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Springfield, Massachusetts, 1921-1962.

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Springfield Lodge, No. 684

Independent Order B'nai B'rith
Springfield, Massachusetts

Meets second and fourth Mondays of the month
in Grand Army Hall, 44 State Street

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March 25, 1921

Rabbi A. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:

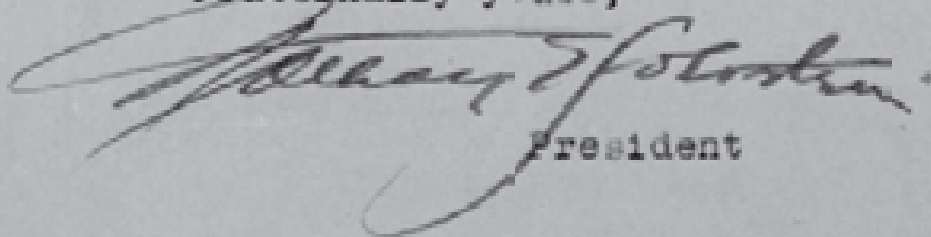
The writer was in hopes of seeing you at the Zionist Executive Meeting held in New York on Saturday, March 19th, but was informed by Judge Mack that you were not coming.

I am in hopes that you will give favorable consideration to being our guest at a Tenth Anniversary Banquet of the Local Lodge, B'nai B'rith, that is being held here in the Hotel Kimball on Sunday, May 1st. We are to initiate 150 candidates in the afternoon, and in the evening we will hold a banquet which will be attended by approximately 500 of our members, and we are planning special features, one of which will be a presentation to brother Henry Lasker who has devoted some 25 years to Jewish activities in Springfield, and who is to retire as President of the Grand Lodge, District No.1, at that time.

Sometime ago we had the pleasure of a visit from your brother, at one of our Temple Men's Club meetings, and as I have had the pleasure of hearing you at the extraordinary convention in New York, and we desiring to get a man of your calibre for the event hereinbefore mentioned, I trust that you will favor me by an early reply accepting our invitation.

It is needless for me to say that any expense will be borne by the Lodge.

Fraternally yours,


President

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Bx 1252

March 30th, 1921

Mr. Nathan E. Goldstein,
Springfield Lodge No. 684,
Independent Order B'nai B'rith,
Springfield, Mass. (Box 1252)

My dear Mr. Goldstein,

Permit me to acknowledge receipt
of your kind letter of the 26th, inviting me to
address a meeting of the B'nai B'rith.

I should be most happy to accept
it were I in a position to do so. However my
lecture engagements are so numerous for the next
few months that I do not see my way clear to ac-
cepting any more.

Hoping that at some future time
I may be able to be of some service to you, I beg
to remain, with kindest regards

Very sincerely yours,

Res. Secretary, Max Schirsky
16 Taylor Street



Fin. Secretary, Wm. Gelin
514 Main Street

Springfield Lodge, No. 684

Independent Order B'nai B'rith
Springfield, Massachusetts

Meets second and fourth Mondays of the month
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Box 1252
Springfield, Mass.
April 5, 1931

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
East 58th St. & Central,
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Acknowledging receipt of your kind letter of March 30th, with thanks, may I beg to inquire what you are receiving for your lectures, in addition to your expenses, and whether or not it will be possible for you to consider my previous invitation to you, as this matter is coming up before our meeting on next Monday evening, at which time definite action will be taken on the speaker.

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Thanking you for an early reply, I

Very truly yours,

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September 24th, 1926.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The writer had the extreme pleasure of meeting you at the Cleveland Convention of the B'nai B'rith in 1920, and knowing your interest in B'nai B'rith activities I am writing you at the request of the officers of Springfield Lodge # 684 of the B'nai B'rith, to see if you could possibly arrange to pay a visit to this City and address a large public gathering under the auspices of the B'nai B'rith.

Our lodge is planning to hold its public meeting in October and we are very anxious to have you with us. Whatever subject and date you choose will be entirely satisfactory to us.

The organization would be very glad to pay for the cost of your coming and I will thank you if you will kindly inform me, if you can conveniently arrange to come, the approximate amount you would expect.

Awaiting to hear from you, I am,

Cordially yours,

HL:EA

Henry Lasker

No-

September Twenty-ninth
1926

Mr. Henry Lasker,
Whitney Building,
Springfield, Mass.

My dear Mr. Lasker,

Permit me to thank you for the very kind invitation which you extend to me on behalf of Springfield Lodge of the B'nai B'rith. I regret that I cannot see my way clear to accept.

October is one of the busiest months in our Temple calendar and I feel compelled to remain in Cleveland as much as possible. I am not assuming any additional obligations to speak to out-of-town groups for the next few weeks.

Perhaps there may be an occasion at some future date when it may be possible for me to serve you.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

THE TEMPLE EAST 105 ST AND ANSEL RD=

WILL YOU SPEAK AT SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY CHEST PRECAMPAIGN
MEETING WE CAN GIVE CHOICE OF THE FOLLOWING DATES OCTOBER
ELEVENTH FIFTEENTH SIXTEENTH=

HENRY L BOWLES CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN BOWLES BLDG
1618 MAIN STREET.

ANSWER COLLECT 9/11/28

Regret exceedingly can not accept any more
engagements for the month of October. Wish
you every success.

Rabbi A. H. Silver

HENRY L. BOWLES
BOWLES BUILDING
SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

Day letter collect

Wire Sept. 25th, 1928

Regret exceedingly can not accept your kind invitation to address Community Chest. Other engagements prevent Wish you great success.

A. H. Silver

Sept. 21, 1928.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

On September 11th I sent you a telegram asking if you would be willing to make an address at the pre-opening meeting of the Springfield Community Chest Drive, but to date have had no reply.

This telegram must have gone astray and I am, therefore, writing to see if you could give an address here on any one of the following dates, October 11th, 15th or 16th.

This address would be presented to about 600 Corporation Managers, Department Heads and Chest Workers. It would be an inspirational meeting.

Appreciating a reply at your earliest convenience, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Henry L. Bowles
Campaign Chairman.

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February, 28, 1931.

Rabbi Hillel Silver
Cleveland
Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Springfield Lodge of Bnai Brith is planning to celebrate its twentieth anniversary either the latter part of April or early in May, by having a banquet on that occasion.

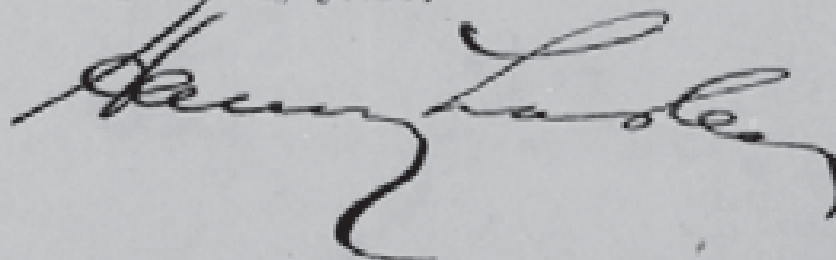
The committee in charge would like very much to have you as their speaker, so I will appreciate it if you will kindly advise me if it will be possible for you to be with us on that occasion.

Please let us know what date would be agreeable to you and the remuneration you would expect. If you can conveniently arrange to be with us on a Sunday evening we would prefer it. But if that is impossible you may suggest any other day.

Awaiting to hear from you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

L.D



card

March 17th, 1931.

Mr. Henry Lasker,
Whitney Bldg.,
Springfield, Mass.

My dear Mr. Lasker:-

I appreciate very much your kind letter of February 23th and the invitation which you extend to me to address the twentieth anniversary celebration of the Springfield Lodge of B'nai B'rith.

I wish I were free to accept. Unfortunately I am so heavily booked up with lecture engagements for the rest of the season that I can not in justice to myself and my health accept any more. My health has not been of the best in recent months and I am constrained to curtail rather than to augment my lecture program for the remainder of the year.

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

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Associations

Twenty - seven Sargeant Street
Springfield : Massachusetts

July 6, 1931

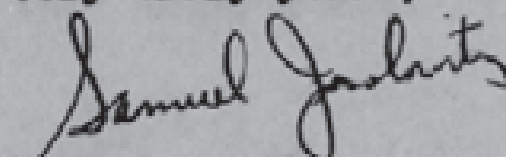
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

I am about to make out my lecture program for next season. Will you kindly inform me whether you will be able to deliver a lecture in Springfield and your lecture fee for organizations of our type?

Should you have already accepted an invitation in some city in New York or New England, I shall be glad to accept a date prior or following such an engagement.

Very truly yours,



Samuel Joselowitz
Executive Secretary

SJ:JS

*Plas went to Mr. Joselowitz.
R. Silver may be
able to come on
Thursday Oct 15.
Fee 25.00.*

July 13th, 1931

Mr. Samuel Joselowitz,
Y. M. & Y. W. E. A.,
27 Sergeant St.,
Springfield, Mass.

My dear Mr. Joselowitz:-

In the absence of Rabbi Silver who is spending his vacation up in New Hampshire, permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 6th.

It may be possible for Rabbi Silver to come to you on Thursday, October 15th. His honorarium is \$250. If the terms are satisfactory please let me know and I shall definitely schedule your organization for that day.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

Rabbi Silver you have Boston scheduled for
Wednesday evening, Oct. 14th, 1931 and
Sunday and Monday, Jan. 10th & 11th, 1932

Do you wish to combine either of these
engagements with an engagement in Springfield?

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Associations

Twenty - seven Sargeant Street
Springfield : Massachusetts

card

August 21, 1931

Miss Irene Rothenberg
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Rothenberg:

My committee deemes it inadvisable to have a lecture series this coming season due to economic conditions. It will be impossible, therefore, to accept your kind offer of October 15th. I appreciate your favor in your letter of July 13th, and thank you for your courtesy. With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Samuel Joselowitz

Samuel Joselowitz
Executive Secretary

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TENNEY & COMPANY, INC.

200 DEVONSHIRE STREET

BOSTON, MASS.

August 6, 1932.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio,

My dear Rabbi Silver,

You will not remember me, but I am the Ellis, who as organizer and President of the Dedham Open Forum, endeavored on several occasions to arrange for you to address that organization and who with my wife have generally been present when you have spoken at Temple Israel.

For several years I have lived in Springfield and have been President of a large organization of men which has met monthly to discuss important public questions under the leadership of men of great distinction in their respective fields, the address always followed by forty minutes of questions and discussion.

The success of this group, which last Season numbered nearly 500 of the leading business and professional men of this vicinity, has led to the organization of the Springfield City Club, a non-sectarian, non-political group of a thousand of the most forward-looking men of western Massachusetts. This group includes all the local Judges, lawyers, physicians, teachers and clergymen of every faith, together with business men from all fields. It is the finest organization of men in this part of New England and is unlike any service club or Church Men's Club.

Our meetings will be held at Hotel Kimball next Winter on alternate Monday evenings beginning October 10th. On behalf of the Council of this organization, I invite you to address us at a time convenient to yourself next Season on a subject of your own choice. My personal choice of date would be November 21 or January 23d. It must be when you make your regular visit to Massachusetts, and we will endeavor to meet your plans.

Among the men who have addressed us are John M. Tilson Congressman from Connecticut, Major W.O. Woods Treasurer of the United States, Dr. George E. Vincent, Rabbi Harry Levi, Rabbi Nathan Krass, Fr. Edmund A. Walsh of Georgetown, Will Durant, Alfred E. Stearns, Manley Hudson and Harlow Shapley of Harvard and Dr. Walter F. Prince President of the British Society of Psychical Research.

I hope you will not look upon this invitation as merely another of the many you receive every week but will realize this to be a rather unusual opportunity to meet an unusual group of intelligent men under very favorable conditions. We should expect to pay your expenses and a reasonable fee and to have you dine with a select group of fifty before the meeting. You will be interested to know that Rabbi Price, the local "Liberal Rabbi" is much interested and very helpful in the work of this group. With high respect and anticipation, I am

Sincerely yours,

41 Longmeadow St., Longmeadow, Mass. *Walter F. Ellis* President S.C.C.

Card

August 8th, 1932

Mr. Walter F. Ellis,
41 Longmeadow St.,
Longmeadow, Mass.

My dear Mr. Ellis:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of August 6th and for the invitation which you extend to me to address the Springfield City Club some time next season.

I should very much like to avail myself of the opportunity to meet your fine group but I shall be out of the country the whole of next year, leaving the early part of October and not returning until September 1933. My Congregation has generously granted me a sabbatical year in recognition of my fifteen years as minister of the Temple.

Perhaps upon my return I may have the opportunity of addressing your organization.

With kindest regards and best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

August 13, 1932.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver,

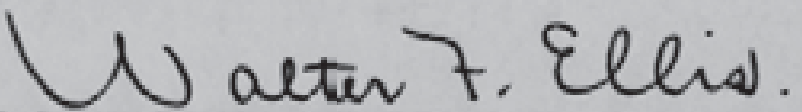
I have your kind letter of the 8th. and want to congratulate you very cordially on being granted a sabbatical year by your people. I am sure you will have a delightful and profitable year because you know so well what to seek among the people and places abroad.

We shall be delighted to plan on having you speak to us on your return, some time during the Winter of 1933.

Because you know the sort of man I seek for an address before this very interesting group, by a liberal Rabbi, I want to ask you to send me the names of three men, in the order of their excellence, whom you recommend and to whom I may mention the fact that I know you and that you believe they will enjoy meeting this Springfield group.

I have heard Rabbi Fineschreiber at Ford Hall, but do not know any of the excellent middle western men. For this help I shall be very grateful.

Bon voyage and sincerely yours,


Walter F. Ellis

41 Longmeadow Street,
Longmeadow, Massachusetts.

August 17th, 1932

Mr. Walter F. Ellis,
41 Longmeadow St.,
Longmeadow, Mass.

My dear Mr. Ellis:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of
your kind letter of August 13th.

I would suggest one of the following Rabbis
for your program:

1. Rabbi Morris S. Lazaron, Baltimore, Md.
2. Dr. Louis Mann, Chicago, Ill.
3. Dr. Solomon B. Freehof, Chicago, Ill.

With best wishes for a very pleasant summer,
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

Springfield City Club

SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

ROY H. SMART, SECY.
38 GRENADA TERRACE
TEL. SPFLD 8-4881

November 11, 1933.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I trust you enjoyed a refreshing and delightful "Sabbatical year" abroad, although you must have seen and heard much to make you despair of the progress of your fellow men.

You will be interested to know that the "Open Forum", to the up-building of which I have given considerable time during the past four years is now an established Springfield Institution with a membership of nearly 400 of the most thoughtful men of this vicinity and an average attendance at the meetings of about 350 men.

As the Season beginning October 8th. 1934 will be the Fifth, I am very anxious to have every one of the ten meetings a "high spot" in the experience of the members, and we want you at the date most convenient to yourself.

Last year we had my classmate Murray Seasongood and John Masefield as "extras". With your long experience in contacting the really important figures of this country and abroad I am sure you can help me with suggestions and I enclose our Programs for the past and present Season that you may know the type of men we have had as guest speakers.

Anspecher and John Haynes Holmes were so enthusiastically received last Season that it seemed wise to have them again, but that will not be a custom. When you are in a position to know the date of your visit to New England in the Autumn of 1934, please let me have the "second Monday" which is most convenient for you, and tell me what we must pay you above expenses from Boston or New York or elsewhere.

When you can take a few minutes to give thought to the matter, I am sure you will be glad to list the names of some of the men you would want to include if you were arranging a Program for the same purpose as our's.

For your past and future consideration I am very grateful and with kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Walter H. Ellis - President
Walter H. Ellis

41 Longmeadow St.,
Longmeadow, Mass.

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November 17, 1933.

Mr. Walter F. Ellis, President,
Springfield City Club,
41 Longmeadow Street,
Longmeadow, Mass.

My dear Mr. Ellis:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of November 11th. I am enclosing herewith a list of the speakers who are coming to our own forums this year. You may be able to get some ideas from it.

Should I be scheduled in your vicinity next season I shall be pleased to inform you. With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BX

George A. Fernald
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February 14, 1934.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver,

We have just had an interesting and helpful meeting of the City Club with Dr. Abram Sachar the speaker. The Probus Club, our local Jewish Service Club, joined with us in honoring Dr. Sachar at a little dinner and we found him a delightful man who "saw the point" as to what we are seeking to accomplish through this organization.

I hope very much that it will be possible for you to address us next Season and want you to have the first opportunity to select your date.

Our meetings are held on the second Monday evenings of each month from October through April. Because we announce the Program for next Season at the Annual Dinner on April 23d., I wish it might be possible to know before that date, when you can come to us.

If your schedule in the East for next winter is not yet arranged, can you let me know the month and we can change our date-in the month- to meet your convenience? We are in position to pay a modest fee above expenses and if you were to go to New York or Boston for even one address, would it not be possible to stop at Springfield en route?

We shall have Dr. Anspacher and Dr. Holmes again and expect William Lyon Phelps will come to us for Ladies' Night. You will enjoy meeting this unique group of 400 men and their men friends, about 500 is our capacity and you can do us more good than any man I know anything about.

I await with great interest your suggestions regarding your plans for next Fall.

Very sincerely yours,

Walter F. Ellis
Walter F. Ellis
President-Springfield City Club

41 Longmeadow Street,
Longmeadow, Massachusetts.

March 19, 1934.

Mr. Walter F. Ellis, President,
Springfield City Club,
41 Longmeadow Street,
Longmeadow, Mass.

My dear Mr. Ellis:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your kind letter of February 14th. I should very much like to come to the Springfield City Club and I promise to make every effort in the Fall or Winter months to do so. At the present writing, however, I cannot indicate a definite date.

My customary honorarium is \$250. I shall try to take in Springfield on my way to Boston or when I address a meeting in New York. In that case my honorarium will be \$100 plus traveling expenses.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

Springfield City Club

SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

ROY H. SMART, SECY.
38 GRENADA TERRACE
TEL. SPFLD 6-4661

March 19, 1934.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I wonder if you received my letter of February 14th. We sincerely hope to have the great privilege of hearing an address by yourself before this group of 400 men of this vicinity some time next Season.

Our meetings occur on the second Monday evenings from October through April. Is it yet possible to know in what month you will make your trip to New York and New England? We can change our date from the second Monday to meet your convenience if necessary.

Please include us in your eastern schedule and I will see that our arrangements meet with your requirements.

With high respect and anticipation, I am

Sincerely yours,

Walter F. Ellis
Walter F. Ellis-President

41 Longmeadow Street,
Longmeadow, Massachusetts.
E-K.

Springfield City Club

SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

ROY H. SMART, SECY.
38 GRENADA TERRACE
TEL. SPFLD 6-4661

March 26, 1934.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver,

I have your note of March 19th. and rejoice to learn that you will probably be able to address this group of 350-400 men next Fall or Winter.

While a second Monday would be preferable, we will change the date if necessary to meet your convenience, and will be glad to pay \$100. plus expenses from New York or Boston.

You may recall that I first wrote you in August 1932 regarding an address to this group- very definitely a cross-section of the thoughtful men of this vicinity, and I have continued to feel that no man I know can do more for them, in an hour of talk followed by forty-five minutes of discussion, than your good self.

At present, our only fixed date is December 10th., when Dr. Lynn Harold Hough will be our speaker. We announce the Program for next Season at the Annual Dinner on April 23d. If you have anything more definite by that time, kindly let me know, otherwise I will reserve for you two possible dates "to be announced".

Sincerely yours,

Walter F. Ellis

Walter F. Ellis-President

41 Longmeadow Street,
Longmeadow, Massachusetts.

E-K.

Springfield City Club

SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

ROY H. SMART, SECY.
38 GRENADA TERRACE
TEL. SPFLD 6-4661

May 4, 1934.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

As we approach the date when our Program for the coming Season must go to press, I am sanguine to believe you are to be able to address us on one of our second Monday evenings, when you are in the East.

It would be an extraordinary piece of good fortune if you could open our Program on Monday evening October 8th. This date and November 12th. are at present open. Is there any possibility that you can build your speaking trip to New York and New England around a visit to us on either of these dates? If so, please advise me at your early convenience.

I believe you are interested in planning a "Forum" Program at your Temple. You will be interested to know that besides Lynn Hough, we now have arranged to have Lewis Browne and John Haynes Holmes next Season.

With sincere personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Walter F. Ellis

Walter F. Ellis-President

41 Longmeadow Street,
Longmeadow, Massachusetts.

You may be interested to see the Program of our Annual Ladies' Night, which I enclose. I know you will rejoice with me that we have elected as Vice-Presidents for the coming Season the leading Catholic Priest of Springfield, the leading Liberal Rabbi, Samuel Price and the minister of the First Congregational Church, the oldest church in western Massachusetts.

W.F.E.

May 8, 1934.

Mr. Walter F. Ellis,
41 Longmeadow Street,
Longmeadow, Massachusetts.

My dear Mr. Ellis:

I wonder whether Monday evening, February 11th, 1935 would be an acceptable date for my address before the Springfield City Club. If so, I shall schedule it. I plan to be in Boston on the day before.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK

Springfield City Club

SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

ROY H. SMART, SECT.
38 GRENADA TERRACE
TEL. SPFLD 6-4661

May 10, 1934.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I have your letter of May 8th. and am delighted that you will find it possible to be with us here on the evening of Monday February 11th. following your Sunday in Boston.

This date being fixed, it now becomes possible for me to print and distribute the Program for next Season- the speakers for our illustrated lecture open to the public and for "Ladies' Night", to be announced.

Please understand that I am very grateful to you for including this organization in your schedule and I am confident your address to these men will be the most important occasion of the year.

As I understand it, your fee is to be \$100. plus expenses from Boston, and you are to send me the subject you believe you can discuss before this group to their greatest benefit, at least a month in advance.

Believe me,

Gratefully and sincerely yours,

Walter F. Ellis.

Walter F. Ellis-President

41 Longmeadow Street,
Longmeadow, Massachusetts.

E-W.

SPRINGFIELD CHAPTER OF HADASSAH
SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

74 Haven Street
Springfield Mass
October 4, 1934

My dear Rabbi Silver.

Through the Civic Club of Springfield I learned that you are scheduled to speak in our City on February 11th. Your visit here would be a joy to us Jews with the opportunity of realizing our hope of many years, to listen to you.

Some years ago and on subsequent occasions my husband tried to bring about your visit to Springfield in the interest of Zionism, but it was impossible (on

For you at those times to
arrange your program to
include this.

This occasion is like the
answer to a prayer. As President
of Yaddo, I am most anxious
that the dormant spirit of
Girardism in our community
be revived & know of no finer
and more effective way of doing
so than to bring before our
people such a leader and
teacher as you. I cannot
begin to tell you the apathy
the indifference, and the
lack of sympathetic interest
that exists among us. The

SPRINGFIELD CHAPTER OF HADASSAH
SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

one light ray is the work
of our women in Hadassah.
Thank God, they have taken
hold and are doing a marvelous
piece of constructive work, both
financially and educationally.
Your coming to us would
be the occasion of our
annual Louis Banquet,
which is the highlight of
the social season. If you
would only consent to
come before us, you would
inspire our whole life and
be the means of starting an

active, purposeful and useful
Jewish life. I cannot
urge you more strongly
Please let us know as soon as
possible whether we may
expect the honor and I do
hope that you will accept
the invitation to be our
Guest Speaker on Feb. 10th.
Sunday night.

With most cordial Jewish
Greetings and anxiously
awaiting word from you
I am

Sincerely yours

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MRS NATHAN E GOLDSTEIN.

Springfield City Club

SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

ROY H. SMART, SECY.
38 GRENADA TERRACE
TEL. SPFLD 6-4661

October 11, 1934.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Mrs. Nathan Goldstein of Springfield has phoned me tonight about her recent messages to you by letter and telegram and now asks me to endeavor to secure your consent to address an organization of women in which she is interested at a noon meeting on Monday, February 11th.

The Springfield City Club has become the most important and influential organization of men in western Massachusetts and because I assumed that you appreciated the necessity that we maintain our prestige in the community, I did not ask you to make no other address here before our meeting on the evening of Monday, February 11th.

I do not now feel that it is necessary to make such a request, but write you at the request of Mrs. Goldstein, and suggest that you report back to me that you cannot speak here Monday noon, but that you might address her group on Tuesday noon- if that is possible, which of course, in view of your heavy schedule in the East, I doubt.

We have the best Program this Season it has been possible to arrange in five years, but I still feel sure that your meeting will be the most helpful and best remembered address of the year.

I want you to know that at our Ladies' Night in April the speaker will be Dean Emeritus Frank Nicolson of Wesleyan and that we shall make the occasion a testimonial to the "Dean of Deans" with the Deans of every New England College as guests.

With high respect, believe me

Sincerely yours,

Walter F. Ellis

Walter F. Ellis-President

41 Longmeadow Street,
Longmeadow, Massachusetts.

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RABBI SAMUEL PRICE

Temple Beth El

67 FORT PLEASANT AVENUE
SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

October 23, 1934

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

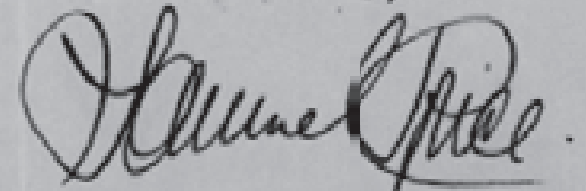
My dear Colleague:

It has come to my attention that you are to be in Springfield on February 11, to address the Springfield City Club. I am now writing to inquire as to whether or not you could possibly come to Springfield a little earlier in the day and address the members of the Beth El Sisterhood, in the Beth El Temple, on Monday afternoon. The Sisterhood would charge an admission fee to the lecture and would be in a position to pay you a reasonable sum as an honorarium for your services.

I realize that it is asking a great deal of you to speak twice in the same day, but I am tempted to do so because this will be the first time that the Jewish people of Springfield will be given the opportunity of listening to you. Please let me know as to whether or not you can possibly accept this invitation, and also state the amount of your fee in case of your acceptance.

Anticipating your favorable reply, I remain,

Fraternally yours,



SP/H

October 25, 1934.

Rabbi Samuel Price,
Temple Beth El,
67 Fort Pleasant Avenue,
Springfield, Mass.

My dear Rabbi Price:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of October 23rd and for your invitation to address the Beth El Sisterhood on Monday afternoon, February 11th. I wish I were free to accept your invitation. Unfortunately I cannot. I shall have three addresses in Boston on the previous day, Sunday, February 10th and I do not wish to tax myself with two lectures the following day. I have not been very well and I am trying to reduce my lecture engagements to a minimum.

With all good wishes, and hoping that I may be of service to you at some future time, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

Springfield City Club

SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

"For Social Education and Community Fellowship"

ROY H. SMART, SECY.
1200 MAIN STREET
TEL. SPFLD 34181

November 27, 1934.

Rabbi Abbe Hillel Silver,
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

On the occasions of the visit to us of certain distinguished men, we have honored ourselves by having a small group of Club members at dinner with our Guest Speaker.

Included in our present membership are, as you know, many of the local B'nai B'rith and Probus Club men. From these men and others I have received numerous enquiries about a dinner with you on the evening of February 11th.

Will it be possible for you to reach Springfield by six o'clock and dine with us at Hotel Kimball- no formal speeches, just good-fellowship? As we shall have men from all the local social and religious groups, such an occasion, "in your honor", will go far to broaden the base of our fellowship and increase the prestige of the Club, in certain important directions. I earnestly hope your plans will permit this arrangement.

Can you send me the subject of your address before our next regular meeting on December 10th.? Will you kindly have your Secretary send me a mat or photograph for our publicity department? Have you written Mrs. Nathan Goldstein of Springfield, if so, to what effect?

You will have here a capacity audience of eager, alert-minded men to whom you can speak plainly and I believe- might effectively.

With keen anticipation, believe me

Sincerely yours,

Walter F. Ellis.

Walter F. Ellis-President

41 Longmeadow Street,
Longmeadow, Massachusetts.

E-S.

- Abeline, Individual -

December 3, 1934.

Mr. Walter F. Ellis, President,
Springfield City Club,
41 Longmeadow Street,
Longmeadow, Massachusetts.

My dear Mr. Ellis:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of November 27th. I shall be very pleased to have dinner with your group at six o'clock on the day of my lecture in Springfield. It is kind of you to invite me.

I have accepted no other engagements in your community for that day as I have a very exacting schedule for the day previous and I must try to conserve my energy.

I would suggest one of the following subjects for my address:

- (1) The Decline of the Individual
- (2) What We Have Lost Since the War
- (3) The Age of Dictators

Please let me know which of the subjects you select. Personally, I prefer the first: "The Decline of the Individual."

Under separate cover my secretary will send you a photograph for your publicity.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

Springfield City Club

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1200 MAIN STREET
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December 8, 1934.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

We are delighted to learn by your letter of the 3d. that you will be with us at dinner on the evening of February 11th.

Other local groups have been invited to meet with us on this occasion and we shall have an interesting gathering to meet you in this informal way.

I shall announce your subject "The Decline of the Individual" as you suggest.

We shall look for a photograph at the early convenience of your Secretary.

Sincerely yours,

Walter F. Ellis

Walter F. Ellis-President

41 Longmeadow Street,
Longmeadow, Massachusetts
Tel. Springfield 2-5909.
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Springfield City Club

SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

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February 5, 1935.

ROY H. SMART, SECY.
1200 MAIN STREET
TEL. SPFLD 34181

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

We are eagerly anticipating your visit to Springfield next Monday the 11th, and I believe you will have an interesting experience with this group of men.

A small dinner has been arranged for 6.30, preceded by a "bit of a Reception" and the B'nai B'rith Lodge and the Probus Club are omitting their regular meeting to unite with us.

The 3.15 train from the South Station would get you here at 5.38, or at the Hotel Kimball at 5.45. As this would be rather close figuring, I suggest you take the one o'clock train, arriving at Springfield at 3.30 which will give you ample time for rest and refreshment before the men begin to arrive at 5.45.

Let me know which train you will take from Boston and I will meet you at Hotel Kimball for a brief chat before you retire to your room for a couple of hours.

Sincerely yours,

Walter F. Ellis.
Walter F. Ellis-President

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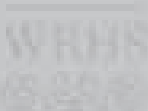

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WALTER F. ELLIS
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February 15, 1935.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Your presence with us was an inspiration and your address on Monday evening was an incentive to more than five hundred men to more thoughtful and worth-while living.

I have received many enthusiastic comments regarding your visit to the CITY CLUB and find it difficult to express to you my appreciation for your interest and co-operation in coming to us. Because you now know what I have sought to accomplish through this organization among the men of this vicinity, I am sure you realize how much good you have done for this group.

If you come East next year, won't you plan to come to us again? I am returning the photograph you sent me for the use of our publicity committee. Is it too much to ask you for an auto-graphed photograph of your self for my library? You were the Guest Speaker at the climax of the Club's fifth Season and I shall appreciate very much such a memento.

With sincere personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Walter F. Ellis.

Walter F. Ellis

February 19, 1935.

Mr. Walter F. Ellis, President,
Springfield City Club,
Springfield, Mass.

My dear Mr. Ellis:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of February 15 and all the nice things which you say about my address before your group. I enjoyed my evening in your community tremendously -- thanks to you. The spirit which prevailed at the dinner and at the meeting following it was quite unusual and is a tribute to the quality of leadership which you have given your community through the channel of the Springfield City Club.

Under separate cover I am sending you a photograph.

With all good wishes and hoping that I may have the good fortune of being with you again soon, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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March 30, 1935.

My dear Rabbi Silver,

Your gracious letter of comment regarding our meeting of the CITY CLUB on the occasion of your visit was very highly appreciated by certain members of the Council. I cannot personally thank you enough for what you did in enabling me to "build around your visit" a constructive move for increasing community good-fellowship.

I plan to read at our Fifth Annual Dinner on April 30th. several letters from prominent Guest Speakers of the past three years, commending the purpose of the Club and wishing continued and increasing success for the future.

Because of the peculiar hold you established upon these men, I believe a few words from you would go far to increase enthusiasm for "what we are driving at", and I write to ask you to say in a slightly different way-about what you said in your letter of February 19th. that I may read your message to our gathering of 550 men and women at our Annual Ladies' Night.

Please also do not let your Secretary forget the photograph which I shall cherish very much.

Sincerely yours,

Walter F. Ellis.
Walter F. Ellis

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1200 MAIN STREET
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September 10, 1936.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I cannot refrain from telling you that I spent an interesting and inspiring week at the Institute of Social Relations at Williamstown with my wife and daughter. Some of the addresses seemed to me highly important and I believe these meetings marked a definite step forward in the direction of improved relations between the religious groups.

I had a good talk with Rabbi Lazaron and he agreed to speak to this group at a convenient time, apparently feeling that we are moving in the direction he approves.

I know how busy you are and because we hope to have you with us again next Season, I write to ask you to let me know as early as possible in what month of the winter of 1936-37 you will come East for a series of addresses. We will make our plans conform with your's.

On February 19th. you wrote me a very kind letter regarding your meeting with us and said you were sending me a photograph. I have never received this important memorial of our acquaintance and common interests and hope you can take time to send me such a token with a personal autograph.

Rabbi and Mrs. Levi were at Williamstown and we were grieved to note his failing health. Do take it easy- or as easy as possible!

Sincerely yours,

Walter F. Ellis.
Walter F. Ellis

E-S.

Springfield City Club

Season of
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"Vision, Courage, Enthusiasm"

For Social Education
and Community Fellowship

Hotel Kimball, Springfield, Mass.
2nd Mondays, October-April
8:00 P. M.

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THE
**Springfield
City Club**

is a common meeting ground for the men of this vicinity, for the purpose of discussing important public questions, under the inspiration and instruction of recognized leaders, in the interest of truth and mutual enlightenment.

We appreciate the value of obtaining various view-points on subjects of general interest, not only by radio and the printed page, but also through immediate contact with living personalities. To meet face to face and talk with men who have "been places and done things" is one of our most valued privileges.

With full opportunity for questions from the audience, we seek the truth reverently and aim to speak it bravely, thus promoting knowledge and good-will.

Our meetings do not take the form of a debate nor a concert nor an entertainment, though they provide, in turn, all the interest, intensity, contention, delight, and excitement that characterize these widely varied occasions.

Members who believe in the Open Forum as a means of promoting education and social progress, and who enjoy this type of meeting, are urged to interest their friends to register promptly for the coming season.

We welcome to our membership the thoughtful, forward-looking men of this vicinity.

Limit 500

ANNUAL DUES \$3.00

Business—Music, Address, Discussion, Social Hour

Your ticket is transferable

Please see that it is used at every meeting

Come early.

Ask a question.

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OCT. 8—WALTER B. PITKIN, M.A., LL.D.

Professor of Journalism, Columbia University.

Author "Life Begins at Forty," "More Power to You."

Subject to be announced.

A stimulating talk at the beginning of our Club Year.

Nov. 11—EVERETT DEAN MARTIN, B.A., LL.D.

Director The People's Institute, New York City.

Professor Social Philosophy, Cooper Union.

Author Civilizing Ourselves, Farewell to Revolution.

"The Meaning of a Liberal Education."

"One of those rare geniuses who can make vigorous thought alluring."

Nov. 26—MARK TWAIN CENTENARY CELEBRATION

Samuel L. Clemens was born in Florida, Mo., 100 years ago this Saturday.

Dinner, Music, Illustrated Lecture, Reminiscences by friends. Limited to seating capacity of Ball-room.

Dec. 9—J. DUNCAN SPAETH, M.A., LL.D.

Professor of English, Princeton University.

"A Review of the World Situation."

One of the keenest analysts of International Affairs.

Jan. 13—LOUIS J. A. MERCIER, LL.D., LL.D.

President American Assn. of Teachers of French.

Professor of Literature, Harvard University.

"The American Inheritance."

A highly distinguished "Visiting Professor."

Feb. 10—To be announced. Wm. L. Finley

Feb. 21—ANNUAL GUEST NIGHT. Auditorium.

Public Meeting. To be announced.

Mar. 9—LYNN HAROLD HOUGH, LL.D., LL.D.

Dean—Drew Theological Seminary.

Author "Personality and Science," "Vital Control."

Subject to be announced. Return engagement.

Apr. 13—LOUIS K. ANSPACHER, M.A., LL.D.

Celebrated Dramatist, Philosopher, Orator.

"This Jazz Age."

"A Torch in the Minds of his Audience."

Dr. Anspacher's annual visit to the CITY CLUB always brings a capacity audience.

Apr. 27—ANNUAL DINNER AND LADIES' NIGHT.

Speakers to be announced.

Books by these men are in the City Library.

Read them and know our Guest Speakers in advance.

The Council

Season 1935-1936

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September 11, 1935

Mr. Walter F. Ellis,
Springfield City Club,
1200 Main Street,
Springfield, Mass.

My dear Mr. Ellis:

In reply to your letter of September 10,
permit me to state that Rabbi Silver has been spending
the summer in Europe and will be back in Cleveland about
the end of next week. I shall be pleased to refer your
letter to him when he returns.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

October 3, 1935

Mr. Walter F. Ellis, President,
Springfield City Club,
1200 Main Street,
Springfield, Mass.

My dear Mr. Ellis:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of September 10. I was very happy to receive it. I regret that my photograph was not sent to you earlier. I am forwarding it to you under separate cover.

I do not know just when I will be in your vicinity during the winter of 1936-37. I shall certainly keep you in mind as I enjoyed my meeting with the Springfield City Club tremendously.

With all good wishes for a successful season of work, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BX

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January 17, 1936.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

It has become my custom to announce at the Annual meeting of the City Club in April, most of the Program for the coming Season. You have expressed interest in meeting with us again and I believe it is your custom to come East about the first of February each year.

Can you advise me soon, or will you, as soon as you can do so, if you can come to us again on Monday January 11th. or Monday February 8th. 1937?

Your presence and your address were an inspiration to us all. The men still speak of that extraordinary evening and I believe no speaker has ever made so deep an impression upon this group as yourself. The Club is gaining in influence in the community and the Council unite with me in urging you to plan to come to us again, speaking upon whatever topic you believe will do us good.

If you come East this winter, Mrs. Ellis and I hope to see you in Boston within a few weeks.

With high respect, I am

Sincerely yours,

Walter F. Ellis.

Walter F. Ellis-President.

E-S.

April 14, 1936

Walter F. Ellis, President,
Springfield City Club,
1200 Main Street,
Springfield, Mass.

My dear MR. Ellis:

I trust that you will pardon the unfortunate delay in answering your letter of January 17. It was misplaced and only this morning did I chance upon it.

I am deeply appreciative of your kindness in inviting me to come again to Springfield in 1937. I recall with the deepest pleasure my last visit to your organization. I wish I were in a position to tell you definitely whether and when I can come to Springfield. My plans for next season are very indefinite and I do not wish to commit myself to any definite engagements at this time. I have no lectures scheduled in New England for January or February 1937. Should you still have an opening on your program by the time the summer months are over, please communicate with me. I shall be in a better position in September or October to let you know whether I can come.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

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June 8, 1936.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You know how eager the members of the City Club are to have you speak to us again next Season. Because it is necessary to send our program to the printer this month, I write to ask if your plans for visiting the East are more definite now than when you wrote me in October.

The evening of Monday February 8th. is in many respects the most desirable date for you to come to us and if you find this possible in view of other definite or provisional engagements, will you kindly let me know promptly?

You have a rather definite picture of the efforts we have made to increase good feeling and friendly relations between the Hebrews and Gentiles of Springfield and vicinity. I am sure you will be interested to know that the Probus Club presented me in April, their Annual Award because of the accomplishments of the City Club in this particular direction.

No man in America can speak to us more effectively as the representative of your faith and I shall be gratified indeed if you can find it possible to come to us next Season.

Cordially yours,

Walter F. Ellis.

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Walter F. Ellis - President.

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July 8, 1936.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Two years ago, you addressed a remarkable meeting of the members of the CITY CLUB on the evening of February 11th.

We want very much to have you speak to us this coming winter and inasmuch as you are perhaps most likely to be in the East in February, I should like to tentatively reserve for you the evening of Monday February 8th.

According to your last letter you cannot yet make this definite but I trust you will also reserve this date, and if you come to Massachusetts or New York in February, do honor us again.

Possibly you are already abroad and will not receive this note until September.

In any event be sure your visit is eagerly anticipated by a great group of Springfield men.

Sincerely yours,

Walter F. Ellis

E-S.

Walter F. Ellis, President.

July 14, 1936

Walter F. Ellis, President,
Springfield City Club,
1200 Main Street,
Springfield, Mass.

My dear Mr. Ellis:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of July 8. Rabbi Silver sailed for Europe on June 17 and will be gone until the early part of September. I shall be happy to refer your letter to him when he returns to Cleveland.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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September 9, 1936.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

In accordance with your letter of April 14th. I write to ask you if your plans for the early weeks of the new year are at this time so arranged that you can make a definite engagement for Springfield.

The Council of the City Club unite with me in a very cordial invitation to you to come to us at a convenient time and address a meeting of about 475 men at Hotel Kimball. The most convenient date for us would be Monday evening, February 8th., but if your eastern trip is to be at another week-end, we will endeavor to make our plans fit your own.

We want you to choose the subject you believe will do us the most good, and in view of the letters you received from other organizations two years ago, why not let the announcement of your visit be made one week in advance, instead of several months?

With high respect and keen anticipation, I am

Sincerely yours,

Walter F. Ellis.

Walter F. Ellis-President.

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November 12, 1936.

Miss Bessie Kline, Secretary
The Temple,
East 105th. Street At Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Miss Kline:

I write you in connection with our interest to have Rabbi Silver Address the SPRINGFIELD CITY CLUB at our regular monthly meeting on February 8th. 1937.

You wrote me on July 14th. that upon Rabbi Silver's return in September you would refer my letter to him. In late September I sent a letter to him personally to which I have received no reply and I can well imagine you are all very busy with matters to you in Cleveland far more important than an Address in Springfield.

We had a delightful evening with Rabbi Silver two years ago when he was Guest of the City Club and we are eagerly hoping he will find it possible to come to us again this Season.

Because it is necessary to arrange our program well in advance, will you kindly consult your distinguished chief and discover for me if there is any possibility that he may come to New England in February or if it will be wise for me to work toward making other arrangements.

I am sure you will act in our interest so far as possible to urge Rabbi Silver to endeavour to so arrange his plans of February that he can come to Springfield.

I thank you in advance for your interest and co-operation.

Sincerely yours,

Walter F. Ellis.

WFE:c

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December 17, 1936.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am sure you know how eagerly the members of the
SPRINGFIELD CITY CLUB anticipate another meeting with
you this Season.

Our little dinner with you two years ago with
remarks by clergymen of several faiths, was the greatest
factor that Season in the development of non-sectarian
good-fellowship among the members.

Your Address was the high-spot of the Club year.
I know of no man who can contribute as much as yourself
toward increasing interest here in the fundamental ideals
upon which I organized the City Club.

I eagerly hope you can arrange to come to us and am
still reserving the date Monday, February 8th. under the
possibility that you will be coming East at about that time.

I want to arrange the same type of a dinner meeting
that we enjoyed with you two years ago and as the arrange-
ments for such an occasion require weeks rather than days,
I trust you will be able to write me at your early convenience.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Walter F. Ellis.

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Walter F. Ellis - President.

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January 4, 1937

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To Walter F. EllisStreet and No. Springfield City ClubPlace Springfield, Mass.

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A H SILVER

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EVENING FEBRUARY EIGHTH WIRE BY WESTERN UNION COLLECT=

WALTER F ELLIS PRESIDENT

acknowledged

RABBI ISAAC KLEIN
40 CLIFTWOOD STREET
SPRINGFIELD, MASS.
TELEPHONE 8-0477

July 7, 1937.

Rabbi A. H. Silver
Cleveland Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver,

Our Men's Club is sponsoring an Open Forum and would very much appreciate if you would consent to deliver the opening lecture this coming season.

The opening lecture usually takes place the third Wednesday of October but we would adjust the date to suit your convenience. Any date in October or the first half of November will be good enough. Would you kindly let us know whether you can spare any date during that time and what fee you would expect.

Sincerely yours,
Isaac Klein

July 9, 1937

Rabbi Isaac Klein,
40 Cliftwood Street,
Springfield, Mass.

My dear Rabbi Klein:

In reply to your letter of July 7,
permit me to state that Rabbi Silver is spending
his summer vacation in Europe. I am forwarding
your letter today and shall be pleased to
communicate with you as soon as I hear from
Rabbi Silver.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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New York, N.Y.

September 28

REGRET EXCEEDINGLY CANNOT ACCEPT YOUR INVITATION FOR SPRINGFIELD
MUST BE IN MY OWN PULPIT SUNDAY MORNING OCTOBER TENTH KINDEST
REGARDS

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THE NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE COUNCIL OF JEWISH
FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS HAVE ASKED ME TO INVITE YOU
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AT BRIARCLIFF STOP SAM GOLDHAMER WILL GIVE YOU DETAILS STOP
I SINCERELY HOPE THAT YOU CAN THUS HELP IN EXTENDING
UNDERSTADING OF THESE SERIOUS PROBLEMS AMONG COMMUNITY
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August 3, 1938.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I imagine you are away from Cleveland this month but hope you will receive this letter early upon your return.

In February 1935, your presence at a meeting of the SPRINGFIELD CITY CLUB made it the outstanding occasion of that Season.

I have been re-elected President of this organization for the Ninth Season and wish very much to have you speak to us again. Because you are perhaps most likely to be in the East in February, I should like to tentatively reserve for you the evening of Monday, February 13th.

When you know your schedule for the Winter months, won't you write me if this date may possibly be available or if another Monday evening would be more convenient?

Be sure a large group of Springfield men eagerly anticipate your second visit to us.

With high respect, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Walter F. Ellis.

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Walter F. Ellis - President.

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August 9, 1938.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Mosselookmeguntic,
Maine.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As our Program does not go to press for two weeks and because I believe you may have a particular subject in mind which you would like to discuss before the Members of the City Club, I write to ask you to send it along if that is the case.

I assume you will make no other engagement to speak in Springfield before your evening with our organization. Some of the Women's Clubs are alert to "pick-off" our announced Speakers in advance of their appearance at our meeting.

As you may recall, we have established the precedent of having our Guest Speakers Address no other group in Springfield during the Current Season, in advance of our meeting.

We should like to have you join us at a small dinner at Hotel Kimball at 6.30 as you did before.

With keen anticipation, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Walter F. Ellis.

Walter F. Ellis, President.

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August 9, 1938.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Mooselookemeguntic,
Maine.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am gratified indeed to receive your letter of August 7th. stating that you have not yet made an engagement for Monday evening, February 13, 1939 and that you will Address the City Club on that date.

Our Program goes to press this month and I will include your name on our list of Speakers, leaving the subject "to be announced".

I believe you have been abroad during many recent Summers. How good it must seem to spend a part of your vacation among the restful lakes and woods of Maine.

Sincerely yours,

Walter F. Ellis.

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Walter F. Ellis - President.

Oct. 13, 1908
53 Lual Drive
Springfield, Mass.

My dear Rabbi Liber:

It has been called to my attention that you are going to speak before the members of the City Club in our city on Monday night February the thirteenth. I have been asked to write and tell you that we would deem it a great honor and privilege if you would address the Springfield section

of the Council of Jewish Women
on that afternoon. I don't think
that I need tell you of the council's
work, nor that our section is do-
ing their utmost to help the
National in their Americanization
and German refugee work and to
better the lot of our people locally.

As most of our money goes for
council philanthropy, will you
let me know what your mini-
mum charge would be, if you
would honor us on that afternoon!

Most sincerely yours,
(Mrs. Fredine) Esther D. Blue

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October 15, 1938.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio,

Dear Rabbi Silver,

One of the local Springfield women's organizations proposes to write you shortly, inviting you to speak to their group on the afternoon of Monday February 13th., which evening is the date when you will address this body of five hundred men.

You will recall that it has been our custom for the past eight years to have our speakers make their first public address in Springfield in the current Season-at our meeting. You did not feel like appearing before another group when you came to us before and I trust you will have other plans for this Monday afternoon.

The CITY CLUB has attained a certain measure of prestige in Springfield and as we plan to have a non-sectarian "fellow-ship dinner" for you at 6.30, I believe you will not wish another group to "steal out thunder". Your Dinner in 1935 and a similar Dinner for Richard Gutstadt last year were very important and constructive occasions in the development of this organization.

You will be interested to know that Edgar Hoover will address us in December. On April 10th. John Phelon, Professor of Sociology at Carlton College, who has recently returned after a year in Egypt and the Near-East will speak on "The Moslem World in Transition". At the Annual Dinner on April 24th. our principal Speaker will be Dr. George B. Cutten, President of Colgate University.

If you have a suggestion or two regarding speakers for next year, which will be our tenth and my last Season as President of the City Club, I shall be grateful indeed. I hope to be able to arrange the most distinguished and helpful program of addresses ever sponsored by an organization of our type in Massachusetts.

With cordial good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Walter F. Ellis

Walter F. Ellis-President

E-c

October 18, 1938

Mrs. Frederic Cohn
53 Tenel Drive
Springfield, Mass.

My dear Mrs. Cohn:

I deeply appreciate your kind invitation to address the Springfield section of the Council of Jewish Women on the occasion of my visit to Springfield on February 13. My schedule, however, calls for an address before the ministers of Boston on the morning of the 13th and I will arrive in Springfield just in time to keep my engagement with the City Club. I must leave that evening for home. Perhaps at some future time, I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

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December 19, 1938

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

At the next meeting of the City Club I should like to announce the subject of your address to this organization for the evening of February 13th. You will recall we shall have a group of about 350 to 400 men. I am sure you have in mind an address which will be particularly appropriate to this group of serious, thoughtful, forward-looking citizens of western Massachusetts. We plan to have a small dinner for you at 6:30 P.M. and the large meeting will be called to order at 8:00 o'clock. Your address will be preceded by twelve minutes of music.

Kindly send me a photograph or mat for use in advance publicity in the Springfield Republican.

Sincerely yours,

Walter F. Ellis
(M.F.C.)

WFE:c

Walter F. Ellis, President

December 27, 1938

Mr. Walter F. Ellis, President
Springfield City Club
1200 Main Street
Springfield, Mass.

My dear Mr. Ellis:

You may announce as the subject of my address
before the Springfield City Club on February 13 the
following: SOME ABERRATIONS OF OUR DAY.

With best wishes and looking forward with
pleasure to seeing you, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

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February 14, 1939

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

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I cannot tell you how gratified I am for your interest and co-operation in including the Springfield City Club in your speaking engagements during your February trip to New England. Your address was superb. The attendance was unusually good, and every man was pleased and interested.

I want to write within a few days to one of the Rabbis we mentioned last evening in regard to an address here next year. Please drop me a line with your first and second choice. Do you feel sure that Rabbi Goldman of Chicago is not the No. 1 selection and where would you put Rabbi Fineschreiber?

I enclose check for \$100. which carries with it the thanks of every member of the Council.

Cordially yours,

Walter F. Ellis.

WFE:c

Walter F. Ellis, President

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October 27, 1944

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I should like to take this opportunity to invite you to be the principal speaker at the Annual Meeting of our association. The meeting can be scheduled for either January 8, 1945 or February 12, 1945.

It has been our practice to combine our Annual Meeting with our forum program for that month. Last year Rabbi Barnett Brickner addressed this group and reported on his trip over-seas to army camps. An attendance of 1100 people was recorded.

In planning our program for this year our Committee reported enumerable requests to have Rabbi Silver address the Jewish audience of Springfield. It has been pointed out to us that you have been a speaker in Springfield, from time to time, for our City Club. The Jewish community has never enjoyed the opportunity of having you address them.

May I say very frankly that I am well aware of the many requests which you receive to address groups throughout this country, and that I am also aware of the many demands upon your time in the service of several of our national agencies and organizations; still, I feel justified in asking you to consider an address here because of the tremendous desire of the local Jewish community to hear your views and comments on current Jewish affairs. We have brought to our forum series those who sit with you in national council, men such as Dr. Stephen Wise, Henry Montor, Rabbi Barnett Brickner, Rabbi Leo Jung, and many of the lay leaders. We have had their reports and their opinions. Our community is terribly anxious to have you speak to them.

May I add that, of course, I personally would be both pleased and extremely proud to be able to present you to my adopted community.

Ruth sends her love to you and thinks that you would be interested in knowing that she gave birth yesterday morning to a baby boy.

Sincerely yours,

Sidney Simon
SIDNEY SIMON

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November 5, 1944

Mr. Sidney Simon, Executive Director
Jewish Community Council of Springfield
130 Maple Street
Springfield, Mass.

My dear Simon:

First let me extend to you and Ruth my heartiest felicitations on the birth of your son. Mrs. Silver joins me in wishing you and your child all happiness in the future.

I wish I could accept your kind invitation to address your Community Council at its annual meeting. I recall with pleasure my last visit to Springfield, and I would be most happy to return. Unfortunately my work is so heavy and my commitments so many that I cannot in justice to myself take on any additional responsibilities. As it is, I am away from Cleveland three or four days a week. I am sure that you will understand. Perhaps at some future time when life becomes more normal I will be able to come to you.

With all good wishes for success, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BX

130 Maple Street
Springfield 5, Mass.
January 9, 1945

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

Dear Rabbi:

According to the stories which have reached us and which, of course, might be strictly a false rumor, you are planning a nation-wide tour to mobilize Zionist opinion behind the stand which you took before the American Zionist Emergency Council. Although I had made a notation that you would not be available as a speaker on our Forum this year, I am again writing to you in the event that the above rumor is true.

There is tremendous interest in this area in the action of the American Zionist Emergency Council and a great desire to have first hand information particularly regarding the reasons for the stand which you took. We could promise you an audience of at least 1000 persons if you were to come here for such an address. As a matter of fact, our committee planning the Annual Meeting of the Jewish Community Council which is scheduled for Monday, February 12, 1945 has informed me that if I could get either you or Rabbi Wise they would be willing to restrict the business aspect of the meeting to 45 minutes and turn the rest of the program over to a presentation of these issues. I must add that they would prefer to have you since it is felt that there is a greater interest in knowing and hearing from you the reasons for your position.

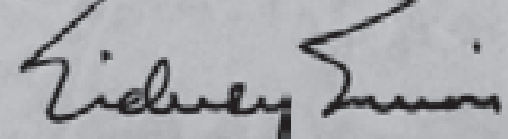
I want you to know, too, that in the event that February 12th was not an available date for you, and you are interested in reaching the Western Massachusetts Zionist groups, that we would be happy to work out another date since we feel this matter to be of such urgent importance.

An address by you here would be very strategic in the event that you are planning to carry on the speaking campaign of which we have heard. An address in Springfield would have an effect all through Western Massachusetts, through Worcester to Pittsfield and would also reach over to Hartford. We know that we could not only arrange for coverage in the anglo-Jewish papers in this area, but we could also arrange for the leaders of Zionist organizations to come to Springfield for such an address since we are located conveniently and centrally to this group.

I know that I express the sentiments of Jewish communal leadership and Zionist leadership in this area when I say that we earnestly hope that you would come into this area to present your position and to interpret to us the reasons for it.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,



SIDNEY SIMON

Executive Director
A. C. C.

SSPRS

Via Special Delivery

January 26, 1945

Mr. Sidney Simon
130 Maple Street
Springfield 5, Mass.

My dear Mr. Simon:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of January 9 and please pardon the delay in answering it. I have been away from the city a good deal of the time, some of it spent in New England -- in Boston and in Providence.

I wish I could come to Springfield this season, but I am afraid that it will not be possible. I am so heavily burdened with work here, and so largely committed for the next few months to out-of-town engagements.

If I find that around April or May I can get away, I shall be very happy to communicate with you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

SINAI TEMPLE

188 SUMNER AVENUE
SPRINGFIELD 8, MASSACHUSETTS
TELEPHONE 7-1491

• HERMAN ELIOT SNYDER, Rabbi •

STUDY: AT THE TEMPLE - RESIDENCE: 11 ETON STREET

25 May 1950

Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
E. 105th St. and Ansel Road,
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver,

We are nearing the completion of our Temple building, and plan to dedicate it at our Friday night services on September 8, 1950. Under separate cover you will receive a brochure which describes our edifice.

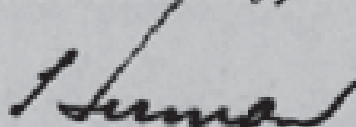
We would appreciate it very much if you would accept our invitation to deliver the Dedication Sermon that evening. I am aware that it marks the beginning of the religious year and is almost on the eve of Rosh Hashonah, but hope you might accomodate us. You could give us the same message as at Sinai in Chicago? There are direct air connections between Cleveland and Springfield—you are only about three hours away by air. Of course we would take care of the expenses—naturally.

Our congregation is a pioneer undertaking in behalf of Reform-Liberal Judaism in this part of the state. Your presence and your message would be a distinct contribution not only to our congregation and to me, but also to the cause in which we are interested.

If there is further information you desire for making your decision, please let me know.

I do sincerely hope you are free to accept our invitation, and that I may hear from you very soon.

Most cordially,



Am looking forward to seeing you at the CCAR meeting.

May 31, 1950

Rabbi Herman Eliot Snyder
Sinai Temple
188 Sumner Avenue
Springfield 8, Massachusetts

My dear Herman:

Thank you for your letter of May 25th and for your gracious invitation to attend the dedication exercises of your new Temple building on Friday evening, September 8th. I have received the brochure which contains pictures of your new building, and it is very gratifying that you will have as attractive and serviceable an institution as the booklet suggests.

I should very much like to come to your dedication service on September 8th. Unfortunately, it will not be possible. I shall be away most of the summer, returning to Cleveland in time for the High Holy Days. As you may well imagine, there will be plenty of work for me to do the four or five days before Rosh Hashonah, and I cannot be away from the city at that time.

I wish you every success in your new home. Please convey to the officers and members of Sinai Temple my heartiest felicitations and all my good wishes.

Most sincerely yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

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1100 DICKINSON STREET, CORNER PORTER LAKE DRIVE
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HERMAN ELIOT SNYDER, RABBI
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AUGUST 20, 1957

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER
1855 ANSEL ROAD
CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

DEAR RABBI SILVER,

ON SUNDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 10TH, SINAI TEMPLE IS PLANNING TO HAVE A DINNER MEETING HONORING OUR BELOVED RABBI HERMAN E. SNYDER. THIS DINNER IS TO CELEBRATE THREE EVENTS--(1) HIS 10TH YEAR IN SPRINGFIELD, (2) HIS 30TH YEAR IN THE RABBINATE, (3) THE FORMAL PRESENTATION OF A LIFE-TIME CONTRACT.

AS YOU MAY KNOW, RABBI SNYDER CAME TO SPRINGFIELD TEN YEARS AGO TO A CONGREGATION OF 35 MEMBERS. TODAY WE HAVE A CONGREGATION OF 450 FAMILIES. AT THAT TIME WE MET IN A CONVERTED RESIDENCE WITH A SANCTUARY SEATING 35. IN 1949 WE BUILT A NEW BUILDING AS A SHELL AND AT THIS VERY MOMENT WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF COMPLETING IT BY BEAUTIFYING AND DECORATING IT APPROPRIATELY. THIS BUILDING HAS ALL THE FACILITIES REQUIRED BY A MODERN TEMPLE, INCLUDING A SANCTUARY SEATING 250 PEOPLE, AN AUDITORIUM SEATING TWICE THAT NUMBER, AN ONEG SHABBAT ROOM AND ALL THESE JOINED SO THAT 1500 PEOPLE CAN ATTEND OUR HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES BY THE OPENING OF DOORS. WE HAVE A RELIGIOUS SCHOOL OF APPROXIMATELY 400 PEOPLE WITH CLASSROOMS ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE THEM. I NEED NOT TELL YOU WE HAVE AN ACTIVE BROTHERHOOD, SISTERHOOD, YOUTH GROUP AND ALL THESE ACTIVITIES ARE A DIRECT RESULT OF THE STIMULATION AND HARD WORK OF OUR RABBI.

IN ADDITION OUR RABBI HAS BEEN EXTREMELY ACTIVE IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, BEING ACTIVE IN UNITED FUND IN AN EXECUTIVE CAPACITY, RED CROSS, HOSPITAL WORK, VETERANS' AFFAIRS, ETC. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THERE WILL BE A SUBSTANTIAL TURN OUT FROM THE COMMUNITY WHO WILL WISH TO HONOR THE RABBI AT THIS TIME, EVEN THOUGH MANY OF THEM ARE NOT MEMBERS OF OUR TEMPLE OR EVEN JEWS.

WE ARE EXTREMELY ANXIOUS TO HAVE AN OUTSTANDING SPEAKER ON THIS OCCASION. AS PRESIDENT OF THE TEMPLE, I NEED NOT TELL YOU THAT I AM ANXIOUS THAT THIS AFFAIR SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN A PROPER MANNER. AFTER A GREAT DEAL OF DISCUSSION YOUR NAME EMERGED AS THE ONE SPEAKER THAT WE REALLY WANTED AND WE WOULD BE BOTH FORTUNATE AND HONORED IF YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE WILL ALLOW YOU TO ATTEND.

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR EARLY REPLY.

SINCERELY YOURS,

Arthur Gold
ARTHUR GOLD, D.M.D.
PRESIDENT



Affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations



September 3, 1957

Dr. Arthur Gold, President
Sinai Temple
1160 Dickinson Street
Springfield 8, Massachusetts

My dear Dr. Gold:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter and gracious invitation.

I wish I could come to the dinner which you are holding in honor of Rabbi Herman E. Snyder. I would like to join his many friends in paying him tribute. Unfortunately, it is not possible for me to leave Cleveland on a Sunday. I occupy my own pulpit on that day and other important congregational functions usually take place on Sundays.

With all good wishes I remain

Cordially yours,

AHS:sl

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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DR. HERMAN ELIOT SNYDER
RABBI

2 December 1958

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
1855 Ansel Road,
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Approximately thirty CCAR members from New England will meet together for a CCAR Seminar from Monday afternoon, May 4th, through Wednesday noon, May 6th, 1959.

We are very anxious that you accept the invitation which will be extended through Sidney Regner to be our Seminar Leader. The matter of subject can be determined later.

We plan this at the new Union camp at Great Barrington, Massachusetts which is a beautiful estate in a magnificent section of the country. We will have restful surroundings, no agenda, no business, no formality.

Practically every Rabbi in our region will be in attendance. We are known as the Eastern New England Conference of Liberal Rabbis—and all members of the CCAR. For the Seminar additional invitations are sent to our colleagues in Northern New York State—all are welcome.

Transportation would be convenient. You could come by either train or plane to Albany, New York, and arrangements will be made for the very short drive over to Great Barrington.

It is indeed our sincere hope that your schedule will permit your accepting this invitation, and giving us your guidance and leadership. With all good wishes,

Most cordially,

Herman
Rabbi Herman E. Snyder

An early reply would be appreciated



CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS

40 WEST 64th STREET

NEW YORK 23, N. Y.

December 3, 1958

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
1855 Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Conference inaugurated about two years ago a program of regional CCAR Seminars, arrangements for which are made through my office. These Seminars have been very successful and have been enthusiastically received by our members wherever they have been held. The New England Conference of Liberal Rabbis, comprising members of the CCAR in the New England area, are planning to have such a Seminar in May and they have asked me if I would invite you to serve as leader.

In the Seminars we have been conducting the usual plan has been for the leader to lead three sessions over a two-day period. The group in New England has set the dates for their Seminar for May 4, 5 and 6, 1959, starting with dinner on the 4th and ending with luncheon on the 6th. So if you could spare at least two of those days, the men would be greatly appreciative. They expect an attendance of about twenty to twenty-five of our men of the New England area.

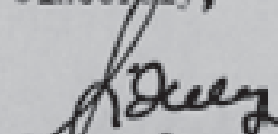
The Seminar will be held either in Great Barrington, Mass., or in Lenox, Mass. - they haven't decided yet which.

The CCAR pays the expenses of the speaker, and I should also tell you that since up to now we have been having members of the faculty we have felt that we should not ask them, or in fact anyone, to lead a Seminar without offering some compensation, and we have been paying a modest honorarium of \$200.

I do hope that you will be able to make it and should appreciate your letting me know. The men would consider it a very great privilege to have you.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,



Sidney L. Regner
Executive Vice President

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*Ex-officio

December 8, 1958

Rabbi Herman B. Snyder
Sinai Temple
1100 Dickinson Street
Springfield 8, Mass.

My dear Rabbi Snyder:

Thank you for your letter of December 2nd and for your gracious invitation to attend your Seminar in May. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately I will not have the time for it. I am leaving the country tomorrow for two or three months, and upon my return I shall have to remain here in Cleveland to catch up with accumulated work. I am sure that you will understand.

I wish your Seminar every success. With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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RABBI DR. HERMAN ELIOT SNYDER
RABBI HOWARD R. GREENSTEIN

12 September 1962

Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
Tifereth Israel,
University Circle at Silver Park,
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver,

Would you be available to be the speaker here on Wednesday night, March 20, 1963, and what would be your honorarium?

This is an annual dinner meeting of the brotherhoods of the reform, conservative and orthodox congregations in our community. We are hosts this year. The budget which was set for the speaker is two hundred dollars.

Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

I trust that you have had a pleasant summer. My very best good wishes to you and family for a very happy New Year.

Cordially,



Rabbi Herman E. Snyder

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There is a direct flight between Cleveland and Springfield (Bradley Field) on United.



D.S.E.

September 17, 1962

My dear Herman:

I deeply appreciate your gracious invitation to address the annual meeting of the brotherhoods of your city on March 20, 1963. I wish I were free to come. However, I shall probably not be in the country at that time as I am planning to leave soon after my seventieth anniversary celebration here in Cleveland in January for a few months stay in Israel.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

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