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Scranton, Pennsylvania, 1948-1955.

SIDNEY M. WEISS
AUDITOR AND ACCOUNTANT
SUITE 701-702 CONNELL BUILDING
SCRANTON 3, PA.

December 21, 1948.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

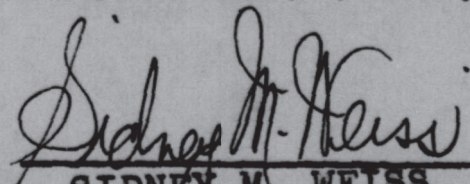
I write to you as President of the Lackawanna County Zionist Emergency Council and as President of the Scranton Zionist District and ask for your kind consideration of my appeal.

Our local Zionists are planning a fund raising dinner for "Food For Israel" and J. N. F. during the last week of March or the first week in April. The pressure upon me to secure Dr. Silver as our speaker at the dinner is overwhelming.

I therefore write you Dr. Silver, and entreat you to advise me that you will consent to be our speaker on March 28, 29 or 30, or April 4, 5 or 6, at your convenience.

With Chanukah greetings I remain,

Respectfully yours,


SIDNEY M. WEISS

SMW:JMB

December 24, 1948

Mr. Sidney M. Weiss
Connell Building
Scranton 3, Pa.

My dear Mr. Weiss:

Permit me to acknowledge your kind letter of December 21st and your invitation to address your "Food for Israel" meeting. It would give me great pleasure indeed to be with you. Unfortunately, the burden of responsibilities to which I have long been committed as well as my own congregational duties makes it impossible for me to accept any further obligations. May I wish you every success in your campaign.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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*Wed,
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THE STUDY OF
Rabbi Simon H. Shoop

TEMPLE ISRAEL
MONROE AVE. AND GIBSON ST.
SCRANTON 10, PA.

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FEBRUARY 11, 1955

DR. SILVER
EAST 105TH ST. AND ANSEL ROAD
CLEVELAND, OHIO

DEAR DR. SILVER:

ON BEHALF OF OUR COMMUNITY I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTING OUR INVITATION TO DELIVER THE MAIN ADDRESS AT OUR TERCENTENARY BANQUET. THE AFFAIR IS A DINNER MEETING TO BE HELD ON APRIL 20TH, AND IS SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE AT 6:30 P.M.

yes
YOU WILL BE ABLE TO LEAVE THAT EVENING BY SLEEPER AT 11:41 P.M. AND ARRIVE THE FOLLOWING MORNING IN CLEVELAND AT 8:50 A.M. IF YOU SO DESIRE WE WILL RESERVE A ROOMETTE. THERE IS A PLANE THAT LEAVES THE FOLLOWING MORNING AT 8:38 A.M. ARRIVING IN CLEVELAND AT 11:26 A.M. UPON HEARING FROM YOU WE WILL MAKE THE RESERVATIONS.

✓ WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR FORWARDING FOR PRESS RELEASE, NEWSPAPER CUTS AND THE TOPIC OF YOUR DISCUSSION.

WITH WARMEST REGARDS, I AM

CORDIALLY YOURS,

Simon H. Shoop
SIMON H. SHOOP, RABBI

SHS;JY

March 3, 1955

Rabbi Simon H. Shoop
Temple Israel
Monroe Avenue and Gibson Street
Scranton 10, Pennsylvania

Dear Rabbi Shoop:

Thank you for your letter of February 11th.

Rabbi Silver would very much appreciate your
reserving a roomette on the 11:41 p.m. sleeper
on April 20th, as mentioned in your letter.

I am enclosing two glossy photographs for
publicity purposes.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth M. Sparrow
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

Enclosures



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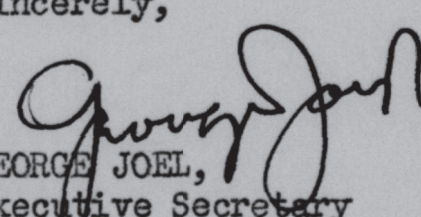
Dear Doctor:

I am pleased to send you the enclosed with our deep appreciation for your recent visit to Scranton. We all realize how busy you are and what great demands are made upon your time. We are, therefore, most appreciative of your gracious acceptance of our invitation to come to Scranton to speak at our Tercentenary Dinner observance.

Your message was a most inspired one and has done much to stimulate the thinking in our community which has carried over effectively into our United Jewish Campaign in which we are now engaged.

You have the best wishes of the entire community.

Sincerely,


GEORGE JOEL,
Executive Secretary

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Encl.

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May 12, 1955

Mr. George Joel, Executive Secretary
The Scranton-Lackawanna Jewish Council
440 Wyoming Avenue
Scranton 3, Pennsylvania



My dear Mr. Joel:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of May 9th and for the check which you enclosed.

I want you to know how much I enjoyed my visit to your community. The affair was very impressive and I was happy to have taken part in it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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SAMUEL D. FREEMAN, *Director*

August 25, 1955

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Jewish Community Center of Scranton, Pennsylvania is devoting its civic forum during the forthcoming program of the year (November 1955-April 1956) to the consideration of growing religious and spiritual awareness on the part of people here in the United States. They have invited Norman Vincent Peale, Bishop Bromley Oxnam, Mons. Shean, each to handle a different aspect of this phenomenon.

The Jewish Community Center has asked whether you would represent the Jewish point of view in this series. If you are interested, and I hope you are, would you indicate the character of the subject or topic you would want to discuss. Any suggestions you might have for the organization of the series and distribution of topics among the other participants would indeed be welcome.

Would you also let me know what your honorarium would be and the most suitable date on which we might schedule your appearance.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel D. Freeman
SAMUEL D. FREEMAN

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September 8, 1955

Mr. Samuel D. Freeman
Jewish Center Lecture Bureau
145 East Thirty-second Street
New York 16, New York

My dear Friend:

Thank you for your letter of August 25th.
Please forgive the delay in acknowledging it; I
have just returned from a summer in Europe.

I very much regret that my schedule for the
coming year will not permit me to accept the
invitation of the Jewish Community Center of
Scranton to address its civic forum.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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RESOLUTION TO DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

WHEREAS, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, having been a leader in the Zionist cause in this country for over fifty years, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Silver's fearless leadership has been an integral component for the success of the Zionist movement, and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Silver, by his great foresight and inspirational, unbending direction encouraged many gifted people to become his loyal followers, and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Silver, in his many avenues of aspiration has done as much or more than any other American Jew for the final creation of the State of Israel, and,

WHEREAS, The Zionist Organization of America has seen fit to establish in Israel a Community Project where immigrants and Israelis are being trained in the many facets of machine operation--this Community bearing the name of Kfar Silver in honor of Dr. Silver

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

That the Scranton Zionist District, in furthering the cause of Zion, shall use the opportunity of this visit of Dr. Silver, our great leader, to this Community in honoring his name by making a special contribution to Kfar Silver--for the continuing of it's important work for Israel.

Committee on Resolutions:

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*April, 20, 1955
Scranton, Pa.*