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Radio addresses, 1926-1928.

October 1, 1926.

Mr. L. W. Zimmerman, Manager,
W.T.A.M.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Zimmerman:-

Our Committee has once more gone over the radio matter and we have come to the definite conclusion that we cannot attempt to get up a schedule for the evening.

There are comparatively few churches have an evening service, not all of these meet your standards, not all the available ones want to spend the money involved, and finally the hour, eight to nine, requires a change of existing arrangements for the services which will somewhat embarrass most of the churches anyway.

Under these circumstances we feel that we had better leave it entirely in your hands to make directly the many adjustments necessary in a schedule.

Hough Congregational and Pilgrim Congregational have definitely agreed to assume responsibility for the dates Nov. 28 to Dec. 18, and Feb. 20 to Mar. 13, respectively. We have written them that they must now deal with you confirming or cancelling the arrangements.

As a Committee then we shall confine ourselves solely to the morning schedule, assuring you that if we can help you in the evening as individuals without responsibility for the general plan, we will gladly do so.

Sincerely yours,

A. H. Silver
F. S. White
L. C. Wright
F. Q. Blanchard

Sec'y. for the Committee.

- Federated Churches -

10/26/26

Francis
Bishop *J.* McConnel *M.E. Church*
524 Pennsylvania Avenue,
Pittsburg, Pa.

The Community Thanksgiving Service Committee of Cleveland would deem it a great privilege and pleasure to have you address its great community Service on Thursday, November 25th at 10:30 a.m. in the Palace Theatre. This is an outstanding ~~event~~ annual event in our civic life. It embraces all the Churches and Temples of Cleveland. From three to four thousand people attend this Service. We shall be grateful for your acceptance and shall of course be glad to take care of your customary remuneration. Please wire.

Rev. Prucher
Federated Churches of Cleveland
Br. A.H. Silver
The Temple, East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.

*Federated Churches
"Broadcasting"*

Cleveland, Ohio.

December 11, 1926.

To the Members of the
Broadcasting Committee.

Gentlemen:

Having nursed the Broadcasting plans to the point where they are complete for the first year and having received from Mr. Zimmerman the suggestion that we prepare the schedule for the second year, I am writing to ask if you will meet next week to consider this matter, as I do not wish to make these major decisions by myself. Will you let me know which of the times suggested below would be most convenient for you? I will then notify the others of the date most agreeable to all.

I suggest my Study here at the Church as a central point.

I may also ask for an appropriation for \$5000 to provide a staff of secretaries with which to carry on the correspondence with Mr. Zimmerman and the Churches.

Sincerely yours,

FQB:LEW

Fred Blanchard
Sec'y. of Broadcasting Committee.

Time suggested:
8:45 A.M. Thursday, Friday, or Saturday, Dec. 16, 17 and 18.

11 A.M.

Cleveland, Ohio.

Jan. 15, 1927.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Rd. at E. 105th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

I am writing to you this morning for the Special Committee on Church Broadcasting and at the request of the W T A M Broadcasting Station.

W T A M is prepared to offer to the churches for another year beginning, that is to say, March 20 the same arrangement for Sunday morning broadcasting as has prevailed this past year. The enclosed slip shows the schedule as repeated from last year with one or two changes necessitated by Church Holidays and by one substitution. Will you advise me at your earliest opportunity if your Church will take its place in this schedule another year? I may say to you that in the somewhat shifting situation as regards church broadcasting today it is highly important, if the excellent arrangement of this present year is to continue, to have a program for another year definitely approved by the churches at the earliest possible date.

What I have written you above will apply this coming year simply to the morning service. W T A M can sell a church hour in the evening at its regular rate. They feel under compulsion, as they are a commercial organization, to enter this arrangement. Before closing, however, with the

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organization that has offered to take the evening hour and pay for it, they would like to offer any of the churches which have been broadcasting this past year the opportunity of using and paying for the evening hour.

The charge for this will be \$150.00 per evening. If a church buys the evening hour the same four weeks that it has the morning hour there will be no extra charge for the lines. If it wishes to have the evening hour for other Sunday evenings beside those of the weeks it is broadcasting in the morning, there will be a further charge to the Telephone Company for the lines used which will amount to just the cost of installation of the lines for the month, approximately what is now being paid by the churches which are broadcasting.

This matter of the evening service should be taken up by any of the churches interested directly with Mr. Zimmerman of W T A M headquarters in the Union Trust Building.

Will you please reply regarding the morning service to me as secretary of the Committee. The charge for this will be the same as last year, namely that for the use of the lines, W T A M giving their facilities. This will be as you will recall between \$150 and \$160.

Cordially yours,

Ferd Q Blanchard

Secretary of Committee.

FQB:LEW

Abba Hillel Silver) Committee on Church Broadcasting
Francis S. White	
Louis C. Wright	
Ferd. Q. Blanchard	

F (Federated Churches)

January 25, 1927.

My dear Rabbi Brickner:-

I naturally did not hear your sermon Sunday morning which went out over the radio, but on reading the extract from it in Monday morning's paper I wished I had heard it. You said many things with which I heartily agree and you said them exceedingly well.

W T A M, however, has been in receipt of a number of protests and Mr. Zimmerman has communicated with me as secretary of the Minister's Committee asking if I would bring to your attention the situation in which they find themselves. They are extending a courtesy to the churches. They are held by the public at the same time as in a certain sense responsible for what goes out from their Station. They are not in the position of taking any attitude of a political sort, but what they broadcast may commit them in the ears of the listeners and thus work to their discredit.

Of course, in such a situation there is no such thing as drawing hard and fast lines. All parties interested can simply proceed with nice regard for the others. In deference, therefore, to the fact that we are, as ministers and churches, the recipients of this courtesy from the W T A M, I am sure we shall all agree that we should do nothing to embarrass the Station, to make them the objects of unpleasant criticism and to render it impossible for them to continue the courtesy, lest they be injured by so doing.

Mr. Zimmerman felt that it would be more appropriate for our Minister's Committee to bring the matter to your attention than for them to do it.

I have not had time ~~to~~ opportunity to consult with Rabbi Silver, Dean White, and Dr. Wright, so that you will understand that this is not in the slightest sense an official utterance. I did think, however, that the difficulty which had developed for the Station made the situation so obvious that without waiting for the Committee to pass upon it I would do best simply to let you know what had occurred, confident that during these Sundays of broadcasting you would be careful not to embarrass the Station or to act contrary to what they feel are the necessities of their position.

Cordially yours,

FQB:LEW

Federated Churches

EUCLID AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

EUCLID AVENUE AT EAST 96TH STREET

CLEVELAND

GEORGE H. JOHNSON
PULPIT ASSOCIATE

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FERDINAND Q. BLANCHARD
MINISTER

MISS HELEN LUSK
CHURCH CLERK

HERBERT C. MOATZ
TREASURER

February 22, 1927.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple
Ansel Rd at E. 105th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Lest I misunderstand in any way I am writing to ask you for a confirmation of the arrangements that I understood you to approve in my conversation with you yesterday, namely that you will take the dates May 15 to June 5 inclusive, these being the ones originally proposed, but which you thought you could not use.) *yes*

I understand that you can arrange for somebody to be your substitute on May 15 and you would rather have these dates this spring than wait until the late autumn for other dates.

Cordially yours,

Ferd Q Blanchard

FQB:LEW

February Twenty-third
1927

Dr. Ferdinand Q. Blanchard
The Euclid Avenue Congregational Church,
Euclid Avenue at East 96th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Blanchard,

This is to confirm our conversation of yesterday. The Temple will take the dates originally assigned, viz: May 15th to June 5th inclusive.

With kindest regards, I beg to
remain

Very sincerely yours,

Federation of Churches
"Radio"

May 10, 1927.

Rev. F. Q. Blanchard,
Euclid Avenue Congregational Church,
9606 Euclid Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Reverend Blanchard:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of May 7th.

In compliance with your request, I
have consented to broadcast two evening services
over WTAM, although I have been under the impression
all the while that the broadcasting in the evening
was optional with the respective churches.

Frankly, my dear Dr. Blanchard, I
have not been pleased with the broadcasting ar-
rangements this year. Without my knowledge, The
Temple was shifted on the radio program to the
last month of our congregational year. This made
it impossible for me to address all four services,
inasmuch as I was scheduled to be in Des Moines for
the 15th of May; it was also necessary for me to add
another Sunday morning service on June 15th. We
had planned to close our Sunday morning service on
May 29th. The new arrangements will also make it
necessary for me to broadcast a service on the
evening of June 5th, which precedes our confirmation
service on the morning of the 6th. I had planned to
use that evening for the final preparation for our
confirmation service.

I do not know what your program is for
this coming season but unless my congregation can
broadcast somewhat earlier in the season, we would
not be interested in the matter next year.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

P.S. I have sent a copy
of this letter to Mr. Zimmerman

May 15th, 1928.

Rabbi Silver,
The Temple,
105th st. and Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We have listened to you so many times on the radio that a more formal mode of address would not seem to be in order. Although we happen not to be Jews, we have several very good Jewish friends, and, strange as it may seem, you and Rabbi Brickner are our favorites among Cleveland religious speakers.

We would rather listen to a talk by you on Sunday morning because you speak in world terms and not in terms of one's own small community. That is the trouble with the small town church, as well as with many larger churches. The beauty of your diction and the earnestness with which you discuss your subject compels one's attention, and you do make us think. We should like to have heard your address at the Peace Conference, for we heartily concur in the hopes and aims of the Society.

Were we Clevelanders we should lose no opportunity of hearing you. However, we shall anticipate your being on the air again next year.

Thank you very much for your fine, inspirational talks.

With cordial good wishes,

Respectfully yours,

Mina Robson

226 Princeton Ave.,
Elyria, O.

(Miss) Mina Robson

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Rabbi A.H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

WJAM.
Broadcasting

Warren, Ohio.
May 11, 1928.

Dear Sir:-

The undersigned is somewhat deaf, and, thru the kindness of a friend has been permitted to listen over the radio and, the past several weeks has heard your addresses three times and, looks forward to your "Judea's Message to the Modern World" next Sunday.

He wants to express his thanks to you for instruction and inspiration thru your addresses. He particularly admired your oratory, English, grammar, choice of phrases, reasoning and the intonation and quality of your voice. He has preserved for his "scrap book" file, your addresses as printed in the Plain Dealer, but, was disappointed last week in not finding your address in the P.D.

Again thanking you,

Yours truly,

James Ward.
James Ward.

Federation of Churches
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HERBERT C. MOATZ
TREASURER

May 18, 1927.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

Your letter perhaps does not call for any reply, but I am writing because I am exceedingly anxious that there should be no possible misunderstanding as to the arrangements which I have been trying to make for our Committee and the churches.

In the first place, as to the evening broadcasting it did not occur to me that there was any question about the arrangement. I have reread my original letter sent out to the churches on the schedule and I see that I could easily have made it more explicit as to the evening. All of the churches, however, with the exception of The Temple had been "on the air" since the evening arrangement went into effect and I did not appreciate that you did not understand the arrangement which had been made according to which there was an evening obligation, formerly four times a month and now twice. Possibly you were not at our Committee meeting when this was made perfectly clear.

The other matter you write about is as to the date for you this year. May I recall just why it comes about that your dates are as they are this spring?

A year ago when the plan was initiated it was in the weeks just before Easter. It seemed natural to assign these to the Cathedral because of the special program of music which the Episcopal churches have in Lent and Easter. The Temple received the next possible assignment. Our church was to come on third.

Rabbi A. H. Silver.

May 18, 1927.

We dropped out of the picture on these dates because the Euclid Avenue Baptist asked if they might come in at the time assigned us and we withdrew to permit them to do so.

Now when I came to reissue the schedule for another year last winter, I found that owing to the shift in Easter The Temple would have one of the services assigned to it on Easter Sunday. Mr. Zimmerman had been explicit in his directions to me that the Christian Church festivals of Easter and Christmas must come in churches where there would be special music for the day. It was, therefore, impossible to assign you the same dates as a year ago and I set you down for the four immediately following the four of last year. You will doubtless recall that you spoke to me about it at once and said they were not convenient dates. I immediately set to work to make an exchange with you giving you the earliest dates possible in the fall after The Temple services should reopen. While I was in the midst of correspondence relative to this you spoke to me again saying that your people wished you to have dates this spring. Therefore it was that, after talking with you, you concluded that despite your absence on May 15 you would prefer the four dates assigned you in the spring to waiting for any in the autumn.

I hope as you recall this it will be perfectly clear that there was no arbitrary assignment. The only arrangement with which we had to deal was that occasioned by the coming of Lent and Easter and the circumstance that these coming unusually late this spring delayed your part in the broadcasting according to the requirements made by W.T.A.M. as I noted above.

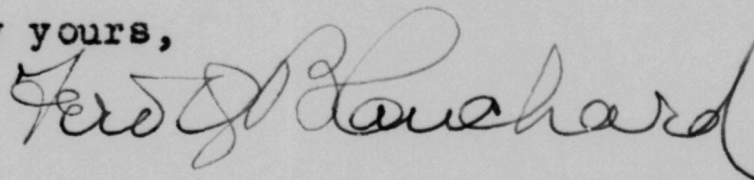
Rabbi A. H. Silver.

May 18, 1927.

Personally you will understand I have simply sought to register what we agreed upon in the Committee within the limits of the requirements of W.T.A.M. It has been an entirely thankless job involving a lot of time both for our secretary and myself. I should not have continued it if I had not wished to do nothing which might break up an arrangement operating generally with satisfaction. But I have gotten nothing out of it except a very large amount of expense for which there has been no possible return and not a little kicking about conditions for which I have been in no wise responsible. I shall be most glad to have somebody else take over the whole business at any time.

I note in the paper this morning your Tenth Anniversary celebration. May I add my congratulations at this time upon these ten very significant and notable years. You may rightly feel a profound satisfaction in what in your case is after all only a beginning.

Cordially yours,



FQB:LEW

May 20, 1927.

Rev. Ferdinand Q. Blanchard,
Euclid Ave. Congregational Church,
Euclid Ave. at East 96th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Reverend Blanchard:

Permit me to thank you for
your letter of May 18th.

I should regret it profoundly
if my letter to you suggested in the
slightest degree, criticism of your connection
with the radio program. I only wished to
suggest that the postponement of The Temple's
dates to May 15 - June 5 caused us considerable
embarrassment. I do hope that we shall not be
placed so late on the program next year. May
we not have either February, March or April?
Our congregational season will close next year
around the middle of May.

I more than suspected that the
job of Chairman of the Radio Committee was
an exceedingly thankless one, and it is not
my wish to add one iota to the burden of your
work.

I need not tell you that I
profoundly appreciate your words of
congratulations on my tenth anniversary.

With kindest regards, permit
me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:NEB

May 20, 1927

Rev. Ferdinand Q. Blanchard,
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Euclid Ave. at East 96th Street,
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around the middle of May.

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of Chairman of the Radio Committee was an
exceedingly thankless one and we are all
grateful to you for having assumed the
burden of the work.

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congratulations on my tenth anniversary.

With kindest regards, permit
me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:NEB

LEONARD A. REINGRUBER
LYNDONVILLE, NEW YORK

"Radio" -

comment on
Broadcasted
Service

May 29th, 1927

E 105 + Angel

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This is my first letter of acknowledgment of a church service heard by radio, but I feel that the service and the address, which I heard through W T A M this morning from the Temple at Cleveland, deserves a word of praise as well as appreciation. I have never heard the Sacco-Vanzetti case so fairly discussed, and the history of the case was very interesting. My only regret is that you did not speak for another hour. It was with almost a sigh of regret that the service did not last longer that I turned off the set after the last notes of the organ had faded away.

Your address brought back to my mind a thousand pleasant memories of about seven years ago, when I lived in Cleveland, and frequently attended the Sunday morning services at Central and E. 55th street and also in the winter the Friday evening Forum meetings.

Again expressing my appreciation and hoping that I may again have the pleasure of hearing your voice over the air, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Leonard A. Reingrub

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1927

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701 Hippodrome Bldg.

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Superintendent

CLEVELAND, O.

June 6, 1927

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
City

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing the letter from Senator Willis which arrived this morning. I have replied that we will let the matter rest until early in the fall hoping that he will be able to address our Citizens' Thanksgiving Service. I think it would be a nice thing if you would drop him a line.

I want to thank you for that wonderful sermon you preached last night. We are living on the Lake Shore now, fifteen miles from the Square, and it was a great treat last night to listen to that most helpful message. I am sure you will have many letters like this one.

With all best wishes.

Most cordially,


Executive Secretary.

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P.S. Please have your secretary return Senator Willis' letter.

Federated Churches

June 20, 1927.

Rev. E. R. Wright,
The Federated Churches,
701 Hippodrome Bldg.
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rev. Wright:

I am returning herewith
a letter from Senator Willis.

Judging from newspaper
reports, it seems likely that there
will be a Special Session of Congress
in the fall.

Do you not think that
other arrangements should be made for
our Thanksgiving service?

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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CLEVELAND, O.

June 21, 1927

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
City

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing to Senator Willis asking him if he can advise us further in regard to the special session of Congress and his coming to Cleveland for the Thanksgiving Service. It seems to me we ought to have another letter from him before going after another speaker.

With all best wishes.

Most cordially,

E. R. Wright
Executive Secretary

ERW/MEG

P.S. I am enclosing copy of letter to Senator Willis.

June 21, 1927

The Honorable Frank B. Willis
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Willis:

I notice from the papers that there is some likelihood that the President will call a special session of Congress this fall. Our committee is wondering whether you would be willing to let us have your decision now with reference to your coming to Cleveland for the Thanksgiving Service, that is, can we not book you definitely for this community service whether Congress is to be in session or not? Please let me hear from you.

With all best wishes.

Most cordially,

Executive Secretary

ERW/MEG

Federated Churches

DEAN WHITE
TRINITY CATHEDRAL HOUSE
2021 EAST 22ND ST.
CLEVELAND, OHIO

Dear Doctor Silver

If you knew how earnestly I desire to learn that you will make an interpretive and soul stirring address to Cleveland's children on Armistice Day you would say 'yes' to the invitation you already have had from The Federated Churches.

Do let the prophetic fire burn up, and flare forth on this pregnant anniversary when people are musing in their hearts 'if it be possible to outlaw war'.

Sincerely
Francis A. White.

28 Sept. 1927.

September 29, 1927.

Dean Francis S. White,
Trinity Cathedral House,
2021 East 22nd Street,
City.

My dear Dean White:

Permit me to thank you for your kind note inviting me to participate in the Armistice Day service which will be held under the auspices of the Federated Churches. I am, of course, most happy to comply with your request.

Trusting that you are well and looking forward eagerly to our meeting soon again, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:NEB

October 1, 1927

Mr. L. W. Zimmerman,
WTAM Broadcasting Station
1100 Chester Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Zimmerman:

Replying to your letter of the 30th I would say that everything seems quite clear now in the arrangements between WTAM and the Churches broadcasting.

To recapitulate:-

1. The broadcasting is to be of the morning service only. Each four weeks period, however, you will notify the church that is to broadcast as to what evenings, if any, are free, and settle with the church whether it will use any or all of them. There is no obligation on either side assumed in advance for the evening.

2. The charge to each church will be \$150.00 for the four weeks it broadcasts.

3. The schedule will be as arranged last spring, except that each four weeks period is moved ahead a week. I give it again.

Oct. 9 -- Oct. 30	Epworth Euclid M. E. Church, Wright, Pastor.
Nov. 6 -- Nov. 27	Euclid Ave. Congregational Church, Blanchard, Pastor.
Dec. 4 -- Dec. 25	Unitarian Church, Lupton, Pastor.
Jan. 1. -- Jan. 23	Euclid Ave. Christian Church, Goldner, Pastor.
Jan. 29 -- Feb. 19	Euclid Ave. Temple, Brickner, Rabbi
Feb. 26 -- Mar. 18	Church of the Covenant.

Apr. 15 - 22-29-6

Mr. L. W. Zimmerman

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4. Our broadcasting arrangement originally began in March 1926. The present year, therefore, ends in March 1928. I assume that you will let me know in January if I shall set up a new schedule to start then and go to March 1929.

Sincerely yours,

F. B.

October 10, 1927.

Rev. F. Q. Blanchard,
Euclid Avenue Congregational Church,
9606 Euclid Avenue,
City.

My dear Reverend Blanchard:

I received the copy of
the letter which you sent to Mr.
Zimmerman. I am pleased to know that
final and satisfactory arrangements
have been made.

I note that your
schedule of broadcasting goes up
to March 18th. I should like to have
The Temple broadcast from April 15th
to May 6th. Otherwise we would be
getting into the same tangle that
we got into last season. Our festival
of Pentecost and the closing of our
Sunday morning services take place
the latter half of May.

With kindest regards,
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:NEB

1240 Leader Building.

December 28, 1927.

Mr. Frederick McConnell, Director
Play House Theatre,
2060 East 86th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:-

Once again - is there any chance of
your directorate favoring production of "Spread
Eagle"? If so, I suggest the week of the
scheduled peace conference in Cleveland, in
order to "smoke out" the peace hypocrites on
the perennially self-appointed committees for
each and every cause.

Sincerely,

Carl B. Miller

Apr 22nd 11/28

Rabbi. Silver.

Dear Sir:—

I heard
you talk this A.M.
may the Lord bless
you an the worker
in our humble
effort to bring it
into fruition. Thanks
for the further incentive

James Knechtel

(no reply needed)

April 29 - 1928

Dear Rabbi Silver;

Your sermon on
"patriots" and "blacklists"
was decidedly interesting
and to the point.

I married into an
American family with
a line of ancestors a
mile long. They are fine
people and we are
very congenial, but
on this one subject
they are very tiresome.
There are several of
them members of the

Let us hope that others
like yourself - will
not be afraid to
speak up - even if they
do offend these patriotic
misanthropes, who spend
so much time in
cemeteries and memorizing
epitaphs on tomb-stones.
I feel sure their
ancestors in a good
many instances would
be ashamed of their
progeny - and again
I absolutely know some

U. A. P. and they
say your sermon was
the most disloyal
discourse they ever heard.
However I have a
number of dear friends
who also are burdened
with a line of ancestors,
and they claim, they
would rather be
good ancestors than
have them, and that
a great number of
these so called family
trees, need spraying.

of these so called
ancestors, who are
worshipped by some of
these W. A. B. women,
were in some cases,
nothing to brag about,
but just because their
relatives fought under
Gen Washington they
complacently sit back,
and feel so self satisfied
and think they have a
monopoly on patriotism.

Let hope some of these
others on the list, will
be heard from -

Sincerely Jane Smith.

Dear Rabbi Silver

[1928]

Really wanted to write to you last week, but, knowing how very busy you are, did not, but this week just cannot resist.

This is surely a marvelous age, when a person unable to leave their home can still hear our service and your wonderful sermons, over the radio.

As if I were seated before you, I could feel your voice and personality and listened with strict attention during the past two Sundays, enjoyed every word and just want to add my thought of appreciation and praise for your truly unusual and very remarkable sermons which are always and at any time a rare treat.

I have greatly missed the Temple and its activities since Dec. 3-1927, but, when the warmth and sunshine come and with the help of our heavenly Father expect to be able to get out.

Permit me at this time to
express my heartiest congratulations
and very best wishes to your dear
wife and self on the birth of
your darling son.

My sincere wish is that through
life he will follow the footsteps
of his dear parents and will give
you both great joy and happiness.

Very sincerely yours
Sarah Sampson.

May second.

1705 Glenmont Rd

CURT B. MULLER

CLEVELAND, OHIO

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Rabbi A. H. Silver
c/o The Temple
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Cleveland, Ohio

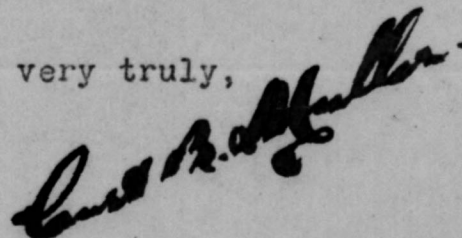
Dear Mr. Silver:

The report of your sermon on "Patriotism and Black Lists" stirred a responsive cord in me and led me to think that the enclosed copy of a letter might interest you.

Some years ago I had vainly recommended Lessing's "Nathan Der Weise", which play would be equally appropriate during the Peace Conference here.

I know a dozen or more Clevelanders who have been subscribers to peace publications ever since the first International Conference at the Hague, but I see the names of none on the stereotyped committee of 100. I do see on the list names of persons whom I know to have been ardent preparedness advocates in 1915 and 16 and likewise members of the ill-famed National Security League. Hypocrisy will always obtain, but those like yourself, who are in a position to expose it, dare to do it and possess the gift of doing it effectively, should be commended and that is the prime purpose of this letter.

Yours very truly,



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Room 106 City Hall,
Cleveland, O.

My dear Rabbi Silver: -

It was
my privilege to hear your address over the radio on Sunday last. Permit me to congratulate you upon your patriotic and courageous utterance.

My three grown sons listened in

with me and applauded heartily.

My spirit salutes you as a fit successor to Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel.

As long as a social classification seems popular it is desirable that the entire population should be classified "Fascists" as well as "Reds" and Communists.

With cordial good wishes
Evelyn F. Stires.

Rev. Ferdinand Q. Blanchard,
Euclid Avenue Congregational Church,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rev. Blanchard,

In looking over the proposed schedule of broadcasting which you sent me, I find that you have assigned May 15th to June 5th for The Temple. These Sundays are unfortunately not convenient for us. I shall be out of the city on Sunday, May 15th being scheduled to address the National Conference of Social Workers in Des Moines and we shall probably not have any Service on Sunday, June 5th in as much as our Feast of Pentecost is on Monday, June 6th. I wonder whether you could not get Trinity Cathedral or the First Methodist Episcopal Church to change places with The Temple.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,