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Baldwin-Wallace College (Berea, Ohio), 1919-1961.

February 20th, 1919

Prof. Arthur C. Bogges,  
Baldwin-Wallace College,  
Berea, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Bogges,

Replying to your letter  
of the 11th instant - I thank you for  
your kind invitation to address your students  
on some Thursday evening of March or April.

WR I will not know until the  
middle of March whether or not I shall be able  
to accept your invitation. If you will write  
me again in the course of a few weeks, I may  
be able then to give you a date.

The pressure of my official  
duties and the many speaking engagements which  
I have already accepted, will fill my time com-  
pletely for a number of weeks.

Regretting I cannot give you a  
more satisfactory reply, I remain

Sincerely yours,



## BALDWIN-WALLACE COLLEGE

DEPARTMENT OF MISSIONS  
ARTHUR CLINTON BOGGESS

BEREA, OHIO

February 12, 1919.

Rabbi Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Our college Y.M.C.A., of which I am now secretary, is planning a series of addresses for the Thursday evenings of March and April with the object of making our students intelligent on the great movements of the day. Would it be possible for you to give us an address on "Meeting the Needs of Europe" or some such subject that would give an opportunity for you to give us some of your conclusions from your European experience? Unfortunately, like many small schools, we are able to pay only the expenses of our speakers, but we can furnish you an audience that will have large potentialities even though it may not number many hundreds.

Our meetings are at 6:45 P.M. If you will choose an evening, it will be a great pleasure for my wife and myself to have you with us at six o'clock supper.

We are asking President Thwing to speak on "The Challenge to the Church and How It Is Being Met" and President Storms on "America's Opportunity".

Very respectfully yours,

Arthur C. Boggess.

WRHS





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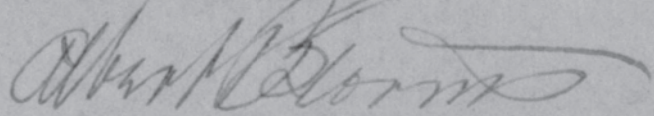
April 18, 1921.

Rabbi Silver,  
Central Ave. S.E. & E. 55th St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We are confidently counting on your being with us for College Assembly at eleven o'clock, Tuesday, April 26th in Music Hall. Personally, I am very glad indeed that you can arrange to be with us at that time as has already been indicated through some of our mutual friends. We can plan to give twenty or twenty-five minutes to the speaker and shall be very glad to hear your message.

Very sincerely yours,



Albert B. Storms,  
President.

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BEREA, OHIO  
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April 26, 1921.

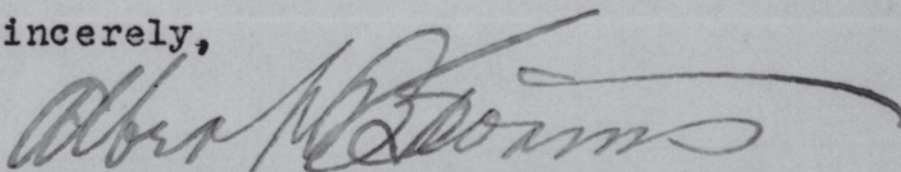
Rabbi Silver,  
E. 55th St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We were much disappointed that you were not here to address the College Assembly today. Upon inquiry I learn that ~~it~~ was promised you when you were spoken to about coming that a machine would be sent for you. This would have been done, of course, if information that it was expected had reached me in time.

We owe you an apology, therefore, and may I ask whether, by sending for you as we will gladly do, we may have the pleasure of having you on a subsequent date. We have no one for May 24th. Will that date be possible for you?

Sincerely,



Albert B. Storms,  
President.

ABS/DB



May 5th, 1921

Mr. Albert B. Storms,  
Baldwin-Wallace University,  
Berea, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Storms,

I was indeed sorry that the misunderstanding occurred which rendered it impossible for me to keep my appointment to speak for you.

I should be glad to accept your invitation for May 24th, but I am scheduled to be at a Convention in Buffalo on that date. I shall therefore have to allow the opportunity to pass for this season at least.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,



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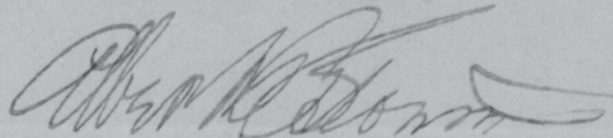
May 11, 1921.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
East 55th St. and Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I regret exceedingly that we misunderstood about getting you here for the date that had been set and also regret that you do not find it possible to come at some later date this College year. We certainly shall hold in mind the possibility of your being with us early in the opening of College in the Fall.

Very cordially yours,



Albert B. Storms,  
President.

ABD/DB



September 27, 1934.

Mr. Richard A. Wolff, President,  
Y. M. C. A.  
Men's Dormitory,  
Berea, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Wolff:

I wish I were free to accept your very kind invitation to address the Y. M. C. A. of Baldwin Wallace. Unfortunately the number of lecture engagements which I have already scheduled is so large that I cannot in justice to myself accept any more. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



Sept. 22, 1934.  
Men's Dorm.  
Berea, Ohio.

Rabbi A.H. Silver,  
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Y.M.C.A. of our Baldwin-Wallace Campus is attempting to put on a series of lectures dealing with present day foreign and international affairs.

These meetings are to be held on Thursday evenings from 7 to 8 o'clock in the lower room of Emanuel Methodist Church, across from the Men's Dormitory. There are to be six consecutive lectures on the evenings of October 4, October 11, October 18, October 25, November 1, and November 8.

We would like very much to have you as a speaker for one of these evenings, speaking on whatever phase of the subject you may choose.

Of course our funds are very limited, but we would be willing to pay your transportation charges.

Please select two of the above dates which would be most suitable for you to come and as soon as we hear from you we will assign you one of the two which you have chosen.

We thank you for your kind cooperation in this matter, and hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

*Richard A. Wolff* Pres.  
*Goss Pollard* Vice-President

RW:RR



BALDWIN-WALLACE COLLEGE  
BEREA, OHIO

February 24, 1937.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Ansel Road Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I am sending you the information which you requested relative to your speaking engagement here at Baldwin-Wallace College.

Our chapel periods take place at eleven o'clock each Tuesday and Thursday morning. The speaker is given approximately thirty to thirty five minutes for his talk.

As you know, the Cooperative Student Council is sponsoring the program and would certainly be delighted to have you as a guest for the day. If you are unable to remain the entire day, we should appreciate your acceptance of a luncheon to be held at Emma Lang Hall.

The following are the open dates in April. Please feel free to select any on which may be most convenient.

Tuesday	Thursday
April 6.	April 8.
April 13.	April 15.
20, taken.	April 22. —
April 27.	April 29.

We are asking that you feel free to choose any topic you desire. Will you also inform us as to the date you have selected, at your earliest convenience?

Sincerely yours,  
*Norman M. Yoder*  
Student Chapel Chairman.



Baldwin-Hallace ✓\*

College - Berea

Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> (1937)

declined acct. another  
engagement - ~~Arrangement~~  
a. H. S. - answered  
in person - Tel -



March 1, 1937.

Mr. Norman M. Yoder,  
Baldwin-Wallace College,  
Berea, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Yoder:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of February 24 and for the invitation which you extend to me to address your Chapel Service. I shall make every effort to be with you on Thursday morning, April 22. There is always a possibility, of course, of my not being able to come. Unforeseen duties present themselves. If I am unable to keep that engagement, I shall give you another date.

With all good wishes to you and with kindest regards to your distinguished President, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



BALDWIN-WALLACE COLLEGE

BEREA, OHIO

April 6, 1937.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
105 Ansel Road Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are looking forward to having you visit our campus on the 22 of April. We hope that you are planning to remain for lunch and also for the afternoon if your many duties will permit you to stay with us.

As I stated in the previous letter, our chapel begins at eleven o'clock and lasts about forty minutes. Our administration is located on Seminary Street, just one block south of Front Street. Dr. Wright, Dr. Grover and I will meet you there before going over to the auditorium.

On behalf of the Co-operative Council and on behalf of the entire college, I want to thank you for giving us so much of your valuable time in order to come to Berea.

Sincerely yours,

*Roman M. Zeller*  
Chapel Program Chairman.



# BALDWIN-WALLACE COLLEGE

BEREA, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 6  
1937

Rabbi Abba Hillél Silver  
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In these troubled days, if our colleges fail to educate real leaders, then God help America. Baldwin-Wallace College, right here in your own greater Cleveland, has successfully trained youth for ninety-one years. Now students have to be turned away. Our growth is almost an embarrassment.

I am asking you to attend a short luncheon meeting to hear about the future plans of the college and tell us, who are carrying the load, if our program for the future is right. We must attempt a Funding Program or do an inadequate job of education.

No money will be solicited at this meeting. You cannot imagine how much your presence and encouraging word will mean to the President, Trustees and Faculty. We want to know that you care how we train college students.

Can we use your name as one who sponsors our Advanced Program?

The luncheon will be on Thursday, March 11, 12:15 to 1:45 o'clock, Chamber of Commerce, Terminal Tower Building. You will be a guest of the college.

Tell us you believe in Baldwin-Wallace College and let us tell others that you do. Then we will face the future with high courage.

Cordially yours,

*Louis C. Wright*

Louis C. Wright  
President

*Dayton C. Miller*

Dayton C. Miller  
Chairman of the Board



March 8, 1937

Dr. Louis C. Wright, President,  
Baldwin-Wallace College,  
Berea, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Wright:

I received your kind invitation to attend the luncheon on March 11 at the Chamber of Commerce. Nothing would have given me greater pleasure. Unfortunately a meeting was called by the Board of my Temple for a luncheon that very day. This will make it impossible for me to attend. Let me assure you, however, that any service that I can render to your institution I shall be delighted to do.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



BALDWIN-WALLACE COLLEGE  
BEREA, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 20  
1937

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

It was a real privilege to share with the company the other evening who were paying you a well deserved tribute. The whole evening seemed to me to be carried forward on a very high level and the appreciation could not have been more sincere. My very best wishes for the next twenty years.

We are to have you here for the chapel at 11:00 o'clock Thursday of this week and I cannot be at the chapel service to hear you. They are asking me to speak at the Student Peace Demonstration at Ohio State in Columbus at the same hour. I am deeply sorry that I cannot greet you here on the campus.

If you see fit to do so it would be very appropriate to deal with some phase of the International Relationships or any phase of the Peace question. However, this is not necessary and you are free to speak as you wish.

Very cordially yours,

*L. C. Wright*  
L. C. Wright  
President

LCW:ER



BALDWIN-WALLACE COLLEGE

BEREA, OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

October 5, 1939

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Though we are quite reluctant to give you up for the chapel program on November 14 we can appreciate the importance of your being in Philadelphia on that date. Would you be back in time for the chapel program on November 16? If so we could shift the program arranged for that day to November 14. Otherwise we would have to wait until February 1 or 27, since the intervening programs are already arranged.

We do not want to interfere with plans which you feel that you must make. The dates which you suggest are taken. But if you can come on any of these dates which I have mentioned I should be glad to hear from you.

Best wishes for the success of your campaign for refugee relief.

Cordially yours,

*Louis W. Norris*

Louis W. Norris  
Chairman, Chapel Committee

*Thru Feb. 1*



October 3, 1939

Dr. Louis W. Norris  
Baldwin-Wallace College  
Berea, Ohio

My dear Dr. Norris:

I wonder whether it would inconvenience you greatly if I were to come to Baldwin Wallace on some other day than the one scheduled, November 14? I find it necessary, as chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, to open the campaign for refugee relief in Philadelphia on that day. This is a very important occasion where my attendance is imperative; otherwise I would not ask for a change of date. Is Tuesday, October 24; or Thursday, November 9; or November 23 open in your schedule?

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



October 6, 1939

Dr. Louis W. Norris  
Department of Philosophy  
Baldwin-Wallace College  
Berea, Ohio

My dear Dr. Norris:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of October 5. I have set aside the date of Thursday, February 1 for my address at Baldwin-Wallace College. I am sorry if I caused you any inconvenience in re-arranging your schedule, but in these difficult days, my time is really not my own and most of my engagements are subject to last minute cancellations.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



BALDWIN-WALLACE COLLEGE

BEREA, OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

July 12, 1939

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Rabbi Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Reaod

My dear Rabbi Silver:

As a part of our chapel program here at Baldwin-Wallace it has seemed to us that it would be appropriate to invite a leading representative of your faith to discuss the present crisis for the Jews. If you would be willing to come to a chapel session and deal with this theme we would count it a distinct contribution to our educational aims. If you could tell us in particular what part we as Protestant Christians might have in securing reconciliation it would be helpful. As chairman of the chapel committee I am writing to inquire whether it would be possible for you to come.

We have chapel on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 o'clock and allow the speaker about forty minutes for the presentation of his theme. It is our custom to entertain the speaker at luncheon and then when there is time to hold an informal question period after lunch. I feel confident that our students would be greatly interested to hear an authority speak on this subject.

If you could come on the 24th or 31st of October your part would fit in very naturally with our chapel plans. But if these dates would not be satisfactory we should be glad to know what dates would be open for you. Also we should be glad to know what honorarium would be appropriate. If it would be a convenience to you we could send a car to bring you here either from your residence or from The Temple and return you.

Cordially yours,

*Louis W. Norris*  
Louis W. Norris

*Spence*  
*Nov. 7-14-*



July 14, 1939

Dr. Louis W. Norris  
Baldwin-Wallace College  
Berea, Ohio

My dear Dr. Norris:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of July 12th. Dr. Silver is spending his vacation in Europe, this summer, and plans to be gone until the early part of September. I am, however, forwarding your letter to Dr. Silver. He will either answer it directly, or will communicate with me. In the latter instance, I shall be happy to write to you as soon as I hear from him.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver.



BALDWIN-WALLACE COLLEGE  
BEREA, OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

August 12, 1939

Miss Bessie Kline  
Temple Israel  
East 105<sup>th</sup> St. and Amsel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

A letter from Rabbi Silver just  
came saying that he could come to  
Baldwin-Wallace to speak for us on  
Tuesday morning Nov. 14, at 11 o'clock.  
He asked that I write to you if this  
date proved the right one. Thus  
I am writing to you with his authority  
to reserve that date on his calendar.

We shall look forward to  
his visit.

Cordially yours,

Louis H. Harris  
Chairman of Chapel Committee



BALDWIN-WALLACE COLLEGE  
BEREA, OHIO

January 17  
1940

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

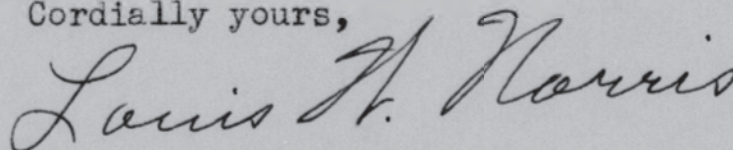
My dear Rabbi Silver:

We are looking forward to your visit to Baldwin-Wallace on February 1st to speak in our student assembly program. As I mentioned before, I think, the program begins at 11:00 o'clock.

If you can send me the subject of your address it would help us in announcing the program for that day. We shall leave the choice of a subject to you though we should expect that it would be related to present problems confronting the Jews. Anything you can say to enable us to understand the conditions which your people are now facing will be appreciated.

We shall be happy to have you remain with us for lunch if that is convenient. If you can let me know whether you can remain I shall be glad to make necessary arrangements.

Cordially yours,



Louis W. Norris,  
Chairman, Chapel Committee

LWN:ER



DS.E.

October 27, 1961

Mr. George Poinar, Conductor  
Baldwin-Wallace Symphony Orchestra  
Baldwin-Wallace College  
Berea, Ohio

My dear Mr. Poinar:

Thank you for your letter of October 24th. I am very happy to learn that the Baldwin-Wallace Festival Chorus and Orchestra will give a rendition of Bloch's "Sacred Service" at the Temple on February fourth. I am also happy that you will present this service at Baldwin-Wallace at the end of January.

I appreciate deeply your invitation to appear as minister at the Baldwin-Wallace rendition on January 28th. I am not at all sure that I will be in the country at that time. There is the possibility of our going abroad. I would suggest that you request my son, Daniel Jeremy Silver, who is Rabbi here at the Temple with me, to read the minister's part. Please get in touch with him at the Temple.

Wishing you every success, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm



**BALDWIN-WALLACE COLLEGE**  
BEREA, OHIO

CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

October 24, 1961

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street & Silver Park  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Rabbi Daniel Silver has asked the Baldwin-Wallace Festival Chorus and Orchestra to give a performance of Bloch's "Sacred Service" at the Temple on February 4, 1962 at 10:30 A.M. Our first performance will be here at Baldwin-Wallace on January 28, 1962 as the opening concert for "Religion in Life Week".

Would you honor us by appearing on both occasions as the minister? This part is spoken on cues from the conductor. I would guess that one private conference and one rehearsal with the combined groups would be enough time. This final rehearsal is scheduled for Thursday evening, January 25th, 1962 about 8:00 P.M. here at Kulas Auditorium.

Please consider this and let me know how you feel about it.

Mr. Melvin Hakola, your Music Director, and a member of our voice faculty, will be the baritone soloist.

Yours sincerely,

*George Poinar*

George Poinar, Conductor  
Baldwin-Wallace Symphony Orchestra

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