations of hearing you again in the near future, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

*Samuel Riskin*

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June 22, 1922

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
East 55th St., and Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:

If my memory has not failed me, you have promised me that you would set aside a day during the coming winter for a lecture at Scranton.

I am now arranging the schedule for the season, and it is only natural that we would like to have you on our program. Any day that will be convenient to you. (Of course, Sunday if possible will be better for us.)

In order that I may be able to arrange my schedule I would deem it a favor if you would advise me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely hoping that you will be with us, and with kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Max J. Finkelstein*  
CHAIRMAN.

MJP/MCM

June 27th, 1922.

Mr. Max J. Finkelstein,  
440 Wyoming Avenue,  
Scranton, Pa.

My dear Mr. Finkelstein,

It is indeed very kind of  
you and your organization to invite me  
to deliver another lecture at Scranton.  
I think I shall be able to come some day  
in February, not Sunday. My fee this year  
for lectures of this nature is \$150.

Trusting that you are well,  
I beg to remain,

Very sincerely yours,



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September 26, 1922

Rabbi A.H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
E. 55th St. W. Central,  
New York, New York.

My dear Rabbi:

Referring to your communication of a few months ago, in regards to our invitation to you to deliver another lecture in Scranton, I beg to say that we have set aside Tuesday, February 6th and Tuesday, February 13th, for your lecture. You may select either of these two dates that suits your convenience, and advise me as soon as possible.

Trusting that your response will be a favorable one, I am with personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

MJE/MCM

Chairman.

*Birbed*

October second, 1922

Mr. Max Finkelstein,  
Young Men's Hebrew Association,  
Scranton, Penna.

My dear Mr. Finkelstein,

I believe that I can come to you  
on Tuesday, February 13th, 1923.

I shall send you the subject of  
my address in ample time for purposes of publicity.

With kindest regards and wishing you  
a very happy New Year, I am

Very sincerely yours,

PRIVATE OFFICE OF  
**Samter Bros. Co.**  
SCRANTON - PA

Jan. 23, 1925.

Dr. A. H. Silver,  
East 55th, St. & Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:-

The Madison Ave. Temple of Scranton has recently organized a Brotherhood among its members and a meeting for organization of the officers and advisory committee was held last evening.

It is the plan of this committee to hold the first regular gathering in the form of a dinner at the Temple during the month of February and the date has been left open to permit of the best available program.

The committee feels that were you to consent to address this initial meeting a degree of enthusiasm could be obtained which could be secured in no other manner.

Knowing that you are to make an address at the Y.M.H.A. in our city on Tuesday, February 13, we are writing to urge that you address the Brotherhood of the Madison Ave. Temple on Monday, February 12, or Wednesday, February 14, on any topic of your choosing, which is of vital interest to Jewish men who have organized to more effectively express their Judaism.

Will you please advise us whether our organization may have the honor and privilege of having you as our guest on either of the above mentioned dates. For our convenience, February 12, is much preferred.

We earnestly hope that we may have a favorable reply, which we know will assure the success of our meeting.

Yours sincerely,

*Bertam J. Sauer.*

Chairman Program Committee  
Brotherhood of the Madison Ave. Temple.

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January 25, 1923

Rabbi A.H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
#. 55th St. & Central,  
New York, New York.



My dear Rabbi:

In connection with your coming to Scranton to lecture before the Y.M.H.A. on Feb. 13th, will you be good enough and advise me the subject of your address, and also the time of your arrival in Scranton, so that I may have the pleasure of meeting you at the station.

Looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you again, and with my very best wishes, I am

Most sincerely yours,

MJF/MCM

January 27th, 1923.

Mr. Bertram I. Sauter,  
Scranton, Pa.

My dear Mr. Sauter,

Please pardon the delay in acknowledging your letter of the 23rd. I have just returned, after a month's absence from the city.

I appreciate very much your kind invitation to address the Madison Avenue Temple Brotherhood. Unfortunately I am not in a position to accept it. I am booked in Erie on the 12th and in Reading on the 15th, and these are all the invitations which I will accept for the month of February. I am limiting the number of my engagements because of my prolonged absence from the city.

Thanking you again for your invitation, and hoping that your Brotherhood will meet with the success which it merits, I am

Very sincerely yours,



January 30th, 1923.

Mr. Max J. Finkelstein,  
440 Wyoming Avenue,  
Scranton, Pa.

My dear Mr. Finkelstein,

I am sending you a list of topics for my address. I do not recall the two which I delivered before your organization. Please designate the one which you deem most appropriate and let me know.

1. What has become of the Melting Pot?
2. Is Progress Possible?
3. Have we an American Civilization?
4. What has the Jew given to Christianity?
5. What has the Jew given to Europe?

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

MAX J. FINKELSTEIN  
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TELEPHONES

February 5, 1923

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 55th St. & Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:

Replying to yours of the 31st, I beg to say that none of the five subjects mentioned in your letter have been used by you on the two occasions you visited Scranton.

If I am not mistaken, two years ago you spoke on "Y.M.H.A. and Religious Work", and last year your subject was "Prejudice and How To Over-Come It."

This year I am expecting a mixed crowd of Jews and Gentiles, and I am really at a loss to advise you what subject to select. I will leave that entirely to you. Whatever you select will be satisfactory to me, -only let me know in advance, and also advise me when and what time you expect to be in Scranton.

Hoping to hear from you, I am

Sincerely yours,

MJF/M

*Max Finkelstein*

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February 6, 1923

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 55th St. & Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:

The Fellowship Club, of the Y.M.H.A., composed of about one hundred professional and business men, and who function along the lines of the Rotary and Kiwanis, would like to arrange for an informal reception and buffet luncheon, in the dining rooms of the Y.M.H.A. immediately after your lecture, next Tuesday night.

Of course, this little affair will be given entirely in your honor. Will you be good enough and advise me, by wire if possible, whether you have any objections to it?

Looking forward to the pleasure of again seeing you, and with my personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

MJF/M

*Max J. Finkelstein*  
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2/12/23

Max J. Finkelstein  
Brooks Bldg.,  
Scranton, Pa.

I shall be very happy to meet the members of the Fellowship  
Club of the Y.M.H.A. after my lecture Tuesday night.

A. H. Silver.



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February 15, 1923

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 55th St. & Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:

Enclosed please find check covering expense of your lecture at Scranton Y.M.H.A. last Tuesday.

I take advantage of this opportunity to reiterate my verbal remarks to you that your lecture last Tuesday evening was undoubtedly the very best we ever had in Scranton, and that the public and myself surely appreciated it. I hope we may have the pleasure of having you with us again in the near future.

With my personal regards, and with my very best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

MJF/M

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August  
Twentieth  
1923

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
East 55th St., and Central  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am arranging my schedule for this season and I would very much like to have you with us again. I would like to have you here in January or February or if that is not convenient for you, any date that you may select.

I would like to hear from you as soon as possible so that I can complete my schedule.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

SAMUEL RISKIN  
General Secretary

August 30th, 1923.

Mr. Samuel Riskin,  
440 Wyoming Ave.,  
Scranton, Pa.

My dear Mr. Riskin,

Permit me to thank you  
for your kindness in inviting me to  
address again the Young Men's Hebrew  
Association of Scranton. Unfortunately  
I shall be unable to avail myself of  
your kindness this year. I am tied down  
with our new Temple project to such a  
degree that I am compelled to forego the  
pleasure of accepting quite a number of  
invitations.

Hoping at some future time  
I may again be of service to you, I  
beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

E. LESTER MAN  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR-AT-LAW  
BROOKS BUILDING  
SCRANTON, PA.

Scranton, Pa.,  
September 27, 1923

Mr. Jesse Solomon,  
c/o Colonial Furniture Co.,  
2193 Ontario St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

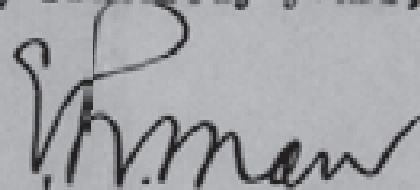
The writer has recently taken over the chairmanship of our local Y. M. H. A., Bureau of Education and one of the first things which we did was to write to Rabbi Silver inviting him to come to Scranton again this winter. To our intense disappointment Rabbi Silver has declined the invitation.

Your brother-in-law, Mr. Oscar Kleeman, has suggested that I write you in the hope that you might be able to persuade Rabbi Silver to reconsider his decision. There is such a great demand for him not only among all classes of our Jewish community but also among the better class of our non-Jewish neighbors as well. We feel that no educational program which we can arrange will be complete without the inclusion of your wonderfully gifted spiritual leader.

Won't you be so kind as to see Dr. Silver and endeavor to induce him to arrange to come to Scranton this season. Any time during the next five months which would be convenient to him could undoubtedly be arranged for at this end.

Trusting that this is not putting you to too great an inconvenience and thanking you in advance for your assistance, I am

Very sincerely yours,



ELM:ES

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October 21st, 1923.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
E. 55th St., & Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.  
c/o The Temple.

Dear Rabbi Silver;

Will you please confirm letter from Jesse Solomon stating that you would be with us on December 16th. If possible I would like to get your subject at this time.

I will mail you a copy of our monthly publication which I am sure you will find interesting.

Sincerely,

*Samuel Riskin*  
SAMUEL RISKIN  
General Secretary

October 24th, 1923.

Mr. S. Riskin,  
440 Wyoming Ave.,  
Scranton, Pa.

My dear Mr. Riskin,

I suggested the date of  
Monday, December 17th to Mr. Jesse  
Solomon. If the date is acceptable  
please let me know.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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October  
Twenty-ninth  
1923

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
East 55th Street and Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In reply to your letter of October 24th, I wish to say that the date you suggested, Monday December 17th, is satisfactory to us.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

SAMUEL RISKIN  
General Secretary

November 9th, 1933.

Mr. Samuel Riskin,  
440 Wyoming Ave.,  
Scranton, Pa.

My dear Mr. Riskin,

I regret exceedingly being compelled to cancel my engagement which I had made with your organization. Mrs. Silver has been ill the last ten days and has undergone a slight operation. I plan to spend the next few months at home and I am cancelling all the engagements which I have made. I am sorry that I am compelled to disappoint you and I hope that at some future time I may be of service to you.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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November 21, 1923

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
East 55th St. & Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Riskin of the Y. M. H. A. has turned over to me your letter of November 9th upon my return from out of town.

It is needless to say your letter was exceedingly disconcerting inasmuch as we have done considerable preliminary advertising and have made all arrangements for your lecture. You will also appreciate the fact that to obtain the services of another high class man to take your place at this short notice is practically impossible. Surely Mrs. Silver's condition will have improved sufficiently by December 17th to allow you to be away from home for the short time that a trip to Scranton would necessitate. After all the preliminary notices which we have given out of your visit and the interest which your many local admirers both Jew and Gentile have shown in your visit, we can hardly reconcile ourselves to the prospect of a cancellation by you.

May I not urge upon you a reconsideration of your decision. Mr. Oscar Kleeman has spoken very enthusiastically about several of your recent lectures and I have been figuring on asking you to deliver one of those, particularly your recent lecture regarding America's entry into European politics.

Won't you please let me hear from you on the matter at your earliest convenience?

Yours very truly,

ELM:ES

Address reply to  
406 Brooks Bldg.,  
Scranton, Pa.

CHAIRMAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

November 23rd, 1933.

Mr. E. Lester Man,  
405 Brooks Bldg.,  
Scranton, Pa.

My dear Mr. Man,

I was indeed very sorry to be compelled to cancel my engagement with you, but duties at home always must take precedence over lecture engagements abroad. Mrs. Silver has not yet returned home. She is now convalescing in Atlantic City. When she does return home I wish to spend most of the time with her. Scranton was not the only lecture engagement which I was compelled to cancel such against my wish. Such contingencies are unforeseen and one must submit to them.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

DAVID LANDAU  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW  
SCRANTON, PA.  
CONNELL BUILDING

November 30, 1923.

Rabbi Bernard Heller,  
1020 Linden Street,  
Scranton, Pa.

My dear Rabbi:

At a recent meeting of the <sup>Brotherhood</sup> Officers of the  
Madison Avenue Temple, I was asked to arrange for a  
Brotherhood dinner within the next few weeks. It was  
suggested that I get in touch with you and ask you to  
communicate with Rabbi Silver, to see whether you could  
not induce him to attend a Brotherhood dinner, about  
6 or 6:30 P.M. on December 17th.

As you know Rabbi Silver will speak before the  
Y.M.H.A. on that date. He can be assured that we will  
deliver him to the Y.M.H.A. Building in time, and that  
our membership will attend his lecture in a body after  
the conclusion of our dinner. We realize that we could  
hardly ask Rabbi Silver for an address, but any brief  
informal talk at the Dinner, touching the purposes and  
advantages of the Brotherhood, would be appreciated.

Will you kindly advise me as soon as possible  
what the prospects are of obtaining Rabbi Silver on this  
occasion, so that the Dinner could be arranged accordingly.

Very sincerely yours,

*David Landau*

L-S.



MADISON AVENUE TEMPLE

SCRANTON, PA.

BERNARD HELLER, RABBI

Dec. 1/23

My dear Silver,

The enclosed letter is self explanatory.

Try to come. We will appreciate it. A society as well as <sup>an</sup> individual, feels happy when it is allowed the opportunity to express <sup>its</sup> ~~their~~ love to one who has earned it. You have earned it. And Scranton Jewry (both those who have the miles of 010/0 12/21 as well as those who appear in a more dignified or a more lucrative role) beg you to give them this opportunity.

With regards to Mrs. Silver, I remain  
your friendly  
Bernard Heller

Please reply at once.

MADISON AVENUE TEMPLE

SCRANTON, PA.

BERNARD HELLER, RABBI

P.S.

Come a little early + you  
can look over the books that I  
purchased in Europe last summer.  
Some of them are on Chassidism +  
mysticism. If they can be of service  
in your work ~~they~~ you will be  
welcome to them.

December 4th, 1923.

Rabbi Bernard Heller,  
1020 Linden Ave.,  
Scranton, Pa.

My dear Bernard,

I wish I could accept the gracious invitation of the Brotherhood of your Temple. Unfortunately I was compelled to cancel my engagement with the Y.M.H.A. My new Temple is keeping me very busy as you may well imagine and I have been compelled to cancel quite a number of my engagements. I hope that at some future time I may be of service to you. When I am in Scranton next I shall be very happy to look over your newly acquired books. Thanks for your offer.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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December 13, 1923

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
East 55th St. & Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My Dear Rabbi Silver:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 23rd and trust that Mrs. Silver is showing a satisfactory improvement in health.

It is needless to state that we have been very disappointed over the cancellation of your lecture date for December 17th. I understand that you are coming east sometime in March and if you could arrange to lecture in Scranton on the same trip, we would be very greatly pleased. If my memory serves me rightly, you are booked to speak on a Thursday night. If you could speak in Scranton on the preceding Wednesday or Tuesday evening, we would be glad to make the necessary arrangements. Will you please let me hear from you regarding the same.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

E. LESTER MAN  
CHAIRMAN EDUCATIONAL BUREAU

ELM:ES

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February 21, 1924

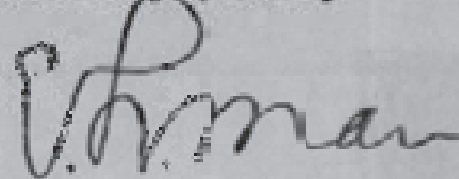
Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
East 55th St. & Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

At the last meeting of the Board of Directors of the Y. M. H. A., Mr. Kleeman advised the Board that you were again accepting speaking engagements. The Board unanimously urged me to communicate with you at once with reference to an engagement sometime in April. The Board will give me the auditorium for any Sunday evening in April. However, if any of those dates are inconvenient for you, please let me know what dates you can give us and I will try to arrange matters accordingly at this end.

With kindest regards and awaiting a prompt reply, I am

Sincerely yours,



E. LESTER MAN  
CHAIRMAN EDUCATIONAL BUREAU

ELM:ES



March Fifth, 1924

Mr. E. Lester Mann,  
Brooks Building,  
Scranton, Penna.

My dear Mr. Mann,

Permit me to thank you for your letter of February twenty-first.. I regret that I shall not be able to accept any more speaking engagements this year. Perhaps next year there may be an opportunity for me to be of service to you.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

# Young Men's Hebrew Association

440 WYOMING AVENUE  
SCRANTON, PA.

ABRAM S. MAGIDA,  
Executive Director

JOHN BLUME,  
Secretary for Girls' Work

June 4, 1924.

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

Dear Rabbi:

We are at the present time beginning to make arrangements for our lecture course to be given during the coming season.

You may possibly recall that you were to be with us during the season just ended but were prevented from coming by circumstances unfortunately beyond our control. The Scranton community is very desirous of having the pleasure of listening to you. Can you at the present time say whether or not you will be able to be with us during the coming season, particularly during the latter part of October or in November. Awaiting the pleasure of hearing from you, I am

Sincerely yours,

A. S. MAGIDA  
Executive Director

ASM/LC

June 9th, 1924.

Mr. A. S. Magida,  
440 Wyoming Ave.,  
Scranton, Pa.

My dear Mr. Magida,

Permit me to thank you for your letter of June 4 and for the invitation which you extend to me to participate in your lecture course next year. I cannot at the present writing definitely say whether I can come or not. My plans for next year are very indefinite. If you will write me again in the early fall I shall give you a definite answer then.

with kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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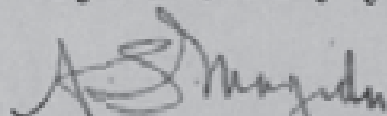
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 55th St., and Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Permit me to refer you to our previous correspondence in reference to your participating in our lecture course here during the season 1924-25. I sincerely trust that by this time conditions have so shaped themselves that you can state more definitely whether or not you will be able to participate in the course.

Hoping to hear from you shortly, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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September

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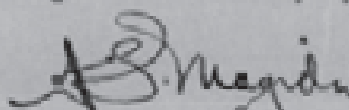
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 55th St., and Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On August 20th last I wrote you  
as per copy attached and sincerely regret that up  
to the present moment I have not had the pleasure of  
your reply.

Very sincerely yours,



A. S. MAGIDA  
Executive Director

ASM/LC

Scranton, Pa.

September 13th, 1924.

Mr. A. S. Magida,  
440 Wyoming Ave.,  
Scranton, Pa.

My dear Mr. Magida,

Permit me to acknowledge your kind letter. I cannot at the present writing say whether I shall be able to come to Scranton this year or not. My work here, incidental to the opening of the New Temple, is so great that I cannot definitely accept any engagements for the coming year.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,



MAX J. FINKELSTEIN  
INSURANCE  
Central ~~Y.M.H.A.~~ BUILDING  
140 WASHINGTON AVENUE  
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

Scranton, Pa. December, 23, 1924.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio,

My dear Rabbi Silver:

During the month of January 1925 our Y. M. H. A. will celebrate the Fifteenth Anniversary of its inception with a banquet.

The "Boys" feel, and I share in their views that there is no one in the country more "entitled" to be the principal speaker on that occasions than Rabbi Silver. However, knowing how busy a man you are, we have decided to allow you to name the day and date in January. In other words, that banquet will be arranged on any evening that you can conveniently come and address us.

It will be a great disappointment to every one and to myself if you attempt to decline. So please advise me at once just when you can be with us. (It being clearly understood that all expenditures connected with it, as usual, will be defrayed by us.)

Hoping that you will see your way clear to be with us and with my kindest personal regards, I am,

Most cordially yours,

*Max J. Finkelstein*

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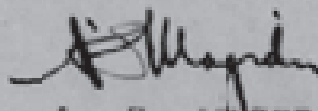
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It has been some years since our Association has had the privilege of hearing you lecture in our auditorium, and I am writing at this time to find out whether it will be at all possible for you to come here some time during the second week of December or of January. I have had an untold number of requests for me to make every possible attempt to secure your presence here. I realize, of course, that you have many more calls of this sort than you can possibly take care of, but I do hope that you will be able this year to make the necessary arrangements to be with us either at the time above indicated or at such other date as is more convenient for yourself.

Trusting to hear from you at an early date, I am

Respectfully yours,



A. S. MAGIDA  
Executive Director

ASM:SS



September Twenty-seventh  
1925

Mr. Abram S. Magida,  
Young Men's Hebrew Association,  
440 Wyoming Avenue,  
Scranton, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr. Magida,

I have your kind letter of September twenty-second and thank you for the invitation it contains. It may be possible for me to give you a date in February.

My remuneration would be \$150.00 and traveling expenses. If the terms and the time are satisfactory, kindly let me know at your earliest convenience and I will send you a list of lecture subjects.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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September  
Twenty-ninth  
1925

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am very happy to receive your letter of September 27th stating that it will be possible for you to give us a date in February. If you can possibly make it either during the week of February 7th or February 21st it would fall in just splendidly with our program.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience the list of lecture subjects.

Very sincerely yours,

A. S. MAGIDA  
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October  
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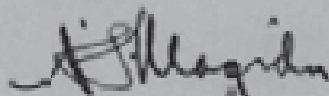
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I respectfully you to your letter of September 27th and my reply, copy of which is hereto attached. I regret that I have not as yet let me have your list of subjects nor a definite date.

I assure you that this information would be most thoroughly appreciated.

Yours very truly,



A. S. MAGIDA  
Executive Director

ASM/LC

October Twenty-second  
1925

Mr. Abram S. Magida,  
Young Men's Hebrew Association,  
440 Wyoming Avenue,  
Scranton, Penna.

My dear Mr. Magida,

Replying to your letter of October  
fifteenth permit me to say that I have definitely  
scheduled Monday evening, February 8th, for the  
Y.M.H.A. at Scranton.

I would suggest as the subject of  
my lecture-

WHY BELIEVERS ARE AFRAID OF EVOLUTION

Please let me know if this meets with  
your approval.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,



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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Replying to yours of October 22nd,  
I am very glad to note that you have set aside February  
8th for us.

Both the date and the subject you have chosen are  
quite agreeable.

Assuring you that the membership of our associa-  
tion looks forward with extreme pleasure to the date  
of your coming, I am

Sincerely yours,

A. S. MAGIDA  
Executive Director

ASM/LC

Paid Day Letter

January 31st, 1926

Abram S. Magida

Young Men's Hebrew Association

440 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, Penna.

At the advice of my physician I am compelled to cancel my lecture tour of the week of February eighth. I regret exceedingly that I shall not be able to be with you. Perhaps later in the year I may be able to come.

A. H. Silver

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February  
First  
1926

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
East 55th Street and Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I regret deeply the fact that you are not well enough to be with us on Monday, February 8. The people of Scranton who have been looking forward to your visit with much interest and anticipated pleasure, will be greatly disappointed when I make public the fact that you are unable to appear.

I sincerely hope, however, that you will soon be strong and well again, and that you will continue in good health.

If possible, I would appreciate your suggesting some future date when you feel you will be able to lecture in Scranton.

Very sincerely yours,

*Samuel Shair*

SAMUEL SHAIR  
Executive Director

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East 55th & Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As field secretary of Pennsylvania, I have been requested by the Executive Council of the Pennsylvania Federation of YMHAs and YWHAs to invite you to deliver an address at the coming convention of the Federation which will be held in Scranton on October 24th and 25th. It is desired that you speak on the occasion of the convention banquet on Monday evening, October 25th, at which we expect to have an attendance of five hundred representatives from Pennsylvania.

The officers and members of the Pennsylvania Federation, and the Jewish community of Scranton, particularly, would deem it an honor and a pleasure to have you present. Of course it is understood that your regular honorarium will be paid as well as your traveling expenses.

Sincerely yours,

*Isadore Abelson*  
ISADORE ABELSON  
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September Twelfth  
1926

Mr. Isadore Abelson,  
Field Secretary,  
Jewish Welfare Board,  
352 Fourth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Abelson,

I regret very much that I am unable to accept the kind invitation which you extend to me to address the coming convention of the Federation of YMHAs and YWEAs of Pennsylvania, to be held in Scranton on October 24th and 25th.

The month of October is an exceedingly busy one for me. I am already booked for a number of speaking engagements during the month and as many of the important activities of my Temple will open up during October, I feel that I cannot accept any additional engagements which will take me out of Cleveland.

I trust there may be an occasion at some future time when I may be in a position to serve you.

With kindest regards wishing you a happy New Year, I am

Very sincerely yours.



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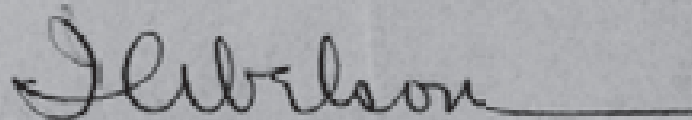
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have your letter of  
September 12th, and I am very  
sorry indeed that you are unable  
to accept the invitation to ad-  
dress the coming convention of  
the Pennsylvania Federation of  
YMHAs and YWHAs.

This information is  
going to be a keen disappoint-  
ment to those who hoped that you  
might find it possible to accept.  
However, we hope that we will  
have better fortune at a future  
date.

With cordial greetings  
and best wishes for the New Year,  
I remain

Sincerely yours,

  
ISADORE ABELSON  
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February 1st, 1927.

Rabbi Hilel Silver,  
Cleveland Temple,  
East 105th St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver,

As a part of our programme to interpret the work of this agency to the community, we are planning to have a public meeting in the latter part of April or the first part of May. I am wondering if you could come to Scranton for this meeting? We could arrange a definite date to suit your convenience and hold the meeting on most any day of the week that would be most convenient for you.

The meeting is patterned after the Spring meeting of the Cleveland Associated Charities. Last year we had a similar meeting with an attendance of nearly two hundred. This group was most representative of the community. I believe that practically all of our leading influential citizens were present. Mrs. John Glenn addressed the meeting, her title being "Case Work." I feel quite confident that we could have a much larger group present at such a meeting this Spring, especially if you could arrange to be here to present your interpretation of case work.

I realize that this is a big favor we are asking of you and my only justification for it is, that I believe your interpretation of case work would be helpful in the development of family case work in Scranton. I believe further that your coming to Scranton would help not only our agency, but the whole case work field.

I have met Rabbi Heller and have had several evenings with him discussing various problems. He spent last Sunday evening in our home and told something of his trip to Mexico.

Rabbi Silver

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If you come to Scranton, I am sure your visit will be of lasting benefit to the City. We will endeavor to work out the details of the arrangement so as to make it as convenient as possible for you.

Very sincerely yours,

*Clarence A. Pretzer*  
(Clarence A. Pretzer)

CAP:AMB

General Secretary.



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February 21, 1927

Mr. Clarence A. Pretzer,  
% Family Welfare Bureau,  
420 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,  
Scranton, Pennsylvania

My dear Mr. Pretzer,

I wish I could see my way clear to accept your kind invitation to address the Scranton Family Welfare Bureau at a public meeting either April or May. Had you written to me earlier in the season I might have arranged for it, as it is my schedule is more than crowded for the remainder of the season.

Mr. Lynde of the Cleveland Associated Charities spoke to me about your organization and I assure you that I would gladly have come if it were at all possible. Perhaps next season I may be able to be of service to you.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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February  
Twenty-third  
1927

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was very sorry indeed to learn from Mr. Pretzer, Executive Director of the Family Bureau, that you find it impossible to accept his invitation to speak in Scranton this year.

Our membership have not yet forgotten your past visits to our city, and are very anxious to hear you again. I would appreciate it, therefore, if you could arrange a definite date for next year with Mr. Pretzer.

Very truly yours,

SAMUEL SHAIR  
Executive Director



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February Twenty-Third  
Nineteen Twenty-Seven

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

My dear Rabbi Heller:

I have your letter of February 21st.

We are certainly sorry to learn that you will be unable to be present at our meeting this year. However, we sincerely hope you will be able to come some time; *because* we feel that the message you would bring would be very helpful.

I have talked with the Chairman of our Publicity Committee and we would like to extend at this time an invitation for you to come in 1928, at some convenient time in April, if possible.

I telephoned Mr. Shair, of the Y. M. H. A. He also would be very happy to extend his invitation for next year at this time.

I spoke to several people about the possibility of your coming before I received your letter and they were all extremely happy about it. I am sure they will be disappointed, as we all are. There will be a great deal of consolation, however, in the hope that you may be able to come next season.

Yours sincerely,

*Clarence A. Pretzer*  
Clarence A. Pretzer,  
General Secretary.

CAP.I

MAX J. FINKELSTEIN  
BROOKS BUILDING  
SCRANTON, PA.

March 26th 1928

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D.D.  
c.o. The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi;

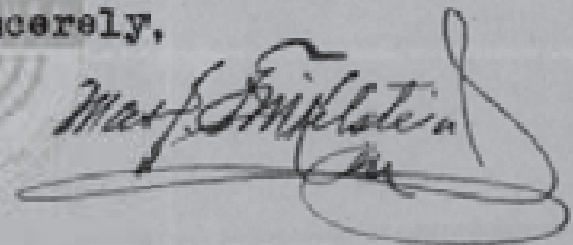
Sometime last fall, when I invited you to lecture in Scranton, you advised me that this season was overcrowded with engagements, but that you may find it possible to be with us next season.

Accordingly, may I ask you to be good enough and set an evening aside for us any date convenient to you either in the fall or winter?

I trust that your response will be a favorable one.

With my very best regards, I beg to remain,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Max J. Finkelstein", with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

MJF:MS

March 28th, 1928

Mr. Max J. Finkelstein,  
Brooks Bldg.,  
Scranton, Pa.

My dear Mr. Finkelstein:-

It may be possible for me to  
come to Scranton on Tuesday evening, Dec. 11th.  
My honorarium would be \$250.

If the date and terms are accept-  
able please let me know and I will definitely  
schedule your organization.

With kindest regards and best  
wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/TR

MAX J. FINKELSTEIN  
BROOKS BUILDING  
SCRANTON, PA.

April 2, 1928.

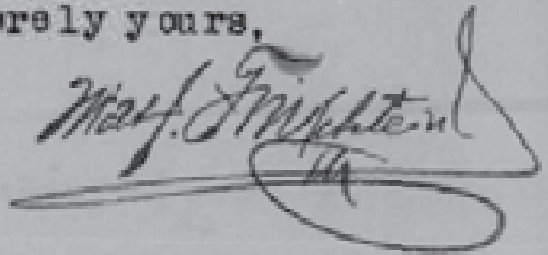
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:

The date, December 11th, and  
your terms are acceptable. Accordingly,  
you will be good enough and please place  
us on your calendar for that time.

Looking forward with keen delight  
to your visit here, and with my personal  
regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Max J. Finkelstein". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Max J. Finkelstein". The signature is quite fluid and extends to the right, with a large loop at the end.

MFJ:S

card

April 6th, 1928.

Mr. Max J. Finkelstein,  
Brooks Bldg.,  
Scranton, Pa.

My dear Mr. Finkelstein:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt  
of your letter of April 2d and to confirm the  
date of December 11th for Rabbi Silver's  
visit to Scranton.

With kindest regards, permit me  
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



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# Young Men's Hebrew Association

440 WYOMING AVENUE

SCRANTON, PA.

May  
Thirty-First  
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
E. 105th at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We have just learned that there is a possibility of your speaking in Wilkes-Barre sometime in November. If this is true, may we induce you to arrange to come to our city on the following day, or the day before?

It is about three years since you have visited us, and during this period whenever the need for a speaker has arisen your name has been the first to be mentioned. Our efforts, however, to have you come were of no avail. This time since you will be very close by, we hope that you will find it convenient to honor us with your presence.

The announcement that you would speak in our building would be received by our membership with unbounded enthusiasm. Please make it possible for us to assure them of this pleasure.

May we hope for a favorable reply soon?

Very sincerely yours,

*Samuel Shair*

SAMUEL SHAIR  
Executive Director

*Forward them  
Tuesday May 11  
See Conference*

card.

June 4th, 1928.

Mr. Samuel Shair,  
440 Wyoming Ave.,  
Scranton, Pa.

My dear Mr. Shair:-

Permit me to acknowledge your kind letter of May 31st inviting me to address the Young Men's Hebrew Association of Scranton, Pa.

On March 26th Mr. Max J. Finkelstein sent me a similar invitation presumably for a lecture course of the Y. M. H. A. I told him that it would be possible for me to come to Scranton on December 11th. I received word from Mr. Finkelstein on April 2d that the date and terms, (my honorarium is \$250.) were acceptable.

I wonder whether the two invitations are for the same organization. If they are, then I am definitely holding the date of December 11th for your organization.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

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Oct. 18th, 1928

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Samuel Shair, who is the executive secretary of our Y. M. H. A. told me a week or so ago that you were planning to come to Scranton to give a lecture on the night of December 11th. I, of course, immediately thought that this would be a wonderful opportunity for us to have you address our membership at a luncheon meeting on the same day. I, therefore, got in touch with Mr. Max Finkelstein, who is chairman of the Education Committee of the Y.M.H.A. and secured his permission to invite you to address a luncheon meeting.

It is particularly important that our association's work be interpreted properly to the community. We have grown very rapidly during the last few years. For instance, in 1928 our total expenditures were \$49,000. This year they will be \$90,000. We anticipate that next year they will be only slightly less than \$100,000. This rapid growth has caused us to be the center of a great deal of attention as well as a great deal of wondering of what it is all about.

At our board of directors' meeting yesterday they authorized me to invite you to address a meeting of our members. Our membership consists of about two hundred people, and I expect that there would be about that number in attendance at this meeting.


I realize that to give a talk at noon will require additional preparation and effort on your part for which we would like to compensate you. I also realize that we are not in a position to pay your regular fee for a lecture, which I understand is somewhere between \$100 to \$150.

I would, therefore, like to have you tell us what you would be willing to do this for.

The only through train from Cleveland, arriving in Scranton in time for you to give your evening lecture gets here at 10:10 in the morning so that a luncheon engagement would not require any additional time away from Cleveland.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to accept this invitation and that we will be privileged to have you address us on December 11th.

Very sincerely,

  
(Clarence A. Pretzer)  
General Secretary

CAP:F



*Carol*

Oct. 22d, 1928.

Mr. Clarence A. Pretzer,  
Family Welfare Ass'n.,  
420 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,  
Scranton, Penna.

My dear Mr. Pretzer:-

Permit me to thank you for your  
kind invitation to address The Family Welfare  
Association at noon on December 11th. I shall  
be very pleased to be with you.

Concerning my honorarium, permit  
me to say that my customary honorarium is \$250.  
for a lecture. That is what the Scranton Y. M.  
H. A. is paying me. I shall be very happy to  
cut that amount down to \$100. for your Association.

With kindest regards, permit me  
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



Nov. 15th, 1928.

Mr. Clarence A. Pretzer,  
Family Welfare Association,  
420 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,  
Scranton, Penna.

My dear Mr. Pretzer:-

Permit me to thank you for  
your kind letter of November 14th. I shall  
be very happy to be with you for your noon  
luncheon on December 11th.

I am grateful to you for  
sending me some suggestions which I shall be  
glad to incorporate in my address.

Very sincerely yours,

AMS/IR

MAX J. FINKELSTEIN  
INSURANCE  
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SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

November 21st  
1928

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

My dear Rabbi;

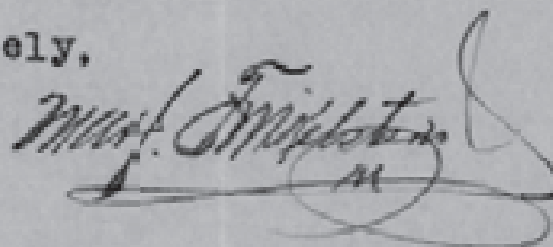
In connection with your coming visit to Scranton on December the 11th, I would like to ask you to be good enough and advise me what subject you have selected for that evening.

Would appreciate if you will mail a photo of yourself to be used for a cut for the press.

If you will be good enough to advise me the time of your arrival in Scranton, I shall be delighted to meet you at the station.

Looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you and with my personal regards, I am,

Sincerely,



MJF:MS.

Nov. 22d, 1928.

Mr. Samuel Shair,  
440 Wyoming Ave.,  
Scranton, Pa.

My dear Mr. Shair:-

Under date of June 4th, Rabbi Silver wrote to you regarding his address before your group on December 11th as follows:-

"On March 26th Mr. Max J. Finkelstein sent me a similar invitation presumably for a lecture course of the Y. M. H. A. I told him that it would be possible for me to come to Scranton on Dec. 11th. I received word from Mr. Finkelstein on April 2d that the date and terms, (my honorarium is \$250.) were acceptable.

I wonder whether the two invitations are for the same organization. If they are, then I am definitely holding the date of Dec. 11th for your organization."

Up to this time we have not had a reply to this letter. Will you kindly let me hear from you.

With kindest regards, permit me  
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

Nov. 23d, 1928.

Mr. Max J. Finkelstein,  
Miller Bldg.,  
Scranton, Penna.

My dear Mr. Finkelstein:-

The subject of my address will  
be "Liberalism at the Crossroads."

I will wire you the time of my  
arrival.

Under separate cover I am also  
sending you a photograph.

With kindest regards, permit me  
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Miss Irene Rothenberg,  
Secretary to Rabbi Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Miss Rothenberg:

Under date of June 6th, I wrote in answer to Rabbi Silver's letter of June 4th as follows:

"It was not until a few days after I had written to you that I learned from Mr. Max J. Finkelstein, much to my surprise and pleasure, that you had already accepted his invitation to speak in our Y.M.H.A.

The announcement of your acceptance of our invitation will be greeted with much enthusiasm, and our entire community, I am sure, will be looking forward with interest to meeting you again on December 11th."

The above letter apparently did not reach its destination, and I am sorry if this unfortunate happening has caused the Rabbi any unnecessary concern. Please reassure him that I will cooperate with Mr. Finkelstein to make his stay in Scranton pleasant.

With most cordial greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Samuel Shair*  
SAMUEL SHAIR  
Executive Director

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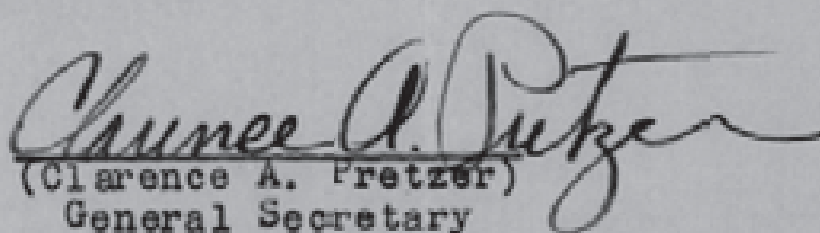
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I neglected to say in my previous correspondence anything about the length of time for your address at our luncheon meeting.

Our committee is anxious to have the meeting adjourn as near one-thirty as possible. I feel quite confident that all the preliminaries could be finished by twelve-fifth, which would leave forty minutes for your address.

We are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to your coming.

Sincerely,

  
(Clarence A. Pretzer)  
General Secretary

CAP:F

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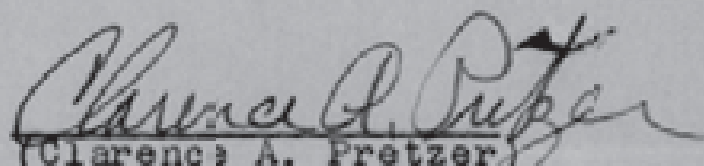
My dear Rabbi Silver:

I have enclosed the checks covering your honorarium for the lecture you gave at our luncheon meeting.

We very deeply appreciated your doing this for us and I feel that it has been tremendously helpful. I think it did a great deal to interpret our work, especially to the trustees and budget committees of the Community Chest, whom I believe got a new conception of family social work from your lecture.

With Best Wishes for a Happy New Year.

Very sincerely,

  
(Clarence A. Pretzer)  
General Secretary

CAP:F

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# TEMPLE ISRAEL

MONROE AVE. AND GIBSON ST.  
SCRANTON, PA.

Office Of  
RABBI MAX ARZT

Dec. 16, 1930

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
c/o The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I do not know whether you are personally acquainted with me though I have had the pleasure of meeting you a number of times at various gatherings. Suffice it to say that I am a very personal friend of our mutual friend Rabbi Bernard Heller. Therefore, I hope you will give this letter your prompt attention.

About one year ago I helped to establish in this community a Central Talmud Torah which has its sessions at the Y. M. E. A. and which endeavors to afford an intensive Hebraic Jewish education to the unschooled children of the community. In a short space of one year, the school has enrolled 175 pupils without affecting the registration of the Hebrew school connected with my own Congregation. This Central Talmud Torah is supported ~~partially~~ by the local Jewish Federation and by the tuition fees received from some of the children. The only way of meeting the expense is to enroll a large number of annual members.

We are now preparing to hold a drive for this purpose. The committee met last night and they are of the opinion that your standing in this community is so high that if we could induce you to address a mass meeting for the Talmud Torah our problem would be solved. The tentative date set for that mass meeting is January 18th but ofcourse we shall be glad to change it subject to your suggestion.

Will you kindly write me by return mail just when you could come and what remuneration you would expect. I personally am very much interested in the success of this Talmud Torah and I would consider it a great favor if you could crowd this engagement into your multifarious activities.

With best Chanukah greetings, I remain,

Cordially yours,

*Max Arzt*  
Rabbi Max Arzt

MA:PH

card  
Dec. 18th, 1930

Rabbi Max Arst,  
Temple Israel,  
Scranton, Pa.

My dear Rabbi Arst:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of Dec. 16th and for the invitation which you extend to me. I wish I could see my way clear to accept it.

Unfortunately I am so over-whelmed with lecture engagements that I can not in justice to myself accept any more.

I am devoting considerable time to the Allied Jewish Campaign and to Zionist work, as well as to numerous other activities which make great demands on my time. I must therefore forego the pleasure of being with you.

Trusting that I may be of service to you at some future time and with kindest regards and best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/ER



HENRY H. CRANE  
ELM PARK PARSONAGE  
SCRANTON, PA.

May 2, 1932.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Each year on the Thursday evenings of January and February, in the Elm Park Church, we conduct a rather pretentious educational program which we designate as our "Annual Mid-Winter Institute." The enclosed pamphlet of last year's program will show its essential nature.

We are exceedingly anxious to secure your services as a special lecturer for the eight o'clock hour on some Thursday evening during the months of January and February.

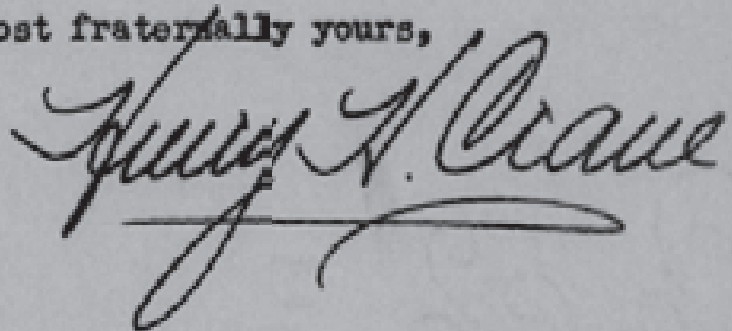
We are in a position to pay an honorarium of \$50.00 and expenses. We wish it were more, but unfortunately the depression has hit us quite severely in this particular region.

As you doubtless know, Scranton is a city in which virtually every social, economic, industrial, religious and racial problem is to be found in fairly acute form. We are sincerely attempting to make a valid contribution in the solution of some of these problems and we feel that a message from you would be of particular significance. Would you, therefore, give us an option of two or three dates for this coming year?

I do hope you will be able to accept our urgent invitation for it would be most gratifying to me, personally, and of immeasurable benefit to the community. We may take up later the matter of subject. Just now I am most concerned with securing your consent to be with us.

With every good wish to you always, I am

Most fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Henry H. Crane". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

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



card

April

May 5th, 1932

Dr. H. H. Crane,  
Elm Park Parsonage,  
Scranton, Pa.

My dear Dr. Crane:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of May 2d and for the invitation which you extend to me to participate in your Annual Mid-Winter Institute some time during the months of January and February of next year.

I should have been very happy to accept your invitation but I shall be out of the country the whole of next year. My congregation has recently granted me a sabbatical year in recognition of my fifteen years of service and I shall leave the country in October of this year and will not return until the Fall of 1933.

Perhaps I may be of service to you at some future time.

With kindest regards and best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

HENRY H. CRANE  
ELM PARK PARSONAGE  
SCRANTON, PA.

May 11, 1932.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th Street at Angel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your gracious letter.

While we are keenly disappointed that we are not to have you with us this coming January we are happy, indeed, to know that you are to have such a glorious vacation. We hope that it will measure up to your highest expectations.

We are looking forward, however, to having you with us in 1934. Won't you keep us in mind?

With every good wish to you always, I am

Most sincerely yours,

*Henry H. Crane*



# For Human Needs ---

SCRANTON  
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Thirteenth Annual ---

Community Chest Campaign

November 16 to 27, 1933 ---

418 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.

October 3, 1933.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

OK

Dear Rabbi Silver:

A few days ago I saw you at the Washington Human Needs Conference. I was pleased indeed to know that you are still so close to the Welfare Federation, of Cleveland, my old home town.

Yesterday at a meeting of our Campaign Executive Committee, I was asked to invite you to come to Scranton to address a meeting of about 4000 workers at the opening of our Campaign, Thursday evening, November 16th. I am backed up in this request by Dr. Henry H. Crane, who is a member of our Campaign Committee, and by Rabbi Max Arzt, one of our progressive social thinkers and workers. As we talked of those who might be able to help us, we all felt that you could do so more than anyone else, so we are urgently inviting you to come.

We would give you an honorarium and pay expenses. We would like to know whether you could come and what honorarium you would expect.

We just feel that you will consider this invitation very kindly, and we all look forward to hearing that you can come.

Very sincerely yours,

D. W. WEIST  
Secretary.

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MONROE AVE. AND GIBSON ST.  
SCRANTON, PA.

Office Of  
RABBI MAX ARZT

Oct. 3, 1933

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Colleague:

I am informed by the officers of the 1933 Community Chest Drive that they are very desirous of having you deliver the principal address at the opening of the Community Chest drive Thursday evening November 16th. This meeting is usually attended by 3500 people. On your previous visits to Scranton you made so indelible impression on Jews and gentiles alike that they sent a committee to me asking me to induce you to accept this invitation. I told them to write you a letter and I promised them that I would write you at the same time.

It is quite a few years since your last visit to Scranton and it would give us all a great deal of joy and honor if you could accept the invitation. We have a remarkable community here, in which the denominations work harmoniously together for the common good. I am convinced that your presence would help a great deal to give our 1933 effort a most auspicious initiation. May I personally urge you to accept this invitation? Will you also write me what honorarium you expect to receive.

I want to extend to you my best wishes for a successful year of endeavor. I remain

Cordially yours,

*Max Arzt*  
Rabbi Max Arzt

MA:PH



October 10, 1933.

Mr. D.W. Weist, Secretary,  
Community Chest Campaign,  
418 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,  
Scranton, Pa.

My dear Mr. Weist:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter and for your invitation to address your campaign organization on November 16th. I wish that I were free to come. I would be delighted to render whatever service I can to your fine cause. Unfortunately I am so over-crowded with lecture engagements during the next few weeks and with work in connection with the German-Jewish situation that I simply cannot accept any additional obligations. Perhaps you will keep me in mind at some future time.

With all good wishes to you and Rabbi Max Arst, and with kindest personal regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK



October 10, 1933.

Rabbi Max Arst,  
Temple Israel,  
Monroe Ave. and Gibson St.,  
Scranton, Pa.

My dear Rabbi Arst:

I have just written to Mr. Weist of your Community Fund organization expressing my great regret at my inability to come to Scranton. I am so terrifically busy these days with local duties and out-of-town activities that I simply cannot take on any additional lecture engagements. I should very much like to come to Scranton and perhaps at some future time, when the pressure of work will be much less than it is now, I will have the opportunity.

With all good wishes for a happy new year, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:RK

# TEMPLE ISRAEL

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DR. MAX ARIT  
RABBI

February 14, 1936

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

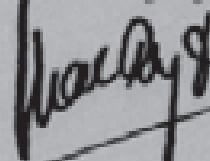
I have been associated with my present congregation in Scranton for 12 years. Nearly every year I have made attempts to bring you to our community. All these years I have not succeeded in inducing you to come.

This year we want you to deliver an address here, at some date convenient to you, for the purpose of giving us an opportunity to realize some funds for our Hebrew School through the sale of admission tickets. The school faces a deficit due to the fact that we have restored the cuts in our teacher's salaries. We believe that we can attract a large audience of Jews and Gentiles to hear you..

Please write me what dates you have open and what honorarium you would expect. I beg of you not to turn us down this time. You will of course select a subject of general interest.

Trusting to hear from you soon, I remain

Cordially yours,



MA:HW

February 18, 1936

Dr. Max Arzt,  
Temple Israel,  
Monroe Ave. and Gibson St.,  
Scranton, Pa.

My dear Dr. Arzt:

Let me thank you for your kind letter and for the invitation to address a meeting in your community for the benefit of your Hebrew Schools. I appreciate deeply that you have been inviting me ~~now~~ for a few years and I regret equally that I have been unable to accept your invitations in the past. I wish I could accept it now. Unfortunately my lecture program for the remainder of the season is terribly over-crowded and on top of it all I have recently accepted the Co-Chairmanship of the United Palestine Appeal Campaign which will involve me in considerable campaigning and traveling in the next few months.

Please keep me in mind for some future occasion. With all good wishes for success in your work, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

1807 Vine St.,  
Scranton, Pa.  
July 3, 1936.

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

Dear Dr. Silver,

We would very much like to have you come to Scranton any time during November - suitable to yourself.

It is our intention to open our Junior Hadassah season with a formal membership dinner with you as guest speaker.

The members of the board could think of no better way to start the year's work than by being able to present

your inspiring person  
to the members of  
our group. We feel  
that your presence  
would be a wonderful  
way to reach the  
girls who as yet are  
not a part of Junior  
Hadassah.

I can't begin to  
tell you just how much  
it would mean to all  
of us to have you come  
to Scranton. Please  
let me hear from  
you at your earliest  
convenience.

Sincerely,  
Lois Miller

Cultural Chairman



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# 25th Annual Pennsylvania Middle Atlantic Federation Convention November 10-12, 1934

July 6, 1934

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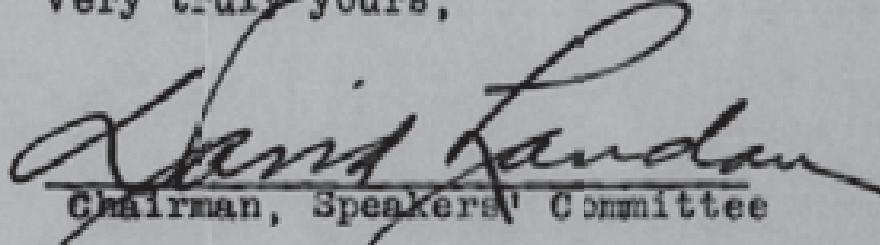
Rabbi Abba Hilel Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:

In connection with the 25th Annual Convention of the Pennsylvania Middle Atlantic Federation, which will be held at Scranton, Pa., November 10 to 12, the Speakers' Committee has requested that I write you and inquire whether it would be possible for you to attend and speak at a dinner meeting in connection with the Convention, to be held on Sunday, November 11, 1934. You are the overwhelming choice of the Committee and we would, therefore, greatly appreciate it if you could arrange to be here on said occasion. You will find a very appreciative audience, who would like to have you with us once more.

Will you kindly advise me at your earliest convenience whether you can arrange to be here, and the approximate cost or charge incident thereto, so that we can take it up with the General Committee and submit our report?

Very truly yours,

  
Chairman, Speakers' Committee

Reply to David Landau, Esq.,  
606 Connell Building,  
Scranton, Penna.

July 6, 1936

Miss Louise Miller,  
1807 Vine Street,  
Scranton, Pa.

My dear Miss Miller:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of July 3. Rabbi Silver is spending the summer abroad and will be gone until the early part of September. I shall be pleased to refer your letter to him when he returns to the city.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

1807 Vine St.,  
Scranton, Pa.,  
Sept. 21, 1936.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I'm writing to you  
in reference to my letter  
of July 3.

Please let me know  
at your earliest convenience  
whether or not you  
will be able to accept

our invitation to come  
to Scranton.

I should like  
to know such details  
as The Time, expense  
etc.

With sincere  
New Year Greetings,  
Lorice Miller

September 23, 1936

Miss Louise Miller,  
1807 Vine Street,  
Scranton, Pa.

My dear Miss Miller:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of September 21. I regret exceedingly that pressure of work makes it impossible for me to accept any additional out of town lecture engagements.

With best wishes for a happy new year, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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DR. MAX ARZT  
RABBI

October 29, 1936

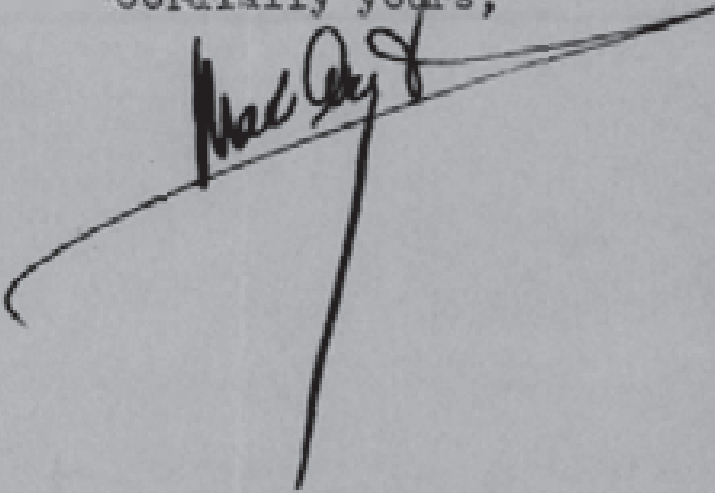
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Last year you were kind enough to promise that you would accept an invitation to deliver an address in my Temple during the course of this season. I am leaving it to you to choose any date in February or March and I do hope that you will accept. We shall be glad to pay you an honorarium of \$100.00. I remain

Cordially yours,

MA:HW



Max Arzt

November 30, 1938

Dr. Max Arst,  
Temple Israel,  
Monroe Avenue and Gibson St.,  
Scranton, Pa.

My dear Rabbi Arst:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your kind letter. I have been away from Cleveland a good deal of the time and my correspondence has accordingly lagged.

I wish I could definitely accept your invitation at this time. However, I have no other lecture engagements in the vicinity of Scranton for the months of February or March. Should I make any, I shall be delighted to contact with you.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

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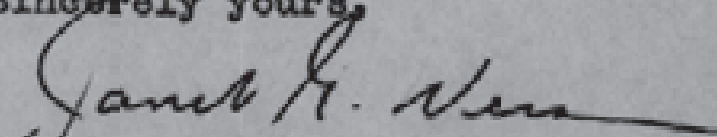
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I understand from the YMHA of  
Scranton that you are scheduled to speak  
in Binghamton on Tuesday evening, January  
25th.

Could you possibly arrange to  
speak in Scranton the following evening  
and on what terms?

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
JANET G. WEISMAN  
Lecture and Concert Bureau

December 7, 1957

Miss Janet G. Weisman,  
Jewish Welfare Board,  
220 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Weisman:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of November 29. I cannot come to the Scranton YMHA on January 26 as I am scheduled to be in Providence on that day. It may be possible for me to come to Scranton on Monday evening, January 25.

My honorarium is \$200.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX



JEWISH CENTER LECTURE AND CONCERT BUREAU  
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New York City

BOOKING MEMORANDUM

From Miss Weisman To Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver Date August 24, 1938

WE HAVE SCHEDULED YOU TO APPEAR ON Tues., March 21, 1939, at 8:30 P.M.  
(date) (hour)

ORGANIZATION Young Men's Hebrew Association

CITY Scranton STATE Pa.

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PERSON IN CHARGE Samuel Shair

PLACE OF MEETING YMHA, 440 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, Pa.

SUBJECT OR PROGRAM \_\_\_\_\_

TERMS \$200, less 10%

DIRECTIONS \_\_\_\_\_

Signed Abba Hillel Silver  
(lecturer or artist)

Signed James H. Weisman  
(for Jewish Center Lecture and  
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NOTE: Please sign and return duplicate to us.



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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Scranton Y.M.H.A. has inquired  
as to your availability for a lecture on either  
Tuesday evening, February 21st, 1939, or March  
21st, 1939. They understand that your fee is  
\$200.

I shall very much appreciate your  
letting me know if you can accept either date.

With good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*Janet G. Weisman*  
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
Mooselookmeguntic, Maine.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In the absence of Miss Weisman, I  
wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of  
August 7th in regard to the Scranton invitation  
for Tuesday evening, March 21st.

Upon Miss Weisman's return on Monday,  
August 15th, she will definitely confirm this  
engagement.

With good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Dora Entin*

Secretary to Miss Weisman

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August 24, 1938

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
Mooselookmeguntic, Maine.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

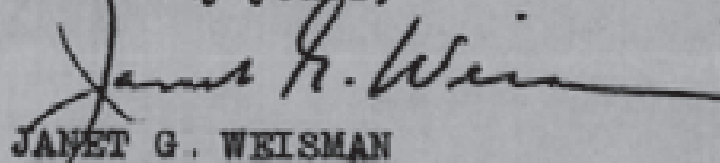
I am happy to be able to enclose here--  
with the agreement covering the invitation of the  
Scranton YMHA for your appearance on Tuesday  
evening, March 21st.

I shall appreciate your signing and  
returning one copy to us by way of confirmation.

I also look forward to hearing from  
you with reference to the Allentown invitation.

With good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
JANET G. WEISMAN  
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Enclosure

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September 21, 19 38

To JANET G. WEISMAN

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MY RECORDS SHOW THAT MY SCHEDULE SCRANTON MARCH 21 AND ALLENTOWN MARCH 22.

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From Miss Weisman To Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver Date March 10, 1939

Date of appearance Wednesday, March 22, 1939, at 8:30 P.M.

Organization Young Men's Hebrew Association

Person in charge Samuel Shair

Address 440 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, Pa.

Subject

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SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

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September 26, 1938

Rabbi Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street & Ansel Road  
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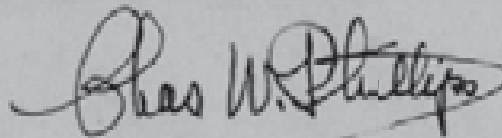
Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are in the process of setting up the Tenth Annual Mid-Winter Institute of the Elm Park Church which this season will be held on Thursday evenings, January 12, to February 16, 1939, inclusive

The Elm Park Mid-Winter Institute has become a community institution attracting weekly attendances of around 1,000 people, so that while there has been no registration fee, the offerings have been usually sufficient to finance the program. The Institute this year will be of the forum variety with one featured lecturer each week.

We are very desirous of securing your services for one of the above evenings. Will you indicate on the enclosed card your available dates and the expected honorarium, and return as soon as convenient in the enclosed self-addressed envelope. We will then immediately advise you of the specific date that will best fit into our schedule.

Expectantly yours,



Enc.

October 4, 1938

Reverend Charles W. Phillips  
Elm Park Methodist Episcopal Church  
Scranton, Pa.

My dear Reverend Phillips:

Let me thank you for your kind letter  
and for the invitation which you extend to me to share  
in the annual Mid-Winter Institute of the Elm Park  
Methodist Episcopal Church. It may be possible for me to  
come to you on January 28. My customary honorarium  
is \$200. This includes traveling expenses.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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440 WYOMING AVENUE

SCRANTON, PA.

November  
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Dear Rabbi:

As you know, you are scheduled to speak in our building Wednesday, March 22. Would it be possible for you to send us a list of two or three subjects that you would like to talk on, and, which, in addition, would appeal not only to our Jewish community, but also to our Gentile friends? Please be assured that your co-operation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

With kindest greetings, I am

Sincerely,

*Max J. Finkelstein*  
MAX J. FINKELSTEIN  
Chairman, Lyceum Committee

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Elm Park Methodist Episcopal Church

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November 26, 1936

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Pardon this tardy reply to your letter of October 4  
re. the Mid-Winter Institute at Elm Park Church.

We deeply regret to advise that because of a conflict in schedules it will be impossible for us to have you on January 26. I greatly fear we shall have to cancel our tentative arrangements.

Trusting we may have the privilege of meeting with you on some future occasion, I remain

Very cordially yours,

Charles W. Phillips



November 28, 1938

Mr. Max J. Finkelstein  
Chairman, Lyceum Committee  
Young Men's Hebrew Association  
440 Wyoming Avenue  
Scranton, Pa.

My dear Mr. Finkelstein:

The following is a list of subjects  
which you might be interested in:

- 1) SOME ABERRATIONS OF OUR DAY
- 2) PALESTINE AT THE CROSSROADS
- 3) ARE THE DARK AGES RETURNING?
- 4) THE STRENGTH THAT IS AMERICA

Please let me know which of these subjects you  
select.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Please accept my thanks for your letter of November 29. We have selected "The Strength That Is America" as the subject of your lecture in Scranton on Wednesday evening, March 22. I shall be looking forward with great pleasure to your visit.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

*Max J. Finkelstein*  
MAX J. FINKELSTEIN  
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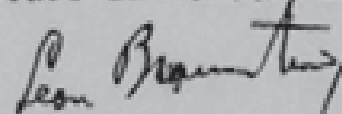
Most sincere greetings from the baby Post of Jewish  
War Veterans, the Sandy Weisberger Post, of Scranton.

When your coming to Scranton on March 22nd, to speak  
at the Y M H A was announced at the meeting of the Post there was  
a spontaneous and unanimous desire to extend to the National Chaplain  
all of the courtesies and amenities becoming to your exalted office  
in JWV. What is more impressive, we think, is that the commander  
of Pennsylvania's largest Post of The American Legion, Koch-Sonley Post,  
(a non-Jew, by the way) upon hearing of your coming, unsolicitedly  
proffered the junior Drum Corps as your escort.

It is our desire to conform with your own wishes in every  
detail. If there is, however, no objection on your part, we should  
be happy to avail ourselves of the kind gesture on the part of the  
Legion commander. If I understand rightly, you will be coming from  
Allentown and will dine with some of Scranton's folk, before coming  
to the Y M H A. Might I propose that it will be our great pleasure  
and honor to escort you, with the drum corps, from the hotel to the  
Y M H A. If there be any other function in which we may serve the  
National Chaplain, please believe that we are yours to command.

Awaiting your early advice, I am

yours in comradeship,



Dr. Leon Braunstein,  
Department Patriotic Instructor,  
Department of Pennsylvania,  
425 Spruce St., Scranton.

March 12, 1939

Dr. Leon Braunstein  
425 Spruce Street  
Scranton, Pa.

My dear Dr. Braunstein:

I was very happy to receive your letter. I shall be very happy to meet you and your friends, the Jewish War Veterans in Scranton. I appreciate deeply the offer of the American Legion to escort me with a Junior Drum Corps but I would rather forego the honor. I am a man who avoids parades of all kinds and I am afraid that I would be inordinately embarrassed.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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I will be available for the following dates:

\_\_\_ January 12, 1939

\_\_\_ February 2, 1939

\_\_\_ January 19, 1939

\_\_\_ February 9, 1939

\_\_\_ January 26, 1939

\_\_\_ February 16, 1939

Expected honorarium \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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The five courses of study are open to all. To secure the greatest benefit from any course, however, it is most advantageous to attend **ALL** the class sessions of the course chosen. No access to classes will be allowed after 7:15.

**8:00—9:00 o'clock**

**LECTURE PERIOD**

The floor and east balcony of the main auditorium will be reserved until 8:05 for those attending classes. The west balcony of the main auditorium and the entire rear auditorium may be occupied any time by those unable to attend earlier sessions of the Institute.

Any part of the evening's program is open to the public. There is no admission charge to lectures or courses. The Institute is supported by the generous free-will offerings taken at the evening lecture periods.

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**THE CHILDREN**  
**AND THE CHURCH**

How can we understand our children? What are they like—how do they play—how do they develop—what things interest them? Can we teach them to be good? How can we aid in their religious and spiritual development? These and similar questions often perplex teachers and parents of young children. This course is designed to throw light on some of these perplexities and should be of special interest to all teachers and parents of young children.

MISS A. MYFANWY ROBERTS, *Presiding*

**JANUARY 7**

**GROWING PARENTS AND GROWING CHILDREN**

The child in the home

MISS MARIE H. SCHUSTER

**JANUARY 14**

**TOYS AND COMPANIONS**

The child at play—MISS MARTHA COMSTOCK

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**APPRECIATION AND THE ARTS**

Music, Art, Poetry and the child

MISS FRANCES SEKOL

**JANUARY 28**

**GROWING CREATIVELY**

The child and self-expression

MISS ARLINE ENGEL

**FEBRUARY 4**

**THE CHILDREN IN THE CONGREGATION**

The child and his church—MR. WILLIS FORD

**FEBRUARY 11**

**WORSHIP AND THE CHILD**

Vital worship experiences for the child

MR. WILLIS FORD

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Early ideas of God—MR. WILLIS FORD

**FEBRUARY 25**

**TALKING TO GOD**

The child's approach to prayer

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## **COURSE II**

### **YOUTH IN THE MODERN WORLD**

Is there a real future for youth in our world today? How can youth find a place in the present economic world? Can he hope to build a career that will bring life's greatest satisfactions? Where shall he get his standard of values? What light have the Church and a Christian philosophy of life to shed upon youth's problems? This course is primarily builded for the Young People of the community.

REV. EUGENE M. PIERCE, *Presiding*

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#### **PROBLEMS OF YOUTH**

PRESIDENT BYRON S. HOLLITSHEAD

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PRESIDENT BYRON S. HOLLITSHEAD

**JANUARY 21**

#### **SOCIAL SECURITY FOR YOUTH**

DEAN WILBUR L. WILLIAMS

**JANUARY 28**

#### **BUILDING A CAREER**

PROF. PETER P. STAPA

**FEBRUARY 4**

#### **REHABILITATION OF YOUTH**

PROF. PETER P. STAPA

**FEBRUARY 11**

#### **PROBLEMS OF ADOLESCENCE**

DEAN VIVIAN L. WATKINS

**FEBRUARY 18**

#### **YOUTH AND POLITICS**

DEAN WILBUR L. WILLIAMS

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DEAN VIVIAN L. WATKINS

**COURSE III**  
**HYMNS OF THE CHURCH**

**A comprehensive study of the new  
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Hymns are written to be sung. Everybody likes to sing. This course offers an exceptional opportunity not only to learn more about the Hymns of the Church, but to become more proficient in the singing of them. This Course will use as a basis of study "The New Methodist Hymnal", and will develop a new appreciation of the art of Hymn singing in our congregations.

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JANUARY 7

THE BEGINNING OF HYMNS

JANUARY 14

THE CHORALES OF GERMANY

JANUARY 21

THE HYMNS OF ENGLAND AND  
WALES

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FEBRUARY 11

HYMNS FOR CHILDREN

FEBRUARY 18

HYMNS ARRANGED FROM CLASSI-  
CAL AND FOLK MUSIC

FEBRUARY 25

POETRY AND MUSIC OF HYMNS

**COURSE IV**  
**"STUDIES IN THE**  
**GOSPEL OF JOHN"**

There has been an urgent demand for a genuine course in the Interpretation of the Scriptures. Here are eight studies from the Gospel of John that underlie the lessons of the Church School for January, February and March, 1937. This course will be of inestimable value to teachers and learners alike and to all lovers of Bible Study as we equip ourselves for better work in the Church School.

*Leaders*

REV. PETER K. EMMONS

REV. HAROLD S. SWALES

**JANUARY 7**

**INTRODUCTION TO THE GOSPEL  
AND THE PROLOGUE**

(John 1:1-18)

**JANUARY 14**

**THE NEW LIFE IN CHRIST**

"The Water of Life"

(John 1:19-4:54)

**JANUARY 21**

**POWER IN THE HANDS OF LOVE**

"The Bread of Life"—"Light"—"Truth"

(John 5:1-8:59)

**JANUARY 28**

**THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

"The Shepherd of Life"

(John 9:1-10:42)

**FEBRUARY 4**

**POWER OVER DEATH**

Love knows no boundaries.

(John 11:1-12:50)

**FEBRUARY 11**

**THE PASSION FORETOLD**

"The True Vine" Jesus prays—

(John 13:1-17:26)

**FEBRUARY 18**

**THE MEANING OF THE CROSS AND  
ITS TRIUMPH**

(John 18:1-20:31)

**FEBRUARY 25**

**A FAREWELL MESSAGE**

(John 21:1-25)

## **COURSE V**

### **"CHRISTIANITY IN A WORLD AFLAME"**

Christianity as a world movement will be presented by Dr. Howard in this course. Is Christianity simply a personal matter or has it a vital relation to world affairs? Is it one of several high religions or is it supreme among the great religions of the world? A better understanding of the missionary motives of the Church will result from the development of this course.

*Leader:* DR. GEORGE P. HOWARD

**JANUARY 7**

**WHAT IS CHRISTIANITY?**

**JANUARY 14**

**HAS CHRISTIANITY A WORLD  
MISSION?**

**JANUARY 21**

**THE CONTACT OF CHRISTIANITY  
WITH OTHER RELIGIONS**

**JANUARY 28**

**IN WHAT RESPECT IS CHRISTIAN-  
ITY DIFFERENT FROM OTHER  
RELIGIONS?**

**FEBRUARY 4**

**PROTESTANTISM AND ITS RIVALS**

**FEBRUARY 11**

**PROTESTANTISM AND ITS RIVALS**

**FEBRUARY 13**

**THE CHURCH FACING ITS WORLD  
TASK**

**FEBRUARY 25**

**THE UNIVERSAL CHRIST**

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**IN THE MAIN AUDITORIUM**

**Eight O'clock**

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**THE CHURCH AND ITS CHILDREN**

**DR. GEORGE P. HOWARD**

**JANUARY 14**

**THE CHURCH AND EVANGELISM**

**DR. JOSEPH M. M. GAY**

**JANUARY 21**

**THE CHURCH AND THE HOME**

**BISHOP EDWIN H. HUGHES**

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**THE CHURCH AND ART**

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