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WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

CLEVELAND, OHIO

June 1, 1928

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland

My dear Rabbi Silver:

It is a pleasure to inform you that at their recent annual meeting, the members of the University Faculty voted to nominate you to the Board of Trustees of Western Reserve University for the degree of Doctor of Letters.

Will you be kind enough to let me know that you can be here for the University Commencement Exercises on the morning of June 14th, at which time we wish to confer the degree upon you?



Sincerely yours,

*C. E. Gehlke*  
Secretary

June 2nd, 1928.

Mr. G. E. Gehlke, Secretary,  
Western Reserve University,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Gehlke:-

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 1st informing me of the intention of Western Reserve University to confer the degree of Doctor of Letters upon me at the forth-coming University Commencement exercises.

I need not tell you that I am deeply appreciative of the high honor which the University wished to bestow upon me. Few things could have given me a deeper sense of satisfaction. I plan to attend the Commencement exercises on the morning of June 14th.

With kindest regards,  
permit me to remain,

Very sincerely yours,

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WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

ROBERT ERNEST VINSON  
PRESIDENT

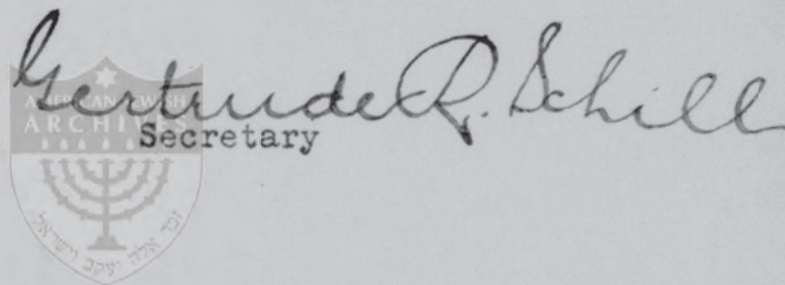
June 7, 1928

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland.

My dear Dr. Silver:

Will you please arrange to  
be at the President's Office (Room 1, Adelbert  
main building) at nine-fifteen on Thursday  
morning, the 14th of June? The academic  
procession will form promptly at nine-thirty.

Sincerely yours,



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TEMPLE CENTER

1187 Beacon St.

BROOKLINE, MASS.

June 12, 1928.

Miss Lucy COOPER  
Temple Center Clerk

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

Dear Abe:

Sarah and I read with much joy that you are about to receive the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters at the Western Reserve University.

We congratulate you and are happy that there is at least one of the old timers who is steadily forging ahead.

With all good wishes to you and the family and looking forward to seeing you at the Convention in Chicago, I am

As ever,

*Samuel J. Abrams*  
Rabbi.

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HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU I APPLAUD THE UNIVERSITY  
 FOR ITS EXCELLENT JUDGMENT THE HONOR THAT HAS COME TO YOU  
 WILL BE A SOURCE OF JOY AND SATISFACTION TO ALL YOUR  
 FRIENDS=

SAMUEL WOHL.

THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

CINCINNATI

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 15, 1928.

My dear Abba:

Just a line to extend to you and also to Virginia, of course, my heartiest congratulations upon the honor accorded to you by Western Reserve University in bestowing the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters upon you.

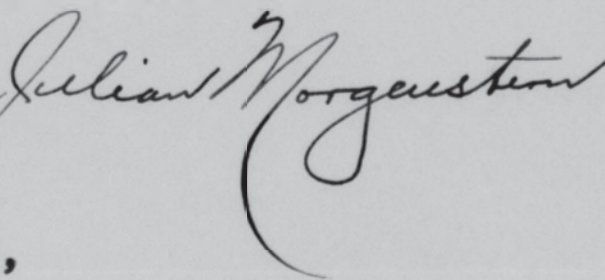
It is a well deserved recognition of splendid and valuable services by you to the Cleveland community and to the cause of human enlightenment and progress of civilization. You may be sure that the College as an institution and I personally as your former teacher and constant friend are happy and proud that this honor has come to you.

With warmest regards and all good wishes,  
ever

Faithfully yours,

JM/s

Rev. Dr. Abba H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
E. 105th St. at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Julian Morgenstern". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Julian Morgenstern".

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

ROBERT ERNEST VINSON  
PRESIDENT

June 18, 1928.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Just as a memorandum of the Commencement exercises at Western Reserve University, I am sending you herewith a transcript of the remarks made in admitting you to the number of honorary alumni of this institution. Your diploma is sent herewith.

With kindest personal regards,

Very cordially yours,

*Robert E. Vinson*



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JOSEPH S. KORNFELD  
RABBI

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TOLEDO, OHIO

June 22, 1928.

Rev. Dr. Abba H. Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Friend:

Only a line, to convey to you my sincere congratulations on the recognition that has come to you from Western Reserve.

The press calls attention to the fact that you are the first Jew to receive the honorary degree of Doctor from that institution. To my mind the greatness of the honor lies not so much in being the first to receive it, but rather in being the foremost of those deserving it. In this instance it is truly, Rishon, rishon habib. One may doubt whether Western Reserve has ever heard of this Talmudic dictum, but there can be no doubt that Western Reserve does know a Talmid Hakam.

With kindest regards and best wishes to you and Mrs. Silver in which Mrs. Kornfeld joins me, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Joseph S. Kornfeld

JSK  
SHF

June 27, 1928.

Dr. Joseph S. Kornfeld,  
Collingwood Avenue Temple,  
Toledo, O.

My dear Dr. Kornfeld:

Permit me to thank you very much for your kind note of June 22nd. It was indeed very thoughtful of you to take the trouble and send me a word of congratulation. I trust that I shall have the pleasure of seeing you at the Conference in Chicago.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS  
SJ

June 27, 1928.

Rabbi Samuel J. Abrams,  
Beacon Street Temple,  
Brookline, Mass.

My dear Sam:

It was indeed very thoughtful of you to send  
me your congratulations. I am hoping that  
I will have the pleasure of seeing you in  
Chicago at the Conference.

With kindest regards to Sarah and yourself  
in which Virginia joins me, I am

WRHS  


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SJ