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Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, 1921-1955.

Weekly  
Bulletin

YOUNG MEN'S HEBREW ASSOCIATION  
36 SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET  
WILKES-BARRE, PA.  
THE JEWISH CENTER

December  
28th  
1921

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Rabbi Hillel Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We are very anxious to have you deliver an address for our membership and Jewish Community. Have you any Sunday evening available in the month of January or February?

I know that you spoke in Scranton last year and that you are going to speak again there in the very near future. I presume that we will have to pay you the same fee that Scranton is paying you, and which is entirely satisfactory to us. I am confident that there will be a magnificent audience to listen to you and sincerely trust that your services will be available.

Will you kindly notify me as soon as possible what date you will let us have.

Sincerely yours,

*I. Abelson*  
I. ABELSON.  
General Secretary.

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YOUNG MEN'S HEBREW ASSOCIATION

38 SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET

WILKES-BARRE, PA.

THE JEWISH CENTER

December

27

1921

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 55th St. and Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am in receipt of your letter of December 21st and regret exceedingly that it will not be possible for you to speak here on a Sunday because of your manifold duties on that day.

Upon reflection, I recall that you spoke in Scranton on a week day, and as we are very anxious to have you here, I am pretty confident that we can meet with equal success on a week day as well. So will you kindly acquaint me with what date it may be possible for you to give us in January or February. There are many in the community who are desirous of hearing you, and we would like very much to gratify their desire.

I have had the pleasure of working together with your brother, Rabbi Max Silver, during the war, and of visiting your home in New York, but I have not had the pleasure of meeting you.

Trusting that you will be able to find a date for us, I remain

Sincerely yours,

*I. Abelson*  
I. ABELSON.

General Secretary.

IA:SC

*Jerusalem*



December 21st, 1921.

Mr. I. Edelson, Genl. Secy.,  
Y. M. H. A. 35 S. Washington St.,  
Wilkes-Barre Pa.,

My dear Mr. Edelson,

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address your Y.M. H. A. I wish I were in a position to do it. I do not however, leave Cleveland on Sunday as most of our Congregational activities transpire on that day, and furthermore, I am so overburdened with duties here, and lecture engagements out of the city, that I cannot in justice to myself accept any more.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



January 9th, 1922.

Mr. I. Abelson, Secy.,  
Young Men's Hebrew Assn.,  
Wilkes-Barre Pa.

My dear Mr. Abelson,

I wish I could see my way clear  
to come to you. Unfortunately I am so  
overburdened with lecture engagements and  
with my work on the building of our new  
Temple, that in justice to myself I must  
refrain from accepting any more.

With kindest regards, I beg  
to remain

Very sincerely yours,



CONGREGATION BNAI BRITH  
WILKES-BARRÉ, PENN'A.  
MARCUS SALZMAN  
RABBI

January 27/22.

Dear Colleague,

Could you arrange to come to Wilkes Barre for a lecture at our Temple, on the evening of Sunday, Feb. 5th? I hear that you are to be at Rochester on the 4th. We are not very far from there, on the Lehigh Valley R. R. Kindly let me know as soon as possible whether you can come.

Sincerely yours,  
Marcus Salzman,  
94 W. Ross St.

What honorarium do you usually receive for a lecture? . . .  
We intend to invite the public & congregation without admission charge.



January 30th, 1922.

Rabbi Marcus Salzman,  
94 West Ross Street,  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

My dear Rabbi Salzman,

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address your Temple. Due to ill health I have cancelled my engagement in Rochester for the 4th. Perhaps at some future time I may be able to be of service to you.

With kindest regards, I  
beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,



YOUNG MEN'S HEBREW ASSOCIATION  
36 SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET

WILKES-BARRE, PA.

THE JEWISH CENTER

*Y.M.H.A.*

October  
30  
1922

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We are writing to you again this year,  
for a lecture engagement, with hopes that it  
is not already too late, as was our misfortune  
in the past years.

Naturally, we would prefer a Sunday  
evening, but if this is impossible, we feel confident  
that we can meet with equal success on a week day,  
as our community is very desirous of hearing you.

Will you kindly acquaint us with the  
list of available dates you have for the coming  
season, in order that we may choose a date satis-  
factory to our community?

Hoping to see you here in the very near  
future, we are

Sincerely yours,

Young Men's Hebrew Association.

*Bertha Cohen*

General Secretary.

BC:30



November 7th, 1923.

Miss Bertha Cohen,  
36 South Washington St.,  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

My dear Miss Cohen,

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address the Wilkes-Barre Young Men's Hebrew Association. I wish I were in a position to accept it. Unfortunately I am so crowded with work incidental to the building of our new Temple that I cannot in justice to myself accept any more engagements this year.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



YOUNG MEN'S HEBREW ASSOCIATION

36 SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET

WILKES-BARRE, PA.

THE JEWISH CENTER

December  
Twenty first  
1922

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
East 55th and Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have been informed by Mr. Max J. Finkelstein,  
Chairman of the Bureau of Education of the Scranton  
Y.M.H.A., that you are scheduled to speak at the Scranton  
Y.M.H.A. February 13th, 1923.

Wilkes-Barre is but a short distance from  
Scranton, a forty minute ride by train or automobile,  
and if it would be at all possible for you to address  
the Wilkes-Barre Y.M.H.A. on the night previous to your  
talk in Scranton, or on the evening after, the community  
would, indeed, be very grateful to you.

This week will be the Fifth Anniversary of the  
Dedication of the Wilkes-Barre Y.M.H.A., therefore,  
the committee in charge is very anxious to make every  
night a Gala Night.

Awaiting an early reply of acceptance, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Bertha Cohen*  
General Secretary.

BC:SG



December 28th, 1922.

Miss Bertha Cohen,  
36 South Washington St.,  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

My dear Miss Cohen,

Permit me to thank you  
for your kind invitation. I regret  
exceedingly that I cannot avail myself  
of your kindness in as much as I have  
engagements scheduled both for February 12th,  
and February 14th.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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*July 8 - 1923*

*Rabbi A. Hillel Silver  
Cleveland*

*My Dear Rabbi Silver,*

*Wilkes-Barre desires*

*so very much to come under the  
spell of your message, and I hope  
that at last we shall be in time  
to be included in your plans for  
the coming season.*

*Time, terms and topics will you  
not tell us your convenience in  
these important matters so that  
the Y. M. H. A. for whom I am ex-  
tending this invitation may plan  
a proper hearing.*

*Very sincerely  
Dorothy Sax Long  
(Mrs. Charles)*



July Sixteenth, 1923

Mrs. Charles Long,  
33 South Washington Street,  
Wilkes-Barre, Penna.

My dear Mrs. Long,

Permit me to acknowledge receipt  
of your kind letter of the eighth and to  
thank you for your invitation to address  
Wilkes-Barre Section Council of Jewish  
Women.

It may be possible for me to  
come to you on some week-day in March,  
say March 12th or 13th. My terms would  
be \$100.00 and traveling expenses.

Please let me know whether your  
meetings are held in the afternoon or even-  
ing.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



33 South Washington Street,

Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
Cleveland

My dear Sir,

It is with great  
pleasure then, that we  
look forward to your  
coming to Wilkes-Barre  
for our Y. M. H. A. (the  
I did write on Council  
papers) on Wednesday  
March 12<sup>th</sup> as you offer,  
for an evening lecture.  
At your leisure will





AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES  
WESTERN RHODE ISLAND STATE



you give us subjects  
from which to choose, -  
we need something of  
inspirational value.

Hoping the summer brings  
you rich refreshment -

Sincerely,  
Dorothy Sax Long

(Mrs. Charles)

July 1914.



August 1st, 1923.

Mrs. Charles Long,  
33 South Washington St.,  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Long,

I have noted the date of  
Wednesday, March 13th for Wilkes-Barre.  
The following lectures have proved rather  
popular with Y.W.H.A. organisations:

1. Have we an American Judaism?
2. Racial and Religious Conflicts  
in The United States.

Please designate the one you  
prefer.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



YOUNG MEN'S HEBREW ASSOCIATION  
36 SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET  
WILKES-BARRE, PA.  
THE JEWISH CENTER

Aug 6-23.

Rabbi A. A. Silver -  
Cleveland -

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We have chosen this  
for March 12<sup>th</sup>, your address on  
"Have not we American Judaism" -  
and I look forward to a con-  
forting message.

It will be our particular  
pleasure to entertain you at that  
time - Mr. Long's and mine.

With highest regards

Sincerely  
Samuel Day Long

(Mr. Charles)





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352 FOURTH AVE.

NEW YORK CITY



Madison Square 6415

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
E. 55th St. & Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I understand that you plan to deliver addresses before various organizations in the East in the course of the next few months. I have been particularly informed that you have accepted an engagement in Wilkes Barre some time in April.

It occurred to me that perhaps you would be willing to consider other engagements in cities that are en route or in the vicinity of those in which you have already made engagements for lectures and addresses. We should be very glad to try to arrange for such engagements if you would be good enough to advise us whether you are willing to have us do so, and if you would furnish us with a list of open dates and also indicate the terms for such lectures.

Sincerely yours,

*Louis Kraft*  
LOUIS KRAFT  
Director

Jewish Center Activities

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January Fifth, 1924

Mr. Louis Kraft,  
Director, Jewish Welfare Board,  
352 Fourth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Kraft,

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of November twenty-seventh. I wish I were in a position to comply with your suggestion. Unfortunately I am too much overburdened with duties just now to permit of my taking on any additional obligations to speak. The demands made upon my time in connection with the building of our new Temple has made it necessary for me to decline further invitations and I have been compelled ~~even~~ to cancel some arrangements already entered into.

Perhaps sometime in the future I may be in a position to serve in the manner suggested in your letter.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
E. 55th St. & Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I wish to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of January 5th. I appreciate, of course, the circumstances and, although I know that it will be a source of regret to a number of communities that have inquired concerning your availability for addresses, I can understand the difficulties. At any rate, I look forward to the time in the future when you may be in a position to accept such engagements.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Louis Kraft*  
LOUIS KRAFT  
Director

Jewish Center Activities



YOUNG MEN'S HEBREW ASSOCIATION

36 SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET

WILKES-BARRE, PA.

THE JEWISH CENTER

February 17, 1924.

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
E. 55th and Central  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver;

According to arrangements made with you some time ago, you are scheduled to speak here on Wednesday evening March 12. I would, therefore, greatly appreciate a confirmation of this date at this time in order that I may definitely announce it to the people of Wilkes-Barre. Please include the subject of your address in your reply.

Very truly yours,

*A. S. Ginsburgh*

Executive Director

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CARE TEMPLE EAST 55 ST AND CENTRAL CLEVELAND OHIO

PLEASE WIRE ME A CONFIRMATION OF YOUR ENGAGEMENT TO SPEAK  
AT THE WILKESBARRE YOUNG MENS HEBREW ASSOCIATION WEDNESDAY EVENING  
MARCH TWELVE

A S GINSBURGH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



2/29/24

A. S. Ginsburgh,  
Y. M. H. A.  
Wilkesbarre, Pa.

I will be with you on Wednesday,  
March 12th.



A. H. Silver.



[March 2, 1924?]

33 SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET

My Dear Rabbi Silver, -

The  
community looks forward  
in delight to your  
coming on the twelfth.

I hope I may  
have the added pleasure  
of receiving you in  
our home.

Dr. Long joins







me in the wish  
and we await your  
word as to your  
time of arriving.

Do you care to  
meet any one in  
particular in this  
neighborhood — any  
old friends? — I  
should be glad to  
to arrange for you.



With greeting

Very sincerely

Daniel East Long-

Mr Charles

Wilbert Garre Pa

March second.

March fourth, 1924

Mr. A. S. Ginsburgh,  
Young Men's Hebrew Association,  
36 South Washington Street,  
Wilkes-Barre, Penna.

My dear Mr. Ginsburgh,

Replying to your letter of February  
seventeenth, it is my understanding that you  
selected the subject - "Have we an American  
Judaism". If you prefer a topic of more  
general interest, I would suggest the subject-  
"The Rising Tide of Choler". I have March 12th  
scheduled.

With kindest regards, I beg to re-  
main

Very sincerely yours,



**ISIDOR COONS**  
**PUBLICITY**  
**822 MINERS BANK BUILDING**  
**WILKES-BARRE, PA.**

March 4, 1924.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 55th Street and Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Y.M.H.A., of this city, today requested me to prepare some publicity for your lecture in this city on Wednesday, March 12th. Will you be good enough to provide me with all of the source material possible, such as the theme of your talk, a brief biographical sketch, a picture ( or preferably a newspaper cut)? As the time for publicity preparation and release is short, I will appreciate it very much if you can let me have this material by return mail. We are eager, of course, to have a capacity attendance on this evening.

Very sincerely yours,

*Isidor Coons.*

Isidor Coons.

C/B

*Photo & publicity  
mailed 2/6/24*



# YOUNG MEN'S HEBREW ASSOCIATION

MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY  
WELFARE FEDERATION



THE JEWISH CENTER

36 SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET  
WILKES-BARRE, PA.

March 12, 1924

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

Dear Rabbi Silver;

We were very sorry indeed to learn of your wife's illness and hope that she is greatly improved.

If it is at all possible, we would like to have you speak in Wilkes-Barre this season, and we would greatly appreciate it if you could set a date at this time.

With kind regards, we beg to remain

Very truly yours,

YOUNG MEN'S HEBREW ASSOCIATION

*A. Shusterman*  
Executive Director

ASG/G



March 19th, 1924.

Mr. A. S. Ginsburgh,  
36 South Washington St.,  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

My dear Mr. Ginsburgh,

I regret exceedingly that I was compelled at the last moment to cancel my engagement with you due to the illness of my wife. I am glad to say that she is much better now. It may be possible for me to come to you this season, probably in May. If the month is convenient and if you would write me I shall try to make definite arrangements.

With kindest regards, I beg to  
remain

Very sincerely yours,

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RABBI A SILVER

105 ST & ANSEL ROAD CLEVELAND OHIO

CAN YOU COME TO WILKESBARRE ANY NIGHT BETWEEN NOVEMBER FIRST AND FIFTEENTH

JULIUS LONG STERN CARE ISAAC LONG.

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*Handwritten notes and scribbles in the bottom left corner.*

Telephone	Mrs S (X)
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Wilkes Barre

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October 11th, 1925

"Collect" Day Letter to

Julius Long Stern

Care Isaac Long

Wilkesbarre, Penna.

Regret exceedingly that pressure of work makes it  
impossible for me to accept your kind invitation.

A. H. Silver

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WILKESBARRE PENN 3

RABBI A H SILVER

105 ST & ANSEL ROAD CLEVELAND OHIO

CAN YOU ADDRESS CONGREGATION BNAI BRITH IN WILKESBARRE ANY EVENING  
DURING FIRST THIRTEEN DAYS DECEMBER SIXTH OR THIRTEENTH PREFERRED  
PLEASE WIRE ME COLLECT IMMEDIATELY

JULIUS L STERN CARE: ISAAC LONG.

Tuesday

Feb 9

Wilkes Barre

Dec 1

Thurs 1/9/11

Telephone No 2093

Delivered to 805a

Delivered 805a

few To Be mldary

Nov 4




Julius Stern c/o Isaac Long  
Wilkesbarre, Pa.

Regret cannot come in December. May be  
possible for me to come on Tuesday, February 9th.

If that date is acceptable please let me know.

WRHS  
A.H. Silver.



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JULIUS LONG STERN  
P. O. BOX 387  
WILKES-BARRE, PA.

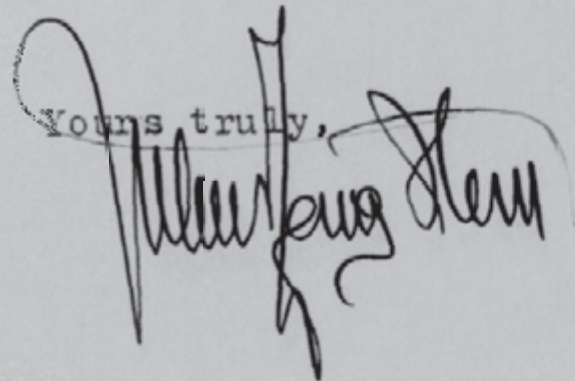
Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
105th St. & Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your telegram of November 5th,  
in which you advise me you can come to us on  
Tuesday, February 9th, and will let you hear from  
me within a few days regarding this matter.

November,  
Sixth,  
Nineteen twenty-five.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Julius Long Stern", written over the typed name "Julius Long Stern".



Wilkesbarre, Pa. W ✓ X

JULIUS LONG STERN

P. O. BOX 387  
WILKES-BARRE, PA.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
105th St. & Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

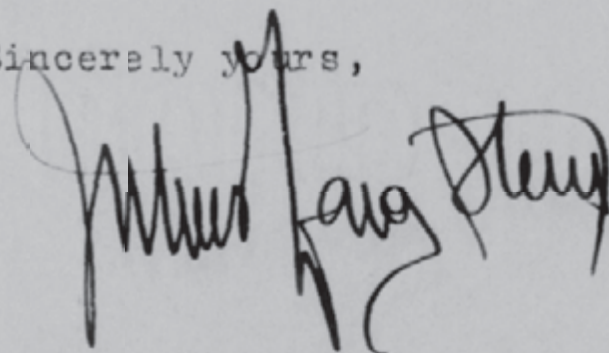
Reverend Dear Sir:

Answering your telegram of November 5th, in which you advise me it will be possible for you to come to Address our Congregation on Tuesday, February 9th, would state we are perfectly satisfied to make this a permanent engagement.

Kindly let me hear definitely regarding this by return mail, also let me know what your Honorarium for this will be, and oblige,

November,  
Eleventh,  
Nineteen twenty-five.

Sincerely yours,



C. F. H. J.

Rabbi Leo Kanner 157

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November Sixteenth

1925

Mr. Julius Long Stern  
Care The Isaac Long Store  
P.O.Box 387, Wilkes-Barre, Penna.

My dear Mr. Stern,

Replying to your letter of November eleventh, Rabbi Silver desires me to say to you that he has definitely booked Wilkes-Barre for Tuesday, February 9th.

Rabbi Silver's honorarium would be \$150.00 and traveling expenses.

If the terms are satisfactory he will be glad to send you in the near future a list of lecture subjects.

Sincerely,  
Waiting your reply.



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JULIUS LONG STERN  
P. O. BOX 387  
WILKES-BARRE, PA.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
105 Street & Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Att: Miss Frances H. Jones, Sec.

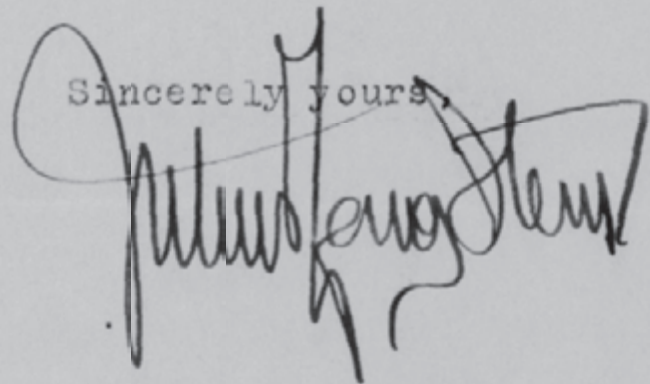
Reverend Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of November 16th, and on behalf of the Congregation B'nai B'rith, hereby make definite arrangements for you to Lecture in Wilkes-Barre on the evening of Tuesday, February 9th, for which we will pay you \$150.00 and traveling expenses.

4 I will be glad to have you forward to me at this time, a list of Topics from which we could make a selection for ~~you~~ talk to us on the above Evening.

November, Nineteenth,  
Nineteen twenty-five,

Sincerely yours,



November Twenty-fourth  
1925

Mr. Julius Long Stern,  
P. O. Box 387,  
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr. Stern,

Replying to your letter of November  
nineteenth, Rabbi Silver desires me to say to  
you that he has definitely booked Wilkes-Barre  
for Tuesday evening, February 9th.

The following subjects have proven  
unusually popular with Rabbi Silver's audiences:

Is Progress a Myth?  
Jew and Christian- Will they ever meet?  
The Rising Tide of Choler

Kindly advise which of these lectures  
you may decide upon.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary



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JULIUS LONG STERN  
P. O. BOX 387  
WILKES-BARRE, PA.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Att. Miss Frances Jones,

Dear Miss Jones:

Answering yours of November 24th regarding Rabbi Silver's  
Visit here on February 9th, we would prefer to have him  
speak on the following subject:

" Jew and Christian-will they ever meet"

Kindly advise Rabbi Silver of our wishes in this matter,  
and oblige,

November,  
Thirtieth,  
Nineteen twenty-five.

Yours truly,

*Julius L. Stern*



FELIX T. LEVY  
ROOM 210  
SECOND NAT. BANK BLDG.

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WILKES-BARRE, PA., February 12, 1926.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
East 105th & Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Reverend dear Sir:

It has just come to my attention that nobody has written to you since Mr. Silverblatt telephoned to you on January 29th requesting a change of date for your lecture at Wilkes-Barre.

It is needless for me to say that the cause of this action was beyond our control and it was a very great disappointment to us all that you could not comply with our request and that you thought it best under the circumstances to cancel the engagement.

I have since learned that you were compelled to cancel your engagement for Scranton, Pa., on the advice of your physician.

We sincerely hope that you have recovered from your indisposition and we may look forward to having you with us at some future time.

Very truly yours,

*Felix T. Levy*  
for Julius Long Store

P.S. Mr. Silverblatt explained to you that Mr. Stern is abroad at present.



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LET ME HAVE YOUR ANSWER AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

HANNAH E SALZMAN.

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November 2, 1927.

Miss Hannah B. Salzman,  
Wilkes Barre, Pa.

My dear Miss Salzman:

I regret exceedingly  
that it will not be possible for  
me to address the banquet of the  
Pennsylvania Federation of Temple  
Sisterhoods on January 9th. I am  
scheduled to be in Chicago that  
evening.

With best wishes for  
a successful conference, permit me  
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:NEB



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My dear Rabbi Silver.

It would be difficult for me to tell you how keenly disappointed the women of Sisterhood Bnai Brith of Wilkes-Barre are that you cannot be with us on the night of Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>. We felt that when we had the women of our State gathered here in session, we wanted to give them a message from one of our Rabbis, that would send them back to their respective cities, filled with the desire to do great things for our cause. I feel that your inability to be with us to exercise your stirring power upon us, is most regrettable. If Chicago were nearer Wilkes-Barre, I would request you to speak at the session on Tuesday evening Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>.

May I ask you to tell me something about Judge Mary Grossman. What are her capabilities as a speaker? Is she prominent in Jewish work? Is she a sought after speaker before women's organizations?

Tuesday, Nov. 15/27

With cordial greetings from Dr. Salzman & myself to Mrs. Silver and you - Very sincerely yours, Hannah B. Salzman.



November 21st, 1927.

Mrs. Marcus Salzman,  
94 W. Ross St.,  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Salzman:-

Did you ever have Miss Irma Kraft address your organization. She has been to Cleveland and has made a remarkably fine impression. I would suggest that you get in touch with her. Her address is 29 Fifth Ave. New York City.

She is a charming speaker on general and specifically Jewish themes, has travelled extensively and has a very stimulating message.

You will find Judge Mary Grossman interesting. She has very worthwhile things to say to an audience. I have not heard her speak in public.

With kindest regards and trusting that your State gathering will be very successful, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR





"The Jewish Center of Wyoming Valley"

## Young Men's Hebrew Association

THIRTY-SIX SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET  
WILKES-BARRE, PA.

LOUIS SMITH,  
Executive Director

November 29, 1927.

My dear Rabbi:

On behalf of the Educational Committee of the Young Men's Hebrew Association I extend to you an invitation to speak before the members of our Association sometime during the month of March.

Naturally we would prefer a Sunday Evening, but if this is impossible, we would be only too glad to accept any date that you may give us, as our Community is very desirous of hearing you.

I find, in looking over my files, that our Association has for a number of years made efforts to have you appear in our City, but, for some reason or other, have not been successful. I also find that they had made definite arrangements for your appearance here, but unforeseen circumstances stepped in by which you were forced to cancel your engagement. The last one being on March 19, 1924, when you were forced to cancel your engagement in our city due to the illness of your wife and at that time you promised that you would give our Association a date for some future time.

Will you, therefore, be kind enough to acquaint us with a list of available dates during the month of March so that we will be able to select a date satisfactory to our Community.

Hoping that you will honor us with your presence and awaiting a reply, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

*Louis Smith*  
LOUIS SMITH  
Executive Director.

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





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THIRTY-SIX SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET

WILKES-BARRE, PA.

LOUIS SMITH,  
Executive Director

December 16, 1927.

My dear Rabbi:

On November 29, I wrote you inviting you to speak before the members of our Association sometime during the month of March, and up to the present writing I have not heard from you.

As I explained in my previous letter we have, for some reason or other, been unable to have you appear in our City. The members of our Association have requested that we try to have you come to Wilkes-Barre this season.

I, therefore, hope that you will be kind enough to acquaint us with a list of available dates during the month of March, so that we will be able to select one satisfactory to both of us.

Awaiting an early reply, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

*Louis Smith*  
LOUIS SMITH

Executive Director.

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



January 4th, 1928.

Louis Smith, Executive Director,  
Young Men's Hebrew Association,  
36 South Washington St.,  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

My dear Mr. Smith:-

Permit me to thank you for your  
kind letter of December 16th.

It will be impossible for me to  
accept any more lecture engagements this season. I  
am already heavily burdened with them. I do hope  
that I shall be free to come to you next year.

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

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR





"The Jewish Center of Wyoming Valley"

## Young Men's Hebrew Association

THIRTY-SIX SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET  
WILKES-BARRE, PA.

LOUIS SMITH,  
*Executive Director*

January 6, 1928.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you very kindly for your letter of January 4 in reply to my invitation for your appearance in Wilkes-Barre.

As stated in my previous letters, I am very anxious to have you speak before the Wilkes-Barre Community and since you are unable to make any further engagements this season, I wonder if it would be possible for me to make a tentative engagement with you for your appearance here next season.

I would be pleased to hear further from you in reference to this matter.

Very sincerely yours,

*Louis Smith*  
LOUIS SMITH  
Executive Director.

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*Wm. H. H. H.*

Rabbi Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
E. 105th St. at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.



*card*

March 21st, 1928.

Mr. Louis Smith,  
Young Men's Hebrew Ass'n.,  
36 South Washington St.,  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

My dear Mr. Smith:-

In reply to your kind letter of January 6th permit me to say that it may be possible for Rabbi Silver to come to you on Tuesday evening, November 6th. His honorarium would be \$250.

If the date and terms are agreeable please let me know and I shall inform Rabbi Silver of the definite arrangements.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.





"THE JEWISH CENTER OF WYOMING VALLEY"

## Young Men's Hebrew Association

36 SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET

WILKES-BARRE, PA.

LOUIS SMITH,  
*Executive Director*

April 3, 1928.

My dear Miss Rothenberg:

Thank you very kindly for your letter of March 21. I am very sorry I was unable to answer this mail sooner, since I have been away from my office for quite sometime.

I am very glad to hear that it will be possible for Rabbi Silver to visit Wilkes-Barre this coming season. The date of Tuesday Evening, November 6, together with the fee of \$250 is satisfactory to us. Please confirm these arrangements.

Again thanking you for your splendid cooperation,  
I am,

Very sincerely yours,

*Louis Smith*  
LOUIS SMITH  
Executive Director

Miss Irene Rothenberg, Sec. to Rabbi Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
East 105th St. at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.



*Carol*

April 6th, 1928.

Louis Smith, Executive Director,  
Young Men's Hebrew Association,  
36 South Washington St.,  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

My dear Mr. Smith:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt  
of your letter of April 3d and to confirm the  
date of Tuesday evening, November 6th for Rabbi  
Silver's visit to Wilkes-Barre.

Later in the season I shall be glad  
to send you a list of subjects.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.





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## Young Men's Hebrew Association

36 SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET

WILKES-BARRE, PA.

LOUIS SMITH,  
*Executive Director*

April 13, 1928.

Dear Miss Rothenberg:

Thank you very kindly for your prompt  
reply confirming the arrangements for Rabbi Silver's  
visit to Wilkes-Barre on Tuesday Evening, November 6.

Very sincerely yours,

*Louis Smith*

LOUIS SMITH  
Executive Director.

Miss Irene Rothenberg, Secretary to Rabbi Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.



July 9th, 1928.

Mr. Louis Smith,  
36 South Washington St.,  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.


My dear Mr. Smith:-

In looking through my schedule I find that the date which I gave you is Election Night. I do not think that you would like to have a lecture that night, nor would I care to be away from home. I wonder whether we can not shift your lecture to Tuesday, November 27th.

With kindest regards, permit  
me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR







"The Jewish Center of Wyoming Valley"

## Young Men's Hebrew Association

THIRTY-SIX SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET  
WILKES-BARRE, PA.

LOUIS SMITH,  
*Executive Director*

September 4, 1928.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I have just returned to my office after spending the summer months at our Camp and have only today come across your letter of July 9 which evidently was misplaced during my absence. I hope that you will accept my apology for not answering sooner.

I agree with you that election night would not be a good time to have you come to Wilkes-Barre. As to the date you suggest of Tuesday, November 27, I would ask that you give me a few days to look over my schedule. I ask for this period of grace since it will give me a chance to straighten my program out after being away for so long a time. You can, therefore, expect to hear from me very shortly.

Again begging your pardon for the delay and hoping to hear from you at an early date, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

*Louis Smith*  
LOUIS SMITH

Executive Director.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
E. 105th St. at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.





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## Young Men's Hebrew Association

THIRTY-SIX SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET  
WILKES-BARRE, PA.

LOUIS SMITH,  
*Executive Director*

September 11, 1928.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

At a meeting of our Educational Committee held last evening, they accepted the date of Tuesday, November 27 for your visit to our Association. I would, therefore, ask that you send me a list of subjects with your recommendation.

I would also ask that you send a cut or mat of yourself, if possible, together with any other data which you think we might be able to use for newspaper publicity. I would also ask that you confirm these arrangements by return mail.

Wishing you a Happy and Prosperous New Year,  
I am,

Very sincerely yours,

*Louis Smith*  
LOUIS SMITH  
Executive Director.

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





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36 SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET

WILKES-BARRE, PA.

LOUIS SMITH,  
Executive Director

September 17, 1928.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I have as yet failed to receive an answer to my letter of September 11, in which I notified you of the acceptance of the date of November 27 for your visit to our City. I am very anxious to have the confirmation on this and would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

*Louis Smith*  
LOUIS SMITH  
Executive Director.

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



card ✓

Sept. 17th, 1928.

Mr. Louis Smith,  
Young Men's Hebrew Association,  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

My dear Mr. Smith:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Sept. 11th. I have definitely scheduled Wilkes-Barre for Tuesday evening, Nov. 27th. Under separate cover I am sending you a photograph and some publicity data.

The following lectures have proved popular with lecture audiences:

1. What Is Happening To The American Home?
2. Jesus, The Mystic
3. What Can The Modern Man Believe?
4. A Visit To Russia
5. Is The Modern Jew Spiritually homeless - A Discussion of Ludwig Lewisohn's Book, "The Island Within."
6. Democracy At the Crossroads
7. The Four Major Tendencies in Jewish Life.

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With kindest regards, permit

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR





"THE JEWISH CENTER OF WYOMING VALLEY"

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36 SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET

WILKES-BARRE, PA.

LOUIS SMITH,  
*Executive Director*

September 20, 1928.

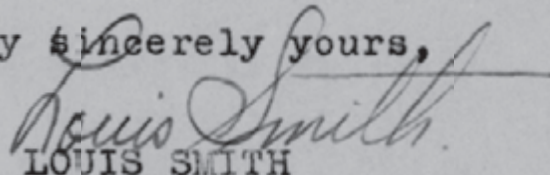
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you very much for your letter of September 17 confirming the date of Tuesday, November 27 for your visit to Wilkes-Barre.

I will present the list of subjects before our Committee and as soon as they decide on a definite topic I will communicate with you.

Again thanking you and looking forward to your visit, I am,

Very sincerely yours,



LOUIS SMITH  
Executive Director.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

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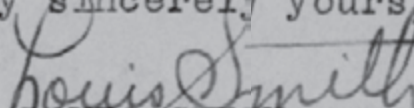
October 3, 1928.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have not as yet received the photo and publicity data which you said you were sending on, as per your letter of September 17.

We are about to begin our publicity and would appreciate receiving this data at your earliest convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

  
LOUIS SMITH

Executive Director.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
E 105th St. at Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY WELFARE FEDERATION



October 5th, 1928.

Louis Smith, Exec. Director,  
Youne Men's Hebrew Ass'n.,  
36 South Washington St.,  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

My dear Mr. Smith:-

Under separate cover I have today sent you another photograph of Rabbi Silver and am enclosing herewith some facts regarding him.

Under date of September 17th I forwarded a photograph to you and as it was not returned, presumed that you had received same.

After this photograph has served your purpose will you kindly return same to us.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.





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## Young Men's Hebrew Association

THIRTY-SIX SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET  
WILKES-BARRE, PA.

LOUIS SMITH,  
*Executive Director*

October 22, 1928.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am very sorry to inform you that due to unforeseen circumstances within the Association we will be unable to have you address our membership on Tuesday evening, November 27 as originally planned. As much as we would like to have you visit us our Board finds that we will have to cancel the engagement. Believe me it is a great disappointment to us and I am hoping that it will not inconvenience you in any way.

Thanking you for your consideration and again expressing my regrets at this action, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

*Louis Smith*  
LOUIS SMITH

Executive Director.

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Rabbi Abbah Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
E. 105th St. at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.



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**WILKES-BARRE, PA.**

May 23, 1932.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Our Lecture Committee is now busily engaged planning our 1932-33 series, in connection with which we would like to have you as one of the speakers.

I am certain that you will recall the number of times we tried to have you speak before our community, but something always interfered. You will recall too, that on three different occasions, definite dates had been selected, only to be cancelled by you. At that time you promised that you would visit us at some future time.

Will you, therefore, be so kind as to advise whether it will be possible for you to accept our invitation and what your fee will be. Our lectures, incidentally, are held on Sunday evenings.

Very sincerely yours,

*Louis Smith*  
LOUIS SMITH

Executive Director.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
E. 105th St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.



May 24th, 1932

Mr. Louis Smith,  
Y. M. & Y. W. H. A.,  
36 S. Washington St.,  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

My dear Mr. Smith:-

I need not tell you that I appreciate your invitation but we don't seem to have much luck.

As you probably know my congregation granted me a sabbatical year beginning in October of this year and I shall be out of the country for a full year. This, of course, makes it impossible for me to accept any lecture engagements.

Please write to me on my return.

With best wishes for a successful year, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



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LOUIS SMITH  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

THE JEWISH CENTER OF WYOMING VALLEY  
36 SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET

WILKES-BARRE, PA.

October 23, 1935.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
105 Street At Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. Dr. Silver:

Many years ago, if you recall, the Hebrew Association of Wilkes-Barre made an effort to have you visit our community on a speaking engagement without much success.

With a new season under way, our Committee on Adult Education instructed me to extend to you an invitation to visit with us some time before the first of the year at a date to suit your convenience.

We sincerely hope that you will find it possible to arrange your affairs so that such a visit might materialize.

Respectfully yours,

LOUIS SMITH  
Executive Director.



November 7, 1935

Mr. Louis Smith, Executive Director,  
Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association,  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

My dear Mr. Smith:

I appreciate very much your kind invitation  
of October 23. I wish I were free to accept it.  
Unfortunately, the pressure of work makes it impossible  
for me to accept any more out of town engagements.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I regret that you were unable to accept the invitation of the Wilkes-Barre YHA for the date of March 20th, since it would fit into your Pennsylvania schedule.

Is there any other date free during that period? I am sure that the group would accommodate themselves to any day, except Friday or Saturday night.

Please let me hear from you.

With good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Janet G. Weisman*  
JANET G. WEISMAN  
Director



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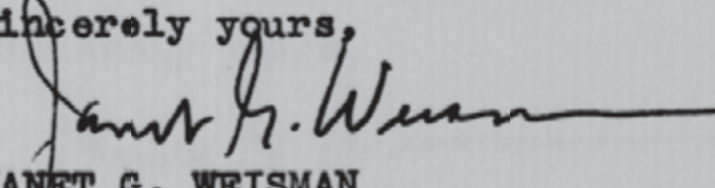
**Dear Rabbi Silver:**

Some time ago I write you with reference to a possible date for Wilkes-Barre during a period that you are to be in Pennsylvania.

I shall very much appreciate hearing from you as to whether or not there will be a date available for the Wilkes-Barre YMHA.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
**JANET G. WEISMAN**  
**Director**



November 25, 1938

Miss Janet G. Weisman, Director  
Jewish Center Lecture and Concert Bureau  
220 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Weisman:

I regret very much that my crowded schedule for the remainder of the season will make it impossible for me to accept additional lecture engagements. Perhaps next season I will be in a position to be of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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October 31, 1938

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver



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The Jewish Centre of Wyoming Valley

LOUIS SMITH  
Executive Director

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March 13, 1939

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

Beginning April 16th, Wilkes-Barre and the Wyoming Valley will conduct its annual United Jewish Appeal drive for a quota of approximately \$41,000.00.

As a preliminary to the actual solicitation, the Campaign Committee plans a very large community mass meeting.

At a meeting of the Campaign Committee yesterday afternoon, I suggested that we invite you to address our community at this gathering which will be held Monday evening, April 17th.

The Committee was most enthusiastic about this suggestion, instructing me to extend this invitation to you.

One of the members of the Committee volunteered to personally pay the expenses of your visit so that the fee would not come from the campaign fund.

In checking over my files, I find that our community, especially our Association, has made several attempts to have you come to Wilkes-Barre, but always some unforeseen situation arose preventing a visit. On one occasion, you promised to make good a visit which we had scheduled, and which you had to cancel at the very last moment.

I realize that your time is very precious and that such invitations are very numerous. Yet, because of past experiences in our particular case, may I urge your favorable consideration of this invitation. We, in Wilkes-Barre, know what your coming to us will mean for the success of our Appeal.

Sincerely yours,

LOUIS SMITH  
Executive Director.

LS:MM



March 15, 1939

Mr. Louis Smith, Executive Director  
Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association  
36 South Washington Street  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

My dear Mr. Smith:

I appreciate greatly your kind invitation to visit Wilkesbarre in connection with your Campaign for the United Jewish Appeal. I wish I were free to come and to help you in your work. Unfortunately the month of April is already completely booked up for me with numerous campaign meetings in all parts of the country. Please communicate with our headquarters in New York. I am sure that they will send you the right kind of a speaker for the meeting which you are planning.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



RABBI SAMUEL WOLK  
36 MALLERY PLACE  
WILKESBARRE, PA.

December 16, 1940.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
E. 105th St. and Euclid Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Colleague:  
The Reform and Conservative Jewish Congregations here, together with an Episcopalian, Methodist and Presbyterian churches will sponsor a series of five addresses on the theme: "Religion and Science in a Changing World." These addresses will be given on Monday evenings: January 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17. There will be one address an evening and Catholics, Protestants and Jews will be represented in the whole series. You are pre-eminently qualified to discuss particularly "Religion in a Changing World." Is any of the Monday dates mentioned a possibility for you? It is the wish of all of the ministers represented that you come to us, if at all possible. And if you can, will you let us know what honorarium you would expect.

I hope to hear from you - and favorably.  
With cordial greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,  
Samuel Wolk.



December 19, 1940

Rabbi Samuel Wolk  
36 Mallery Place  
Willkesbarre, Pa.

My dear Rabbi Wolk:

I deeply appreciate your kind invitation to participate in your program "Religion and Science in a Changing World". I wish I could come to you for your program interests me greatly. Unfortunately I am compelled to devote all my spare time to the urgent and very pressing work of the United Jewish Appeal. I am away from the city two or three days a week in connection with campaigns in all parts of the country, and with various conferences. I am compelled to forego the pleasure of accepting many tempting invitations which I would like to accept. Please keep me in mind for some future occasion.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



הסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42nd STREET  
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

July 12, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

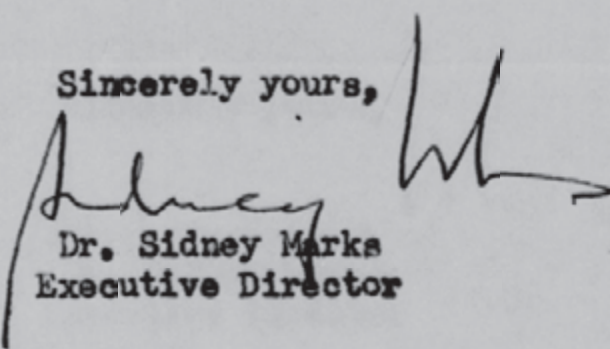
Mr. Benjamin Browdy and I received a delegation from Eastern Pennsylvania.

We are addressing this communication to you as an extraordinary request. The Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Convention will take place on September 4th and September 5th in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. They are asking that you be present. We urge, under the circumstances of the Region and the future of the work in that part of the country, that you accept this engagement.

I would appreciate your courtesy in communicating with me.

Accept my kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

  
Dr. Sidney Marks  
Executive Director

SM:dh



July 13, 1949

Dr. Sidney Marks  
Zionist Organization of America  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, New York

Dear Dr. Marks:

Dr. and Mrs. Silver are leaving tomorrow for a few weeks' vacation in France. They will return until the first week in September, and it will therefore be impossible for Dr. Silver to attend the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Convention in Wilkes-Barre on September 4th and September 5th. Will you be good enough to express Dr. Silver's regrets to the group.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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# Temple B'nai B'rith

175 SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET • WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA

MYRON WEINGARTEN, RABBI  
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March 30, 1955

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
East 105th Street & Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You may not recall but it was just about six and one-half years ago that we met. You came to speak for Phil Bernstein in Rochester, N. Y., in celebration of his Congregation's 100th Anniversary. At that time I had just arrived there as his assistant. I think it was also as a result of this visit that you were made acquainted with Earl Stone. We have also met on several occasions since then.

It was just about a year ago that I left Temple Brith Kodesh in Rochester to assume my post as Rabbi of Temple B'nai B'rith, here in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania. In addition to the Tercentenary our congregation this year is celebrating its 110th anniversary.

We have had some very unusual and exciting programs throughout the year. However we could think of no more inspiring way of closing this year's celebration than to have you as our guest at a Friday evening service, sometime in the month of May. Believe me I am very well aware of the fact that this is quite late in the season to make such a request. However you must understand the circumstances. Due to my excessive eagerness and ambition or possibly a faulty constitution, I was stricken with a heart attack last December. I have been confined to hospital and home ever since. Only now am I very slowly and gradually beginning to get back into the swing of things. Were it not for this fact you would have heard from me much sooner.

Phil Bernstein was kind enough to open the year by installing me, Maurice Eisendrath was our guest at a dinner in November, the West Point Choir sang at one of our Services



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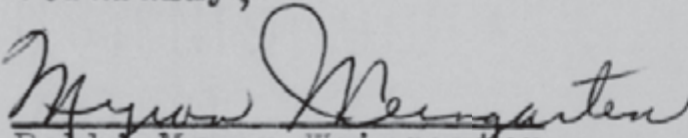
in February.

Again I say, we can think of no more illustrious and inspiring way of closing our Tercentenary and 110th Anniversary celebration than by having you as our guest. We can offer a very humble honorarium of \$200. I sincerely trust that you will find it possible to be with us.

If you should like to call me, collect of course, I may be reached at Butler 8-0038. If I do not hear from you by next Monday or Tuesday, I shall call you in Cleveland.

With all good wishes to you and yours for a very healthy and happy Pesach season and with fondest regards to Earl, I am,

Cordially,

  
Rabbi Myron Weingarten

MW/RF



*Declined  
Wilkes-Barre*

March 31, 1955

Rabbi Myron Weingarten  
Temple B'nai B'rith  
175 South Washington Street  
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania



Dear Rabbi Weingarten:

Thank you for your letter of March 30th, which we received today.

Rabbi Silver is out of the city for a few days and will not return until the middle part of next week. I shall be certain to bring your letter to his attention, however, immediately upon his return.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth M. Sparrow  
Secretary to Rabbi Silver