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Sioux City, Iowa, 1920-1963.



CONGREGATION MT. SINAI  
SIOUX CITY, IOWA

EMANUEL STERNHEIM  
RABBI

March 9th, 1920.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Friend and Colleague:

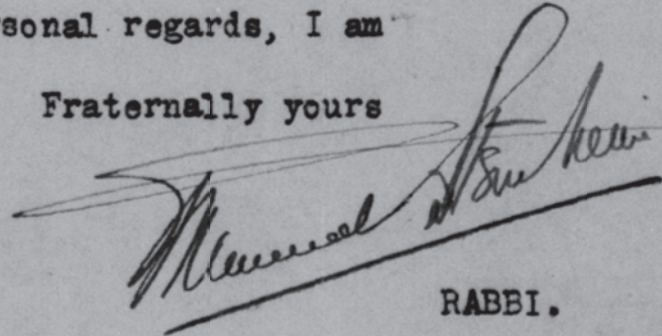
Our Community would like to have you speak here and my "Brotherhood" wants to bring you officially. In addition I would like to arrange for you to speak possibly for the Restoration Fund, in my pulpit and to a non-Jewish organization. Between us we would be able to give you a fair financial return for your visit. I am not entering into details because I want first of all to inquire of you as to the possibility.

I write immediately today because I have just seen that you are going to speak in St. Paul. I had no specific date in mind but was going to try and fix one. If a visit from you would be possible either on your way to or on your way home from St. Paul, I would try and arrange accordingly. This would of course save you a long trip and minimize expense.

Will you be good enough to write me immediately as to the possibilities? I shall be exceedingly grateful and then if it is a possibility at all I can enter into details later.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Fraternally yours



RABBI.

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RABBI A H SILVER

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MAY I HAVE REPLY TO MY LETTER OF MARCH NINTH

RABBI EMANUEL STERNHEIM

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Rabbi  
B. Hennein  
Levy City Ia.

Delayed reply because  
I tried to arrange trip  
to take in Levy City.  
Now find it utterly  
impossible <sup>to camp</sup>, which I regret



March 25th, 1920

Rabbi Emanuel Sternheim,  
Congregation Mt. Sinai,  
Sioux City, Ia.

My dear Rabbi Sternheim,

I trust that you will  
pardon the delay in replying to your  
kind letter of the ninth. I have been  
out of the city most of the time, and  
also, I have been trying to arrange a  
tour through your part of the country,  
which would give me the opportunity of  
visiting Sioux City. I find, however,  
that I shall be unable to do so.

I want you to know how  
deeply I appreciate your kind invita-  
tion and how sorry I am that I have  
been unable to avail myself of your  
kindness.

Hoping that I shall be  
able to be of some service to you at  
some future time, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,



RABBI EMANUEL STERNHEIM

SIOUX CITY, IOWA

March  
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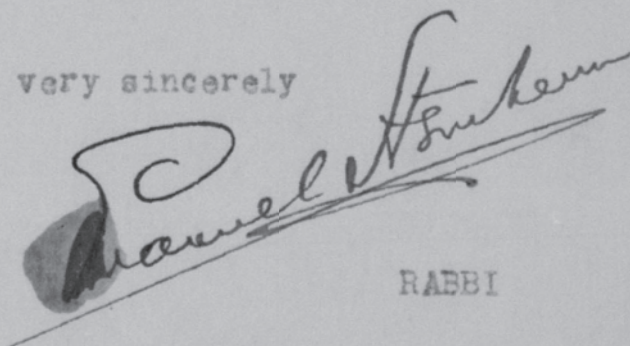
Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple  
E. 56th Street & Central Avenue,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

WRHS I appreciate the  
kindliness of your letter of March 25th. I  
regret exceedingly that you cannot be with  
us either going to or coming from St. Paul.  
I want to consult two or three others  
relative to your letter and will possibly  
make another effort to get you with us  
before the close of this season.

With assurance in the  
meanwhile of ~~a~~ high regard, believe me to  
be

Yours very sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Emanuel Sternheim". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "E". Below the signature is a horizontal line.

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RABBI H SILVER

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THE TEMPLE CLEVELAND, OHIO

WILL YOU OCCUPY MY PULPIT SUNDAY MORNING MAY SIXTEENTH

AND ADDRESS MY BROTHERHOOD THE SAME EVENING PRIMARY

PURPOSE TO SPEAK TO BROTHERHOOD PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT

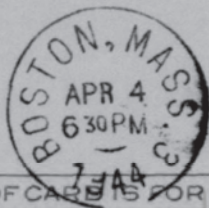
TO ACCEPT THIS INVITATION WIRE ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

RABBI EMANUEL STERNHEIM

235PM

*Relinquished  
April 23/20  
Declining with regrets—*





THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

WRHS



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



80 Boylston St., Boston, Mass.,  
April 4, 1944.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Woman's Club in Sioux City, Iowa, is planning its Saturday afternoon programs for next season and has open January 6, March 3, April 7, May 5, and possibly November 4. They have inquired about your availability and terms. Please let me know promptly if you see any one of these Saturdays that would fit your plans.

OPEN FORUM SPEAKERS BUREAU

*Meredith C. Smith*

Executive Secretary.



April 6, 1944

Miss Mildred C. Smith, Executive Secretary  
Open Forum Speakers Bureau  
80 Boylston St.  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Smith:

Thank you for your kind note.  
I regret that it will not be possible for me  
to accept the invitation of the Woman's Club  
of Sioux City, Iowa. I have been compelled  
to reduce my lecture commitments to a minimum  
because of other duties which I have undertaken.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



# *Knife and Fork Club*

509 FOURTH STREET  
SIOUX CITY, IOWA

May 7th  
1948

Rabbi Abba H. Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland  
Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

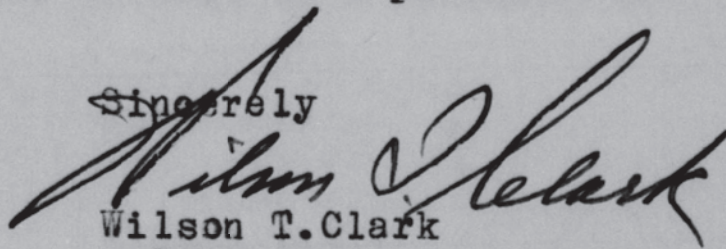
We appreciate the fact that your time is well taken but we are hoping that there might be a possibility of your giving us a date here in Sioux City around February 23rd or 24th next.

We are a dinner organization meeting seven times during the winter season and we try to bring outstanding speakers from various phases of interest to address our organization. Meetings are in the evening and we have an audience of around 500, which is the capacity of our hall. We have already engaged Admiral Byrd, Dorothy Thompson, Norman Cousins, Edwin Tomlinson and others for this coming season so you can see the type of talent we try to obtain.

Our budget could take care of your number up to \$400.00. We have no idea what your usual fee is for work of this type but I mention this because our budget will handle up to that amount nicely. Our local Rabbi Gordon is most anxious to have you come and we will ask that he introduce you to our audience.

If there is any possibility that you could favor us with a date around February 23rd or 24th we would be more than pleased. It will be a pleasure to hear from you.

Sincerely



Wilson T. Clark  
Secretary



June 14, 1948

Mr. Wilson T. Clark, Secretary  
Knife and Fork Club  
509 Fourth Street  
Sioux City, Iowa

My dear Mr. Clark:

I have been out of the city most of the time, and that is why I have been unable to reply to your kind invitation of May 7th.

Possibly by now your program is made up. If it is not, I shall be very happy to be with you on Wednesday, February 23, 1949. The honorarium indicated in your letter is quite satisfactory.

Should the date still be open, I shall at a somewhat later date send you the subject of my address.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



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KNIFE AND FORK CLUB  
SIOUX CITY IOWA

June 22  
1948

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver D.D.  
The Temple  
East 105th St at Ansel Rd  
Cleveland 6 Ohio.

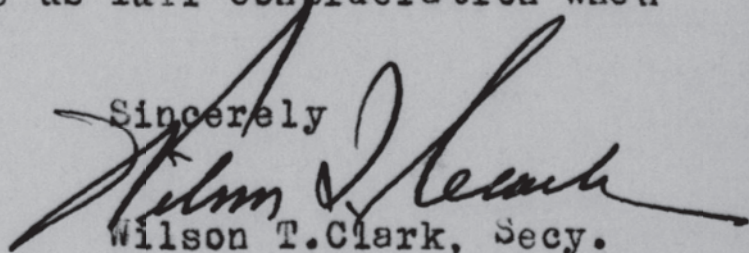
Dear Rabbi Silver:

It was mighty nice of you to write me on June 14th accepting our invitation to address the Knife and Fork Club next Spring. Unfortunately we had to complete our program before June 1st and since we had not heard from you by that time we thought that the possibility of having you was just out of the picture so we contracted for our entire season with the thought that you were not available.

This comes as a real blow to us for we had hoped remotely that we might have the opportunity of having you on our program. While our program is now completed for this year I am going to write you again next season with the hopes that we will be able to make a definite arrangement at that time. And next season I will wait until I hear from you regardless.

Thank you very much for your letter-- believe me it is with real regret that I find our position most disappointing. Please give us full consideration when I write you next year.

Sincerely

  
Wilson T. Clark, Secy.



# *Knife and Fork Club*

BOX 474  
SIOUX CITY, IOWA

March 23  
1949

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

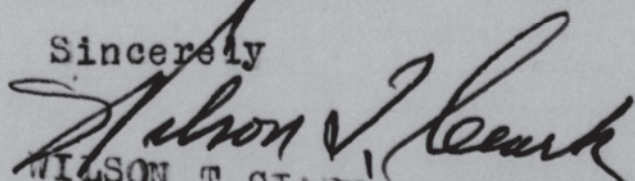
Dear Rabbi Silver:

You may recall that I wrote you last May suggesting a speaking engagement on our program for this past season, but due to the fact that you were away, you were not able to answer my letter until June and by that time we had had to complete our contracts. I wrote you at that time sending my regrets that the program had been filled and suggested that I would again write you for this next winters season.

I sincerely hope that time time we will have the honor of your name on our program and since we are just starting consideration of speakers we can offer you almost any date that would be convenient to you. Our season starts about mid-October and if possible we would like to open with your talk. However any month from October until Mid March would be agreeable to us if a later date would be best for you. There are only one or two exceptions--we do not have meetings on Mondays, Saturdays or Sundays--any other day of the week is OK, and during the holiday season we try to space our December and January meetings so that the December meeting will not come after December 10th and the January meeting will not be before January 15th. Other than that we have no choice of days or dates. As suggested to you last year, we have a fund of \$500.00 to cover this one meeting if that fee is agreeable to you.

I hope that I have have your acceptance shortly so that I can give the information to my Board at their meeting April 10th. I sincerely hope that we will have your acceptance and that you will send us a date agreeable to you--possibly October if that is convenient.

Sincerely

  
WILSON T. CLARK



March 30, 1949

Mr. Wilson T. Clark  
Knife and Fork Club  
Box 474  
Sioux City, Iowa

My dear Mr. Clark:

Thank you for your kind letter. I appreciate very much your gracious invitation. I shall be very pleased to be with you. I find that I could come on Tuesday, October 17, 1949. If the date is convenient, please let me know and I shall definitely schedule this meeting.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



# *Knife and Fork Club*

BOX 474

SIOUX CITY, IOWA

April 4th  
1949

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland  
Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

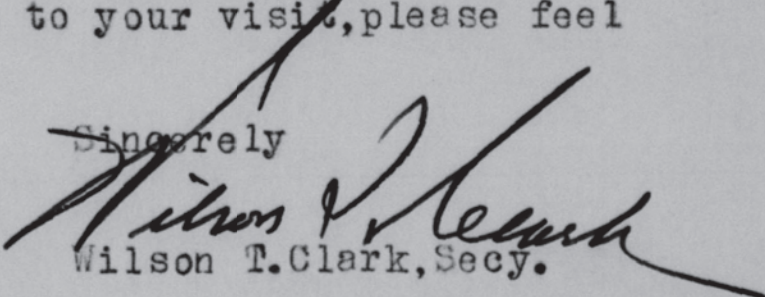
We are very happy to receive your acceptance of a speaking date with us, Tuesday October 17th, 1949. You may keep this letter as your confirmation of our acceptance of this date.

For your information the date is as above, Tuesday October 17th 1949. It is a dinner meeting scheduled for 6:45 PM in the Hotel Mayfair Ballroom. Your fee is to be \$500.00 from which you will naturally pay your expenses.

To assist me in preparing my printed program I will appreciate your having your secretary send me some material as to the nature of your talk, or the title thereof. I would also like some personal information --some biographical information, that will be of interest in preparing my program. This can be sent whenever convenient in the next two or three months.

We are very happy to have you on our program for next season and will look forward to your visit. If there is anything you wish me to do at this end previous to your visit, please feel free to call on me.

Sincerely

  
Wilson T. Clark, Secy.



April 21, 1949

Mr. Wilson T. Clark, Secretary  
Knife and Fork Club  
Box 474  
Sioux City, Iowa

Dear Mr. Clark:

WRHS AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES  
In accordance with your request of April 4th, I  
am herewith enclosing a biographical sketch of  
Rabbi Silver. As soon as Rabbi Silver determines  
the title of his address, I shall send it to you.  
What is your deadline for this information?

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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# Knife and Fork Club

BOX 474

SIOUX CITY, IOWA

April 23 1949

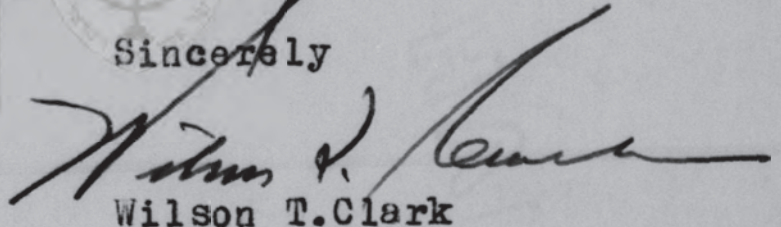
Miss Elizabeth Rice  
The Temple  
East 105th St at Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Miss Rice:

Thank you kindly for sending the biographical sketch of Rabbi Silver. I will appreciate receipt of the title of his address when he has determined it. There is really no hurry about that however as I will not have to have it until mid-July.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely

  
Wilson T. Clark



July 12, 1949

Mr. Wilson T. Clark  
Knife and Fork Club  
Box 474  
Sioux City, Iowa

Dear Mr. Clark:

Rabbi Silver, who is leaving for Europe in a few days, has suggested as the subject of his address before the Knife and Fork Club, "The Faith of an Unconverted American".

I shall let you know the end of September the exact time of Rabbi Silver's arrival in Sioux City.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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# *Knife and Fork Club*

BOX 474

SIOUX CITY, IOWA

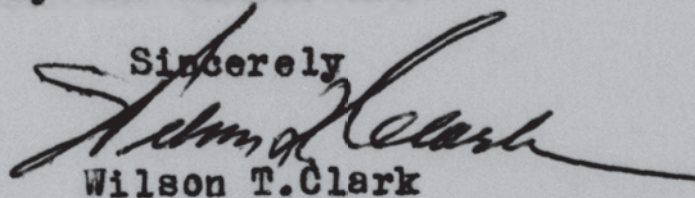
July 25th  
1949

Miss Elizabeth Rice  
The Temple  
East 105th at Ansel Road  
Cleveland  
Ohio.

Dear Miss Rice:

Thank you kindly for writing me the topic of Rabbi Silver's address to be given before our Club. I will anticipate receipt of his arrival time whenever you conveniently can advise me.

Sincerely

  
Wilson T. Clark



# Mount Sinai Temple

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ALBERT A. GORDON  
RABBI

September 7, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,

Mr. Wilson Clark of the Knife and Fork Club has just informed me that you will address their organization on Oct. 20th. Your presence in Sioux City will indeed be a rare privilege for us. If it is at all possible for you to remain over for Friday evening services, I would be appreciative beyond words if you would consent to speak at our services. I realize this is asking a great deal, but, perhaps, the extra day would give you an opportunity for rest and relaxation. I know you have an arduous schedule.

Should you arrive here by noon on Thursday, Mr. Clark has asked me to arrange some type of luncheon for you. Would it be agreeable with you, were I to invite a small group of our local leaders and have you speak to them informally? This would be a signal occasion for us - one which I am certain would have a significant effect upon the life of our community.

With every good wish to you for a Shono Tovo, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Albert A. Gordon*

ALBERT A. GORDON,  
Rabbi

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WILSON T CLARK=

*Knife + Fork Club  
Box 474*

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SEPTEMBER 7, 1949

WILSON T. CLARK  
KNIFE AND FORK CLUB  
BOX 474  
SIOUX CITY, IOWA

PLEASE TELEPHONE ME GARFIELD 0150 AS SOON  
AS POSSIBLE.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



GEORGE THORPE, President  
WILSON T. CLARK, Vice President

509 Fourth Street  
Phone 8-7501



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SIOUX CITY 3, IOWA

September 8th  
1949

Rabbi Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio.

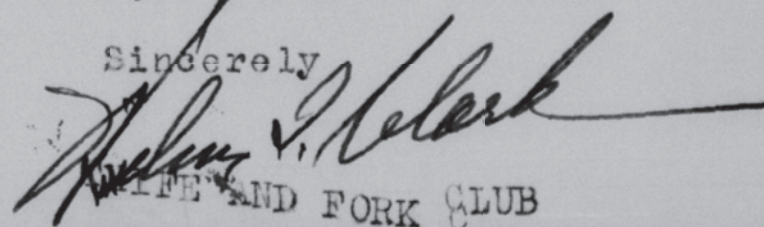
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am very happy that we could arrange a suitable date, namely Thursday October 20th for your meeting with us here in Sioux City. We are looking forward to having you with us.

I have talked with Rabbi Gordon of Mt Siani Temple here and he is anxious to have you with him and a group of representative Jews for a luncheon that noon. That is perfectly agreeable to us and we have given him full charge for the day in the event that his plans agree with yours. If, however, you feel that you would prefer not to have a luncheon or informal meeting previous to our evening meeting, please advise us so frankly and we will handle it from this end OK.

When you know your plans, will you advise me your time of arrival in Sioux City and on what road, or airline. It will be a pleasure to have you with us.

Sincerely

  
WILSON T. CLARK  
WIFE AND FORK CLUB



September 12, 1949

Mr. Wilson T. Clark  
509 Fourth Street  
Sioux City 3, Iowa

My dear Mr. Clark:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of September 8th. I am grateful to you for having changed the date to October 20th, thus enabling me to keep an important engagement here which was made during my absence in Europe.

With reference to a luncheon which Rabbi Gordon wishes to arrange, I appreciate his thoughtfulness very much. Unfortunately, I shall not arrive in Sioux City much before the late afternoon, and I shall want an hour or two for rest before the evening meeting. As soon as my plans are definite, I shall let you know the time of my arrival.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



September 13, 1949

Rabbi Albert A. Gordon  
Mount Sinai Temple  
Fourteenth & Nebraska Sts.  
Sioux City 18, Iowa

My dear Rabbi Gordon;

Thank you for your kind letter of September 7th. Mr. Wilson Clark had written to me about your desire to arrange a luncheon for me, and I replied to him before receiving your letter. I do not plan to arrive in Sioux City before late in the afternoon, and I shall leave again early the next morning to return to Cleveland, as I wish to be in my own pulpit Friday evening. I am sure that you will understand.

Hoping to see you when I get to your city and with all good wishes for a Happy New Year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



September 14, 1949

Mr. Wilton T. Clark  
509 Fourth Street  
Sioux City 3, Iowa

Dear Mr. Clark:

According to present plans, Rabbi Silver will arrive in Sioux City on October 20th at 4:12 p.m. via Midcontinent Airlines, Flight 42. He plans to leave for Cleveland the following morning at 9:05 a.m. on Midcontinent Lines, Flight 71. Will you be good enough to let us know at what hotel you are making a reservation for him.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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# Knife and Fork Club

BOX 474

SIOUX CITY, IOWA

September 16  
1949

Miss Elizabeth Rice  
The Temple  
Cleveland  
Ohio.

Dear Miss Rice:

Thank you for advising us of the time of Rabbi Silver's arrival in Sioux City. Kindly advise him that reservations have been made for him at the Hotel Mayfair and the airlines bus will take him to the door.

He will find the Hotel Mayfair most convenient as the meeting that evening is held in the Ballroom of that Hotel and he can rest there until meeting time.

Thank you for writing me.

Sincerely

Wilson T. Clark



# JEWISH FEDERATION OF SIOUX CITY, IOWA

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September 26, 1963

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Ansel Road and E. 105th Street - The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Would it be possible for you to accept a speaking engagement at our Jewish Community Center this Fall or Winter, preferably on some aspect of Israel's current problems?

Situated off the beaten path as we are we too rarely have opportunity of hearing speakers of the first rank in Jewish life. We would be honored to have you come as the leading attraction of our 1963-64 Artist-Lecture series. We are leaving the date open to fit in with your convenience. I am fairly certain we could work around almost any Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday during November, January, February or March.

I am also certain we could adjust our plans to almost any conditions that would make it possible for you to accept this invitation.

May we hear from you?

Sincerely yours,

*Oscar Littlefield*  
Oscar Littlefield  
Executive Director

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September 27, 1949

Mr. Wilson T. Clark  
509 Fourth Street  
Sioux City 3, Iowa

Dear Mr. Clark:

I have just learned that there has been a change in the flight schedules, and accordingly, Rabbi Silver will arrive in Sioux City at 5:11 p.m. He will proceed directly to the Hotel Mayfair. His return flight leaves Sioux City at 8:55 the following morning.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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D.S. 2

October 7, 1963

My dear Mr. Littlefield:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of September 26th and for your gracious invitation to address the Jewish Community Center of Sioux City, Iowa. I wish I were free to come, but I have been reducing my out-of-town lecture engagements to a minimum. Part of the year I spend abroad, and when I am here I must devote myself to work in my own community.

May I wish you every success in your lecture series? With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Mr. Oscar Littlefield  
Executive Director  
Jewish Federation  
Sioux City, Iowa.