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Bloomington, Illinois, 1922-1925.



Unitarian Church,  
Bloomington, Illinois.

Nov. 6, 1922.

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
Cleveland.

My dear Rabbi,

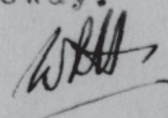
Some of your friends in this city, having learned that you are to speak in Peoria November 28, wish to learn whether you could speak in Bloomington the following evening. As you know, we are in close proximity to Peoria, by interurban connection.

If it is possible for you to appear here, what would be your fee? We should not be able to raise any large amount for this purpose, and we should not hope to get more than two (or three) hundred people for an audience. In order to reach that figure, we should secure the co-operation of as many persons as possible, and we feel sure that you would be delighted with the response you received.

I am willing to do all in my power to make your meeting a success, if you can see your way to come.

Faternally yours

Rev. William Rupert Holloway.



P.S. In the event that we can mutually arrange for this lecture, would you give us a subject, or a choice of subjects.



November 8th, 1922.

Rev. William Rupert Holloway,  
Unitarian Church,  
Bloomington, Illinois.

My dear Rev. Holloway,

Permit me to thank you for  
your kind invitation to address a meeting  
in Bloomington on the evening of November  
24th. I would gladly accept your invitation,  
but I am compelled to return to Cleveland  
immediately after my Peoria address. Per-  
haps at some future time I may be of service  
to you.

With kindest regards and again  
thanking you for your invitation, I beg to  
remain

Very sincerely yours,



January 7, 1925

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Sir:

On March 19, 20, and 21 next about 2000 teachers, officers, and patrons of our public schools will gather in the annual meeting of the Central Division of the Illinois State Teachers Association at Bloomington, Ill. Our Executive Committee is doing all in its power to make this meeting a memorable one--an event from which many a teacher's new start will be dated. The dominant chord from which everything else will take its tone and pitch is EDUCATION FOR THE CULTIVATION OF PERSONALITY,--social, moral, physical, political, business--the cultivation of every phase of human personality that will make for the higher efficiency and righteousness in all the relations in our American and world life.

We need the help of such men as you are. The popular mind is saturated with the ideas of industrial, vocational, commercial, agricultural, intellectual education; education for citizenship, and every sort of education, until, I fear ~~in~~ the maze of it all and the prevailing partial views have obscured the fact that all these various aspects of education have real meaning only when their ultimate outcomes are contributions to the creation of higher qualities of social personality such as will be most fitting, efficient, and righteous in whatever life relation one may be living.

On the advice of Mr. Milton R. Livingston of Bloomington I am asking you for your help. We can arrange for you to give one or two addresses on one or two of the above dates. It will be a notable event for such a large gathering of American citizens to hear an American Rabbi speak on the subject of public education; or on some aspect of the problem of improving the quality of our population.

Please wire me your acceptance collect, and then write me your price for one or for two addresses on the nineteenth or twentieth of next March. You will be entertained in the homes of friends in Bloomington or at the best hotel if you prefer that freedom.

Very truly yours,

*Manfred James Holmes*  
Manfred James Holmes,  
Chairman Executive Committee.

*Also in subjects  
of your addresses*



1/11/25

Manferd James Holmes  
Illinois State Normal University,  
Normal, Illinois.

I shall be pleased to be with you  
on the 19th. of March. Letter follows.

A.H.Silver.





January 11th, 1924.

Dr. Manfred James Holmes,  
Illinois State Normal University,  
Normal, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Holmes,

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of January 7th and for the invitation which you extend to me to address the Annual Meeting of the Central Division of the State Teachers Association. I shall be pleased to be with you on the evening of the 19th. I shall not be able to stay over for the 20th. I should be glad to speak on some such subject as "Formal Education and Human Personality". My honorarium would be \$150 which will include my traveling expenses. I would prefer to stop at a hotel.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



ILLINOIS STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION  
CENTRAL DIVISION

MEETING AT BLOOMINGTON, MARCH 19, 20, 21, 1925

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February 28, 1925

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

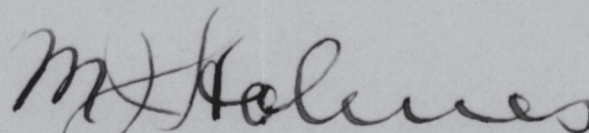
My dear Dr. Silver:

I am mailing to you today the official program of the Central Division of the Illinois State Teachers Association which is to be held at Bloomington March 19, 20, and 21. You will notice from the program how we have attempted to carry out the idea of raising the conception of social-personality as the supremest goal of education. There will be a large gathering of teachers and citizens to hear your address on Thursday evening. We are all prepared, Dr. Silver, for the eloquent and inspiring address we know you are eminently qualified to deliver on the subject of "Formal Education and Human Personality".

We are looking forward with pleasure to meet you and hear you. We are very glad that you are going to cooperate with us in making this meeting a memorable event for hundreds of teachers and citizens.

I have engaged a room for you at the Illinois Hotel in Bloomington for Thursday night. If you need a hotel room also for Friday night please advise me at once.

Very cordially yours,



Manfred J. Holmes,  
Chairman Executive Committee.

MJH:RV



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Mar. 2, 1925.

Dr. A. H. Silber,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I notice that you will be here to address the Teachers' Convention on the 19th of this month. I will be pleased to have you as my guest during your stay here.

I would also like to inquire whether it would be possible for you to remain over Friday night so as to address our congregation and the community in general.

With very kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

SIGMUND LIVINGSTON.

*Sig. Livingston*

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WE HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ACCEPT CONSISTORY CLUB INVITATION

MARCH THIRTEENTH

J H HUDSON SECY BLOOMINGTON ASSN OF COMMERCE

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3/12/25

J.H. Hudson,  
Bloomington Association of Commerce  
Bloomington, Ill.

Appreciate very much invitation  
of the Bloomington Consistory  
Regret exceedingly cannot accept it.  
Must be back in Cleveland on the 20th.

A.H.Silver.