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Utica, New York, 1923-1960.



**SAMUEL REICHLER**  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW  
60-61 MARTIN BUILDING  
115 GENESEE STREET  
UTICA, N. Y.

*Utica*

March 14th, 1923.

Rabbi Aba Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

We have a Men's Club of Temple Beth El holding monthly meetings in connection with a dinner at which meetings speakers are invited from time to time from out of town.

The speakers who visited us are Rabbis Krass, Schulman, Silverman of New York City, Ransom of Albany, Wolff of Rochester, and Friedman of Syracuse.

We shall greatly appreciate the honor if we could have you present either in April or May. I see that you have a number of friends in this city, although few of them have ever seen you personally.

If you see your way clear to accept the invitation I shall also ask you to be so kind and mention the terms. Hoping to receive a favorable reply, I remain,

Yours very truly,

*Samuel Reichler*

SR/RB



March 16th, 1923.

Mr. Samuel Reichler,  
115 Genesee Street,  
Utica, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Reichler,

It may be possible for  
Rabbi Silver to give you a week day date  
in May. His customary remuneration is  
\$150. Should the terms be acceptable  
please let me know and I will send you  
two or three dates.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

WRHS





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March 20th, 1923.

Rabbi Aba H. Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

WRHS  
AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES  
Your letter of March 16th advising me that you will be able to give us a visit received, with pleasure. Your terms are satisfactory and will be very glad to hear from you as to what date you can be here.

Kindly leave out the dates of the 2nd and the 16th, otherwise you may select any date you desire, but if possible give me a choice of a few dates.

Yours very truly,

Samuel Reichler

SR/RB



*Utica*

March 23rd, 1923.

Mr. Samuel Reichler,  
115 Genesee Street,  
Utica, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Reichler,

Permit me to acknowledge  
your kind letter of the 20th. It may  
be possible for me to come to you on  
Monday evening, April 30th, May 14th,  
May 28th or 30th. Please let me know  
what date is most convenient for you and  
I will send you a list of subjects from  
which you may select one.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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March 28th, 1923.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Your letter of March 23rd received.  
We would greatly appreciate it if you can make your visit  
the early part of May. The most convenient time for us  
would be on any day of the week commencing the 7th of May.

Hoping that you can favor us with a  
day in that week, and hoping to hear from you soon as to  
your decision, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

*Samuel Reichler*



April Second, 1923

Mr. Samuel Reichler,  
60-81 Martin Building,  
115 Genesee Street,  
Utica, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Reichler,

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March Twenty-eighth and to state that I cannot go to Utica on May 7th. I shall be in Indiana part of that week. The only dates I can offer you are those mentioned in my first letter, viz: April 30th, May 14th, 18th or 30th.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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April 2 1923

Dear Rabbi Silver:

If it is not too late,  
I wish to select Monday evening, April 30<sup>th</sup>  
for your visit to Utica. Will you kindly  
acknowledge this.

Respectfully yours  
Samuel Reichler



April 3th, 1923.

Mr. Samuel Reichler,  
115 Genesee Street,  
Utica, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Reichler,

In reply to your letter of  
April 2nd, permit me to say that Monday  
evening, April 30th is acceptable. I  
shall be glad to be with you.

With kindest regards, I

am

Very sincerely yours,



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April 11th, 1923.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Your letter of April 3rd received, and am glad that you have made arrangements to be in Utica on April 30th. Will you kindly send me at once the name of the subject of your message and also if possible a brief sketch of your life and a photo.

Perhaps it will be of some assistance to you if I give you some information. This congregation is an American Orthodox. The Rabbi is from the Theological Seminary of New York City. Most of the people while not Orthodox are not reformed.

Yours truly,

*Samuel Reichler*

SR/RB



April 13th, 1923.

Mr. Samuel Reichler,  
115 Genesee Street,  
Utica, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Reichler,

Under separate cover I am  
sending you a photograph of myself. I  
shall speak on the subject of "Racial and  
Religious Conflicts in the United States".  
I am enclosing herewith a biographical note.

With kindest regards, I am  
Very sincerely yours,



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UTICA, N. Y.

April, 19th, 1923.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:-

Enclosed please find a clipping from  
this mornings Utica Daily Press.

Kindly advise me when you expect to  
arrive in Utica in order that I may be able to arrange  
to meet you. Also advise me whether or not you intend  
to stay over night, so that I may reserve a room at the  
Hotel for you.

May I also ask you whether or not  
it will be possible for you to have some of your speech  
prepared for delivery to the press for publication.

Yours truly,

*Samuel Reichler*

SR/RB



April 25th, 1923.

Mr. Samuel Reichler,  
115 Genessee Street,  
Utica, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Reichler,

I plan to arrive in Utica  
Monday morning, and leave again on a  
late night train for Cleveland. I would  
appreciate if you would make Pullman  
reservations for me back to Cleveland.  
I shall wire you of the exact hour of  
my arrival.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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April 26th, 1923.

Rabbi Aba H. Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Gentlemen:-

Your letter of April 25th received.  
I have reserved a lower berth for Monday night, leaving  
for Cleveland at 11:08. Will meet you when notified  
of your arrival.

Respectfully yours,

*Samuel Reichler*

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SAMUEL REICHLER  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW  
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UTICA, N.Y.

December 30, 1925

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple, Cleveland  
East 55th Street and Central  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You will recall that we had the pleasure of hearing you at a dinner of the Men's Club of Temple Beth El on April 30th, 1923.

The members have decided to build a new temple in Utica, and the trustees have instructed me to try to secure you as the speaker at a dinner to be held in the hotel on Jan. 27th, 1926, at which occasion an effort will be made to raise funds for that purpose. Both men and women will be invited, and we expect to have most, if not all, representative Jews of Utica at that gathering.

It would be a great assistance if you could accept the invitation for that evening, and to prove to you that the trustees are anxious to have you at that occasion, we are willing to change the date to suit you, should you be unable to accept the invitation on that particular date.

I shall greatly appreciate your answer as early as possible.

Of course, it is understood that you are to be compensated.

Hoping to hear from you, I am,

Respectfully yours

*Samuel Reichler*

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Collect Day Letter

January 6th, 1926

Rabbi Samuel Eichler

Utica, New York.

Regret exceeding overcrowded schedule makes it impossible  
to come to Utica this season.

A. H. Silver





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March 5, 1926.

Rabbi Abba Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

It is so long since I saw you last I am sure that you must have forgotten the writer of this letter who for a number of years was head worker under Mr. George Bellamy at Hiram House. I am now situated in Utica, N.Y. and have charge of our Community Chest here, as well as giving supervisory direction to the work of our Americanization Council.

Our Community Chest campaign will be held during the week of May 17th, and we are planning for an opening banquet and gathering of our workers for Friday, May 14th. I am writing, therefore, to see if it would be in any way possible for you to come and be our guest and speaker for that evening May, 14th. This will be our third campaign in Utica. In the two previous campaigns we have not reached our goal and so have been able to pay our agencies only 80% of their budgets; however, we have made good progress and it looks as though we were in a strategic position this year. I cannot tell you how much, therefore, I am hoping that you can come and talk to our people for I am sure that you can give us a vision of this thing that will open our hearts and eyes with a resulted generous over-flow of support.

I wish you would also tell me as to your fee. The dinner would be at 6:30 and you could leave the same evening



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so as to be in Cleveland Saturday morning. I believe that this  
is a real call for a very genuine bit of service to the twenty  
five social agencies of our city and I do hope that you may  
be able to come.

With high esteem for yourself and warm personal re-  
gards, I am

Very cordially yours,

*A. J. Derbyshire*  
A. J. Derbyshire,  
Director.

AJD-B





March Tenth  
1926

Mr. A. J. Derbyshire,  
Director, Utica Community Chest,  
262 Genesee Street - Hooks Building,  
Utica, New York.

My dear Mr. Derbyshire,

I want to thank you for your kind letter and for the invitation which you extend to me to address the Utica Community Chest banquet on May 14th. I should love to be of service to you, but I cannot leave Cleveland on a Friday. On that evening I have an important service in my Temple.

Perhaps another year may offer an opportunity for me to serve you. I was very glad to hear from you again.

Wishing the Utica campaign every success, I beg to remain, with kindest regards

Very sincerely yours,



RABBI JEROME LIPNICK  
CONGREGATION TEMPLE BETH EL  
1607 GENESEE STREET  
UTICA NEW YORK

March 21, '50

Dear Dr. Silver,

I was very happy to have had the good fortune to reach you by phone yesterday and to speak to you about visiting our community.

When I informed our people here of my conversation with you and of the possibility of your accepting our invitation to open our USA drive this year, they were overjoyed. When I explained that you were in the midst of your Centennial celebration preparations and unusually preoccupied, they felt that this was an almost conclusive sign - a *sign* that you would come.

We in Utica are also in the throes of planning for our one hundredth anniversary so we have a great deal in common. We are



hoping that you will be able to transform this happy coincidence into a concrete bond of unity between our two cities by being with us on Sunday evening, April 23. How grand it would be!

I cannot tell you how much your presence here would mean to all of us who have admired and appreciated your labors for American Jewry and for Israel throughout the years. But we shall not be the only beneficiaries of such a visit. The United Jewish Appeal will also profit handsomely and we shall raise the funds which are so desperately required.

It is our hope that you will find it possible to honor us with an appearance on April 23.

When you arrive the second hundred years of our Jewish community will have begun momentarily and auspiciously. May we have that distinction?

Sincerely yours,  
Jerome Lysnick



March 27, 1950

Rabbi Jerome Lipnick  
1607 Genesee Street  
Utica, New York

My dear Rabbi Lipnick:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of March 21st. I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness in inviting me to open the U.J.A. Drive in Utica on April 23rd. I have gone through my schedule carefully in the hope of being able to accommodate you. Unfortunately, it is impossible. I am overwhelmed with work in connection with my duties here and that week, too, I am scheduled to open the Drive in Detroit. I simply must conserve my health a bit more than I have in the past. I hope that you will understand. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all my best wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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# The Chevalier Class

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

714 WASHINGTON STREET • UTICA, NEW YORK

*Affiliated with National Council of Presbyterian Men*

August 14, 1952

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We should like to invite you to speak before the Chevalier Class (Men's Club) of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Utica, at our meeting, November 11th. If this date does not fit with your schedule, we should appreciate an indication of which of the dates below would be most convenient.

We have attempted in our meetings to inspire and stimulate the layman to a greater religious consciousness through messages by leaders in religious thought. Our speakers are not limited to an audience of our own membership alone and on occasion combined meetings with other men's groups have been held.

We should plan, on the occasion of your visit to Utica, to welcome the men from Temple Beth-El and others. Action has not as yet been taken in this direction but because of the friendship which exists between the two groups, and given a reasonable amount of advance planning, we anticipate that this might be one of our largest gatherings.

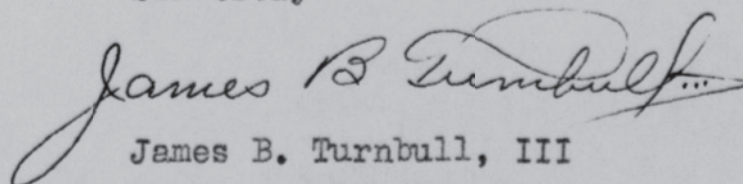
Our meetings have been attended by up to 250 men. We have a well organized publicity committee which helps us to share the experience of important speakers with the community generally. The enclosed photostat is a capsule report of the work of that committee last season.

We have civilian air service to Oneida County Airport, eight miles from the city. The dinner meetings begin at 6:30 P.M. and the address is scheduled for about 7:30 P.M..

Our usual arrangement with speakers has been reimbursement for expenses incurred.

We earnestly hope that it is possible for you to visit us without too great inconvenience or burden. We shall be happy to provide any additional information you might require.

Sincerely

  
James B. Turnbull, III

1952-53 Chevalier Meetings --

October 14 ... November 11 ... December 9 ...

January 13 ... February 12 ... March 10 ... April 14.



August 18, 1952

Mr. James B. Turnbull, III  
2217 Sunset Avenue  
Utica, New York

Dear Mr. Turnbull:

Rabbi Silver is now in Europe and is expected back about the first week of September. As soon as he returns, I shall call his attention to your letter of August 14th.

WRHS  
Sincerely yours,

Ruth L. Hirsch

RLH



September 5, 1952

Mr. James B. Turnbull, III  
2217 Sunset Avenue  
Utica, New York

My dear Mr. Turnbull:

Upon my return from Europe, I found your letter of August 14th, inviting me to address the Men's Club of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Unfortunately, all of the dates which you suggest fall on the second Tuesday of the month, which is the regularly scheduled meeting date of the Board of Trustees of The Temple, which meetings I must attend. Perhaps I may be of some service to you at some future time.

With best wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



# The Chevalier Class

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
714 WASHINGTON STREET • UTICA, NEW YORK  
*Affiliated with National Council of Presbyterian Men*

September 17, 1952

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 103th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

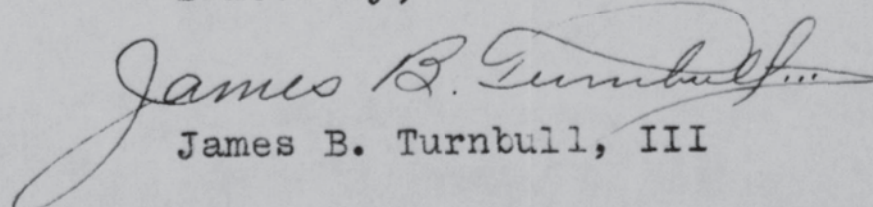
We have your letter of September 5th and regret that the regular scheduled meetings of The Chevalier Class fall on the dates of your Board of Trustees Meetings.

Inasmuch as you mentioned you might be of service at some future time, we contacted Rabbi Lipnick of Temple Beth-El and the President of his Men's Club in the hope that we might arrange a joint meeting. As we expected, this suggestion met with enthusiasm, for they share our desire to hear your message.

The evening of Wednesday, November 12th, would be preferable to our groups. However, if this proves inconvenient to you, we would appreciate your advising us of a suitable date.

We look forward to the opportunity of welcoming you to Utica.

Sincerely,

  
James B. Turnbull, III

JBT/c



September 23, 1952

Mr. James B. Turnbull, III  
Westminster Presbyterian Church  
714 Washington Street  
Utica, New York

Dear Mr. Turnbull:

Rabbi Silver has asked me to reply to your letter of September 17th.

It is not possible for Rabbi Silver to be out of the city on November 12th, nor is it possible at this time for him to suggest any other date in view of the uncertainty of a number of congregational activities.

Should you wish to suggest a date later in the season - in midwinter or early spring - I shall be glad to clear the date for you. Rabbi Silver's honorarium is \$500.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice  
Secretary to Rabbi Silver



# JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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January 12, 1956

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

Dear Rabbi:

On one of my too infrequent chats with you, I spoke about the possibility of your speaking here in Utica on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal. As I recall, we were chatting in front of the Fenway and you said that you had cut down on your outside engagements but that if the situation warranted it, or perhaps if you were in the vicinity anyway or enroute to New York, you might be able to help out.

Our situation in 1956 is a bright one for a fund-raising address from you. Utica has always been a strong Zionist community. We are proud to lay claim to having the highest per capita Israel Bond sales record in America; our \$150,000 sales achievement in November duplicated the effort of each of the four previous years. The UJA has always done well here and this year we are looking for a return of the "Spirit of '48". We think you are the campaign keynoter who can help us bring this about.

Our plan is to have a communitywide rally of 1,000 to 1,200 people, no solicitation, to set the atmosphere for the campaign. Prior to the meeting, however, there would be a supper at which the Big Gifts people would make their pledges.

Our UJA Executive Committee has said that anytime during the month of March is acceptable, although Sunday evenings, especially March 4th or 11th, are preferable.

I hope very much that you will be able to accept, and if so,

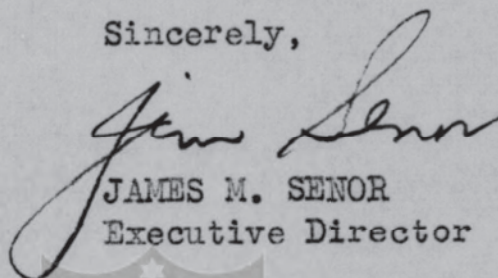


January 12, 1956

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver:

it goes without saying that Miriam and I look forward to having you at our home when you are here. Please give our warmest regards to Mrs. Silver and if they are home, to Daniel and Raphael.

Sincerely,

  
JAMES M. SENOR  
Executive Director

JMS/rd





January 24, 1956

Mr. James M. Senor, Executive Director  
Jewish Community Council  
211 Foster Building  
Utica 2, New York

My dear Jim:

Thank you for your letter of January 12th.

I wish I were free to accept your gracious invitation. However it is my present intention to be in Israel for the major part of March and April and I am unable to accept any engagements for those two months.

I trust your campaign will be very successful.

Please convey all our good wishes to Miriam.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:sl



DSV ✓  
March 18, 1960

Mr. J.J. Streicher  
2711 Genesee Street  
Utica, New York

My dear Mr. Streicher:

Upon my return from abroad, I was informed that you telephoned inviting me to attend the dedication of your new Temple. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately, I must remain in Cleveland on that day having made important engagements prior to my leaving for Europe. I wish you every success in your new Temple edifice.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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