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Berea, Ohio, 1920-1935.

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April 1st, 1920

Rabbi Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My Dear Mr. Silver:

Our people would like to engage you
to address them on the occasion of our annual
High School Commencement Exercises, which
are to be held at the Music Hall of Baldwin
Wallace College, on the evening of May 28th.

We will gladly provide for your entertainment
and see that you are properly cared for and give
you whatever compensation you may desire. Our
Auditorium seats about 1000 people and I can
assure you that it will be well filled.

May I hear from you soon?

Respectfully yours,

H. B. Alberty.

Accept.

#75 - Stanley E. 6/7

April 7th, 1920

Mr. H. B. Alberty,
Superintendent of Schools,
Berea, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Alberty,

I am in receipt of your invitation
to deliver the address at your High School Commence-
ment Exercises on the evening of May 28th.

I shall be most happy to accept this
invitation to speak to your young people.

My usual fee is \$75.00 and traveling
expenses, but of course there would be no expense
for traveling in this instance. Should this meet
with your approval, I shall be pleased to send you
my subject.

With kindest regards, I beg to
remain

Very sincerely yours,

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April 12th, 1920

Rabbi M. W. Silver,
The Temple, Central St.
Cleveland, Ohio.

My Dear Mr. Silver:

I have your letter of recent date in which you say that you will be pleased to address our community on the occasion of our High School Commencement Exercises which are to be held on the evening of May 28th.

I also note that you fee for such addresses is \$75.00 and with the deepest regret that I say that my Board has found it necessary to fix the limit which we can pay for a speaker at \$50.00. The exercises are free and the entire expenses have to be met by the Board.

It occurred to me that since the meeting was to be free and since so many of our people have expressed a desire to hear you, you might be willing to make a personal sacrifice in this case and come to us for \$50.00.

Assuring you that I profoundly regret the necessity for writing this letter and that I hope you will understand my timidity in action, I beg to remain,

Very truly yours

H. B. Alberty

April 15th, 1920

Mr. H. B. Alberty,
Superintendent of Schools,
Berea, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Alberty,

I have just received your letter
and hasten to assure you that the arrangement which
you suggest regarding my fee will be perfectly satis-
factory to me.

Looking forward with pleasure to
meeting you, ~~in person~~, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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May 25-20

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

My Dear Mr. Silver:

We are looking forward with
pleasure to your address Friday Evening.

If you will let me know the time of your
arrival I shall be pleased to meet you.

Our program is to be held in the Danny
Kastgar Auditorium at 8 P. M.

I should be honored to have
you make my home your headquarters if
you so desire.

Please let me know in what
way I may serve you

Respectfully yours

H. B. Alberty

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South Western
Electric in
firm of Washburn
Stone

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March 24th, 1926.

Rev. John W. Malcolm,
Berea, Ohio.

My dear Rev. Malcolm,

Since writing you I have been informed that on Sunday evening, April 18th the Jewish community of Cleveland will inaugurate its half million dollar drive for foreign relief with a dinner and meeting at which I must of course be present. I am therefore constrained to ask you to relieve me of my engagement at this time. I shall be very happy to come at some other time.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Berea
May 2nd

Dear Rabbi —

Your letter of March the
8th was duly received and I have
already advertised April 18th
as the date you are to be with
us. Our services are to be
held at 7:30 —

I now am ready for your
subject before further advertising.
Assured that your coming
to us will be an event
of great good to all this
part of the County.

Berea 19th Mar,
1926

I am gratefully
Yours

John W. McLesher

P.S.
I will write you
directions about getting
here and other details
when I hear from you

J. M.



Berea, O.
Mar. 25th 1926

Dear Rabbi —

I have just rec'd
your note stating that
you could not be with
us on Sunday Eve Apr.
18th but that you would
be glad to come at some
other time —

I can arrange for either
Sund. Eve April 25th, the
1st or Second Sunday Eve's
of May — If you could

Arrange for Either and
Could so inform me
at as early an hour
as might be convenient
for you I will, together
with our Community, be
delighted -

With best Wishes

I am most truly

Yours

John W. Malcolm

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March 29th, 1926.

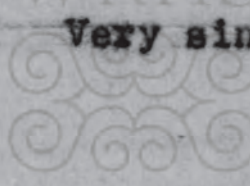
Rev. John W. Malcolm,
Berea, Ohio.

My dear Rev. Malcolm,

It may be possible for
me to come on Sunday evening, May 9th.
If the date is acceptable to you, please
let me know.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



Berea

Berea O.

Mar. 30th - 26

Dear Rabbi -

Yours of the 29th inst
naming Sunday Eve May
the 9th when you would
be pleased to be with us
at hand, and as soon as
you can find it con-
venient to send your
subject, I will definitely
advertise it.

Very gratefully & truly
Yours
John H. Malcolm

Dear Rabbi —

I have been
Encouraged to write you
this note by Rev. Dr. Dan
Bradley and several
professional and business
men of Cleveland.
My reasons are as follow —
We have a College here
in our midst and a
Theological Seminary from
which we are sending
men & women to the
utmost parts of the earth,

Year after Year

Now my desire is that
these College and Towns'
folk, And myself included,
should change our
point of view and
widen our horizon as
much as possible —

Now last yr. I secured
Rabbi Woolsey who came
out and gave us an
Address on the Lords Prayer
which was a marvellous
Eye opener and out of
over

out lifter, —

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Now if you could drive out
here some Sunday eve
and speak in my church
I would advertise it
far & wide and it would
be a great missionary
opportunity.

The dates of March 7 - 21 - ~~22~~ -

and April ¹⁸~~28~~ are favorable
for my getting together
the students & professors &
town's people also —

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I think Rabbi Washay told
me that it took about
fifty minutes to drive from
his home out here to our
Church, If you could give
me some date when our
Coast is clear it would
be a great blessing -

Very truly & hopefully

John W. Malcolm
Pastor 1st Congregational
Church Berea Ohio

Apr. 25th

1926

Yes -

Apr. 18

Berea

March Eighth
1926

Dr. John W. Malcolm,
First Congregational Church,
Berea, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Malcolm,

I have your kind letter of ~~February~~
Twenty-fifth and desire to thank you for the
kind invitation which you extend to me. I believe
I could come to you on Sunday evening, April 18th.

I would be glad to have you get in
touch with me in a week or two and give me the
hour of your service and any other detail which
may be necessary. I will advise you then of the
subject of my lecture.

With kindest regards and looking for-
ward to meeting you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Dear Rabbi -

In your last
note to me you set
Sunday eve. May the 9th
as the date you would
be with us - I answered
that note and gladly
accepted that date -

Will that be all right
and shall I go ahead
and ~~so~~ advertise?

And could you send
me your subject?

It will take only 2 hours
and $\frac{3}{4}$, at the most, from
the time you leave home

tilt you give us the
address and return home
again,

Sincerely praying
that you may be able
to come to us -

I am as ever
Yours

J. M. Mable
Pastor 1st Cong. Ch.
Berea Ohio

April 28th 16

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April 30th, 1926.

Mr. J.W. Malcolm,
Berea, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Malcolm,

I am afraid that I shall have to disappoint you again. The meeting which was to open the United Jewish Campaign on the 18th of April has been postponed to May 9th as the enclosed clipping will show you. I must attend this meeting. Will you not therefore excuse me this time. It will be almost impossible for me to come any other Sunday in May because of other engagements. I am sorry to have kept you in this suspense but you know that my time is not my own. I shall be very happy to come to you next season if you will want me.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Jan 10th 24

Berea

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Dear Dr. Rabbi Silver —

You will easily recall that last season we had you engaged for a date to give us an address when your engagement in the great time which suddenly at the last prevented your coming — You suggested however that you could come to us next season, that next season has arrived and again

I apply to secure you
for a date possible for
you - Sunday Ev'g Feb. 20
and 24 or March 6 would
^{please you}
I would either of said
dates be agreeable to you?

We are all anxious, very
anxious to hear you,
Rabbi Woolsey when he
was here to speak to us
helped us much. I want
the good work to go on.
Very truly

J. N. Malcolm
Pastor of 1st Congl Ch.
Berea Ohio

*PS Our Services
Continue to go*



Berea

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January 24th, 1927.

Rev. J.W. Malcolm,
First Congregational Church,
Berea, Ohio.

My dear Rev. Malcolm,

Permit me to thank you for
your kind letter of the 10th. I am afraid
that I shall again have to forgo the pleasure
of addressing your congregation. I have
organized this year a study group which meets
with me every Sunday evening and I am therefore
unable to leave Cleveland on that day.

With kindest regards and thanking
you again for your invitation, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Berea, Ohio.

Sept. 9, 1935.

Dear Rabbi Silver: -

The Berea Branch of the American Association of University Women is desirous of having, at its March 1936 meeting, a Panel Discussion on Socio-Economic Problems:

The program committee, of which I am chairman, is very anxious to secure you as the chairman of the discussion group. May we have that pleasure, and will you suggest or choose your own panel?

We want to have the meeting open to the public, possibly charging a nominal admission fee in order to cover expenses since we are only recently organized and are consequently without funds.

In replying please designate the cost of having the panel; the number you would suggest and the choice of dates in March.

you see I am taking it for
granted that we may count
on your acting as chairman.

Sincerely

Helen M. Galleher.



September 11, 1935.

Miss Helen M. Galleher,
172 Beech Street,
Berea, Ohio.

My dear Miss Galleher:

In reply to your letter of September 9,
permit me to state that Rabbi Silver has been spending
the summer in Europe and will return to Cleveland the
end of next week. I shall be pleased to refer your
letter to him when he returns.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

October 1, 1935

Miss Helen M. Galleher,
172 Beech Street,
Berea, Ohio.

My dear Miss Galleher:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of September 9 and for the invitation which you extend to me to participate in a Panel Discussion to be held under the auspices of the Berea Branch of the American Association of University Women.

I wish I were free to avail myself of your invitation. Unfortunately, I am compelled to reduce the number of my out of town lecture engagements to an absolute minimum, this year, as my duties at The Temple have very substantially increased. Before leaving for Europe last summer I committed myself to all the out of town lecture engagements which I can take on this season. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK