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THE STYLE STORE FOR MEN

ALLIANCE, OHIO

Mar. 3, 1924

Mr. A. H. Silver
c/o The Temple
East 55th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Silver:

By request of the Alliance Kiwanis Club, I was asked to write to you to find out the possibilities of having you address the Club on or about April 24.

I trust I may have the pleasure of reporting your acceptance. Should the date conflict with any prior engagements, we could easily change ours to coincide with yours.

In reply, will you kindly state what your charges will be, should you be able to come? Awaiting with pleasure your favorable reply, I remain

Cordially yours,

JK:BJ

Jos. Koch

March 5th, 1924.

Mr. Joseph Koch,
Koch Bros.,
Alliance, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Koch,

Permit me to thank you for your letter of March 3rd. I am afraid that I shall not be able to accept any more lecture engagements this season. I am heavily booked now and the work of building our new Temple keeps me very much tied down. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you and to the Alliance Kiwanis Club.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

*Please write
cannot at present
say whether I can
come.*

2820 South Union Avenue
Alliance, Ohio

July 21, 1931

Rabbi Silver
The Temple
Cleveland Ohio

My dear Sir :-

I am writing as one of a program committee of the YM-YWCA of Mount Union College, at Alliance, Ohio. We are trying to engage speakers for a series of College Night Services at a local Church, and thought that perhaps you might be able to come and speak.

As you know, Alliance is close to Cleveland, on the C&P Division of the Pennsylvania. We would ask you to suggest any date which you may have open that would be most convenient; almost any time during the coming year would be satisfactory to us, as our schedule is not yet completed. I mention these things, as our budget is not large and we wish to accomodate you as much as possible.

The school authorities, of course, second us in our invitation, and the whole student body will be appreciative if you are able to come.

If matters so fall out, we can arrange details later. But let me thank you now for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Scranton
Robert Scranton.

Please return

July 29th, 1931

Mr. Robert Scranton,
2820 South Union Ave.,
Alliance, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Scranton:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your kind letter of July 21st and to thank you for your kind invitation to speak at one of the College Night Services of Mount Union College at Alliance.

My schedule for the coming season is not yet definitely set up and I can not at this time say whether or not it will be possible for me to come to you. However, if it is possible for me to include Alliance in my schedule I shall be very happy to so advise you.

With kindest regards permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

2820 South Union Avenue
Alliance, Ohio

August 12. 1931

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

My dear Sir :-

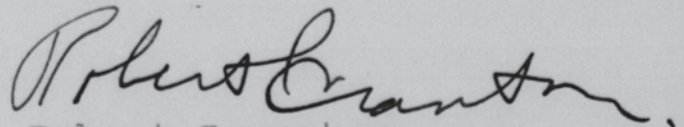
You indicate in your letter to me concerning the possibility of your coming to Mount Union College to speak at a college night service, that there may develop some chance of your coming.

As I have yet to fill the first date of our season, September 20th, I have thought to suggest this fact to you, and urge that we would be especially happy to receive you at this time.

However, please do not let my mention of this date completely exclude us from your mind in consideration of any future occasion. Our schedule is more or less filled, but there are still open dates further on. I merely wish to emphasize particularly this first time.

We hope that you are able to visit us some time; thank you for your encouragement.

Yours sincerely,


Robert Scranton.

August 24th, 1931

Mr. Robert Scranton,
2820 South Union Ave.,
Alliance, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Scranton:-

Thank you for your kind letter of August 12th. It will not be possible for me to come to you on September 20th as that date is in the midst of our holiday season. Should I be able to come to you at a later date, I will be very happy to do so.

With kindest regards, permit
me to remain

Very sincerely,

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card

2820 South Union Avenue
Alliance, Ohio

August 27, 1931

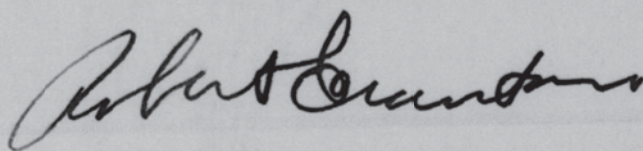
Rabbi Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Sir :-

I am sorry too that you will be unable
to come to Mount Union to speak, on the date
suggested, and ask pardon for my ignorance of
the conditions.

I sincerely hope that you will be
able to come to us later.

Yours sincerely,



Robert Scranton.

WRHS



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

G. W. YANNEY
TREASURER OF CURRENT EXPENSES
J. D. BOYD
TREASURER OF BENEVOLENCES

JOHN V. STEPHENS, JR., MINISTER
ALBERTINE D. BISCHOFF,
SECRETARY-DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
ALLIANCE, OHIO

HERBERT W. PRITCHARD
CLERK OF SESSION
G. W. SHER,
PRESIDENT OF TRUSTEES

Sept. 10, 1931.

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

You doubtless will not remember me, but I had the pleasure of being in your class in the University of Cincinnati for one year, leaving Cincinnati for a Southern college where I graduated in 1915.

I have been following your career with deep interest and have greatly enjoyed your recent book "Religion in a Changing World." It is one of the finest things I have read in a long time. I have heard many fine comments upon it.

I have a large Men's Club in my church here, something like the Men's Club of the First Presbyterian Church in Warren. We are planning a Sunday evening service for a week in October, planning to make of it a community affair so far as we can. At the request of the President I am writing to see whether we may secure your services for that occasion.

The night which is our first choice is Sunday, Oct. 18th; the second choice is Oct. 25th, and the third choice Nov. 1st. If impossible for you to be with us on any of these dates what dates do you have open? We shall also be glad to know what is your custom with regard to remuneration.

Hoping that we may have the pleasure of hearing you upon any subject of your choice, I remain

Cordially yours,

J. V. Stephens, Jr.

The hour of our Sunday evening service is 7:30.
We are about 60 miles from Cleveland with a fine highway.

Carol

Sept. 14th, 1931

Rev. John V. Stephens, Jr.,
70 W. Cambridge St.,
Alliance, Ohio.

My dear Rev. Stephens:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of September 10th and for the invitation which you extend to me to address your Men's Club some time in October or November.

I should very much like to come, more particularly because such a visit would give me an opportunity of renewing acquaintance with an old classmate of mine. But unfortunately my program for the next few months is so crowded that I can not accept any additional engagements. Sunday particularly is a very difficult day for me to get away from Cleveland.

Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

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September 16, 1931.

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

I have your letter of September 14th stating that it will be impossible for you to be with us sometime in October or November to address our people.

I regret very deeply that your program is so crowded as to make it impossible for you to accept our invitation. I am going to keep you in mind, however, and hope that we may have the pleasure of hearing you in Alliance at some future date.

With kindest regards, I remain, -

Cordially yours,

JVS/B

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December 4, 1931.

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

Our Men's Club and I greatly regretted it was not possible for you to accept our invitation last Fall to speak to our congregation upon a Sunday evening.

I am writing at their request to inquire whether you could be with us some evening during the week of Jan. 17-23 or the week of Jan. 10-16. Our Men's Club could arrange to meet almost any evening in the week that would be agreeable to you.

I sincerely hope that it may be possible for you to accept our invitation, for it would be a great pleasure to me to renew our fellowship of University days, and a pleasure to our people to hear you.

Alliance is only 55 miles from Cleveland with fine roads, so that you could easily return after your engagement in the evening.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes,
I remain, -

Sincerely yours,

JVS/B

J. V. Stephens, Jr.

Card

Jan. 5th, 1932

Rev. J. W. Stephens Jr.,
First Presbyterian Church,
Alliance, Ohio.

My dear Rev. Stephens:-

Please pardon the long delay in answering your letter. I have been away from the city a good deal of the time.

Unfortunately it will not be possible for me to come to you during the month of January. I am leaving this week for the East and I shall remain there for a series of lectures. My program for the next few months is exceedingly crowded.

I should very much like to come to you but frankly I can not at the present writing say when I can.

With kindest regards and best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

EXECUTIVE OFFICES
Mount Union College
ALLIANCE, OHIO

March 21, 1932

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
105th & Ansell Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver,

An ambitious women's club in Alliance would be delighted and honored if it should be able to have you as one of its speakers.

We are interested in having an evening meeting in April, preferably Thursday or Friday with a speaker and a topic interesting not only to the ladies of the club but also to the men in their families.

Will you tell us some of your calendar and your fee? We have a moderate honorarium to give, but have been successful all winter in having interesting speakers from our neighboring cities. The education committee would be happy indeed to be able to present you to the club.

Most cordially yours,

Sarah C. Stevenson

card ✓
March 22d, 1932

Miss Sarah C. Stevenson,
Mount Union College,
Alliance, Ohio.

My dear Miss Stevenson:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind
letter of March 21st.

I wish I were free to avail myself of
your kind invitation. Unfortunately my program is so
crowded for the remainder of this season that I can
not in justice to myself accept any other out-of-town
engagements. Perhaps I may be of service to you at
some future time.

With kindest regards and best wishes,
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

Mount Union College

ALLIANCE, OHIO

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Mar. 7.

October 14, 1933. *OK*

THOMAS S. KEPLER
544 VINCENT BOULEVARD

My Dear Dr. Silver:

Would it be possible for you to speak some Wednesday soon at 10.30 in our chapel? We would be delighted to have you if it is possible. Alliance is 55 miles from Cleveland.

Would you also please state what your honorarium will be?

Sincerely,

Thomas S. Kepler

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

October 19, 1933.

Dr. Thomas S. Kepler,
544 Vincent Boulevard,
Alliance, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Kepler:

Permit me to thank you for your kind note of October 14th. It will be possible for me to come to Mount Union College later in the year, say on February 28th or on March 7th. The next few months are exceedingly crowded onces for me.

My customary honorarium is \$250, but in the case of educational institutions, it is \$100.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

February 3, 1935

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Mount Union College
is observing Religious Emphasis Week the
week of February 25th. They plan to
have a brotherhood and let the
various creeds discuss their respective
religions.

I have been appointed to select

a speaker who will discuss any phase of the Jewish religion he may choose.

Mount Union College would be honored by your presence, Monday, February 25th, at 10:30 A.M. for a short talk. Please advise me immediately of us arrangements necessary for your engagement on this date.

There are about 151 Jewish students in this Methodist College with a total enrollment of 550.

yours truly,
Arthur Engelberg

February 4, 1935.

Mr. Arthur Engelberg,
548 South Seneca Ave.,
Alliance, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Engelberg:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of February 3. I wish I were free to come to the Religious Emphasis Week of Mount Union College on February 25. Unfortunately I have another important speaking engagement that evening and I must forego the pleasure of addressing your student body.

Should you be interested, I would suggest that you write to my assistant, Rabbi David Sherman who may be free to come on that date.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

ARTHUR "PAT" ENGELBERG
548 S. SENECA ST.
ALLIANCE, OHIO

February 15, 1935

Dear Rabbi Silver,

It was with
great regret that I
received your inability to
speak at Mount Union
College, February 25th, 1935
at 10:30 A.M.

I take this means
to thank you for your
kindness in replying. I
understand your inability

to attend and have secured
Mr. J. E. Philo of Youngstown for
the occasion.

I have been "razzed" a
good deal for "shooting at
such a high mark" (writing
to you and expecting you to appear)
My uncles made statements
such as these; "He'll never
even see your letter." "He
won't come down for less than
a hundred dollars." "He doesn't
have time for such little stuff" etc.
Personally I am inclined

ARTHUR "PAT" ENGELBERG
548 S. SENECA ST.
ALLIANCE, OHIO

to believe that they are
wrong and that only
the fact that you had
another engagement kept you
from coming. But — one
can not argue with uncles
3 times older than himself.

So — would you
be kind enough to make
a reply letter clear enough
to influence over my skeptic
uncles. Thank you, yours truly,
Arthur Engelberg

Mount Union College

ALLIANCE, OHIO

February 25, 1938

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
10311 Lake Shore Boulevard,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

A number of friends have stated that they would like especially to hear you, and have requested that we attempt to bring you to Alliance for one of our college chapel services. Having a reading acquaintance with some of your work, I was very pleased with the request.

The only chapel we have open before Spring vacation is the one for Wednesday, March 9th. I wonder if you would be able to come to Alliance for that day and speak to our college assembly in the morning, and to the Women's Federation of Alliance in the evening. I wonder if you would also kindly state what you generally charge for such speaking engagements.

Sincerely and cordially yours,

Harley H. Zeigler.

Harley H. Zeigler,
Chairman of the Chapel
Program Committee.

March 1, 1938

Mr. Harley H. Zeigler, Chairman,
Chapel Program Committee,
Mount Union College,
Alliance, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Zeigler:

I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness in inviting me to address your College Chapel Services on Wednesday, March 9th. It would give me great pleasure to accept it. Unfortunately I have another engagement for that day. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes and thanking you again for your kind invitation, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS: BK

Mar. 5, '38.

Rabbi Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, O.

Dear Sir, - Mr. Giegler of Mt. Union
College wrote you concerning a talk
we hoped you could give to the students
and also to our Alliance Federation
members; we were quite disappointed to
know you could not come Mar. 9. How-
ever we still want you.

Could you come any time during Mar.
or April? and if so what would you
charge for both lectures or for an
hour's talk to our Federation alone?

Hoping we can arrange a time you
can come, and hoping to hear from you
soon, I am

Sincerely,

Mrs George Cribbs,

Beech Road,

Alliance, O.

March 16, 1938

Mrs. George Cribbs,
Beech Road,
Alliance, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Cribbs:

Let me thank you for your letter of March 5 and for your kind invitation to come to your group sometime in April. I wish I were free to do so. Unfortunately my program for the remainder of the season is so crowded with out of town lectures that I cannot in justice to myself take on any more obligations. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes, and thanking you again for your invitation, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



IMMANUEL REFORMED CHURCH

[Evangelical and Reformed]

CORNER LINDEN AVE. AND COLUMBIA ST.

ROBERT G. DILLER, Pastor

968 S. LINDEN AVE.

PHONE 5014

ALLIANCE, OHIO

Nov. 12, 1947

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing to you as the chairman of the School of Religion, which is an annual project carried on by the Protestant churches of Alliance. This year marks the fifth such school that we have conducted. The school this year will be conducted on Monday evenings, Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26, and Feb. 2. The evening's program is divided into a general assembly period, during which time we present an outstanding speaker, and that is followed by class periods, with five different classes. The theme for our School of Religion for this year is, "The Christian Faith and the Home."

Our committee planning for the School would like to have you as the Assembly speaker for the evening of Jan. 12th, at 7:30 o'clock. We feel that it would be helpful and fitting for you as a leader of the Jewish faith to show to us the importance of the Home to your faith. I sincerely hope that you may find it possible to come on Jan. 12th. In other years we have had several of your fellow townsmen at our School, including Dr. Bernard Clausen, Dean Emerson, and Dr. W.H. McKinney.

The committee in setting up the program has arranged for an honorarium of \$25.00 for the speaker. I ~~know~~ that this is not much of a financial inducement, and if you feel that you could not come for this small honorarium, would you kindly suggest what honorarium you would expect. Thanking you for your kind consideration in this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

Robert G. Diller

Chairman, School of Religion.
Alliance, Ohio.

November 17, 1947

Rev. Robert W. Diller, Pastor
Immanuel Reformed Church
968 Linden Ave. and Columbia St.
Alliance, Ohio

My dear Mr. Diller:

I deeply appreciate your kind invitation to address your Assembly on the evening of January 12. I should have been most happy to avail myself of the opportunity to meet with your group. As it is, however, I am planning to leave the country around the first of the year on a leave of absence which my congregation has granted me in recognition of my thirty years of service at The Temple.

Perhaps at some future time I may be able to be of service to you.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BE

Student Christian Association
Mount Union College
ALLIANCE, OHIO

September 7, 1948

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

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I am writing on behalf of the Student Christian Association of Mount Union College. We are attempting to schedule a group of speakers who will contribute spiritually and intellectually to our students and our faculty. We can think of no-one who could contribute more to us in this manner than you. We will be very happy if you will be able to come to Alliance sometime during the fall semester to address us. ✓

We have been assigned the following dates by the college planning committee: October 13 and 31, November 10 and 11, December 8, and January 9. If you can address us on the evening of any of these dates, we will be pleased. The subject of your address will be at your discretion.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Bay

September 13, 1948

Mr. Robert Bay
Student Christian Association
Mount Union College
Alliance, Ohio

My dear Mr. Bay:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of September 7th inviting me to address your Association. Unfortunately, my commitments for the coming year are already so heavy that it is impossible for me to accept any additional engagements.

With all good wishes to you and the members of your group, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

P.S. Should you wish it, my associate, Rabbi Julius Nodel may be in a position to be of service to you. You might contact him directly here at The Temple.

Mount Union College

ALLIANCE, OHIO

October 2, 1956

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Our chapel committee would like to ask you to speak for us here if that is possible for you this fall.

Our open dates are November 28, January 9, and January 16.

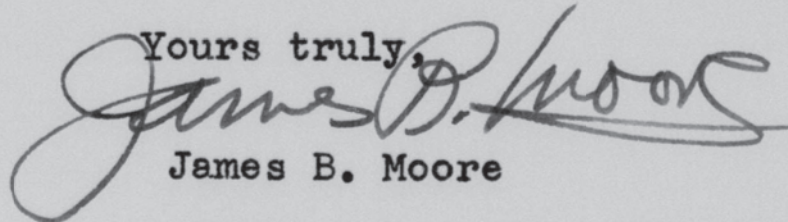
We do not have a large budget, but would consider an honorarium for a speaker from Cleveland of an amount around \$40.

Of course we have a special reason for asking you, since many of our faculty and students are vitally concerned with world affairs, know of your interest and great part in the history of Israel, and would like to have someone who has been such a leader come to us.

I do hope you would favor us with a reply soon.

I am enclosing our information sheets which will give you all the details.

Yours truly,



James B. Moore

Director of Religious Life

file - Mount Union College

October 9, 1956

Reverend James B. Moore
Director of Religious Life
Mount Union College
Alliance, Ohio

My dear Reverend Moore:

I deeply appreciate your gracious invitation to speak in the chapel of Mount Union College and I wish I were free to avail myself of it.

Unfortunately I am so heavily committed for the season that I cannot in justice to myself take on any further engagements for this year. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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