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TEMPLE OF ISRAEL
WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

MORDECAI M. THURMAN
RABBI

Jan. 18, 1945.

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

Dear Colleague:

We are planning to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the Temple of Israel April 20 - 22, 1945.

I need hardly tell you how anxious I am to provide the members of the congregation and the community at large with an unforgettable week-end of spiritual joy. Will you, therefore, do me the honor of delivering the anniversary sermon on Friday evening, April 20th?

Please exert every effort to be with us.

It is my fervent prayer that as the "spokesman of the hearts and the architect of the hopes" of Israel you will go from strength to strength.

With warmest personal regards and all good wishes, I am

Cordially,

Mordecai M. Thurman

MMT:BG

January 25, 1945

Rabbi Mordecai M. Thurman
Temple of Israel
Wilmington, N.C.

My dear Friend:

I deeply appreciate your kind letter and your invitation to participate in the ceremonies of the laying of the cornerstone of your temple on April 20. It would give me great pleasure indeed if I could come. Unfortunately I am in no position to take on additional out-of-town engagements for the remainder of the season. My schedule is truly very crowded. There is also a possibility that I may go abroad in April.

I trust that you will have a very successful celebration, and I wish you the fullest measure of success in the spiritual leadership of your community.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK