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THE SUNDAY EVENING FORUM

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

Here in Tucson we have the largest community forum in the nation and it is our great desire to present you on our platform during the 1955-56 Season, which runs from September 18 to May 13. The Jewish Community Council wants to join our forum in presenting you here and our first choice of dates would be January 29, with January 22, February 12, 19 and 26 as other possibilities.

We hold our forum in the University of Arizona auditorium, which seats approximately 3000, and it is broadcast to all of southern Arizona by radio. There is never an admission charge and we are solely dependent upon free-will contributions. This somewhat limits our budget, however, we would want to take care of all your traveling expenses and offer an honorarium in the amount you might suggest.

Included among the distinguished persons we have presented are Eleanor Roosevelt, Carlos Romulo, Chief Justice Earl Warren, Madame Pandit, Erwin D. Canham, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, and many others.

Please give this invitation your earnest consideration as we deeply feel our community needs to hear from persons like yourself. May I hear from you soon, as we are rapidly completing our schedule for next season.

Sincerely yours,

Mary I. Jeffries
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Director

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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P.S. I might add that a weekend in our glorious sunshine during either Jan. or Feb. is most enjoyable ~

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1954-55 PREVIEW OF SPEAKERS

- Sept. 19. **BISHOP WILLIAM C. MARTIN**, president of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. Subject: "A Confident Faith in a Confused World".
- Sept. 26. **MYRON ZOBEL**, narrating all-color film, "Nepal, Kingdom in the Clouds and India, Land Reborn".
- Oct. 3. **HJORDIS KITTLE PARKER**, her third engagement narrating all-color film "Norway, Her Life and People".
- Oct. 10. **SENATOR BARRY GOLDWATER**, U. S. Senator from Arizona. Subject: "Report from Washington".
- Oct. 17. **MRS. OSWALD B. LORD**, U. S. Representative to the United Nations. Subject to be announced.
- Oct. 24. **DOROTHY THOMPSON**, distinguished commentator and columnist. Subject: "The Crisis of the West".
- Oct. 31. **WALTER HENRY THOMPSON**, formerly Winston Churchill's bodyguard. Subject: "I Was Churchill's Shadow".
- Nov. 7. **MRS. OVETA CULP HOBBY**, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. Subject to be announced.
- Nov. 14. **DR. NORMAN VINCENT PEALE**, distinguished religious leader and author of many best-sellers, including "The Power of Positive Thinking". Subject: "End Worry - Live Longer".
- Nov. 21. **MADAME INDUK PAHK**, noted Korean leader. Subject: "Korea's Place in World Affairs".
- Nov. 28. **DR. GERALD HOOPER**, narrating all-color film, "ITALIAN INTERLUDE".
- Dec. 5. **MRS. JAMES D. WYKER**, president of the United Church Women of America. Subject: "Expanding Horizon's in Today's World".
- Dec. 12. **CARL H. THOMSEN**, narrating all-color film, "South America - Panama to Patagonia".
- Dec. 19. **THE DUBLIN PLAYERS**, the famous drama group of the Abbey Theatre, presenting the play "Shadow and Substance".
- Dec. 20. **THE DUBLIN PLAYERS** held over for a second performance. "Pygmalion" will be presented.
- Jan. 2. **EARL BRINK**, narrating all-color film, "PORTUGAL".
- Jan. 9. **H. C. McCLELLAN**, president of the National Association of Manufacturers. Subject: "The Role of the Schools and the Church in the Industrial Development of our Nation".
- Jan. 16. Speaker to be announced.
- Jan. 23. **SENATOR PAUL DOUGLAS**, U. S. Senator of Illinois. Subject: "The Current Military and Economic Position of the United States". Co-sponsor: Tucson Education Association.
- Jan. 30. **YEW CHAR**, narrating all-color film, "Hawaii".
- Feb. 6. **DR. DOUGLAS KELLEY**, noted psychiatrist and criminologist, fourth engagement. Subject to be announced.
- Feb. 13. **ERWIN D. CANHAM**, editor of The Christian Science Monitor. Subject: "The Chances for Peace".
- Feb. 20. **DR. ROY L. SMITH**, distinguished religious leader, Subject: "You are Magnificent".
- Feb. 27. **KATHRYN TURNEY GARTEN**, noted dramatist, eighth engagement. Dramatization of "Madame Curie".
- March 6. **GEOFFREY W. LEWIS** of the U. S. Department of State. Subject "Germany Today".
- March 13. **CURTIS NAGEL**, narrating all-color film, "Portrait of Paris".
- March 20. **DR. HOUSTON PETERSON**, Professor of Philosophy at Rutgers University. Subject: "Manners as Morals".
- March 27. **KENNETH RICHTER**, narrating all-color film, "The Holy Lands".
- April 17. **CLIFFORD KAMEN**, narrating all-color film, "Greece".
- April 24. **FRANCIS R. LINE**, narrating all-color film, "Seven Wonders of the West".
- May 1. **HAL LINKER**, narrating all-color film, "Cuba".
- May 8. **MRS. CARVETH WELLS**, narrating all-color film, "With the Head-Hunters in Formosa and Death Island".
- May 15. **COL. JOHN D. CRAIG**, narrating all-color film, "Baja, California - and the Sea of Cortez".
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1953-54 PREVIEW OF SPEAKERS

Sept. 20. DR. E. PEARCE HAYES, who lived for 30 years in China and visited the Orient again last year. **Subject:** "The Challenge of the Orient".

Sept. 27. DR. J. MICHAEL HAGOPIAN, leading authority on Middle Eastern affairs. **Subject:** "Desert Destiny", illustrated with colored films on Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Palestine and Iraq.

Oct. 11. CONGRESSMAN DOUGLAS R. STRINGFELLOW, of Utah, who has won national honors from the American Legion and the Junior Chamber of Commerce. **Subject:** "The Importance of Being an American".

Oct. 18. SENATOR WILLIAM J. FULBRIGHT, world renown for instigating the Fulbright international scholarships. **Subject:** "The United States in the World Today". Co-sponsor: Tucson Education Association.

Oct. 25. LADY RAMA RAU, wife of the former Indian Ambassador to the U. S. and called India's unofficial First Lady. **Subject:** "India's Social Revolution".

Nov. 1. DR. OLIN STOCKWELL, released in November 1952 after two years in a Chinese Communist prison. **Subject:** "My Two Years in a Chinese Communist Prison".

Nov. 8. CLAUDE RAINS, distinguished star of stage and screen, in a dramatic recital. A noted pianist will provide musical background for several of the dramatic numbers and play two solos.

Nov. 15. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, longtime member of UNESCO, who has recently returned from a trip around the world. **Subject:** "The United Nations Today".

Nov. 29. DR. KURT SINGER, closely associated through the U. N. with the underground and counter-espionage movement of many nations. **Subject:** "Who are the Communists in America?".

Dec. 6. SENATOR BARRY GOLDWATER, U. S. Senator from Arizona since January 1953, and a member of the Committee on Banking and Currency. **Subject:** "Report from Washington".

Dec. 13. HJORDIS KITTLE PARKER, daughter of a Norwegian diplomat and authority on the Scandinavian countries. **Subject:** "Peaceful Sweden", illustrated with colored films.

Jan. 3. COL. HOMER KELLEMS, world-wide traveler and authority on international affairs. **Subject:** "60 Days Around the World", illustrated with colored films.

Jan. 10. GENERAL CARLOS ROMULO, former Philippine Ambassador to U. S. and now candidate for the presidency of the Philippines. **Subject:** "America's Stake in the Far East".

Jan. 24. DR. T. V. SMITH, distinguished philosopher, author and educator, who was one of the founders of the Chicago Round Table. **Subject:** "What Can a Loyal Man Be Loyal To?"

Jan. 31. EARL BRINK, world traveler and lecturer, member of the Explorers Club, the Adventurers Club and Circumnavigators Club. **Subject:** "Switzerland", illustrated with colored films.

Feb. 7. DR. DOUGLAS M. KELLEY, distinguished psychiatrist and professor of criminology, University of California, who returns for his third engagement. **Subject:** "Nothing but the Truth". Co-sponsor Pima County Association for Mental Health.

Feb. 14. BISHOP GERALD KENNEDY, world renown religious leader and Bishop of the Los Angeles area of the Methodist Church, chosen this year to give the Beecher Lectures at Yale. **Subject:** "Who Speaks for God?". Co-sponsor: University of Arizona Student Religious Group.

Feb. 28. DR. S. E. GERARD PRIESTLY, British historian, author, lecturer and world traveler. **Subject:** "Can the British Empire Survive?".

March 7. KENNETH RICHTER, noted cameraman and lecturer, who will show colored films on "Germany" called one of the most vitally important documentary films ever to be photographed.

March 14. CLARENCE B. RANDALL, distinguished industrialist and president of the Inland Steel Company. **Subject:** "A Creed for Free Enterprise". (Date tentative.)

March 21. RAY EGGERSTED, photographer, adventurer and lecturer, whose colored film will feature "The Coronation of Queen Elizabeth".

March 28. KATHRYN TURNEY GARTEN, noted dramatist, who returns for her seventh engagement. Dramatization of "The Bible as Living Literature".

April 4. CHET HUNTLEY, brilliant radio commentator and news analyst, who has won many honors including the Peabody National Award. **Subject:** "Our Differences - Our Strength".

April 25. AVALON DAGGETT, film producer and lecturer. **Subject:** "Arizona Adventure", colored films three years in the making. Co-sponsor: Tucson Festival Society.

May 9. HAL LINKER, world traveler, photographer and film narrator. **Subject:** "Sunny Iceland", illustrated with colored films.

OTHER OUTSTANDING SPEAKERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER IN THE SEASON.

Tucson, Ariz.

March 17, 1955

Mrs. Mary I. Jeffries, Director
The Sunday Evening Forum
Post Office Box 6306
Tucson, Arizona

My dear Mrs. Jeffries:

Permit me to thank you for your gracious invitation to address the Sunday Evening Forum during your 1955-56 season.

I very much regret, however, that I cannot be away from Cleveland on Sundays, as I must be in my own pulpit on that day.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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December 20, 1956

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am reminiscing and going back to May, 1922. It was then that I opened my drug store at Orville and East 105th. I was a young man just 20, ambitious, going out into the world to show my parents, relatives and friends what I could do. The going was not very easy, many a mistake I made, and I really had a lot to learn. The old story that theory is not always compatible with practical experience - what looks good in the book doesn't always work out in practice.

I am trying to give now, a little of my background and gradually tell you what I have in mind.

I think that you, Rabbi, just recently were married to a young lady from West Virginia, and lived on Ashbury Ave. near E. 105th St. I remember you and your wife taking strolls along the street with that beautiful collie. At that time I first became acquainted with you. You used to come in my drug store now and then. Your stature was growing. Your sermons, your wisdom, your oratory was the talk of Cleveland, not only by our people but by all. I took time off to hear your sermons and many a time there was standing room only at the Temple. Your success was assured. We who were interested in your work could follow what you were doing. You instilled something into me that has stood the test in years to come.

I think that it was in 1925 or 1926 that Dr. Chaim Weitzman was coming to Cleveland to organize a stronger Zionist group and sell us on what he was doing. Dr. Moses Garber asked me to represent the druggists at a meeting held, if I recall the name correctly, at the Excelsior Club, which was then located near Wade Park, across from Western Reserve University. It was my first meeting and the first time that I ever did any work in behalf of rebuilding the State of Israel. I was close to Ezia Shapiro, Charles Auerbach, Suggs Garber, Dr. Garber and quite a few others who were active in that movement.

December 20, 1956

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver:

Due to economic and health reasons, I became inactive but with the hope that someday I'd go back in the fold in work, in behalf of ideals that have been within me.

In 1941 my family and I moved to Tucson, Arizona, and in 1944 I went into business for myself. The first few years were a hard struggle, with little money and a family to raise, but thank God the sun started breaking through the clouds and economically things became better and the first chance I had to become active in religious and civic work, I did.

I was on the board of our Congregation, first vice-president then president for three years; on the board of our Community Council and now first vice-president; also on the board of our Community Center. I headed the Drug Division, then the Professional Division for our Combined Jewish Appeal. Last year I headed the Advance Gifts Division.

There is one thing I hoped that when and if the community honored me with the general chairmanship for our Campaign, that I would be privileged to have as our honored guest for the kick-off dinner, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. This year I am General Chairman.

I have discussed this with your good friend, Marvin Kane, and he thought it would be wonderful if you could come. Marvin has a beautiful ranch and you are welcome to stay there as his guest. David Garber, Sugg Garber's son; A.A. Kalish are a few of the ex-Cleveland people who are hoping that my and their dream would be attained.

Any time during the last two weeks in January, preferably the week of January 28th - when we could have our kick-off dinner and if you could possibly give us the privilege and honor of having you with us, it would be something the Tucson community would be privileged to have and would never forget, and to me it would be a dream come true.

Cordially yours,

David N. Ginsburg
David N. Ginsburg, Chairman
1957 Combined Jewish Appeal

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P.S.

Dear Rabbi, will you help that my dream will be a reality. We assume, you understand, that we will pay your traveling expenses.

December 26, 1956

Mr. David N. Ginsburg, Chairman
1957 Combined Jewish Appeal
Tucson Jewish Community Council
102 North Plumer
Tucson, Arizona

My dear Mr. Ginsburg:

Thank you for your kind letter of December 20th. I read it with much interest.

It would give me great pleasure indeed if I were free to come to you for your campaign. I have long wanted to come to Tucson, Arizona and had a few gracious invitations from our good friend Marvin Kane. Unfortunately, the situation is such that I cannot take on any additional responsibilities. Part of January I shall be out of the country. The latter part of January I have meetings scheduled in Philadelphia - Detroit and Baltimore.

As you know, I have taken on additional responsibilities this year as Chairman of the Board of Governors of Israel Bonds. I am really doing more than I should considering that I should look after my health a bit. I am sure that you will understand. It is not my unwillingness, but my inability to come which denies me the pleasure of meeting you and our good friends in Tucson to help you in the campaign which I hope will be most successful.

With warm regards and all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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