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RABBI ABBA SILVER

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MY TEMPLE WILL HAVE AN ELABORATE BANQUETE WEDNESDAY NIGHT I MUST HAVE
YOUR ASSISTANCE WILL YOU PLEASE DO ME AN EVERLASTING FAVOR BY YOUR
PRESENCE EXPENSES AND MORE WILL BE COVERED WIRE ME AT ONCE PLEASE DO
IT FOR THE SAKE OF OLD DR HEATZEL CLUB

R B HERSHON

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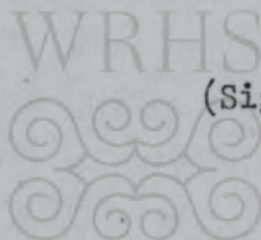
R. B. Hershon

Uniontown, Pa.

Regret exceedingly inability to
come Wednesday night. — Another speaking engagement prevents.

(Signed)

A. H. Silver



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Study
Temple Israel

Rabbi R. B. Hershon

Uniontown, Pa. January 4th/20.

Rabbi A.H. Silver:

Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

As yet my dear wife has not forgotten th
your very kind invitation, and unto this very evening
laments the fact that, by sheer force of circumstances
was denied the pleasure of your company. I am frank to
say that I am in full accord with her.

It seemed that I had so much to say to you and there
was so much that I had to say, to you, whom I had always
regarded as a dear friend, and one who knows and under-
stands me. ^{That} I deeply regret the loss of the private
luncheon.

However, let me thank you, and believe me sincerely,
for your very kind motive and intention.

Your name has flashed across the continent
with the magic of a superior power, and has even reached
my small hamlet-town. They- my people clamor for you.
I had Dr. Goldenson speak last Sunday eve. It was a great
event, but I do want you here.

Will you please inform me if it is possible

Study
Temple Israel

Rabbi R. B. Hershon

Uniontown, Pa.

for you to give me a date and the details that go with x
same.

Baby is calling for you. Have you charmed it also?
I assure you when you come here, you shall not stop any
where else, but in my own humble abode, and we will sing
our old Hertzels songs, and tell the old, old tales.

I trust that you will answer me at your earliest
opportunity.

Hoping all is well with you, I am;

Very sincerely yours;

R. B. Hershon

January 7th, 1921

Rabbi R. B. Hershen,
Temple Israel,
Uniontown, Penna.

My dear Hershen,

I was very pleased to receive your letter of the fourth. I would love to be in a position to give you a definite engagement. Unfortunately I cannot do so. When I get around to your part of the world I will let you know and we can then arrange for a lecture date.

I trust that your wife and child are well. With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours, .

HERMAN WARHAFTIG
PROPRIETOR



UNIONTOWN, PA., March 19, 22

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.
Dear Rabbi:-

Under the auspices of Uniontown Lodge #471 I.O.B.B.
Uniontown Jews will celebrate "Mothers Day" on Wednesday, May 14th,
and the writer is taking the liberty and pleasure to invite you
to be with us that day and deliver an address on that occasion,

Our town has about 200 Jewish families, the majority of them are
all enjoying the fruits of the land, but spiritually they are very
poor. We have recently had several prominent speakers in our communi-
ty, the last one was Rabbi Goldenson, of Pittsburg, and a great change
in our Jewish atmosphere is already visible,

Wont you help us out and accept our invitation and be with us
on May 14th,?

While here you will be guest of Mr & Mrs G, M, Silver-
man, who claim to know your parents well especially your mother, and
another Silverman here says that he was a schoolmate of a brother
of yours. Of course, we will take good care of you and see that your
expenses will be defrayed by the writer,

Trusting to receive a favorable reply, I have the pleasure to be

Very truly yours

Herman Warhaftig
Secretary

HERMAN WARHAFTIG
PROPRIETOR

THE CAPITOL SHOE STORE

55 West Main St

UNIONTOWN, PA., March 19, 22

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland,
Dear Rabbi;-

In my letter written to you yesterday, inviting you to be the guest of Uniontown Lodge #471, I.O.B.B., and to deliver an address on "Mothers Day" May 14th next, I forgot to state that, in the event a previous arrangement for that date will prevent you to accept our invitation to please select your date and subject and Uniontown Jews as well as the non Jews will be delighted to have you come to us at any time it will be convenient for you.

It matters not to us under whose auspices you will come, the Bnai Brith, Temple Israel (Reformed) Council of Jewish Women or a dozen other institutions and organizations that we have here,

Uniontown Jews want you to come at any time you can, your date will suit us, We are only seventy miles ~~xx~~ south east of Pittsburg, and trains are running conveniently, The writer will meet you in Pittsburg if you will advise me when you leave your city,

Hoping to receive a favorable reply shortly, I have the pleasure to be

Very truly yours

H. Warhaftig

March 21st, 1922.

Mr. Herman Warhaftig,
55 West Main Street,
Uniontown, Pa.

My dear Mr. Warhaftig,

I wish I were in a position to accept your very kind invitation to address the Uniontown community. Unfortunately the number of engagements which I have already made is so great and the state of my health is such that I cannot in justice to myself accept any more. Perhaps next year I may be in apposition to be of service to you.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

HERMAN WARHAFTIG
PROPRIETOR

THE CAPITOL SHOE STORE

55 West Main St

UNIONTOWN, PA.. March 22nd, 32

Rabbi Hillel Silver,
Cleveland,
Dear Rabbi;-

I have your letter stating your inability to accept Uniontown's invitation to come here,

I think that a trip here would be sort of a vacation for you, To be the guests of Mr & Mrs G.M.Silverman, the former knowing your parents so well, while a brother of his being a schoolmate of yours and nearly half of our town people knowing you and your folks so well would be a reunion like, The writers wife's sister and your mother were inseparately in Neustadt,

Please reconsider, and if possible name your date when most convenient for you, Uniontown while only has a population of 15550, we have have a large surrounding, such as Connellsville, Brownsville, and about four more towns of equal size,

Trusting that your health will permit you to be with us,
I have the pleasure to be

Very truly yours

Herman Warhaftig

Congregation Tree of Life

East Fayette Street

RABBI
DAVID S. MEYERS
P. O. BOX 84
TRI STATE PHONE 64X

Uniontown, Pa., September 26, 1922.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio,

Dear Rabbi:-

For a long time the Uniontown community has been looking forward to an occasion whereby it might be privileged to have you address them.

The Young Men's Hebrew Association of Uniontown has recently been incorporated and is planning to have an appropriate celebration of that event in connection also with the opening of the Fall season. There has been a great demand for your presence at these exercises, and the Board of the Young Men's Hebrew Association has therefore directed me, as Chairman of its Educational Committee, to extend to you an invitation to be the speaker on that occasion, and has also left the date open so that the same may entirely suit your convenience. We would prefer to have the celebration take place some time during the month of November, but if that month is not convenient, you may name any other time before the first of next year.

This invitation is not sent to you merely as a formal matter, but we all ask that you give our request your serious consideration, and we urge most strongly that you honor us by its acceptance.

Very sincerely yours,

Rev. David S.

DSM/M.

September 28th, 1922

Rabbi David S. Meyers,
Post Office Box 84,
Uniontown, Penna.

My dear Rabbi Meyers,

Permit me to thank you for your very kind invitation to address the meeting of the Young Men's Hebrew Association at Uniontown. I wish I were in a position to avail myself of your kindness. Unfortunately, my duties here during the coming year and the tasks involved in the building of our new Temple will be so onerous that I cannot, in justice to myself, accept any more engagements.

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

With kindest regards and wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Temple Israel

HARRY JOSHUA STERN, RABBI
UNIONTOWN, PA.

Nov 1, 1922

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
Cleveland
Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The Temple Open Forum desires to have you address the local community. Would this be possible for you to do within the near future? The date you may best select for yourself.

Trusting you'll not refuse. By the way you ought not. There are many families from Trumbull & here - your "land sluts" who are more than anxious to meet you.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely yours
Harry J. Stern

November 10th, 1922.

Rabbi Harry J. Stern,
Uniontown, Pa.

My dear Rabbi Stern,

I wish I were in a position to avail myself of your kind invitation to address your open forum some time this year. However, my program for the year is so crowded with lecture engagements and the numerous tasks involved in the building of a new Temple are so onerous, that I cannot in justice to myself accept any more engagements. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Temple Israel

HARRY JOSHUA STERN, Rabbi
UNIONTOWN, PA.

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Feb 12 - 1924

Rabbi A. H. Silver
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Colleague:
I am informed that you are expected to visit Pittsburgh on March 24th. Would it be possible to come to Uniontown on either the 23rd or the 25th of March? Mr. Wise last year convinced these two sects to Uniontown & Pittsburgh. Uniontown is only seventy-two miles from Pittsburgh.

I assure you that the community here will be more than glad to have you come. Again you promised last year that if possible you would. Your "landshute" the silverman's & others from Mustadt are more than anxious to meet you. Now say "Ja"!

J. R. ROSENBAUM, PRES.
LEE STERN, SEC.

Temple Israel

HARRY JOSHUA STERN, RABBI
UNIONTOWN, PA.

Trusting you will let
me know very soon that you
are coming. With very best wishes
to you.

Faithfully yours



March Fourth, 1924

Rabbi Harry Joshua Stern,
Temple Israel,
Uniontown, Penna.

My dear Rabbi Stern,

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter and for the invitation you extend to me to address your community. I am afraid it will be impossible for me to accept. I am scheduled to be in Baltimore on the 25th of March and I must return to Cleveland immediately after.

Trusting that at some future time I may be of service to you, I beg to remain
with kindest regards
Very sincerely yours,

J. R. ROSENBAUM, PRES.
LEE STERN, SEC.

Temple Israel

HARRY JOSHUA STERN, RABBI
UNIONTOWN, PA.

Jan. 27, 1925.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The third time is a charm. If I am not mistaking this is my third invitation. The Centre is more than anxious to have you come to our town. How about it? Of course it is understood that an honorarium is paid to a visiting speaker. In plain "Dibburim" what month and day of the month may we expect you here?

Cordially yours

Harry J. Stern

January 29th, 1925.

Rabbi Harry J. Stern,
Temple Israel,
Uniontown, Pa.

My dear Rabbi Stern,

Permit me to thank you
for your kind letter of the 27th.
I wish I were in a position to avail
myself of your kind invitation but I
find that my program is much too crowded
for the next few months and I do not wish
to take on any more engagements. Perhaps
at some future time I may be of service
to you.

With kindest regards, permit
me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

March Eighth
1926

Rabbi Harry J. Stern,
Temple Israel,
Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

My dear Rabbi Stern,

I thank your kind letter of March fourth inviting me to come to Uniontown to address your Centre society. I wish I could see my way clear to do so, but I find myself so heavily booked up with out-of-town addresses that I cannot, in justice to myself, accept any more engagements until the close of The Temple season at least. I might find it possible to come to you some time after the first of June, if that be not too late for your purpose. Please let me hear from you.

With kindest regards and wishing you well, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

JOSEPH ROSENBAUM, PRES.
LEE STERN, SEC.

Temple Israel

HARRY JOSHUA STERN, RABBI
UNIONTOWN, PA.

March 11, 1926

Dr. Abba H. Silver,
Cleveland Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Centre society of the temple requests me to to inquire of you whether you are in a position to visit Uniontown this year.. In a conversation I had with you in Cincinnati you informed me if in any way you will find it convenient you will come. May we expect you and about when.

Fraternally

Harry J. Stern
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No more.
This season.
unless in
June

LEE STERN, PRESIDENT
IKE ROSENBAUM, TREASURER

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Temple Israel

SAMUEL HALEVI BARON, RABBI
UNIONTOWN, PA.

January 24, 1928

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

I am writing you on behalf of our Temple Club, an organization fostering cultural, social, and recreational activities in our community. We are greatly desirous of arranging a public meeting, if possible, with you as speaker of the occasion.

Would you be good enough to give me a general idea of what dates you have available, what subjects you are prepared to present, and what honorarium you expect? We should appreciate this information very much.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Samuel Halevi Baron

No answer

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Jan. 30th, 1928.

Rabbi Samuel H. Baron,
Israel Congregation,
Uniontown, Pa.

My dear Rabbi Baron:-

I was happy to hear from you.

It may be possible for me to come to Uniontown some time in February. My honorarium is \$250. If the terms are agreeable, please let me know and I will send you a definite date and a list of subjects.

With kindest regards and wishing you all manner of success, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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McDONALD, CRAY & McDONALD
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
CRAY LAW BUILDING
UNIONTOWN, PA.

D. W. McDONALD
JAMES R. CRAY

M. B. McDONALD
D. W. McDONALD, JR.

September 21, 1934

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
Temple Israel
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Upon the suggestion of Rev. William Blake Hindman, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Uniontown, Pennsylvania, I am writing to you in behalf of the Sunday Evening Forum recently organized by the young men of that church. It is the purpose of our group, composed of over one hundred young men, for the most part university graduates, to bring prominent men here from different parts of the United States to speak on varied topics - our program to be in the nature of a community undertaking. We have learned from Dr. Hindman that you have, for several years past, addressed a similar forum conducted by his brother, Dr. Ralph Hindman, of the First Presbyterian Church of Buffalo, New York.

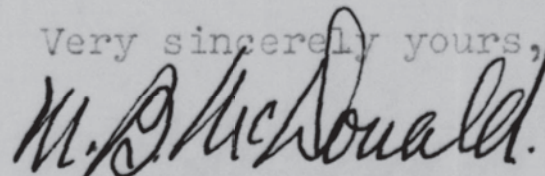
Our program is to start the first Sunday of November and continue through to the first Sunday of March, 1935, the plan being to conduct a five o'clock service each Sunday evening between those dates.

We are extremely anxious to have you address us on Sunday evening, November 18, 1934, on a topic of your own selection. There will, of course, be an honorarium.

Trusting that you will find it possible to favor us with your presence, I am

MBM/mh

Very sincerely yours,



M. B. McDONALD

September 25, 1934.

Mr. M. B. McDonald,
Gray Law Building,
Uniontown, Pa.

My dear Mr. McDonald:

I appreciate greatly your kind invitation to address your Sunday Evening Forum and I wish I were free to avail myself of the opportunity. Unfortunately it is quite impossible for me to absent myself from Cleveland on a Sunday. I preach in the morning and many of our congregational activities take place on that day. It was with great difficulty that I was able to keep my engagement with the Presbyterian Church of Buffalo.

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

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

Address your
communication
to

35 Cleveland Ave.



MASADA
Youth Zionist Organization of America
AFFILIATED WITH THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
UNIONTOWN CHAPTER UNIONTOWN, PA.

November 23, 1936

Rabbi Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio

My Dear Rabbi:

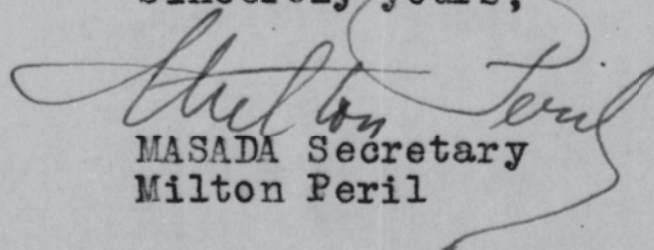
At an executive session of MASADA in Uniontown it was urged to tender you an invitation to address the people of our district, and it is with the hope that you will accept that we are prevailing upon you to reach the hearts of our people.

Uniontown is a hotbed of Zionism and fervent Jewish interests and we are certain the reception that will be accorded you will be great in character. At the moment we are in a drive to reclaim land in Palestine, as apportioned us by the National Executive Committee of MASADA, and we are going ahead.

We beg that you consider this and we are anxiously awaiting any available date within the near future.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


MASADA Secretary
Milton Peril

November 24, 1936

Mr. Milton Peril,
35 Cleveland Avenue,
Uniontown, Pa.

My dear Mr. Peril:

I am deeply appreciative of your invitation to address a meeting under the auspices of the Masada in Uniontown. I wish I were free to accept it. Unfortunately I am so heavily crowded with both local and out-of-town engagements that I cannot accept any additional ones.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

76 Murray Ave.

Congregation Tree of Life

ABE COHEN, PRES.

Pennsylvania Avenue

Uniontown, Pennsylvania

October 19, 1937
76 Murray Ave.
Uniontown, Pa.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

My Dear Dr. Silver;

I am writing to you in the interests of our local Zionist organization, of which I am cultural chairman.

Last Sunday we held our joint drive for the J.D.C. and U.P.A. and it was our privilege to have as our guest speaker Ittamar Ben Avé, who came from New York, to be with us. We here in Uniontown are a very wide awake community, inso far as Jewish affairs are concerned. At the present time we are planning on a forum of four lectures, by outstanding Jewish personalities.

I believe that several years ago, our city had the pleasure of having you with us, and it would be of even greater interest and value to us, if it would be possible for you to come here, in view of world Jewish affairs at the present time. I fully realize that your time is well taken up with local and national affairs, yet I cannot stress too much the desire of our people here to hear you once again.

I shall greatly appreciate if you will inform me whether it will be possible for you to be our guest on November 10, and also what your fee would be.

Trusting to receive a favorable reply from you, I am
Sincerely Yours,

Rabbi J. Washer

November 1, 1937

Rabbi J. Washer,
76 Murray Avenue,
Uniontown, Pa.

My dear Rabbi Washer:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your letter. I have been away from Cleveland most of the time and my correspondence has lagged.

I deeply appreciate your invitation to be the guest of your community on November 10. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately my schedule for the next few months is so crowded with out of town engagements that I cannot accept any more. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With best wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



I. N. HAGAN

Ice Cream COMPANY

UNIONTOWN, PA.

GREENSBURG, PA.

PITTSBURGH, PA.

CLARKSBURG, W. VA.

CUMBERLAND, MD.

Uniontown, Pa.

June 25, 1956

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Rev. Allan Howes, the minister of one of our local Methodist churches has long been intent on attracting to our church periodically throughout the year, men of stature and renown who might address a group of our congregation.

We considered it altogether fitting that someone of the Jewish faith be urged to participate. We considered it particularly appropriate to have that individual speak to us sometime in February during Brotherhood Month. We would be highly honored to have you present. We should like to leave the choice of dates during February entirely to your preference. We should like, however, to exclude the date of February 6.

We shall look forward with real anticipation to a favorable reply.

Very truly yours,

I. N. Hagan

I. N. Hagan

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July 3, 1956

address Methodist Church

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Mr. I. N. Hagan
I. N. Hagan Ice Cream Company
Uniontown, Pa.

My dear Mr. Hagan:

WRHS
AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES
I greatly appreciate your gracious invitation to address your congregation during Brotherhood month. I would regard it a great pleasure if I were able to come. Unfortunately I am so heavily committed to engagements during the coming season that I am unable to take on any additional out of town responsibilities.

With warmest regards and all good wishes I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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