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Ashtabula, Ohio, 1918-1958.

Ashtabula Public Schools

H. C. DIETERICH, SUPT.

Ashtabula, Ohio Sept. 23, 1918

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
Corner Central Ave. & E. 55th St.
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:

Following up our telephone conversation of this morning. We would be pleased to have you come to Ashtabula on either Monday Oct. 6 or 13th to address our Chamber of Commerce at its noon day luncheon. These luncheons are held in the Y. M. C. A. We will have present one hundred or more of the best business men of our city. We would like to have you talk to us along patriotic lines of your experiences in Europe and of the Liberty Bond Campaign. On what terms can you come to us for this occasion? In common with Chambers of Commerce every place we have been able to secure speakers for our noon day luncheons with very little expense to the Chamber. However, we have always been glad to take care of the expenses of the speakers.

Trusting that I may hear from you at once, I am

Very truly yours,

H. C. Dieterich

5000 8 offices
Monday Oct. 14

September 24th, 1918

Mr. H. C. Dieterich
Ashtabula, Ohio.

Dear Sir:-

Rabbi Silver directs me to say to you, in reply to your letter of the twenty-third instant, that he could give you Monday October 14th for an address before your Chamber of Commerce. His fee would be \$50.00 and traveling expenses.

If these terms and date are satisfactory, kindly advise Rabbi Silver, when he will send you a list of subjects.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

Ashtabula Public Schools

H. C. DIETERICH, SUPT.

Ashtabula, Ohio

Sept. 26, 1918

Rabbi, Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
E 55th St.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of recent date we regret very much that it would be impossible for our Chamber of Commerce to have you with us on Monday, Oct. 14. The situation, to be frank, is just this; our noon day luncheons are held Monday noon of each week for seven or eight months in the year. It is the policy of the Chamber to secure speakers who will come to us for their expenses. This being the case it will be impossible for us to pay you the fee mentioned in your letter. We regret very much that this is the situation because we have been very anxious to have you come to Ashtabula. We shall keep you in mind and perhaps sometime later can use you through some other organization.

Very truly yours,

H C Dieterich

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Ashtabula, Ohio Nov. 6, 1919

Rabbi Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Sir:

Following up our conversation over the telephone this afternoon we will be pleased indeed if you can come to Ashtabula on next Tuesday afternoon to give the address on the occasion of our celebration of Armistice Day. Preceding the address in the High School Auditorium we are planning to have a large parade. The celebration on this day is a city movement. A half holiday has been declared for this purpose. I am certain that our people will be delighted to have you with us on this occasion. You can leave Cleveland on a train that leaves there near the noon hour and return early in the evening. We trust that you can be with us on this occasion.

Very truly yours,

H.C. Dieterich

November 7th, 1919

Prof. H. C. Dieterich,
Superintendent of Schools,
Ashtabula, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Dieterich,

Replying to your letter of
November 6th, I am very pleased indeed to
to be able to accept your invitation to
come to Ashtabula for Armistice Day.

Thank you for the information
about the cars. I shall, no doubt take the train
leaving here about noon.

Regarding my lecture fee - it will
be \$50.00 and traveling expenses.

Sincerely yours,

Ashtabula Public Schools

H. C. DIETERICH, SUPT.

Ashtabula, Ohio Nov. 26, 1919

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find check
in payment of the splendid services rendered
by you on Armistice Day. You would be delighted
I am sure to hear the many expressions of ap-
preciation of your remarkable address. Our
people as a community think it is one of the
most inspiring and most helpful ever given in
our city. Some of our high school teachers
have asked me to get from you, if possible, a
copy of the peroration of your splendid def-
inition and description of America. We desire
to have our students learn the same. If you can
send this to me I am certain the teachers and
I will be most grateful to you.

I regret the delay
in sending the check, but this came as result
of having no meeting of the War Council until
very recently.

Trusting that sometime
in the future we may have the pleasure of hearing
you again, in Ashtabula, I am

Very sincerely yours,

H. C. Dieterich

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November 29th, 1919

Prof. H. C. Dieterich,
Supt. Ashtabula Public Schools,
Ashtabula, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Dieterich,

Rabbi Silver directs me to thank you
for your lovely letter of appreciation and for
the check which it contained.

He was very glad to have been of ser-
vice to you and was delighted to have had the
opportunity to meet the people of your community.

I am sending you herewith a copy of
Rabbi Silver's "America".

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

Ashtabula Public Schools

H. C. DIETERICH, SUPT.

Ashtabula, Ohio

Mar. 7, 1922

Rabbi Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, O.

My dear Sir:

Our High School Commencement will come this year on Thursday evening, May 25 and we would be delighted to have you give the address on this occasion. We have a fine class of approximately one hundred boys and girls. You will recall that you were in our city on Armistice Day, 1918 and gave the address on that occasion. Our good people are still talking about the excellence of the splendid address you gave us at that time. We are anxious to have you return to us. Will you please write me at once whether or not you can come on Thursday evening, the 25th of May, and your terms for the same?

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

H. C. Dieterich

HCD/K

March Tenth, 1922

Mr. H. C. Dieterich
Supt. Ashtabula Public Schools
Ashtabula, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Dieterich,

Permit me to thank you for your
kind invitation. I think that I may see my
way clear to come to you on May 25th.

My customary remuneration for
such occasions is one hundred dollars.

With kindest regards and trust-
ing that you are well, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Ashtabula Public Schools

H. C. DIETERICH, SUPT.

Ashtabula, Ohio
Mar. 13, 1922

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

Dear Sir:

Your letter of recent date received. We are greatly pleased that you can come to our commencement on Thursday, May 25. We must tell you, however, that for our High School commencement occasions we have never paid more than \$50.00. We note that your customary fee is \$100.00. In view of the fact that we are very anxious to have you come to Ashtabula for our commencement, we would be willing to exceed the usual amount which we pay for such occasions and give you \$75.00. We trust that you can see your way to accept a fee of this kind. It is higher, as I have stated, than I have ever paid before, but we do wish to have you come.

Trusting that I may hear from you at once that a fee of \$75.00 will be satisfactory, I am

Very sincerely yours,

H. C. Dieterich

HCD/K

March 13th, 1922.

Mr. H. C. Dieterich,
Ashtabula Public Schools,
Ashtabula, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Dieterich,

The remuneration which you mention in your letter will be perfectly satisfactory and I shall make an exception in your case. I am looking forward with pleasure to meeting you again on the 25th of May.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Ashtabula Public Schools

H. C. DIETERICH, SUPT.

Ashtabula, Ohio

April 19, 1922

Rabbi Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, O.

My dear Sir:

There is no doubt in my mind but that we both understand that you are to give our commencement address on Thursday evening, May 25. I am writing this letter that there may be no misunderstanding at all as to the date.

Looking forward with pleasure to your coming to us, I am

Very sincerely yours,

H. C. Dieterich

HCD/K

April Twenty-first, 1922

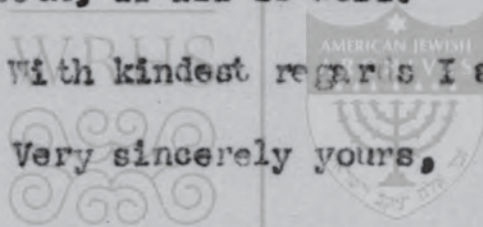
Mr. H. C. Dieterich,
Ashtabula Public Schools,
Ashtabula, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Dieterich,

I shall be with you on Thursday
evening, May 25th, if all is well.

With kindest regards I am

Very sincerely yours,



Ashtabula Public Schools

H. C. DIETERICH, SUPT.

Ashtabula, Ohio

May 10, 1922

Rabbi Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly send us the subject of
the High School Commencement address which
you are to give May 25 to our senior class?

Thanking you for the same, I am

Very truly yours,

H. C. Dieterich

HCD/K

May twelfth, 1922

Mr. H. C. Dieterich,
Ashtabula Public Schools,
Ashtabula, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Dieterich,

The subject of my address at
your High School Commencement exercises will
be

"What Will You Give to America?"

Looking forward with pleasure
to seeing you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

ASHTABULA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
ASHTABULA, OHIO

January fifteenth
1923

Rabbi Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

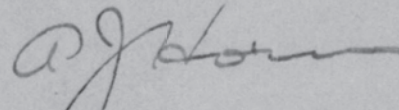
My dear Mr. Silver:

Your many friends and our Speakers Committee are very anxious to have you speak to us at our Chamber of Commerce luncheon meeting February 12th. We should like very much to know what your fee would be for this service.

We hold these luncheon meetings regularly every Monday and have had many speakers from the outside on various civic, educational and business subjects. I am sure it would be a great pleasure to have you with us provided we can make suitable arrangements.

The luncheons are held promptly at 12 o'clock at Hotel Ashtabula.

Respectfully yours,


Manager

AJH-P

February 7th, 1923.

Mr. A.J. Horn,
Ashtabula Chamber of Commerce,
Ashtabula, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Horn,

Please pardon the delay in acknowledging your kind letter of the 15th of January. I have just returned from my wedding trip. I find it impossible to accept your invitation for the 12th, for which date no doubt you have already made other arrangements, in as much as I am scheduled to be in Erie on that day.

I find it very difficult this year in view of my long absence from the city and also because of the building of our new Temple, to accept engagements out of the city. Perhaps at some future time, I may be of service to you.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Ashtabula County Schools

L. M. FINLEY, SUPERINTENDENT

JEFFERSON, OHIO

HARRY E. KELLY
Elementary Supervisor

February 5, 1942

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

The Ashtabula County Teachers' Association has asked me to invite you to address them at their meeting which will be held at Jefferson High School, Jefferson, Ohio, on Saturday, March 7, 1942. Your address would probably be set for 1:00 o'clock P. M.

We realize that you have a very full schedule but hope that you will be able to accept this invitation. We have \$50.00 available for this address.

Respectfully yours,

L. M. Finley

L. M. Finley, Superintendent
Ashtabula County Schools

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February 6, 1942

Mr. L. M. Finley, Superintendent
Ashtabula County Schools
Jefferson, Ohio

My dear Mr. Finley:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of February 5 and for your invitation to address the Ashtabula County Teachers' Association on March 7. I wish I were free to come to you. Unfortunately my schedule for the remainder of the season is so crowded with with out of town engagements in connection with refugee work and war relief work that I cannot, in justice to myself, accept any more.

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

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

10-18-45

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"Answer by WESTERN UNION"
or similar phrases may be
included without charge.

Mrs. B. F. Auguste
4148 Main St.

Ashtabula, Ohio

WRHS



Regret pressure of work makes it
impossible for me to accept your
Kind invitation for Nov. 20th.
Kindest regards.

Abba Hillel Silver

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Edgewood High School
Ashtabula, Ohio
November 21, 1952

Rabbi A. H. Silver
19810 Shaker Blvd.
Shaker Heights, Ohio

Dear Sir:

This year at Edgewood School we have organized a new teachers association. The group included both elementary and high school teachers, and we of the program committee are working hard to present the group with programs that will challenge and stimulate them as individuals and as teachers.

Our present plan is to arrange for several joint meetings at which teachers from other county schools would be included. We are hoping that you might be able to address the group at some time during the month of April or the first two weeks of May. It is possible for us to arrange our meetings on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, if these days are not filled by other events on our school calendar. Our calendar is as yet very flexible. Plans have been made to meet on the third Tuesday of the month; however, we could arrange our meeting for almost any date that would fit into your schedule.

We hope you will be able to find time to come to our group, for we feel that your speeches are doing much to challenge the thinking people of America. Will you also inform us as to your charges for such a program.

Sincerely yours,

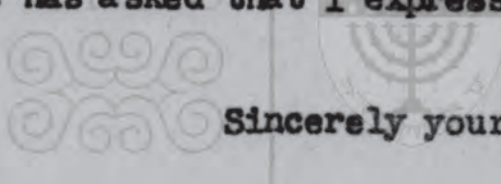
Carolyn Bruce
Carolyn Bruce

December 4, 1952

Miss Carolyn Bruce
Edgewood High School
Ashtabula, Ohio

Dear Miss Bruce:

Rabbi Silver has asked me to reply to your kind letter of November 21st requesting him to speak at a meeting of your teachers association in April or May of next year. Unfortunately, his calendar is already so overcrowded with congregational as well as out-of-town speaking engagements for the spring that it is impossible to make any additional commitments. He has asked that I express his deepest regrets.



Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

Rock Creek Rotary Club

ROCK CREEK, OHIO

MR. JOHN VEREY, PRESIDENT
MR. LOYD ASHLEY, VICE PRESIDENT
MR. DANA E. KINCAID, SECRETARY
MR. SOL ANDRONICO, TREASURER



January 30, 1956

Rabbi Silver
The Temple
1855 Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Rock Creek has a population of 602. Our Rotary Club has 18 members and was chartered last June. Our treasury is small but our projects are big. We have a town park planned, with the property in hand, and willing workers to construct same.

Our village needs many things, naturally, but above all it needs something to bind it together. Understanding of the other fellows problems and beliefs. Therefore, we of Rotary feel brotherhood of all mankind is essential. We feel we should have some worth while project to accompany our park project and have picked an annual celebration of Brotherhood Week.

We thought a speaker of your caliber would give us a flying start. To accommodate your schedule we would plan on any night the week of February 19th as suitable. We figure our attendance that evening at 150, more or less, which our High School gym could handle very easily. Our P.T.A., incidentally, are excellent cooks.

Anticipating your reply as to cost involved, I remain,

Sincerely yours,
ROCK CREEK ROTARY CLUB

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John R. Verrey".

John R. Verrey,
President

JRV:nh

P. S. Rock Creek is 50 miles East of Cleveland on route 45.
South of Ashtabula 17 miles.

February 2, 1956

Mr. John R. Verey, President
Rock Creek Rotary Club
Rock Creek, Ohio

Dear Mr. Verey:

Rabbi Silver has asked me to thank you for your gracious invitation of January 30th to speak before your Rotary Club group.

Unfortunately, the pressure of work and the numerous commitments which he has already made make it impossible for him to accept any additional out of town engagements.

Sincerely,

Miss Sophia Levine
Secretary to Dr. Silver

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John R. Verey

The Rock Creek Aluminum Co.

ROCK CREEK, OHIO



ALPHA OMEGA FRATERNITY—National Council



January 24, 1958

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
1855 Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver;

Our National Dental Fraternity, Alpha Omega, is having its annual convention in Cleveland in December of this year. As national Chairman of the Memorium Committee for that meeting, I am taking this means of inviting you to address us for a half hour during the Memorium Services on Monday, December 29th at 9:30 A.M.

We have a common interest, Rabbi, and that is Israel. We are fully aware of your great contributions in its development; we, in our way, have likewise contributed toward the growth of their Dental School.

I trust you will look favorably upon our request and be with us on Monday, December 29, 1958.

Anticipating your response, I am,

Sincerely,

L.M. Wiesstien, Chairman
Memorium Committee

LMW:bjh



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751 Center Street

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Dial 26-396

January 24, 1958

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing this letter to you in the official capacity as president of the Ashtabula chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, as well as in the personal position as a Jew in a predominantly Gentile community.

It has been many, many years since a man of stature within our faith has appeared in this city, and I wish to request your presence as the speaker at Ashtabula's Brotherhood Dinner next month. We wish to have our dinner during the week of February 17th, however we can set the date to suit your convenience if you can find it possible to join us.

I will not presume upon your time or intelligence by attempting to "sell" the idea of your coming to Ashtabula. Let it suffice to say that the entire community in general, and our Jewish community in particular, would be deeply honored by your presence.

Sir, may I have your early reply? Until then, with best regards (and hopes) I remain,

Very truly yours,

Robert A. Bernstein

Our audience will probably number 250 to 300 individuals

January 27, 1958

Mr. Robert A. Bernstein
Ashtabula Glass Company
751 Center Street
Ashtabula, Ohio

My dear Mr. Bernstein:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of January 24th and for your gracious invitation to address the Ashtabula Brotherhood Dinner meeting during the week of February 17th.

I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately I am so heavily committed with out of town engagements for the next few months that I cannot, in justice to myself, take on any additional responsibilities.

May I suggest that you contact my son and associate here at The Temple, Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver. He may be free to come to you. He has been addressing similar meetings in other parts of the country.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:sl

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

January 27, 1958

Dr. L. M. Wiesstien, Chairman
Memorium Committee
Alpha Omega Fraternity
922 Rose Building
Cleveland 15, Ohio

Dear Dr. Wiesstien:

I am deeply appreciative of your gracious invitation to address the Memorium Services of the Alpha Omega Fraternity which will convene here in Cleveland on December 29th.

I should be very happy to accept your invitation but because of the many commitments which I have, I have been compelled to decline many invitations which I normally would be pleased to accept.

May I suggest that if you are interested you contact my son and associate, Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver who, if he is free, might be pleased to accept your invitation.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:sl

ABBA HILLEL SILVER