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Tulsa, Oklahoma, 1919-1955.

April 17th, 1919

Mr. Preston C. West,
Palace Building,
Tulsa, Okla.

My dear Mr. West,

I appreciate very much your courtesy in inviting me to address your community on the subject of the League of Nations. The subject is very close to me and I should love to accept your kind invitation.

Unfortunately, I cannot leave Cleveland for a period longer than a day. Then too, the coming Liberty Loan drive will absorb a great deal of my time. I must therefore forego for the present the pleasure of meeting you and the people of Tulsa.

I hope that at some future time an occasion may be given me to visit your community again.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

PRESTON C. WEST
ROGER S. SHERMAN
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WEST, SHERMAN, DAVIDSON & MOORE

April 14th
1919.

LAW OFFICES
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Rabbi Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear sir:

I had the very great pleasure of listening to your eloquent and inspiring address at the High school auditorium here last year during the United War Work drive. I then hoped that at some future time we could have the pleasure of having you with us again upon some occasion when you could speak to a much larger audience. Not having the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with you, I am not advised as to what your attitude is upon the question of the League of Nations, but I cannot believe it possible you would be otherwise than heartily in favor of it. I am most deeply interested as are many other citizens here, and I believe that if you are in sympathy with the League, you could do a splendid work by coming here and delivering an address on that side of the question. We had here on Saturday night last Senator Borah, who, as you know, is a violent antagonist of the league in any form, amended or otherwise.

I will appreciate it most highly if you will take the time to advise me as to your position in this matter, and whether or not it would be possible for you to give the time necessary to make a trip to Tulsa and deliver an address on this subject. I am writing this letter upon my own initiative and will take no steps in regard to it until I have heard from you. In the event of your agreeing to come I would, of course, see that proper provision was made for the expenses of your trip. Trusting that I may have an early and favorable reply, I am

Very cordially yours,

Preston C. West

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Rabbi Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:--

I regret very much that on account of illness I was unable to attend the Zionist Convention in Atlantic City, as I looked forward to meeting you again and extending to you an invitation to be Tulsa's guest sometime during the winter or fall season. I wired our mutual friend, Mendel Fisher, to speak to you in my behalf, and was going to get in touch with you when I heard you left for Europe.

Dear Rabbi, we would very much like to have you be our guest at a time convenient for you, and speak before a Jewish group at noon and before both Jews and Non-Jews in the evening. Last year Rabbi Stephen Wise was here and addressed a meeting of approximately 4,000 people, and am sure we would have a similar crowd to hear you. The meeting would be free and open to the public and would be sponsored by the B'nai B'rith and possibly the Y. M. C. A.

During the past several years we have had quite a bit of anti-semitic feeling in our community, and the Y. M. C. A., B'nai B'rith, and other organizations have worked diligently to combat this feeling, and we feel that with speakers like Rabbi Wise and yourself we are making great progress. We also have scheduled so far on our B'nai B'rith program for the season Lewis Browne, Dorothy Thompson, and Dr. A. L. Sachar, and we hope to make your visit our crowning achievement.

We will be very grateful if you will make every effort to be in Tulsa, and if this is possible kindly advise us what the honorarium will be. Any time you select will be acceptable to us.

With very kind regards, and best wishes for a most happy New Year, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

jcl;gl

October 3, 1935

Julius Livingston, President,
Oklahoma State B'nai B'rith,
717-719 Commercial Building,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

My dear Mr. Livingston:

I appreciate very much your kind invitation of September 14. I wish I were free at the present writing to indicate whether I can come to Tulsa or not. But my program for the next few months is altogether too indefinite to commit myself for a trip that far away from home. Certainly, I shall not be free until the Spring. If I can get away then, I shall be very happy to communicate with you.

As far as my honorarium is concerned, it is \$250. This includes traveling expenses.

With all good wishes for a very happy new year, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:--

Thank you very much for your kind letter
of the 3rd inst.

We appreciate your willingness to come to
Tulsa, and we do hope this will be possible within
the near future.

With kind regards, and best wishes for a
New Year filled with health and happiness, I am,

Sincerely yours,

jcl;hl

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POST OFFICE BOX 1797

TELEPHONE 3-2442

October 22nd,
1936

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

My dear Rabbi:--

I am sure you recall during Palestine Day last February in Washington I had the pleasure of meeting you in several committee meetings with Rabbi Wise, Professor Klausner and Mendel Fisher. At that time we discussed the possibility of you coming to Tulsa in November, and I do hope, dear Rabbi, you will find it possible to honor us with a visit in the near future, at which time we would launch our UPA and JDC Campaign. It is our plan to secure \$15,000 on a parity basis, and I know this could be achieved if we were assured of your presence.

In addition to speaking in Tulsa, if you have the time I should like to communicate with the leaders in Oklahoma City, Ft. Worth and Dallas, arranging for you to speak in these Cities, also. Oklahoma City is only a three hour motor ride from Tulsa, and you could speak in Tulsa one evening and Oklahoma City the next. Leaving Oklahoma City late in the evening you could be in Ft. Worth in the morning, speak at a luncheon, and then motor to Dallas, a forty minute ride, for an evening address.

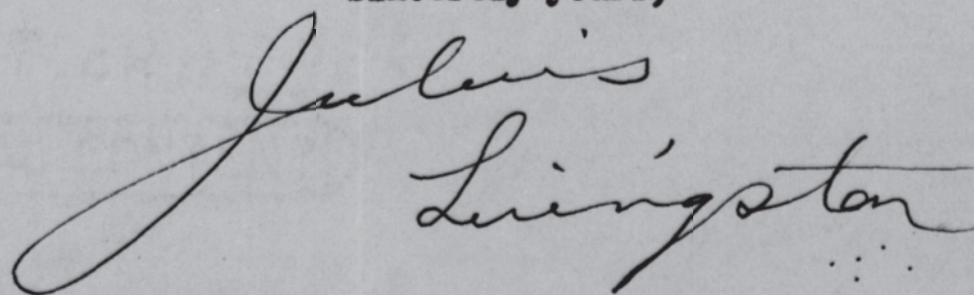
This particular section has long awaited an opportunity to hear you, and your appearance in Wichita, Kansas sometime ago aroused the entire community, and if possible would certainly like to see you visit the cities mentioned above. However, if you cannot do that, I do hope you will at least be able to come to Tulsa. If you can carry out the entire program outlined above will appreciate you advising dates convenient, honorarium, etc., and if you can only come to Tulsa please advise us all details.

I am hoping and praying we will have the privilege and pleasure of having you with us, and will appreciate your prompt reply.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

jcl;gl

A large, elegant handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Julius Livingston". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Julius Livingston".

October 27, 1936

Mr. Julius C. Livingston, President,
Mazda Oil Corporation,
Commercial Building,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

My dear Mr. Livingston:

I was very happy to hear from and I appreciate deeply your invitation. I wish I were free to accept it. Unfortunately my schedule for the next few months is so terribly crowded with engagements inside and outside of Cleveland, that I simply cannot in justice to myself and my work here accept any more. As it is, I am away from my Temple two and three days a week. I cannot do more.

Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you. Thanking you again for your thoughtfulness in writing to me and hoping to see you soon again, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Sunday - 10:45 a.m.

Mr. Julius Livingston of Tulsa, Okla., called. They had planned a large \$25 a plate dinner for the American Zionist Fund for Monday, 2/20, at which Mr. Frisch was to be the speaker and an overflow crowd is expected. They just had word that Mr. Frisch cannot come. They do not want to return the money and wondered whether you might help them out in this emergency on Feb. 20th or any other date to suit your convenience. He asked me to ~~wire~~ wire him tomorrow.

E.R.

COLLECT

JULIUS LIVINGSTON
404 PALACE BLDG.
TULSA, OKLAHOMA

APPRECIATE KIND INVITATION BUT REGRET IMPOSSIBILITY TO ACCEPT
ADDITIONAL OUT OF TOWN ENGAGEMENTS THIS SEASON. KINDEST REGARDS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



MAZDA OIL CORPORATION

PRESIDENT
JULIUS C. LIVINGSTON

TELEPHONE 3-0144

SUITE 404 PALACE BUILDING
P. O. BOX 1797
TULSA 1, OKLAHOMA

October 11, 1951

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

Dear Rabbi -

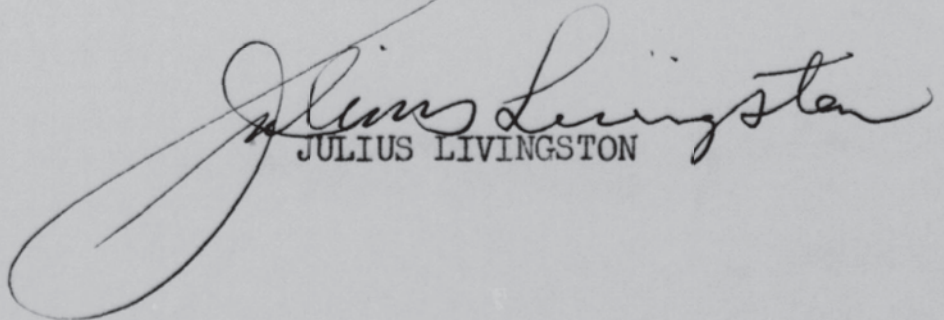
It was my privilege a few moments ago to talk to your secretary, Miss Elizabeth Rice, and to extend on behalf of the great Southwest, and particularly Tulsa Jewry, an invitation to be our guest speaker on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal on Monday, November 19th, or any date during the week of the 19th that you would be available to speak to ~~you~~.

It has been a long time - 14 years - since you were in Tulsa and don't you think, dear Rabbi, that is a long time to leave such good friends as you have here. I don't have to tell you that "Dr. Silver" is emblematic to us of 'Jewry at its best', and we have tried so often but you have been so busy you were unable to be with us. Isn't it possible that you can make the exception and be with us at this time?

Our goal is \$474,000, the largest we have ever attempted in the history of Tulsa, and particularly noteworthy in that we launched the first city in America on behalf of the Israeli bond issue, and I am sure you are aware of our success on April 15th when we sold close to \$800,000 of Israeli bonds. We do not want those bonds to take the place of our gift money and we have settled on the one man whom we feel can help us in that direction.

I also want to wish you and your family the very finest New Year and looking forward to hearing from you most favorably, I am

Sincerely yours,


JULIUS LIVINGSTON

JL:CMH

OCTOBER 19, 1951

JULIUS LIVINGSTON
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I SHALL MAKE AN EFFORT TO BE WITH YOU ON TUESDAY EVENING
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October 26, 1951

Miss Elizabeth Rice
Secretary to Dr. Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Miss Rice -

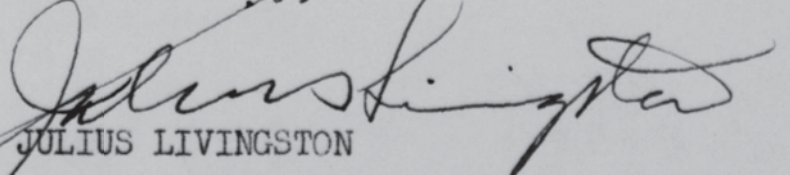
We were so happy to receive your letter of the 24th advising the arrival time of Dr. Silver and also his departure time and the photograph and biographical material. The photograph will be returned to you as soon as we are finished with it.

Since Dr. Silver is going to spend Monday evening in Tulsa, all day Tuesday and Tuesday night, as our banquet and big meeting is on Tuesday night the 20th, would Dr. Silver object if we have a small dinner and reception in his honor on Monday evening after he arrives here? Also, on Tuesday noon we have a Jewish Forum which has been meeting for the past ten years in Tulsa, one of the most exceptional luncheon groups of our people in the Southwest, where we discuss politics and cultural matters or anything appertaining to Jewish affairs. We would indeed be flattered if Dr. Silver would have lunch with us and speak for a few minutes at the luncheon.

I do hope it will be possible for Mrs. Silver to come with the Rabbi, although your letter indicated perhaps that she would not be here. We would certainly love to have her. However, you appreciate that we will be guided entirely by Dr. Silver's wishes. I can't tell you how thrilled we all are.

Very best wishes and thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you have done.

Most sincerely,


JULIUS LIVINGSTON

JL:CMH

October 30, 1951

Mr. Julius Livingston
404 Palace Building
P.O. Box 1797
Tulsa 1, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Livingston:

Thank you for your letter of October 26th, and for your invitation to Dr. Silver to attend a dinner and reception on Monday evening and a luncheon the following day. Dr. Silver is most appreciative of your kindness, but for the past year or so it has been his practice to make no more than one address each day. In addition, he will be coming to Tulsa following a very heavy schedule. He has purposely planned to arrive on Monday night in order to rest up before your meeting on Tuesday night, November 20th. Will you, therefore, excuse him from these other affairs and allow him this little time for relaxation?

Unfortunately, Mrs. Silver will not be able to come with the Rabbi.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice
Secretary to Dr. Silver

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SUITE 404 PALACE BUILDING
P. O. BOX 1797
TULSA 1, OKLAHOMA

November 5, 1951

Miss Elizabeth Rice
Secretary to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

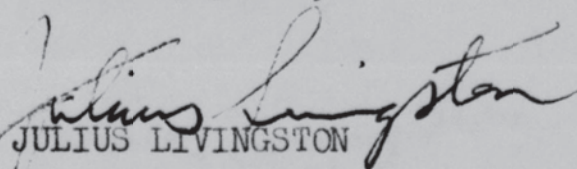
Dear Miss Rice -

Thank you so much for your letter of October 30th and be assured that Dr. Silver's every wish will be granted and we will give him all the privacy that he desires.

The town is certainly excited and we confidently expect the largest turnout of Jewish communities ever held in Oklahoma for Dr. Silver's visit. When we had the bond campaign last spring we had some 650 people crowded into the Mayo Hotel dining room that evening when Ambassador Eban was our honored guest and we are anticipating a larger crowd for Dr. Silver.

Kindest regards and again my grateful appreciation for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,


JULIUS LIVINGSTON

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Day Letter - RUSH

TULSA November 21, 1951

Edward M. Warburg
General Chairman
United Jewish Appeal
165 West 46th Street
New York City



RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER SPOKE LAST NIGHT BEFORE LARGEST UNITED JEWISH APPEAL AUDIENCE EVER ASSEMBLED HERE, DELIVERING A DYNAMIC, HISTORICAL AND INSPIRING MESSAGE WHICH GAVE NEW LIFE TO OUR CAMPAIGN. TOO EARLY TO ADVISE FULL RESULTS. VERY ENCOURAGED THAT WE WILL EQUAL OR SURPASS LAST YEAR. REGARDS.

Tulsa Jewish Community Council

JL:CMH
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Tulsa Jewish Community Council
Castle Building

Julius C. Livingston

P. O. Box 1797
Tulsa 1, Oklahoma

November 21, 1951

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
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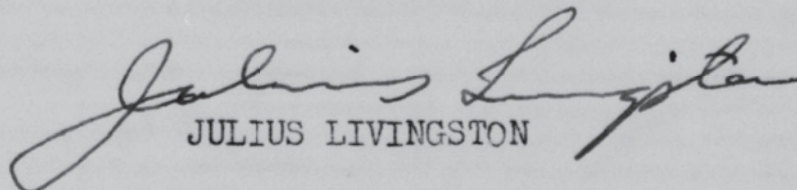
Dear Rabbi -

As much as one tries to express appreciation for what you have done to our community, it is most difficult to do because words are so inadequate to express the admiration that all of us feel toward you. Your stirring address will never be forgotten. Your graciousness and patience with our community has again enriched you in the hearts of all of our people.

Dear Rabbi, may God give you strength to carry on and remember that Tulsa is at your beck and call for any service that we may be able to render on behalf of all causes and you may feel free to command us at any time to join with you in behalf of our people and others.

Thanks again, dear Rabbi, and with most cordial greetings from Mrs. Livingston and myself, I am

Affectionately yours,


JULIUS LIVINGSTON

P. S. The enclosed copy is a telegram sent by the Tulsa Jewish Community Council today. In a few days I will send you a brochure of all clippings and photographs of your eventful visit here.

JL

SAMUEL A. BOORSTIN
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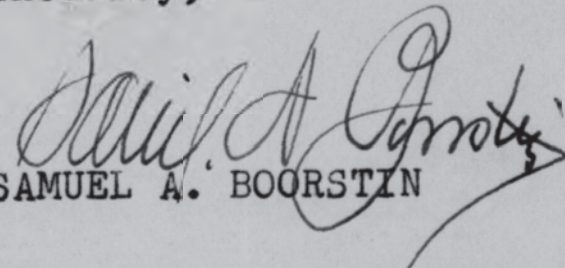
March 27, 1952

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

On November 10, 1951 we had the pleasure of your presence in Tulsa. You made an indelible impression and if you don't believe it, I am enclosing an enlargement from the Stereo-Realist. Someone has said that pictures are a language to themselves; a dead Chinaman is supposed to have said that a picture is worth ten thousand words; and some famous author said that a picture is a poem without words. I believe the picture enclosed confirms all of the above statements. With kindest personal regards from Tulsa, I am

Yours sincerely,


SAMUEL A. BOORSTIN

SAB:rn

April 3, 1952

Mr. Samuel A. Boorstin
Pythian Building
Tulsa 3, Oklahoma

My dear Mr. Boorstin;

Upon my return from the West Coast this morning, I found your kind note of March 27th and the photograph which you sent me. It was most thoughtful of you to send it to me, and will serve as a reminder of a very pleasant visit to your city.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

Julius Livingston



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404 PALACE BLDG. • P.O. BOX 1797
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January 14, 1955

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi -

We are just completing one of the most beautiful religious structures in the Southwest. Our new Temple Israel is going to be dedicated with a series of programs starting Friday evening, March 18th. Dr. Percival Goodman of New York City is the architect.

It is quite significant that this outstanding structure, dedicated to the spiritual and cultural life of our community and state, will open its doors during this the Tercentenary period of our history in America.

Dr. Silver, the spiritual reawakening of our people, guided by Rabbi Norbert Rosenthal since our building was started, now reaches a climax with its dedication, and if America's greatest Rabbi was able to be with us upon this historic occasion for our city, our state and the Southwest area, we know that our dedication would truly be in keeping with the magnificent edifice we have built, and the foundation would be laid for the future programming that is so essential to our membership and their children at this time.

So, dear Rabbi, I have been designated to ask you to bestow the blessings of G-d upon our new Temple and to deliver the dedicatory address on this occasion. Knowing the tremendous amount of calls upon your time, it is with some hesitancy that I am making this request, but our area has not forgotten your presence here a few years ago on behalf of the UJA, and as we needed you then to turn the hearts of our people toward their full responsibility, because from the time you were here, dear Rabbi, we have been going upward in our UJA campaigns instead of downward as have many other communities, and now the need for your presence as a spiritual leader is as great, if not more so.

I am enclosing a brochure, which we distributed to our membership in selling memorials. It will give you some idea of our beautiful structure.

Dear Rabbi, won't you make our dream complete by making our dedicatory program the finest possible and you and Mrs. Silver be our guests upon this most gala occasion, Friday, March 18th.

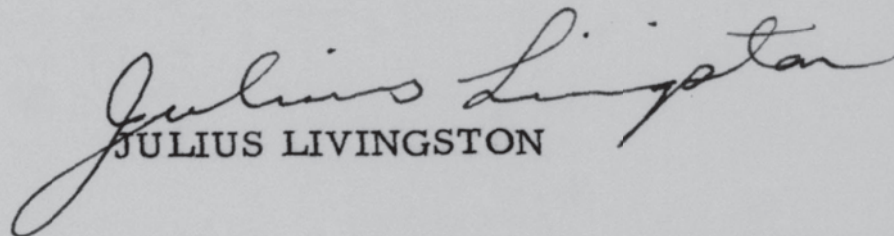
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

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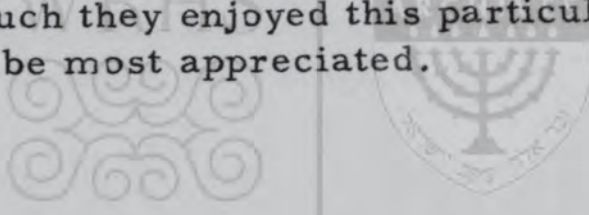
With greetings from all your friends in Tulsa, as well as Rabbi Rosenthal and myself, I am

Most sincerely,


JULIUS LIVINGSTON

JL:cmh

P. S. It was thrilling going into your home with Ed Murrow a short time ago. Many, many of my fellow-Americans called me the next day to tell me how much they enjoyed this particular program. A wire or call collect would be most appreciated.



Tulsa

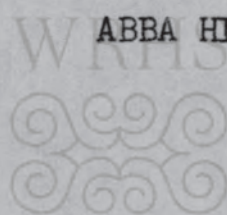
JANUARY 27, 1955

WIRE

MR. JULIUS LIVINGSTON
404 PALACE BUILDING
TULSA 1, OKLAHOMA

DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR GRACIOUS INVITATION. WISH I WERE FREE TO
ACCEPT IT. UNFORTUNATELY, MY CROWDED SCHEDULE FOR THE SPRING
MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO TAKE ON ANY ADDITIONAL OUT OF TOWN
ENGAGEMENTS. LET ME CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE DEDICATION OF YOUR
NEW TEMPLE.

WARMEST REGARDS,



ABBA HILLEL



Julius Livingston



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404 PALACE BLDG. • P.O. BOX 1797
TULSA 1, OKLAHOMA

February 1, 1955

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi -

It was very kind of you to wire me and we are all
deeply sorry that you will be unable to be with us.

However, we do hope that sometime in the near future
Tulsa will be fortunate to have you as our guest.

With very best wishes, I am



Most sincerely,

Julius Livingston
JULIUS LIVINGSTON

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