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March 6, 1918.

Rev. A. H. Silver
 55th & Central Avenue
 Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

The American Red Cross has set the week of May 20-27 as the date for the second War Fund Campaign. We are going to ask the people for One Hundred Million Dollars. The amount given us last June has been largely appropriated, and now, with the progress of the war, demands are growing apace.

What the Red Cross did with the first Hundred Million has become an epic in the history of suffering humanity. What it must do, and quickly, is an appeal irresistible in its pathos and patriotism.

The sure way to reach the people of America is by the spell of the spoken word. We are trying to rally into a splendid efficient organization the leading orators of the United States. We want to begin the speaking campaign about April 26th. Will you volunteer as much time and service as you can possibly devote to helping in this great work?

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise has impressed on us the importance of securing your assistance. May we not have the favor of your acceptance?

Very sincerely,

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

Thos. E. Green

Associate Director, Speakers' Bureau.

TG/MK

March 11th, 1918

Mr. Theo. E. Green
Associate Director,
Speakers' Bureau, Red Cross Assn.,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Green,

I am in receipt of your kind
letter inviting me to join a body of men to speak
for the Red Cross during its coming campaign.

I shall be most happy to contribute
my might to the efforts of this most worthy cause.

Just at present, I am not in a
position to say how much time I shall be able to
devote to this work, but I shall do my best.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Abe Shefferman
Attorney and Counsellor at Law
ROOM 51 NATIONAL UNION BUILDING
918 F Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

March 22, 1921.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi,

I am taking the liberty to write you and extend you an invitation to deliver an address on some timely Jewish topic in this city at the Y.M.H.A. on Sunday, April 17th.

I presume that you will be present at the meeting of the Central Conference of American Rabbis which is to be ^{held} in this city, as I understand, the week of the 10th of April.

Our association has arranged as part of its educational programme of activities for this year, a series of educational and cultural Sunday evenings. As chairman of the committee on educational activities of the local "Y", I am extending you this invitation, and I hope that you will accept it and give our association the pleasure of hearing your message.

Trusting that you will reply in the affirmative, and awaiting an early reply, I am

s-h

Respectfully

Abe Shefferman

March 24th, 1921

Mr. Abe Schefferman,
918 F Street N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Schefferman,

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address the Y. M. H. A., on Sunday, April 17th. I should have been most happy to accept your invitation, but I shall not be in Washington on the 17th, as I am compelled to return to Cleveland for that date.

Wishing you well in your work, I am

Very sincerely yours,

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
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Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The National Association of Jewish Community Center Secretaries will hold its next conference in Washington, D.C. May 9-11, 1923. On the afternoon of May 11th, there comes up for discussion "The Synagogue and the Jewish Center", a subject which undoubtedly will interest more of the assembled delegates than any other and which we anticipate will arouse a tremendous amount of discussion. The Executive Committee requests me to invite you to address the conference on this subject.

I trust that it will be convenient for you to accept our invitation and awaiting your favorable reply, I am

Very truly yours,

Chas. Nemser
SECRETARY

January 30th, 1933.

Mr. Chas. Hensser,
Y. M. H. A.,
Louisville, Ky.

My dear Mr. Hensser,

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address the conference of the National Association of Jewish Community Center Secretaries. I wish I were in a position to accept it. We are however in the midst of building our new Temple and I am compelled to forego the pleasure of accepting out of town invitations during the next few months.

Trusting that your meeting will be successful, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

4/13/23

Mrs. Samuel B. Pack,
3141 Mt. Pleasant St.,
Washington, D.C.

Regret exceedingly unable to
accept kind invitation. Have another engagement
for that day.

A. H. Silver.

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MAY TENTH WE HOPE TO MAKE THIS DAY A MEMORABLE ONE FOR JEWISH WOMANHOOD
WHILE IN THE NATIONAL CAPITOL AND WISH TO HAVE YOU WITH US AS OUR MAIN
SPEAKER ON THAT DAY WE PRAY YOU WILL HONOR US PLEASE ADVISE AS TO FEE

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RABBI ABBA SILVER

328 TEMPLE CLEVELAND OHIO

URGENTLY AWAITING YOUR REPLY TO OUR TELEGRAM SENT LAST WEEK TO YOU
INQUIRING CAN YOU ADDRESS OUR SISTERHOOD EIGHTH OR FIFTEENTH OF
OCTOBER OR IF THESE DATES UNSATISFACTORY CAN YOU COME NOVEMBER FIFTH
FOR VERY AUSPICIOUS OCCASION PLEASE TRY TO ACCEPT KINDLY REPLY AT
ONCE VIA WESTERNUNION MY EXPENSE

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CLEVELAND OHIO

THE WASHINGTON SISTERHOOD INVITES YOU TO BE THEIR PRINCIPAL SPEAKER
AT A VERY IMPORTANT EVENT EITHER ON OCTOBER EIGHTH OR FIFTEENTH;
OR ANY DATE IN OCTOBER YOU DESIRE MAY WE HOPE TO BE HONORED BY
YOUR PRESENCE PLEASE WIRE MY EXPENSE BY WESTERN UNION
MRS SAMUEL B PACK CHAIRMAN 1853 COLUMBIA ROAD.

Collect Night Letter

Sept. 18th, 1923.

Mrs. Samuel B. Pack,
1858 Columbia Rd.,
Washington, D.C.

I regret exceedingly that pressure
of work here renders it impossible for me to
accept your kind invitation either for October
or November. Perhaps at some future time I
may be of service to you.

A. E. Silver.

Washington W. X.

CHAS. A. GOLDSMITH, PRESIDENT
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WASHINGTON HEBREW CONGREGATION

WASHINGTON, D. C.
October 27, 1925.

Rev. Dr. Abba H. Silver,
105 East Anselm Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:

Recalling our conversation with regard to the invitation extended in the name of our Congregation to address us at a banquet on Sunday night, December 6, permit me to express the hope that you have made fairly definite arrangements with Dr. Wise so as to permit your being with us. I know our Board is most anxious to have you rather than any one else, and I trust that you can see your way clear to making your first public visit to our city. I should not wish to ask you to come on Friday evening, Dec. 4, until every avenue is closed to your coming here on Sunday.

Trusting to have the pleasure of a favorable reply, and with personal greetings, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Abraham Simon

*Dec. 4. Fri.
Dec. 6. Sun.
Dec. 7. 11/2 pm*

October 30th, 1925.

Dr. Abram Simon,
3722 Harrison Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr. Simon,

I wish I could see my way clear to come to you on Sunday, December 6th but I find it will be impossible. I have scheduled myself for two Sundays away from Cleveland and I should not in justice to my Congregation absent myself a third Sunday. It will also be rather difficult for me to come to you on Friday evening. You know we have our Friday evening Service. I also meet with my Bible class and my Confirmation class on Friday. If you can use me any other evening, say a Monday or Tuesday evening in connection with your celebration, I shall consider it a privilege to come.

With kindest regards, to
Mrs. Simon and yourself, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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WASHINGTON HEBREW CONGREGATION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 12, 1925.

Rev. Dr. Abba H. Silver,
East 105th & Anselm Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear friend:

It was my hope to meet you at the Executive Board meeting in Philadelphia, so as to say face to face what is quite difficult to write out on paper. However, I am very much pleased to have your acceptance of our invitation to be with us on Tuesday evening, December 8, and I hope that it will be possible for you to let me know far enough in advance, so that we may not only meet you at the station, but also make ample provision for your comfort.

Let me say to you that this banquet, in addition to the regular Friday evening service, will commemorate the Seventieth Anniversary of our Congregation, and it is interesting to notify you that the Washington Hebrew Congregation received its charter at the hands of Congress, Dec. 3, 1855, under the Presidency of Franklin Pierce.

A few of us have the thought of a new Temple in mind. Some of us have the vision that, like the Episcopal, Congregational and Baptist Churches here who have built splendid National churches, a similar institution expressive of the strength and beauty of Reform Judaism in the United States, may crown a street in the Nation's Capital. However, this is only a vision of a few of us. The Congregation is anxious for an adequate structure to house its growing membership and activities, and it may be that enough enthusiasm will be engendered by your address to develop a sentiment

dynamic enough to sweep the Congregation into a determination to have such a structure at once. We have, however, assured our people that no solicitations will be made at the banquet. My hope is simply that your eloquence will arouse in our people an enthusiasm for Judaism that will inspire them to an eventual resolution for a more adequate structure. However, whatever be the theme which you will choose, I am certain that you will carry our people along with you.

Thanking you again for the fine spirit with which you accept our invitation, and in the hope of meeting you in the enjoyment of perfect health, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Abram Simon
jr.



J. BERNSTEIN

Tailor

814 F St.
~~Washington~~ STREET NORTHWEST

WASHINGTON, D. C. Dec. 9th, 1928.

Rabbi Hillel Silver,

Cleveland Ohio.

My Dear Rabbi:-

I Cannot begin my days work, without expressing to you my gratitude for the privelege of listening to you last night on the occassion of the 70th anniversary of our Temple.

I was inspired beyond words. You carried me back 35 years to the scenes of my childhood days, when my Reverend Grandfather led me to the synagague, (on a little side street) whose walls and interior were void of anything that would appeal to a youngsters eye. Yet, though but 5 years old then, the spirit of that little Synagague still lingers in my memory, and I will always cherish that memory. It has stood by me at all times, and it has been instrumental at times to help me shun the path of evil.

If American Jewry were only imbued with that spirit, our beloved Rabbis would find it less difficult to shepherd their Congregations.

Wishing you the full measure of health in the coming years so that you can spread your light to your followers, I am,

Very Sincerely Yours,

J. Bernstein

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WASHINGTON HEBREW CONGREGATION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 9, 1925.

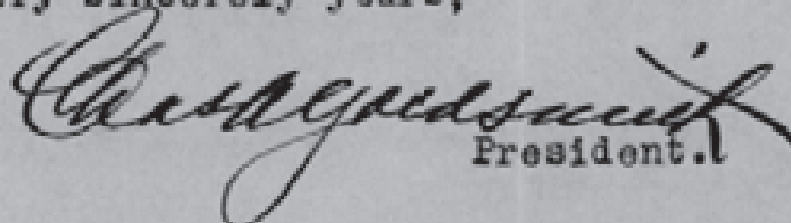
Dr. Abba H. Silver,
East 105th St. at Anselm Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:

Words fail me to describe adequately the superb impression which you made upon our Congregation last evening by your gracious presence and your magnificent oration. You captured our Congregation. You have their hearts, and I wish you could have heard the words of undisguised approval that followed you out of the room, and that are still coming to me from every one of the four hundred men and women who had the joy of listening to you. You have performed a distinct service, and as President of the Congregation which is a constituent member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, permit me to congratulate the Union and the Hebrew Union College through you upon having graduated one of your masterful personality.

Again felicitating ourselves, as well as thanking you most heartily for your sacrifice in coming here, and for the brilliant effort with which you stimulated our people, I am,

Very sincerely yours,


President.

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WASHINGTON HEBREW CONGREGATION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 9, 1925.

Rev. Dr. Abba H. Silver,
105th St² at Anselm Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear friend and colleague:

You came, you spoke, and you conquered. Our Congregation is gloriously enthusiastic. I believe that we registered an historic evening. I am certain that you dropped seeds that will fertilize and will become a blessing to us. You have helped me immeasurably in winning the Congregation to an appreciation of the deepening influence of the synagogue, not only in the life of Israel in the past but in their own today.

Let me thank you very heartily for the willingness with which you accepted my invitation and for the brilliant manner in which you achieved the impossible at a banquet. I mean by that that a sacred atmosphere fell upon the audience and they hated to secularize the evening by the dancing.

Thanking you again very warmly, and with personal greetings at all times to you and Mrs. Silver from Mrs. Simon and me,
I am,

Sincerely yours,

Abraham Simon

Washington, D.C. ^{Friday,} Dec. 11, 1925

My dear Dr. Selous,

I should like to express
my personal appreciation for your address
on Tuesday night. The opportunity of
hearing it, is not to be counted as the
least that Washington has afforded
me. All eyes look forward to the
occasion of your next visit.

Again, with many thanks,

I am,

Most Sincerely,

Fred L. Thompson

Argonne Apts.

Washington, D.C.

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OFFICE AT THE TEMPLE
PHONE MAIN 9289

RABBI ABRAHAM SIMON, PH. D.
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PHONE CLEVELAND 888

WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 31, 1925.

Rev. Dr. Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
105 East Euclid & Anselm Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear friend:

Through the courtesy of Mr. Abel, Secretary of the Congregation, I am sending you a transcript of the address which you delivered at our Seventieth Anniversary Celebration. The Committee may later on publish in a pamphlet form the different elements of the program, and are sending you the manuscript so that we may have it ready in the event we agree to put it in print. I need but assure you again that my people have not ceased commenting rather glowingly upon the address and its influence upon their thought.

With best wishes for a Happy New Year, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Abraham Simon

PERSONAL

Isaac Gans.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

January 18, 1926

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

As Chairman of the Committee for the Celebration of the dedication services for our National Community Center Headquarters at Sixteenth & "Q" Streets which takes place on Monday, February twenty-second, Washington's Birthday, I invite you to be one of the speakers of the evening at the banquet to be given on that occasion. We would like to arrange our program as soon as possible and, would, therefore, appreciate a prompt and favorable response from you.

We have invited Chief Justice Taft to be present the night before, as speaker for the dedication. The Honorable Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States

delivered the address at the laying of the
corner stone of this beautiful edifice.

Yours respectfully,

Isaac Gans

ISAAC GANS
Chairman of Committee.

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January 25th, 1926.

Mr. Isaac Ganz,
Washington, D.C.

My
My dear Mr. Ganz,

Permit me to thank you
for your kind invitation to attend
the banquet to be given by the National
Community Center on the occasion of the
dedication of its new building. I wish
I could see my way clear to accept it
but unfortunately I have another important
engagement scheduled for Washington's birth-
day. Perhaps at some future time I may be
of service to you.

With kindest regards, permit-
me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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RABBI ABBA HILL EL SILVER

THE TEMPLE CLEVELAND OHIO

CONFIRMING OUR LETTER TO YOU PLEASE WIRE US WHETHER YOU CAN
ACCEPT OUR INVITATION TO BE THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER AT THE DEDICATION
BANQUET OF THE NEW WASHINGTON JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE FEBRUARY
TWENTY SECOND STOP THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY IS EAGER TO HAVE YOU WITH US

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JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER SIXTEENTH

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AMERICAN STUDENT ZIONIST FEDERATION
UNION TRUST BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 5, 1928.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

One of the most difficult problems with which the Avukah is confronted in its Zionist cultural activity among the students is the furnishing of suitable speakers for our various chapters. We are not in a financial position to make the necessary outlay to arrange special tours or trips for speakers, and therefore it is urgently necessary to enlist the cooperation of those like yourself, who might be able to address Avukah chapters in connection with other trips.

Would you be good enough to instruct your secretary to notify us automatically whenever you make out-of-town speaking engagements, or plan any out-of-town trips?

This will give us an opportunity to ask you to address one of our chapters at your destination or in the vicinity. This arrangement will not place you under any obligation to address any chapter. It will, however, enable us to suggest a booking, which you will be at liberty to accept or reject, according to your convenience.

To facilitate correspondence, form cards for the use of your secretary are enclosed.

Sincerely yours

Max Rhoads

President.

MR/r



AMERICAN STUDENT ZIONIST FEDERATION
UNION TRUST BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 3, 1928.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We have been informed that you are scheduled to speak at the University of Michigan under the auspices of the Hillel Foundation on February 27th.

First of all, I do hope that your subject will be "Zionism" as we have established a very promising Avukah chapter at the University of Michigan and a strong address on "Zionism" by you at this time would be particularly valuable in promoting our work at Michigan.

Secondly, you know we have been trying ever since the Avukah came into existence to arrange to have you address Avukah chapters, and I wonder whether it would be possible for you to arrange to address some of our other chapters in neighboring territory in connection with your Michigan trip. We have chapters in this region at Chicago, University of Wisconsin (Madison), Ohio State (Columbus), and Illinois (Champaign).

Your Michigan address is scheduled for a Monday. Could you not extend your trip so as to embrace also Tuesday and Wednesday, the 28th and 29th, and at least the 28th? If you could not arrange to speak at an evening meeting, perhaps an afternoon meeting could be arranged. At all the chapters mentioned except Chicago, the meeting would probably be arranged under the joint auspices of the Avukah and the Hillel Foundation which has cooperated with us in the past. Nothing would please us better than to arrange a joint Avukah-Hillel tour for you on this trip, embracing Madison, Champaign and Columbus. We have excellent chapters at all these points and very large meetings could be arranged. Of course we would defray your expenses.

I cannot refrain from expressing my regret that somehow it has not been possible to bring you into more intimate contact with the Zionist activity in the universities and I am hoping the present occasion will prove the stepping stone.

At any rate, I sincerely trust you will find it possible favor us in the present instance. Under separate cover I am sending you some of the material which the Avukah national office has succeeded in issuing despite our lack of funds. I thought you might be interested in looking it over.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours, *Max Livad*
President.

Feb. 6th, 1928.

Mr. Max Rhoads,
Pres. American Student
Zionist Federation,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Rhoads:-

It will not be possible for me
to accept any engagements for the Avukah
Organization this season.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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AMERICAN STUDENT ZIONIST FEDERATION
UNION TRUST BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 14, 1938.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As I presume you are planning to attend the Zionist Convention in Pittsburgh, I am writing to inquire whether it would be possible for you to also attend the Avukah Convention, Thursday June 28-Saturday June 30, inclusive. Saturday will be devoted entirely to cultural sessions.

If you can arrange to come, we should like very much to place you on the program for a message. We are of course particularly desirous to have you attend because you are a member of our Advisory Council.

Will you please be good enough to drop me a note at your earliest convenience in response to this invitation?

Trusting we shall have the pleasure of your attendance, with cordial Avukah greetings,

Sincerely yours,

Max H. L. L.
President.

MR/r

Cardi

June 19th, 1928.

Mr. Max Rhoads,
President "Avukah"
Union Trust Bldg.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Rhoads:-

Permit me to thank you for
your kindness in inviting me to address the
Avukah Convention. I shall however, be
attending the Convention of the Central
Conference of American Rabbis in Chicago
from June 27th to June 30th and I must therefore
forego the pleasure of being with you.

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

Very sincerely yours,

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August 20, 1928

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

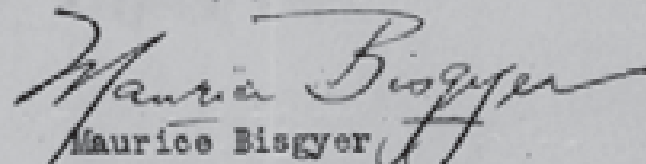
Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Jewish Community Center of Washington cordially invites you to deliver a lecture in connection with its National Forum this fall. The lectures, as you know, are of a popular character and are open to the public.

You recall that it was this institution which President Coolidge dedicated in 1925 and within its walls many prominent figures have appeared. Perhaps you may be in Washington this fall and the date can be arranged to suit your convenience.

The topic which our Educational Committee would like to hear you discuss is "What the American Community Should Expect of its Rabbi?". The Committee looks forward to your reply which can embody such details as you think necessary.

Sincerely yours,


Maurice Bisgyer
Executive Director

card ✓

August 22d, 1928.

Mr. Maurice Bisgyer,
Jewish Community Center,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Bisgyer:-

Permit me to thank you for
your kind letter of August 20th.

At the present writing I am
unable to say whether it will be possible for
me to come to Washington next season. I am
planning a tour of the Pacific Coast and if
that materializes I shall not accept any more
engagements in the East. Should I not go to
the Coast I shall communicate with you.

With kindest regards, permit
me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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December 20, 1928

Rabbi Hillel Silver
The Temple
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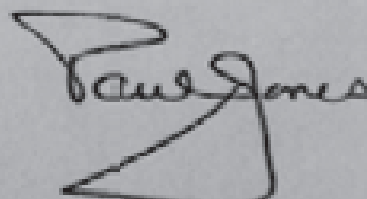
My dear Dr. Silver:

You probably saw in the papers the Memorial to the United States Senate regarding the relationship of the Peace Pact and the Cruiser Bill which was signed by more than three hundred and fifty prominent people from all over the country. I am enclosing a copy of it. There is going to be a determined effort to pass the Cruiser Bill, and those senators who are opposing it will need all the backing that the country can give. In order to mobilize that backing and make it vocal, the Citizens' Committee which arranged this Memorial is planning to hold a one-day conference and dinner in Washington, D.C., on January 8, 1929, at the Washington Hotel, Fifteenth Street Northwest and Pennsylvania Avenue. An invitation to attend such a conference will be sent out next week signed by a group of fifty people headed by Bishop Francis J. McConnell, Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, and President Mary E. Woolley, which will go to at least twenty-five thousand people in different parts of the country.

For the dinner that evening, at which we hope to have over five hundred people present, we want to have a group of effective speakers briefly but forcefully express the need for defeating the Cruiser Bill in order to preserve the integrity of the General Pact for the Renunciation of War. It is our thought that four or five such speakers who might occupy fifteen minutes each would be admirable. I therefore want to invite you to be one of those who will come and speak at that dinner. Dr. Edward T. Devine of the American University will be in charge of the dinner, Bishop McConnell will be there if he can re-arrange certain engagements, which he is now trying to do, and we believe that the importance of the occasion merits our urging you to make every sacrifice to be there. The committee will of course take care of your expenses in coming to us. Won't you consider this most earnestly and wire me to let us know that we may count upon you?

I am writing in the name of the Citizens' Committee. I am merely acting for the Citizens' Committee in arranging for the speakers at this dinner and would ask you to send your reply to my office as a matter of convenience. The Fellowship of Reconciliation is not concerned in the affair.

Very sincerely yours,



PJ:FJ WIFE 12/24/28

REGRET EXCEEDINGLY CAN NOT BE WITH YOU JAN. 8th
HAVE ANOTHER IMPORTANT ENGAGEMENT SCHEDULED FOR THAT DAY. A.H.S.

Carol

Feb. 25th, 1929.

Miss Mildred C. Smith,
Open Forum Speakers Bureau,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Smith:-

Thank you for your letter of
February 20th and the invitation to address
the Jewish Community Center of Washington, D.C.

I am afraid that I shall not be
able to accept any more engagements this season.
I have just returned from a three week's absence
on the Pacific Coast and I feel that I ought not
to be away from Cleveland any more than I am
already scheduled for in out of town places.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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CLEVELAND OHIO=

WOULD YOU ACCEPT DATE FOR ADDRESS IN WASHINGTON MARCH TWENTY
EIGHTH ON YOUR TRIP EAST STOP OUR MAXIMUM FEE IS ONE
HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS STOP HAVE WRITTEN OPEN FORUM SPEAKERS
BUREAU BUT RECEIVED NO RESPONSE STOP PLEASE WIRE=
JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER.

Answer collect D.L.
2/27/29

Regret exceedingly can not accept your kind invitation
March 28th My schedule too crowded with lecture
engagements. Regards. A. H. Silver

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AMERICAN STUDENT ZIONIST FEDERATION
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 28, 1929.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

You will be pleased to learn, I am sure, that Avukah, during the past year, has been greatly strengthened, so that it is now looking forward to a period of renewed progress.

Following our own Convention at Ann Arbor, Michigan, on the 27th, 28th and 29th of June, we have arranged to hold a luncheon in conjunction with the Zionist Convention in Detroit on Monday, July 1, to which will be invited all the delegates attending that Convention. The purpose of the luncheon will be the raising of money for our annual budget, and, of course, as last year, when we held a similar luncheon at the Pittsburgh Convention, will have the full approval and cooperation of the ZOA. You will recall that our very successful luncheon last year was addressed by both Mr. Lipsky and Rabbi Stephen S. Wise. The luncheon was attended by a large gathering and we raised in the course of a few minutes about \$6,000. With this money we were enabled to place our organization on a sound basis. With the good will engendered at the luncheon a year ago, and the name that Avukah has been gradually making for itself, we feel confident that this year's luncheon will be a still greater success.

After giving careful consideration to the matter, our Administrative Committee has decided to extend to you an invitation to address the luncheon as the principal speaker and has asked me to communicate this invitation to you. The Committee felt that your influence at this luncheon would carry great weight. You are doubtless aware from published reports that Judge Mack, Mrs. Sol Rosenblum of Pittsburgh, as well as Rabbi Wise and others, have taken a great interest in Avukah and have done everything in their power to assist us to get on our feet during the past year. All these friends will, of course, give the luncheon their fullest support, but

we need you as the spokesman of the occasion to assure success. You will, of course, appreciate that this is not offered by way of compliment but to impress you with the importance of your acceptance from the standpoint of Avukah's welfare, in which, I know from your repeated assurances, you are most deeply interested.

The luncheon itself is of the greatest importance to us, inasmuch as we are depending upon it to raise a very large share of our budget for the coming year.

It has been unfortunate in the past that though you have been most anxious to help Avukah, circumstances did not enable you to fulfill your wish. The luncheon now offers a very fine opportunity. I am sure you will be glad to aid the cause of Avukah by responding "Yes."

I am sending under separate cover some publications the Avukah has issued, as I know they will greatly interest you if you have not already received them from our National office, which has now been moved to New York.

Trusting we may have the pleasure of your acceptance, I remain, with kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Max Rhoads
President.

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THE TEMPLE CLEVELAND OHIO=

WILL GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR TELEGRAM RESPONDING TO OUR
INVITATION SPEAK AVUKAH LUNCHEON AT ZONIST CONVENTION
AS WE ARE HOLDING UP ANNOUNCEMENT PENDING YOUR REPLY AM
SURE YOU APPRECIATE IMPORTANCE OF THIS LUNCHEON TO AVUKAH
AND THEREFORE FULLY RELY UPON YOUR ACCEPTANCE KINDEST

REGARDS=

Answer 6/7/29

MAX RHOADE..

Day letter.

Am compelled to return to Cleveland for a wedding
Monday evening July 1st. If your luncheon were on
Sunday the thirtieth I would gladly accept your
invitation.

A. H. Silver

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SIXTEENTH STREET AT QUE

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June 12, 1929

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

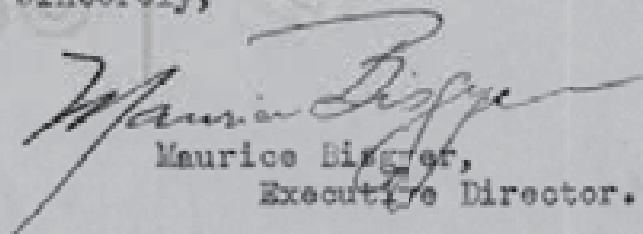
Dear Rabbi Silver:

As you know, we have been anxious for some time to
have you grace our Forum platform.

We therefore take pleasure in inviting you when you
are in the vicinity of Washington, to address our Forum. We should
be glad to pay you an honorarium.

Could you inform us at this time what date you expect
to be in the East next fall.

Sincerely,


Maurice Bigg,
Executive Director.

June 18th, 1929

Mr. Maurice Biggier,
Jewish Community Center,
Sixteenth St. at Qns,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Biggier:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of June 12th and for the invitation which you extend to me to speak before your Forum. It may be possible for me to come to you Wednesday evening, December 4th, in as much as I shall address the Opening Session of the New Jersey Conference of Social Workers on the 5th. My honorarium is \$250.

Let me hear whether the date and the terms are convenient for you.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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August 12, 1929

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland
Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

In accordance with recent correspondence, we should be glad to give you an honorarium of \$250 if a suitable date can be arranged for your appearance in Washington.

Either October 22nd or 29th will be entirely suitable to us with the first named as preference.

Awaiting your reply,

Sincerely yours,

Maurice Bisgyer
Maurice Bisgyer
Executive Director

Holding
Oct 20 for
Boston

August 14th, 1929.

Mr. Maurice Biagyer,
Jewish Community Center,
Sixteenth St. at Que,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Biagyer:-

In the absence of Rabbi Silver permit
me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 12th.

Rabbi Silver will return from abroad
the end of the month and I shall place your letter before
him for attention.

Regretting that I can not give you a
definite date at this time, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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August 16, 1929

Miss Irene Rothenberg
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Rothenberg:

In reply to your letter of August 14th, you may present our letter on Rabbi Silver's return in regard to his appearance on our platform.

However, the date may have to be changed due to the lateness of closing this matter.

Will you kindly wire us whether Rabbi Silver can accept and give us a possible date on a Tuesday in late October or any Tuesday in November.

Sincerely yours,

Maurice Bisgyer
Maurice Bisgyer
Executive Director

card ✓

Sept. 3d, 1929.

Mr. Maurice Biagyer,
Jewish Community Center,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Biagyer:-

I have just returned from Europe and find your letter of August 16th. It will be quite impossible for me to come to Washington in October or November. The only date which I have free is Wednesday evening, Dec. 4th. I shall then be on my way to address the New Jersey Conference of Social Workers, as I indicated to you in my letter of June 18th. If the date is convenient for you please let me know.

With kindest regards and best wishes,
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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September 5, 1929

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

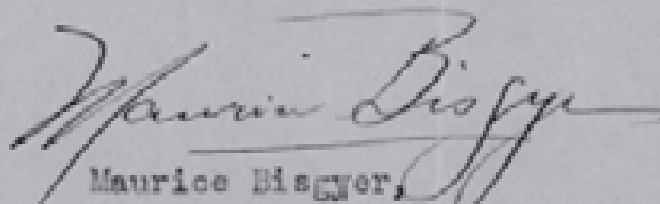
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was very glad to hear of your safe return to this country.

As we were compelled to proceed with our schedule, and as Bertrand Russell, one of our prospective speakers, had only one date open, December 1st, we concluded our arrangements with him for that date.

It is unfortunate that we cannot have the pleasure of having you with us this season, inasmuch as we have looked forward for some time to have you honor our platform.

Sincerely,


Maurice Bisgny,
Executive Director.

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TELEPHONE DECATUR 3030-3031

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December 6, 1929

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland
Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am still very anxious to have you appear on our platform. In fact, I am so anxious that I beg of you to accept this invitation to appear here on January 5th or January 7th at the fee of \$250.00 which you named.

Will you let me know as soon as possible as we certainly are anxious to have you grace our platform.

Sincerely yours,

Maurice Bisgrr
Maurice Bisgrr
Executive Director

Dec. 10th, 1929.

Mr. Maurice Biagyer,
Jewish Community Center,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Biagyer:-

Permit me to thank you for your
kind letter of December 6th and for the invitation
which you extend to me to address your Community Center
on the 5th or 7th of January.

I can not accept any engagements
for the months of January or for the first two weeks in
February. I could come on Tuesday, February 25th. Please
let me know if this date is convenient for you.

With kindest regards and best wishes,
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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December 12, 1929

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

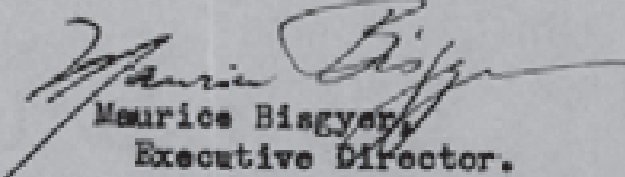
Allow me to thank you for your letter of December 10th.

We are so anxious to have you here that we are willing to accept your date - Tuesday evening - February 25th - at the honorarium mentioned.

We should like you to speak, of course, on a Jewish subject. Could you send me three or four subjects to choose from?

May I thank you very much for your courtesy in this matter.

Sincerely,


Maurice Bisgys,
Executive Director.

card -

Dec. 17th, 1929.

Mr. Maurice Biagrer,
Jewish Community Center,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Biagrer:-

Permit me to thank you for your letter
of December 12th.

I have set aside Tuesday, February 25th
for your meeting. I would suggest any one of the following
subjects:

The Four Major Tendencies in Jewish Life
Democratic Impulse in Jewish History.
Is Judaism Adequate for the Modern Man?

Please let me know which one you select.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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December 23, 1929

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

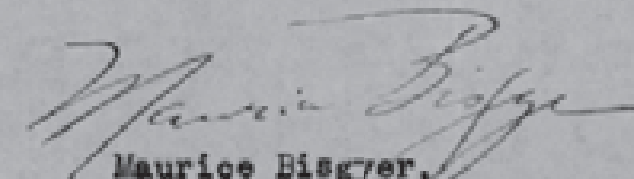
Allow me to acknowledge your letter of December 17th
with many thanks.

We are going forward with arrangements for the meeting
on Tuesday, February 25th.

In accordance with our usual custom, our Educational
Committee is going to select one of the subjects indicated by you, as
well as choose a Chairman for the meeting.

You may be assured of a very welcome reception.

Sincerely yours,


Maurice Bisger,
Executive Director.

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December 26, 1929

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

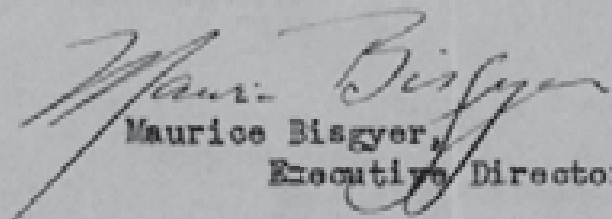
Our Educational Committee met today and have
chosen the subject

"Is Judaism Adequate for the Modern Man"

We think that this subject is splendid and will
interest our entire community.

With cordial regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,

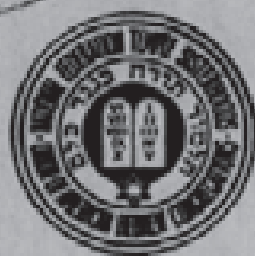

Maurice Bisgyer,
Executive Director.

Enclosure

Sisterhood of the Washington Hebrew Congregation

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Washington, January 7th 1930th

Rev. Mr. Abba Hillel Silver,

E. 105th St. & Anselm Road,

Cleveland Ohio.

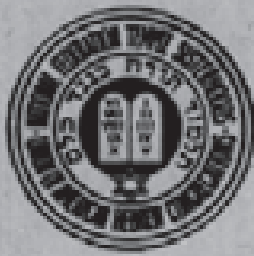
Dear Doctor Silver:

I have just learned with a great deal of happiness, that you are coming to Washington, to address the Community Center here on Tuesday evening, Feb 24th.

In February our Sisterhood will celebrate our 25th anniversary, and we are beginning to formulate plans for such an auspicious occasion. You, dear Doctor Silver, can make it for us a never-to-be-forgotten event, if you

[Jan. 7, 1930]

Sisterhood of the Washington Hebrew Congregation



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The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods

Washington,

mie.

We will hold our celebration on the afternoon of that day (Feb. 24th) or the 25th or 23rd, or whenever you say, fitting the time to suit your convenience, if you will but be our honored guest for this event. You will make Mr. & Mrs. Simon and more than 500. members supremely happy. I have not forgotten the glorious talk you gave last year in Oakland Cal. when that Sisterhood entertained us, with you as guest of honor, and I can think of no finer treat to our dear people than to hear you give that truly inspiring, and to me, never-to-be-forgotten message again, just as you delivered it in Oakland.

It was the best message of the entire conference,
and made the long trip worth while.

May I hope for the fulfillment of this
splendid ambition?

You will make our Silver anniversary
a golden one, and I can think of no
happier message to our members, than to be
able to announce that you will be our dear
and honored guest for greatest event in the
history of the Sisterhood of the Washington
Hebrew Congregation.

May I repeat that the date awaits
your pleasure and convenience, and I shall
eagerly await your reply. That it be favorable
is the earnest hope and prayer of.

(Mrs. Samuel B.)

Yours very sincerely
Leah K. Pack, President
Embassy of Jt.

Jan. 9th, 1930.

Mr. Maurice Bisgyer,
Jewish Community Center,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Bisgyer:-

This morning I received an invitation from the Sisterhood of the Washington Hebrew Congregation inviting me to address the Twenty-fifth Anniversary Celebration of that organization on the afternoon of the day that I am scheduled to be with you. I want to know your opinion in the matter.

If you feel that it might in any way affect the attendance at your meeting in the evening, I shall of course not accept the invitation. Please let me know what you think about it.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

NIGHT LETTER

Washington, January 13, 1930

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

Thanks for calling our attention to invitation of Washington Hebrew Congregation Sisterhood stop Members of that congregation frequent our Forums in large numbers and your appearance there would seriously interfere with our meeting in evening stop Trust you will send ladies your regrets

Maurice Bisgyer

Prepay and charge
Jewish Community Center

card
Jan. 14th, 1930

Mrs. Samuel B. Pack,
Embassy Apartment,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Pack:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of January 7th and for the invitation which you extend to me to address the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of your Sisterhood.

I wish I were in a position to accept your invitation. Unfortunately I am already booked to be in Newark on the 24th and I must be back in Cleveland on the 26th. I have given Tuesday, Feb. 25th to the Washington Community House and I do not think that it would be quite fair to that organization which has engaged my services to address another meeting in Washington on the same day. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With kindest regards and best wishes,
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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January 14, 1930

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
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Cleveland, Ohio.

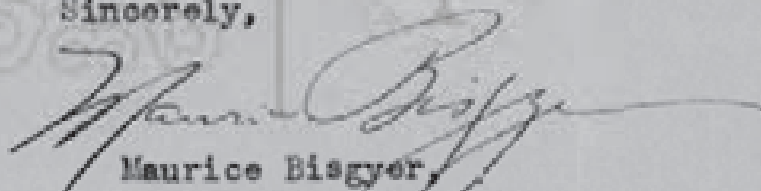
Dear Rabbi Silver:

In reply to your letter of January 9th, we sent you
a night letter on the 13th, per enclosed copy.

In further explanation may I state that the Jewish
community here is a small one, comparatively speaking, and con-
flicting dates of speakers really interfere with attendance.

May I thank you for your courtesy in this matter.

Sincerely,


Maurice Bisgyer,
Executive Director.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Please inform us the time of your arrival
in Washington, and whether you are looking to stay over night.
We are looking forward to your forthcoming appearance.

Sincerely,

Maurice Bisgvyer
Maurice Bisgvyer,
Executive Director

Feb. 21st, 1930

Mr. Maurice Biagyer,
Jewish Community Center,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Biagyer:-

I plan to arrive in Washington
some time Tuesday afternoon from New York. I shall
wire you the exact hour later.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



"The Healing of the Daughters of My People"

WASHINGTON CHAPTER HADASSAH

WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 20, 1931.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver

Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Washington Chapter Hadassah is planning a benefit night for the Jewish National Fund, on Monday, April 13th, at our Community Center.

It is the opinion of our cultural committee that nothing could spell a more absolute success that evening than having you with us. We are a large active chapter of women, some of us have had the pleasure of hearing you at various conventions, but most of us have had to content ourselves with your all too few visits to Washington. Never, have we had the honor, as a chapter, to have you as our guest speaker.

If you can possibly arrange to be with us on April 13th, you will not only bring about a successful J.N.F. night but you will be able to create a tremendous amount of propaganda for our Palestine Campaign, which opens April 19th. Will you please give this your immediate consideration and advise me so that we may have sufficient time for publicity.

Wishing you a very pleasant Pesach, I am with Zion's greetings,

Cordially yours,

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March 24th, 1931

Mrs. Dave Alpher,
Washington Chapter Hadassah,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Alpher:-

Permit me to thank you for your letter of March 20th and for the invitation which you extend to me to address the Washington Chapter Hadassah on April 13th.

I wish I was free to accept. Unfortunately I have another engagement scheduled for that evening.

With kindest regards and with Zion's greetings, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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WASHINGTON CHAPTER HADASSAH

WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 29, 1931.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

During an Oneg Shabat gathering at my home, I had the pleasure of reading a copy of your most inspiring talk delivered at the convention banquet in Atlantic City. This reading recalled to me your request for a written reminder in regard to your coming to Washington on February 24th.

Our chapter is an excellent one and I know of no greater reward for their splendid efforts on behalf of the Donor Luncheon (\$15.00 per plate) than the opportunity of hearing you.

It will be a genuine honor for us and an assured success for the Hadassah Medical Organization, if you will permit me to announce you as our guest speaker on Wednesday February 24th, 1;P.M.

With Zion's greetings, I am

Cordially yours,

Dave Alpher

Mrs. Dave Alpher
President.

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Dec. 24, 1931

Mrs. Dave Alpher,
2759 Woodley Place,
Washington D. C.

My dear Mrs. Alpher:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter
of Nov. 29th.

I can not at the present writing say whether
I can come to the Washington Chapter of Hadassah for its
Donor Luncheon. It will be impossible for me to make a
special trip to Washington on the 24th of February. My
schedule is already terribly crowded. Should other engage-
ments bring me to Washington or in the neighborhood around
that time I shall be very happy to communicate with you.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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November 17, 1933.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, OHIO

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

The National Commission on the Enrichment of Adult Life, co-operating with the Ohio State Commission, the Department of Adult Education of the N.E.A., and the Cleveland Adult Education Association, will have a joint meeting in the Auditorium of the Public Library in Cleveland on Tuesday afternoon, February 27th. The principal object of this meeting is to establish renewed interest in adult education in public school departments, and to emphasize the unusual present needs for adult education and worthwhile recreation to occupy the extra hours of leisure that are now coming to employed men and women.

We are hoping that the Hon. Newton D. Baker will act as honorary chairman of this meeting, if his engagements at that time permit his attendance. Following Mr. Baker's introduction, we should like to have short addresses by yourself and Mr. George Bellamy of Cleveland. We should like to have you address this joint meeting for about twenty minutes on the subject "Education for Leisure."

The Cleveland Adult Education Association will doubtless co-operate in giving publicity to this meeting, so that there will be a large attendance. The general topic for this afternoon meeting is "Adult Education in the New Day." Mr. Bellamy has been asked to speak on "The Challenge of the New Day." President A. Caswell Ellis will probably have also a place on the program, as the representative of the American Association for Adult Education.

Yours very truly,

James A. Moyer
President.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

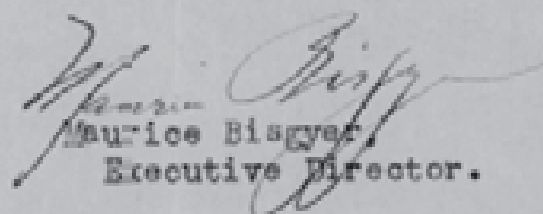
We are very hopeful that some time this winter you will come East. In that event would you let us know when you could accept an invitation to appear before our Jewish Forum, as you did several years ago.

We would be pleased to pay an honorarium within the limits of our capacity.

Would you therefore notify us of such a possibility and the amount of the honorarium.

Please accept my best wishes and cordial regards,

Sincerely,


Maurice Bisgav
Executive Director.

December 7, 1933.

Mr. James A. Moyer, President,
National Commission on the Enrichment of Adult Life
of the National Education Association,
1201 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Moyer:

Permit me to thank you for your kind
letter of November 17th and for the invitation
which you extend to me to participate in a program
for Adult Education on February 27th.

My present schedule calls for a ten
day lecture tour away from Cleveland towards the end
of February. While these plans are still tentative
and subject to revision, I do not wish to tie myself
to any engagement in Cleveland at that time.

With all good wishes, and hoping
that I may be of service to you at some future
time, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

December 14, 1933.

Mr. Maurice Bisgyer, Executive Director,
Jewish Community Center,
Sixteenth Street at Qae,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Bisgyer:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of December 4th. I have no address scheduled at present in the vicinity of Washington. It may be that I shall come to your city within the next few months in connection with some convention. In that case I shall be glad to notify you in advance.

With all good wishes, I remain.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BE

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Washington, D. C.,
December 21, 1933.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland,
Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:

I am writing you on behalf of the Washington Chapter of Aleph Zadik Aleph, Junior Order of B'nai B'rith.

The Aleph Zadik Aleph is the largest Jewish young men's fraternal order in the world, with one hundred seventy-five chapters in the United States and Canada. It has for its purpose the most altruistic concepts of modern Judaic endeavor, embodied in a five-fold-and-full program covering religious, cultural, social service, social, and athletic activities.

The Washington chapter has always made it its purpose to give to the Jews and non-Jews of this city various programs of the highest calibre. We have felt that it was our duty, if at all possible, to bring to Washington such people, or such programs, that would be of the highest cultural value to those concerned. Programs or persons of this sort have always been both mentally stimulative and morally stimulative.

For this reason we present our request to you. You are one of the outstanding personalities of the day. For years you have been regarded as one of the finest, most colorful orators living. You are widely acclaimed here and abroad, and we feel that your presence in Washington would be a most wonderful inspiration to all who would be fortunate to be present on such an occasion. Especially would you be an inspiration to the younger element, as an example of what can really be accomplished with the will to do the thing.

Naturally you have a price for such engagements. We have been warned that the cost might be prohibitive, since we have limited resources at the present time. We feel, however, that you will take into consideration all the factors, and that you will give us a "break", to use the vernacular.

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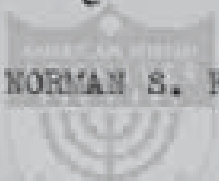
If you will let me have the necessary data at an early date, such as your charge for this occasion, the dates on which you will be available, and so forth, you may be sure that those whom I represent will be greatly appreciative.

Until I hear from you, then, believe me to be

Very truly yours,



NSF/erm.



NORMAN S. FREGGER

3221 Connecticut Ave.,
Washington, D. C.

P. S.

Please pardon the absence of official stationery.
At the moment none is available.

December 26, 1933.

Mr. Norman S. Fregger,
3221 Connecticut Ave.,
Washington, Dc C.

My dear Mr. Fregger:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of December 31st. I wish I were free to come to the Washington Chapter of the Aleph Zadik Aleph. Unfortunately, I am so heavily engaged in activities both local and national and my program is so crowded that I cannot in justice to myself accept any additional lecture engagements at this time. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes, permit me
to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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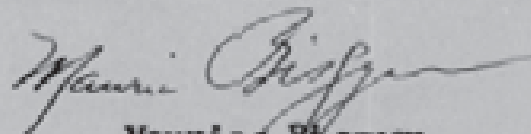
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Our Jewish Forum is very anxious to obtain from you a list of your open dates for speaking engagements, particularly when you may be in the East.

We shall appreciate any information regarding subject and honorarium that you may care to give us.

With cordial regards.

Sincerely,



Maurice H. Silver
Executive Director

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WASHINGTON CHAPTER HADASSAH

WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 14, 1934.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We Hadassah women in Washington are planning our Donors' Banquet, and have reserved tentatively the Wednesday nights of February 20 and February 27, 1935. We are very anxious to have you as our guest speaker.

Much enthusiasm is already in evidence for the occasion, since it is the first time that the event was changed from a luncheon to a banquet with Hadassah husbands as guests, and already at this date we are assured of some 400 people.

As you surely know, the funds raised at this function go toward our H.M.O. quota and we feel that we must therefore ask you to give us a definite idea as to just what expenses your coming would entail.

There have been repeated requests from our general membership for your coming to us with a message such as only you could give and we hope that one of these two dates, preferably the latter, will be convenient for you.

Awaiting your prompt reply, and with Hadassah greetings, we are,

Sincerely yours,

Gve B. Bialove

Corresponding Secretary.

P.S. I notice this is last year's letter paper. Please answer to Mrs. Leopold V. Freudberg, 3512 Albemarle St. Washington, D.C.

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November 16, 1934.

Mrs. Leopold V. Freudberg,
3512 Albermarle St.,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mrs. Freudberg:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter and invitation. I wish I were free to come to the Washington Chapter Hadassah. Unfortunately my program for the remainder of the season is so crowded that I cannot, in justice to myself, take on any additional out-of-town lecture engagements.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS: BK

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November 15, 1935.

Rabbi Abbe Hillel Silver
10811 Lakeside Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing to invite you to be the guest speaker at our Hadassah Donor Banquet. We have two tentative dates: Wednesday evening, the 18th of March and Tuesday evening, the 24th of March. We prefer the later date but we hope that one of these will be satisfactory to you. This is the most important affair of the year and promises to be a large one including the Hadassah women and their husbands.

We hope that you will be able to accept our invitation for there have been so many requests from our membership that we ask you to come and it is the unanimous feeling that your speaking to us will insure an inspiring and brilliant occasion. When you write to me will you please state your honorarium.

With Hadassah greetings and all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Rue B. Freudberg

Mrs. Leopold V. Freudberg, President
Washington Chapter Hadassah.

*Hadassah is the Women's Zionist Organization of America.
It has a two-fold purpose: to promote Health Institutions and Enterprises in
Palestine and to Foster Zionist Ideals in America.*

Dear Rabbi Silver,

As one the believers
in quiet work & knowing
you too think like wise -
the enclosed from a letter
received yesterday may
interest you.

If you know, I'm sure

pressure would be brought to bear - if not, I know you will get busy.

Our friend Mrs. Kaufman, that attended the tenth 'new Temple' meeting & who you met at Meir's one evening -

has just returned from Frankfort where her family live - on the Steamer Manhattan.

She left, not being able to stand it longer, tho she gave comfort to her loved ones. - Undoubtedly she will have much to tell

and when we see her
at Loucel's wedding
I'll give you her
impression + experience
of ten months.

Love to your niece
Pat + you Celia Holf



"The Healing of My People"

WASHINGTON CHAPTER HADASSAH

WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 3, 1935.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
10311 Lakeshire Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I wrote you last month inviting you to be the guest speaker at our Donor Banquet and suggested two dates: the evening of March 18th or the evening of March 24th, and have not yet heard from you. I had hoped to be able to speak to you personally at the Hadassah Convention in Cleveland and had the pleasure of hearing you speak on Saturday evening, but of course, the crowd was much too large for me to have the opportunity to speak to you then.

As it happened, I sat next to Rabbi Harris who told me that you had a very full and busy day on Sunday so that I did not wish to disturb you.

We are hoping that you will be able to come to Washington and since writing you before, it has developed that March 18th is the more preferable date for us.

I shall appreciate an answer by return mail as we are anxious to be able to announce our program for the occasion.

Hoping that you will be able to accept our invitation and with Hadassah greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

Leopold V. Freudberg

Mrs. Leopold V. Freudberg, President
Washington Chapter Hadassah.

3512 Albemarle St., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

December 10, 1936

Mrs. Leopold V. Freudberg, President,
Washington Chapter Hadassah,
3512 Albermarle St., N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mrs. Freudberg:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of December 3. I appreciate very much your invitation to address the Donor Banquet of the Washington Chapter Hadassah in March. I wish I were free to accept it. Unfortunately the number of my out of town lecture engagements is so large that I cannot in justice to myself take on any additional ones. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours.

AHS:BX

RABBI NORMAN GERSTENFELD
WASHINGTON HEBREW CONGREGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Feb. 27th '36

Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver,

I tried to reach you on the phone but heard you were out of town and would be back from St. Louis in the morning.

We need your assistance. A few months ago we started our monthly Sunday night Temple Forum. We have over three hundred patrons and nearly every seat in the temple is filled by ticket holders. It includes more than our own membership of the Temple. Among the seat holders are many from the conservative synagogue and quite a few non-Jews. Last Sunday night Lewisohn and "Frickner" had a symposium on the future of Jewish life in this country. Lewisohn said some tactless things about the B.A.R. and the American Legion and there was an air of defeatism about the possibility of the Jew keeping his rights in this country. Ever so many people have commented on it and we need an antidote.

We cannot go back on the March speakers but we can make a change for the April program. Will it be at all possible for you to come here as our Forum speaker the evening of Sunday April 12th? It would be splendid if you even repeated your talk- the one I heard last year in Boston- on "Are Jews radicals". But you may have another subject you would like to speak on and that would serve as antidote to effect of Sunday's meeting. In any case we desire you to be our speaker on that evening. Will you please accept this invitation?

Please permit me to mention that in add-

ition to expenses the Forum would be glad to pay
the usual fee ..

Sincerely, N. Gerstenfeld

Will you please not mention
effect of evening to Bruckner
as it may be misunderstood
as fault of Bruckner.
He was not to blame in
any way.

WRHS



AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES
1000 UNIVERSITY AVENUE
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10003

March 3, 1936

Rabbi Norman Gerstenfeld,
Washington Hebrew Congregation,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Rabbi Gerstenfeld:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of February 27. I wish I were free to come to you in April to speak before your Temple Forum. You have been so kind in extending to me several invitations this year that I almost have a sense of guilt in declining this last one too. But I have been so desperately crowded, and will be for the next few months with out of town lecture engagements and with work in Cleveland that it is truly a physical impossibility to take on any additional engagements. As you know, I have accepted on top of all that other work, the Co-chairmanship of the United Palestine Appeal and I am being hauled around all over the country for campaign meetings. I am leaving tonight for New York for three such meetings. On two Sundays in April I am scheduled to be at the University of Chattanooga and at the Y.M.H.A. in Pittsburgh and during the week-days of that month, my schedule is just "peppered" with engagements and I am beginning to feel the strain.

I would like to come to you very much and I shall make a real effort next season. For this season, please excuse me. With all good wishes to you and to Mrs. Gerstenfeld, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

RABBI NORMAN GERSTENFELD
WASHINGTON HEBREW CONGREGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 1, 1936

Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We are now making out our Forum schedule for the coming year. Would it be possible for you to open our Forum some Sunday night in November?

You will in a few days obtain an invitation from another Forum in town, the Town Hall, to speak here in March. They asked me whether I would like to have Stephen Wise on the program and I suggested you instead. The Town Hall includes some of the leaders of American public opinion, perhaps the most brilliant audience in America today.

I do hope you will be able to come in November.

Sincerely,

N. Gerstenfeld

NG:LM

July 8, 1936

Rabbi Norman Gerstenfeld,
Washington Hebrew Congregation,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Rabbi Gerstenfeld:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of July 1. Rabbi Silver is spending the summer in Europe and will be gone until the early part of September. I shall be pleased to refer your letter to him when he returns to the city.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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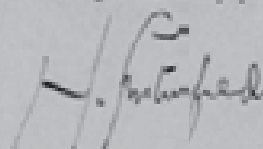
July 14, 1936

Miss Bessie Kline, Secretary
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

Since Dr. Silver will not be able to read my letter until September will you please drop the matter entirely. I will write him again in the fall with an invitation for a date later in the year.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H. Gerstenfeld". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "H" and a long, sweeping underline.

NG:LN

RABBI NORMAN GERSTENFELD
WASHINGTON HEBREW CONGREGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 20, 1936

Miss Bessie Kline, Secretary
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

Rabbi Gerstenfeld would like to know whether you have the cable address of Dr. Silver. The Forum committee is extremely eager to have Dr. Silver as the opening speaker of the Forum and since their bulletin is going to press soon they would like to cable their invitation to Dr. Silver immediately.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Leah L. Wasser

Secretary to Rabbi Gerstenfeld

July 21, 1936

Miss Leah L. Wasser,
Secretary to Rabbi Gerstenfeld,
Washington Hebrew Congregation,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Wasser:

Rabbi Gerstenfeld may reach Rabbi Silver
at the following address:

Hermitage
La Baule
France

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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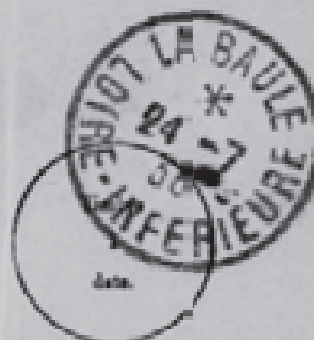
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August 13, 1936

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As you know, for some time, we have been anxious to hear you at the Center Forum in Washington. Will it be possible for you to address us in connection with one of your visits to the East? My committee has instructed me not to exceed an honorarium of \$150. While this is far below your usual fee, I had hopes that you could arrange it.

Cordial regards and best wishes,


Maurice Bisgvan
Executive Director

August 18, 1936

Mr. Maurice Bisgier, Executive Director,
Jewish Community Center,
Sixteenth Street at Que,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Bisgier:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of August 13. Rabbi Silver is at present in Europe and will be gone until the early part of September. I shall be happy to refer your letter to him when he returns to the city.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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WE CANNOT GO AHEAD UNTIL WE MAKE SURE OF FINAL DETAILS OF
YOUR COMING TO US IN APRIL SINCERELY=
GERSTENFELD.

September 4, 1936

Dr. Norman Gerstenfeld,
Washington Hebrew Congregation,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr. Gerstenfeld:

I trust that you will pardon the delay in writing to you. I received your telegram on the pier when our ship docked but I did not get to Cleveland until three days later and since that time I have been confined to my home with a cold.

I cannot put my hand at the present moment on the copy of the letter which I wrote to you in which I gave you a date in April. I can come on a week day in April. My honorarium would be \$250.

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

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

RABBI NORMAN GERSTENFELD
WASHINGTON HEBREW CONGREGATION
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September 11th '36

Dear Dr. Silver,

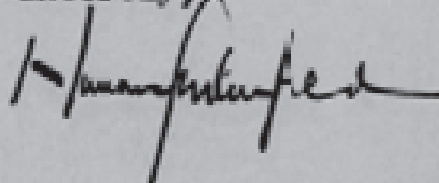
The fee is alright if it means that you pay your own fare and expenses. There will be none in Washington as you will be met at the train and then be our guest until you depart.

Will you please ask your secretary to send me by return mail the following:

1. Date of your coming. I would prefer Tuesday night early in April, if it cannot be a Sunday night.
2. Title of your speech.
3. Half dozen short questions relevant to your subject and list of some half-dozen books (or less) you would recommend as collateral reading. You can refer to articles if not books.
4. Six glossy photos and two mats.
5. Biography with two striking sentences about you, to be put under your photograph in announcement we will send out two weeks before your coming.

With greetings for the New Year,

Sincerely,



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September 18. 1936

Dr. Norman Gerstenfeld,
Washington Hebrew Congregation,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr. Gerstenfeld:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of September 11. I shall be very pleased to come to you on Tuesday, April 6. I would suggest one of the following subjects if you care to have the subject right now:

- 1) THE CHANGING STATUS OF THE JEW IN THE
MODERN WORLD
- 2) THE CHRISTIAN-JEWISH TRADITION -- AND WHAT
THREATENS IT IN THE MODERN WORLD
- 3) SOME ABERRATIONS OF OUR DAY

It might, perhaps, be advisable to wait until a later time when I could give you a more timely subject, seeing that this meeting will be held at least a half year from today.

I have asked my secretary to send you one or two photographs. Not being in the regular lecture business, I do not have the number of photographs and mats which you request.

With all good wishes for a happy new year,
permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

RABBI NORMAN GERSTENFELD
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November 10th, 1936

Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

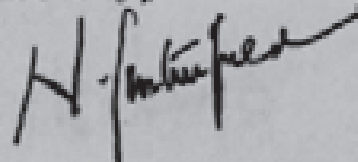
Dear Dr. Silver:

I have discovered that the night we have fixed for your coming will conflict with an evening of the Philadelphia Symphony. Will you please permit us to change this date to Monday night?

Is there any way of our inducing you to come on a Sunday night? Our audience will be three times as large and it would be a splendid thing financially as well as spiritually for our Forum. Could you please try to do it? If the idea meets with your approval we could arrange that you would speak at one of the leading churches on Sunday morning and then for us in the evening.

With friendly greetings.

Sincerely,



NG:LN

November 16, 1936

Rabbi Norman Gerstenfeld,
Washington Hebrew Congregation,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Rabbi Gerstenfeld:

Let me thank you for your note of November 10. The change to Monday evening, April 5, is agreeable to me. It will be quite impossible for me to come to you on a Sunday. I already have three out of town Sunday engagements scheduled and I cannot, in justice to my own congregation, absent myself more than that through the short Sunday morning service season. I was out of my pulpit yesterday, being in Minneapolis to open its Community Fund Campaign. I am sure that you will understand.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

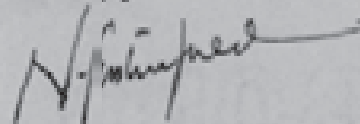
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Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:

I cannot tell you how upset I was to discover that my committee chairman had made the mistake. I had gone to a great deal of trouble, as you may remember, and our community was looking forward to your closing the forum. I had taken care of most of the details, but for the past few months I have had to spend a great deal of time in New York because my wife was ill, and I left the matter to the forum committee. It was not until I happened to find the note in my calendar that I realized a mistake must have been made and phoned you to try and rectify it. Will you please accept my humblest apologies for this abysmal inefficiency? I hope you will give us the privilege of making up for it next year.

Sincerely,



April 6, 1937

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Sadye H. Metzger
1616 16th Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

January 19, 1938

Rabbi Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

A group of interested Washingtonians are launching the National Community Church, closely allied with the Community Church of New York, and the Community Church of Boston, early in March.

Our services will be held on Sunday mornings, beginning March 6, 1938. The hour is 11 o'clock sharp. Choose your own topic.

We are inaugurating the venture without a financial foundation but with an abundance of enthusiasm. Therefore we can pay only your expenses.

We hope to have Dr. Holmes as our first speaker. Rev. Conrad Rheiner of Philadelphia, is to be our leader.

May we hear from you as soon as possible.

Very sincerely

Sadye H. Metzger
ccy.

OFM

January 28, 1938

Miss Sadye F. Meltzer,
1616 16th Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Miss Meltzer:

I greatly appreciate your kind invitation to address a Sunday morning service of the National Community Church which you are launching in Washington. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately I cannot leave Cleveland on a Sunday for I occupy my own pulpit on that day.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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RABBI NORMAN GERSTENFELD
WASHINGTON HEBREW CONGREGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

September
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1938

My dear Dr. Silver:

Yesterday I attended a meeting of the Town Hall board. They were going over their program for the coming year, and they mentioned that they would like some great Jewish spokesman to strike a lofty spiritual and contemporary note at their meeting Sunday night, January 29th, the last meeting before the end of the Town Hall season. I mentioned your name.

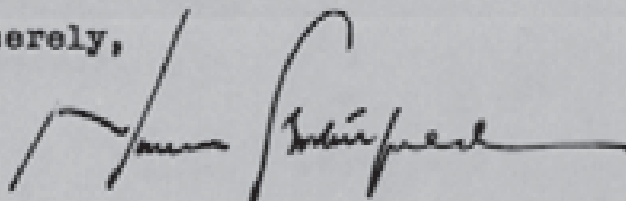
I do hope you have forgiven me for the mistake two year's ago. An unforeseen complication occurred, and a committee chairman made a grievous error.

Your coming to the Forum would be a great thing for this community. I know the message you can bring, and there was never a time when a message like yours was more necessary or in a place more strategic for public opinion, than in Washington, today.

Mrs. Bohn is writing to you by separate mail, and I am hoping that you are free on that day and will accept.

With friendly greetings for the New Year,

Sincerely,



Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
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My dear Dr. Silver :

The Town Hall of Washington would be happy if
you could arrange to be our speaker on the evening of Sunday,
January 29, 1939.

Rabbi Gerstenfeld has presented your name to us
as the outstanding thinker and the most eloquent spokesman for
Jewry today. We would be glad to have at your earliest convenience
your reply stating also your customary honorarium and a choice of
subjects. In the event that you are able to come will you not send
also your photograph and some press materials? We are getting our
program into shape this week.

Our meeting will be in the main ball room of
the Shoreham Hotel at 8:00 P.M. Our audience is composed of some
of the leaders of public opinion, and the great majority of them are
not members of the Jewish faith.

We hope very much that you can come, and shall
await your early reply.

Sincerely yours,

Grace Roper Bohn
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September 29, 1938

Mrs. Grace Roper Bohn,
1901 Wyoming Avenue,
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My dear Mrs. Bohn:

I deeply appreciate your kind invitation to address the Town Hall of Washington on Sunday, January 29. I would have been most happy to come. However, I must be in my own pulpit on Sundays, and numerous other congregational duties make it imperative for me not to absent myself from Cleveland on a Sunday. I deeply regret my inability to accept your invitation.

Hoping that I may be of service to you at some future time, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

October 4, 1938

Rabbi Norman Gerstenfeld
Washington Hebrew Congregation
Washington, D.C.

My dear Rabbi Gerstenfeld:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of September 23. I received an invitation from the Town Hall of Washington but unfortunately I could not accept it inasmuch as the date was for a Sunday evening. It is extremely difficult for me to absent myself from Cleveland on a Sunday.

I wish you and Mrs. Gerstenfeld a very happy new year.

Very cordially yours,

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

It was indeed a pleasure for me to speak to you on the telephone today and I can only regret that you will be unable to attend the Middle Atlantic Regional Conference of the Joint Distribution Committee to be held in Washington on February 26th. However, I understand your reasons perfectly.

Thank you very much for your suggestion that I contact Rabbi Goldman or Judge Rothenberg.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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WASHINGTON CHAPTER HADASSAH

WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 19, 1939

Dr. Otto Heller Silber
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir,

Would it be possible for our chapter of
Hadassah to have a copy of the speech
which you delivered in Washington on June 14th?
The speech was on "The Survival of the Jew." We
would like to study it in detail and would
greatly appreciate a copy. I was profoundly
impressed by it and look forward to an
opportunity to reading it.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Ida Offenberg

Pres. Wash. Chapter of Hadassah

2639 Woodley Pl. N.W.
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June 20, 1939

Mrs. Ida Offenbergs, President
Washington Chapter of Hadassah
2639 Woodley Place
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mrs. Offenbergs:

I regret that we have no available copy
of the address which Dr. Silver delivered at the
convention of the Central Conference of American
Rabbis to send you. Should it be printed, I shall
be happy to send you one.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



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January 21, 1943.

My dear Dr. Silver :

On Sunday, March 28th, the Washington Chapter of Hadassah, will hold its annual War Needs Dinner, at the Mayflower Hotel. This marks the culmination of our fund-raising activities of the year, though no special appeal is made at the dinner itself.

This dinner is the largest Jewish function in our community, attended by both men and women. This dinner, too, has always been addressed by an outstanding speaker and always offered the opportunity for an important message on Zionism and Palestine. Last year, Dr. R. Niebuhr addressed us.

We have undertaken to raise enough in Youth Aliyah to provide for fifty (50) children, approximately \$24,000. If necessary, because of the possibility of Hadassah receiving the new certificates, we may even put on a special drive. Our community has always responded generously for Youth Aliyah as well as for United Jewish Appeal.

I mention all of the above in the hope that I may persuade you to accept our invitation as our guest speaker. It is now more than two years since the last United Palestine Appeal Conference was held in Washington, more than two years since you have last spoken here. We, in Washington, need to hear a courageous message from you during these difficult war days. Won't you please accept our invitation? All of us will appreciate it deeply.

Respectfully,

Isadore Breslau

Mrs. Isadore Breslau

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

January 22, 1943.

Mrs. Isadore Breslau
4221 Van Ness Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Breslau:

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address the annual Far Needs Dinner of the Washington Chapter of Hadassah on Sunday, March 28th.

I wish I were free to come. It would have given me great pleasure. Unfortunately, I cannot leave Cleveland on a Sunday. I must be in my own pulpit on that day for our principal service is on Sunday and I have weddings and other congregational duties to perform over the week-end.

I wish you every success in the great work in which you are engaged. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:bw

RABBI NORMAN GERSTENFELD
WASHINGTON HEBREW CONGREGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 1, 1943

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

May I make two requests:

1. The Treasurer of our Temple, Mr. Herman Norwood, has asked me to help him solve a family problem. A relative has just died in Cleveland, leaving a daughter in the forties who is mentally deficient. Mr. Norwood is a person of modest means and could not afford to accept the burden of taking care of her. Mrs. Norwood is now in Cleveland and will approach you for your kind help to institutionalize the daughter with the aid of the public charities of Cleveland. I know how busy you are but I would deeply appreciate you referring Mrs. Norwood to the proper persons with your friendly intercession.

2. On May 3 we will have a meeting of the entire ministry of Washington at the Washington Hotel. If I can judge from our session last Monday, where we had standing-room only, I can assume that nearly four hundred Ministers of every creed will be in attendance. Would it be possible for you to come here for the day of May 3 to speak from 11 to 12:30 in the morning and again at luncheon, on the theme "The Jew Faces The War and The Peace". There will be some officials of the State Department and of the OWI in attendance and we have a splendid press. We would prefer to give you the entire time, but if you would like to share it with Reinhold Niebuhr and Edmund Walsh we will be glad to invite them too. May I have your response now so that we can start to plan for the May meeting. It is customary to send out a copy of a book by the speaker to all those in attendance, with the compliments of the Institute. What book would you like us to distribute? And do you think we can obtain a substantial discount from your publishers for so large a quantity?

With warm personal greetings, I am,

Sincerely,

Norman Gerstenfeld

March 5, 1948

Rabbi Norman Gerstenfeld
Washington Hebrew Congregation
Washington, D.C.

My dear Rabbi Gerstenfeld:

I shall be very happy to do all I can
for Mrs. Norwood when she comes in to see me.

I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness in
inviting me to address the ministers' meeting on May 3rd.
I should very much like to come inasmuch as you have
extended me an invitation a few times now which I have
been unable to accept. Unfortunately the first week
in May opens our annual campaign for the Jewish Welfare
Fund in Cleveland, and my presence is expected here,
especially in view of my official connection with the
United Jewish Appeal and the United Palestine Appeal.
I hope that I may be of service to you at some future
time.

With all good wishes to you and Mrs.
Gerstenfeld, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

RABBI NORMAN GERSTENFELD
WASHINGTON HEBREW CONGREGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 27th, 1943

Rev. Dr. Abbah Hillel Silver

~~1500 15th Street~~
E. 1500th Street and Angel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

Our congregation, now in its 93rd year of worship is about to begin this coming fall, a Sunday morning service from some time in October to April. In view of our place in the nation's capitol, the oldest and largest congregation, the only Temple of Reform Judaism and the only Temple in the country founded by a charter from the Congress of the United States, we are eager to have some of the leading Rabbis of the American pulpit among our guest preachers. I can assure you a very unusual congregation of some of the leading Jews and non-Jews of the nation.

It would be a great pleasure and a significant event in the life of the congregation if you would please consent to be one of the guest preachers. We will be glad to give you any date you desire and even arrange to begin our series earlier in order not to conflict with your own Sunday service. Will it be possible for you to be the opening speaker of the series?

I would deeply appreciate an immediate and favorable response from you by wire collect.

With warmest thanks and cordial greetings, I am,

Sincerely,

Norman Gerstenfeld
per skp

P. S. Dictated but signed by secretary

July 29, 1943

Rabbi Norman Gerstenfeld
Washington Hebrew Congregation
Washington, D.C.

My dear Rabbi Gerstenfeld:

Thank you for your kind letter of July 27 and for your invitation to preach at one of your Sunday morning services. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately, due to pressure of work in connection with the United Jewish Appeal, the United Palestine Appeal and other war activities, I am compelled to reduce my other out-of-town lecture engagements to an absolute minimum. Sundays, especially, are not convenient days for me to absent myself from Cleveland. Most congregational activities -- weddings, group meetings, etc. -- take place on that day and, as you know, they expect the Rabbi to be present.

With all good wishes to you for a pleasant summer, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

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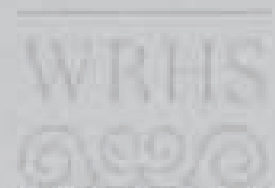
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IN CHECKING OVER MY CALENDAR I FIND THAT I HAVE WEDDINGS AND OTHER CONGREGATIONAL DUTIES SCHEDULED FOR THE AFTERNOON AND EVENING OF APRIL 28. IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO GET AWAY ON A SUNDAY. I REGRET MY INABILITY TO SERVE YOU AT THIS TIME. I TRUST THAT YOUR CAMPAIGN WILL BE EMINENTLY SUCCESSFUL. KINDEST REGARDS.

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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JEWISH NATIONAL FUND OF AMERICA
41 EAST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

DR. HARRIS J. LEVINE
President

November 6, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road at East 106th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

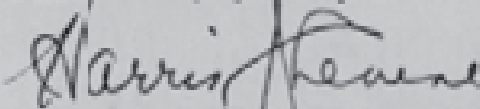
It is with a great deal of pleasure that I extend to you a cordial invitation to participate and address our Jubilee Conference which is to take place in Washington on December 22-25 at the Hotel Statler.

We are most eager that you should deliver the major address on Sunday, December 24. I hope that it would be convenient for you to do so even if it means flying from Cleveland. It would, of course, be our wish to have you attend all of the sessions, particularly the Saturday night and Sunday session but if that should be inconvenient, at least we would like to have you at one of the major sessions.

As one of the former governors of the Keren Kayemeth and one who has given his warmest support to the JNF over a period of many years, in addition to the fact that you are Zionist No. 1 in this country, it would be most heartening to the Zionist constituency in this country as it would be to us of the Jewish National Fund to have you accept this invitation. It is a milestone in the life of our movement and I sincerely hope and would urge that you accept this invitation that I am very happy to extend to you on behalf of the Jewish National Fund administration.

With warmest greetings,

Faithfully yours,



DR. HARRIS J. LEVINE
President

EJL:grc

November 15, 1950

Dr. Harris J. Levine
Jewish National Fund
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

My dear Friends:

I was very pleased to hear from you this morning. I appreciate your gracious invitation to attend the Jubilee Conference of the JNF in Washington. I shall make every effort to be with you on Sunday evening, December 24th. As you know, I must be in my own pulpit in the morning. I shall make arrangements to fly to Washington. If flying conditions interfere, I am sure that you will understand.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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JEWISH NATIONAL FUND OF AMERICA
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DR. HARRIS J. LEVINE
President

November 29, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road at East 106th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

Although we had planned months ago on having our Jubilee Conference the weekend of December 22-24, the decision of the UJA made so unexpectedly to hold a conference in Atlantic City on December 17, makes it necessary for us to change the date of our Conference. I am sure you will agree it would be against the best interests of the movement to hold one conference after another.

I have cabled to Dr. Granott and I am writing you this note to please reserve the weekend of January 19-21 for our Jubilee Conference which will be held in Washington, D. C. Since it is most convenient for you to speak in the evening, we are planning to hold the closing session on Sunday, January 21 and I hope that you will be with us. Please reserve the date. I shall write you again just as soon as I have Dr. Granott's cable confirming that he can be with us at that time.

Warmest personal regards,

Cordially yours,

Harris Levine

DR. HARRIS J. LEVINE
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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My dear Dr. Silver:

We are now set for the JNF Conference having been advised by Dr. Granott that he is coming. We are very eager to have you deliver the address on Sunday night, January 21st which is our closing session.

I should appreciate receiving confirmation from you preferably by wire so that we can make the proper announcement.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

DR. HARRIS J. LEVINE
President

HJL:EG

DECEMBER 15, 1950

DR. HARRIS J. LEVINE
JEWISH NATIONAL FUND
41 EAST 42 STREET
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My dear Dr. Silver:

It was good to get your wire of acceptance. It is my hope you will arrange to come as early as you can on Sunday, January 21st after your Sunday morning sermon so that we can have you at our Conference on Sunday. Your address is scheduled for the evening of the 21st.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

DR. HARRIS J. LEVINE
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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My dear Dr. Silver:

Reservations have been made for you and Mrs. Silver at the Hotel Statler for your arrival on Sunday. All the sessions are taking place at the Statler Hotel in Washington, D.C. I wish only that you could be with us throughout the sessions.

The Sunday evening program will be presided over by Dr. Harris J. Levine, our President. We will have a word of greeting from one of the local leaders and Dr. Granott will say a closing word which will be very brief. The two addresses for the evening are to be given by you and by Vice-President Barkley. Cantor Koussevitsky will probably render one or two numbers and we also have a very fine choir in order to give that evening the proper musical tone.

Not that you have to be reminded, but in going through the history of the JNF, I see that you at one time served as a member of the World Board of Governors. I think you were the only American that served in that capacity.

The Sunday night session will be the concluding one. I am hopeful that most of the delegates will remain over as they will still be able to make the midnight train to return to their respective communities, so that they may have the benefit of your great message on this occasion.

The tremendous development and growth of the Keren Kayemeth during these five decades is something that you better than anyone else will be able to depict. The topic for the Sunday evening meeting is "Towards New Horizons". It is only a suggestion as it relates to the presentation that will be made that evening.

The Keren Kayemeth is a great democratic force in the Zionist movement. Its role as a propaganda and educational vehicle, its symbol as a great institution which the masses have supported almost from the beginning and which support they are continuing to give. That the JNF never depended upon the powerful or the rich. Its basic appeal was to the average man. That throughout the years, it has not suffered from internecine strife and that the wholesomeness of the ideal both in Israel and outside of Israel has made this institution one which has inspired confidence and respect. From time to time suggestions have been made for changes in the structure of the movement that would affect the JNF, but throughout these years, the JNF was strong enough to resist these radical changes. It maintains its integrity and should continue its independence and sovereignty because of the role it can yet play

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver - 1/17/51

not only in Israel but the JNF can do a great deal in the Diaspora, in establishing that bridge between Israel and the Diaspora.

A word of encouragement to our supporters throughout the land who have carried on sometimes under terrific difficulties and a salutation to those leaders and to those workers who are continuing to defend the interests of the JNF will, I am sure, be most heartening to the many delegates and friends who will attend the closing session.

I shall be seeing you in Washington.

With warmest and affectionate greetings,

Cordially yours,

Mendel N. Fisher

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Since last Fall, when I contacted you and you could not accept our invitation to be Guest Speaker at an Installation of Officers banquet, I have had many requests from our officers and members to invite you again to address the Louis D. Brandeis District.

Having always been identified in support of your views within the Z.O.A., I feel it would be of great importance to many of our zionists if you would accept an invitation this year to discuss zionist affairs, especially at this time when there is so much confusion and indecision in our movement.

Should you find it possible to come to Washington some time at the end of February or beginning of March, we would arrange an appropriate meeting for that special occasion.

Respectfully yours,
LOUIS D. BRANDEIS DISTRICT

Joseph Andelman
Joseph Andelman -
President.

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January 21, 1952

Mr. Joseph Andelman, President
Louis D. Brandeis Zionist District
1529 - 16th Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

My dear Mr. Andelman:

Thank you for your kind letter of January 19th and for your gracious invitation to address your organization. Unfortunately, my out-of-town speaking schedule for this season is already so overcrowded that it is impossible for me to accept any additional engagements.

With all good wishes to you, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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August 26, 1952

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Our Annual Meeting for our Board, together with the assembly of delegates, will be held in Washington, November 9-11. General Carlos P. Romulo, Jacob Potofsky of CIO, George Meany of AFof L, Eric Johnston and Oveta Culp Hobby will be the speakers for the opening Sunday night supper. The President of the United States, and, we expect, the Prime Minister of Canada will speak Tuesday noon.

Monday noon we want you and Governor Theodore Roosevelt McKeldin of Maryland. We invite and earnestly urge you to take 20 minutes to describe the vision and potential usefulness of this work for World Brotherhood as you see it. Your talk will lead to the installation of two staff Vice-Presidents by Mr. Braniff and Mr. Zellerbach. Then Governor McKeldin will top-off the program with a talk on "This we must do!"

It will be a fine feather in our cap to have you do this for us!

Regards.

Sincerely,

Everett R. Clinchy

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Theme: Moral and spiritual resources for the brotherhood of man

August 28, 1952

Dr. Everett R. Clinchy
National Conference of Christians & Jews
381 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Dr. Clinchy:

In reply to your kind letter of August 26th, Dr. Silver has not returned from abroad where he has been vacationing for a few weeks. However, he is expected home the latter part of next week, at which time your invitation will be brought to his immediate attention.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice
Secretary to Dr. Silver

September 9, 1952

Dr. Everett R. Clinchy
National Conference of Christians & Jews
301 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

My dear Dr. Clinchy:

Upon my return from abroad, I found your kind letter of August 26th. While my program for the week of November 9th is very crowded, I shall make every effort to be with you for the Monday noon meeting on November 10th. I shall send you the subject of my address at a later time. Please let me know where the meeting will be held and request your secretary to make a hotel reservation for me. In all likelihood I shall arrive Monday morning.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your note of July 11th, which I very much appreciated. The reaction to the Invocation which I delivered at the Republican Convention was most amazing.

With all good wishes and looking forward to seeing you in Washington, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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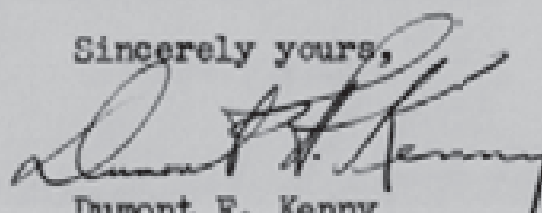
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In the absence of Dr. Clinchy who is now in Europe, may I thank you in his behalf for your acceptance of his invitation to speak at our Annual Meetings in Washington, D. C. You will appear on the program along with Governor Theodore Roosevelt McKeldin as the speakers for the November 10th luncheon at the Mayflower Hotel.

We are also delighted that you may be able to spend some time with us at the program sessions. I look forward with keen anticipation to meeting you personally in Washington.

Sincerely yours,


Dumont F. Kenny
National Program Director

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October 8, 1952

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Some time ago Dr. Clinchy mentioned that you might like to have a few suggestions regarding your address to be delivered Monday, November 10th. But first off, let me say that I personally -- and the Commission -- are delighted that you will be able to be there at the Washington meetings.

As you know, the speech has been tentatively titled "This We Must Do". It is the hope of the Commission on Mass Communications that the speech will say exactly that -- will be what might be termed, in any other field of endeavor, a fighting speech. A speech which will not be, as many have been in the past, a fine speech for somebody else, to be applauded and praised and forgotten, because it applies to the other guy, or to an amorphous "them". We'd like this to be a speech which will make every person, individually and in his group, point inside and in answer to the question, "Who, me?", reply, "Yes, me. And we. This We Must Do."

The National Conference has gone a long way in 25 years in bucking one of the most, if not the most, complex problems of all time: intolerance. It has done it slowly, patiently, sometimes futilely and discouragingly; but there is a backlog now, a foundation sufficient to go beyond the patient, subtle compromise stage, and talk plainly, frankly and openly.

These phrases we know are all generalities, but they represent the basic philosophy that should be involved. In effect, instead of saying, "Much importance should be placed upon the conduct of the parents in the home", we should say in this speech, "This nation and the world are not going to get anywhere if in front of a child at the breakfast table, a man tells his wife that the next-door neighbor is a dirty dago."

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✓ One of the big opportunities in this speech is to tell people to straighten out their own house, to make them want to and to show them how. In line with this, it seems to me that too much segregation is created unthinkingly and sometimes selfishly by the people who are segregated. In straight language, you can't expect a city to like a national or racial group if they stay by themselves, do for themselves, and endeavor to make no active, participating contribution to the community and the neighborhood.

Another slant: if people want respect for themselves and their race and nationality, they must conduct themselves personally, on the street, in the store, on the highways, as they want all others to conduct themselves. Every man is a public relations agent not only for himself, but also for his group -- whether he wants to be or not.

✓ A third angle you may want to consider is this: whereas there has been much progress in certain limited circles, somehow there must come about progress at the mass level. That's why we're trying to bring mass communications into the picture, ultimately putting all of the great resources and facilities of the nation's media to work on the job of influencing people wholesale, by the millions.

The above is the sort of thing we mean by plain talking, forthrightness. It is what we had in mind in suggesting the speech. We hope that, in drafting the speech, you will seriously consider these ideas -- and perhaps set the tone of your talk by them.

In any case, we look forward to hearing it.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Harold Fellows

Harold E. Fellows, Chairman
Commission on Mass Communications

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October 23, 1952

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are very happy that you are going to be with us at our Annual Meeting in Washington. Your contribution, noted on the attached, marked program will do much to strengthen the work of the Conference.

Since press coverage at these meetings is generally heavy, our publicity director would be grateful for advance copies of your remarks. A few paragraphs of quotable material would be sufficient.

We hope that you will be able to participate in as many of the sessions as your busy schedule will permit. In particular, we should like you to be our guest at the Armistice Day luncheon. Will you please use the enclosed card to indicate whether you can be present? Kind personal regards.

Sincerely,

Everett R. Clinchy

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110 S. Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois

November 12, 1952

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I just spoke to Governor McKeldin and he told me he has never heard a greater speech than the one you delivered in Washington before the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He would like very much to have a copy of that speech. Will you please be kind enough to send him one? He will be at the Roosevelt Hotel, New Orleans for a week and then will return to Annapolis, Maryland.

If you have a spare copy of the speech will you please send one to me also.

Sincerely,
Thank you. *Julius Klein*

Julius Klein/dl

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November 14, 1952

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We were much pleased and greatly honored to have you at the annual meeting of the National Conference at Washington. Your very presence did much to add to the success of our program. On behalf of the other Co-Chairmen, the Board of Directors, the Staff and myself, I extend to you very hearty thanks.

Yours sincerely,

Roger W. Straus
Roger W. Straus
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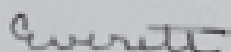
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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Dear Abba:

Roger Straus said on the last day of our Washington meetings that he cannot remember in all his life hearing two speeches that compared with those given by Governor McKeldin and you Monday noon. You really were in top form. Intellectually it was a masterful canvas that you handled perfectly, and the way in which you painted the picture that you wanted done was beautiful. I think your stress about the real dangers of our time and your spiritual and moral power to develop the vision that we must have for the future, made your talk a high point in our whole history.

I am very grateful.

Sincerely,


Everett R. Clinchy

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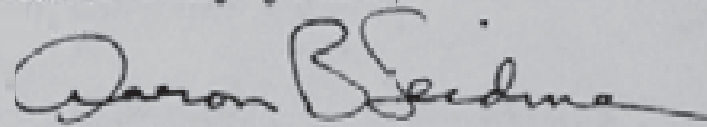
Dear Rabbi Silver,

The students at the foundation have long since expressed a desire for a cinema session with you as discussion leader.

If you could possibly see your way clear to accepting, we would arrange a suitable date in March, April, or May. Usually these seminars take place on Sunday. At our last one our speaker was Will Herberg.

I am enclosing a copy of our latest symposium folder for your reference.

Sincerely yours,


Rabbi Aaron B. Seidman
Director

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Professor Sundaram, Cultural Attache at the Embassy of India

FEBRUARY 18

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Rabbi Noah Golinkin, Arlington-Fairfax Jewish Center

MARCH 4

"Beliefs of China"

Professor Chang, Professor of History at Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service

MARCH 18

"The Meaning of Jewish History"

Rabbi David Panitz, Congregation Adas Israel

APRIL 15

"Minority Religions in Israel"

Pinchas Ellav, Legation Official, Embassy of Israel

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Rabbi Hugo Schiff, Washington Hebrew Congregation

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February 27, 1953

Rabbi Aaron B. Seidman
2129 F Street, N.W.
Washington 7, D. C.

Dear Rabbi Seidman:

Rabbi Silver is at present traveling on the Pacific coast and in Mexico, and I am, therefore, acknowledging your note of February 18th, inviting him to address the Hillel Foundation on a Sunday during the next three months. Upon Rabbi Silver's return the latter part of next week, your letter will be brought to his attention. However, it is unlikely that he will be able to accept as our principal service is held on Sunday morning and Rabbi Silver must be in the pulpit at that time.

Sincerely yours,

Elisabeth Rice
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

March 16, 1953

Rabbi Aaron B. Seidman
2129 F Street, N.W.
Washington 7, D. C.

My dear Rabbi Seidman:

Upon my return from Mexico, I found your letter inviting me to address a seminar under the auspices of the Hillel Foundation in Washington. I regret that pressure of work for the remainder of the season will make it impossible for me to accept your gracious invitation.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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June 19, 1953.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Temple Emanuel
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The newly elected officers of the Northern Virginia Zionist District have resolved to make every effort in the forthcoming year to revitalize the District; to increase its membership; and to mobilize the community toward an effective Zionist program. Accordingly, the District is planning to hold on the evening of September 27, 1953, at the Hotel 2400, Washington, D. C., a dinner installation at which our program will be inaugurated.

We sincerely ask that you attend the dinner and that, as the leader in American Zionism, you transmit to those attending the inspiration to carry on the tasks ahead.

The installation dinner is being held at a Washington hotel not only because the place is attractive, but because it will provide a platform and sounding board in the Nation's Capitol at a vital moment in the history of Zionism and Israel. We need not stress the importance of the installation dinner to the District, as well as the importance to the movement of a successful Zionist effort in this area, which could so well be advanced by your presence at our installation.

We await your early favorable reply.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel Karp

Samuel Karp,

Chairman Installation Committee
Vice President, Seaboard Region

6637 North 29th Street
Arlington, Virginia

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June 22, 1953

Mr. Samuel Karp
6637 North 29th Street
Arlington, Virginia

My dear Mr. Karp:

Thank you for your kind letter of June 19th and your gracious invitation to attend the installation dinner of the Northern Virginia Zionist District in Washington on September 27th. I should have been most eager to come, but unfortunately, I must remain in Cleveland on that day.

With all good wishes for a successful affair, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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B'NAI B'RITH YOUTH ORGANIZATION

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June 30, 1953

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Pursuant to your recent telephone conversation with Lloyd Schwenger, I am giving you further information in regard to the forthcoming convention of the Aleph Zadik Aleph of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization.

This will be a five-day convention to be held at the University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois. The total registration will range from 250 to 300. The delegates will include the outstanding leadership of our boys' groups in the United States and Canada. Their ages will average between 17 and 18 years. They represent a large constituency. The newly elected President of B'nai B'rith, Philip M. Klutznick, is a graduate of our youth organization.

This year's convention will feature an institute on Judaism, extending over a two-day period. We would be honored to have you deliver the keynote address at 7.20 p.m. of Tuesday, September 1 in the dining hall of the Illini Union Building at Urbana, Illinois. You would speak immediately after dinner, giving an inspirational address on the basic principles of Judaism and their meaning in the world of today. You would have up to one hour to present your message. There will be no other speakers on this particular program. However, immediately after your presentation we shall arrange for 15 discussion groups under professional leadership. Each of these groups will discuss your message for one and a half hours. On the following day, the discussion will be continued with a consideration of specific problems faced by Jewish youth in seeking adjustment to their environment as Jews. This discussion, too, will consist of a presentation followed by small discussion groups under professional leadership.



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

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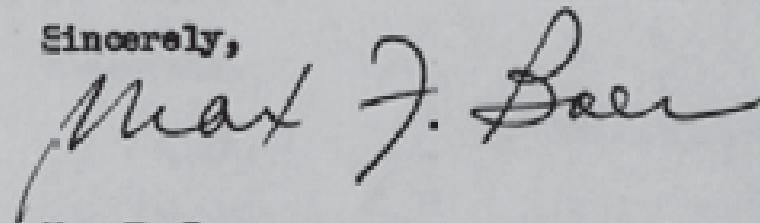
June 30, 1953

Although we prefer the September 1 after-dinner period for your address, we could rearrange our program to call upon you immediately after breakfast, at 9 a.m. of September 2 if that were more convenient for you. We shall, of course, reimburse you for your expenses.

May I conclude on a frank note? You are among the top group of American clergymen and you are the outstanding of our rabbis. Undoubtedly you receive many more speaking invitations than you are able to accept. We would not impose upon your limited time if we did not think that we have somewhat of a special claim on your services. That claim is, first, although our youth organization has been functioning for three decades, we have never had the privilege of hearing you address our youth. Second, trite though it may appear to be, it is a fact that the future of world Jewry depends to a large extent on the kind of youth leadership that is developed in America. Our youth, too, have the right to hear the great Rabbi Silver, and we, their adult sponsors, have the responsibility of exposing them to the stimulation of one of your addresses if we can obtain your acceptance. These boys who come to our international conventions are among the ablest youth on the continent. I am sure that the thrill of hearing you speak would be a lifetime treat for each of them, and you, in turn, I promise you, would find it a deeply satisfying experience.

Your acceptance of this invitation will be highly appreciated. May I hear from you at your first convenience?

Sincerely,



Max F. Baer
National Director

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cc: Lloyd S. Schwenger

July 3, 1953

Mr. Max F. Baer
B'nai B'rith Youth Organization
1761 "R" Street, N.W.
Washington 9, D. C.

My dear Mr. Baer:

Thank you for your letter of June 30th. I appreciate your gracious invitation to address the Convention of the Aleph Zadik Aleph of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, September 1st or 2nd. As you probably know, the Holy Days are very early this year and that means that many of The Temple activities, including the opening of our Religious School and numerous committee meetings, must take place early in September. I find it, therefore, quite impossible to absent myself from Temple work during that period. Furthermore, the month of September is, as you must also know, a very crowded one because of the Holy Days when the Rabbi is under considerable pressure. Out of considerations of health, I have consistently declined to accept out-of-town engagements around the Holy Day season.

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

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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September 2, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road at 106th Street
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My dear Dr. Silver:

It was nice to see you at the convention and to listen to you again. The dinner in honor of Dr. Neumann was certainly a brilliant function.

You undoubtedly know that the Zionist movement in Washington, D.C. is to honor our mutual friend, Mr. I. S. Turover, who has earned our confidence and our esteem. A forest of trees is being planted in his honor. The response to the appeal has been rather spontaneous, and we will have more than a forest before October 14th.

It is Mr. Turover's wish, and our wish and hope, that you will find it possible to speak in Washington on October 14th. It falls in the middle of the week and it's a short trip from Cleveland to Washington. We expect to have a large turnout. Considering the Washington climate, an address made by you in the Capitol would be of tremendous help to the Zionist movement as a whole.

It is not a fund-raising function, as the funds are being raised prior to the dinner. I know it would please Mr. and Mrs. Turover very, very much if you could attend. I know that you have commitments that are very heavy, but in view of all that I have said, could you accept this invitation? Do please let me hear from you.

With all good wishes to you and Mrs. Silver for a happy New Year, I remain

Sincerely yours,

MENDEL N. FISHER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MTF:dl

Washington

September 4, 1953

Mr. Mendel N. Fisher
Jewish National Fund
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

My dear Mendel:

I appreciate your letter of September 2nd, but as I explained to Mr. Turover in New York, it is quite out of the question for me to accept any invitations for the month of October. It is a very crowded one at The Temple and I have already accepted more out-of-town engagements than I should.

With all good wishes for a very Happy New Year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILIX SILVER

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