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Cleveland Church Federation, 1919-1956.

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CLEVELAND, O.

Jan. 17, 1919.

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Garfield Apartment
City

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I want to thank you for that part of your address yesterday which it was my privilege to hear. On account of engagements at the office, it was necessary for me to leave before you had finished. I wish that all the women of Cleveland might hear that address.

We are having a conference of a few men Monday noon, Jan. 20 at 12:15 o'clock in May's restaurant in the interest of a city-wide forum for the discussion of the proposed League of Nations and other important questions of the day. We would like very much to have you join us in this conference.

Most cordially yours,

E. R. Wright
Executive Secretary

*Telephoned
1/20/19
3pm*

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CLEVELAND, O. Jan. 23, 1919.

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
City

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Among the reconstruction plans of the Federated Churches is an effort to create a sentiment in favor of a League of Nations. Whatever plan is adopted by the Peace Commissioners will have to have the support of the people of the allied countries.

We believe that there should be an open and frank discussion of this whole subject so that the churches of Cleveland may be able to make a deliverance upon it.

We have appointed a League of Nations Sunday, February 16; we are asking for meetings of Men's Clubs; and we are planning for a mass meeting to be held on the afternoon or evening of February 16. It is very necessary that we should have a committee of speakers who will respond to invitations to make an address upon the League of Nations. We hereby notify you of your appointment on this committee. There will be a meeting of this committee next Monday noon, Jan. 27 at 12:15 o'clock in Stearn's Restaurant. Please arrange to be present. We are very anxious to talk over the points that should be emphasized in these meetings.

Most cordially yours,

E. R. Wright
Executive Secretary.

The Federated Churches

701 Hippodrome Bldg.

Cherry 3147

CLEVELAND, O.

November 19, 1928.

To the Clergy of Cleveland

Dear Sir:

The Citizens' Thanksgiving Celebration this year will be held in B. F. Keith's Palace Theatre, Euclid Avenue and East 17th Street, Thursday morning, November 29, at 10:45 o'clock, under the auspices of the General Committee that sponsored the Armistice Day Celebration.

The speaker on this occasion will be the Rt. Rev. Joseph Schrembs, D.D., Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, upon the subject, "A Thanksgiving Message for Cleveland". The Cleveland Male Chorus of eighty voices will sing. Mr. Fred W. Ramsey will preside.

As the years have gone by an increasing number of citizens, both men and women, have attended this Citizens' Thanksgiving Celebration. The attendance comes from churches which do not have a Thanksgiving service of their own and from people generally who have no church connections. The idea is to have a great community Thanksgiving celebration.

The committee will be deeply indebted to you if you run the following notice in your church bulletin for next Sunday and supplement it with a pulpit announcement:

"Members of the congregation are invited to attend a Citizens' Thanksgiving Celebration in B. F. Keith's Palace Theatre, Thursday morning, November 29, at 10:45 o'clock, under the auspices of committee representing the Catholic, Jewish and Protestant churches of the city. The address will be made by Bishop Joseph Schrembs upon the subject, "A Thanksgiving Message for Cleveland." The Cleveland Male Chorus of eighty voices will sing."

Will you not plan to be present yourself?

Most sincerely,

E. C. Wright
Secretary Citizens' Committee

The Federated Churches

701 Hippodrome Bldg.

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CLEVELAND, O.

November 22, 1928.

We are enclosing announcement of the Citizens' Thanksgiving Celebration in B. F. Keith's Palace Theatre next Thursday morning, November 29, at 10:45 o'clock.

The Citizens' Thanksgiving Committee most cordially invite you to become an honorary member of the Committee and to sit on the platform next Thursday morning.

The Committee would greatly appreciate your accepting this invitation. May we not have the honor of your presence at this Celebration?

Sincerely,

CITIZENS' THANKSGIVING COMMITTEE

Rt. Rev. Msgr. G. P. Jennings

Rt. Rev. Msgr. F. T. Moran

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WOMEN'S WORK

CLEVELAND, O.

September 18, 1929

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Rd. & E. 105th St.
City

My dear Rabbi:

The Executive Committee of the Federated Churches is this day sending copies of the enclosed "Proposed Statement" written by our President, Charles F. Thwing, to the Plain Dealer, the News and the Press. This, we understand, is all you wish us to do at the present time. Hoping this meets with your hearty approval, I remain

Sincerely yours,

A. J. Wright
Committee Secretary

Sept. 19th, 1929.

Rev. A. J. Wright,
1010 Hippodrome Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Wright:-

Permit me to thank you
for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of
the resolutions adopted by the Federated Churches
of Cleveland over the recent disturbances in
Palestine. I am sure that all my people are deeply
appreciative of the sympathy which you express
and your proffered help. I shall convey your
resolutions to the Palestine Emergency Committee.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

TRINITY CATHEDRAL
CLEVELAND

1 October, 1929.

Rev. Abba Hillel Silver, D.D.
c/o the Federated Churches
1010 Hippodrome Building
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your note calling a meeting of the Armistice and Thanksgiving Day Committee on Tuesday, October 8 at 12 o'clock, to plan for the Armistice and Thanksgiving Day celebrations.

I regret to announce that because of a previous and important arrangement with certain of my own groups already called for that day and at the same hour, it will not be possible for me to attend.

I am sure that the balance of the Committee will plan wisely; and inasmuch as I know the Thanksgiving services are arranged with Bishop Rogers as the speaker, and ~~also~~ know he will be glad to serve the larger religious interests of the community, even at the expense of our own meeting at the Cathedral, I am glad to lend the Bishop to this larger service and to assure the Bishop that his friends in the Cathedral will not feel he is in any way interfering with our own worship as we keep it, in accordance with the usual Presidential proclamation.

The Armistice Day service will, I am sure, make its own proper appeal. Again regretting my inability to be present, I am

Sincerely yours,

Francis White.
Dean.

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CLEVELAND, O.

October 2, 1929.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On September 24 a meeting of fourteen Cleveland people interested in the invitation to the Religious Education Association to hold its 1930 Convention in Cleveland was called to order at the Hotel Statler at 9 A. M. by Dr. Joel B. Hayden. The following were present: - Dr. Hayden, Dr. Charles F. Thwing, Manager W. R. Hopkins, Superintendent R. G. Jones, Mr. Kennedy of the Chamber of Commerce, Dr. L. C. Wright, Miss Mabel Head, Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner, Mr. C. V. Thomas, Dr. Philip Smead Bird, Dr. S. P. Franklin, Dr. J. M. Artman, Rev. A. J. Wright, and Mr. O. M. Walton.

Dr. J. M. Artman, General Secretary of the Religious Education Association will be in Cleveland again on Monday, October 7, to meet a larger group. We have arranged for a luncheon conference with him at the Hotel Statler at 12:15 on that date in Parlor B. Will you please put this down on your calendar as an engagement with him and make a special effort to be present.

Sincerely yours,

Joel B. Hayden

Temporary Chairman

A. J. Wright

Temporary Secretary.

THE BISHOP CO-ADJUTOR OF OHIO
2241 PROSPECT AVENUE
CLEVELAND

November 4, 1929.

My dear Rabbi:-

I am exceedingly sorry
that I cannot attend the Armistice
Day Celebration in Keith's Palace
Theater. I shall be out of town on
Sunday, and cannot get back in time to
attend the Celebration.

Cordially yours,

Warren L. Rogena,

WLR:A

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

The Temple

EAST 105TH STREET AT ANSEL ROAD

TELEPHONES CEDAR 0132-0133

Cleveland

RABBI LEON I. FEUER
MINISTER OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ABBA HILLEL SILVER, D.D.
RABBI

HARRY A. LEVY
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Nov. 18th, 1929.

Dear Sir:-

A Citizens' Thanksgiving Celebration will again be held this year in the B. F. Keith Palace Theatre, Euclid and E. 17th Street on Thursday morning, November 28th at 10:45 o'clock under the auspices of the Joint Committee of Catholics, Protestants and Jews which sponsored similar Thanksgiving celebrations as well as Armistice Day celebrations in the past.

The speaker on this occasion will be Bishop Warren Lincoln Rogers who has chosen as his theme "Peace Through Friendship."

The combined choruses of The Temple, Euclid Avenue Temple and Church will render a musical program.

This Annual Citizen's Thanksgiving Service has been gaining in popularity from year to year. Last year the attendance reached twenty-five hundred. It has become an important spiritual factor in the life of our community.

You are cordially invited to attend the Service and to occupy a seat on the platform. May we not extend through you to all the members of your congregation a cordial invitation to attend this community celebration? We would deeply appreciate if you would announce this celebration in your pulpit next Sunday and in your church bulletin.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

Ch 3160 Ohio

Nov. 18th, 1929.

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Very sincerely yours,

Chairman, Citizens' Committee

AHS/IR

Nov. 18th, 1929.

The Federated Churches,
701 Hippodrome Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

700 Letterheads	\$2.30
700 Letterheads	3.50
700 Envelopes	<u>4.65</u>

\$10.45



**Music for Thanksgiving Service at
Palace Theater.**

Anthems:-

1. Hallelujah **Lewandowski**
2. Bless the Lord **Ippolitof-Ivanof**

**The music will be furnished by a choir of
twenty solo voices including the quartette from**

**Calvary Presbyterian Church,
Albert Riemenschneider, Director.**

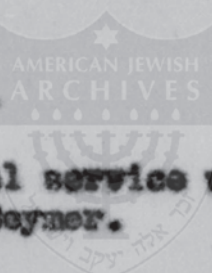
and

**Euclid Avenue Temple,
James H. Rogers, Director.**

and the choir from

**The Temple,
Paul Allen Beymer, Director.**

**This combined choir for this special service will
be under the direction of Paul Allen Beymer.**



Miss Rothberg

Copy of this program

mailed to Mr. Wright, Federated Church
Sunday Nov 17

PARB

The Temple

EAST 105TH STREET AT ANSEL ROAD

TELEPHONES CEDAR 0132-0133

Cleveland

RABBI LEON I. FEUER

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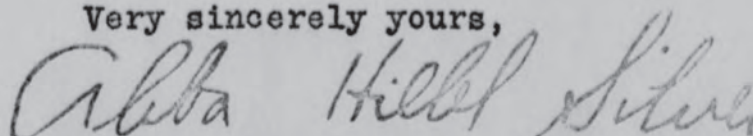
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With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,



Chairman Citizens' Committee

AHS/IR

East Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Cedar Avenue and East 103rd Street

Ernest Hall, Minister

2292 E. 97TH ST.

George Wright, Clerk

2275 E. 101ST ST.

Cleveland, Ohio

Nov. 23, 1929

Abba Hillel Silver, D.D.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I regret very much that it will be impossible for me to accept the invitation to be present at the "Citizens' Thanksgiving Celebration" next Thursday at the Keith's Palace Theater, and to occupy a seat on the platform. I have an engagement to speak at the same hour at another place of worship.

Hoping the service will be largely attended and that our God will be glorified, I am,

Yours for God and Humanity,

Ernest Hall

The First United Presbyterian Church
of Cleveland

CARNEGIE AVENUE AND EAST 71ST STREET

REV. J. W. GIFFIN, D. D., PASTOR
7111 CARNEGIE AVENUE

CLEVELAND, OHIO

November 25, 1929.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D.D.,
East 105th Street and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, O.

My Dear Brother:-

I appreciate your
cordial invitation to sit on the platform on
Thursday at the Citizens' Thanksgiving Celebra-
tion.

Please excuse me
so that I may sit with my wife. It is so seldom
that I have this opportunity at a public meet-
ing and I am hoping that there will be plenty
of men for the platform.

Most sincerely yours,

J. W. Giffin.

SHERIDAN B. SALMON
SUPERINTENDENT CLEVELAND DISTRICT
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

November 25, 1929

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D.D.,
The Temple,
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Sir:

Your letter dated November 19th, with enclosure of several announcements of the Citizens' Thanksgiving Celebration to be held, Thursday, November 28th, is received during the absence of Dr. Salmon from the city. On his return your communication will, of course, receive his personal attention.

Very sincerely yours,

Helley B. Langer
Secretary to Dr. Salmon

NP:L

You and Your Friends are invited to attend the
Citizens' Thanksgiving Celebration
in B. F. Keith's Palace Theatre

Euclid Avenue and East 17th Street

Thursday, November 28, at 10:45 o'clock

Address: "PEACE THROUGH FRIENDSHIP"

By **BISHOP WARREN LINCOLN ROGERS**

Music by Combined Choirs of Calvary Presbyterian Church and Jewish Temple

Auspices Catholic, Jewish and Protestant Churches

Attendance last year was 2000

May 8th, 1930

Mr. John F. Royal,
c/o W. T. A. M.,
St. Clair at E. 6th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Royal:-

Rev. Wright has spoken to me about the conversation which he had with you relative to the possibility of broadcasting the Sunday Afternoon City-Wide Religious Hour beginning next Fall.

I am personally very much interested in this proposed community religious hour as it will afford our city the opportunity of hearing the outstanding leaders of religious thought of America discuss problems of vital interest and I believe that you would be rendering a valuable service to our city if you would make these lectures available to the tens of thousands that tune in on W. T. A. M.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

CLEVELAND COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS HOUR

PUBLIC MUSIC HALL

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS AT 3:30 O'CLOCK

OCTOBER TO APRIL

CLEVELAND, OHIO

REV. E. R. WRIGHT D. D.
DIRECTOR
MR. I. F. FREIBERGER
TREASURER

OFFICE HEADQUARTERS
607 SOCIETY FOR SAVINGS BLDG
CHERRY 0739

May 20th, 1930.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

I am calling a meeting of our Advisory Committee of the Cleveland Community Religious Hour for next Wednesday noon, May 28th, at 12:15 o'clock. The meeting will be held in a private dining room of the Hotel Statler.

Won't you please make every effort to be present? There are a number of matters in connection with the program, time and place of meeting, and budget of expenses, concerning which I am very anxious to advise with the committee.

The favorable response to our appeal for funds has been most gratifying and I know you will be pleased with the report, so please arrange to be present next Wednesday noon.

With all best wishes,

Cordially yours,

ER Wright
Director

CLEVELAND COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS HOUR
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CHERRY 0739

May 22, 1930.

To members of the Advisory Committee

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I am sending you herewith seven objectives of the Cleveland Community Religious Hour. Please look them over and be prepared to discuss them at our meeting next Wednesday noon.

With all best wishes,

Cordially yours,

E. R. Wright
Director.

PROPOSED PROGRAM OF
THE CLEVELAND COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS HOUR
FROM OCTOBER 1930 TO APRIL 1931

- a. The Cleveland Community Religious Hour will be responsible for 28 programs during this period.
- b. Definite subjects will be assigned for 21 meetings, and speakers will be chosen who can best present them.
- c. There will be seven Catholic speakers, seven Jewish speakers and seven Protestant speakers, - all selected from the clergy of Cleveland.
- d. Seven Hours, one in each month, will be left open, to be addressed by eminent churchmen from outside of Cleveland.
- e. Suggested subject for the Catholic speakers:-
 1. Subject:- "The Catholic Conception of the Confessional".
Speaker:-
 2. Subject:- "The Catholic Conception of the Church and the Sacraments".
Speaker:-
 3. Subject:- "The Catholic Idea of Worship".
Speaker:-
 4. Subject:- "The Catholic Responsibility for Childhood and Youth".
Speaker:-
 5. Subject:- "Divine Guidance in Human Life".
Speaker:-
 6. Subject:- "The Catholic Conception of Marriage and Divorce".
Speaker:-
 7. Subject:- "Our Civic Responsibilities".
Speaker:-
- f. Suggested subjects for the Jewish speakers.
 1. Subject:- "The Psalmist's Idea of God".
Speaker:-
 2. Subject:- "The Message of the Prophets".
Speaker:-

3. Subject:- "The Viewpoint of Modern Judaism".
Speaker:-
4. Subject:- "The Contribution of the Jew to Religious Education".
Speaker:-
5. Subject:- "The Persecutions of the Jew in History".
Speaker:-
6. Subject:- "The Contribution of the Jew to the Great Religions of the World".
Speaker:-
7. Subject:- "The Family Life of the Jew".
Speaker:-

g. Suggested subjects for the Protestant speakers:-

1. Subject:-
Speaker:- Rev. Adelbert P. Higley, D.D.
2. Subject:-
Speaker:- Rev. Harold Cooke Phillips, D.D.
3. Subject:-
Speaker:- Rev. Joel B. Hayden, D.D.
4. Subject:-
Speaker:- Rev. Ferdinand Q. Blanchard, D.D.
5. Subject:-
Speaker:- Rev. C. J. McCombe, D.D.
6. Subject:-
Speaker:- Rev. Miles H. Krumbine, D.D.
7. Subject:-
Speaker:- Bishop Warren L. Rogers.

h. Suggested speakers for seven special Hours:-

1. Opening Hour.
Speakers:- Bishop Jos. Schrembs, Rabbi Silver and
Bishop Warren L. Rogers.
2. Speaker:- Rev. Chas. W. Gilkey, D.D. Chicago, Ill.
3. Speaker:- Bishop T. C. O'Reilly Scranton, Pa.
4. Speaker:- Rabbi Louis Wolsey Philadelphia, Pa.
5. Speaker:- Msgr. James Ryan Washington, D.C.
6. Speaker:- Joseph Fort Newton Philadelphia, Pa.
7. Speaker:- Rabbi Stephen F. Wise. New York, N.Y.

1. Suggested program of music for the 28 Sundays:-

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CLEVELAND COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS HOUR

PUBLIC MUSIC HALL

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS AT 3:30 O'CLOCK

OCTOBER TO APRIL

CLEVELAND, OHIO

REVERAND E. R. WRIGHT
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OFFICE HEADQUARTERS
607 SOCIETY FOR SAVINGS BLDG
CHERRY 0739

May 24, 1930.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Road & E. 105th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I am sending you herewith the proposed program for twenty eight Community Hours.

Will you please select the speakers for the seven Jewish Hours? If you would like to change the subjects please feel free to do so. Msgr. McFadden is selecting the Catholic speakers and, as you will note, we are suggesting certain Protestant speakers and are preparing a list of subjects. The more I think about it the more I feel that once a month there should be a speaker from outside of the city and I am suggesting a list of speakers. Our Catholic brethern were quite insistent on having Cleveland speakers for all the meetings. You see I am holding out for one speaker from outside of Cleveland every month.

I have just had a long session with James A. McMahon^{Ph}. He will become responsible for the music and is going to list twenty eight masterpieces of church music and the church choirs that will sing them. We shall have this for our consideration next Wednesday noon.

With all best wishes,

Cordially yours,

E. R. Wright
Director.

P.S. I am not sure that I like #5 in your list of subjects, "The Persecutions of the Jew in History". What I have in mind are the sufferings of the Jewish people through the centuries for the sake of the great ideals of their fathers.

CLEVELAND COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS HOUR

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May 26, 1930.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Road & E. 105th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I am enclosing a revised statement of the
Objectives, more simple than the ones I mailed you
last week. Please think them over.

With all best wishes,

Cordially yours,

E R Wright
Director.

OBJECTIVES

THE CLEVELAND COMMUNITY HOUR

1930 May

1. The Cleveland Community Hour is a citizens' movement to provide a time Sunday afternoons, from October to April, when men and women may come together to hear inspiring addresses and masterpieces of church music.
2. The Cleveland Community Hour will provide a platform where outstanding clergymen and laymen may speak freely and frankly upon every phase of human life and experience.
3. The Cleveland Community Hour will offer the privilege of participating in the discussion of the subject presented at each meeting and of asking questions upon disturbing life problems.
4. The Cleveland Community Hour will undertake to minister to the unchurched population of the city with the hope and expectation that many may be turned back to the churches.
5. The Cleveland Community Hour will enable the community to face together the moral issues in every great social, civic and economic question. It will bring the gospel of Good Will to many who are without hope and without God.

The Federated Churches

1010 HIPPODROME BUILDING

CLEVELAND, OHIO

CHERRY-3147

June 25, 1930

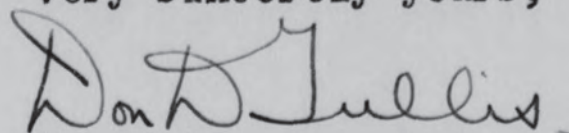
Rabbi A. H. Silver
E. 105th St. & Ansel Rd.
City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Rabbi Fink of Buffalo wrote you sometime ago I think relative to my coming to Cleveland as Executive Secretary of the Federated Churches of this city. I trust I may have the pleasure of meeting you in the very near future. I deeply appreciate the great friendship that existed between Rabbi Fink and myself, and I trust that I may have the privilege of frequent contact with you in the passing of the years.

Through an arrangement which the Federated Churches office has made with the "Welcome Wagon", we are receiving the names of all newcomers into the city. Among these names that are reported to us, and for which we pay a nominal sum, are many Jewish families. I would like very much to turn these families over to the proper authorities for distribution in the right channels. Will you kindly let me know to whom they should be sent? If you have no use for them, kindly say so frankly and we will make no disposition of them whatsoever. In Buffalo I sent these names to Rabbi Fink and I am under the impression that he turned them over to some city organization, possibly your educational committee, to follow them up.

Very sincerely yours,


Executive Secretary

The Federated Churches

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July 5, 1930

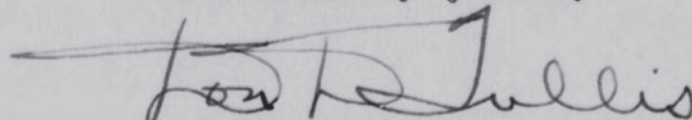
Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing herewith the first list of names of Jewish families moving into Cleveland which we have received through the Welcome Wagon Service. This is in keeping with my letter to you and your reply of recent date.

We are very glad indeed to furnish these names to you and I hope it will be possible for you to make some use of them.

Fraternally yours,


Executive Secretary

CLEVELAND COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS HOUR

PUBLIC MUSIC HALL

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS AT 3:30 O'CLOCK

OCTOBER TO APRIL

CLEVELAND, OHIO

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August 11, 1930. CHERRY 0739

P. 1.

Wright

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

In our communication with Rabbi Stephen A. Wise, through his secretary, we have come to this point. In a letter, received from his secretary this morning she writes, "If Dr. Wise accepts the date of December 21st could he arrange with Dr. Silver to exchange pulpits, or is there objection to a participant in your Community Religious Hour preaching in a local pulpit in the morning of the same day?" Here are two questions for you to answer.

I heard Dr. Wallace Petty, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, yesterday in the Plymouth Church. He impressed me as a man with a message and with the ability to express himself in a forceful manner. In a conversation with him at the close of the service he said he was going to speak for you sometime during the coming season. If you think we ought book him a word from you to him direct would carry great weight.

We have at the present time booked definitely in the order named: Rabbi William Fineshriber, Father John A. Ryan, Dean Shailer Mathews, Father J. Elliott Ross, Dr. Chas. E. Jefferson, Dr. Henry N. Wieman, Father M. J. Ahern, Dr. A. E. Haydon.

Dean Shailer Mathews referred me to a young Rabbi in Columbus, who is creating quite a sensation by his messages. He did not know his name.

*Wright
Oct. 19*

*Opening
Oct. 12*

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Dean Mathews recommended Rabbi ~~Augustine~~ Levy of Israel Temple, Chicago, Ill. The Boston Speakers Bureau recommended Rabbi A. J. Feldman of Hartford and Rabbi Harry Levi of Boston. What is you advice concerning these men?

I am using this formal way of communicating with you because I do not wish to interrupt your much deserved vacation. Hoping you will return to you strategic position in the fall with renewed strength and vigor, I am,

Sincerely yours,

A. J. Wright



OPEN FORUM SPEAKERS BUREAU

THE ACCREDITED AGENCY OF THE OPEN FORUM NATIONAL COUNCIL

GEORGE W. COLEMAN, CHAIRMAN

MILDRED CHATFIELD SMITH
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
TELEPHONE HANCOCK 8239

LITTLE BUILDING, ROOM 1242
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MASS.

August 14, 1930

My dear Mr. Wright:

A. J. Feldman

I had already written Rabbi Feldman a most urgent invitation to speak for you before your later letter arrived stating you did not want him!

Now I find myself in the embarrassing position of having him accept, with a wide choice of dates from which to select - Nov. 16, 30, Feb. 15, 22 or any date in March except March 8, fee \$135. - and it will be rather difficult to turn him down gracefully.

Is it something quite vital that makes you change your mind about him, or something rather non-essential so that under the circumstances you will let us fix the engagement? Rabbi Levi, I know, thinks highly of him, for he recommended him to me last year as the best of the New England rabbis for forum speaking. ✓

Sincerely yours,

Mildred C. Smith

Executive Secretary.

Rev. A. J. Wright,
607 Society for Savings Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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August 17, 1930/

Rabbi A. H. Silver
Ansel Road and East 105th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

Enclosed you will find a letter we received this morning from the "Open Forum Speakers Bureau" people through whom we are booking many of our speakers. Will you please read and return. I have heard so many favorable comments on Rabbi Feldman and he was the only available Rabbi during the month of November and December so I wrote to Miss Smith, while I was away on my vacation, that he would be acceptable to us. Now she writes that we can have him on November 30th.

In view of these facts I wonder if you will give your approval to his coming, without which we shall not have him?

Since communicating with you last week we have booked Father Jones I. Corrigan of Boston College for December 8th. Rabbi Louis Wolsey for February 8th on the subject of "Prayer" and Father John A. Lapp of Marquette University for February 22nd.

Sincerely yours,

A. J. Wright

August 26th, 1930

Mr. A. J. Wright,
607 Society for Savings Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Wright:-

I tried to get in touch with you over the telephone a few times but without success.

I have no objection whatsoever to Rabbi A. J. Feldman speaking before the Community Religious Hour, my thought in the matter was that you wanted to get some man of longer standing in the rabbinate to address your meetings, hence my hesitancy about Rabbi Feldman. I am sure that he will deliver a very thoughtful and worth-while address.

I would appreciate very much if you will let me know who is coming to the Community Hour on the ninth of November.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

Thank you for your note August 26th. In answer to your inquiry as to who is coming to the Community Hour on the 9th of November, let me say that we have been holding that date for Sherwood Eddy. This has been done at the suggestion of Miss Smith of Boston as it is the only date he could be with us.

We cannot hold that date too long as we may miss the opportunity of getting another good man. What have you to suggest for that date?

I am inclosing a list of speakers to dates for your convenience. You see that we have only booked definitely Rabbi Fineshriber for October 26th, Rabbi Levi for Feb. 1st and Rabbi Wolsey for February 8th.

We have booked tentatively Rabbi Wise for December 21st. Since writing him of the possible exchange with you on that date we have heard nothing from him. Have you any information to give us concerning this arrangement? We have written Rabbi Levi to come to us either January 4th or 8th if he can conveniently, but if not the February 1st date stands as he suggested.

We ought to have a Rabbi as one of our speakers at least once a month. You know better than we do who these Rabbi's ought to be. If you will help us book them you will be conferring a great favor upon us and doing the cause a good turn.

My interest in Rabbi Feldman is due solely to the fact that he is available for November 30th. The coming of Robert Moton on that date is uncertain. Why do you not take that date? You have every qualification and our program would be incomplete without you on it.

We are still wrestling with the problem of our speaker for the opening meeting. What do you think of the advisability of trying to persuade Newton D. Baker to be the speaker?

I have asked you many questions but I know you can answer them all. Awaiting your reply, I am,

As Ever,

A. J. Wright

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April 5, 1931.

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April 12, 1931.

Dr. Prseton Bradley

April 19, 1931.

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April 26, 1931

Charles Gilkey (*tentative*)



Free Synagogue

NEW YORK

September 8, 1930

Synagogue House

40 WEST 68 STREET
NEAR CENTRAL PARK

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Silver:

My office has just written to Dr. Wright to say that I will speak for the Cleveland Community Religious Hour service on December 21, provided you can exchange with me. Somewhat earlier in the summer, Dr. Wright had written that he learned from you that you could do that. It would be a great pleasure to all of us in the Synagogue to hear you on the morning of December 21.

With hearty greeting to you and Mrs. Silver,

Faithfully yours,

SSW:T

Handwritten signature

card ✓

Sept. 11th, 1930

Dr. Stephen S. Wise,
40 West 68th St.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Wise:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of
your note of September 8th.

I am happy to learn that you will be
with the Cleveland Community Religious Hour on Dec. 21st
and I shall be very pleased to exchange pulpits with you
on that day.

There is but one request which I must
make and I hope that you will take it in the spirit in
which it is offered. Sunday, Dec. 21st falls within the
Christmas week, I should not like to have a Christmas
sermon or a "Judeo-Christian" sermon delivered in our pulpit
at that time. The Sunday falls within the Chamuka week and
we shall have a special Chamuka program on the morning of
your visit.

I shall, of course, keep these same
facts in mind in selecting my subject before your group.

With kindest regards and best wishes,
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

September 13, 1930

Mr. George W. Furth
Leader Building
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Furth:

I had a talk with Pete Moore who is Bulkley's manager, and he told me quite frankly that it seemed to him extremely doubtful that we would get Bulkley to come out for a meeting of the club October 28 or 30. He said also that due to the fact that this is the week just preceding election, he thought other candidates also probably would be pretty well booked up for speaking engagements elsewhere even if the Republican candidate were of a mind to appear on the same platform with his Democratic competitor.

It might be possible to arrange for Bulkley to come to a meeting earlier in the month. He wondered what sentiment might have been expressed from the Republican side as to their willingness to meet Mr. Bulkley at some other time. He more seemed to feel that all candidates this year were disinclined to appear in joint debates, joint appearances or anything of that character.

I wanted to pass this information along to you as soon as I received it because inasmuch as it seems doubtful if we will be able to go through with the political meeting as originally planned, we would want to make other plans as early as possible.

Very truly yours,

HB:L

The Federated Churches

of Greater Cleveland

1010 Hippodrome Building

Cleveland, Ohio

Cherry 3147

September 15, 1930

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Ansel Rd. & E. 105th St.
City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

There will be a meeting of the Citizens' Thanksgiving Committee on Tuesday, September 23, at 2:30 o'clock, in the office of the Adult Education Association, 167 Public Square (Cleveland College Building). We hope you will be able to be present.

Very sincerely yours,

Don D. Sullivan

Executive Secretary

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Sullivan on phone

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NEAR CENTRAL PARK

Sept. 15, 1930

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I thank you for your letter of September 11 and am delighted that you can exchange with me on December 21. I note your suggestion and I shall be delighted to make an address that will fit in with the special Chanukah program. I take it for granted that within a month or six weeks you will be good enough to let me know what will be your own subject.

I take it for granted that you have been asked to reply to Schulman by the American Israelite. Will you do so? I am making a reply which the Israelite may not print.

Cordially yours,



SSW:L

Sept. 16th, 1930

Dr. Stephen S. Wise,
40 West 68th St.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Wise:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter
of Sept. 15th.

I am very happy to know that you will be
with us on December 21st.

The American Israelite asked me to send in
a reply to Schulman. I wrote them that I shall make no reply.
I do not know how you feel about it, but I think that it would
not be advisable to give Schulman's utterances too much prominence
and importance through many Zionist leaders joining in a repudia-
tion of them.

I think that it would hurt our cause if we
were to start at this time a new nation-wide Zionist controversy.
Our opponents would wish for nothing better. They have smarted
under the involuntary silence which the progress of the Movement,
the Agency, etc. have imposed upon them. The disturbance of
Palestine and all subsequent developments have given them new
courage.

I believe, too, that the 'Hatikvah' incident
at the last Rabbinical Conference has rolled them to a point
of hysteria.

I should much prefer to see the whole matter
die of "inanition."

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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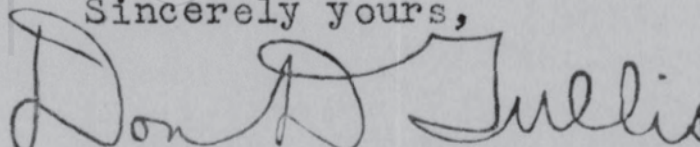
September 17, 1930

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The meeting of the Citizens' Thanksgiving Committee has been postponed and will be held on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, at 2:30 o'clock, in the office of the Adult Education Association, 167 Public Square (Cleveland College Building).

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Don D. Jullis".

Executive Secretary

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September 30, 1930.

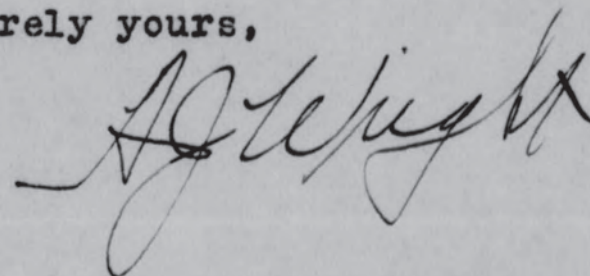
Rabbi A. H. Silver
Ansel & E. 105th St.
City

Dear Sir:

Mr. George W. Coleman, Founder of Ford Hall Forum, Boston, and President of the Babson Institute, who is to be the speaker for the first of our Community Religious Hours on Sunday afternoon, October 12th, has consented to meet with the members of our Advisory Committee at a luncheon conference held in Room of the Chamber of Commerce on Sat. October 11th at 12:30 o'clock. Mr. Coleman has had years of experience in conducting community meetings and probably will have helpful suggestions to make to us.

Please save this hour on your calendar for this conference.

Sincerely yours,



The Federated Churches

of Greater Cleveland

1010 Hippodrome Building

Cleveland, Ohio

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November 4, 1930

Rabbi A. H. Silver
E. 105th St. & Ansel Rd.
City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Reinhold Niebuhr is to speak at a little luncheon which we are giving at the Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, November 8, at 12:15.

I would like very much to have you come as my guest for that luncheon. Kindly have your secretary telephone our office as early as possible.

Trusting you can find time to be with us for this luncheon meeting, I am

Very cordially yours,

Don Dullis

Executive Secretary

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The Federated Churches

of Greater Cleveland

1010 Hippodrome Building
Cleveland, Ohio

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November 19, 1930

Dear Sir:

A Citizens' Thanksgiving Celebration will again be held this year in the B. F. Keith's Palace Theatre, Euclid Avenue and East 17th Street on Thursday morning, November 27, at 10:30 o'clock, under the auspices of the Joint Committee of Catholics, Jews and Protestants which sponsored similar Thanksgiving celebrations as well as Armistice Day celebrations in the past.

The speaker on this occasion will be Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, of the Temple.

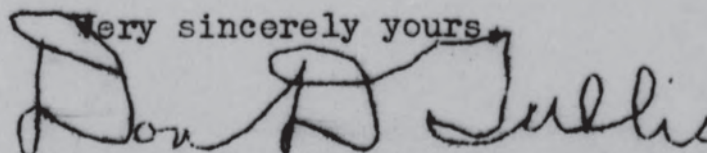
The Orpheus Male Octette, under the direction of Mr. Charles D. Dawe, will render the musical program.

This annual Citizens' Thanksgiving Celebration has been gaining in popularity from year to year. It has become an important spiritual factor in the life of our community.

May we not extend to you and through you to all the members of your congregation a cordial invitation to attend this community celebration? We will deeply appreciate it if you will announce this celebration in your pulpit or in your church bulletin next Sunday.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



Secretary Citizens' Committee

The Federated Churches

of Greater Cleveland

1010 Hippodrome Building
Cleveland, Ohio

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December 1, 1930

Rabbi A. H. Silver
E. 105th St. & Ansel Rd.
City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

May I express my very deep appreciation of your excellent address at the Union Thanksgiving Celebration on Thursday morning? It was a masterpiece. My one regret is that we did not have a larger crowd to hear it.

May I also thank you for your suggestions for next year? They are very practical and I trust we may follow them to the letter.

There was quite a deficit as the collection was exceedingly small but Mr. Davis insists that we forget it until next year at which time we shall hope to make it up.

I think we ought to have a meeting of the committee early in January so as to make our plans and secure our speakers for next year. The fact that I have so recently come to Cleveland made it difficult for me to know just what my share was in this union service and what responsibility I ought to assume. By another year I am sure this office will be able to make a better contribution.

Thanking you again for your very kind letter and with best wishes, I am

Faternally yours,

Don D. Tullis
Executive Secretary

The Federated Churches

of Greater Cleveland

1010 Hippodrome Building
Cleveland, Ohio

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December 3, 1930

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I appreciate very much your kind invitation to attend the lecture next Monday evening, December 8, at 8 o'clock. I know Dr. Petty personally and shall look forward with great pleasure to hearing him again.

May I thank you also for the enclosed complimentary ticket. It is good of you to think of me in this connection.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Don D. Tullis
Executive Secretary

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October 10, 1930

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

There will be a meeting of the Citizens' Thanksgiving Committee on Friday, October 17, at 1:30 o'clock, in the office of the Federated Churches, 1010 Hippodrome Building. We hope you will be able to be present.

Sincerely yours,

Mabel E. Gamett

Secretary

Citizens' Committee



Nov. 28th, 1930

Dr. Don D. Tullis,
Federated Churches,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Tullis:-

I wonder how we fared in our collection Thanksgiving morning. We probably will have a deficit this year. If so, please let me know the amount and I shall try to raise the money from among a few people interested in our services.

While the subject is fresh in my mind I should like to make a few memoranda to guide us next year:

1. The hour should again be shifted to 10:45 instead of 10:30 and the Theatre people should be persuaded to let us have the original time for our meeting.
2. The music at the Thanksgiving service was not adequate. We should have more or better voices. The musical program ought to be outstanding.
3. Prior to our Armistice Day and Thanksgiving Day meetings we should hold a joint meeting of representatives of those churches which actually wish to join in these community meetings.
We tried this one year and we had great success.
The ministers of these churches should be asked to sit on the platform and the names of the cooperating churches should be printed on the programs.
4. The publicity should be more extensive. The significance of these services should be dramatized a bit more by the press.

I thought that you might want these impressions of mine on file for next year.

With kindest regards and best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Rabbi A. H. Silver
City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We have held nine meetings of the Cleveland Community Religious Hour, four in the Banquet Hall and five in the Little Theatre of the Public Auditorium.

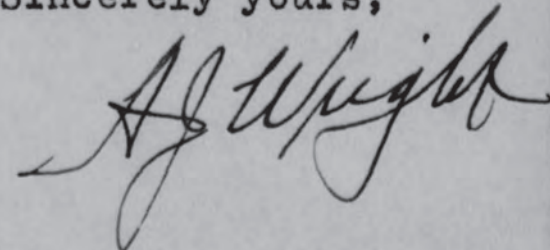
The attendance has run from 350 to 800, an average of 505 people. Our offerings have been from \$29.25 to \$83.86, an average of \$48.96.

This coming Sunday Rabbi Abraham Nowak of the Temple on the Heights has kindly consented to take the place of Rabbi Stephen A. Wise who has been ill for several weeks.

I am very desirous of giving Rabbi Nowak, our fellow townsman, who is to speak on "Seeking Our Common Denominator", a large and representative hearing. Would it not be a fine thing for our advisory committee members to be present and take seats on the platform on this occasion? I believe both the speaker and audience would greatly appreciate this action on our part.

The meeting will be in the Little Theatre of the Public Auditorium at 3:30 P.M. We can at that time decide the time and place for the next meeting of the advisory committee when the past, present, and future, of the Cleveland Community Religious Hour may be discussed.

Sincerely yours,



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Rabbi A. H. Silver
Ansel Rd. & E. 105th St.,
City

My dear Rabbi:

We are bringing to the Cleveland Community Religious Hour on Sunday afternoon, January 4th, at 3:30 o'clock, in the Little Theatre of the Public Hall, Rabbi Gerson B. Levi of the Temple Isaiah-Israel, Chicago, Illinois, to speak on the subject "What is Judaism?"

We believe all the people of our city would be benefited by a fuller understanding of the meaning of Judaism.

Will you help us give Rabbi Levi a large and representative hearing by urging the members of your congregation to attend this meeting?

Interest in and attendance at these meetings are growing from week to week.

Yours in the name of the Advisory Committee,

AG Wright

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Rabbi A. H. Silver
City

My dear Rabbi Silver:

At the suggestion of the chairman and treasurer I am calling a meeting of the members of the Cleveland Community Religious Hour for Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the office of Mr. I. F. Freiburger on the second floor of the Cleveland Trust, Euclid Avenue and East 9th Street.

A full report of the 15 "Hours" we have held will be given. Plans will be outlined for the remaining "Hours".

Hoping you will be able to attend this meeting on Friday.
I am,

Sincerely yours,

AJ Wright

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Report of A. J. Wright to the Advisory Committee meeting in office of the Treasurer, Mr. I. F. Freiburger, on Friday, January 30th at 3 P.M.

I. The Place of Meeting.

There have been 15 out of 28 of the meetings of the Cleveland Community Religious Hours. Four of these meetings have been in the Banquet Hall and 11 in the Little Theatre of the Public Auditorium. The Little Theatre is the ideal place to hold these meetings as to location and size.

II. The Time.

The time of our "Hours" has been from 3:30 to 5:30 in the afternoon which has been about as convenient as the evening hours.

III. Our Speakers.

1. Of the 15 speakers we have had, 4 were Catholics, 4 were Jews, and 7 were Protestants. One was a layman, 6 were clergymen, and 8 were professors. Ten of the fifteen were from out of the city and five were local men.
2. All of our speakers made contributions to our cause. All of them made friends for themselves and for us. All of them gave us the best they had. All said they were pleased with their reception.

With the majority of our speakers the subject of their address was assigned them by a special committee consisting of Rabbi Brickner, Dr. Higley and the Director. Thus many points of view were presented.

IV. Our Audiences.

A more democratic group of people would be difficult to imagine as to financial and social standing, political complexions, and religious convictions. People are coming from near and far to attend these meetings. One man comes from Canton every Sunday. Our average attendance has been 511. Our audiences have contributed \$ 625.07, through the offerings. The question has been asked as to whether we are reaching the unchurched or not. I believe we are because I know a great many people of "mixed marriages" who are attending. Many questions asked show an antagonism to the Churches. At the same time it is my conviction that these "Hours" must be conducted so as to keep the financial backing of the Church people.

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V. Our introductory Programs.

We have tried to keep them to 20 minutes in length. We have tried to make them informal. We have tried to avoid the terminology of the Church service.

VI. The Question Period.

This is the distinctive feature of the "Hour". My guess is that it brings as many people to the "Hour" as the address does. The Question Period makes for a close attention on the part of the audience. It is a spur to the speaker who wants questions asked. He does not want his address to end in a dead silence. He does not want embarrassing questions asked.

VII. The Questions.

Some of them cause mirth and laughter, some of them are aimed to heckle the speaker and some of them are irrelevant but relieve the tension. The vast majority of them are serious and show a close attention to the speaker, and a grappling with live problems. We use both the written and oral questions as some people will not lift their voices, other people will not write.

VIII. Our Methods of Advertising.

We insert a one inch space in the three daily papers. We receive notices in the Church news columns. We send out 1000 postal cards each week. We have two bulletin boards on the walk of the Public Auditorium. Slips are used by our audiences to circularize among their friends. The Hotels use these slips among their guests. Radio announcements are made every Saturday Evening over W.H.K. and W.G.A.R.

IX. Our Receipts and Expenditures.

Total receipts \$ 9242.45

Total exps 8631.10

Cash on hand 611.35

Estimated amount needed to close the season with all bills paid is \$ 3329.98

X Co-operation.

We have splendid co-operation from :

1. Our treasurer, Mr. I. F. Freiburger and his secretaries.
2. All of the News Papers.
3. The management of the Public Auditorium
4. Our audiences.

Our experiences thus far have confirmed the convictions with which we started that in order to have fellowship with those who differ with us it is not necessary for any of us to surrender our own convictions.

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The Federated Churches

of Greater Cleveland

1010 Hippodrome Building
Cleveland, Ohio

Cherry 3147

March 4, 1931

Rabbi A. H. Silver
Ansel Rd. & E. 105th St.
City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

A meeting of the Citizens' Thanksgiving and Armistice Day Committee is to be held on Tuesday, March 10, at 1:30 o'clock in the office of the Federated Churches, 1010 Hippodrome Building.

This meeting is called to make plans for next year's program.

Sincerely yours,

Don D. Tullis

Secretary
Citizens' Committee

The Federated Churches

of Greater Cleveland

1010 Hippodrome Building

Cleveland, Ohio

Cherry 3147

March 25, 1931

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Davis and I have been trying to get some sort of cooperation between our Citizens' Committee and the American Legion in our Armistice Day programs this year. There is a feeling that there should be no conflict and somehow or other the two groups should endeavor to work together.

Mr. Davis has been in conference with Mr. Dale Brown of the Guardian Trust Company who is an officer of the Legion. Davis suggests that it might be well for us to ask Mr. Brown to take the initiative and call a meeting of the two groups to see if we could combine our efforts this year.

Does this meet with your approval? Kindly let me know your thought in the matter as soon as possible so I can give an answer to Mr. Davis.

Personally I am in favor of asking Brown to call such a meeting.

May I tell you with what great delight I have read your new book. It is without doubt one of the finest productions of the year. I started to mark striking passages but found before I was half way through that I was spoiling the looks of my volume by excessive pencil marks.

Very cordially yours,

Don D. Jullis
Executive Secretary.

March 26th, 1931.

Mr. Don D. Tullis,
Federated Churches,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Tullis:-

Thank you for your kind letter of March
twenty-fifth.

I believe that before you proceed further
with the negotiations with the American Legion in reference to
our Armistice Day meetings, the Committee ought to be clear in
its own mind concerning the purposes of these meetings.

If we want a military celebration, which will
perhaps follow a parade of the Legion with the sort of an
Armistice Day address of which the Legion will always be able
to approve, then the idea of the joint effort is a sound one.
If, however, the Committee desires to eliminate the military
note from the meeting and to devote it entirely to an advocacy
of international peace and disarmament in keeping with the
ideals of the religious bodies which have been fostering these
meetings, then I fear that cooperation with the Legion will
simply make it impossible to carry through this objective.

Surely the Legion would not have approved
of the kind of program that we had last year with the pacifist
Sherwood Eddy as the principal speaker. I am afraid that we
shall be letting ourselves in for a great deal of conflict as
to speakers, character of programs, etc. if we ally ourselves
with the Legion.

I would suggest that before Mr. Brown calls
a joint meeting of the two bodies that we have a meeting our-
selves and discuss this matter thoroughly.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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April 16, 1931

Rabbi A. H. Silver
E. 105th St. & Ansel Rd.
City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You will pardon my delay in replying to your letter of March 26. I agree with you that our committee must be clear in its own mind concerning the purpose of our Armistice Day meeting. We surely do not want to transform it into a military celebration.

I am acting on your suggestion and will get in touch with you very soon in order that we may call a meeting of our local committee before any meeting is held with the larger group.

Very cordially yours,

Don D. Jullis
Executive Secretary.

Cleveland

Community Religious Hour

Public Music Hall

Sunday Afternoons

3:30 o'clock

October 12, 1930 to April 26, 1931.

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A Community Religious Hour in which
men and women of all faiths may participate.

Addresses by outstanding leaders of
religious thought in America upon vital problems
relating to the life of the entire community.

Community Singing.

Cleveland, Ohio.

The Cleveland Community Religious Hour was started by a group of citizens, of Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant faiths, who believe that our city will benefit from a nonsectarian service of inspiration and fellowship:

- to emphasize the spiritual kinship of mankind
- to emphasize the fatherhood of God as the basis of mutual understanding and good will
- to promote the moral and religious welfare of the community.

This group believes that the problems of childhood, of youth, of social and economic justice, of belief in God, of science and religion, of prayer, of immortality are the problems that concern us as a community as well as individuals.

To help in the solution of these problems this group has organized to bring to Cleveland the outstanding leaders of religious thought in America. Every field of local activity will feel the stimulating power of their addresses.

One of the distinctive features of these Hours will be the Question Period when the audience will have the opportunity to ask questions bearing upon the message of the hour, or upon any disturbing life problem.

The Cleveland Community Religious Hour is sustained entirely by voluntary subscriptions and the Sunday afternoon contributions. It is earnestly desired that all who are interested in the purpose of the "Hour" will assist on the financial support.

Speakers

- October 12, 1930. - Open
- October 19, 1930. Rabbi William H. Fineshriber, Temple Keneseth Israel, Philadelphia, Pa.
" God in History"
- October 26, 1930. Father John A. Ryan, Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C.
" The God who Demands Justice and Mercy"
- November 2, 1930. Dean Shailer Mathews, University of Chicago
" Faith in God in Our Modern World"
- November 9, 1930. Sherwood, Eddy of New York.
" What Religion Means to Me"
- November 23, 1930. Father J. Elliott Ross, University of Iowa.
" Anchorage in a World of Change"
- November 30, 1930. - Open *Relig. in Ch*
- December 7, 1930. Dr. Charles E. Jefferson, Broadway Tabernacle New York City N. Y.
" Faith as a World Force"
- December 14, 1930. Dr. Henry N. Wieman, University of Chicago.
" Methods of Private Religious Living"
- December 21, 1930. Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Free Synagogue, New York City, N.Y.
" What is Left?"
- December 28, 1930. Father Jones I. Corrigan, Boston College
" Character and Character Building"

Speakers (continued)

January 4, 1931. - Open

January 11, 1931. Dr. A. E. Haydon, University of Chicago.
" The Problem of Belief in God"

January 18, 1931. - Open

January 25, 1931. Father M. J. Ahern, Holy Cross College.
" Does Science Menace Religion?"

February 1, 1931. Rabbi Gerson B. Levi, Temple Isaiah- Israel
Chicago, Illinois.

February 8, 1931. --
Rabbi Louis Wolsey, Congregation Rotheeph
Shalom.

" Prayer"

February 15, 1931. - Open

February 22, 1931. Dr. John A. Lapp, Marquette University
" A Passion for Understanding"

March 1, 1931. - Open

March 8, 1931. - Open

March 15, 1931. Dr. Kirtley F. Mather, Harvard University
" Science in Search for God"

March 22, 1931. - Open

March 29, 1931. - Open

April 5, 1931. - Open

April 12, 1931. Dr. Preston Bradley, The Peoples Church,
Chicago, Illinois.

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April 26, 1931. Dr. Charles W. Gilkey, Chicago, Illinois.

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June 11, 1931.

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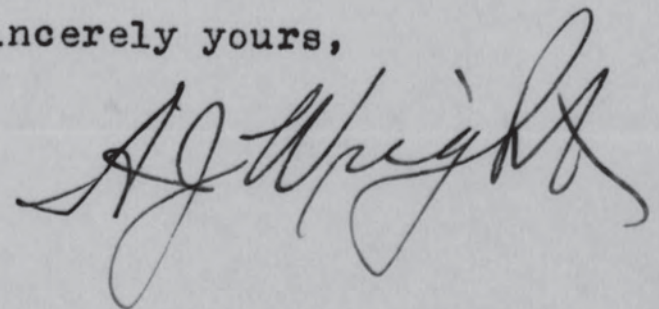
Dear Rabbi Silver:

We have just heard through the Open Forum Speakers Bureau, that we can have Rabbi Lazaron of Baltimore as our speaker for Sunday afternoon December 20th.

In our recent interview I understood you to say that you might be able to use one or two of our speakers and thus save us some money.

You will be conferring a great favor if you will permit us to book you definitely as one of our speakers for either November 29th or January 3rd.

Sincerely yours,



June 15th, 1931

Rev. A. J. Wright,
607 Society for Savings Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rev. Wright:-

Permit me to thank you for your letter
of June 11th.

I am happy to know that Rabbi Lazaron
will be with you on December 20th. I shall be very
happy to have him occupy my pulpit that morning. We
shall undertake to pay his traveling expenses from and
to Baltimore.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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September 16, 1931.

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Ansel Rd. & E. 105th
City

My dear Rabbi:

I sincerely hope your vacation has renewed your strength and vigor for the tremendous responsibilities before you during this coming season.

Enclosed you will find folders containing the list of our speakers booked to date. Some of these men are available for an address in the morning of the day they speak for us at a very nominal fee.

As soon as you have decided on the subject I shall be pleased to have it for publicity purposes.

Wishing you an abundance of all good things, I am

Sincerely yours,

Alfred J. Wright

Dec. 22d, 1931

Dr. A. J. Wright,
Community Religious Hour,
607 Society for Savings Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Wright:-

I am enclosing herewith a check for
\$40.26 to cover Dr. Lazonon's traveling expenses.

I think that your suggestion of sending
him \$100 is a good one.

With kindest regards and best wishes,
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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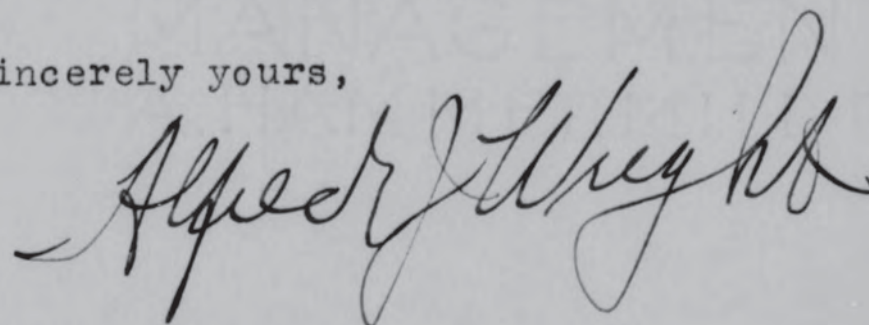
Rabbi A. H. Silver
Ansel Rd and E. 105.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are bringing Dr. Julian Morgenstern, president of the Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, O., to the Cleveland Community Religious Hour on Sunday afternoon, Feb 21st at 3:30 in the Little Theatre of the Public Hall to speak on, "How Did Certain Religious and Social Beliefs and Customs Originate?"

We are very desirous of giving him a large and representative hearing. Whatever publicity you can give to his address will be greatly appreciated by him and us.

Sincerely yours,



July 5th, 1932

Dr. Don D. Tullis,
Federated Churches,
Hippodrome Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Tullis:-

I believe that we should call a meeting in the near future of our committee on Armistice Day and Thanksgiving Day celebrations to plan in sufficient time for these meetings.

If you think that this is advisable please get in touch with me and we will set a date together.

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I received from Miss Bushea of the Adult Education Association which you might bring up for consideration at the next meeting.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Cleveland, Ohio

July 22, 1932

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

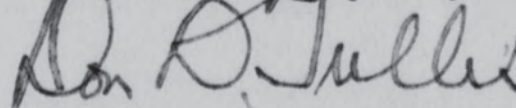
I have your letter of July 5 relative to the Committee on Armistice Day and Thanksgiving Day Celebrations.

I suggest that we call a meeting of this committee for early next week, Tuesday or Wednesday, if that meets with your approval. If you will have your secretary call the office I will set the hour any time Tuesday or Wednesday that suits you best.

Mrs. Bushea of the Adult Education Association is as you know very much interested in getting other groups back of the Armistice Day Celebration. She has secured the interest of a larger number of organizations and I am sure it would be exceedingly helpful to us to have their help in this matter. Shall I invite Mrs. Bushea to the meeting of the committee next week and ask her to explain to us what she has in mind relative to this program?

With kindest regards, I remain

Very sincerely yours,



Executive Secretary

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Aug 2. 1932.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

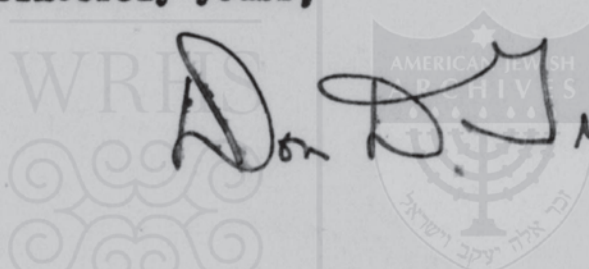
Cleveland O.

Dear Rabbi Silver;

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I received from Rabbi Wise this morning. I am under the impression that we all understand his attitude on the subject of war and that we invited him with this in view. Is that not the case? If you agree with me and will let me know by telephone I shall wire him at once confirming the date and completing the arrangements for his coming.

Very sincerely yours,

Don D. Julius



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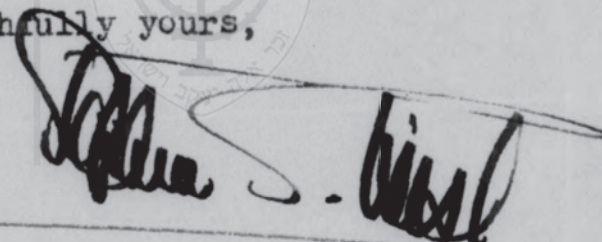
August 1, 1932

Mr. Don Tallis,
Federated Churches of Cleveland,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Will you not let me thank you for your kind invitation? I accepted as soon as the telegram came to me, but I find it necessary to qualify my acceptance. If the normal, conventional Armistice Day address is expected by the community, then I am afraid it would be better for someone else to speak. Personally I supported my country and the Allies in the World War in every way, but it is only fair to tell you that I am become an uncompromising war resister, and I am sure that I could not speak without having my own feeling with regard to war color my address. I have nothing but honor for them that died in past wars; I have nothing but horror of them who would drag us into further wars. If this understanding be satisfactory, then I will come to you, otherwise it would be better for me not to come.

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Stephen S. Wise", written over a faint circular stamp that contains a menorah and the word "ARCHIVES".

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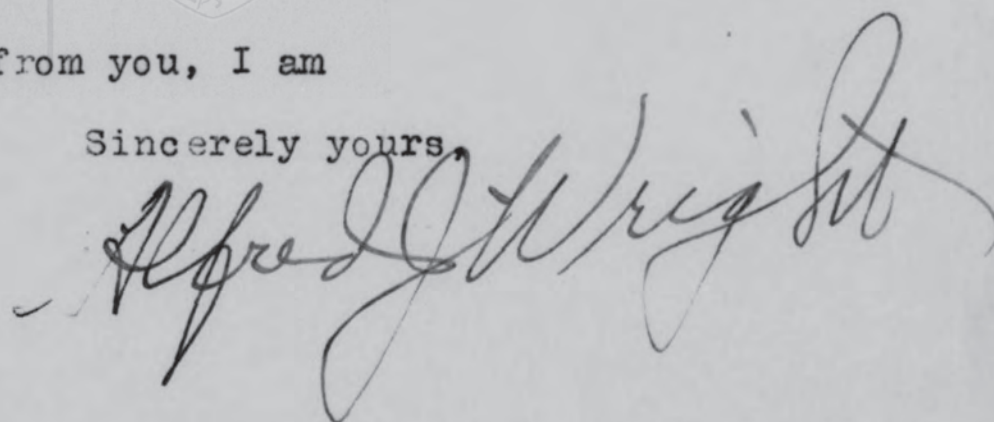
Dear Rabbi:

In compliance with your request for a list of our speakers for the coming year, I am sending you the names of those men booked to date.

I have had to go slowly in booking out of town speakers on account of the finances. We may have to tide ourselves over this year with a majority of local men.

Awaiting further suggestions from you, I am

Sincerely yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Alfred J. Wright". The signature is written over the typed name "Alfred J. Wright" and extends across the right side of the page.

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Cleveland, Ohio

June 27, 1933

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am wondering if we cannot arrange for a meeting of the Armistice and Thanksgiving Celebration Committee within the next two weeks. There are matters of business that ought to be taken care of before the vacation period is here.

Kindly let me know what hour will suit your convenience. About 4 in the afternoon of almost any day seems to be a good time for most of our committee members. I shall be glad to have the meeting in this office.

Very sincerely yours,

Don D. Julius
Executive Secretary

The Federated Churches of Greater Cleveland

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Cleveland, Ohio

October 3, 1933

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mrs. Bushea is ill in bed and I am not able to reach her for another conversation relative to the speaker for Armistice Day. The last time I called her she said she would get in touch with O'Ryan again and give me his answer. I hope to hear from her within the next few days after which I will get in touch with you.

Do you have any other speaker in mind who might be secured if O'Ryan is impossible?

Very sincerely yours,

Don D. Lullis

Executive Secretary.

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October 26, 1933

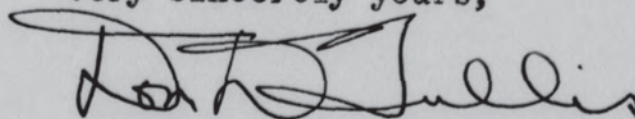
Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have just had a letter from Mr. Fred B. Smith saying that he is unable to accept our invitation for Armistice Day. This puts us in a difficult situation. As the time is so short it is almost impossible to secure a speaker. Smith has promised me, however, that he will wire me within the next two days relative to one or two outstanding men he has in mind.

If neither one of these men is available and you have no one in mind who may be secured for this occasion, I would suggest that we do not have this celebration this year. What is your thought in this matter?

Very sincerely yours,



Executive Secretary.

November 2, 1933.

Dr. Don D. Tullis, Executive Secretary,
The Federated Churches of Greater Cleveland,
1010 Hippodrome Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Tullis:

Inasmuch as we have been unable to
obtain a speaker for the Armistice Day celebration
and the time remaining is so short, I think that
we ought to forego the celebration this year.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

February 8, 1934.

Dr. Don D. Tullis, Exec. Secretary,
The Federated Churches of Greater Cleveland,
1010 Hippodrome Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Tullis:

Some few days ago, I wrote to you in connection with the Tydings resolution which has been introduced in the United States Senate. This morning I received the enclosed letter signed by Dr. S. Parkes Cadman and Bishop Francis T. McConnell on the same subject. You have undoubtedly received a copy of it. I should be pleased to receive word from you on this matter.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

THE FEDERATED CHURCHES
of GREATER CLEVELAND

EXECUTIVE HEADQUARTERS: 1010 HIPPODROME BUILDING

Telephone CHerry 3147

February 16, 1934

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am bringing the Tydings resolution before our Social Welfare Committee at their meeting which will occur in about ten days, and I am recommending that they take action upon it.

Thanks for the copy of the letter signed by Dr. S. Parkes Cadman and Bishop Francis J. McConnell.

I am wondering if you are in touch with any fund whereby we may take care of the expense account of Bishop Fisher who spoke for our Citizens Committee at our Thanksgiving Service a year ago last November. He is willing to cancel his honorarium of \$50 but would like very much to have his expenses taken care of. We have no fund with which to cover this and Mr. Davis, our treasurer, does not seem to be able to find this amount. If you know of any cash box under your control from which such a contribution might well be made I will greatly appreciate it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Don D. Tullis
Executive Secretary.

February 20, 1934.

Dr. Don D. Tullis
The Federated Churches of Greater Cleveland
1010 Hippodrome Building
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Tullis:

I am glad that you are following up
the matter of the Tydings Resolution.

I am sorry that there is still an
outstanding debt which our Citizens' Committee
has not paid. If Mr. Davis will raise \$25, I
will undertake to raise the other \$25 so that we
can wipe out this debt.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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March 14, 1934

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Davis has been able to raise but \$5 thus far on the amount we owe Bishop Fisher. I think I can get hold of \$10 from another source which would make this \$15 in all. If you can match that amount and send it to me I will mail \$30 to the Bishop at once and I am sure he will be willing to accept this in full payment of the honorarium we intended to give him. Thank you for your kindness and interest.

May I also reply to your letter of March 12 in which you ask me to become a member of a committee sponsoring the Non-Sectarian League for Human Rights against Nazism. I shall be glad to serve as a member of this committee. Kindly let me know what I can do to make my membership effective.

I am sorry I could not attend the meeting of this committee on this date.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Don D. Sullivan
Executive Secretary

P.S. if you care to make this
2500 I'll do my best to
match it.

DD

March 16, 1934.

Dr. Don T. Tullis, Exec. Sec'y,
The Federated Churches of Greater Cleveland,
1010 Hippodrome Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Tullis:

I am enclosing herewith a check for \$25 to help cover part of the traveling expenses of Bishop Fisher. I trust that you will be able to raise the balance.

I am happy to learn that you will serve on a committee of our League which I am confident will render good service to our common cause of defending basic American principles against the rising tide of medievalism and reaction.

I should be very happy to hear what your organization did in connection with the Tydings resolution.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX
Enc.

THE FEDERATED CHURCHES
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April 2, 1934

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
City


Dear Rabbi Silver:

It was mighty fine of you to send us a check for \$25 to cover part of the traveling expenses of Bishop Fisher.

The Bishop was so surprised to receive our check that his letter was almost lacking in ecclesiastical dignity. He starts out with "My goodness but you scared me half to death."

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,


Don D. Jullis
Executive Secretary

Cleveland Community Religious Hour

Little Theatre - Public Hall

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February 17, 1937

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

The morning mail brought us the acceptance of Rabbi Alexander Lyons of the Eighth Avenue Temple, Brooklyn, New York to speak for us on the afternoon of March 7th. His subject will be "The Path to Peace".

In his letter he wrote, "Kindly inform Rabbi Silver of my coming."

My impression is that we are fortunate in being able to bring Rabbi Lyons to our Hour at this time. If you have any suggestions as to how we can give this "Apostle of Brotherhood and Cheer" a large and representative hearing please let us have them.

A personal interview with you concerning his coming would be more than welcomed. If you have followed our program of this season through the publicity we have had I think you are convinced that we have directed it in accordance with the spirit and the letter of declaration of its originators.

Let me say in closing there is nothing I have done in the 30 years of my ministry in this city that I regret more than offending you. Even we older men have to live and learn.

Sincerely yours,

Director,

Alfred J. Wright

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SAMUEL M. COHEN
ROBERT S. COPELIN

June 15, 1937.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Road and East 105th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:

Recently we exchanged letters regarding the excessive heat generated by some of our Jewish organizations in order to stimulate income and membership.

Since receiving your reply, I have thought further on this question and since this subject ties in with something in which we were both interested for a number of years, I feel free to write to you again for further discussion.

During the past seven years Dr. Wright headed The Community Religious Hour movement in this city. It is my belief that you have been associated with this movement from its very inception and have unsparingly given your time, effort and monies to it. During the height of the Townsend movement many people objected to Dr. Wright's connections with it. I think that there is no question that originally Dr. Wright himself was misled and carried off by the general enthusiasm and fanaticism of this movement. He has since had occasion to regret his connections with it and has, as you undoubtedly know, completely severed any and all relations with it. He has since devoted his entire energies and ability exclusively to The Cleveland Community Religious Hour.

During the past year I served as treasurer of this movement and have had the opportunity of familiarizing myself with its general activities and studying the result. I believe that with the limited resources and contributions--amounting to approximately \$2500.00 per year--he has done exceptionally well. His salary is very meager, amounting only to \$35.00 per week and is in all other matters very frugal and economical in the expenditures.

I believe you will agree with me that such an institution is highly desirable in this city. Dr. Wright has considerable ability in contacting and gaining the good will of the various racial and religious groups in this city. I personally feel we

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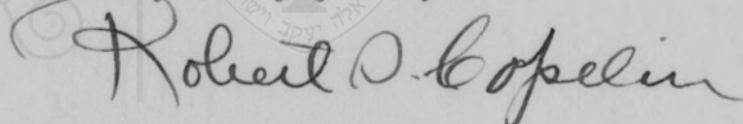
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should do all we can to retain both the organization and him and, if possible, to build it up to a point where more substantial and effective good will work could be carried on. This requires even more than money; the help and personality of such a man as you, and I personally would feel very happy to receive your promise for your continued cooperation. A meeting has been called for Monday afternoon, June 21st, and your presence would raise the spirit of all of the present directors.

I have mentioned this matter to Mr. Eugene E. Wolf, the president of your temple. He advised that I speak to you personally, but appreciating the limitations of your time, I am writing this letter instead.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very truly yours,



ROBERT S. COPELIN

RSC:I

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND EDUCATION

The Cleveland Church Federation

October 31, 1941

TO THE CLERGY OF CLEVELAND:

Recently I sent you a letter urging your support of the citizens' slate: Alfred A. Benesch, John F. Morning, Charles A. Vanik and Mrs. Norma F. Wulff. This letter has met with your generous approval.

Today, Friday, October 31st, the Catholic Universe Bulletin, over the signature of Joseph Schrembs, Archbishop of Cleveland, writes:

"As the election of members to the School Board is no more a political question than these levies, I recommend the re-election of Frank T. Jamieson and Doctor George F. Greene and the election of John R. Beljon and Herbert C. Eisele."

This recommendation is made because it is a good American practice to elect the best qualified candidates regardless of race or religion. They are recommended as citizens who have the best interests of the Public School System of Cleveland at heart."

Very devotedly yours in Christ,
JOSEPH SCHREMBES,

Archbishop-Bishop of Cleveland.

This letter is to be read at all the Masses in every church and chapel of Cuyahoga County on Sunday, November 2nd, 1941.

By order of the Most Reverend Archbishop,
JAMES A. McFADDEN, Chancellor.

We are ^{also} ~~enclosing~~ sending a photostat copy of the above article just as it appeared.

We have refused to make this a religious issue. The Roman Catholic hierarchy have now made it just that. Therefore, on behalf of our Committee I send you this information in the hope that you will arouse your people to cast their vote for the citizens' slate and thereby prevent a solid Catholic School Board.

Trusting you will give this your utmost personal attention,

Yours faithfully,

D. R. Sharpe
Chairman

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September 16, 1942

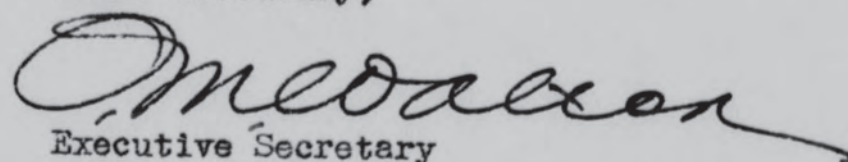
Dear Rabbi and Mrs. Silver:

Will you accept an invitation to spend an informal and delightful hour with one of America's choicest ecumenical spirits - Dr. William Adams Brown, chairman of the American Sections of the Life and Work and Faith and Order Movements, and beloved professor emeritus in Union Theological Seminary, New York?

Dr. and Mrs. Philip Smead Bird have opened their home at 1689 East 115th Street for a tea in honor of Dr. Brown on Sunday, September 20, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Invitations are being extended to members and wives of the Executive Committee of the Cleveland Church Federation, to past presidents, and to others in the circle of Dr. Brown's Cleveland friends. We do hope you can come.

Yours cordially,


Executive Secretary

R.S.V.P. CHerry 3147 before 10 a.m. Saturday.

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February 8, 1946

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As you know, each Saturday morning at ^{9:30}~~9:15~~ o'clock there is a broadcast of Cleveland Church News over WGAR. We have been glad to include in this broadcast a notice of some of your activities as you will see by the enclosure.

We shall be glad to receive notice of other activities which would have an interest for Cleveland church people in general. While we cannot, of course, include all local activities, every church from time to time has some special event which is different and might be helpful to another church in planning its program, and of course all Protestants rejoice when one church is particularly successful in a venture for Christ.

With best wishes to you in your work, I am

Cordially yours,

Raymond L. Spoerri
Executive Secretary

P.S. We have been pleased to receive many letters of appreciation for the Church News program. We think it important also that WGAR receive such letters.

Major General Luther D. Miller, chief of chaplains, United States Army and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, rabbi of The Temple, East 105th street, and Ansel road, will conduct memorial services in The Temple Sunday morning, for twenty-two of the Temple's war dead.

765 Temple men and women served in the armed forces during the war. Of these, five served as chaplains.

The Temple choir and a string quartet will present an appropriate musical service.

More than one hundred recently discharged service men, their wives and service women, attended a reception, given in their honor by Dr. and Mrs. Silver at the Temple, Friday evening.

file Northeast Ohio Synod

October 9, 1956

Rev. Elam G. Wiest
Chairman, Reception Committee
The Northeast Ohio Synod
2969 West 25th Street
Cleveland 13, Ohio

My dear Reverend Wiest:

Thank you for your kind letter of October 5.

If I am in the city on November 19 I shall be very pleased to attend the banquet honoring the Reverend R. Bruce Whittemore.

With kindest regards, I remain

Cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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THE ~~NORTHEAST~~ OHIO SYNOD

The Evangelical and Reformed Church

2969 WEST 25th STREET
CLEVELAND 13, OHIO

October 5, 1956

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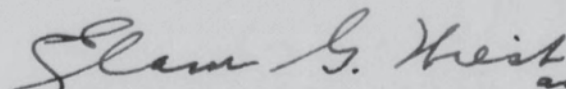
Dear Rabbi Silver:

It would be greatly appreciated by our committee if you would reserve Monday evening, November 19th, to attend a banquet honoring the Rev. B. Bruce Whittemore, the new Executive Secretary of the Cleveland Church Federation.

You will receive a more formal invitation and guest tickets for you and Mrs. Silver at a later date.

We feel that because of the cordial relations we have enjoyed for many years, this event on the 19th would be incomplete without your presence.

Fraternally yours,



Elam G. Wiest
Chairman, Reception Committee

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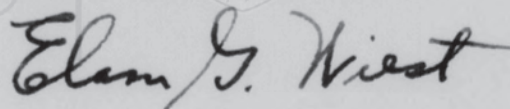
Rabbi and Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Blvd.
Cleveland 22, Ohio

Dear Friends:

It is our sincere hope that you will be able to accept our invitation to the reception and banquet in honor of the Rev. B. Bruce Whittemore, the new Executive Secretary of the Cleveland Church Federation.

I shall be at the hotel to greet you and to present you with complimentary tickets for the banquet.

Sincerely yours,



Elam G. Wiest
Chairman, Reception Committee

EGW:as

REV. ELAM G. WUEST, *President*

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Proposed Statement.

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We, representing the Federation of Churches of Cleveland, wish to put on record our sense of sorrow and of sympathy over the collisions of races and the antagonisms of individuals, which have recently broken out in Palestine. We deeply regret the loss of life and the desolation, as well as the long delay which is thus caused in the establishment of a normal civilization in this historic country. This country, like Greece and Rome, is a land to which all peoples turn in reverence, in gratitude for the past, and in deep hope for the long future. We trust that it may soon become a land in which all peoples may live together in wholesome co-working, in mutual trust, in harmony, and in love.

To all our churches we commend the efforts which the members of the Jewish community are making to aid in the restoration of the places desolated by the recent collisions and conflicts. Such contributions as our churches may make will be deeply and gratefully appreciated by all members of the Jewish heritage.

Charles F. Flewelling, President