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Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 1928.

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
AND
AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE,
BATON ROUGE.
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE.

January 24, 1928.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

On behalf of the Faculty, Board of Supervisors, Alumni and Students of this institution, I extend you a most cordial and urgent invitation to deliver the Commencement sermon to our graduating class on Sunday, June 10, 1928. I can assure you that our people will be delighted to have you with us on this occasion and will do everything possible to make your visit a most pleasant one.

Trusting to receive a favorable reply at an early date, I am

Sincerely yours,

Thos. W. Atkinson

Thos. W. Atkinson,
Acting President.

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January 30th, 1928.

Thos. W. Atkinson, President,
Louisiana State University,
Baton Rouge, La.

My dear Mr. Atkinson:-

Permit me to thank you for your
kind letter of January 24th inviting me to
deliver the Commencement sermon to the grad-
uating class of Louisiana State University on
Sunday, June 10th. I shall be very pleased to
come and hope that nothing will interfere.

With kindest regards and looking
forward with pleasure to our meeting, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
AND
AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE,
BATON ROUGE.
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE.

February 3, 1928.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

We are delighted to know that you will
be with us on Sunday, June 10th, to deliver our commence-
ment sermon.

Assuring you that we are looking forward
with great pleasure to your visit to us, I am

Sincerely yours,

Thos. W. Atkinson

Thos. W. Atkinson,
Acting President.

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CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

WALTER GILBERT PEISER, RABBI
STUDY: 1736 OLIVE ST.

Baton Rouge, La.,

May 4th.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

It has been some time now since I heard the good news that you would be down here with us for the University graduation on June ~~fifth~~ ^{fourth}. It is certainly nice of you to have accepted and I know the boys and girls have a treat in store for them.

I have been in charge of outlining the nature of the program and I feel you would be interested in knowing its details. It is in the form of a service taking place in the very large and ample Greek amphitheatre that is situated in the centre of our very beautiful campus. The acoustics are excellent, better far than most indoor halls. The ordinary voice carries to every seat. The location is cool, something very necessary for the season of the year. The services will begin at eight o'clock and will be in the following order. Processional----Pilgrims Chorus -Verdi---by Orchestra and Choir. Seraphic Hymn by Rubenstein--Vocal solo and violin obligato Invocation----by myself. "By Babylon's Wave" Gounod by Orchestra and Choir (composed of all university song clubs.) Scripture Reading----which I shall read but which I want you to choose as the sentiment of your address. May the words of my mouth----Sung by one of our Jewish graduates. Sermon-----Yourself The Lord Bless You and Keep You---Lutkin---by Choir. Benediction-----Yourself. Recessional--Coronation March --Meyerbeer-----by Orchestra.

Each year a different denomination is given complete charge of these services and this is the first time in I think, a decade that we have been so honored. Last time Rabbi Stephen Wise delivered the baccalaureate sermon.

My executive board has asked me whether I considered it at all possible for you to come in for Friday evening and occupy our pulpit. I told them that I realized just how busy you are and how much you are honoring our community by being here on Sunday evening but that I would ask you any way and so I am doing it. You know that I would be more than pleased if you would consent to occupy my pulpit; and if you could possibly consent please let me know so that I can make preparation; but if you cannot, tho my congregation shall be grieved, I shall understand.

CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

WALTER GILBERT PEISER, RABBI
STUDY: 1736 OLIVE ST.

Baton Rouge, La.,

I should like to know sometime between now and when you leave on what train you intend to arrive, how long we can count on your staying and on what train you intend to leave. If you can stay over for Monday I should like to take you thru our Standard Oil Refinery, the second largest, it is claimed, in the country, where ugly greenish black crude oil is broken up into seemingly an infinite number of seemingly transparent liquids and there is left pure, clean, white parafine.

Personally I am looking forward with a great deal of anticipation to your visit. It is a pleasure to think that I shall have the opportunity of renewing my friendship with you.

Frances and Greta Janyce and I all send our most bestest to Mrs. Silver and yourself-----and possibly to Jim who caused us such an embarrassing moment at one time.



Sincerely,

Walter Peiser

May 24th, 1928.

Rabbi Walter Gilbert Peiser,
1736 Olive St.,
Baton Rouge, La.

My dear Rabbi Peiser:-

Thank you very much for your
letter of May 4th. I am looking forward with
pleasure to my visit to your medinah.

I do not believe that I shall
get in in time to occupy your pulpit on Friday
evening. I should like to leave Baton Rouge Sunday
night. I must be back in Cleveland Tuesday morning
for a wedding. Can you make the reservation for me?
I would appreciate it very much.

Please convey my best wishes to
your dear wife in which Mrs. Silver joins me.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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BATON ROUGE, LA.. May 24, 1928.

Rabbi A.H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Sir: We are informed by President Thos. W. Atkinson of Louisiana State university that you will deliver the baccalaureate sermon here on the night of Sunday, June 10. As this is an event of much interest we would appreciate your sending us an advance copy of your address, to be held by us for release on the day after it is delivered.

Also, if you have available a newspaper cut of your photograph we would be glad to use it.

In the meantime, we shall look forward to hearing you speak in Baton Rouge.

Thanking you for furnishing us a copy of your sermon, if this be convenient for you, we remain,

Yours truly,

State-Times,

Per I.B. Ogden.

I. B. Ogden

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BATON ROUGE.
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE.

May 30, 1928.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Will you kindly let me know as soon as possible
the exact time you expect to reach Baton Rouge for our Com-
mencement exercises.

Assuring you that we are looking forward with
great pleasure to your visit to us, I am

Sincerely yours,

Thos. W. Atkinson

Thos. W. Atkinson,
Acting President.

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P.S. A printed program will be sent you just as soon as they
come from the printer's.

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LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
and
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SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT
GREEK THEATRE

Sunday Evening, June 10, 1928 at Eight O'Clock.

--- PROGRAM ---

Processional, Pilgrims Chorus from I Lombardi - - - - Verdi
Louisiana State University Chorus and Orchestra.

Seraphic Hymn ----- Rubinstein
Vocal Solo by Miss Roxine Beard.
Violin Obbligato by Mrs. J.A. Welch,
Louisiana State University Choral Club.

Invocation ----- Rabbi Walter Gilbert Peiser
Temple B'nai Israel
Baton Rouge, La.

By Babylon's Wave ----- Gounod
Louisiana State University Chorus and Orchestra.

Scripture Reading ----- Rabbi Walter Gilbert Peiser
Temple B'nai Israel
Baton Rouge, La.

May the Words of My Mouth ----- Schlesinger
Miss Fay Kahn

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

The Lord Bless You and Keep You ----- Lutkin
Louisiana State University Chorus.

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

Recessional, Coronation March ----- Mayerbeer.
Louisiana State University Orchestra.

June 4th, 1928.

Thomas W. Atkinson, President,
Louisiana State University,
Baton Rouge, La.

My dear Mr. Atkinson:-

I plan to arrive in New Orleans
on Friday morning. I shall remain there until
Sunday morning when I will catch the train for
Baton Rouge. I shall communicate with you
when I arrive in New Orleans.

Looking forward with great pleasure
to my visit, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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RABBI ABBAHILLEL FILDER

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WALTER PEIFER..

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June 13th, 1928.

Mr. Roger Swire,
Treasurer, Louisiana University,
Baton Rouge, La.

My dear Mr. Swire:-

At the suggestion of
Rabbi Peiser I am sending you herewith the
statement of my traveling expenses, which
amounted to \$150.

I need not tell you that
I deeply enjoyed my visit to Baton Rouge and
the privilege of addressing the graduates of
the University.

me to remain

With kindest regards, permit

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
AND
AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE
BATON ROUGE, LA.

OFFICE OF
TREASURER

June 18th, 1928

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
East 105th St. At Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio,

Dear Sir:-

In accordance with your letter of June 13th, 1928
I am enclosing check, to your order, for \$150.00 to cover your expenses
from Cleveland to Baton Rouge and return.

We enjoyed having you with us, sorry you could not
make a longer visit,

With kindest regards,

R.P.S./h.

Very sincerely yours,

R. P. Silver
Treasurer.

