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York, Pennsylvania, 1923-1929.

Monday
November 5-1923

Rabbi Silver
Cleveland

My dear Rabbi Silver,

The Sisterhood
of Temple Beth Israel
is arranging our annual
congregational dinner and
are most anxious to
have you come as the

Speaker of the evening - The
~~irresistible~~ drawing card as
it were.

Will you please let
me know at your earliest
opportunity if you are
free to come on Tues. Nov. 20 -
and what the charges
are?

Looking forward to

an early and favorable
reply. Love

Truly yours,
Daisy C. Gruntacher

Mrs Isaac Gruntacher

A. F. D. No. 2

York Co

November 9th, 1923.

Mrs. Max Grumbacher,
R. F. D. #2.,
York, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Grumbacher,

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address the Annual Congregational Dinner of Temple Beth Israel. I wish I were in a position to accept it. Unfortunately the amount of labor involved in the construction of our new Temple is so great that I cannot in justice to myself accept any more engagements.

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

Very sincerely yours,

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Oct 15, 1928

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

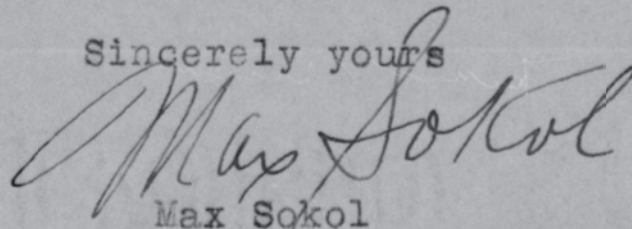
I am taking the liberty of asking whether it is possible for you to come to our City this year to give us a lecture.

I realize the lateness of this request but due to the fact that we are a small Jewish Community, we cannot plan our program too far in advance.

I notice that you are scheduled to speak in Harrisburg, Nov. 28, our City is only 30 miles south from Harrisburg and if you could arrange your schedule to include our City we would be very happy to accept your terms.

As this would be the outstanding event for the year, I am anxiously hoping for a favorable reply.

Sincerely yours



Max Sokol
Executive Director

card.

October 16th, 1928.

Mr. Max Sokol,
Jewish Community Center,
York, Penna.

My dear Mr. Sokol:-

Permit me to thank you for your
kind letter of October 15th and for the invita-
tion which you extend to me to address the
Jewish Community of York.

It is true that I am scheduled
to be in Harrisburg on November 28th, but I
must be back in Cleveland for Thanksgiving the
following day. And on the 27th I will be in
Wilkes-Barre.

I will keep your organization in
mind and if I should have an opportunity to be
in the vicinity of York this season I shall
communicate with you.

With kindest regards and thanking
you again for your invitation, permit me to
remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Oct 18, 1928.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

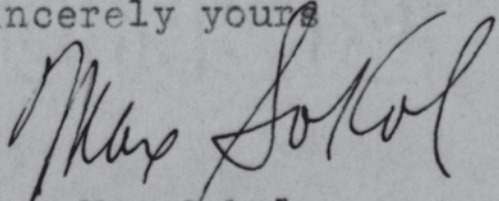
I hasten to answer your letter of the 16th for your very kind thoughtfulness.

I realize that you will be extremely engaged during the last week of November and I am anxious to know whether you can arrange some date for us at your convenience.

I hope you will pardon the apparent persistency but as our Cultural Committee is extremely anxious to have you as our major event for this season, I am anxiously awaiting your answer.

Thanking you most cordially for your kind letter and with many kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours



Max Sokol
Executive Director

Oct. 22d, 1928.

Mr. Max Sokol,
Jewish Community Center,
York, Penna.

My dear Mr. Sokol:-

Permit me to acknowledge your
letter of October 18th.

It may be possible for me to come
to you during the week of January 21st. I
should have to make a special trip to York. My
honorarium would be \$250.

If the time and terms are agreeable
please communicate with me and I shall give you
a definite date.

With kindest regards, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Oct 24, 1928

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your letter of the 22nd inst. and your acceptance of our invitation to lecture in our City.

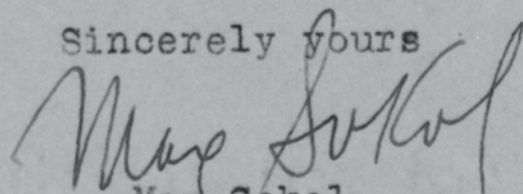
We will gladly accept your terms of \$250 as your honorarium and your expenses to and from our City.

I would suggest Wednesday, Jan 23, 1929 if convenient to you. However any day that you may suggest during the week of Jan 21 will be satisfactory.

I assure you that our Community will do our utmost to make your visit to us a very pleasant one.

Looking forward to greeting you in the near future and with kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours


Max Sokol
Executive Director

card ✓

Oct. 30th, 1928.

Max Sokol, Exec. Director,
Jewish Community Center,
York, Penna.

My dear Mr. Sokol:-

It may be possible for me to come to you on Wednesday, January 23d, 1929. I am definitely scheduling this date for you and I am herewith enclosing a list of subjects, from which please select one and notify me.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Nov 1, 1928

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

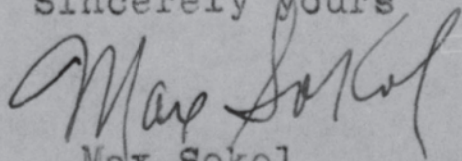
We are indeed happy that you will be with us on the 23rd of January, next and hope that nothing will interfere with your plans.

The Committee shows a preference for the subject of "How to Measure Life." However we know that any subject that you may decide will be agreeable to us.

Would you be kind enough to send me "Mats" of your photograph which I could use for newspaper announcements?

Thanking you for your courtesies thus far, and with cordial greetings, I am

Sincerely yours


Max Sokol
Executive Director

Nov. 2d, 1928.

Mr. Max Sokol,
Jewish Community Center,
York, Penna.

My dear Mr. Sokol:-

I have noted your choice of
subject, "How to Measure Life," and I will be
pleased to speak on that subject.

Under separate cover I am sending
you a photograph which you can use in your
publicity.

to remain

With kindest regards, permit me

Very sincerely yours,

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Jan. 18, 1929.

Rabbi A.H. Silver, D.D.

The Temple,

East 105 th. St., at Ansel Road,

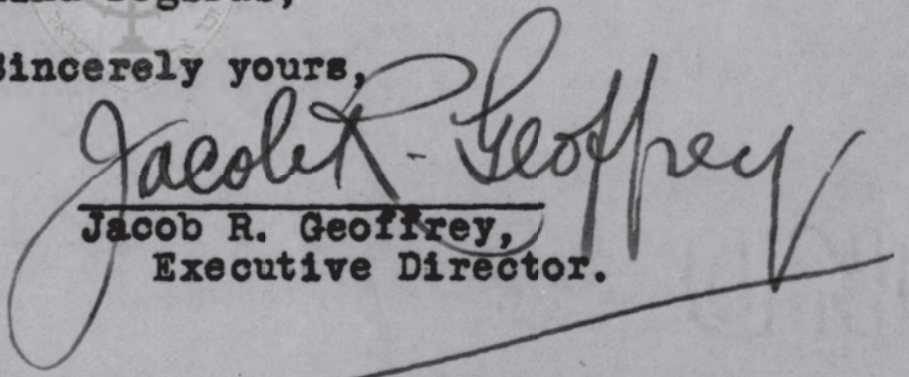
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Will you kindly inform me of the time
you plan to arrive in York on Wednesday Jan. 23 as I wish to
plan for a committee to receive you.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,


Jacob R. Geoffrey,
Executive Director.

RABBI ALEXANDER SEGEL
Box 170
YORK, PENNSYLVANIA

Jan. 24, 1929.

Dear Abba,

Just a line to let you know how much you enhanced the prestige of our people in this community.

At the same time, I wish to assure you also of my personal indebtedness for your generous praise. You can hardly estimate the good you accomplished, especially if I should continue in service here.

With every wish for continued health and "growing" capabilities, as ever,

Sincerely yours,

Alex.

Jan. 30th, 1929.

Rabbi Alexander Segel,
Box 170,
York, Pa.

My dear Alex:-

It was very kind of you to
send me your lovely note of January 24th.
I need not tell you that I enjoyed my
visit to York very much and especially
spending some time with you.

Good luck in all your under-
takings.

Very sincerely yours,

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Feb. 1st, 1929.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,

The Temple,

East 105 St., at Ansel Road,

Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver,

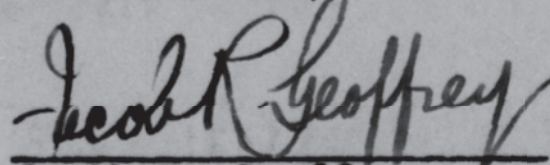
Your recent address delivered in York has left a profound impression. It is the desire of our community that you return for another engagement.

Will you be so kind as to let me know if it would be possible for you to bring another message to us late in March.

Upon hearing from you I shall consider it a privilege to plan for the occasion.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,



Jacob R. Geoffrey,
Executive Director.

Carol

Feb. 27th, 1929.

Mr. Jacob R. Geoffrey,
Jewish Community Center,
36 S. Queen St.,
York, Penna.

My dear Mr. Geoffrey:-

Please pardon the long delay in answering your letter of February 1st. I have been away on a three week's visit to the Pacific Coast.

I am afraid that it will not be possible for me to re-visit York this season. I should love to do it. But in view of my protracted absence from the city this month and my numerous engagements which are already scheduled, I feel that I ought not to accept any more. Perhaps next season I may be of service to you.

Wishing you all manner of success in your work, I am

As ever yours,

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*Orchard Hill
York - Pa —
April 23 - '29.*

My dear Rabbi Silver -

The Pennsylvania Federation of Temple Sisterhoods is holding its Bi-ennial Convention in York - November 3rd, 4th, and 5th of this year. The York Sisterhood, being the hostess Sisterhood, and the program committee of the state would like you to be the speaker on Nov. 5th (the night of the banquet.) I hope the date is still open and I am almost certain that the holidays are all over by then. Are 'nt they?

I had I known that you were speaking in Harrisburg on Monday - I would certainly have planned my engagements so that both Mr. Grumbacher and I could have

had the privilege of hearing and seeing you again.
I motored up to Harrisburg on Tuesday, and heard
the enthusiastic after math that always follows
your addresses.

May I hope that you will come in November
and please tell me at the same time what your
charge will be. We need the stimulus of you and
your message - but we are poor - What more
need I say?

Mr. Grumbacher joins me in kindest greetings.
He is almost as eager to have you with us again
as I am. - Love most sincerely yours.
Daisy C. Grumbacher.

To Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland Ohio.

April 26th, 1929.

Mrs. Mas Grumbacher,
Orchard Hill,
York, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Grumbacher:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of April 23d and for the invitation which you extend to me to address the banquet of the Pennsylvania Federation of Temple Sisterhoods on November 5th. I shall try to be with you.

My customary honorarium is \$250. How poor are you?

Please convey my best wishes to Mr. Grumbacher and to all of my friends in York.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours.

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5th Nov.

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Orchard Hill
York, Pennsylvania

May 22-1929-

My dear Ratti Siber-

You know that I have
hesitated a long time before telling you
just how poor we really are- because
Poverty is a virtue only in the movies- all
other times it is most uncomfortable.
Would you come to us, next November for 1930?
I wish I could express my extreme timidity
in asking you this favor- but a State
Convention is a very great undertaking
for us and our taste is very fine- we
want only The Best as you see-
Please let me hear from

you that you will come - I'll write
you details later.

With sincerest greetings from Mr. Grumbacher

and myself. Love Cordially yours.

Maisy A. Grumbacher



Card

May 24th, 1929.

Mrs. Daisy A. Grumbacher,
Orchard Hill,
York, Penna.

My dear Mrs. Grumbacher:-

Permit me to thank you for your
kind note of May 22d. Of course I shall be glad to
come to you for the remuneration stipulated in your
letter. I shall look forward with pleasure to our
meeting again.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

WRHS



AHS/IE

card

Friday

July 12. 1929

My dear Ratti Silber -

I hope I have not delayed too long, and that this note wishing you a very pleasant voyage and vacation will reach you before you leave Cleveland.

I am also enclosing you a copy of the Convention theme - to be held here in York next November -

Will you be abroad long? I am still hoping that some day you may be my guide "doing Europe" as it should be done - That is something to look forward to -

Once more our very best wishes for a glorious summer -

Love, Sincerely,
Waisy A. Grumbacher

October 2d, 1929.

Mrs. Max Grumbacher,
Orchard Hill,
York, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Grumbacher:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter which has just come to my notice.

I am looking forward to my meeting in York on November 5th with pleasure. I should very much like to avail myself of your proffered hospitality but I am afraid that I shall inconvenience you. I will probably not arrive in York until late in the afternoon and must leave again in the evening in as much as I have a very important meeting of my Congregation on the evening of the 6th. Do you not therefore think that it would be more convenient for me to put up at some York hotel for the few hours that I will be in the city?

Please convey my best wishes to Mr. Grumbacher.

With kindest regards and with the compliments of the season, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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[October? 1929]

FIFTH BIENNIAL ASSEMBLY

Pennsylvania Federation of Temple Sisterhoods

NOVEMBER 3, 4 AND 5, 1929
YORK, PENNSYLVANIA

BETH ISRAEL SISTERHOOD
HOSTESS

My dear Rabbi Silber -

Just prior to your
departure to Europe I wrote you a
note which evidently mistimed a
bit too late so I am writing you
again -

I am enclosing a copy of the
theme for our Convention with the
subject selected for you -

We are all looking forward
to Tuesday evening November 5th
as the highlight of the Convention.

May we hope That you will be
our guest out here in the country.
Mr. Grumbacher and I would consider
such an honor and pleasure to have
you with us. However suit your
own convenience and pleasure.

Have you had a very pleasant
summer? I hope so.

Mr. Grumbacher and I send
you our sincere greetings for the
New Year and believe me to be

Very cordially yours-

Daisy C. Grumbacher

Mrs. Mary Grumbacher-

Richard Hill
York P.

My dear Betti Silver -

Will you please
wire me the time of your
arrival so that I can
meet you - Be are all

looking forward to having
you with us on Tuesday -

Love, with cordial greetings
Daisy A. Grumbacher

Fri. Nov 1 - 1929

Nov, 4th, 1929

Wife to Mrs. Max Grumbacher
Orchard Hill, York, Pa.

Will arrive in Harrisburgh 1:08 tomorrow noon
from there will go straight to York.

A. H. Silver

Nov. 15th, 1929.

Mrs. Max Grumbacher,
Orchard Hill,
York, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Grumbacher:-

Permit me to thank you for your
kind note of November 12th and for the check which
you enclosed.

I need not tell you that I enjoyed
my visit to York tremendously.

I hope that both you and Mr.
Grumbacher, as well as the children are well.

With kindest regards and looking
forward with pleasure to our meeting soon again, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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York Pa [n.d.]

1.

Convention Theme.

The Reassertion of Judaism.

Sunday Evening;

I Judaism in Retrospect; The Glory of Our Past.

Rabbi Louis Wolsey.

II.

Monday Afternoon ---- Symposium.

Present Day Problems For Judaism; The Obligations

And Opportunities of the Jewish Home.

1. As seen by the Parent.

Mrs. Wm. Fineshriber, Philadelphia.

2. As seen by the Youth.

Mrs. Irvin B. Rubin, Harrisburg.

3. A Reconciliation of the Apparent Conflict.

Rabbi Alexander Segal, York.

III. Tuesday Evening - Banquet.

Judaism; Its Future and the Individual.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver.