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1969-1970.



# CONGREGATION BETH AHABAH

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1117 W. FRANKLIN STREET, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 23220

TELEPHONE ELGIN 3-1173

302 Greenway Lane  
Richmond, Va. 23226  
July 15, 1969

Dr. Daniel J. Silver  
The Temple  
University Circle at Silver Park  
Cleveland  
Ohio 44106

Dear Dr. Silver:

On behalf of the Rabbis and Officers of Congregation Beth Ahabah, I wish to extend an invitation for you to participate in our program of Adult Education during the coming 1969/70 season, and hope that you will be able to join us.

"In Search of Modern Judaism" is the overall theme of our program this year and will, in the early part of season, incorporate a series of lectures and discussions as well as films. Later in the year, we plan to offer a series of lectures and discussions on the great movements in Judaism which made us what we are today, e.g. Wissenschaft, Hassidism, Nationalism, and Reconstructionism.

We would very much like for you to be with us on Friday evening, February 13, 1970, to speak from our pulpit on Nationalism (Zionism). Normally, an informal summation and question-and-answer session in the social hall follows the Sabbath service in the Sanctuary.

In addition, we would like you to remain through the weekend for more thorough discussions relating to contemporary Jewish thought and backgrounds with one or two small groups.

While you are in Richmond you will, of course, be the guest of our Congregation, and, more specifically, the guest of various members of our Committee for some meals. Mrs. Silver is more than welcome to accompany you for the weekend.



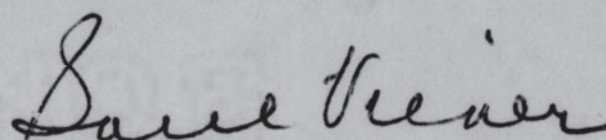
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We can offer you an honorarium of \$ 200.00 (plus expenses) for the weekend.

In addition to the highly favorable recommendation of our Rabbis, it has been the writer's pleasure to have been with you on several occasions, and because of all of this we feel that you can help us considerably in our search for a more meaningful Judaism. We hope that you can come to Richmond in February (we can be flexible about the date) and would appreciate hearing from you before August 1st.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,



Saul Viener  
Chairman  
Adult Education Committee

SV:hp





July 18, 1969

Mr. Saul Viener  
302 Greenway Lane  
Richmond, Virginia 23226

Dear Saul:

I want to thank you for the kind invitation to be with you in Richmond through the weekend of February 13th. You may know that our major lecture service at the Temple is held on Sunday morning. Inasmuch as Mrs. Silver and I will be away the entire month of January, it would be out of the question for me not to be in my pulpit on Sunday, February 15th. If you would be satisfied to have me come down on the 13th and to leave some time the afternoon of the 14th, I should be happy to do so. I could not remain longer. Nor could I be in Richmond earlier than Friday because of my teaching schedule at Case Western Reserve University.

I recognize that this may not fit in with your plans and will not feel at all put out if this arrangement is not satisfactory to you.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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302 Greenway Lane  
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July 23, 1969

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
The Temple  
University Circle at Silver Park  
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Many thanks for your prompt  
reply of the 18th.

We shall be very pleased to  
have you come for Friday evening, February 13th,  
and whatever part of Saturday you can manage.

At your early convenience  
please let us have biographical information and  
a glossy photograph for publicity purposes.

Please advise us of your  
travel plans when formulated and if you prefer  
to stay in a hotel/motel or have home hospitality  
in Richmond.

We look forward with considerable  
pleasure to your visit and appreciate your willingness  
to help us in our efforts.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

*Saul Viener*

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September 17, 1969

Dr. Daniel Jeremy Silver  
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Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Dr. Silver:

We have one more request and hope that it will not be a bother. Could you possibly send us one or two of your essays, or portions thereof, and/or an outline of some of the points to be discussed in your lecture?

We would like, if possible, to distribute this type of information to members of the congregation prior to your visit. Further, are there any articles or publications which we might recommend by title, either yours or by others?

Anything which you may be able to provide or recommend will be much appreciated.

All good wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

*Saul Viener*  
Saul Viener

SV:hp



September 23, 1969

Mr. Saul Viener  
302 Greenway Lane  
Richmond, Virginia 23226

Dear Saul:

You asked me to send you ahead some material on my topic "Zionism." Rather than read an incomplete essay or two of mine, I suggest the group, as preparation, procure Arthur Hertzberg's Zionist Idea. It is available in paperback. It has the best historical introduction I know.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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January 9, 1970

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
The Temple  
University Circle at Silver Park  
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In preparation for your visit to Richmond on February 13th and 14th we need to know your travel plans. Further, we have to make certain plans for the part of Saturday that you will be with us.

Depending upon your departure time we would like to plan an informal session for Saturday afternoon. If you find it necessary to leave Richmond mid-afternoon then we shall make plans for lunch to be followed by a discussion. There is a possible connection out of here at 8:30 P.M. which would not bring you back to Cleveland until 11:52. I think this would be an imposition.

With regard to Saturday's discussion, do you think that you might be able to give us something dealing with modern Jewish theology? The recent visit of Rabbi Alvin Reines as well as some of our own discussions have aroused considerable interest and concern in this area. Of course, for Friday night we still plan to have your discussion of "Nationalism".

Our Saturday afternoons at Beth Ahabah have had a measure of success thus far, to say nothing of the large and interested attendance on Sunday mornings and Friday evenings. A ferment is at work in our Temple which delights us and at the same time challenges us into offering a quality program for our adults. In view of the success of our Fall Sunday Series, we are now arranging another series to begin February 8th on Sundays. It's almost too good to be true!

To repeat, please advise as early as possible regarding your travel plans and if you can participate on Saturday, the 14th.

All good wishes for 1970!

Cordially,

*Saul Viener*  
Saul Viener,  
Chairman



1-9-70

To Whom It May Concern:

I understand that Rabbi Silver will not return until the end of January. If you can help us with any of the information requested in the enclosed it will be helpful -- and much appreciated.





January 12, 1970

Mr. Saul Viener  
Congregation Beth Ahabah  
1117 W. Franklin Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23220

Dear Mr. Viener:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 9th. Unfortunately, at this writing I am unable to give any details or information regarding Rabbi Silver's speaking engagement at your Temple. However, I am sure he will be in touch with you upon his return to his study.

Although I can not advise on the matter of your Saturday activity, I believe Rabbi Silver plans to be in his pulpit on Sunday, February 15th. He will, however, be in communication with you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

MGM:mm

(Miss)Margurite G. Mihok  
Secretary to Rabbi Silver



February 4, 1970

Mr. Saul Viener  
Congregation Beth Ahabah  
1117 W. Franklin Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23220

Dear Saul:

I am looking forward to my visit with you and I am sorry for being so hard to pin down as to exact schedule but India is a fur piece.

I will arrive in Richmond on Friday afternoon. I must leave by the 4:10 plane on Saturday. Frankly, I would really like to leave earlier because I have two major lectures to give on Sunday. How would breakfast and discussion be on Saturday morning? We have had some here and they have worked out quite well - as well as our Sabbath luncheons which compete with golf cards etc. If we could have an 8:30 or 9:00 o'clock breakfast, I could catch a 12 o'clock flight.

I recognize I undertook to be with you through the morning so if this can not be arranged I would lead a discussion over lunch, provided I can catch the 4:10.

Think over the other suggestion. You may find it has some merit quite apart from my convenience. With all good wishes, I remain,

Sincerely,

DJS:mgm

Daniel Jeremy Silver





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February 6, 1970

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver  
The Temple  
University Drive at Silver Park  
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your letter which arrived  
at the Temple today.

*Cancelled*  
We are looking forward very much to your  
impending visit, and are going to hold on to you as long  
as possible. We have already started our plans and pre-  
parations for the noontime discussion. There will not be  
any problem about getting you to the airport on time for  
the 4 o'clock flight.

It would be impossible to arrange some-  
thing for breakfast, unfortunately. Of course, you will  
recall in our earlier letters we mentioned that we would  
like you to address our Confirmation Classes Saturday morn-  
ing, and trust that this is agreeable and satisfactory.

A member of our Adult Education Committee  
will meet your arriving plane on Friday afternoon.

I have written this on business stationery  
because I wanted to mention ~~two~~ personal things. Number one,  
much to my regret I shall not be present on Friday evening,  
but I shall be with you on Saturday. Very frankly, my wife  
is the President of the Women's Council of our Virginia Museum  
of Fine Arts and that particular Friday evening is the date  
for a major event involving everyone from the trustees of  
the Museum and the Governor of the Commonwealth. I have to be  
there. I am very sorry indeed as is she!

The other reason is to inquire about what  
goes on in the office of the National Foundation of Jewish  
Culture. By that I mean that I, for one thing, am still waiting  
for the reply to an inquiry going back to November. However, far  
more important than that, our 1970 Scholar-in-Residence, Prof.  
Landis, of Queens College, wrote that no one had explained any-  
thing to him and from his questions and suggested titles for  
his addresses it was obvious that he knew little or nothing  
of the goals and purposes of our program at the University of  
Richmond. Maybe we may have a few minutes to discuss this.

*Please excuse my messy typing. but I  
wanted to get this out right away -  
All your wishes! Saul*



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February 11, 1970

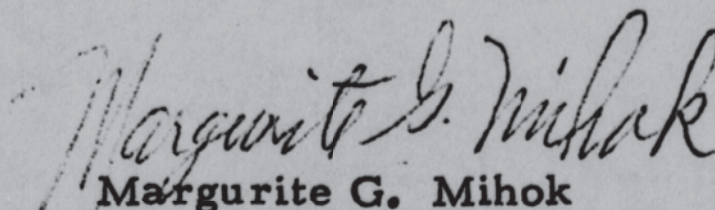
Mr. Saul Viener  
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P. O. Box 573  
Richmond, Virginia 23205

Dear Saul:

Rabbi Silver will depart from Cleveland on Friday afternoon at 3:15 p. m. via United Air lines flight # 714 which arrives in Washington at 4:16 p. m. He then transfers to the Piedmont Air lines flight #11 leaving Washington at 5:10 p. m. and arriving in Richmond at 5:43 p. m.

As indicated in previous correspondence Rabbi Silver will then depart on Saturday at 4:10 p. m. via United flight #689 .

Sincerely,



Margurite G. Mihok  
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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cc: Congregation Beth Ahabah



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Dear Saul:

I, too, am sorry that I will not see you and a little surprised. I thought you were the organizing force of this meeting and it was certainly partially for you that I undertook this assignment.

I checked with our Foundation office. They know nothing of correspondence with you in November. There have been three meetings with Dr. Landis. The only matter which was not discussed with him was the teaching of several classes in addition to his lectures the fact of which our office was never apprised.

Sincerely,

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Daniel Jeremy Silver



February 19, 1970

Rabbi Saul J. Rubin  
Temple Beth Ahabah  
1117 W. Franklin  
Richmond, Virginia 23220

Dear Saul:

I enjoyed very much my visit to Richmond. My expenses for the visit were \$145.00 which includes taxis, air travel and the hotel. I look forward to seeing you again. With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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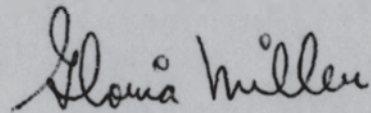
Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
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Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Rabbi Silver:

At the request of Rabbi Saul J. Rubin, I am forwarding the check to cover your expenses and the honorarium.

We appreciate very much your visit and lecture.

Sincerely,



Gloria Miller (Mrs.)  
Office Manager

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