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February 19, 1923.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

A request has come for your services from the Y.M.H.A. of Wilmington, Delaware. They wish you to deliver an address before their Association on Sunday, April 22.

I note from the files in our office that you are scheduled to speak in Shenandoah, Pa., on April 23. I wonder, therefore, if it would be possible for you to give the same lecture on the 22nd in Wilmington and to proceed from Wilmington to Shenandoah. Train connections are fairly good and it would be easily possible for you to fill both engagements if you happen to be free on the 22nd. The Y.M.H.A., Wilmington, Del., can offer you \$100. and your travelling expenses.

Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience so that I may complete arrangements at once.

Thanking you for your generous cooperation in our work, I remain

Sincerely yours,

David Harold Fink
DAVID HAROLD FINK
Department of
JEWISH CENTER ACTIVITIES

February 21st, 1923.

Mr. David Harold Fink,
352 Fourth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Fink,

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of the 19th. It will be impossible for me to go to Wilmington on April 22nd in as much as I cannot leave my pulpit on Sunday. I could however, arrange to be in Wilmington on Tuesday, April 24th. If the date is satisfactory please let me know. My honorarium would have to be the same as for Shenandoah, that is \$150, which includes traveling expenses.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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TEMPLE ISRAEL

WILMINGTON, N. C.

Nov. 3, 1925.

Rabbi Abba F. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Colleague,

The communities of our state are out of touch with the main stream of Jewish life in our country. They are not only eager to hear you but actually need the word that you can bring them. They are near enough together to permit you to visit a different city each day that you could spend in our state, without undue hardship. If you could be here for four days, you could speak at Wilmington, Goldsboro, Durham, and Greensboro. Each day less would mean the omission of one of these.

We are overnight from Atlanta and Greensboro is overnight from Washington. If you left Atlanta on Sunday, you could complete this program and be in Washington the following Friday morning. Each city omitted would mean the saving of a day.

There are two events of especial importance in which we hope you can participate. One is the Jubilee of our Temple in Wilmington. The other is the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Association of Jewish Women and the State Federation of B'nai B'rith, a joint meeting planned for early March, which could be shifted to coincide with your schedule. This will be at Durham and should be the largest Jewish gathering ever held in the state.

In fairness to Milton, (Rabbi Ellis) let me remind you that he had gotten into touch with you first and therefore, I hope you will be able to include Greensboro, his community, in your plans.

We will be tremendously glad to welcome you personally but far more than that, we know your visit will recharge the Jewish and spiritual life of our communities with a new vigour. You will be literally on a religious mission. We need you.

With fraternal greetings,
Very truly yours,

F. I. Rypins

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RABBI

TEMPLE ISRAEL

WILMINGTON, N. C.

Nov. 16, 1925.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Colleague,

Did you receive my letter of the 3rd, inviting you to visit our state during the winter? A number of plans are being held in abeyance until we hear from you. If an answer is not possible, some indication as to the ^{way the} wind blows would be appreciated.

Cordially yours,

F. I. Rypins.

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December Tenth
1925

Rabbi Frederick I. Rypins,
Wilmington, North Carolina.

My dear Rabbi Rypins,

Please pardon the long delay in acknowledging your letter. I have been hoping that in the meantime I could arrange things so that I would be able to get away for ten days or two weeks and make a tour of some of the Southern cities, including Wilmington. Unfortunately, I have not been able to do so. Please do not hold any of your plans in abeyance because of me. If in the early Spring months I find that I can get away, I shall get in touch with you. I am very anxious to visit your City and other cities in the South.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

CONGREGATION BETH EMETH
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE
L. A. MISCHKIND, RABBI

RABBI'S STUDY
911 WASHINGTON STREET

January 6, 1927.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I feel slightly humiliated in having had to necessitate your sending us a memorandum of your expenses. Our Treasurer had been instructed to send on to each of our speakers an honorarium-very small, of course- as an earnest of our appreciation and gratefulness. Upon inquiry I find that that has been unaccountably neglected.

I hope you will pardon the unintentional rudeness and realize that in spite of its appearance we are very thankful for your visit. So far as the check is concerned, the Treasurer has definitely promised that he will send it to you within the next few days.

Sincerely yours, .

L. A. Mischkind
/s/

LAM/ES

CONGREGATION BETH EMETH
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE
L. A. MISCHKIND, RABBI

RABBI'S STUDY
911 WASHINGTON STREET

January 18th, 1927.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

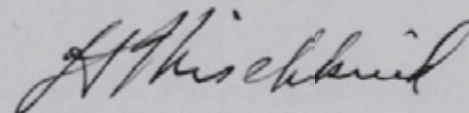
My dear Rabbi Silver:

I regret very much that I have been compelled to delay acknowledging your kindness and courtesy in speaking at the University of Delaware under the auspices of the B'nai Brith.

Circumstances did not make it possible until this moment to enclose this small honorarium which I trust will be regarded only as an earnest of our appreciation and gratitude.

Trusting we may have the further opportunity of welcoming you here, I am

Sincerely yours,



LAM/ES

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*Re Delaware
University
Chair of Jew. Lit. &c.
1927-28*

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RABBI'S STUDY
911 WASHINGTON STREET

April 20, 1927.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
Tifereth Israel Congregation,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

The local Jewish community acting through the B'nai Brith Lodge is negotiating to establish a chair on Jewish Literature and History at the University of Delaware. In the preliminary conversations, President Hullihen of the University showed himself favorable to the project and suggested, among other steps, the initial one of conducting a course of four popular public lectures by outstanding Jews during the next academic year at the University. The thought back of that was to create good will and a greater readiness on the part of the university authorities to ultimately recognize the value and importance of regular infra-curricular courses dealing with Jewish subjects.

I wonder, then, whether you will find it possible to be one of those to appear in this preliminary popular lecture course to be given next November. The time to be allotted to us by the university will be the four Wednesday evenings of the month. I wonder whether you can take the first Wednesday of that month. President Hullihen tells me that we must have our program in by the 15th of May to insure its inclusion in the university catalogue. May I hear from you before that time?

Regarding the subject, that lies within your own discretion.

Very cordially yours,

Louis A. Mischkind
RABBI.

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and

April 28, 1927.

Rabbi Louis A. Mischkind,
911 Washington Street,
Wilmington, Delaware.

My dear Rabbi Mischkind:

Permit me to acknowledge
receipt of your kind letter of April 20th.

I wish to thank you for
the invitation which you extend to me
to address a meeting at the University
of Delaware next November. I shall
make every effort to be with you on
Wednesday, November 2nd.

I am very much impressed
with your effort to have a Chair on
Jewish literature and history established
at the University.

With kindest regards, permit
me to remain

Very sincerely,

AHS:NEB

CONGREGATION BETH EMETH
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE
L. A. MISCHKIND, RABBI

RABBI'S STUDY
911 WASHINGTON STREET

June 1, 1927.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The delay in replying to your very courteous letter of April 28th was made necessary by certain negotiations that had to be completed in relation to the project I mentioned.

I wonder whether you would be willing, for your talk on November 2nd at the University of Delaware to speak on the subject- "Jewish Influences on Civilization". The group of subjects of which yours will be the first aims to present in popular fashion various aspects of the Jewish situation, more specifically as these will make possible a clearer understanding on the part of the general public of the relation of the Jewish group to Western Civilization as a whole. You are, of course, at liberty to change the phrasing of the subject; our idea in this first talk is to present the active participation of the Jew, historically and contemporaneously, in the various fields that together make up the term, Western Civilization.

With most cordial regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

L. A. Mischkind

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My cordial regards to Mrs. Silver.
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Delaware Univ. *

June 8, 1927.

Rabbi L. A. Misohkind,
Congregation Beth Emeth,
911 Washington Street,
Wilmington, Delaware.

My dear Rabbi Misohkind:

I shall be very
pleased to speak on the subject,
"Jewish Influences in Western
Civilization."

With kindest
regards and wishing you a
pleasant summer, permit me to
remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:NEB

CONGREGATION BETH EMETH
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE
L. A. MISCHKIND, RABBI

RABBI'S STUDY
911 WASHINGTON STREET

June 10, 1927.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you very much for your acceptance. I am
having your talk, together with the rest of the list,
made part of the official announcement of the Univer-
sity of Delaware.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

L. A. Mischkind

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June 21, 1927.

Rabbi Louis A. Mischkind,
Congregation Beth Emeth,
P.O.Box 154,
Wilmington, Delaware.

My dear Rabbi Mischkind:

My Men's Club just notified me that it has arranged to hold its opening meeting of the year on Wednesday evening, November 2nd,- the evening which I gave you for the University of Delaware.

I must attend this meeting of the Men's Club. They are counting on me to tell them something about my forthcoming visit to Russia and Palestine.

I wonder whether we cannot shift the date either to Monday evening, October 31st or Monday evening, November 7th. I am keeping both of these dates open for you. Please let me know at your earliest convenience.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:NEB

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

In May 1926 it was my rare privilege to hear you make two addresses during the National Conference of Social Work, then being held in Cleveland. From then on I have hoped that it might be possible to have you come to Delaware at some time.

Our State holds a record for unusually good State Conferences. We are planning to hold our next one in Wilmington on February ^{Thursday} sixteenth and ^{Friday} seventeenth, 1928. Would it be possible for you to address an evening meeting on February 16, and, if so, will you advise me what you would charge to come? If possible, I am anxious that the Delaware people should have an opportunity to hear you.

Very truly yours,

B. Ethelda Mullen

Chairman
Program Committee of the
Delaware State Conference of Social Work

July Twentieth
1927

Miss B. Ethelda Mullen,
Chairman Program Committee
Delaware State Conference of Social Work,
602 West Street, Wilmington, Delaware.

My dear Miss Mullen,

Your letter to Dr. Silver has been opened by me. Dr. Silver is in Europe and will not return to Cleveland until September fifteenth. It may be possible for him to come to Wilmington for the Delaware State Conference of Social Work but I cannot say definitely until his return. His customary remuneration for lectures is two hundred dollars.

If this be satisfactory and your plans will permit of your waiting for his return in September, I shall be glad to bring your request to his attention at that time and write you very promptly.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

CONGREGATION BETH EMETH
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L. A. MISCHKIND, RABBI

RABBI'S STUDY
911 WASHINGTON STREET

September 22nd, 1927.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Silver:

Upon my return, I find that I must burden you with the necessity of again changing the date of your lecture in the University. It seems that the University failed to inform me that it had already made arrangements with one of our other groups to have Norman Angell on the afternoon of November 30th. The complication arises from the fact that we have a reciprocal arrangement with the University whereby whatever speakers we have in the evening are guests at the University in the morning or afternoon. Under the circumstances, Norman Angell would be the guest of the Temple in Wilmington on the same night that you would speak in Newark. We have tried to get Mr. Angell to change his date but find that is not possible.

I wonder, then, whether it would be possible for you to arrange to be here on December 7th.

With cordial regards and with greetings for the New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

Leo A. Mischkind

LAM/ES

Wilmington
Univ. of Delaware

September 28, 1927.

Rabbi Louis A. Misohkind,
911 Washington St.
Wilmington, Delaware.

My dear Rabbi Misohkind:

I find that it will
not be possible for me to be with
you on December 7th as I have a
previous engagement scheduled for
that day.

I hope to be of
service to you at some future time.

With kindest regards,
I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS;NEB

(Card)

W.

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CONGREGATION BETH EMETH
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE
L. A. MISCHKIND, RABBI

RABBI'S STUDY
911 WASHINGTON STREET

Sept. 29, 1927.

Dr. A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I wonder whether you will find it possible to be with us at the University any night during the week of December 4th. If not, I trust that you have no objection to coming on the original date, November 30th.

Cordially yours,

L. A. Mischkind

LAM/ES

October 4, 1927.

Rabbi L. A. Mischkind,
Congregation Beth Emeth,
911 Washington Street,
Wilmington, Delaware.

My dear Rabbi Mischkind:

It seems that
Wednesday, November 30th is about
the only day which I can give to
your project and I have scheduled
your meeting accordingly.

With kindest regards
and best wishes for a happy New
Year, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:NEB

CONGREGATION BETH EMETH
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L. A. MISCHKIND, RABBI

RABBI'S STUDY
911 WASHINGTON STREET

October 11, 1927.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Acknowledging your note of the 4th, the
University is announcing your talk for Wednesday,
November 30th.

Sincerely yours,

L. A. Mischkind

LAM/ ES



CONGREGATION BETH EMETH
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE
L. A. MISCHKIND, RABBI

RABBI'S STUDY
911 WASHINGTON STREET

Nov. 17, 1927.

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

My dear Silver:

We are eagerly looking forward to your address here at the University on November 30th at eight o'clock in the evening. The topic, as you will recall, is "Jewish Influences on Civilization". We had Rabbi Lazaron here last night who spoke to an enthusiastic University audience.

The Jewish Community in Wilmington would like an opportunity of meeting you sometime prior to the address in Newark (this is about twelve miles from Wilmington and is the seat of the University) and it has been suggested that if you can find it at all convenient, numbers of us would like to have you as our guest at a very informal luncheon that noon. I wonder whether you can arrange matters so as to arrive here in time for that plan.

Very cordially,

L. A. Mischkind

LAM/ES

P. S. I wonder whether we may have one of your photographs for use in our newspaper publicity.

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November 21st, 1927.

Rabbi Louis A. Mischkind,
Congregation Beth Emeth,
911 Washington St.,
Wilmington, Delaware.

My dear Mischkind:-

I shall try to get in in time to
meet some of your people at luncheon. I
assume of course, that I will not be asked
to make any speech on that occasion.

With kindest regards, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours

AHS/IR

Dec. 30th, 1927.

Rabbi Louis A. Mischkind,
911 Washington St.,
Wilmington, Delaware.

My dear Rabbi Mischkind:-

This is in the nature of
a memorandum covering my traveling expenses
to Wilmington on November 30th. They
amounted to \$25.00.

With kindest regards,
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

January 19th, 1928.

Rabbi L. A. Misohkind,
Congregation Beth Emeth,
Wilmington, Delaware.

My dear Rabbi Misohkind:-

Permit me to thank you
for your kind note of January 18th and for
the check which you enclosed. The amount was
really more than I expected.

Trusting that you are
well, and with best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

CONGREGATION BETH EMETH
HENRY TAVEL, RABBI
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

RABBI'S STUDY
911 WASHINGTON STREET

January 14, 1934

Dear Dr. Silver;

If you are planning to attend the meeting of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations at Washington, March 22-26, I would be grateful to you if you would consent to visit Wilmington and speak before the annual meeting of the Jewish Welfare Society. We could arrange to hold our meeting the week preceding the 22 or following the 25 to meet your convenience should we be fortunate enough to receive your consent.

Wilmington is just two and a half hours from Washington on the main line to Philadelphia and New York.

We will want you to accept an honorarium.

Dr. Silver, I presume to intrude myself upon you with this letter because I am sure that your message at our annual meeting would augment interest in our Welfare Society. I venture it just on the ground of being one of your younger colleagues who has in awe exchanged casual greetings with you at various Conferences.

I hope that you find it possible to visit Wilmington for the sake of the Welfare Society and for the opportunity it will give me of enjoying a closer acquaintance with you.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Tavel

January 28, 1935.

Rabbi Henry Tavel,
Congregation Beth Emeth,
911 Washington Street,
Wilmington, Delaware.

My dear Rabbi Tavel:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your kind letter. I have been away from the city a good deal of the time and my correspondence has lagged.

I appreciate your kindness in inviting me to address the annual meeting of your Jewish Welfare Society. I am not sure that I will be able to attend the convention of the Union in March 22-26 and I do not wish to tie myself down to any further lecture engagements in the East. I have already committed myself to more out of town engagements than I should have.

Please keep me in mind for some future time when I hope that I shall be able to be of service to you. With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

CONGREGATION BETH EMETH

HENRY TAVEL, RABBI
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

RABBI'S STUDY
911 WASHINGTON STREET

February 4, 1935

Dear Dr. Silver;

Thank you very much for your kind reply
to my letter.

I hope that I may welcome you to Wilmington on
another occasion.

With sincere greetings, I am

Truly yours,

Henry Tavel

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To Henry Tavel

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A H Silver.

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DEAR DR SILVER I WISH YOU MIGHT FIND IT CONVENIENT TO
SPEAK IN WILMINGTON ON AN EVENING FOLLOWING YOUR VISIT
TO PHILADELPHIA APRIL THE EIGHTH WE WOULD BE VERY
APPRECIATIVE AS IN MY RECENT LETTER I WIRE YOU NOW
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July 23, 1935

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Rabbi:

On July 10th I wrote you concerning the possibility of appearing on our forum this coming fall and winter. At the present writing I have not heard from you and I was wondering whether or not you contemplate a lecture tour this season.

In the event that you do will you kindly let me know on what dates you will be in the East. I can speak for the Jewish Community Center of Washington for a consecutive engagement either preceding or following a lecture here. Would you please let me know what honorarium would be involved for both lectures.

I sincerely hope we can have the pleasure of your participation with us this year.

Very sincerely yours,


ISADORE I. SOLLOD
Executive Director

I.I.S./MS

July 31, 1935

Isadore I. Solled, Executive Director,
Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association,
515 French Street,
Wilmington, Delaware.

My dear Mr. Solled:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of
July 23. Rabbi Silver is abroad on his vacation and
will be gone until the middle of September. He will
answer your letter when he returns.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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August 1, 1935

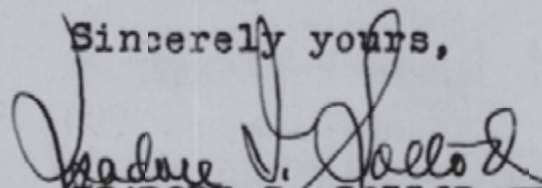
Miss Bessie Kline, Sec.
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
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My dear Miss Kline:

Allow me to thank you for your note of July 31, concerning Rabbi Silver. I am wondering if you would do this favor for me. No doubt you are in communication with Rabbi Silver from time to time and if you can enquire from him as to whether or not he would be available for a lecture in Wilmington and Washington in the early parts of October or November, I would be deeply appreciative and you could save me a great deal of trouble. We are anxious to outline our entire program as early as possible and knowing that Washington's Jewish Community Center is anxious to present Rabbi Silver on its lecture platform, successive dates could be mutually arranged so that his trip East could be as brief yet comprehensive as possible.

I would consider it a personal favor if you could secure this information for me. Thanking you for any courtesies you may extend in this respect, I am

Sincerely yours,


ISADORE I. SOLLOD
Executive Director

I.I.S./MS

August 5, 1935

Isadore I. Sollod, Executive Director,
Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association,
515 French Street,
Wilmington, Delaware.

My dear Mr. Sollod:

Replying to your letter of August 1, permit me to state that inasmuch as Rabbi Silver is traveling about in Europe it would be difficult to communicate with him. I would suggest that you wait until he returns, which will be the middle of September. I shall be very happy to refer your letter to him then.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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September 3, 1935

Miss Bessie Kline
Secretary to Rabbi Silver
c/o The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Kline:

I would greatly appreciate your letting me know at what date you expect the return of Dr. Silver. If you have any information as to a possible lecture tour, what available dates would he have for Wilmington in October or December, on Sunday evenings and at what honorarium.

Hoping to receive your early reply, I am

Sincerely yours,

ISADORE I. SOLLOD
Executive Director

I.I.S./MS

September 6, 1935

Isadore I. Sollod, Executive Director,
Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association,
515 French Street,
Wilmington, Delaware.

My dear Mr. Sollod:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of
September 3.

I regret that I am unable to give you the
information you desire regarding available dates
which Rabbi Silver may have in October or December
for a trip to Wilmington. It would be necessary to
consult with him first. On August 5, I wrote you
that Rabbi Silver was spending his vacation in Europe.
He will return to Cleveland around September 18, and
will answer your letter then.

I trust that this will not inconvenience you
too greatly.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

October 3, 1935

Mr. Isadore I. Sollod, Executive Director,
Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association,
515 French Street,
Wilmington, Delaware.

My dear Mr. Sollod:

I have just gotten around to the pile of correspondence which accumulated during my absence abroad and I find your very gracious invitation to address the Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association of Wilmington, Delaware, in October or November.

It might be possible for me to combine a lecture with your organization and one with the Jewish Community Center of Washington (as stated in your letter) sometime in December or January. However, it will be quite impossible for me to get away on a Sunday.

My honorarium for a single lecture is \$250. For each of two lectures which do not require an extra trip from Cleveland, \$200.

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

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I have your very kind letter of
October 3rd concerning a possible lecture
appearance here.

During the entire summer I was
in correspondence with your secretary in the
hope that your return would be earlier than
it was. Since any definite arrangement was
dependent upon your final acceptance I was
compelled to proceed with other arrangements
and I am completely filled for this season.

Please believe me when I say I
was most anxious to have your presence here
under the auspices of the "Y" but hope that
next season we may be able to arrive at a
definite arrangement sometime earlier in the
season.

Wishing you the Happiest of New
Years, I am

Very sincerely yours,

ISADORE I. SOLLO
Executive Director

I.I.S./MS

TEMPLE OF TRUTH

K'K' Beth Emeth

Between Ninth and Tenth on Washington
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

RABBI HENRY TAVEL

PHONE 7080

November 14, 1940

Dr. Abba H. Silver
Ansel Road & East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

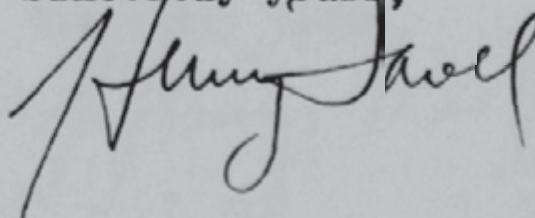
The check that you sent for Alumni dues was more than your statement called for. I am returning both the check and the statement.

Now that I have the occasion to write to you permit me to enter a personal request. I just wrote to Mel Harris, asking him to bring his personal influence to bear to get you to consent to preach at a service in Wilmington on Friday evening, February 14 or February 21. I explained to Mel in the letter I wrote him that we have been, for the past five years, celebrating the anniversary of our temple with a special service in the month of February. The psychological affect of this service is intended to increase the pride of the membership and the community in the aims and position of our congregation in their own life and in community life.

At past services Dr. Goldenson, Dr. Rosenau, Dr. Wolsey, Dr. Fineshriber and Dr. Lazonon were the preachers in our pulpit. Won't you kindly let me use the prestige of your ministry and your presence to enhance the position and the effectiveness of our pulpit and our congregation. I hope that Mel has had a chance to bring my note to your attention and that I may receive an affirmative reply from you.

With most cordial greetings, I remain

Sincerely yours,



HT:DL

November 22, 1940

Rabbi Henry Tavel
Temple of Truth
Between Ninth and Tenth on Washington
Wilmington, Delaware

My dear Rabbi Tavel:

I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness in inviting me to preach at your anniversary service on a Friday evening in February. It would have given me great pleasure to accept. Unfortunately I am so heavily burdened with out of town lecture engagements, principally in connection with the United Jewish Appeal and the United Palestine Appeal that I cannot in justice to myself take on any additional responsibilities. 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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January 25, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Rabbi of the Temple
E. 105th St. and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

On a previous occasion, I phoned you long distance to invite you to speak at the Annual Dinner Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Delaware but, unfortunately, because of other commitments, you were unable to accept.

Realizing the great demands upon your time, the Board of Directors have instructed me, at this early date, to again invite you to be the guest speaker at a similar function.

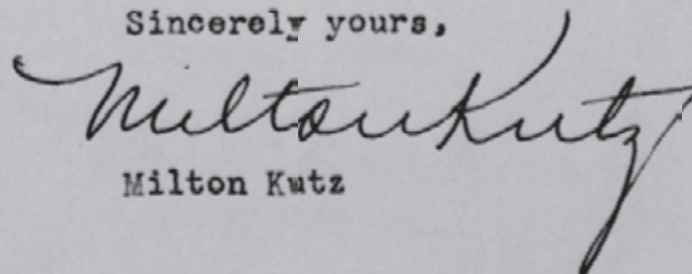
The Tenth Annual Dinner Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Delaware is scheduled to take place Sunday night, May 6, 1945, at the local "Y" auditorium.

If the date does not fit in with your plans and you are able to accept our invitation, we shall be very happy to arrange for any other date during the early part of May that will suit your convenience.

Although this Dinner is not a fund-raising affair, those who attend (about 500 guests) give over 90% of the money raised in Delaware for national and overseas needs. At this meeting, our guest speaker has an opportunity to present conditions and facts concerning the national and international Jewish scene.

It is our earnest hope that your arrangements will allow you to be with us on this very special occasion. We can assure you of an appreciative and enthusiastic audience.

Sincerely yours,


Milton Kutz

MK:HC

February 1, 1945

Mr. Milton Kutz, President
Jewish Federation of Delaware
100 E. 7th St.
Wilmington 24, Delaware

My dear Mr. Kutz:

I greatly appreciate your kind letter and your invitation to speak at the annual dinner meeting of the Jewish Federation of Delaware on May 6th. It would have given me great pleasure indeed if I were free to come. However I have already accepted so many out-of-town engagements for the next few months, and my duties here locally have been so heavy that I cannot accept any additional invitations, much as I would like to. I do hope that at some future time I may be free to come to you.

With all good wishes for success, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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HARRY BLUESTONE, Executive Director

September 7, 1945

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Euclid Avenue at 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

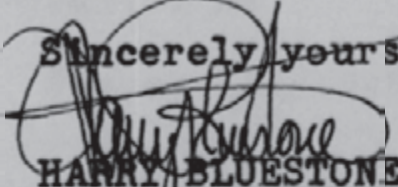
The Y.M. & Y.W.H.A. is now considering its Forum for the coming year. There has been expressed by any number of organizations in the community the wish that we could have you as the speaker at the opening of the Forum series. If you are available we leave to you the selection of any Sunday evening in November except the Sunday evening of the Thanksgiving weekend. We can arrange topic and other pertinent matter at a later date. Will you please let us know whether you are available and your fee.

All I can say at this time is that we are exceedingly anxious to have you with us. We know you have a timely message to deliver, while we on the other hand, are eager to listen to you. We generally draw an attendance of between 400 and 500. Our Forum lectures appeal to non-Jews as well as Jews. There generally follows a question and answer period.

We can well appreciate the pressure of your other speaking engagements throughout the country but out of deference to the Wilmington Community, Jewish and non-Jewish, we do hope you will say yes and come. May I hear from you immediately so that I can plan accordingly.

With greetings of the New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,


HARRY BLUESTONE
Executive Director

HB/MS

September 12, 1945

Mr. Harry Bluestone, Executive Director
Y.M. & Y.W.H.A.
515 French Street
Wilmington 44
Delaware

My dear Mr. Bluestone:

Thank you very much for your kind letter and for your invitation to address the Y.M. & Y.W.H.A. of Wilmington. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately pressure of work is so heavy upon me and my out-of-town commitments so many that I cannot in justice to myself take on additional engagements. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

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

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Mrs. Herman Handloff
242 Dallam Road
Newark, Delaware

February 18, 1953

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Sisterhood of Temple Beth Emeth of Wilmington, Delaware. Our Temple is about to break ground for a new building and we of the Sisterhood are making a supreme effort to raise the needed funds. We are having a Donor luncheon on Tuesday, May 4th, and I would like to have you honor us with your presence as guest speaker if it is at all possible in your schedule.

Our affair is held at the Brandywine Country Club in Wilmington, and we have an attendance of around two hundred and fifty. In the past we have had such speakers as Madam Frances Perkins, Dr. A. I. Sachar, Representative Jacob K. Javits of New York, and others. Our present rabbi is Herbert E. Drooz whom you may know.

I would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible, including in your letter your fee for such an engagement. I know that Wilmington, Delaware is a rather small community in comparison to the larger cities where you are accustomed to speaking, but perhaps we may be honored in your coming.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Herman Handloff

February 24, 1953

Mrs. Herman Handloff
242 Dallam Road
Newark, Delaware

Dear Mrs. Handloff:

Rabbi Silver is at present out of the city, and I am accordingly acknowledging your kind letter of February 18th, inviting him to address your Donor luncheon on Tuesday, May 5th (your letter states May 4th). Rabbi Silver has a number of speaking engagements during that week, and I do not know whether it will be possible to come to you. However, upon his return the end of next week, your invitation will be brought to his attention.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

Mrs. Herman Handloff
242 Dallam Road
Newark, Delaware

March 5, 1953

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I am in receipt of a letter written by your secretary in which she stated you were out of town at the time my letter was sent to you, and that I would hear from you as soon as you returned. We of the Sisterhood of Temple Beth Emeth of Wilmington, Delaware are most anxious to have you come to our Donor affair as its guest speaker. We are trying to earn a greater sum of money this year than ever before because we are about to turn the spade for a new Temple. I had given you a date of May 5th for the engagement. However, at this time, our date is somewhat flexible, and if that date is unsatisfactory to you, perhaps Tuesday, May 19th or a date in that vicinity would be more satisfactory to you.

Inasmuch as the time is drawing near, I would appreciate an immediate answer. You may wire me collect, also stating your fee.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. H.) Laura Handloff

COLLECT TELEGRAM

MARCH 6, 1953

MRS. HERMAN HANDLOFF
242 DALLAM ROAD
NEWARK, DELAWARE

REGRET IMPOSSIBILITY OF ACCEPTING YOUR KIND INVITATION
BECAUSE OF OVERCROWDED SCHEDULE DURING MAY. KINDEST REGARDS

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



SUPERIOR COURT
OF THE
STATE OF DELAWARE

JUDGES CHAMBERS

DANIEL L. HERRMANN

ASSOCIATE JUDGE

WILMINGTON

January 25, 1957

My dear Dr. Silver:

It is my privilege to address you in the name of the Jewish community of the State of Delaware.

The people of this State revere you for the vital leadership you provide for American Jewry and for the dignity and stature you exemplify. We deplore the fact that you have not made a formal visit to this State to afford to us the opportunity for an expression of the affection and the esteem that are in the hearts of so many of your friends and admirers here.

As President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, I have been instructed to inform you of the wish of this community to have you among us as our honored guest and to present to you a suitable award of recognition and tribute to be made at a State-wide Dinner to be held in Wilmington, at the end of April or the early part of May, depending upon your convenience. It is anticipated that the dinner would be attended by more than 500 leaders of this State including our entire Congressional delegation, the Governor and other top public officials.

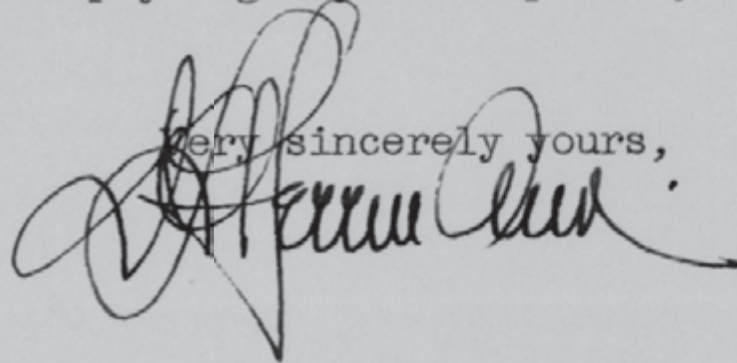
We trust that you will be able to accept this invitation and this tribute of Delawareans.

The Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

January 25, 1957

We await your reply eagerly and hopefully.

Very sincerely yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, likely belonging to Abba Hillel Silver, written over the typed phrase "Very sincerely yours,".

The Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
c/o The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio



Enter
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February 7, 1957

Judge Daniel L. Herrmann
Associate Judge
Superior Court of the
State of Delaware
219 Public Building
Wilmington, Delaware

My dear Judge Herrmann:

Please pardon the delay in answering your kind letter of January 25th. I have been away from the city a good deal of the time and my correspondence has unfortunately lagged.

I deeply appreciate your invitation to be the guest of the Jewish Federation of Delaware at the end of April or the early part of May.

I find that the only free date I have at that time of the year is Tuesday, April 30. If that date is convenient for your organization I shall be very pleased to be with you and shall look forward with pleasure to meeting you.

I am highly honored that the Jewish community of the State of Delaware wishes to utilize the occasion to pay me a tribute for whatever services I may have rendered. That indeed is an honor which I prize very highly.

With warm regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:sl



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My dear Dr. Silver:

We are extremely happy to have your acceptance of our invitation to visit this community and to receive its expression of admiration and esteem.

The date of April 30 is satisfactory to us and plans are already under way to make that date a memorable one for the Jewish community of Delaware and, we hope, for you.

A heart-warming welcome awaits you here. We look forward with keen anticipation to meeting you and to having you among us.

The Executive Director of the Federation, Mr. Simon Krakow, will communicate with your Secretary regarding travel arrangements, hotel accommodations and other details of your visit.

With sincere appreciation of the honor you do us and with warm personal regards.

Cordially,

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



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Mr. Leo S. Bamberger, Executive Secretary
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Mr. Bamberger:

On February 12 in a letter to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Judge Daniel L. Herrmann, President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, expressed for all of us our deep sense of appreciation that Rabbi Silver will be able to participate in the 21st Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and receive the expression of our admiration and esteem for his services to the Jewish community of America.

I would very much appreciate your sending me a biographical sketch and a glossary which we may use. I would also appreciate your suggestions on travel arrangements, hotel accommodations and other details in connection with Rabbi Silver's visit.

Sincerely yours,

Simon Krakow
Executive Director

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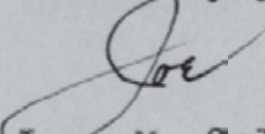
My dear Rabbi:

Confirming our telephone conversation of yesterday, pertaining to your acceptance as one of the speakers at testimonial banquet being held in honor of Max Feldman by the board members and doctors of Charity Hospital.

The affair is to be given at the Statler Hotel, Sunday evening May 12. Louis B. Seltzer will be toastmaster.

Please send me confirmation. Thank you, Rabbi, for your participation.

Cordially yours,


Jos. M. Goldwasser

JMG:HJ

cc: Louis B. Seltzer
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February 20, 1957

Mr. Simon Krakow, Executive Director
Jewish Federation of Delaware
900 Washington Street
Wilmington 99, Delaware

Dear Mr. Krakow:

In compliance with your request (addressed to Mr. Bamberger) I am enclosing herewith an autobiographical sketch and a glossy of Dr. Silver for your use in connection with the publicity of your statewide dinner honoring Dr. Silver.

Sincerely,

Miss Sophia Levine
Secretary to Dr. Silver

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February 22, 1957

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SIMON KRAKOW

Miss Sophia Levine
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Miss Levine:

We received the autobiographical sketch and the glossy of Dr. Silver. Very much appreciate your having sent them to us.

Cordially,

Simon Krakow
Executive Director

SK:rst

The Temple

Date 4-4-57

From: LEO. S. BAMBERGER

To: S. Levine

When this letter
is answered, please
mention that I referred
it to you for "proper"
response. Thanks.

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Mr. Leo S. Bamberger, Executive Secretary
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Mr. Bamberger:

As you know from our previous correspondence, we look forward with keen anticipation to Dr. Silver being our honored guest at our Statewide Annual Dinner Meeting on April 30, 1957 and receiving from us an award of recognition and tribute for his vital leadership to American Jewry.

To insure appropriate arrangements, it would be helpful to know when he will arrive so that he can be met, the type of hotel accommodations that should be made and any other details that would make his visit a pleasant one. A reception with key community leaders is being planned for 5:30 P.M. prior to the Dinner.

In planning the program for the Annual Meeting, we would want to allow for sufficient time for his address. It would, therefore, be helpful if we could have an approximate idea of the length of time and a summary of Dr. Silver's remarks, if these could be available, to be used for newspaper releases.

Again, may I express the appreciation of our community.

Sincerely yours,

Simon Krakow
Executive Director

SK:rst



April 8, 1957

Mr. Simon Krakow, Executive Director
Jewish Federation of Delaware
900 Washington Street
Wilmington 99, Delaware

My dear Mr. Krakow:

Wilmington
Dr. Silver plans to arrive in ~~Washington~~ some time in the afternoon of the 30th, in time for the 5:30 P.M. reception.

Please make a reservation for him at a hotel, preferably in the hotel where the Annual Dinner is to be held.

Dr. Silver is to address the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in Toronto the following evening, Wednesday, May 1st. I would appreciate it if you would make the best available airplane arrangements which would get him into Toronto in time for the evening meeting. He would prefer a morning plan, perhaps by way of Baltimore.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

Miss Sophia Levine
Secretary to Dr. Silver

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Via Thila airt. or Newcastle

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[1957]

(letter from Simon Krakow, Jew. Fed. of Del.
dated 4/19 - in Wilmington file) - *ack has*

they will pick up Rabbi at the Bellevue-Stratford
at 2:00 P.M. and drive him to Wilmington

Hotel Reservation-Wilmington: Hotel DuPont 4/30
(black tie)

they have arranged transportation to Canada

Flight #590 Eastern Airlines

lv. Philadelphia 9:28 A.M. May 1

ar. New York 10:05 A.M.

lv. New York 11:10 A.M. on Trans-Canada Flight #205

ar. Toronto 12:55 P.M.

they are holding ticket

they will drive Rabbi to Phil. on Wed morning 5/1

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May 3, 1957

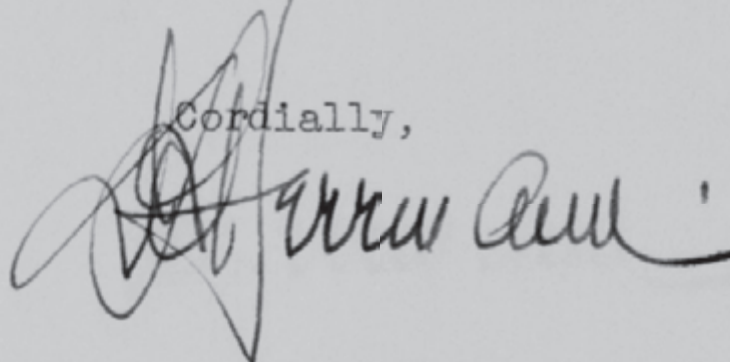
Dear Dr. Silver:

The community of Wilmington is still reverberating as the result of your visit and your address at the Federation Annual Dinner Meeting. As I fully expected, your visit with us will be a memorable one to the members of the Jewish community of Delaware. I hope that it will be a memorable one for you.

On behalf of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and the community at large, I express to you our sincere appreciation for the honor you did us in visiting the community.

I hope that it will be my privilege to meet you again soon.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Daniel L. Herrmann", written over the word "Cordially,".

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

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen:

In a volume of brilliant lectures, entitled Students, Scholars and Saints, the late Professor Ginsburg had this to say:

" A tenacious memory, a quick perception and other mental equipment, enable a man to gather information. But to be a sage, one must be in possession of a great soul." (Repeat)

In the context of that observation, we are privileged this evening to honor a sage.

A sage to whom may well be applied the poetic lines of the 12th Century philosopher Ibn Ezra, when he exclaimed about himself:

"I will make the wisdom of the ancients
my portion
I will dive into the sea of their knowledge
I will bring forth pearls to adorn my neck"

In his latest book, "Where Judaism Differed", Dr. Silver has indeed made the wisdom of the ancients

his portion, and diving deep into the sea of their knowledge, he has not only emerged with pearls for his own neck, but has gracefully adorned the neck of all Jews everywhere.

His is an unusual personality. Unusual in that having had profound communion with Hebraic ideals, he has yet not foresworn the active life. In the words of the Psalmist, "He has remembered God and he has been disquieted."

For forty years of his ministry in Cleveland he has remembered God, presenting Judaism as a "religion teaching, unity, freedom and compassion" -- to use his own words.

But while thus remembering God, he has also like the Psalmist been disquieted. Disquieted at the injustices committed by humanity against itself; at the tyranny of many governments towards the governed, at the sacrifice, too often, of morality for expediency,

his considerable talents have been vigorously directed at the unmasking hypocrisy and sham wherever he has found it.

He has tried, as he himself puts it, not to confine himself solely to the precincts of the Temple, but also to work outside for the betterment of human life. In this he has been eminently successful.

If, as we are told in the Bible, the guardian of Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps, Dr. Silver has been most active in keeping Him awake. And in doing so, he has followed the best in Hebrew tradition; for Abraham our forefather challenged God in ancient days, and Reb Levi Yetzchak of Berditchev called him to account in modern days.

By his masterful and factual presentation of Israel's case in the halls of our Congress in earlier days, and before the United Nations, during Partition debate, Dr. Silver helped secure for our

people- one third of whom had been brutally massacred, a haven wherein the pitiful survivors could rest their harried souls. A spot on earth where they could come, not on sufferance, but as of right. He will always be remembered as one of the great architects in the creation of the State of Israel.

In the periods of our greatest travail, when our spirits were at their lowest ebb, Dr. Silver, scholar and orator, lifted our hearts - and reminded us, and the world, as only he could- of the courage and honor, hope and pride, compassion and pity and sacrifice which have been the glory of our past- and which he was sure would be the pillar stones upon which our future would endure.

On this occasion I call to mind this poem:

An old man going a lone highway
 Came in the evening cold and gray
 to a chasm vast and deep and wide
 The old man crossed in the twilight dim
 The sullen stream held no fears for him

But when he was safe on the other side
 He built a bridge to span the tide
 "Old man", said a fellow pilgrim near,
 "You're wasting your time in building here
 You never ~~again~~ shall come this way
 Your journey will end at the close of day"
 The old man lifted his fine grey head,
 "And the way that I have come," he said,
 "There followeth after me today
 A youth whose footsteps must pass this way
 He too must cross in the twilight dim,
 Good friend, I build this bridge for him."

Dr. Silver, for building bridges of understanding and compassion between past, present and future generations, we honor you here tonight.

The award I am privileged to present to you on behalf of the Jewish Community of Delaware, is the Chaim Solomon Award, named after a great American Jew who helped finance the American Revolution in the hour of its greatest need. It is presented to you as an outstanding American Jew of today, and reads as follows:

With this Award goes all our reverence, admiration, and best wishes.