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The Temple, symposium, "Religion Speaks", 1937-1939.

November 2, 1937

Secretary to Bishop Francis J. McConnell,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Friend:

On October 12, I wrote to you requesting a short biographic sketch as well as a photograph or two of Bishop McConnell to be used in connection with publicity on the symposium in which Bishop McConnell is to take part. As yet, we have not heard from you. No doubt this has been an oversight. We are getting up a booklet in this connection and have need of the photographs. May I hear from you soon?

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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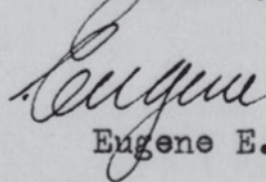
My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am in receipt of your letter of November 2nd regarding the Symposium, and I am enclosing my check for One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) to help defray the expenses of that project.

Regarding your letter of the 3rd concerning The Temple financial problems, I shall communicate with you in the next day or two regarding same.

With every good wish, I am,

Sincerely yours,



Eugene E. Wolf

EEW:HS
Encl.

November 8, 1937

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

My dear Dr. Wise:

I note that Mr. Rhys Davids is to address a meeting of the New York Zionists on November 21. We should like to invite him to Cleveland. What sort of a speaker is he and do you, perchance, know whether he would be available for an evening meeting on November 28?

I opened the Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign in Toledo last Wednesday. It was a very enthusiastic meeting. The quota, I understand, is \$32,000. Over \$21,000 was raised the night of the meeting. The community is confident of exceeding the quota.

In a few days I shall send you The Temple announcement of the symposium "Religion Speaks" in which you are to participate on Monday, December 6. It is, in my judgment, a very impressive symposium.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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

My dear Rabbi:

In reply to your letter of November 18 regarding the Symposium the Temple has arranged, I appreciate that this is an excellent program but regret to inform you that I am unable to contribute to its cost.

Thanking you, I am

Yours sincerely,

HEW:R

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December 1, 1937

Mr. Eugene E. Wolf,
Union Trust Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Gene:

The Enclosed three letters which arrived this morning are samples of many others which we have received indicating to you the impression which the announcement of our Symposium has made throughout the country. The Associated Press and the United Press plan to cover the meetings nationally.

I am still wrestling with the problem of financing the Symposium and I don't know why I should do all the "schnorring".... I have so far succeeded in obtaining some \$400, inclusive of your contribution. The Course itself will cost around \$600. That, of course, does not include the cost of printing the booklet and other incidentals. The Temple has in its budget approximately \$200 which will just about cover the cost of the printing, postage, etc. There remains some \$200 to be received. And I now officially put the baby at your doorstep.....

The following have already made contributions:
Messrs. Wm. J., Joseph and Ralph Bass; Sam Friedman; Emil Gottfried; Robert Hays Gries; Allen Klivans; Sam Kloppe; Bertram Krohngold; Jack Lampl; and yourself. We plan to publish their names in The Temple Bulletin and in the Jewish papers next week.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver

AHS:BK
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December 2nd, 1937.

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

My dear Rabbi:

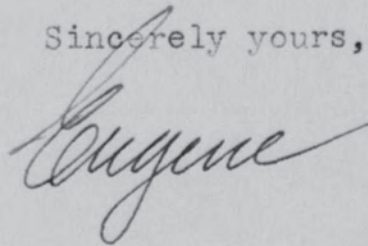
I am returning herewith the letters which you forwarded to me--they are certainly most interesting.

I haven't received any inquiry yet about your credentials from The Third Presbyterian Church of Rochester, but inasmuch as a very good Catholic once said to me that you would make a wonderful Pope, I see no reason why you could not be an equally good Presbyterian.

I note in your letter that you have placed the baby at my doorstep. I have no experience in taking care of babies, but purely for humane reasons I am taking it indoors and am trying several different nurses to raise it into a healthy being. However, if my efforts in this direction fail, you may soon again hear a squeal on your doorstep.

Seriously speaking, I am getting in touch with a number of people, and will advise you as to what, if anything, has been accomplished.

Sincerely yours,



EEW:FHR
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December 7, 1939

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I got home after an uneventful journey on a relatively empty pullman.

This is just a line to say how much I appreciated the courteous hearing at the Temple and the gracious hospitality of your own home.

It is not merely pleasant, it is important that we have these back and forth relations at the present time and try to talk across the top of some of the fences, which in God's good time will begin to come down.

In short, you were all very good to me and I enjoyed myself. Please give my warmest thanks to your wife and my greetings to the two boys as to yourself.

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D. D.
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
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December 9, 1937

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road & E. 105 Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Congratulations are certainly in order to The Temple and your own fine leadership for the great treat you brought to so many of us Clevelanders in the "Religion Speaks" series.

But, of course, we all want the series itself to yield much more than congratulations, and I am sure that it will from the fresh thinking that it has made us all do, for why be committed to a way of life unless we really come to see increasingly what the commitment involves! After greeting Dr. Clausen last night, whom I was surely glad to meet again after thirteen years when we toured Europe together with Sherwood Eddy, I hastened away without speaking to you because you were surrounded by so many of your devoted congregation.

You may be interested to know that as I was leaving The Temple two very young women greeted me - both members of our Cosmopolitan Club of the Business Girls' Department, one a Christian, the other a Jew, a member of Rabbi Brickner's congregation. When I remarked that I had written down the lovely prayer with which you closed your remarks, they said enthusiastically in unison, "So did we." We agreed that we could use it often together to drive home the aspiration and direction of effort for our Cosmopolitan Club activities. As we walked up to Euclid together we even discussed giving over one of the Cosmopolitan Club meetings to an exchange of prayers from the Prayer Books of our two faiths which would help build religious attitudes without offending any particular creedal slants which we hold dear in our own precious inheritances. So you can see how oaks do grow out of little acorns in just such simple ways as that conversation with two young friends of different faiths. But surely as the months pass by there will be manifold good things springing out of these three rich days which you have treated us all to.

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Sincerely yours,

Eleanor Richardson
Eleanor Richardson,
General Secretary.

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December 14, 1937

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Please accept belated but hearty congratulations upon the success of your symposium, "Religion Speaks." The response was a measure of the appreciation on the part of thoughtful persons for an authoritative message in interpretation of current religious life. We are grateful to you, Rabbi Harris, and others who made possible a project on a scale which could not have been done equally well by anyone else.

Yours most sincerely,

O. M. Walton
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December 14, 1937.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Many thanks for your kind note. Your symposium was really quite extraordinary, and I assume it was maintained on the high level to which Niebuhr's address lifted it. What a thrilling mind and power of utterance he has! I was delighted to see the editorial in the Cleveland News. Thank you for it and for the generous honorarium which you enclosed!

SSW:BW

Faithfully yours,


Stephen S. Wise
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Dictated by Dr. Wise before he left town; transcribed and signed for him during his absence.

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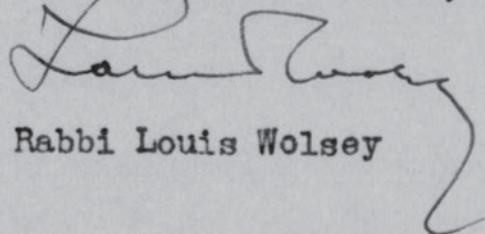
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Abba:

Thanks very much for your kind letter and its generous enclosure. I assure you I appreciated to the full the opportunity of speaking to your very remarkable Symposium. It really is a fine contribution to American thinking, and deserves imitation everywhere.

With very cordial greetings from Florence and myself to you and Virginia, I am,

Very faithfully yours,


Rabbi Louis Wolsey

LW:Y

December 21, 1937

Reverend O. M. Walton,
The Cleveland Church Federation,
1010 Hippodrome Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Walton:

Let me thank you for your kind note of December 14 and for the congratulations which you extend to The Temple upon the success of the symposium "Religion Speaks". Much of the success of the symposium was due to the whole-hearted cooperation which you and others among the Christian Clergy gave to this enterprise. I am deeply grateful to you and to the Cleveland Church Federation for the generous support which you gave to this community project. I am persuaded that it was a good and helpful thing in the life of our community.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

December 21, 1937

Miss Eleanor Richardson, General Secretary,
The Young Women's Christian Association,
Prospect Ave. at East 18th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Richardson:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of December 9th. Your comments on the value of the symposium which we launched were gratifying. I have received so many lovely letters from men and women who attended these meetings that I am inclined to believe that the symposium was a good and helpful thing in the life of our community. I was personally tremendously moved and stimulated by the addresses which were delivered. The whole-hearted cooperation which the project received from all sections of our population was particularly heartening.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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February 9, 1938.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Silver;

Professor Scholem's lectures (and I send you a copy of his syllabus) will probably be finished Thursday night, March tenth. I understand that Morgenstern of the Hebrew Union College wrote to Scholem in Palestine, and you thought you would like to have him. I rather think that Goldman will want him in Chicago. I wonder whether we should let him go West for the week from March 14th. The trouble is that week includes Purim. Would some night that week be possible for you-- and what night?

Professor Spiegel, who is standing at my side, says he is a good lecturer as well as being a great scholar. Let me hear from you promptly.

To deal with another matter, I am holding February 23rd and 24th in the expectation that we will have our meetings of the U P A one of those days.

With hearty greeting,

Faithfully yours,

SSW:BW

Handwritten notes:

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Wed. 30
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Handwritten notes:

Tuesday Mar. 1
Mar. 23
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Dr. Gerhard Gershom Scholem of the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, who has been invited by the Jewish Institute of Religion to give the Hilda Stich Stroock lectures for 1938, has recently left Palestine to embark at Cherbourg on the "QUEEN MARY" for America. He will arrive in New York on February 21.

The six lectures in the course, which Dr. Scholem is scheduled to give at the Institute, will be on the general subject, "MAJOR TRENDS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM". The individual lectures will be:-

1. General Characteristics of Mysticism and Jewish Mysticism as an Historical Force. Monday evening, February 28.
2. Abraham Abulafia and the Doctrine of Prophetic Kabbalism. Tuesday evening, March 1.
3. The Zohar and Theosophical Kabbalism. Wednesday evening, March 2.
4. Isaac Luria and His School. Monday evening, March 7.
5. The Sabbatian Heresy. Tuesday evening, March 8.
6. Hassidism. Wednesday evening, March 9.

The subject of the seventh lecture, which will be given in Hebrew, will be announced later.

This series will be held in the Chapel of the Jewish Institute of Religion, West 68th Street, and will be open to the public. The lectures will later appear in volume form under the imprint of the Jewish Institute Press.

The Hilda Stich Stroock Lectureship on the History and Philosophy of Religion was established in 1927 for the purpose of inviting outstanding scholars of the world's religions to present some part of their research. Thus far the following series of lectures have been delivered at the Institute and published by its Press:- "Israel and the Tower of Babel; Hugo Gressmann; "Josephus-The Man and the Historian", H. St. John Thackeray; "The Jewish Foundation of Islam", Charles Cutler Torrey.

February 13, 1938

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

My dear Dr. Wise:

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter. I have been confined to the house with a cold these last few days.

I would be very much interested in having Professor Scholem come to The Temple in March. We would like him for two consecutive evenings. Because of Purim, our March program is pretty crowded. His coming would best fit into our schedule on Wednesday, March 30 and Thursday, March 31. We would like him to deliver one lecture by way of a general introduction to Jewish mysticism along the lines of his first lecture before the Jewish Institute on Religion and a second lecture on Chassidism, which is the sixth before your organization. Please let me know whether the dates are acceptable; also what his honorarium is.

With reference to a meeting of the Administrative Committee - I am not free on the 23 or 24. I am to be in St. Louis on the 21 and must be in Cleveland at least one or two days that week. I would be free for a meeting on Tuesday, March 1. How does that fit in with your schedule?

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

February 18, 1938

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Silver:

I have gone over the program of Dr. Scholem with Dr. Spiegel and we are eager to make the arrangements with you, namely that Professor Scholem give two lectures in Cleveland under your auspices. Some time after Purim would do. I take it for granted you mean in the week beginning Monday, the 21st, or in the following week. I would like to submit the dates to him. He will be here on Monday and then confirm these dates.

You were kind enough to ask about honoraria. Including his expense (and, as far as I know, he would have no other places to which to go at that time unless he go to Cincinnati) do you not think that \$300 would be fair for two lectures? I do not insist upon that amount at all. I merely suggest it. If you think it excessive, do not hesitate to say so.

Faithfully yours,

Stephen S. Wise

P.S. I have just gone over your letter again and I am sure that, sending this letter - as I will - after Monday, we may approve of the two dates you desire, namely Wednesday, the 30th, and Thursday March 31st. I am sure that you have chosen two particularly fitting subjects. I hear that Scholem lectures very well in English and that he is altogether a most uncommon man.

February 18, 1938

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

My dear Dr. Wise:

In connection with the visit of Dr. Scholem, I am eager to fix the dates in our Temple schedule so as not to conflict with some other events which are pending here at The Temple. If Dr. Scholem cannot come on March 30 and 31, we could arrange to have him on Monday, March 21 and Tuesday, March 22. Please wire me when he can definitely be with us.

I have finally arranged to go to the Pacific Coast for ten days beginning April 3. I hope that my going there will be productive of some good. I have had to do considerable redrafting of my schedule to make this trip possible.

Montor writes me that you have definitely scheduled a meeting of the Executive Committee and the Administrative Committee for March 1. I shall make every effort to attend.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Dr. Stephen S. Wise
40 W. 68th St.
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Would be grateful for exact information as to the exact dates of Professor Scholem's visit to The Temple. Please wire.

A. H. Silver

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Telephone Your Telegrams to **Postal Telegraph**

February 24, 1938

Miss Gertrude Adelstein,
40 West 68th Street,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Adelstein:

I am happy to learn that Dr. Scholem will be with us on March 30th and 31st. You asked me to confirm the honorarium. I do not recall that Dr. Wise wrote me what the honorarium is to be.

Please bring to Dr. Scholem's attention my suggested subjects for his two lectures here. Please convey to him my warmest greetings and tell him that we shall look forward with the keenest pleasure to his coming here.

I would appreciate it if you would send me one or two photographs of Dr. Scholem.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION
WEST SIXTY-EIGHTH STREET
NEAR CENTRAL PARK
NEW YORK

February 28, 1938

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio AIRMAIL

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you for your letter of February 24. Dr. Scholem is looking forward to being with you on March 30 and March 31. We understand that you have chosen the following subjects for the lectures which Dr. Scholem is to deliver in Cleveland: (1) "General Characteristics of Mysticism and Jewish Mysticism as an Historical Force"; (2) "Hasidism".

In accordance with your request, I am sending you two mats of Dr. Scholem, which may be used for publicity purposes. I hope these will be satisfactory.

I note what you say about honorarium, and I am enclosing a copy of the letter sent to me from Dr. Wise's office, written by him on U.P.A. stationery. On the basis of this letter we understood that the honorarium is to be \$300. We hope that the fee suggested by Dr. Wise is satisfactory, and that Dr. Scholem will be spared any disappointment resulting from a change in the understanding.

With cordial greetings,

Sincerely yours,

GA:EH
Enclosure

Secretary

JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION
WEST SIXTY-EIGHTH STREET
NEAR CENTRAL PARK
NEW YORK

March 9, 1938

Miss Bessie Kline, Secretary to
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

AIRMAIL

Dear Miss Kline:

I am sending you herewith the only photograph we have of Dr. Scholem. I believe you can use this for publicity purposes.

I would appreciate your returning the picture to me after it has served its purpose.

Sincerely yours,

Leah Edelstein

Secretary

GA:EH
Enclosure



The Windermere

WEST END AVENUE AT 92ND STREET

New York

10/ 151 1938

My dear Dr. Silver,
It is only today that I saw the excerpt
from your letter of Feb. 24th and
I with express to you my best thanks
for your interest and your good
wishes. It will be a great pleasure
to meet again after many years
— lastly when you were in Pale-
stine I "hunted" after you in
Tel Aviv with our friend Mr.
Rubashov, but we could not
find out where you were!

It is not impossible that I
can stay in Cleveland over
Shabbath April 2th. I would
do so in case of have no
other engagements.

I would glad if you would
tell me where to stay in

Cleveland, in the case we should not meet at the station.

Now there is another point. Judging from my experience with the lecture - course at the IJR I find that ~~that~~ it would perhaps be worthwhile to change the subject of the first lecture and to give the two lectures on 1) Sabbathanism 2) Hesidism - which would make a logically more consistent whole which (if I may say so) I have found very fascinating to the audience. So I take the liberty to suggest these subjects. If you do not object to it, I would prefer this. But, of course, if you think the other choice better, I will have the "philosophical" first lecture to cut down and make it a little more popular, which by the way is not a very easy task to me.

Yours very cordially

Gerhard Scholem

March 11, 1938

Dr. Gernard Gershom Scholem,
C/o Jewish Institute of Religion,
40 West 68th Street,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Scholem:

Let me extend to you a warm welcome to our shores. I am happy to know that you are to spend some time in the United States and that you will lecture here. I am particularly gratified that you are coming to us here in Cleveland on March 30th and 31st. We have already announced your coming in the press. In a few days I shall send you the booklet which will go out to the community.

The two subjects which we have announced, "General Characteristics of Mysticism and Jewish Mysticism" and "Hasidism" will, I am sure, prove highly interesting to the audiences which you will have here. Inasmuch as quite a number of your hearers will not be scholars but just educated laymen, both Jewish and non-Jewish, I would suggest that your addresses be as little "technical" as possible. You have probably thought of it yourself.

Please let me know the hour of your arrival so that I can meet you. I would suggest that you stop at the Wade Park Manor when you come to town, which is a good hotel and within one square of The Temple where the lectures will be held.

With all good wishes and looking forward with eagerness to your coming to Cleveland, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



The Windermere

WEST END AVENUE AT 92ND STREET

New York

17 / 11 38

My dear Dr. Silver
many thanks for your letters!
I have no objection to your
calling the name of the
lecture "S.t. and Sabbatarianism"
— it being understood (at
least by you!) that I am
not going to speak ^{on} ~~about~~
the history of S.t. or his
personality, but about
the ideas of the Sabbatarian
movement.

Probably, I will leave New York
Tuesday night, and arrive
Wednesday morning at Cleve-
land. I will let you know

the hour as soon as I know it
myself.

There is a simple question which I
should like to ask you: must
I take my toxido with me
or can I do without it? (I perso-
nally do not like this dress,
and take it with me only when
necessary).

I hope my lectures will be
understandable to intelligent
laymen! I will do my best!

very cordially yours

J. Scholem

March 14, 1938

Dr. Gerhard Gershom Scholem,
The Windermere,
West End Avenue at 92nd Street,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Scholem:

I think that our letters crossed. I
was happy to hear from you.

I shall of course be very happy to announce
as your first lecture in the Seminar the subject of
"Sabbatianism". Would you mind if we announced it as
"Sabbatai Zevi and Sabbatianism"? People will recognize
the first half of the subject sooner than the second
half.

I am looking forward with real pleasure to the
opportunity of seeing you again and of spending some time
with you. There are so many things that I would like to
talk over with you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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March 21, 1938

Rabbi Melbourne Harris
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Harris:

The seminars booked for the last week in March by The Temple look attractive indeed. We are glad to be of assistance in calling events of this character to the attention of the Protestant clergy. Most of our churches are exceedingly busy at this Lenten period and I am not certain that it will be possible for me to be present on both evenings. I shall certainly try to be present at one lecture.

Thank you for remembering me with an invitation.

Yours most sincerely,

O. M. Walton
Executive Secretary



The Windermere

WEST END AVENUE AT 92ND STREET

New York

23 Mar. 2 '38

My dear Dr. Silver,

I propose to leave New York
Tuesday (March 29) night with
the night-train 11^{35} p.m.,
which if my information is
correct is bound to arrive
in Cleveland Wednesday
morning 11^{19} a.m. It would
be a great pleasure to
find you at the station, and
I will look around for you.
If I cannot discover you at
the station or in the waiting
room, I will go to the Hotel

you mentioned in your last
letter and wait for you.

With kind regards
yours sincerely

Gerhard Scholem



June 27, 1938

Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones
Central Woodward Church
Woodward and Josephine Streets
Detroit, Michigan

My dear Dr. Jones:

My Temple is arranging again, this year, a Symposium to last three days on the general theme, "Religion Speaks" - what religion has to say on (1) War, (2) The Crisis in Civilization and (3) Jew and Christian in a World of Conflict. The enclosed circular will give you an idea of our Symposium last year which attracted not only local but national attention and which was very largely attended by thousands of our citizens both Jews and non-Jews. Our thought is to bring home to men and women what organized religion is doing and what it should do by way of meeting the major social problems of our day.

The meetings will be held on Monday noon, December 5, Tuesday evening December 6 and Wednesday evening, December 7. It would give us a great deal of pleasure if you would accept our invitation to speak on Tuesday evening on the subject "The Crisis in Civilization". There will be one other speaker that evening, a leading Rabbi. You will have about thirty-five to forty minutes for your address.

I hope that you will be free to come. We will be in a position to offer a modest honorarium of \$100 and we shall, of course, be very happy to cover all your traveling expenses. We shall try to make your stay in our midst a pleasant one.

With all good wishes, and recalling with pleasure the times we have met in Detroit, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

June 27, 1938

Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick
490 Riverside Drive
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Fosdick:

Hope springs eternal. I have not definitely relinquished the hope of welcoming you some day to The Temple pulpit. I know how busy you are and how numerous are your duties. Nevertheless, I am hoping that a lucky break will favor us this time.

My Temple is arranging again, this year, a Symposium to last three days on the general theme, "Religion Speaks" - what religion has to say on (1) War, (2) The Crisis in Civilization and (3) Jew and Christian in a World of Conflict. The enclosed circular will give you an idea of our Symposium last year which attracted not only local but national attention and which was very largely attended by thousands of our citizens both Jews and non-Jews. Our thought is to bring home to men and women what organized religion is doing and what it should do by way of meeting the major social problems of our day.

The meetings will be held on Monday noon, December 5, Tuesday evening, December 6 and Wednesday evening, December 7. It would give us a great deal of pleasure if you would accept our invitation to speak on Monday noon, December 5 on the subject "Religion Speaks on War". There will be one other speaker on the same subject, an outstanding Rabbi. Each speaker will have about thirty-five to forty minutes. Last year a thousand people attended the luncheon at Hotel Cleveland Ballroom which was addressed by Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr and Dr. Stephen S. Wise.

I would deeply appreciate it if you would accept this invitation. We would, of course, be very happy to take care of all your traveling expenses and we are able to offer an honorarium of \$200. We shall try to make your stay in our midst a pleasant one.

With all good wishes for a pleasant summer, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

June 28, 1938

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof
120 Ruskin Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Sol:

Before I leave for my summer's vacation, which my family and I hope to spend in Maine, I am making arrangements for one of our major activities next season. You may recall the folder which I am enclosing herewith, "Religion Speaks". The Symposium was tremendously successful and attracted not only local but national interest. The meetings were exceedingly well attended and produced a splendid impression in the community, both Jewish and non-Jewish.

We are holding another three-day Symposium this year on the subject, "Religion Speaks", on (1) War, (2) The Crisis in Civilization and (3) Jew and Christian in a World of Conflict. The meetings will be held on Monday noon, December 5, Tuesday evening, December 6 and Wednesday evening, December 7. The two evening meetings are held in The Temple proper. At each meeting there is an outstanding Christian Clergyman and a Rabbi. Each is allotted about thirty-five to forty minutes and each discusses the particular subject from the point of view of his religion.

I should very much like to have you speak Tuesday evening on the subject, "The Crisis in Civilization". You will probably have on the program with you either Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick or Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones, of Detroit. There is an honorarium of \$100.

Please delight my heart by saying that you will come.

I wish you and Lillian a most happy summer. Virginia sends her warmest greetings and hopes that you and Lillian will be able to come up and join us in Maine for a visit this summer. We shall be at Mooslookmeguntic House, Haines Landing, Maine, from July 10.

As ever,

AHS:BK

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NEW YORK, N.Y.

June 28, 1938.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

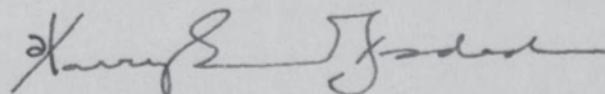
Dear Dr. Silver:

I have your letter and have read it you may
be sure with interest and goodwill.

I do indeed wish that it were possible for
me to send you an affirmative answer. The fact
is, however, that far from growing easier my
schedule here in New York becomes more and
more preoccupied. Aside from two or three
Sundays in universities that I have regularly
visited my itinerant ministry is practically over.
I have to take out in talking over the air what
I used to do by traveling, and have no choice
except to say no to this invitation, as I have
to say no to scores of others like you.

I know that this deprives me of many contacts
with my friends that would do me good, but I
cannot help it, and I am sure you will be
sympathetic.

Cordially yours,



EDGAR DE WITT JONES

Detroit, June 29, 1938

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

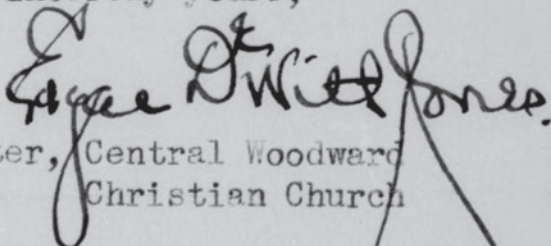
I should be very happy to accept your invitation to speak in the Symposium if you can switch me to December 5th. You see, the Biennial Conference of the Federal Council opens at Buffalo on the 6th and as president I have to be on hand.

Of course, it may be that you cannot make the change, but I hope that writing you so far ahead of the time, such a readjustment can be made without difficulty.

We remember your visits here with a great deal of pleasure. I especially recall the good times we had following the evening service of worship, at the hospitable home of our good friend, Dr. Kinder.

With all good wishes,

Most sincerely yours,


Minister, Central Woodward
Christian Church

July 1, 1938

Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones
Central Woodward Christian Church
Detroit, Michigan

My dear Dr. Jones:

I was very happy to receive your letter of June 29. Of course we will shift our arrangements so as to make it possible for you to be with us on December 5. The meeting will be a luncheon at the Cleveland Hotel. The subject for the Symposium will be "Religion Speaks on War". I will, before long, send you the name of the Rabbi who will share the program with you. I need not tell you that we shall look forward with the keenest of pleasure to your coming.

Please have your secretary send me one or two glosses and some biographic material which we may use in our publicity.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Home Address - 950 Park Ave

July 1, 1938

Dr. Ralph W. Sockman
Christ Church = 520 Park Ave
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Sockman:

My Temple is arranging again, this year, a Symposium to last three days on the general theme, "Religion Speaks" - what religion has to say on (1) War, (2) The Crisis in Civilization and (3) Jew and Christian in a World of Conflict. ~~The enclosed circular will give you an idea of our Symposium last year which attracted not only local but national attention and which was very largely attended by thousands of our citizens both Jews and non-Jews. Our thought is to bring home to men and women what organized religion is doing and what it should do by way of meeting the major social problems of our day.~~

The meetings will be held on Monday noon, December 5, Tuesday evening December 6 and Wednesday evening, December 7. It would give us a great deal of pleasure if you would accept our invitation to speak on ~~Tuesday~~ ^{Monday} evening, December 5 on the subject "The Crisis in Civilization". There will be one other speaker that evening, a leading Rabbi. You will have about thirty-five to forty minutes for your address.

I hope that you will be free to come. We ~~will be~~ ^{are} in a position to offer a modest honorarium of \$100 and we shall, of course, be very happy to cover all your traveling expenses. We shall try to make your stay in our midst a pleasant one.

With all good wishes for a pleasant summer,

I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Havent

*Jew and Christian in a World
of Conflict*

July 7, 1938

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof
Hotel Farrington
Center Lovell
Maine

My dear Sol:

Your office in Pittsburgh gave me your present address. I am happy to know that you are in Maine. My family left this morning by automobile for our summer place in Maine. I am leaving on Friday. Our address is: Mooselookmeguntic Lodge, Haines Landing, Maine. I hope that we will be able to see each other during the summer and compare notes on fishing and other matters.

I would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience about the invitation which I sent to you with reference to your participation in our Symposium, "Religion Speaks", on December 6. I am trying to complete the arrangements for this Symposium within the next week or ten days. Please write to me to the above address.

With all good wishes to you and Lillian, I remain

As ever,

AHS:BK

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July 7, 1938.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have been out of the city, hence
this delay in replying to your letter of June 27. Dr.
Bradley left Chicago for the summer on June 12.

Sorry, but it is impossible for Dr.
Bradley to accept any engagements before the first of the
year as his fall calendar is completely filled. If you
could use Dr. Bradley in January he would be glad to come.
However, he could not come on a Wednesday on account of services
in his own church.

Thanking you and regretting that it is
impossible for Dr. Bradley to come to Cleveland during December,
I am,

Sincerely yours,

May H. Harrison
Secretary to Dr. Bradley

CHRIST CHURCH
METHODIST EPISCOPAL
PARK AVENUE AT SIXTIETH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

*acknowledged
July 31.
asked for photos*

July 27, 1938

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

I owe you a very deep and sincere apology. Your letter of July first came during my absence from the city and was somehow buried in my correspondence. I hope that my delay has not inconvenienced you unduly.

If you took my failure to reply as negative and have arranged your schedule, please feel that the responsibility is mine. If it is still open, I think I could come to you on Tuesday evening, December sixth.

I have long heard of your great work in Cleveland and am eager to meet your group.

Very cordially yours,

Robert N. Tuckman

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EVANSVILLE ILLINOIS AUGUST 8

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

SORRY FOR UNAVOIDABLE DELAY IF NOT NOW TOO LATE SHALL
BE GLAD TO ACCEPT INVITATION FOR DECEMBER 7

F. J. MCDONNELL

Write Aug 8 and
asked for photo etc

RESIDENT BISHOP
THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

Aug 9/38
1014 Elmwood Ave
Wilmette, Illinois

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
Woolwicksquatic, Maine.

My dear Dr. Silver, - I deeply regret that in
travelling about I did not get your
message till about a week after it had
been sent. I am not sure that the
telegram sent yesterday will reach you

I shall be most
happy to accept your invitation for
December even, if I am not too
late.

Most cordially -
Francis J. McConnell

\$ 100 + exp.

EDGAR DE WITT JONES

Detroit, September 8, 1938

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

Dear Friend:

Back at work again I am reminded that I am due for an important speech under your auspices in Cleveland on Monday, December 5th, which by the way, happens to be my birthday.

While there is plenty of time, I could wish that you would write me at your convenience the details of this meeting, the subject you wish me to discuss, how much time I have for the speech and anything else that occurs to you as important for me to know. I want to make good use of this occasion.

I notice that during my absence you were in the city for a significant occasion and the extract of the speech which I saw in the paper reveals your courage and independent spirit. More strength to your purposes and spirit these eventful days.

Sincerely yours

Edgar De Witt Jones

Minister, Central Woodward
Christian Church

*P.S. There just read with
vast profit "Common
Sense" by Robbie
Seymour. E. D. W. J.*

\$50 + \$32 (expense)

September 12, 1938

Rabbi Morris S. Lazonon
Baltimore Hebrew Congregation
1914 Madison Ave.
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Morris:

You probably know that The Temple arranged, last year, a symposium which lasted three days on the general theme, "Religion Speaks". The enclosed folder will give you an idea of that symposium. It attracted not only local but national attention and was very largely attended both by Jews and non-Jews. Our thought is to bring home to men and women what organized religion is doing and ought to do by way of meeting the social problems of our day.

We are again holding such a symposium on the same theme this year. The meetings will be held on Monday noon, December 5, Tuesday evening, December 6 and Wednesday evening, December 7. The subject on December 7 will be, "Religion Speaks on Jew and Christian in a World of Conflict." Bishop McConnell has accepted our invitation to be the non-Jewish representative that evening. (At each program we shall have two speakers, a Christian Clergyman and a Rabbi.) I would be delighted if you could see your way clear to be the Jewish representative on that program. You will have from thirty-five to forty minutes for your address. The evening meetings are held in The Temple proper. We will, of course be happy to pay all your traveling expenses and are in a position to offer you a modest honorarium of \$50. It would give Virginia and me a great deal of pleasure to see you in Cleveland. You have not been here in a long time. May I hear from you at your earliest convenience?

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever,

AHS:BK

P.S. Dr. Ralph W. Sockman of New York, Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones, President of the Federated Churches of Christ and Sol Freehof have accepted our invitation to appear on the symposium.

September 12, 1938

Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones
Central Woodward Christian Church
Detroit, Michigan

My dear Dr. Jones:

I was very happy to receive your note. The meeting which you are to address is the first of three on as many consecutive days on the general theme "Religion Speaks". The subject which you are scheduled to discuss, together with one other speaker not yet chosen, is "Religion Speaks on War". We should like to have the point of view of organized religion today on the subject of how to meet the war menace and, as concretely as possible, to outline a program for the pacification of the world and for the building up of machinery for peace.

Your meeting will be held Monday noon, twelve o'clock at the Cleveland Hotel. It will be in the nature of a luncheon. An hour and a half is allotted to the two speakers, each taking forty-five minutes. As soon as we have engaged the other speaker, who will be an outstanding Rabbi, I will notify you. You may be interested to know that on Tuesday evening, Dr. Ralph W. Sockman will speak, and on Wednesday evening, Bishop McConnell. The luncheon, last year, attracted an overflow attendance. I am sure it will do so again this year.

With all good wishes and looking forward with pleasure to your coming hear, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. The book, "Common Ground" was written by my brother-in-law, Rabbi Lazon.

Morris S. Lazaron
1914 Madison Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland

September 15, 1938

Dear Abba:

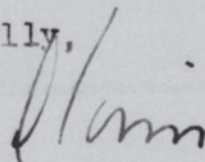
Of course, I will be delighted to come for the Wednesday evening meeting. I appreciate your wanting me, but I am particularly happy to have the chance for a little visit with Virginia, you, and the boys.

I shall be grateful for any suggestions you may have to offer as to the particular area which the Wednesday evening meeting will cover.

I wrote Dad a long letter yesterday, which was addressed also to Virginia and you, outlining the last aspects of our trip home. I suppose it has been forwarded to you so I shall not repeat here.

Suffice to say, we have had a letter from Harold in today's mail, which exhudes enthusiasm.

Faithfully,



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

September 19, 1938

Rabbi Morris Lazaron
1914 Madison Ave.
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Morris:

I am very happy to know that you will be with us for the Symposium in December - Wednesday evening, December 7. I am sure that you will enjoy the experience and our people will enjoy having you. The success of our Symposium, last year, was due in my judgment largely to the fact that each speaker presented a very concrete program of action in the discussion of his particular subject - concise and definite suggestions as to what organized religion can do in the present emergency. Your subject, particularly, will lend itself to this kind of helpful guidance and your experience over many years in this field will prove of great value.

Please send me two or three glosses of yourself which we may use in our publicity; also a biographical sketch.

I spoke with Dad two days ago and he seemed to be in excellent spirits. We are all well and busy. With best wishes to you and the children, I remain

As ever yours,

AHS:BK

Morris S. Lazaron
1914 Madison Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland

November 25, 1938.

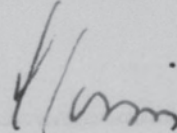
Dear Abba:

Many thanks for sending me the nicely gotten up folder of the symposium. I have no prepared address but shall rather wait until I can talk with you and find out what has been said and then hear what McConnell has to say.

I look forward with interest to being with Jinks and you. Is there a night train that I can get from Cleveland back here?

With love from house to house,

Faithfully,



Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

[1938]

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IVAN LEE HOLT
BISHOP

November 26th

My good friend —

Receiving your program
for the Symposium recalls
my happy days with you
last year. I hope you will
have great success with
every meeting, and I send
you and yours every good
wish.

Faithfully yours,
Ivan Lee Holt

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November 28, 1938.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Rabbi,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:

Announcement of the Second Annual Symposium, "Religion Speaks", presented to the religious community in Cleveland under the auspices of The Temple, is at hand. It is with the greatest regret that I am compelled to miss this series of lectures because of engagements taking me out of the city on these dates.

I want you to know my deep appreciation of the great service which you are rendering our city and community in this annual Symposium, my deep regret in being obliged to forego attendance at these three meetings. I hope that the attendance and interest will be even greater than that enlisted by the Symposium of last year.

Very truly yours,

Fred. L. Hall
Fred. L. Hall.

FLH-h

RABBI SOLOMON B. FREEHOF, D. D.
RODEF SHALOM TEMPLE
FIFTH AND MOREWOOD AVENUES
PITTSBURGH, PA.

November thirtieth
1938

Dear Virginia:

I was delighted to hear from you and I wish that Lillian and I could visit you. The next week happens to be a particularly difficult one. I will be speaking in New York on Monday, in Cleveland on Tuesday, back to Pittsburgh for Wednesday, and to Canton on Thursday. So I will be coming to Cleveland from New York alone and will stay at the Statler so that I can have a little time to prepare my Wednesday morning lecture while I am in Cleveland. Will you please have Abba's office reserve a room for me at the Statler and a berth on the night train to Pittsburgh?

Lillian and I will consider that we have a rain check!
I am very eager to see the new house.

With best wishes,

As ever,

Sol

EDGAR DE WITT JONES

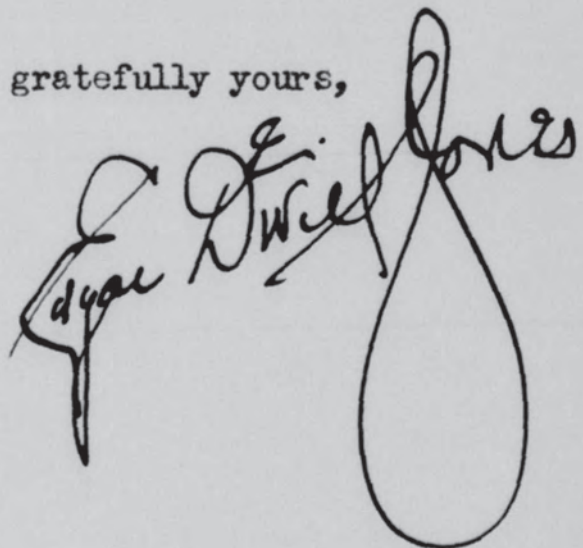
Detroit, November 30, 1938

Mrs. Virginia H. Silver,
241 East 105th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mrs. Silver:

I so greatly appreciate your lovely little note with its courteous invitation to be a guest in your home during my Cleveland engagement. I wish that I could accept it, but I am obliged to leave Monday afternoon for Buffalo, where my duties as president of the Federal Council of Churches will keep me busy for the week. I expect to arrive in Cleveland Monday morning and will probably take a room at the Statler and rest up a bit preceding my noon engagement, in which I shall have the honor to share the program with your distinguished husband.

Most gratefully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Edgar De Witt Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent loop at the end of the last name.

December 1, 1938

Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones
Central Woodward Christian Church
Detroit, Michigan

My dear Dr. Jones:

I note from your letter to Mrs. Silver that you plan to stop at the Statler Hotel. Our luncheon meeting is at the Cleveland Hotel. Would it be more convenient for you to make reservations at the Cleveland Hotel?

With all good wishes and looking forward with pleasure to seeing you on Monday, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

December 1, 1938

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof
Rodef Shalom Temple
Fifth and Morewood Avenues
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Sol:

I note from your letter to Mrs. Silver that you plan to stop at the Statler Hotel. Our luncheon meeting is at the Cleveland Hotel. Would it be more convenient for you to make reservations at the Cleveland Hotel?

With all good wishes and looking forward with pleasure to seeing you on Tuesday, I remain

As ever,

AHS:BK

RABBI SOLOMON B. FREEHOF, D. D.
RODEF SHALOM TEMPLE
FIFTH AND MOREWOOD AVENUES
PITTSBURGH, PA.

December second
1938

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

The Cleveland Hotel will be just as good. I
will go directly to the hotel. Thank you very much.

I look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Sol

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EDGAR DEWITT JONES.



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SYMPOSIUM - "RELIGION SPEAKS"
Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday

Dec. 5, 1938 - noon - Subject: RELIGION SPEAKS ON WAR

Speakers: Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones

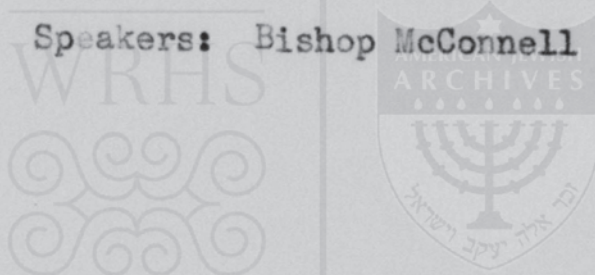
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Speakers: Dr. Ralph W. Sockman

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof

Dec. 7 " - evening -Subject: RELIGION SPEAKS ON JEW AND CHRISTIAN IN
A WORLD OF CONFLICT

Speakers: Bishop McConnell



SYMPOSIUM - "RELIGION SPEAKS"
Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday

Dec. 5, 1938 - noon - Subject: RELIGION SPEAKS ON WAR

Speakers: ~~Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick~~ *cannot come.*

" *✓* Dr. Edgar Dewitt Jones (accepted)

Dec. 6 " - Evening - Subject: RELIGION SPEAKS ON THE CRISIS IN CIVILIZATION

Speakers: ~~Dr. Edgar Dewitt Jones~~

✓ ~~Dr. Ralph W. Sockman~~
~~Dr. Solomon B. Freehof~~

Hotel Farrington, Center Street, Waver

Dec. 7 " - evening - Subject: RELIGION SPEAKS ON JEW AND CHRISTIAN IN A
WORLD OF CONFLICT

Speakers: ~~Dr. Preston Bradley~~

✓ Bishop W. E. Conway

*Manning
Church*

Heights Christian Church

S. MORELAND, AVALON AND DALEFORD ROADS

Shaker Heights

Dec. 8, 1938.

PASTOR
DR. ARTHUR J. CULLER

PHONE, LONGACRE 4800
RES., LONGACRE 3330

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Ansel Road and E. 105th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

I wish to thank you for your invitation to the second Symposium "Religion Speaks" and also to congratulate you on this very important contribution to the religious life of our city. I was able to attend the first two, but not last night. I wish to say that your address at the dinner Monday was a masterpiece for cogency and for logical thinking. I agreed with you thoroughly and I see no alternative to the course you suggested. Of all the addresses I heard I think yours was the most searching and illuminating.

Mr. Jones and I in private conversation discussed a point which I think needs more emphasis and that is that the spiritual leaders of both Catholic and Protestant churches must share more largely with the spiritual leaders of Judaism in the creative transformation of our own hearts by which we can purge our world of its cruel selfishness. I refer to the vision of the Great Unknown Prophet in Isaiah 53. However, the Christians may interpret it, ~~to~~ mean that all of us must unitedly bear the burden of our suffering brethren. The thing that hurts me is that too many Christian ministers shrug their shoulders and say that this is a Jewish problem. That attitude only means to damn **their** own souls and give paganism full sway. In other words we must do two things - we must organize the world into collective security as a political measure and we must suffer in spirit with those who are being tortured as a spiritual measure.

I want to thank you upon this great symposium which you brought to our city.

Very sincerely,

Arthur J. Culler

P.S. Excuse sentence. I have a new stenographer

Morris S. Lazaron
1914 Madison Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland

December 9, 1938.

Dear Abba:

You will be interested in the result of a meeting which the local Round-Table of The National Conference of Jews and Christians had today on the Coughlin matter. I am enclosing copy of a memorandum I sent to Lewis Strauss.

It was a joy and a privilege to have shared in that glorious seminar and it was a source of deep happiness to have spent the day with Virginia, you and the boys. I took the early morning airplane home from Pittsburgh, which makes my account somewhat more than it would ordinarily have been. My expenses to Cleveland and back, including railroad, airplane, taxi and tips, amounted to about \$32. Please confine your check to this amount.

With love to you all,

Faithfully,

Morris

P.S. I mailed the tie back to your home.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
105th Street and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

RESIDENT BISHOP
THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

En Route
Dec 11/38

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver, - You kindly asked
me to send you a statement of my
expense account in connection with
the Cleveland trip. It is a little more
than I thought it would be and comes
to \$40.50.

I cannot tell you
what a delight it now is to meet you
and Mrs. Miller and the boys in
your own home. Nor can I tell you
how grateful I feel for the work
you are doing and for what you
are

Always -
Francis J. McConnell

1938

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my dear friend: Sunday December 11th 1938

Thank you
for your very great
contribution as well as the
inspiring meeting into
which you welcomed
us and we shared its
expressive nature, & shall
never - no never, forget
it. Strength to your
hands and purposes

most affectionately
To
Robbie Althea Belle Sieber
Cleveland
Ohio
Edgar Dewitt Jones

December 14, 1938

Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones
Central Woodward Christian Church
Detroit, Michigan

My dear Dr. Jones:

I need not tell you how much your coming meant to us and to the community. Our Symposium has made a deep impression on the community and your contribution to it was outstanding.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.



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December 14, 1938

Dr. Arthur J. Culler
Heights Christian Church
S. Moreland, Avalon and Daleford Roads
Shaker Heights, Ohio

My dear Dr. Culler:

I need not tell you that I deeply appreciated your kind note of December 8th. I am happy to know that you enjoyed the Symposium. We have received very gratifying comments upon it from many sources.

What you say about the collective sharing of world suffering is a profound thought which should be emphasized these days.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

December 14, 1938

Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof
Rodef Shalom Temple
Fifth and Morewood Avenues
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Sol:

I need not tell you how deeply grateful we all are for the magnificent address which you delivered here last Tuesday evening. Our Symposium has been remarkably well received in the community and you made an outstanding contribution to it.

It was nice to have seen you and to have had you in our home if only for a short while.

With all good wishes to you and Lillian,
I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

December 14, 1938

Bishop Francis J. McConnell
The Methodist Episcopal Church
New York, N.Y.

My dear Bishop McConnell:

I need not tell you how much your coming meant to us and to the community. Personally, it was a great delight to have had the opportunity to welcome you to my home and to spend a little time with you on the train going to New York. Our Symposium has made a deep impression on the community and your contribution to it was outstanding.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

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NEW YORK CITY

December 14, 1938

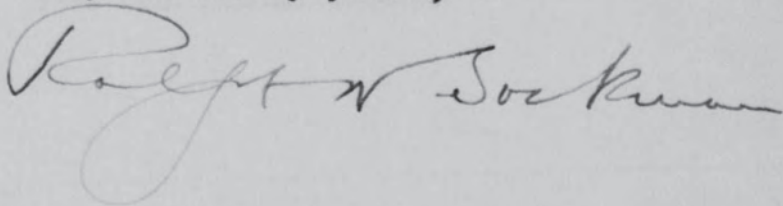
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D. D.
The Temple
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

Since my return I have been so busy that I have neglected to send my expense account. I think that the Federal Council of Churches will pay my way back from Buffalo, although I have not that information definitely. Inasmuch as I was giving my services there I think that is probably to be expected.

I think that about \$20.00 would cover it. It was indeed a pleasure to be in your great Temple, and to meet your people; also to have the privilege of speaking with Rabbi Freehof.

Very cordially yours,



RWS:HVP

December 14, 1938

Secretary to
Dr. Ralph W. Sockman
Christ Church
New York, N.Y.

My dear Madame:

Rabbi Silver would like to receive a memorandum of Dr. Sockman's traveling expenses in connection with his coming to The Temple Symposium last Tuesday.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

December 14, 1938

Rabbi Morris Lazon
1914 Madison Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland

My dear Morris:

I need not tell you how grateful we all are for your coming here and for the masterful address which you made. Our Symposium made a deep impression on the community and your contribution to it was outstanding. I am enclosing herewith a clipping from the Cleveland Plain Dealer which may interest you.

Virginia left yesterday morning for Wheeling. The children are fine. With love to your brood, I remain

As ever yours,

AHS:BK
Enc. 2

December 18, 1938

Dr. Ralph W. Sockman
Christ Church
Park Avenue at Sixtieth Street
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Sockman:

I need not tell you how profoundly grateful I am for the splendid service which you rendered our community by participating in our Symposium. The Symposium was successful in every way and made a profound impression on our community. Your address was in every way outstanding.

Hoping that I may have the pleasure of seeing you in the near future again, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK