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SAMUEL D. FREEMAN, Director

May 28, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
105th & Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Would you please advise by return mail whether it would be possible for you to appear for the Jewish Community Center of Teaneck on Wednesday, November 17, in the evening.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

SAMUEL D. FREEMAN

I do hope you are available

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June 1, 1954

Mr. Samuel D. Freeman
Jewish Center Lecture Bureau
145 E. 32nd Street
New York 16, New York

My dear Mr. Freeman:

Thank you for your letter of May 28th. I regret that I will not be able to address the Jewish Community Center of Teaneck on Wednesday, November 17th.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

of Teaneck, New Jersey

815 PRINCE STREET
TEANECK, N. J.

July 1, 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am taking the privilege of writing you at the suggestion of Mr. Ben Gordon, who aside from being a dear and mutual friend, is also a very respected member of our Center.

During the winter season our Center sponsors a series of lectures and forums, open to the Community and which are very well attended.

Our Center Forum Committee would deem it an honor to present you as our guest on the Wednesdays either of November 17, 24, December 1, February 16 or 23.

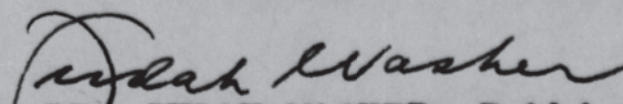
Teaneck is a very progressive residential suburb just a half hour from Times Square. It is a young, vigorous and intellectually alert community. I am sure it will receive you with honor and your message with keen interest.

We would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience, both as to date and honorarium.

Ben and Regina ask to be remembered.

With best wishes for a happy summer and hoping to have the privilege of having you in our Community this coming season, I am

Very respectfully yours,


DR. JUDAH WASHER, Rabbi

JW:SKR

July 7, 1954

Dr. Judah Washer
Jewish Community Center
815 Prince Street
Teaneck, New Jersey

My dear Friend:

I deeply appreciate your gracious invitation to address the Jewish Community Center of Teaneck this coming season. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately, I have already committed myself to so many engagements for the coming season - it being the Tercentenary year - that I cannot in justice to myself accept many other engagements which I would be most happy to accept under ordinary circumstances.

I trust that I may be able to be of service to you at some future time.

With warmest regards to my friend, Ben Gordon, permit me to remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms

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SAMUEL D. FREEMAN, *Director*

April 22, 1955

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Rd. & E15th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

All of the Congregations in Teaneck, New Jersey have joined forces to sponsor a single community forum series for the forthcoming program year. Since the organizations have a great sense of accomplishment in having achieved this degree of agreement they are interested in making sure that their program will be successful and will result in a continuing cooperative experience in the series to come.

They are interested in starting their forum program on November 17 with you as the speaker. I do hope that your calendar is free and that you are in a position to accept. They are prepared to pay a fee of \$500 plus travel expenses from Cleveland.

I look forward to an early reply so that Teaneck may proceed with their program plans.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel D. Freeman
SAMUEL D. FREEMAN

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Teaneck
N.J.

May 10, 1955

Mr. Samuel D. Freeman
Jewish Center Lecture Bureau
145 East 32nd Street
New York 16, New York

My dear Friend:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of April 22nd and for your gracious invitation to address the Jewish community of Teaneck at their opening forum program on November 17th.

I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately, my schedule will not permit me to accept this kind invitation. Please accept my regrets.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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263 FRANCES STREET
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815 PRINCE STREET
TEANECK, N. J.

Teaneck 7-9804

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver

I am writing this letter as chairman of the special Joint Forum Committee set up last year by all three congregations in Teaneck, New Jersey. Our combined membership totals about 1,600 families.

We should like very much to have you address our Teaneck Forum, in the new auditorium of the Jewish Community Center, either on Wednesday, January 16, 1957, or on Wednesday, February 13, 1957; and we shall be glad to make whatever financial arrangements seem fair and reasonable.

You will recall that an invitation was extended to you last year, when we organized our jointly sponsored series for the first time, and you indicated then that you could not accept our invitation for 1956 but you would be more receptive to a forum engagement in 1957.

May we count on you for one of the two evenings mentioned above? We trust (of course) that you will devote the evening's discussion to phases of Jewish affairs, domestic and/or international, which seem appropriate to you and are likely to be interesting to our community.

For your guidance (and reading pleasure) I am enclosing a copy of our Teaneck Forum brochure for 1955-56. It will give you a fair idea of our program and objectives as a community forum under the combined auspices of our three congregations.

May we have your affirmative reply very soon? Perhaps you will wire me at the above address by the end of this week, if at all possible? We do hope you will accept this communal invitation.

Thank you in advance for your courtesy, and best wishes from all of us.

Sincerely yours,

Herman L. Sainer

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In this New Season of 1955-1956

the three congregations of Teaneck, New Jersey, have for the first time joined their best energies to give support and strength to this forum series worthy of everyone's interest and participation. This Forum is a tribute to the civic-mindedness of the membership of these three institutions; it represents their recognition of the values inherent in joint communal endeavor. A ticket for the series of four evenings will cost \$3.50. No single tickets will be available.

June 18, 1956

Mr. Herman L. Sainer
The Teaneck Forum
815 Prince Street
Teaneck, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Sainer:

Thank you for your kind letter of June 11. It may be possible for me to come to you and address The Teaneck Forum on Wednesday, January 16.

My honorarium would be \$500 plus traveling expenses. If the date is agreeable to you please let me know.

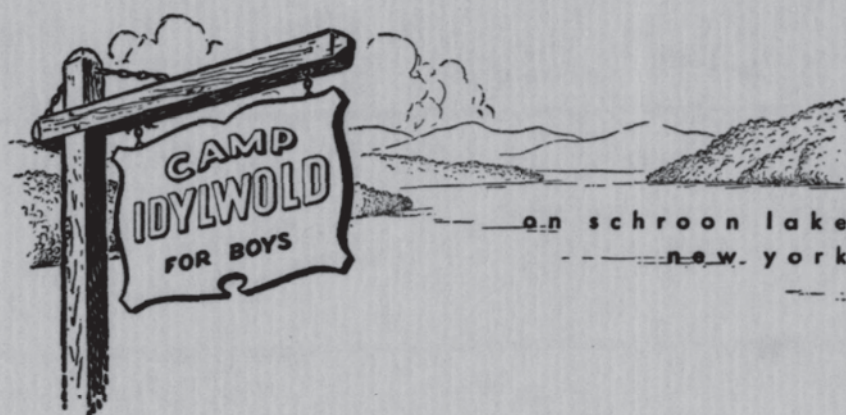
I shall keep in mind the subject which you suggest for my address on that evening.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:sl



June 24, 1956

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver

Thanks for your gracious note of acceptance, dated June 18, which has just reached me here in the Adirondacks.

We are happy to know that you will participate in the Teaneck (N. J.) Forum, under the combined auspices of all three congregations there, on Wednesday evening, January 16, 1957.

✓ Please consider the engagement for January 16 definite.

✓ Perhaps you will be good enough to send us, in the not distant future, a good glossy print of yourself as well as a brief synopsis of your professional adventures which we might use in our Forum brochure.

Thank you, and best wishes for a very pleasant summer.

Cordially yours,

Herman L. Sainer

Herman L. Sainer
263 Frances St.
Teaneck, N. J.

July 9, 1956

Mr. Herman L. Sainer
The Teaneck Forum
263 Frances Street
Teaneck, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Sainer:

In compliance with your request of June 24th I am enclosing herewith a glossy print of Dr. Silver together with a short biographical sketch to be used in your Forum brochure in connection with your event of January 16, 1957.

Sincerely,

Miss Sophia Levine
Secretary to Dr. Silver

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July 20, 1956

Mr. Herman L. Sainer
The Teaneck Forum
263 Frances Street
Teaneck, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Sainer:

Due to an important congregational event which takes place on January 16th which requires Rabbi Silver's attendance, he wishes to know if it would be possible for you to hold your Forum on Tuesday, January 15th.

If for any reason this date should not be agreeable to you, Rabbi Silver suggests also the date of February 13 for your consideration.

Thank you for an early reply.

Sincerely,

Miss Sophia Levine
Secretary to Dr. Silver

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HERBERT A. CHARY
COUNSELLOR AT LAW
173 MAIN STREET
HACKENSACK, N.J.

JOHN E. PORCORA

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August 10, 1956.

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

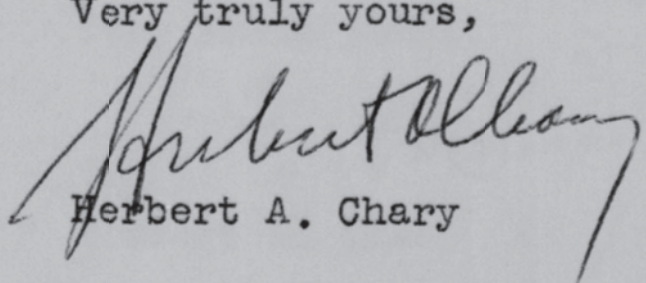
Attention Miss Sophie Levine,

Dear Miss Levine:

I was about to re-schedule one of the other speakers for our joint lecture series in Teaneck, and now find that we can list Rabbi Silver's appearance for Wednesday, February 13th, as you requested.

I would appreciate your confirmation of this date.

Very truly yours,


Herbert A. Chary

August 14, 1956

Mr. Herbert A. Chary
Counsellor At Law
173 Main Street
Hackensack, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Chary:

While Miss Levine is on vacation, I should like to take the liberty of writing to you in regard to the re-scheduling of Rabbi Silver's appearance before The Teaneck Forum.

The date of Wednesday, February 13, 1957 will be quite satisfactory with Rabbi Silver.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth M. Sparrow



HERBERT A. CHARY
COUNSELOR-AT-LAW
173 MAIN STREET
HACKENSACK, N. J.

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Aug. 20, 1956.

The Temple
E. 105th St. at Ansel Road,
Cleveland 5, Ohio.

Att: Mrs. Ruth M. Sparrow

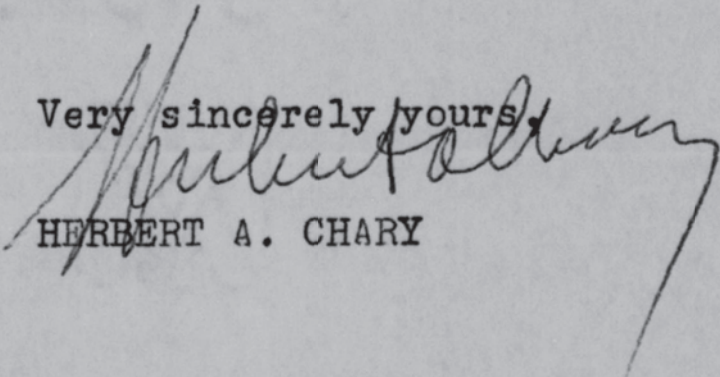
Dear Mrs. Sparrow:

I received your letter of August 14th, 1956
confirming the date of Wednesday, Feb. 13, 1957 for
Rabbi Silver's appearance at Teaneck.

We are preparing the publicity in connection
with Rabbi Silver's appearance in Teaneck, and since his
appearance is a portion of a series which commences in
November, we would appreciate your sending us a list of
suggested topics for his address. We will choose one and
advise you.

Thanking you,

Very sincerely yours,


HERBERT A. CHARY

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August 22, 1956

Mr. Herbert A. Chary
173 Main Street
Hackensack, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Chary:

Thank you for your letter of August 20, 1956.

I am enclosing a list of topics for Rabbi Silver's address which you may wish to consider. You may also be interested to know that Rabbi Silver's new book, *WHERE JUDAISM DIFFERED*, will appear next month, to be published by the Macmillan Company. It is an inquiry into the distinctiveness of Judaism and the revolutionary contribution which it made to the religious and ethical thought of the world. You may be interested in using that as the subject of his address before your organization.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth M. Sparrow

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January 22, 1957

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
105th Street & Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio


Dear Rabbi Silver:

As President of the Teaneck, New Jersey District of the Z O A we are very pleased that you are speaking at a Forum on Wednesday, February 13, 1957. We were wondering whether you would have the time to meet with the leadership of the District at a cocktail party to be held in your honor from about 7:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. which would give you ample time to be at the Teaneck Jewish Community Center for the Forum. I personally feel that your presence at this party would help considerably cement and increase the interest in our organization. I have been in touch with your niece Ruth and would feel it a great privilege if you would be my guest for dinner that evening. However, if your time schedule does not allow it, the cocktail party would suffice. With Zion's greetings, I am

Very truly yours,

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January 24, 1957

Mr. J. Urdang
921 Bergen Avenue
Jersey City, New Jersey

My dear Mr. Urdang:

Thank you for your letter of January 22nd and for your gracious invitation to attend a cocktail party on the evening of my address before the Teaneck Jewish Community Center Forum.

I regret very much that I am unable to accept your invitation. I must limit myself to the meeting. My health will not permit my accepting invitations either prior or after the meetings. I have been working under very great pressure and I must conserve myself a bit.

With all good wishes and kind regards I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:s1

MRS. MERVIN D. HYMAN
157 CAMBRIDGE AVENUE
ENGLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY

January 29, 1957

Dear Uncle Abba,

Mervin and I would be happy to have you join us at our home for dinner the night of your lecture in Teaneck on Feb. 13.

If you will advise us of the hotel in which you will be staying, Mervin will pick up ^{you} there, bring you to our house for dinner and then to Teaneck for the lecture. Teaneck is a 10-minute drive from Englewood.

If you are unable to join us for dinner, Mervin will pick you up at your hotel and drive you directly to Teaneck, which is approximately one hour from New York.

In either case, please let us know as soon as possible, preferably by Feb. 8, what time you wish
(over)

to be picked up.

we have just learned that Aunt Virginia is in the hospital and we do hope that it is nothing serious. Please give her our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Dad has completely recovered from his recent operation and is back at work.

Love to the three Silver families.

Love,

Ruth

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HERMAN L. SAINER
263 Frances St. Teaneck, N. J.

February 1, 1957

Dr. A. H. Silver
The Temple
East 105th at Andsel Rd.
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver

Our community here in Teaneck is looking forward to your visit and lecture with us on Wednesday evening, February 13, with tremendous interest (as you can guess). I gather from comments here and there that you will be staying at a hotel in downtown Manhattan and that your niece Ruth Hyman, of Englewood, is planning to bring you out to Teaneck's Jewish Community Center for the evening of February 13. So be it.

You will be interested in a copy of our Teaneck Forum brochure, which gives details of the current series for 1956-57 and indicates that the Forum is a combined project of all three congregations in town (for the second successive year).

Please note that while we have used the title of your latest book as the subject of your discourse at the Forum, we are eager to have you concentrate on the here and now of Jewish life on this confused planet (principally in the USA and in Israel) rather than on the broad theme of the distinctiveness of Judaism through the centuries; that latter should serve as a means of gaining perspective about the excitingly tragic here and now.

As co-chairman of the Joint Forum Committee I shall serve as chairman on February 13 (your talk is scheduled to begin at nine sharp). And I look forward to seeing you for the first time since early 1943, when I introduced you to the leadership of the Harrisburg (Pa.) Jewish community in connection with the UJA drive in my capacity of executive director of the Harrisburg Jewish Community Center and the United Jewish Community. Largely as the result of your address Harrisburg almost doubled its collection for 1943 as compared to 1942 --and Henry Montor sent me a beautiful letter which rightfully belonged to you, Dr. Silver.

So much for suggestions and inconsequential reminiscence (and my poor typing). I look forward to your reply, with any comments you wish to make about your address and its contents.

Sincerely,

Herman L. Sainer

February 5, 1957

dictd. 2/4/57

Mrs. Mervin D. Hyman
157 Cambridge Avenue
Englewood, New Jersey

My dear Ruth:

Thank you so much for your lovely letter. I appreciate very much your gracious invitation to have dinner at your home prior to the lecture, but I am afraid that will not be possible. I have already declined an invitation from the Zionists in Teaneck who wanted to hold a cocktail party for me prior to the lecture. I told them I must give myself as much rest as possible and not overtax myself.

I would be delighted however, if Merv would pick me up at my hotel and drive me to Teaneck. I will be stopping at the Commodore.

Perhaps we can have some time together after the meeting.

With love to you and Merv and looking forward with pleasure to seeing you, I remain

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:sl

February 5, 1957

dictd. 2/4/57

Mr. Herman L. Sainer
263 Frances Street
Teaneck, New Jersey

My dear Mr. Sainer:

Thank you for your letter of February 1st. I am looking forward with pleasure to my meeting with your people on February 13th.

I have made arrangements with my niece to bring me from New York to Teaneck in time for the meeting.

I note your suggestions with reference to the subject matter of my address. I shall speak of my book WHERE JUDAISM DIFFERED and also of some present problems confronting our people.

In connection with my book -- you may recall that I suggested that you have copies of my book on display and that I would be pleased to autograph them after the meeting. This has been done on the occasions of other meetings which I have addressed since the publication of the book.

The Macmillan Company, 60 Fifth Avenue, New York City, will be pleased to send you as many books as you wish on consignment and will take back, of course, whatever books are unsold.

I am eager to place the book with our Jewish people, especially the younger, intellectual Jews of our country, who are in search of an answer to this problem - Where Judaism Differed.

I would suggest that you get in touch with the Macmillan Company at once for it takes a few days before shipments arrive.

With warmest regards and looking forward with pleasure to seeing you, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:sl

Telegram

2-12-57

MR. H. L. SAINER
TEANECK, N.J.

PLEASE WIRE ME WHETHER YOU HAVE RECEIVED CONSIGNMENT
OF MY BOOK FOR TOMORROW EVENING MEETING

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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REPLY RECEIVED



2-12-57

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CONSIGNMENT OF YOUR BOOK ALREADY RECEIVED AT OUR TEANECK
CENTER. I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU WEDNESDAY EVENING

H.L.SAINER

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