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June 14, 1930

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We are planning our lecture series at this time for next season and are anxious to include your name among the speakers.

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Sincerely yours,

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cond ** % * * * * * July 7th, 1930 Mr. M. E. Fichman. Stamford Jewish Center, Prospect St. . Stamford, Conn. My dear Mr. Fighmant-Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of June 14th inviting me to address the lecture forum of the Stamford Jewish Center. I can not at the present writing commit myself to any engagement of this character. Should I be in the vicinity of Stamford some time next season I shall try to set aside an evening for you. With kindest regards, permit me to remain Very sincerely yours, AHS/IR

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I have sent you, on June 14, the enclosed invitation and I trust that it will be convenient for you to lecture before our group at any date decided upon by you.

Sincerely yours,

August 4, 1930

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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August 12th, 1930 Mr. M. E. Fichman, Stamford Jewish Center, Prospect Street, Stamford, Conn. My dear Mr. Fichment-Please pardon the delay in enswering your letter. I have been out of the city a good deal of the time. I regret very much that I shall not be able to accept your kind invitation to speak to your group. I am already heavily dated up for lecture engagements and my activities here make it impossible to eccept any more. Trusting that I may be of service to you at some future time, permit me to remain Very sincerely yours, AHS: ME

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August 15, 1930

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I have your letter of August 12 and regret exceedingly that you will not be able to speak before our forum.

It has come to our attention that you are speaking in Mount Vernon during the coming season.

Mount Vernon, as you probably know, is less than a half hour's distance from Stamford. Possibly you could arrange to lecture before our group the night before or the night after, or some time during the period.

We are very anxious to have you speak at our Center on a subject of Zionistic import, and though we realize the demands that are made upon you, we should like to have your reconsideration of our invitation. We shall appreciate a favorable reply.

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George Wise We are anxiously awaiting definite word from you in Hon. Abraham Wofsey reference to the letter which we sent to you on Aug-Dr. Joseph J. Wolk ust 15, as per enclosure.

We do hope that you can accept our invitation.

Sincerely yours,

September 10, 1930

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We do regret that you will not be able to be with us this coming season and I hope that if you have any open date at all when you come east, you will advise me so that I can arrange a meeting.

May I extend sincere greetings for a Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,

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October 20, 1931

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We are pleased to extend again an invitation to you to address our forum this season. Last year an invitation was extended to you and because of your heavy schedule of appointments, you were unable to accept our invitation. I hope that some date during this coming season may be opportune for you to address us.

We should like to offer you any date in December, January, or March, preferably on the following dates: Sunday night, December 13; Wednesday night, January 20; and Wednesday night, March 16. We trust that one of these dates will fit in with your schedule.

Will you kindly advise me what your honorarium will be. Your recommendations as to subjects will be appreciated.

It is our purpose to make a community event of your presentation and we sincerely request your consideration and acceptance of our invitation.

get. 23d, 1931 Mr. M. E. Fichman. Stamford Jewish Center. Prospect St., Stamford, Conn. My dear Mr. Fichman: It may be possible for me to come to your forum some time in March. My honorarium is \$250. If the terms are acceptable, please let me know and I shall give you one or two dates, as well as a list of subjects. With kindest regards, I am Very sincerely yours, AHS/IR

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October 29, 1931.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver East 105th St. at Ansel Rd. Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I regret to inform you that financial conditions here in Stamford make it impossible for us to arrange to present you to our forum. We regret this sincerely for we are very anxious to have the pleasure of presenting you to our audience.

With personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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MEF: AG

Aug. 24, 1933

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Rabbi Abba Millel Silver c/o The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

can you advise me whether you expect to be east this year. If you do, we should be delighted to Mrs. Milton Silberman present you before our forum. It has been our wish during the past three years, ever since the opening of our institution, to present you here, but we have not been able to because of the expense involved in bringing you from Cleveland.

Benjamin R. Weisberg Our forum has presented such speakers as John Haynes Holmes, Norman Thomas, Rabbi Wise, and Hon. Abraham Wofsey many others and has generally secured a large audience considering the size of our community. Stamford is only fifty minutes from New York City, therefore making it comparatively easy in so far as transportation is concerned.

> We all hope that you will be able to accept this invitation to address us here this year.

> > Sincerely yours,

MEF FAN

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

August 28, 1933. Mr. Meyer E. Fichman, Executive Director, The Stamford Jewish Center. Prospect Street, Stamford, Conn. My dear Mr. Fichman: Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of August 24th and for the invitation which you extend to me to address your Jewish Center. I cannot, at the present writing, indicate when I will be in the vicinity of Stamford. My program for next season is very indefinite and I am limiting my out-of-town engagements to an absolute minimum in view of my absence from the country the whole of last year. Should I have occasion to be in your neighborhood, I shall communicate with you. with all good wishes, I remain Very sincerely yours, AHS:BK

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We are still hoping that you will be able to address our forum sometime this season. We wonder if your plans are such that they will permit you to be East, and if so whether we will have the opportunity of presenting you. We are pleased to inform you that it is a wide-spread request on the part of our members and friends that we present you sometime this season.

With personal greetings, I am

MEF FAN Sincerely yours,

Dec. 6, 1933

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

December 11, 1933. Mr. M. B. Fichman, The Stanford Jewish Center, Prospect Street, Stamford, Conn. My dear Mr. Fichment Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your kind letter of December 5th. I do not plan to be in the vicinity of Stamford within the next few months so that I must forego the pleasure of being with you this season. With all good wishes, I remain Very sincerely yours, AHS: BK

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I understand that you are planning a lecture tour of New England for next season.

I wonder if you would consider an invitation from Stamford, Conn., during that period. I would appreciate your indicating what date would be most convenient and if the group can expect a special fee in view of the fact that you will be en route.

Cordially yours

JANET G. WEISMAN

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November 12, 1941 Miss Janet G. Weisman Jewish Center Lecture Bureau 220 Fifth Ave. New York, N.Y. My dear Miss Weismans In reply to your kind letter of October 28 permit me to state that I am not planning a lecture tour of New England. Most of the time which I can spare from my work here at The Temple is devoted to the United Jewish Appeal and the United Palestine Appeal, and I have not been able to plan any lecture tours in recent years. With all good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours, AHS: BK

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January 5, 1944

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver c/o The Euclid Avenue Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Stamford Jewish Center will celebrate its thirteenth anniversary in the form of a Bar Mitzvah dinner sometime this spring, in either April or May. This will be a momentous event in the life of our Jewish Community.

In order to make the event significant, we are anxious to have a speaker worthy of the occasion. Our committee is very anxious to have you as the speaker and I have been delegated to write to you to ascertain whether or not you would be available for this occasion. We have not set a definite date. However, we would be happy to adjust our date to suit your convenience.

We realize how busy you are but hope that you will be able to make a special case for this event. We are anxiously awaiting word from you and hope that it will be an affirmative reply.

With many thanks and best wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

Paul Kulick

Executive Director

PK/LS

January 7, 1944 Mr. Paul Kulick, Executive Director The Stamford Jewish Center Prospect Street Stamford, Conn. My dear Mr. Kulicks Thank you for your kind letter of January 5 and for your invitation to address the Bar Mitzvah dinner celebrating the thirteenth anniversary of the Stamford Jewish Center some time this spring. I wish I were free to come to you. Unfortunately I cannot. The new duties which I have undertaken in connection with the Zionist Emergency Council take me out of the city two and three days a week and I have had to decline many invitations which normally I would be most happy to accept. Perhaps at some future time I may be able to be of service to you. With all good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours, AHS: BK

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No somer had I sent my last letter to you than I realized there was something else I wanted to write.

It was to ask whether you would favor this congregation with an appearance at an Institute on Judaism for the Christian Clergy.

If we could get you here, we could gather together the ministers of this entire area, one known for its intellectual sophistication and its coldness towards Jews. The towns nearby include Greenwich, Darien, New Canaan, and Norwalk besides Stamford.

My pattern for an institute is to invite the men for a Friday afternoon talk, then a dinner, then a service at which you would speak again, to them as well as to our congregation.

A number of the clergy here have read your book. They all know about you. We could have the book on hand for sale.

If you would come, you could perhaps combine it with a trip to New York. You may have any Friday night in the calendar.

One other inducement: your niece lives here, and she can't remember that her famous uncle has ever spoken in Stamford.

Would you?

I hope so. Hoping to hear and with best wishes to you and the family for a year of good health and high achievement, I am

Cordially, Jan

RABBI SAMUEL M. SILVER

Dr. A. Hi Silver Cleveland

Member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations

September 23, 1960

My dear Sam:

I appreciate very much your gracious invitation to appear at an Institute on Judaism. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately, my commitments are so many that I cannot, in justice to myself, take on any additional out-of-town engagements. I am unable to carry the same load as I used to.

With all good wishes for the New Year, I remain Cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

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4 January 1962

Dear Abba,

I'm enjoying your new book.

I enjoyed discussing it with your Stamford niece, Mrs. Jacobs, at a New Year's Eve party.

I still would like to enjoy you. I see you're going to Worcester April 15. How about honoring us on Friday, April 13, on your way up. We will fete you, we will pay you, we will let your sign autographs in your book, and you can relax with the Jacobses a bit, and finally make your Stamford debut.

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Cordially,

RABBI SAMUEL M. SILVER

Dr. A. H. S. Cleveland

January 15, 1962 My dear Sam: Thank you so much for your letter of January 14th. I appreciate your gracious invitation to address your congregation on Friday evening, April 13th. Inasmuch as I am scheduled to be in Worcester on the 15th, I shall be very pleased to be with you on the 13th. My honorarium will be \$500.00. There will be no traveling expenses. Would you like me to speak on my book, "WHERE JUDAISM DIFFERENT? If so, I shall be very happy to autograph copies of the book that evening. The pleasure of being with the Jacobs is an additional reason for my readiness to accept your gracious invitation. With all good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:bfm Rabbi Samuel M. Silver Temple Sinai Lakeside Drive Stamford, Connecticut

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21 January 1962

Dear Abba,

I rejoice that you can come to us on Friday, April 13.

I look forward to the event with pleasure.

By all means, I would like you to autograph your book, and we will have a batch on hand.

Whether we would want you to use the title of your book as your topic is something I'd like to ponder a bit. We might have your appearance be the highlight of a ground-breaking weekend for our new sanctuary.

We have just completed a fundraising program and we want to celebrate the beginning of the actual construction. Hence, your theme might be geared to that event, or your title, rather.

We will, of course, draw attention to the book.

Would you be good enough to send me a half-dozen glossy photos and some of your bios?

With best wishes, I am

Yours cordially,

RABBI SAMUEL M. SILVER

Dr. A. H. Silver Cleveland, Ohio

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NEWS RELEASE

ONE OF WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS RABBIS IN STAMFORD APRIL 13

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, one of the world's most famous rabbis, will be the guest speaker at the Sabbath Eve service of Temple Sinai Friday, April 13, 8:30 p.m. at the Jewish Center, 132 Prospect Street, Stamford.

Regarded as one of the foremost orators of the century,
Rabbi Silver is spiritual leader of Temple Tifereth Israel,
Cleveland. He is remembered by millions for the address he
delivered before the United Nations pleading for the recognition
of the State of Israel.

The worship service, during which the noted guest preacher will speak, will be conducted by Rabbi Samuel M. Silver, no kin to Dr. Silver, the spiritual leader of the Stamford Reform congregation.

5ª January 24, 1962 Dear Rabbi Silver: Your letter of January 21st was received today and is being held for Dr. Silver's attention upon his return from Europe. He left just today and will be gone about five weeks. In the meantime I am enclosing the glossies and biographies of Dr. Silver which you requested. Usually we receive requests just for one or two glossies but I am sending the six and would appreciate your returning them after they have served their purpose. If there is anything else you want, please let me know. Sincerely yours, Beatrice F. May (Mrs.) Secretary to Dr. Silver Enclosures Rabbi Samuel M. Silver Temple Sinai Lakeside Drive at Interlaken Rd. Stamford, Connecticut

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Mar. 15, 1962

Dear Uncle Abba
we just learned that

Robbi Samuel Silver invited

you to speak in stamfack,

and we're so pleased at

the prawpeet.

It is mould fit in w

your bury schedule, we'd lave to have your home for desired and are anxious to make any arrangements for the week- end that

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Please let us know your place and also if Aunt Virginia intends to come.

Would have been the slighted pour bling able to spend any time is a small town like arms me certainly bould have tried to persuade your long ago to speak at are Temple.

Nahman and I have been

host anxious to see you and

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Aunt Origines and neel some I new members of the family. Particularly to have our cheldren meet and know thath of you. In anticipation of hearing from you soon, and lasking farward to seeing your, with love, Sylvea

March 19, 1962 My dear Sydvia: Thank you so much for your lovely note. I shall be very happy to be with you for dinner Friday evening, April 13th. Make sure that Rabbi Samuel Silver has not made any other plans for my entertainment. I plan to leave right after the lecture for New York if there is a train out that night; if not, I shall leave in the morning. I am looking forward to seeing you, Nahman and the children. With warmest regards in which Aunt Virginia joins me, I remain As ever yours, AHS :bfm Mrs. Sylvia M. Jacobs 464 Pepper Ridge Road Stamford, Connecticut

March 27, 1962 My dear Sam: The date of my lecture before your group is approaching. You have not as yet indicated to me what you wish me to speak on. I believe that I suggested to you that I speak on "WHERE JUDAISM DIFFERED". You thought that you would like to think about it. Please let me know. I could also speak on my recent visit to the Soviet Union or, if you prefer, on my book, "MOSES AND THE ORIGINAL TORAH". I am pleased that you will have on hand some of my books for autographing. With warmest regards, I remain Most cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS :bfm Rabbi Samuel Silver Temple Sinai Lakeside Drive Stamford, Connecticut VIA AIR MAIL

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Dear Dr. Silver,

The subject, "Where Judaism Differed" would be fine.

I think about 45 minutes will be all right. As I write it's surprisingly hot here all of a sudden, and these darn somatic influences often affect us on such occasions. But I'll shorten the service a bit.

We're in the midst both of the UJA and Bonds campaign, and if in your division on the Jews as people of compassion, you could parenthetically say something urging support of such enterprises, the Jewish leadership would be grateful.

I spoke to Sylvia Jacobs, your niece, and she tells me that you will be brought here by them, dined by them, and taken by them back to your N.Y. hotel. I understand your desire not to linger too long, but perhaps you could dally just a bit and allow people to ogle you at the Oneg Shabbat before proceeding on. For that I will be grateful.

Looking forward, etc., and with every good wish, I am

Yours cordially,

RABBI SAMUEL M. SILVER

Dr. A. H. Silver Cleveland

April 2, 1962 Dear Mrs. Jacobs: Dr. Silver has asked me to write and let you know the time of his arrival in Stamford. He leaves Cleveland Friday, April 13th on United Air Lines Flight #714 at 9:35 A.M. and arrived in New York, Idlewild Airport at 10:50 A.M. From there he expects to take a limousine to Stamford. I was informed that the limousine leaves New York for Stamford every hour on the hour. Rabbi Samuel Silver, in a letter received today, advised that you will take Dr. Silver back to his hotel in New York Friday night after the lecture. I know he will be very appreciative of that. Cordially yours, Beatrice F. May (Mrs.) Secretary to Dr. Silver Mrs. Sylvia M. Jacobs 464 Pepper Ridge Road Stamford, Connectivut

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17 April 1962

Dear Abba,

You were superb.

You were gracious.

You were memorable.

Thanks much for honoring us.

And thanks for bringing Virginia. She is a darling.

I'm glad so many books were sold and that your autograph on them will be a tangible reminder of your memorable visit.

I enclose half of your fee. This half is easy for me to send immediately. The other half, from a special fund, takes a bit more bookeeping time.

I hope the rest of your trip was pleasant.

Your mishpacha and mine join me in more thanks and in the prayer that God will send you many joyous, meaningful and healthy Passovers.

With regards to all Silvers, I am

Yours cordially,

Dr. A. H. Silver RABBI SAMUEL M. SILVER Cleveland
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