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RABBI ABBA HILLER SILVER

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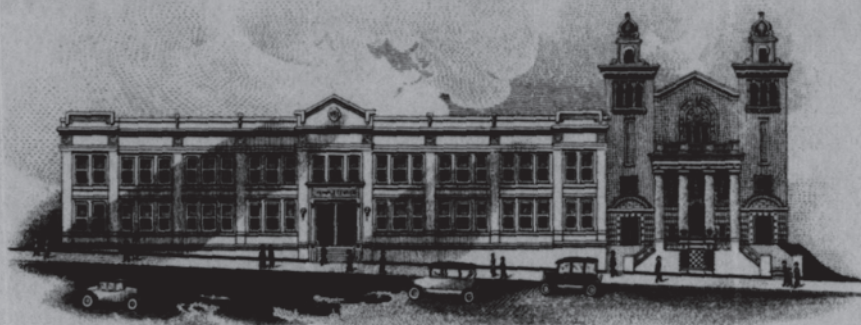
My dear Public Silver:

I regret that you could not get here as early as planned. Unfortunately, we are living on one of the islands in the sound and I may not get to see you Sunday, especially since I have a funeral at 1 P.M. - the boat not getting here until 12:30 o'clock - and a wedding in Tacoma at 5 P.M. To keep this date I must be back from the funeral and on the boat at 3. Medless to say, you have my best wishes.

Sincerely,
Samuel Koch

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Congregation Temple De Hirsch

15TH AVENUE & EAST UNION STREET

Seattle, Washington

January 21, 1929

Rabbi Hillel Silver
E. 105th St. & Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My Dear Rabbi Silver:

I know that on your way back from the conference you are going to be in Portland Oregon, and though our Men's Club has not been in a position to invite you to speak under their auspices I want you to know that we shall be very happy if you would arrange to spend some little time in our city and that it will be a real pleasure for us to make you know that you are among friends.

I trust that everything will be to your liking on the coast.

Sincerely,

Samuel Koch

SK:RP

Jan. 28th, 1929.

Rabbi Samuel Koch,
Congregation Temple DeHirsch,
Seattle, Washington.

My dear Dr. Koch:-

Permit me to thank you for your
kind note of January 21st.

I should have been most happy to
visit Seattle. Unfortunately I must return home
immediately after my Portland, Ore. lectures.
I am scheduled to stop at Omaha for two lectures
and this will delay my return to Cleveland until
the 27th of the month. Perhaps at some future
time I may have the pleasure of availing myself
of your kind hospitality.

With kindest regards, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

March 2nd, 1932

Rabbi Samuel Koch,
Congregation Temple DeHirsch,
Seattle, Washington.

My dear Rabbi Koch:-

Permit me to thank you for your very cordial
letter of March 16th.

My plans for my trip to the Pacific Coast are
very indefinite. I have accepted the invitation of the Inter-
national Recreation Congress to address its sessions on July
24th. It is my intention to go to Los Angeles for this
meeting, see the Olympic Games and return home.

Mrs. Silver will probably not accompany me
as we have two small children and they are too young to
travel such large distances and Mrs. Silver will not go
without them.

The last time I visited the Pacific Coast
in connection with the Convention of the Union of American
Hebrew Congregations, I accepted quite a number of lecture
engagements, most of which I was compelled to cancel because
of an attack of laryngitis which I suffered while in San
Francisco.

I might accept a few lecture engagements in
San Francisco, Portland and Seattle in connection with this
trip. I would then go to the Coast by way of Seattle and
work my way down to Los Angeles as I should like to get a
good rest prior to my return home.

My customary honorarium is \$250. If five or
six lectures could be arranged in these three cities I
should consider making the tour.

With kindest regards and best wishes, permit
me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

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Congregation Temple De Hirsch

15TH AVENUE & EAST UNION STREET

Seattle, Washington

March 16, 1932

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
E. 105th St. & Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I learned recently through your Bulletin of your contemplated visit to the Olympic Games next summer. I take it that Mrs. Silver will accompany you and that if you have not already visited Banff and Lake Louise ~~that~~ you will wish to do so, and that, if you have done this, you nevertheless will still want to make the circuit rather than doubling back over the same road to reach your home.

What I have in mind is that you probably will go to California via Salt Lake and Denver or via St. Paul, Seattle, Portland etc., returning by the alternate route. If this should be your plan I should like to have you know that a very cordial welcome awaits you in Seattle. If you should be here on Friday night I should like to have you occupy our pulpit--services with choir are conducted throughout the year, Sabbath evening at eight o'clock and Saturday at ten thirty--or if it be a week day our Men's Club would be most happy to have you. Needless to say, we should be glad to have you as our guest while in the city and if some other honorarium would be necessary, may I trouble you to let me know the particulars as soon as possible?

Sincerely,

Samuel Roch

SK:RP

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Samuel Koch

Congregation Temple De Hirsch

15TH AVENUE & EAST UNION STREET

Seattle, Washington

April 7, 1932

Rabbi A. Hillel Silver
E. 105th St. & Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I presented your letter in answer to mine of recent date, to the Executive Committee of the Men's Club which met today. It was the opinion of the Committee that since you would not come this way until late in the summer, that it would be inadvisable for the Men's Club to endeavor to present you on the lecture platform since, although a crowd undoubtedly would be present, the men of the Men's Club and their families for the most part would not be in the city.

Needless to say, if in the sequel your itinerary should bring you this way it would give us much pleasure to receive you socially.

I do hope that you will let me know if this seems feasible.

Sincerely,

Samuel Koch

SK:RP

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Rabbi:
Samuel Korh

Congregation Temple De Hirsch

15TH AVENUE & EAST UNION STREET

Seattle, Washington

June 19, 1933

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
E. 105th St. and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Colleague:

The Seattle Council Against War, organized recently, is designed to act as a clearing house to the twenty-two Peace Organizations in Seattle.

The Committee on Program should like to take advantage of any trip that you might make to the west during the coming months. In case it would be possible for you to come west will you kindly let me know when, and what the honorarium would be?

Sincerely,

Samuel Korh.

SK:RP

June 29, 1933.

Rabbi Samuel Koch,
Congregation Temple De Hirsch,
15th Ave. and East Union Street,
Seattle, Washington.

My dear Rabbi Koch:

In reply to your letter of June 19th,
permit me to say that I do not plan to make
any trip to the Pacific coast this coming year.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK

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April 19, 1939

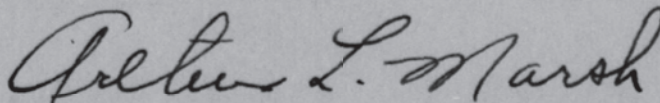
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Having heard you in addresses at conventions of the National Education Association, I presume that you are very much in demand for speaking service in conventions of state education associations, and I surmise that the prospect of engaging you for such service in the State of Washington--so far from Cleveland--is none too good. However, you are just the speaker we would most like to have at our regional convention meetings next October. Our meetings will be held in four cities in Eastern Washington during the third week of October (October 16, 17, 19, 20) and in five cities in Western Washington in the week following (October 23, 24, 26, 27). If you would not be available for both weeks but could accept engagements for either week, we could so arrange, booking someone else for the other week.

The speaking service would consist of one address of forty minutes length in each city. That means one address each day of the four speaking days of the week. The theme of our programs for this year is EDUCATION, DEMOCRACY'S FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE. Our usual honorarium for such service is \$75 a speaking day and travel expense to and from and within the state.

Very truly yours,



Executive Secretary
WASHINGTON EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

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May 1, 1939

Mr. Arthur L. Marsh, Executive Secretary
Washington Education Association
707 Lowman Building
Seattle, Washington.

My dear Mr. Marsh:

I deeply appreciate your kind letter and your invitation to deliver a series of lectures before your regional conventions next October. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately, the month of October is a very crowded one in our congregational life. Some of the important holidays of our religious calendar will take place, this year, in October. It will therefore not be possible for me to get away for so long a time as a trip to the Pacific Coast and back would necessitate. I must therefore forego the pleasure at this time. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS: BK

Seattle Zionist District

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March 16, 1953

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The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On behalf of the Seattle Zionist District (ZOA),
I wish to invite you to address Zionists of the
Northwest, at your convenience.

Residents of this community and of the entire
Northwest, have long looked forward to the op-
portunity of meeting you and hearing you. The
inspiration of your mind and personality becomes
all the more important in this day when Zionist
activity in this area has decreased, despite the
need for a more dynamic program than ever.

Plans are under way to hold in Seattle, for the
first time, a regional conference to discuss the
problems of Zionism as it affects the communities
of the entire Northwest, including Vancouver, B.C.
Representatives from all cities will attend. It
is thought that we could assure the success, at-
tractiveness and productiveness of the conference
if you would consent to make the principal address.

May we hear from you as to whether it is at all
possible for you to include this area in your plans
within the next few months, as we would be etern-
ally grateful if it could be arranged.

Very sincerely yours,

Leo A. Meltzer
LEO A. MELTZER, President.

March 25, 1953

Mr. Leo A. Meltzer
Seattle Zionist District
1711 Smith Tower
Seattle 4, Washington

My dear Mr. Meltzer:

I deeply appreciate your gracious invitation to address a Regional Conference of Zionists in the next few months. I wish I were free to accept your invitation, but my program for the remainder of the season is terribly crowded, and as you know, I have been recently on the Pacific coast. It will not be possible for me to return again this year. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service. I hope that your Conference will be eminently successful.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

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URGING YOU TO SPEAK AT ANNUAL CITYWIDE OBSERVANCE
UNITED NATIONS OCT 24TH CAN I ADD MY WORD OF URGING
AT THIS VERY MEANINGFUL GENERALLY AND COULD BE MOST
HELPFUL TO THOSE WORKING ON SPECIAL FUND REGARDS=

:EDDIE WARBURG=

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FOLLOWING OUR CONVERSATION SPOKE TO SECRETQRY SEATTLE CIVIC COMMITTEE FOR UNITED NATIONS DAY OBSERVANCE AND EITHER LUNCHEON MEETING OR DINNER MEETING ON MONDAY OCT 22ND WAS SUGGESTED THIS DATE MIGHT BE MORE CONVENIENT FOR YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE SINCERELY HOPE YOU CAN VISIT SEATTLE WIRE COLLECT=

SAMUEL G HOLZENBERG FEDERATED JEWISH FUND & COUNCIL=.

Leo A. Meltzer

2815 Boylston North
Seattle 2, Washington

Capitol 0070

September 19, 1956

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

At a recent committee meeting held here in Seattle we discussed the best means of revitalizing our Jewish community in its efforts on behalf of Israel, particularly in light of our forthcoming Israel Bond Campaign.

It was the opinion of everyone present that the only person who would be capable of injecting the proper spirit so sorely needed in this community, was you, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

We were happy to learn that you will be appearing in Los Angeles on or about October 20th for Israel Bonds. This knowledge gave us some hope that, being on the West Coast, you might consent to come for an Israel Bond Dinner in your honor to Seattle. Should you find it possible to come it would be of immeasurable value to insure the success of our Bond effort and to re-awaken the unfortunately long dormant dues-paying and not-paying membership of our Zionist movement in the Northwest.

If you will find your way clear to comply with the Seattle community's request, I will appreciate it if you would kindly let me know what date or alternate dates would be most convenient to you.

With best New Year's wishes, I am

Respectfully yours,

Leo A. Meltzer

Leo A. Meltzer
Chairman, Washington State
Committee for Israel Bonds

SL to J.R. 5:10 P.M. phoned

September 21, 1956

Collect - Day Letter

to: SAMUEL G. HOLZENBERG
FEDERATED JEWISH FUND AND COUNCIL
SEATTLE WASHINGTON

DEEPLY REGRET MY INABILITY TO COME SEATTLE TWENTY SECOND OR
TWENTY FOURTH. LOCAL COMMITMENTS WILL NOT PERMIT MY SPENDING
MORE TIME THAN I AM COMMITTED FOR IN LOS ANGELES. PERHAPS I
CAN BE OF SERVICE TO YOU AT SOME FUTURE TIME. WARMEST REGARDS

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

