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Wichita, Kansas, 1934-1954.

THE WICHITA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

GRACE V. WILSON, SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

WICHITA, KANSAS

May 22, 1934

Rabbi Silver,
Euclid Avenue Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Would you be available for a lecture before the
Wichita City Teachers Association the winter of 1934-35? If so,
what is your fee? I shall be glad to have your reply at your
earliest convenience as our school year is about to close.

Very truly yours,

Grace V. Wilson
m.

Program Chairman,
Wichita City Teachers Assoc.

GVW:MM

May 24, 1934.

Miss Grace V. Wilson, Program Chairman,
Wichita City Teachers Association,
Wichita, Kansas.

My dear Miss Wilson:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of May 22nd. It may be possible for me to address the Wichita City Teachers Association some week day during the coming season.

My honorarium is \$250 which includes all traveling expenses.

With best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK

THE WICHITA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

GRACE V. WILSON, SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

WICHITA, KANSAS

Sept. 13, 1934

Rabbi Abbah Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

6 In reading your letter yesterday I discovered that Tuesday is November 7th, rather than the sixth, as in your letter of June 6th. Would it be possible for you to come to us on Monday the 6th? As it is National Education Week we would be very glad to open the week with your address. Since returning to Wichita I found other things are planned for that week, so if it is possible for you to come to us on Monday rather than Tuesday we would appreciate it very much. May I please hear from you at your earliest convenience?

Sincerely,

Grace V. Wilson
M.M.

GVW/mm

September 21, 1934.

Miss Grace V. Wilson,
The Wichita Public Schools,
Wichita, Kansas.

My dear Miss Wilson:

There seems to be some mistake in your letter. The Tuesday on which I am scheduled to address your organization falls on November 6, not November 7, as you indicate in your letter. It will be quite impossible for me to come to you on Monday, November 5. It will take me more than twenty-four hours to reach you and I cannot leave Cleveland before Sunday night.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

THE WICHITA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

GRACE V. WILSON, SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

WICHITA, KANSAS

Sept. 24, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

I am sorry in regard to the mistake I made on the date, and we are definitely scheduling you for Tuesday, November 6th. Do you happen to have window cards, posters or Associated Press notices that we might use for advertising? Anything you have that can be used in this manner I shall appreciate having.

Sincerely,

Grace V. Wilson
(M)

GVW:MM

September 27, 1934.

Miss Grace V. Wilson, Supervisor of Music,
The Wichita Public School,
Wichita, Kansas.

My dear Miss Wilson:

I am enclosing herewith a short biographic
sketch of Rabbi Silver which you may wish to use
in your publicity.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BK
Enc.

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

THE WICHITA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

GRACE V. WILSON, SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC
WICHITA, KANSAS

October 20, 1934

Rabbi Silver,
Temple Synagogue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As it is only a short time until you come to Wichita, we are in need of some advertising material, together with your photograph for the newspapers. Your secretary sent me a letter containing a few things about you, but I should like to have more than that for newspaper articles. Anything concerning lectures in other cities, activities in which you have been engaged, etc., we shall be glad to have. May I please hear from you at your earliest convenience?

Very truly yours,

Grace V. Wilson
GVW

GVW/mm

WICHITA HIGH SCHOOL EAST

TRUMAN G. REED, PRINCIPAL
WICHITA, KANSAS

October 24, 1934

Rabbi Abraham Silver,
Temple Synagogue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

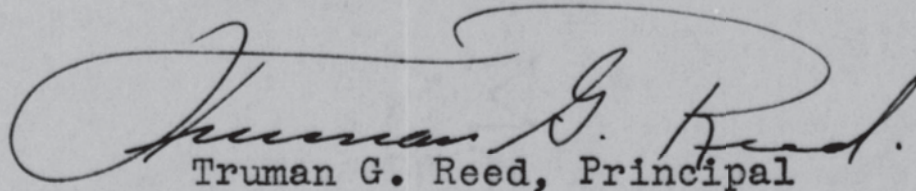
My dear Rabbi Silver:

We are to have the pleasure of hearing you lecture before the City Teachers Association on Tuesday, November 6. I am taking the liberty of writing you to ask if you would be good enough to address the student body of this High School at an assembly, either on Tuesday or Wednesday. We have a student body of nearly 2200 boys and girls and we make a real effort to present material in our auditorium that will be challenging to our students. I would consider it a great privilege to present you to our group.

May I hear from you?

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,


Truman G. Reed, Principal

October 29, 1934.

Mr. Truman G. Reed, Principal,
Wichita High School East,
Wichita, Kansas.

My dear Mr. Reed:

I appreciate very much your kind invitation to address the student body of the Wichita High School East on the day that I visit your city. I should very much like to do that but due to my health, which has not been of the best, I must decline to do so. I have been confined to my home for the last three weeks and my doctors have ordered me to reduce my lecture engagements to an absolute minimum for the next few months. It will be too great a hardship for me to lecture twice in one day, especially after the long railroad journey which I will have to make from Cleveland to Wichita.

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

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

Harry R. Richmond
Rabbi Congregation Emanu-El
Wichita, Kansas

Oct. 29th, 1914

Rabbi C. H. Silver

The Temple

Cleveland, O.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Congregation Emanu-El and myself are pleased to know that
you are to appear in our city, a lecturer for the City Teachers Associa-
tion, on Tuesday Eve, Nov. 6th.

In view of which we would urge you to plan your arri-
val that we may be privileged to entertain you at luncheon
on the day you are expected in our midst.

Trusting you will grant us this favor, I remain,
Yours Truly,

Harry R. Richmond

November 1, 1934.

Rabbi Harry R. Richmond,
Congregation Emanu-El,
Wichita, Kansas.

My dear Rabbi Richmond:

Let me thank you for your kind note and for your equally kind invitation which I appreciate very much. I would, however, request you not to arrange any luncheon for me. In the first place I do not know when I will arrive in your city. It may be in the afternoon. In the second place I have not been well these last few weeks and I do not like to tax myself more than I have to. The trip from Cleveland will be a long one and I should like to rest when I get there.

Hoping to have the pleasure of seeing you there, and with all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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11-1-34

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To Mrs. S.M. Goldschmidt - President Hadassah

Street and No. Wichita

Place Kansas

SORRY I CANNOT ACCEPT YOUR KIND INVITATION

A H SILVER

Sender's address
for reference

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FOR ALL OCCASIONS

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MINUTES IN TRANSIT

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RABBI ABBA SILVER=

THE TEMPLE SYNAGOGUE CLEVE=

JUST HEARD THAT YOU ARE TO SPEAK IN WICHITA TUESDAY NIGHT

WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO SPEAK AT HADASSAH MEMBERSHIP TEA

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON IF POSSIBLE KINDLY WIRE REPLY COLLECT

WESTERN UNION AT ONCE=

MRS S M GOLDSCHMIDT PRESIDENT HADASSAH.

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RABBI SILVER=

TEMPLE SYNAGOGUE CLEVE=

COULD YOU COME EIGHTER NOVEMBER FOURTEENTH, SIXTEENTH
OR TWENTIETH ANSWER WESTERN UNION=

GRACE V WILSON=

MINUTES IN TRANSIT

FULL-RATE

DAY LETTER

20th Tues

Will make every effort to be with
you on Tues. Nov. 20
H.H.S.

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

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November 5, 1934

19

To Miss Grace V. Wilson - Supervisor of Music

Street and No. Wichita Public Schools

Place Wichita, Kansas

A LEADING MEMBER OF MY CONGREGATION SUDDENLY PASSED AWAY I MUST REMAIN HERE TO
OFFICIATE AT FUNERAL SERVICE REGRET MORE THAN I CAN SAY THIS LAST MINUTE
CHANGE OF PLANS HOPE THAT I HAVE NOT INCONVENIENCED YOU TOO MUCH WISH TO
BE OF SERVICE AT SOME FUTURE TIME

A H SILVER

Sender's address
for reference

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY
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Sender's telephone
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THE WICHITA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

GRACE V. WILSON, SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC
WICHITA, KANSAS

November 6, 1934

Rabbi Aba Hillel Silver,
Temple Synagogue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We were very much disappointed that you could not come to us on the date set, but we understand the circumstances and it is all right. We are now advertising your lecture on Tuesday, November 20, and we earnestly desire that nothing will interfere with this date. You have not stated your subject. Could you please do this so that in advertising your appearance it can be included in the publicity?

Sincerely,

Grace V. Wilson
G.V.

E. L. Walker m. ched

GVW/mm

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To Miss Grace V. Wilson

Street and No. Wichita, Kansas

Place

WHAT TIME IS MY ADDRESS SCHEDULED TUESDAY EVENING WIRE

A H SILVER

Sender's address
for reference

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A H SILVER=

THE TEMPLE=

YOUR ADDRESS SCHEDULED EIGHT OCLOCK AT HIGH SCHOOL EAST=

GRACE V WILSON

MINUTES IN TRANSIT

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MEN'S CLUB TEMPLE EMANUEL
WICHITA, KANSAS

January 4, 1936

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

The Sisterhood and the Temple Club of this city are interested in securing you for a lecture here during the winter months. The purpose is to raise money for the benefit of the Temple by selling tickets for your lecture.

Would you kindly advise me if it would be possible for you to come here, and if so, when; and what the expense would be for your services as well as other items.

Please advise if you should have any other speaking dates out this way, wherein we could have a coinciding date so that the expenses of the trip could be divided.

Thanking you for an early reply, I am

Very truly yours,

S. M. Goldschmidt

Secretary of the Temple Club
P. O. Box # 1031
Wichita, Kans.

SMG/S

January 13, 1936

Mr. S. M. Goldschmidt,
P. O. Box 1031
Wichita, Kansas.

My dear Mr. Goldschmidt:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of January 4. I have, at present, no lecture engagements in the vicinity of Wichita. My program of out of town lecture engagements for this season is now full and I am unable to accept any more. It may be possible for me to accept an engagement for next season. My honorarium is \$250.

With best wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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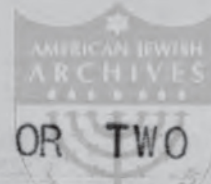
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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

CLEVE=

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WOULD YOU BE AVAILABLE FOR ONE OR TWO ADDRESSES BEFORE
OUR COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING AT WICHITA FEBRUARY
THIRD AND FOURTH? IF SO WIRE OUR EXPENSE YOUR BEST TERMS
INCLUDING EXPENSES. THIS IS MIDWINTER MEETING KANSAS SCHOOL
ADMINISTRATORS WITH MEMBERSHIP ONLY ABOUT SIX HUNDRED
THEREFORE PROGRAM BUDGET IS LIMITED=
KANSAS STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION.

The **KANSAS STATE
TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**

F. L. PINET
EXECUTIVE SEC'Y
C. O. WRIGHT
ASST. SECRETARY

315 WEST TENTH STREET
TOPEKA, KANSAS

Jan. 9, 1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

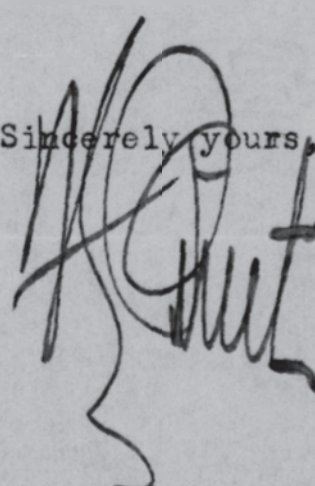
My dear Rabbi Silver:

Our Program Committee is at work on out-of-state speakers for our November conventions. The committee has asked us to ascertain if you might be available for two general sessions addresses in neighboring cities on November 3, 1939. If you could come to Kansas we should like to know what flat fee, including honorarium and expenses, you would accept.

We are unable to offer a definite invitation at this time, but our Program Committee is meeting within three weeks to make selections within our budget.

We should be delighted to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,



FLP/M

January 20, 1939

Mr. F. L. Pinet, Executive Secretary
The Kansas State Teachers Association
315 West Tenth Street
Topeka, Kansas

My dear Mr. Pinet:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of January 9th. It may be possible for me to come to Kansas on November 3rd, 1939 for two addresses. My customary honorarium for a single lecture is \$250; for two lectures on the same day or on successive days, \$200 per lecture. This fee includes all expenses.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Oct. 20, 1939

Lester M. Ellis
YMCA
Newton, Kansas

REGRET HAVE OTHER ENGAGEMENTS FOR TWENTIETH AND TWENTY-FIRST OF NOVEMBER

Abba Hillel Silver

(Collect)

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THE TEMPLE DLR IMMY EAST 105 ST=

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AMERICAN JEWISH
ARCHIVES

STLOUIS ROUND TABLE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND
JEWS WOULD LIKE YOU AS SPEAKER FOR INSTITUTE ON 20TH AND
21ST OF NOVEMBER THEME FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY DR KINGDON
DR CLINCHY AMONG SPEAKERS EXPENSE AND HONORARIUM WILL BE
ARRANGED. RABBI ISSERMAN JOINS IN INVITATION. REPLY BY
WESTERN UNION TO YMCA NEWTON KANSAS:

=LESTER M ELLIS REGIONAL DIRECTOR.

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

Lester M. Ellis
401 Midland Bldg
Kc mo

Jan. 5, 1940

Deeply regret inability to accept your
invitation of Feb. 12. Have an important
local speaking engagement on that
Day. Kindest regards.

Abba Hillel Silver

Collect

**AN ANSWER
IS EXPECTED**

BY THE SENDER OF THIS
MESSAGE. PLEASE GIVE
IT TO THE MESSENGER
OR TELEPHONE IT TO

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

THE TEMPLE=

THE WHICHITA KANSAS ROUND TABLE OF THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE
OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS INVITES YOU TO SPEAK AT A BANQUET
MEETING INSTITUTE OF HUMAN RELATIONS MONDAY EVENING FEBRUARY
TWELFTH THEME THE SPIRIT OF THE NATION EX-SENATOR HENRY J.
ALLEN WILL PRESIDE WE DESIRE PRIVILEGE OF TAKING CARE OF
HONORARIUM AND EXPENSE PLEASE REPLY WESTERNUNION=

LESTER M ELLIS-REGIONAL DIRECTOR 401 MIDLAND BLDG KC MO.

401 KC MO.

THERE IS NO DEPENDABLE SUBSTITUTE FOR WESTERN UNION TIME

February 10, 1954

TELEGRAM TO JEWISH LECTURE BUREAU
145 EAST 32ND STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

WILL BE PLEASED TO ACCEPT WICHITA ENGAGEMENT APRIL 7TH

ABRA HILLEL SILVER



LECTURER OR ARTIST CONFIRMATION OF BOOKING

JEWISH CENTER LECTURE BUREAU

— of the —

NATIONAL JEWISH WELFARE BOARD

145 East 32nd Street New York 16, N. Y.

Telephone LExington 2-4949

YOUR COPY

Please keep this copy for your file.

IMPORTANT: PLEASE FILL IN ALL OMITTED DETAILS (in columns indicated with*)

DATE Feb. 11, 1954

LECTURER OR ARTIST Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

TO APPEAR ON Wednesday, April 7, 1954

HOUR OF APPEARANCE 8:30PM

AUSPICES Synagogue Men's Club

AGE RANGE OF AUDIENCE

PERSON IN CHARGE Mr. Melvin H. Witrogen, 602 North Parkwood Lane

(Name)

(Address)

(Bus. Phone)

(Home Phone)

INVOICE TO BE SENT TO Mr. Melvin H. Witrogen

PLACE OF MEETING TO BE ADVISED

SEATING CAPACITY

ADDRESS

CITY Wichita

ZONE NO.

STATE

Kansas

NATURE OF MEETING

PROGRAM SHARED WITH

SUBJECT OR PROGRAM TO BE ADVISED

LENGTH OF PROGRAM

TERMS \$500.00 plus \$75.00 travel exp.

LESS 12½% EXCLUSIVE OF TRAVEL EXPENSES

Hotel Reservations at

Double Single

TRANSPORTATION TO MEETINGTRANSPORTATION FROM MEETING

Leave

Leave

Arrive

Arrive

AIR TRAVEL NOT SANCTIONED BY BUREAU UNLESS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED BY SPONSORING ORGANIZATION.

INSTRUCTIONS TO ORGANIZATION:

INSTRUCTIONS TO LECTURER OR ARTIST:

Please mail publicity material and list of subjects to Mr. Wintrogen

SIGNED

(For Jewish Center Lecture Bureau)

SIGNED

(For Lecturer or Artist)

PAYMENT: Check for fee and expenses payable to the JEWISH CENTER LECTURE BUREAU, is to be **HANDED TO THE LECTURER OR ARTIST** on the day of appearance. **PLEASE MAIL CHECK IMMEDIATELY TO BUREAU.** On all Canadian engagements, payment is to be made in American dollars without any deductions.

JEWISH CENTER LECTURE BUREAU

of the NATIONAL JEWISH WELFARE BOARD

145 E. 32ND ST., NEW YORK 16, N. Y. LEX. 2-4949-59

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March 3, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Rd. & E. 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Melvin H. Witrogen, 602 North Parkwood Lane,
Wichita 6, Kansas has written to us requesting photographs
and biographical material of you in connection with your
April 7 engagement for the Men's Club there. I hope
that it will be possible for you to send him this material
upon receipt of this letter so that ample publicity may be
given to this meeting.

We would very much appreciate receiving some publicity
material for our files so that we could take care of these
requests as they come up.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel D. Freeman
SAMUEL D. FREEMAN

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602 NORTH PARKWOOD LANE
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March 12, 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

All of us affiliated with the Synagogue Men's Club are pleased by your acceptance of a speaking engagement in Wichita. I thought you might like a brief description of the crowd we expect and some other other pertinent information.

First, the auditorium of the University of Wichita, seating 1,500, has been secured for a talk at 8:30 in the evening. Second, the audience will, of course, be adult and composed of basically three segments: members of the Jewish community, faculty and students of both universities, and clergymen. There will, of course, be others, too, but principally those three major groups.

Both daily newspapers here are carrying the first announcement of the event today, copies of which I will send later.

We have endless opportunity for the creation of public understanding here through your appearance -- the exact nature of which will depend on your pleasure. Television and radio time will be available, and if you want to appear on either of those media I will be glad to arrange it.

The Wichita Beacon has asked that you be guest editor April 7th. Since this would entail only the writing of 300 to 400 words, I hope you will be able to do this for us. The customary way this is handled is for the guest editor to write the editorial for Page One ahead of his appearance. If you can mail something of this nature to me, enclosing with it a photograph of yourself at a typewriter or dictating to your secretary, I will take care of the details here.

One other thing: I need to know as soon as possible the subject of your lecture.

Melvin H. Witrogen

602 NORTH PARKWOOD LANE
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Once again I want to express the pleasure of the Wichita community on your acceptance of our invitation. Several persons have volunteered their help in making your stay here a pleasant one. You may feel assured that we will make every attempt to afford you the time for visiting and relaxation to the degree that you desire both. I have reserved a room in the Lassen Hotel for you, but the doors of all our homes will be open as well.

Sincerely yours,

Melvin H. Witrogen

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March 24, 1954

Mr. Melvin H. Witrogen
602 North Parkwood Lane
Wichita 6, Kansas

My dear Friend:

Thank you for your letter of March twelfth and for the information which you conveyed.

As regards the subject of my address - would you like me to speak on a Jewish subject or on a general one? If it is a Jewish subject, I would speak on "The Future of the American Jewish Community." If it is to be a general subject, I would speak on "The Strength Which is America."

I will bear in mind what you say about writing an editorial for the Wichita Beacon.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms

602 N. Parkwood Lane
Wichita 6, Kansas

March 29, 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you for your letter of March 24th. As Mr. Robert Beren told you in his telephone conversation with you last Friday we feel we would prefer an address on a general subject with, if possible, perhaps a fourth of the time given to the Arab-Israeli situation. I might add that we very much like the title, "The Strength Which Is America," and will use it in our general publicity. If, however, it is inconvenient for you to make reference to the situation in Israel, we will be happy to stay with the general subject.

I appreciate the fact that you are considering writing an editorial for the front page of the Wichita Beacon. Anything you may write should be in my hands about two days prior to the publication date, which will be April 7th.

All of us in the Men's Club are looking forward to your arrival. I hope we can make your stay a pleasant one, without infringing on your rest.

Sincerely yours,

Melvin H. Witrogen

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*The strength which is
American*

April 1, 1954

Mr. Melvin H. Witrogen
602 N. Parkwood Lane
Wichita 6, Kansas

My dear Mr. Witrogen:

I am enclosing herewith the editorial for the
Wichita Beacon which you requested.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms
enclosure



From "On the Threshold of the Fourth Century"

The coming age will be a great age for America. The next hundred years at least seem likely to be known, I believe, as the "American Century," in the same sense as the 19th century was "The Century of Great Britain." Destiny has singled out our beloved country, the foremost democracy on earth, to give leadership to the world and to lead mankind out of the grave, social, political and economic predicament in which it finds itself. I believe that American leadership will prove itself equal to the challenge, if it will take counsel of faith and not of fear, and if it will be guided by the prophetic insights and the wide perspectives of the Founding Fathers of this Republic.

America will lead in finding the way. The way is not that of a global armament race which will impoverish the peoples of the earth - ourselves included - and end as such races always end - in the catastrophe of war. The way is rather that of conference, of courageous diplomacy, of giving urgent leadership in the United Nations to a program of speedy and balanced reduction of armament and the extension of help to the backward peoples of the earth.

To this kind of leadership the world will respond; a leadership which does not wait on the occasion but makes it, which is prepared to take calculated risks for peace, which is eager for negotiation and conference to settle all issues which endanger the peace of the world; a leadership which exerts sincere and unremitting pressure for limitation of armaments and the lifting of the crushing military burdens from the backs of the peoples of the earth; a leadership which aggressively plans for world-wide cooperation to help and guide the backward and impoverished peoples to higher levels of agricultural and industrial development, of well-being, health and

education; a leadership which seeks the liberation of all dominated, colonial peoples and extends friendly help to them in adjusting themselves to their new way of life. This kind of leadership, which is not dictation, which is not imposed by our wealth and power, which is not enmeshed and hampered by commitments to the imperial interests of colonial empires and which flows naturally from the head-waters of our great liberal traditions and history, is sure to re-kindle the hopes of the world.

I believe that the American people will earnestly strive to be worthy of the challenge and opportunities of the American Century.



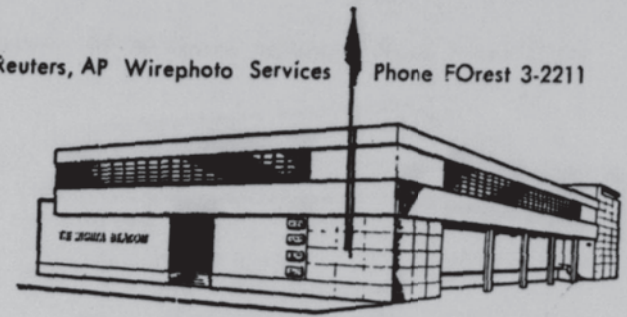
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New Home of The Wichita Beacon

April 20, 1954

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Each Saturday of the year, the Editorial Staff of The Wichita Beacon selects six persons whose names have been in our news columns during the preceeding week and we pay special honor to them in our weekly feature, THE BEACON TAKES OFF ITS HAT TO THESE WORTHWHILE LEADERS.

On Saturday, April 10, we took the opportunity to pay tribute to you. Enclosed is a tear sheet for your inspection.

We hope you will be pleased and invite your comments.

Sincerely yours,

THE WICHITA BEACON

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elliott Levand".

Elliott Levand
Assistant to the President

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