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Dear Rabbi Silver:

Rabbi Perelmuter has just informed me that you have accepted the invitation of our Committee to be the guest speaker at our Annual Meeting on Sunday evening, November 28. I am delighted with your acceptance since I have heard you speak and know that you will bring a provocative timely message to our community at its Forty-Second Annual Meeting.

Rabbi Perelmuter has informed me of your preference in connection with your place on the program. The Committee had already arranged to have a minimum amount of business prior to your address. With reference to your desire to have an allocation made by the Federation to the National Foundation for Jewish Culture in lieu of an honorarium, we shall be happy to comply.

Milton Feinberg, our Executive Director, will be in touch with you in a few days to give you pertinent details as well as background information concerning our Federation and the Jewish community of Trenton including some of his ideas on the subject which you should find useful in preparing your talk.

Would you be good enough to send Mr. Feinberg two copies of your photo and biographical data for use in preparing our publicity.

Again, I am delighted to know you will be with us on November 28.

Cordially,

A. Harry Glogoff, Chairman Annual Meeting Committee

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CC: Ira L. Keats

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September 30, 1971 Mr. Milton Feinberg Executive Director Jewish Foderation of Trenton 999 Lower Ferry Road Trenton, New Jersey 08628 Dear Mr. Feinberg: Enclosed please find two copies of Rabbi Silver's photograph and a number of copies of his bilingraphical data for use in preparing your publicity. This is in accordance with Mr. Glogoff's request in a letter to Rabbi Silver of September 24, 1971. Sincerely, (Mrs.) Maureen L. Day Secretary to Rabbi Silver /mld Enclosure

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am following up on Harry Glogoff's recent letter to you acknowledging your acceptance of our Federation's invitation to you to be the guest speaker at our Annual Dinner and Meeting on Sunday evening, November 28.

Since the meeting on November 28 will mark the Federation's 42nd anniversary, your address ought to be directed toward Federation as it was, as it is and as it seems to you, the form and content it will take in the immediate future. As you probably have read, Judah Shapiro had a JTA syndicated article on the Jewish establishment and whether it is doing its job. The recent National Conference of Jewish Communal Service had a resolution introduced by some Young Turks from the Center field who objected to Federations' lack of concern with Jewish education and cultural activities and also criticized the undemocratic nature of the Jewish community including the makeup of Federation Boards. So much for the national criticisms of Federations and now to give you a brief picture of our local situation.

The Federation is in the process of carrying out a number of activities which will change the Federation's philosophy, structure and program. They include revision of the constitution, provision for long-range planning, steps to organize a Community High School of Jewish Studies, creation of a Community Relations Council on the broadest possible community organization base as a successor body to a narrowly constituted committee and most recently and presently going on, a capital fund campaign for a new relocated Home for Aged, the first campaign in fifteen years.

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This summary is by way of a background description of a Jewish community of 10,000 persons in a capital city with a greater number living in the suburbs than in the city. The Federation organized in 1929 is changing its image as far as the bulk of the community and its "non-establishment" organizations are concerned, from a narrowly based organization concerned primarily with fund raising to a broad-based organization concerned with Jewish education, community relations, social planning, etc. I must emphasize that the road ahead is rocky but to mix metaphors, there does seem to be light at the end of the tunnel. For better or for worse, there has been the professional continuity of the Executive Director. I have served for almost twenty-three years with the degree of stabilization that tenure affords.

What we are looking for in your speech is an informed view of where Federations have been and where they seem to be going, challenging both the thinking and actions of the leadership, as well as the followership. Your interest and concern about cultural programming, local and national will certainly be reflected in your talk, as well your thoughts on the new agenda in the years immediately ahead. In that connection, the CJF General Assembly will have been held before our meeting and this should update your remarks. What our community needs and especially the audience, since they will hear you personally, is a shove from the rear and a pat on the back.

Since you have requested that you be placed on the program as early as possible, this has been so arranged to enable you to go on immediately after dinner with the bulk of the business to follow your address. The timetable provides that you have thirty to thirty five minutes. As to the title, here are my suggestions:

"Directions for the Trenton Federation in the 70's"

"The Trenton Jewish Community in a Pluralistic Age"

"Action or Reaction for the Jewish Federation"

"Is the Jewish Establishment Carrying Out its Tasks?"

We of course would like your own suggestions.

I hope the above material will be helpful to you. Would it be possible to have your manuscript before the meeting, or failing that, to have it as soon after the meeting as possible so it can be reproduced and distributed. Finally, are the biographical data and two photos on their way to me as requested by Mr. Glogoff?

We are all looking forward to what I believed your first appearance in Trenton. L'Shanah Tovah.

Sincerely,

Milton A. Feinberg
Executive Director

October 7, 1971 Mr. Milton A. Feinbeeg Executive Director Jewish Federation of Trenton 999 Lower Ferry Road Trenton, New Jersey 08628 Dear Mr. Feinberg: This will simply acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 1, 1971. Might I suggest as title simply "The Future of the Jewish Community." I understand the necessary publicity materials have been mailed. I look forward to seeing you. Sincerely, Daniel Jeremy Silver DJS:mld



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October 29, 1971

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Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
The Temple
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Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In your last letter you gave our Committee the topic for your speech as "The Future of the Jewish Community". You will recall that I wrote you at some length as to the developments in our community so that you could have some background information for your use in "localizing" your remarks. Since you did not refer to that material, Mr. Glogoff and I hope that you will utilize it so as to have more impact on your audience. I am writing about this only because you did not refer to the information I sent you.

Incidentally, my son, Paul, who was ordained at HUC last June and now is assistant to Rabbi Milton Grafman in Birmingham, tells me he believes your wife comes from that city.

We are all looking forward to your appearance in our city and your participation in the program.

Cordially yours,

Milton A. Feinberg Executive Director November 4, 1971

Milton A. Feinberg
Executive Director
Jewish Federation of Trenton
999 Lower Ferry Road
Trenton, New Jersey 08628

Dear Milton:

I filed your material and will certainly consult it before I arrange my speech for Trenton.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

November 30, 1971 Mr. Milton A. Feinberg Executive Director Jewish Federation of Trenton 999 Lower Ferry Road Trenton, New Jersey 08628 Dear Milton: I was pleased to be at your Annual Meeting. Trenton obviously has the makings of a good community led by capable young leaders. Thank you for inviting me. My expenses to and from Trenton were \$120.00. Sincerely yours, Daniel Jeremy Silver DJS:mld

November 30, 1971 Northwest Orient Air Lines Passenger Refund Dividion Minneapolis -St. Paul International Airport St. Paul, Minnesota 55111 Gentlemen: Enclosed please find a ticket is sued to Rabbi Daniel J. Silver and charged to his Air Travel Card, a Xerox copy of which is enclosed. Rabbi Silver cancelled the flight from Philadelphia to Cleveland and we are, therefore, applying for a refund. May we hear from you at your earliest convenience? Sincerely, (Mrs.) Maureen L. Day Secretary to Rabbi Silver /mld Enclos ures