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Buffalo, New York, 1936-1963.

January 3, 1936

Rabbi Reben J. Magil,  
Temple Beth El,  
151-161 Richmond Avenue,  
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Magil:

Let me thank you for your kind letter  
of December 26.

I find it difficult to comply with your  
request - not because of the amount of the honorarium.  
I have, however, addressed other organizations in  
Buffalo, one, a Temple Brotherhood this very year, and  
have charged them an honorarium of from \$150 to \$200.  
It would be unfair to them and to my future engagements  
in Buffalo to reduce the honorarium still further.

With all good wishes, permit me to  
remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



Temple Emanu-El  
Colvin and Tacoma Avenues  
Buffalo, N. Y.

office of  
Rabbi Morris Adler

June 3, 1936

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th St. & Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver ;

I had the opportunity for but a brief conversation with you last night, at the dinner in Buffalo. I asked if it would be possible for you to open the forum series of our Men's Club, next fall. You replied that as you recall, the month of October was laden with engagements, but that you might have a date for us in November. You suggested that I write you regarding this matter.

Our Men's Club has a membership of 285, and we are most anxious and hopeful that you be our first guest-speaker. As you stated, the fee is considerable. We are determined, however to strain our budgetary capacities to their utmost.

I hope to hear from you in regard to a date in October, or November, so that we may proceed to make the necessary arrangements.

With kindest greetings, I remain

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Morris Adler

P.S.-Rabbi A.E. Cohen spoke to me of an address by you, called "Israel", delivered in Chicago and which has been reprinted. Is it possible for me to secure a copy ?

ma;gk

June 5, 1936

Rabbi Morris Adler,  
Temple Emanuel,  
Colvin and Tahoma Avenues,  
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Adler:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of June 3. It may be possible for me to come to your Forum on Wednesday evening, November 18. My honorarium is \$250.

I have requested my secretary to send you a copy of my Paper "Israel".

With best wishes and recalling with pleasure our meeting a few nights ago, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Temple Emanu-El  
Colvin and Tacoma Avenues  
Buffalo, N. Y.

office of  
Rabbi Morris Adler

June 11, 1936

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

My dear Rabbi Silver ;

I am grateful to you for your kind reply to my letter, inviting you to address the Forum of our Men's Club. You designate Wednesday Nov. 18, as the date for your address, and that evening fits in with our plans.

I would like to have the opportunity of a brief personal interview with you. I expect to be in Cleveland the week of June 22. Can you grant me an appointment any day during that week ? I would indeed appreciate such a courtesy.

Thanking you, I remain

Cordially yours ,

*Morris Adler*

Rabbi Morris Adler

*Many thanks for your address "Israel". I shall  
ma;gk read and reread it with great care and  
interest.*

*Ma*

June 12, 1936

Rabbi Morris Adler,  
Temple Emanu-El,  
Colvin and Tacoma Avenues,  
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Adler:

Thank you for your letter of June 11. I shall be very pleased to be with you on Wednesday evening, November 18.

As I am sailing for Europe on June 17th, it will not be possible for me to see you in Cleveland during the week of June 22nd, a fact which I regret very much.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

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September 25th, 1936

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The Elementary School  
Principals of Buffalo would very  
much like to have you as our speaker  
and guest at one of our meetings.

Open dates, Oct. 19;  
Nov. 16, possibly also in January.

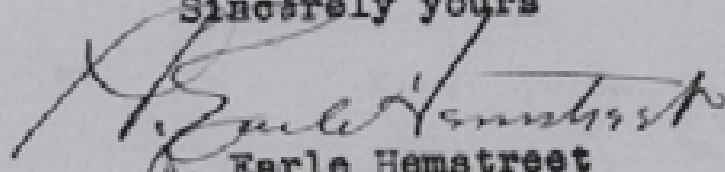
Theme - Something in the  
field of, 'Education for Good Citizen-  
ship'.

If you are available, kindly  
tell us what honorarium will be  
sufficient. Our group numbers about  
75 to 100, a small audience, but an  
interested one.

Awaiting your kind advices,

I am

Sincerely yours

  
A. Earle Hemstreet  
238 Ontario St



September 28, 1936

Mr. A. Earle Hemstreet,  
238 Ontario Street,  
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Hemstreet:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of September 25 and for the invitation which you extend to me to address the Elementary School Principals of Buffalo. I notice that among your open dates is November 16. I am scheduled to be in Buffalo to address the Temple-Emanuel Forum on Wednesday evening, November 18. I do not know at what time of the day your meeting is scheduled, but if you can arrange your meeting for the afternoon of the 18th, I shall be glad to come to you. My honorarium would then be \$100 in place of \$250 which is my customary honorarium.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

TEMPLE EMANU-EL

Colvin and Tacoma Avenues  
Buffalo, New York

Study of  
RABBI MORRIS ADLER

October 22, 1936.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am writing to confirm the date you set  
for your address before the Men's Club of Temple Emanu-El,  
Buffalo, New York. The time is Wednesday, November 18 at  
6:30 P. M.

Could you let us know the subject of your  
address?

The community is awaiting your coming with  
anticipation and enthusiasm. I look forward with deep  
pleasure to greeting you at that time.

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Morris Adler.

MA:RG

# TEMPLE EMANU-EL

Colvin and Tacoma Avenues  
Buffalo, New York

Morris Adler, Rabbi

October 22, 1936.

Riverside 2771

Harry A. Levy, Secretary  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Doctor Silver has agreed to address the Men's  
Club of our Temple on Wednesday evening, November 18.  
Would you be kind enough to send us any material con-  
cerning Dr. Silver you may have on hand, for use in  
our publicity.

We will appreciate your cooperation in this  
matter.

Sincerely yours,

*Rae Greenstein*

Executive Secretary.



October 26, 1936

Miss Rae Greenstein, Executive Secretary,  
Temple Emanu-El,  
Colvin and Tacoma Avenues,  
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Miss Greenstein:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter  
of October 22, to Mr. Levy.

I am enclosing herewith a short  
biographical sketch of Rabbi Silver which you  
may use in your publicity.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

BJK  
Enc.

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

October 27, 1936

Rabbi Morris Adler,  
Temple Emanu-El,  
Colvin and Tacoma Avenues,  
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Adler:

Let me acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 22. As regards the subject of my address, do you want one of general character? If so, I would suggest the subject: SOME ABERRATIONS OF OUR DAY. If you wish a specifically Jewish subject, let me suggest the following: CENTERS IN JEWISH LIFE. Please let me know which one you prefer.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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TEMPLE EMANU-EL

Colvin and Tacoma Avenues  
Buffalo, New York

Study of  
RABBI MORRIS ADLER

October 29, 1936.

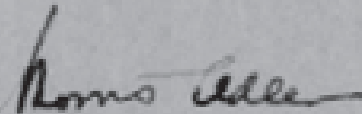
Doctor Abba Hillel Silver  
East 105 th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor:

In acknowledging receipt of your letter of October 27, I wish to express my gratitude to you for placing before us the two subjects mentioned in your letter; and giving us the opportunity to choose. May I respectfully suggest that you speak on the specifically Jewish subject "Centers in Jewish Life."

With kindest regards and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Morris Adler

MA:RG

TEMPLE EMANU-EL

Colvin and Tecoma Avenues  
Buffalo, New York

Study of  
RABBI MORRIS ADLER

Nov. 12, 1936

Doctor Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105<sup>th</sup> St. and Ansel Road  
Cleveland Ohio.

My dear Doctor Silver,

Could you let me know by what  
train you plan to come to Buffalo for our Men's  
Club Forum on Wed. Nov. 18. The dinner  
preceding the lecture is scheduled for 6:30 P.m.  
A committee of our people would like to meet  
you at the station.

Awaiting your visit to our  
Congregation with the greatest anticipation, I  
remain,

Sincerely Yours  
Morris Adler

November 16, 1936

Rabbi Morris Adler,  
Temple Emanu-El,  
Colvin and Tacoma Avenues,  
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Adler:

I plan to arrive on the afternoon train  
from Cleveland. I believe that it gets in at 4:40 P.M.

Looking forward with pleasure to seeing  
you, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 19, 1936

Mr. A. M. Schmitz,  
609 Main Street,  
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Schmitz:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which I sent to Rabbi Morris Adler on June 8, 1936 which will indicate to you what my honorarium was to be. I could not recall it last evening.

I had a perfectly lovely time with your organization. It was a pleasure for me to meet the splendid men of Temple B'nai-Jehuda so capably led by your distinguished Rabbi.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AMS:DK



December 21, 1936

Mr. A. W. Schultz,  
559 Main Street,  
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Schultz:

On the date of November 19, I  
wrote you the enclosed letter. I wonder whether  
you received it as I have had no reply from you.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.

December 31, 1936

Rabbi Morris Adler,  
Temple Emanu-El,  
Colvin and Tacoma Avenues,  
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Adler:

May I remind you that Rabbi Silver has not received his check as honorarium for the lecture which he delivered before your organization on Wednesday, November 18. I have written to Mr. Schultz but have not heard from him. I would appreciate hearing from you.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



# TEMPLE EMANU-EL

Colvin and Tacoma Avenues  
Buffalo, New York

Morris Adler, Rabbi

January 5, 1937

Riverside 2771

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Your several communications have been turned over to me as secretary of the Mens Club of Temple Emanuel.

In behalf of the organization, I desire to apologize for not answering sooner. However, we have been short of funds, and although our next forum is scheduled for the latter part of this month, at which time we anticipate collecting additional dues, we are herewith enclosing a check in the sum of \$150.00 to apply on account. We assure you that we regret doing this but, no doubt, you appreciate the inner workings of an organization of our type.

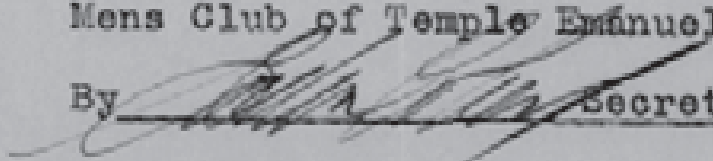
Just as soon as we are able, we will remit the balance.

Again thanking you for your patience in this matter, we remain

Very sincerely yours,

Mens Club of Temple Emanuel

By

 Secretary

Gordon Cohen  
281 Hartwell Rd.  
Buffalo, N. Y.

TEMPLE EMANUEL

Colvin and Tacoma Avenues  
Buffalo, New York

Study of  
RABBI MORRIS ADLER

January 6, 1937.

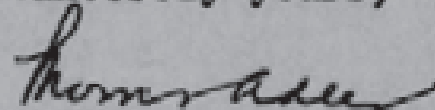
Miss B. Kline  
The Temple  
East 105th St. at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Miss Kline:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 31st in which you inform me that Rabbi Silver has not as yet received the honorarium for his address before our Men's Club. I have spoken to the officers of the club, and a check will be sent out immediately. I regret greatly that there has been a delay.

With kindest regards to Rabbi Silver, I remain

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Morris Adler.

MA:RC

January 7, 1957

Mr. Gordon Cohen, Secretary,  
Men's Club of Temple Emanuel,  
281 Hartwell Rd.,  
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Cohen:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of January 5. I am not at all surprised to learn that your organization is short of funds. That, I am sure, is not peculiar to your organization. I am grateful to you for the check which you sent me and in view of the paucity of your funds, I would suggest that you forget about the balance. Let that be a slight contribution of mine to the splendid work which your organization is doing.

With all good wishes to you and to Rabbi Adler, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

ARS:EK

# TEMPLE EMANU-EL

Colvin and Tacoma Avenues  
Buffalo, New York

Morris Adler, Rabbi

Riverside 2771

January 12, 1937

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 106 Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

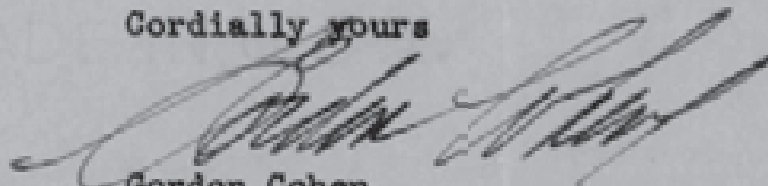
My dear Rabbi Silver:

It is with a feeling of sincere gratefulness, tinged with regret, that the members of our Men's Club thank you for your generous cancellation of our debt; gratefulness, for what this contribution will mean to our organization and to the Temple; regret, because you were not compensated as agreed for the splendid service you gave us.

Through your kindness, our budget will now show a surplus which, at the end of the year, we shall turn over to the Temple to be used for some worthy purpose.

With kindest good wishes from Rabbi Adler and myself, I remain

Cordially yours



Gordon Cohen

Secretary, Men's Club

GC:B



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WILLIAM BREACH  
SUPERVISOR OF  
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February 12, 1937

ROBERT T. BAPST  
SUPERINTENDENT  
OF SCHOOLS

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

Dear Doctor Silver:

During the week of April 11 the Music Department of the Buffalo Public Schools is celebrating its one hundredth anniversary. During this same week the Eastern Music Educators' Conference will hold its biennial session in Buffalo. We are planning for a week of community musical events. It is our hope that we can start with a meeting on Sunday night, April 11, in Elmwood Music Hall which will be sponsored by the Buffalo Council of Churches. The music for this program will be under the auspices of the local chapter of the American Guild of Organists. We would like to have a speaker who will discuss the subject of "music in life and religion" or some kindred subject.

Would it be possible for you to speak to us that night and, if so, will you kindly let us know what expense would be involved? You will understand that our plans at the moment are tentative and we are trying to have some definite suggestions to offer to the groups involved and do not feel that we can conclude the arrangements until we have had their approval. We trust that we may hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

*William Breach*

Directing Chairman  
Centennial Festival  
Music Department  
Buffalo Public Schools

WB:C

# Eastern Music Educators Conference



**Fifteenth Meeting**  
(FIFTH BIENNIAL)

**BUFFALO**

**April 13-17, 1937**

The Eastern Music Educators Conference represents the interrelated interests of school, college and community—teachers, pupils, citizens. This little folder of information is placed in your hands as an invitation to share the practical benefits and the inspiration of a great educational convention and music festival—sponsored by the Conference and the Buffalo Public Schools, with the co-operation of musical, educational and civic groups, schools, colleges, and associated organizations of the Buffalo area, the Eastern Atlantic and New England States, and Eastern Canada.

# EASTERN MUSIC EDUCATORS CONFERENCE, BUFFALO, N. Y., APRIL 13-17, 1937

## All Eastern High School Orchestra

HOWARD HANSON, Conductor

## Eastern States High School Solo Singing Contest

Conducted by the  
National School Vocal Association

## Western New York High School Band Festival

Under the Auspices of  
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Orchestra Association

EDWIN FRANKO GOLDMAN,  
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## Mammoth Buffalo School Music Festival

Given by the  
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Schools

## Intercollegiate Women's Glee Club Contest

## Festival of Male Singing Organizations

Sponsored by the  
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## Lobby Sings

## Radio Programs

## Musical Interludes

and special programs in the daily sessions  
by local and visiting groups. Among the  
organizations thus far scheduled for these  
and other programs:

BUFFALO STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE  
WOMEN'S GLEE CLUB  
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EASTMAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC SYMPHONY  
ORCHESTRA  
HOUGHTON COLLEGE GLEE CLUB  
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH BAND  
HIRAM COLLEGE (Ohio) GLEE CLUB  
FREDONIA STATE COLLEGE SYMPHONY  
ORCHESTRA  
ROCHESTER ALL-HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

Elementary and high school choruses, or-  
chestras, bands, from Buffalo, Rochester,  
Lockport, Jamestown, Batavia, Niagara  
Falls, Ithaca, Schenectady, Syracuse,  
Toronto, Quebec, and other near and distant  
places.



BUFFALO CIVIC CENTER  
McKinley Monument, with the new City Hall at the left and at the right, the Statler Hotel, headquarters for the Conference.

## FIFTEENTH MEETING — FIFTH BIENNIAL

A comprehensive, educational and cultural convention of music educators,  
and the public whom they serve, in school, college, home, church, and com-  
munity, of the Eastern Atlantic and New England states, and Eastern Canada.

*The Conference Program.* Six general sessions (two daily: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 14, 15, 16). Demon-  
strations, music programs, addresses, panel discussions by na-  
tional leaders in music and general education. Daily clinics  
covering all phases of elementary, junior high, senior high, col-  
lege, rural and community activities. "Pre-Conference" and  
"Post-Conference" programs on April 13 and 17. Five gala  
evening events.

*The Buffalo Statler* will be official hotel for the Conference.  
Room reservations should be made at once. (Headquarters for  
the Eastern Conference Orchestra will be the Hotel Touraine.  
Other hotels co-operating with the Conference include the  
Lafayette and Ford.)

*All Eastern High School Orchestra* (Howard Hanson, conduc-  
tor) is open to student musicians of the Eastern Conference  
territory. Applications must be submitted to the organizing  
chairman, Frank E. Owen, 2 Redfield Parkway, Batavia, New  
York. (Full information regarding the All Eastern Orchestra  
is given in a special folder, which includes the application form.  
Copies may be secured from Mr. Owen, from any Conference  
officer or state chairman.)

*Eastern High School Solo Singing Contest.* Eastern prelimi-  
nary for the National High School Solo Singing Competition,  
under the auspices of our newly organized National School  
Vocal Association, will be open to high school students. For  
information, music lists, etc., see October, 1936, *Music Educators  
Journal* or address the Chairman of the Eastern Division con-  
test: Alfred Spouse, Board of Education, 15 Fitzhugh Street,  
South, Rochester, New York.

*Membership* in the Eastern Music Educators Conference is  
open to all persons actively interested in music education. Dues  
may be sent to Clarence Wells, Treasurer, Eastern Music Edu-  
cators Conference, 228 Prospect Street, East Orange, N. J.

*Active membership* (\$2.00 dues) conveys all privileges of the con-  
vention and of membership in the Eastern Conference and National  
Conference, subscription to the *Music Educators Journal* (official  
magazine), partial payment for the Yearbook.

*Associate membership* (\$2.00 dues) admits to all meetings and  
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the Yearbook.

*Other types of membership:* Contributing (\$10.00), Sustaining  
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## EASTERN MUSIC EDUCATORS CONFERENCE

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(For directory of officers and state chairmen, see page 4 of this folder.)

## General Sessions

Modern Trends in School Music  
Newer Phases of Elementary Music  
Integration of Music and Subjects  
in the Higher Grades  
More and Better Music in the Schools  
School, College, and Adult Music  
Music in Rural Schools and  
Communities

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Elementary  
Junior High School  
Senior High School  
Class Vocal Instruction

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Orchestras, Junior High School  
Orchestras, Senior High School  
Band, Junior High School  
Band, Senior High School  
Class Instrumental Instruction

## Other Clinics

Theory—Research  
Normal and Teacher Training  
Appreciation—Integration  
Class Piano

## Demonstrations, Question Forums, Discussions

## School Visitation Day

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WALLACE DOUGLEDAY, Chairman  
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## Exhibits of Music, Materials, Instruments

Auspices of the  
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## Meeting of Eastern In-and-About Clubs and Affiliated Associations

## Special Groups

Luncheons, Dinners, Meetings of  
Sororities, Fraternities, etc.,  
School and College Reunions, etc.

Those wishing to schedule such events  
should notify President Lindsay (address  
is given at left of this item).

## Visitation to Niagara Falls

HAROLD A. SPENCER, Chairman  
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# EASTERN MUSIC EDUCATORS CONFERENCE

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64 E. JACKSON BLVD., SUITE 840, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS



February 16, 1937

Mr. William Breach,  
Supervisor of Music,  
Board of Education,  
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Breach:

I am deeply appreciative of your kind invitation to address the Eastern Music Educators' Conference on Sunday evening, April 11. I wish I were free to accept it. Unfortunately I have two very important Temple engagements for the afternoon and evening of that day.

Hoping that I may be of service to you at some future time, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK

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WILLIAM BREACH  
SUPERVISOR OF  
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February 17, 1937

ROBERT T. BAPT  
SUPERINTENDENT  
OF SCHOOLS

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Rabbi, The Temple  
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We are very much disappointed that the pressure of other engagements makes it impossible for you to be with us for our community service. We are greatly hoping that this may be arranged at some later date.

Sincerely yours,

*William Breach*

Supervisor of Music

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THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICE  
100 WADSWORTH STREET  
BUFFALO, N. Y.

MISS HELEN D. CHASE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY VESPER SERVICE

June 4, 1937

Dear Dr. Silver,-

I am now planning the Community Vesper Service series for the season of 1937-38, and it is the unanimous desire of our advisory committee to have you on our program this year.

The audiences you have had in our church have proved to you how much Buffalo appreciates your coming here, and I am sure I do not need to emphasize our own appreciation of the help you have been in the work we are trying to do through these meetings. You were allowed a vacation last season. We missed you and many of our constituents asked for you, so this year we hope to be able to announce your coming.

I have talked with Dr. Joseph L. Fink of Temple Beth Zion regarding the possibility of the Women's Temple Society cooperating for a second engagement and he assures me they will be much interested, if a date can be worked out. It is my thought that they can have you on the Monday following our meeting. Mrs. Sol Levy, who is chairman of their program committee, is out of the city until June fourteenth, but we have worked together in the past and I know their eagerness to have you.

At the moment I might suggest December 5, January 2, or any date in February. It may be that November 21 will be available. However, should some date other than those mentioned be more feasible for you, please let me know and we will do what we can to cooperate. We will be in a position to pay an honorarium of one hundred twenty-five dollars and I trust they would do likewise.

*Feb. 6*

It is our earnest hope that circumstances will permit you to accept this invitation.

Cordially yours,

*Helen D. Chase*

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

June 7, 1937

Miss Helen D. Chase  
The First Presbyterian Church Office  
100 Wadsworth Street  
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Miss Chase:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of June 4. I appreciate deeply the invitation which you extend to me again to address the Forum of the First Presbyterian Church. It has always been a source of great pleasure to me to meet your splendid group.

In looking through my calendar, I find that it will be possible for me to come to you on the evening of February 6, if that date is an open one on your calendar.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

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MISS HELEN D. CHASE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY VESPER SERVICE

June 8, 1937

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,-

I am delighted to know by your letter received this morning that it will be possible for you to come to Buffalo to address our Community Vesper Service Sunday, February 6. That date is open and I am putting your name down opposite the date.

I shall communicate with Mrs. Sol Levy and Rabbi Fink on Mrs. Levy's return to the city and I hope the suggested plan for the combined engagement will work out for February sixth.

It is always a pleasure to anticipate a visit from you to our church.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Helen D. Chase

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MISS HELEN D. CHASE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY VESPER SERVICE

*acknowledged*

July 17, 1937

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,-

I have been trying to arrange a date for Senor Salvador de Madariaga to address our Community Vesper Service.

It now appears that the only possible date for Senor de Madariaga would be February 6, the Sunday I have you scheduled to speak. I do not wish to upset your program, but I am wondering if there is another date you could come. I would not even suggest this, except for the reason that we have never had Senor de Madariaga and our advisory committee is very eager to make a place for him if we can. However, we do want you, and if it is not feasible for you to shift, we ask that the matter stand as is.

In case you might be able to consider an adjustment, I could mention the following as dates open at the moment: November 28, which date would fit into our program particularly well, because we are having several speakers from abroad about that time and I would very much like a person like yourself to come into the picture about then. Other dates:- December 12, January 9, 16, or 30, and February 27, or a Sunday in March.

If this letter reaches you directly (I say this knowing you may be here or there during the summer), I would appreciate a reply as soon as possible. The various dates are being taken rapidly now.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially yours,

*Helen D. Chase*

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July 20, 1937

Miss Helen D. Chase,  
The First Presbyterian Church,  
100 Wadsworth Street,  
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Miss Chase:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of  
July 17. Rabbi Silver is spending his vacation  
in Europe and will be gone until the end of August.  
I am, however forwarding your letter to him.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

Nov. 28

Dec 12

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DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY VESPER SERVICE

September 8, 1937

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,-

Your very kind letter of August 19th was awaiting me on my arrival here last Monday.

I appreciate more than I can say your willingness to adjust your program and come to us Sunday, December 12th. It is seldom I make such a request, but I am sure you understand the circumstances involved in this. I shall put you down on our program for December 12th and we shall look forward to that date with much anticipation.

Again, with sincere appreciation,

Cordially yours,

*Helen D. Chase*



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MISS HELEN D. CHASE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY VESPER SERVICE

October 1, 1937

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,-

Again we are to have the joy of having you address one of our Community Vesper Services. I must repeat how deeply we appreciate your willingness to shift your date from February to December 12th. It has made possible the coming of Senor Salvador de Madariaga. He will be with us February sixth.

I am now interested in the subject you may wish to present. I think last time you sent us several topics and we stated which, in our judgment, seemed particularly to fit into our program. Should you care to do that again, we shall be pleased to express a preference. I shall announce the November and December meetings by the middle of October.

I know our young people will want to have you meet with them after the service, as you did last time, for a supper and brief question period. I hope you will be able to do this, but we do not want to intrude upon your good will and time.

We always look forward to meeting and hearing you at First Church.

Sincerely yours,



*Helen D. Chase*

October 18, 1937

Miss Helen Chase,  
The First Presbyterian Church Office,  
100 Wadsworth Street,  
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Miss Chase:

I would appreciate it very much if  
you would send me the dates of Rabbi Silver's  
appearances before your group the last few times  
and also the subjects on which he spoke so that  
we can send you a fresh subject



October 18, 1937

Miss Helen Chase, Executive Secretary,  
First Presbyterian Church,  
100 Radgworth Street,  
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Miss Chase:

Would it be possible for you to send Rabbi Silver a list of the dates and the subjects of his addresses before your group the last two or three times? It would help considerably in helping him to select a subject for his address before your group this season.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

bjk:

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY VESPER SERVICE

October 19, 1937

Miss Bessie Kline  
Secretary to Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline,-

In reply to your letter just received, I am  
listing below the dates and subjects requested:

November 15, 1931 - Religion in a Chang-  
ing World.

January 14, 1934 - The Age of Dictators.

January 20, 1935 - Is the New Deal Coming  
or Going?

Very sincerely yours,

*Helen D. Chase*

October 20, 1937

Miss Helen D. Chase,  
The First Presbyterian Church,  
100 Madaworth Street,  
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Miss Chase:

I would suggest one of the following  
subjects for my address before the First Presbyterian  
Church:

- (1) SOME ABERRATIONS OF OUR DAY
- (2) THE CHRISTIAN-JEWISH TRADITION -- AND  
WHAT THREATENS IT IN THE MODERN WORLD
- (3) IS PROGRESS A MYTH?

Please indicate which one you select.

With all good wishes and looking forward  
with pleasure to my meeting with your group, I  
remain

Very cordially yours,

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MISS HELEN D. CHASE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY VESPER SERVICE

October 23, 1937


Dear Dr. Silver,-

We are greatly pleased with the subjects you have suggested for the Community Vesper Service, and as usual, would like to hear all three addresses. However, after conferring with Dr. Hindman, it seems our special choice is the second -

THE CHRISTIAN-JEWISH TRADITION -  
WHAT THREATENS IT IN THE MODERN WORLD

Thank you again.

Sincerely yours,

  
*Helen D. Chase*

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio



MARCUS FEUCHTWANGER  
NEW CASTLE, PA.

Nov 10 - '37

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland - O -

My Dear friend -

The banquet committee felt they would like to reimburse you for the expense incurred coming to our City on Sunday, and enclosing check -

Words fail me to express the deep appreciation & thanks for the wonderful & edifying address you gave us Sunday nite, we were all thrilled & am sure the message you left with us, will long be remembered - personally I realize the sacrifice you made in coming after a hectic day at home - but the affair would have been a dire failure had you not come - Again may I say I thank you, with the wish that God will bless you with strength so your work will carry on for the good of our people & humanity - My dear wife joins in sending our bestest to your dear wife & self

Cordially, Marcus Feuchtwanger

November 12, 1937

Mr. Marcus Feuchtwanger,  
New Castle,  
Pa.

My dear Friend:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of November 10. It was a great pleasure for me to attend the anniversary celebration of your Temple and particularly to see you and your dear wife again. I am sorry that I did not have the time to avail myself of your gracious hospitality and to stay over the night in New Castle but my program has been a fairly hectic one in the last few weeks and I had to return home.

Mrs. Silver was delighted with your lovely gift and asks me to thank you for it.

Hoping that I may have the pleasure of seeing you in the very near future again, and with all good wishes to you and Mrs. Feuchtwanger in which Mrs. Silver joins me, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

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MISS HELEN D. CHASE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY VESPER SERVICE

December 3, 1937

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 106th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,-

We are anticipating your coming to our Community Vesper Service Sunday, December 12th. I assume that you will leave Cleveland on the train, which I am told, leaves at 12:20 and arrives in Buffalo at 4:45. This is a change, and leaving Cleveland as early as that, I do hope it will not be too inconvenient for you.

I shall arrange with Dr. Seymour Kletzien to meet you at the station and bring you to the church. He will probably be in the corridor, which leads to the trains, with hat in hand. Should he not discover you at once in the corridor, please go direct to the News Stand just inside the main room of the station - at the end of the corridor. He will go there also and avoid any possible delay.

When you were here the last time, I think you stayed at Hotel Lenox. Would you care to go there again? It has been greatly improved since then, as it should have been. If I can be of help in making reservations there, or at any hotel of your choosing, kindly let me know. Please do not hesitate to let me know if there is anything I can do to further your convenience while in the city.

Our college and post-college age young people are again very eager to have you remain for a light supper with them and answer some questions that may grow out of your address. You may recall that it is very informal. Nathaniel Peffer had a grand time with them last week. There is nothing obligatory about this. If you can do it, we shall be happy, if not, we shall fully understand. They like to know ahead so as to send notices to their people.

We look forward to December twelfth.

Cordially yours,

*Helen D. Chase*

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COLLECT - DAY LETTER

November 1, 1938

Helen D. Chase  
Buffalo, N.Y.

Deeply regret unable to accept your kind invitation. Have two weddings  
scheduled evening, November 20. Kindest regards.

A H SILVER

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DR A H SILVER, THE TEMPLE:

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ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW  
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WASHINGTON 2442

February twenty-fourth  
Nineteen thirty nine

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This communication is addressed to you on behalf of the Mens Club of Temple Beth El, this city, and by the writer in his official capacity of president of the organization.

We are extremely desirous of having the privilege of your appearance before our group for one of your famous lectures if there is any opportunity to secure your services in that respect. It is desired that such engagement be had some mid-week date toward the end of March. Your convenience can be consulted with respect to agreeable date.

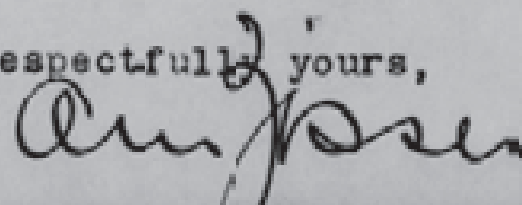
Our only difficulty is in relation to an unfortunate stricture of the treasury, if I may put it that way, so that we are concerned with the matter of honorarium which would apply if you can possibly accept the engagement.

Will you be good enough to let me know whether or not you can possibly come to Buffalo for this next proposed meeting, and if so, what emolument you will expect for your valued services.

You will be interested to know that we had engaged your esteemed contemporary, Dr. Louis L. Mann, of Chicago, for our last meeting. Dr. Mann was prevented from attending by illness, so we are looking a little closer to home for the same type of inspiration.

Our Rabbi Reuben J. Magil joins me in this invitation, and I believe, is writing you under separate cover within the next few days.

Respectfully yours,



# Temple Beth El

151-153 RICHMOND AVENUE

BUFFALO, N. Y.

STUDY OF THE RABBI  
REUBEN J. MAGIL

February 26, 1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

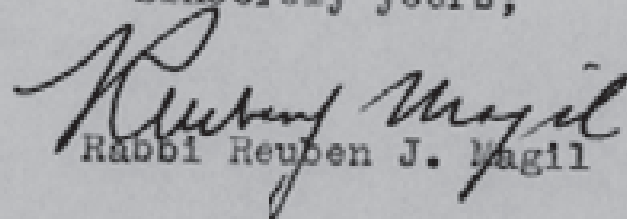
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Let me add my word of  
supplication, to you, to the letter of Mr.  
Alfred M. Zisser of the Beth El Men's Club  
asking you to come to come to speak to us.

We feel that your participa-  
tion in our program will help immeasurably to  
put over a season that has been quite un-  
successful for various reasons.

I feel that by coming you will  
be doing a genuine mitzvah. With kindest per-  
sonal regards and hoping to have an immediate  
favorable reply, I remain

Sincerely yours,

  
Rabbi Reuben J. Magil

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February 27, 1939

Mr. Alfred M. Zisser  
Liberty Bank Building  
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Zisser:

Let me thank you for your kind letter and for your invitation to address the Men's Club of Temple Beth El. I have already received a communication from Rabbi Magil and I assure you that if I were able, I should be very happy to come. Unfortunately I am committed up to the last minute to the work of the United Jewish Appeal which takes me away from Cleveland sometimes as high as four days a week. I am compelled to restrict all other engagements to an absolute minimum this year. I know that you will understand.

With all good wishes to you and to Rabbi Magil, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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ALFRED M. ZISSER

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ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW  
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WASHINGTON 2442

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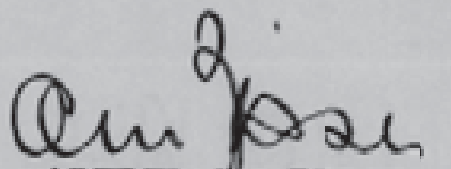
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

This will acknowledge with thanks your kind response of February 27th, advising of your inability to accept the invitation to appear as guest speaker before the Men's Club of Temple Beth El in this city.

I sincerely regret the circumstance which makes it impossible for you to be with us and hope that some time in the future we will be enabled to enlist your services when your convenience will permit.

Yours respectfully,

  
ALFRED M. ZISSER.

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THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICE  
100 WADSWORTH STREET  
BUFFALO, N. Y.

MISS HELEN D. CHASE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY VESPER SERVICE

June 13, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,-

I am in the midst of making up the program of our Community Vesper Service for the twenty-first annual season which begins Sunday, November fifth. It is the desire of all that you have a place on our program in the forthcoming season.

I am sure I need not add any details regarding the service with which you are so familiar. You have won the hearts of our constituency and I am happy to say there have been many requests that we secure you this year. At the moment I could suggest November 12, 19, (and possibly November 26 will be available) or January 7. However, I shall be glad to do what I can to meet any date that might be convenient to you.

I regret to say that we have had some budget difficulties and we are able to offer but one hundred dollars as an honorarium. However, I am confident I could arrange another engagement in connection with such a trip to Buffalo if dates can be worked out. Will it be possible for you to come on any of the Sundays mentioned or at any time during the season? It is always a joy to have you and we shall hope for your acceptance.

Sincerely yours,

*Helen D. Chase*

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June 19, 1939

Miss Helen D. Chase  
The First Presbyterian Church Office  
100 Wadsworth Street  
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Miss Chase:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of June 18. I appreciate your kind invitation greatly because I have always enjoyed my visits to the First Presbyterian Church.

In looking through my calendar, I find that the only Sunday afternoon available for me is November 12. I shall accordingly schedule that date for your group.

I am leaving this week for Europe and I shall return early in September. If you will write to me then, I will be very happy to send you the subject of my address.

With all good wishes to you and Dr. Hindman, and trusting that you will have a pleasant summer, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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100 WADSWORTH STREET  
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MISS HELEN D. CHASE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY VESPER SERVICE

June 20, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,-

I am delighted that it will be possible for you to address our Community Vesper Service on November 12. I am putting you down for that date and will write you in September as suggested regarding subject.

If you receive this note before leaving Cleveland, may I express every hope that you may have a happy summer and one that will not be too great a strain on your sympathetic nature. Europe somehow does not especially spell happiness, but the best ever is our wish.

Sincerely,

*Helen D. Chase*

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MISS HELEN D. CHASE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY VESPER SERVICE

September 11, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105 Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,-

We are anticipating our advance announcements of the Community Vesper Service series for the forthcoming season. I am writing to say that I would appreciate receiving at your convenience the topic for your address Sunday, November 12. I realize full well that you may nearer the time wish to change such a topic and will give you full liberty to do so. However, if you can suggest a tentative subject, it will aid in our publicity. Perhaps you would like to do as you have on some previous occasions, that is name two or three topics and Dr. Hindman and I will say which seems to fit into our program particularly well.

We look forward to having you as our guest and speaker again.

Cordially yours,

Helen D. Chase

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September 18, 1939

Miss Helen D. Chase, Executive Secretary  
The First Presbyterian Church  
100 Wadsworth Street  
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Miss Chase:

I am wondering whether the subject, AMERICA'S  
STAKE IN THE PRESENT WORLD CONFLICT, would be an  
appropriate theme for discussion for the Community  
Vesper Service? Or would you prefer a discussion  
of a general religious theme? In that case, I shall  
be pleased to send you one or two other subjects.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICE  
100 WADSWORTH STREET  
BUFFALO, N. Y.

Miss Helen D. Chase, Executive Secretary  
DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY VESPER SERVICE

September 22, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 168th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,-

Dr. Hindman and I think it would be good to have you discuss the subject - AMERICA'S STAKE IN THE PRESENT WORLD CONFLICT - as your address will follow the one by Dr. Walter Van Kirk on , "The American Churches and the European War."

We shall try not to give our people an overdose of war addresses, but I realize how deeply the problems of life are bound up with the war and how one burns to speak out. However, as the time draws nearer, should you prefer to take another topic, just let me know.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*Helen D. Chase*

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THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICE  
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MISS HELEN D. CHASE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY VESPER SERVICE

October 20, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105 Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,-

It is indeed good to anticipate your visit to our Community Vesper Service Sunday, November 12. I assume that you will come on the train which leaves Cleveland at 12:20 p.m. arriving in Buffalo at 4:45 p.m. We shall arrange to have some one meet the train and I will give you definite information about that nearer the time.

This note is particularly to extend to you the invitation of our young people's group to meet with them after the vesper service for a light supper and the discussion period. You will, I am sure, recall meeting with this group when you were here last. They are of college and post-college age and the idea is to ask questions growing out of your address. Please do not feel any obligation in this. If you can do it, we shall be happy. If not - we shall fully understand. They do, however, wish to know about a week in advance as they send notices to their people.

Cordially yours,

*Helen D. Chase*

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October 26, 1939

Miss Helen D. Chase  
The first Presbyterian Church Office  
100 Wadsworth Street  
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Miss Chase:

I shall of course be very happy to meet with your young people's group after the Vesper Service. I was always greatly pleased and stimulated by my contact with your fine youth group.

Looking forward with pleasure to seeing you on November 12, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS: BK

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
BUFFALO - NEW YORK

November 7, 1939

Dear Dr. Silver,-

Mrs. Hindman and I would very much like to have you as our guest Sunday night, if it is possible for you to stay. We can assure you a good rest, deliver you at the New York Central station in time to catch the Monday morning train which returns you to Cleveland by noon. Feel perfectly free to do as you please in the matter. There is a Sunday evening train leaving at nineteen which will get you into Cleveland somewhat after midnight. If you are a sensible gentleman you will accept our invitation to stay with us and return to your work on Monday after a good night's sleep.

Looking forward to seeing you

Loyally yours,

*Ralph B. Hindman*

Dr. Abba Eillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

November 9, 1939

Dr. Ralph B. Hindman  
The First Presbyterian Church  
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Friends:

I need not tell you that I greatly appreciate your kind offer of hospitality to be your guest Sunday night. It would have given me great pleasure to be under your roof again. But I must leave that same night for Schenectady, N.Y. where I am scheduled to address a campaign organization meeting for overseas relief Monday noon. My plans call for getting on the train in Buffalo shortly after ten o'clock. I have already made reservations on the pullman.

I am looking forward with pleasure to seeing you Sunday afternoon.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICE  
100 WADSWORTH STREET  
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MISS HELEN D. CHASE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY VESPER SERVICE

July 23, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,-

Again as we make up our Community Vesper Service program we turn to you with the earnest hope that you may be able to come to us in the forthcoming season of 1940-41.

I am particularly eager to have you for Sunday, December 1, if possible. It is at that point in our program as it is working out that we feel the need of the emphasis which you can so genuinely give - that spiritual background which permeates all you say. However, if December 1 is not feasible, I can offer you January 19 or 26 or February 9. The honorarium will be the same as that last year - one hundred dollars. Should you find it convenient to meet another engagement in Buffalo at the time you come here, I may be able to arrange for such an appointment. I leave that of course to your own desires in the matter.

I do hope you will be able to accept this invitation which is sent with the unanimous hope of our advisory committee that you will have a place in our series.

With best wishes

Sincerely yours,

*Helen D. Chase*

HDC:C



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MISS HELEN D. CHASE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY VESPER SERVICE

Smallwood, New York  
August 16, 1940

Dear Mr. Silver:

Your letter of July 25 came just before I left for a motor trip in New England. I have now stopped long enough to do a little writing. This is merely to confirm Sunday December first as the date for your engagement to address our Community Vesper Service. We are most happy to have you at that time.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially yours,

Helen H. Chase

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MISS HELEN D. CHASE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY VESPER SERVICE

October 1, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,-

We are soon to announce the speakers and subjects for the Community Vesper Service on the Sunday afternoons in November and December. I am wondering if you could send to me soon the topic for your address December 1st. If you care to do as you have done on some previous occasions, namely, send two or three topics and have us say which one seems to particularly fit into our present series, we shall be glad to do that.

It may interest you to know that Dr. Hindman is to speak November 3 on a topic relative to Christianity and the world today; and that November 10, Dr. Nixon of Rochester will have as his subject, "America Faces a New World;" November 17 - Edward Tomlinson will discuss "Is Effective Cooperation Between the Americas Possible?" Dr. Frank Porter Graham is to follow you and I do not know his topic.

It is a pleasure to anticipate another visit from you. While I am writing I might say that our young people are hoping you will be able to take the question period with them. They are quite eager to have you do this. Will it be possible?

Sincerely yours,

*Helen H. Chase*

October 9, 1940

Miss Helen D. Chase  
The First Presbyterian Church Office  
100 Wadsworth Street  
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Miss Chase:

In reply to your kind letter of  
October 1 permit me to suggest one of the  
following topics:

- 1) WHY DOES NOT GOD INTERVENE IN THE  
PRESENT CRISIS?
- 2) CAN DEMOCRACY WIN THROUGH WITHOUT  
RELIGION?
- 3) THE OUTLOOK FOR AMERICA (the basis of  
this address is the lecture which  
I delivered before the National  
Conference of Social Work, last May)

Please indicate to me which topic you prefer.

I shall be very happy to meet again with your  
young people. I always enjoy that contact.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:RK

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DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY VESPER SERVICE

October 18, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,-

We are much interested in all the topics which you sent us. We have selected the one which you mention as having been the basis of the lecture you gave before the National Conference of Social Work, - THE OUTLOOK FOR AMERICA. We shall be delighted to have you use that.

We shall look forward to seeing and hearing you again.

Cordially yours,

*Helen D. Chase*

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OFFICE OF THE  
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H. ELIHU RICKEL

November  
19th  
1940.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

As you suggested, I spoke to Dr. Ralph Hindman as to whether your appearance at my installation would conflict with your lecture at the First Presbyterian Church.

Inasmuch as the dinner is for our members only; he saw no point of conflict between the two affairs; and readily gave his approval.

I am grateful to you for the honor which you are bestowing. I want to again express my many, many thanks to you. Dr. Hindman is also planning to be present.

The Installation Dinner will be held in the Terrace Room of the Hotel Statler, downtown, Buffalo.

Looking forward to our meeting.  
With kindest personal regards,

Cordially yours,

*H. Elihu Rickel*

HER: JH



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MISS HELEN D. CHASE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY VESPER SERVICE

November 22, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,-

It is to be our privilege to have you as our guest and speaker on Sunday, December 1. As you know we have announced that you will speak on the subject "The Outlook for America."

I assume that you will be coming from Cleveland on the train leaving there at 12:30 and arriving in Buffalo at 4:50 P.M. Unless I hear differently from you, Dr. Kletzien will meet you at that train and bring you to the church. Dr. Kletzien met you last year. He will be in the corridor which leads to the trains. Should he miss you there, kindly go to the NEWS STAND just inside the main room of the station. He will go there also and thus avoid any possible delay.

You will recall that you have from forty-five to fifty minutes for your address. Our young people are definitely anticipating your visit. They are very keen about having you with them after the vesper service.

With every good wish,

Cordially yours,

Helen D. Chase

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
BUFFALO - NEW YORK

November 29, 1940

Dr. A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,-

Mrs. Hindman and I hope that you will plan to stay over night with us at 15 Nottingham Terrace. We have been looking forward to your coming and will take you to the station on Monday morning to catch the eight o'clock train for Cleveland. If you prefer to stay at the hotel, we shall be disappointed but will fully understand.

Loyally yours,

*Ralph B. Hindman*

RBH:C

JACOB H. GREENBERG, D. D. S.  
490 GRANT STREET  
BUFFALO, N. Y.

May 21, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

As Chairman of the Program Committee of the Temple Beth El Men's Club, it becomes my task to arrange a speaker's program for the year 1941-1942.

With the view of having a successful year, I am desirous of opening the season with you as the guest speaker. We would like to open our season either the week of the thirteenth or the twentieth of October.

Please let me know whether you can accept an engagement during that time, and what the absolute minimum fee would be.

Since we are a non-profit organization, and contribute any surplus to the Federation, J.N.F., U.P.A., and the Temple, we cannot afford a great deal for our speakers.

Your kind acceptance of this invitation at a fee which we can afford, will be deeply appreciated by both Rabbi Rickel and the Men's Club. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Very truly yours

*Jacob H. Greenberg, D. D. S.*

JHG:MB

June 9, 1941

Dr. Jacob H. Greenberg  
490 Grant Street  
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Greenberg:

I greatly appreciate your kind invitation to address the Men's Club of Temple Beth El next October. I need not tell you that I appreciate your thoughtfulness in inviting me, but I am afraid that I cannot, at the present writing, commit myself to any engagements in the Fall. I must keep myself free for the many emergencies which arise in these swiftly changing and difficult times.

With all good wishes and hoping that I may be of service to you at some future time, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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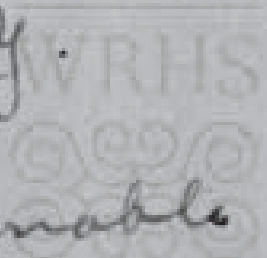
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Regret unable to come Jan. 11.

Kindest Regards

A. H. Silver

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May 22, 1942

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We are to continue our Community Vesper Service this coming season and it is the unanimous desire of all concerned that you have a place on our program.

Would it be possible for you to come on Sunday November 22, or 29, or December 6? Or would January 8 fit into your schedule better? We will do our best to meet your convenience. If one of the above mentioned dates is not feasible, name a date and we will try to meet it. The honorarium will be as before \$100.00.

It is our earnest hope that in the trying year ahead we may have the privilege of a message from you. You always give us added strength for our thinking and our living. We need you.

Sincerely yours,

*Helen D. Chase*

HDC:C

June 8, 1942

Miss Helen D. Chase, Executive Secretary  
The First Presbyterian Church  
100 Radworth Street  
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Miss Chase:

Thank you so much for your kind letter. I greatly appreciate your kindness in inviting me to come to your Community Vesper Service again. I shall try to be with you on Sunday afternoon, November 29.

I trust that you are well. Please convey my best wishes to Dr. Hindman. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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June 8, 1942

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We are greatly pleased that you can come to our Community Vesper Service Sunday, November 29. I have put you down for that date. If you wish we will leave the subject until September at least. I realize how difficult it is to know far in advance what you may wish to present.

Dr. Hindman wishes me to send his greetings to you, and may I add my own best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Helen D. Chase

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September 25, 1942

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We are anticipating the Community Vesper Service season and I am wondering if you may be ready to say what subject you will discuss hereon Sunday, November 29. It is fine that you can come to us this year and we look forward to seeing and hearing you again.

Dr. Hindman joins in kindest regards and best wishes to you.

Cordially yours,

*Helen D. Chase*

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MISS HELEN D. CHASE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY VESPER SERVICE

October 20, 1942

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 103rd Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

A short time ago I wrote regarding your subject for your address at our Community Vesper Service Sunday, November 29. I know how busy these days are and how difficult, besides, it is to decide what subject to present, but if within the next few days you could send a topic, I would appreciate it. Should you want to make a change as the date draws nearer, that will be all right. We plan to announce the November and December program soon.

Sincerely yours,

*Helen W. Chase*

October 21, 1942

Miss Helen D. Chase  
The First Presbyterian Church  
100 Wadsworth Street  
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Miss Chase:

Thank you for your letter of  
October 20. Will the subject, "Will There Be  
Peace After the War?" be satisfactory?

With all good wishes to you  
and to Dr. Hindman, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 20, 1942

Miss Helen D. Chase, Executive Secretary  
The First Presbyterian Church  
100 Wadsworth Street  
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Miss Chase:

I have arranged to come to Buffalo by plane on Sunday afternoon. It arrives at 2:06. Should the planes not be flying that day I will take the train which, as you know, arrives at 5 o'clock.

With all good wishes, and looking forward with pleasure to meeting with your group again, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AMS:DK

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DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY VESPER SERVICE

November 27, 1942

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

This letter should have gone to you on Wednesday, but that seems to have been an impossibility and I hope it may reach you on Saturday.

In case you do come by plane, I would suggest that you go direct to Hotel Lenox and I will communicate with you there. However, you may have other plans and in that event I would appreciate it greatly if you would call me at my apartment Lincoln 1851 after three o'clock. I shall be there between three and four-thirty Sunday afternoon.

Our young people are looking forward to your being with them after the service as you have usually done. There are many questions in their minds these days. You can help them greatly.

If you come by train, someone will be at the station and if you do not contact that person at once, please go direct to the News stand. I will instruct the person meeting you to do the same.

With all apologies for this late note, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Helen D. Chase*

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MISS HELEN D. CHASE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY VESPER SERVICE

November 18, 1942

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 103rd Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The enclosed marked bulletin will show that we announced your subject "Will There Be Any Peace After the War?" for Sunday afternoon November 22. May I assure you we are more than interested to have your views on this important question.

I am now wondering what time you plan to arrive in Buffalo? Train schedules have been so uncertain that I find myself hoping that you may be planning to reach Buffalo before that afternoon train which arrives here about five o'clock. However, whatever your plans are we will be in accord with them and carry out the plan. If you do come on the Sunday afternoon train, we will have someone at the station to meet you as has been our custom. When you can, let me know what you expect to do.

It will be good to have you with us again.

Sincerely yours,

*Helen D. Chase*



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December 2, 1942

Dr. Abta Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 165th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing the check which is in accordance with our agreement for last Sunday, November 29th.

We are still hearing from people regarding your address. For instance, I went into the bank today and the manager seeing me, called out - "Great address last Sunday! I came pretty near not coming but was awful glad I did." I am sure everyone who heard you greatly appreciated the spiritual uplift and the challenge you gave us. You must save a Sunday for us next year if world affairs permit us to carry on.

Words don't express what we feel, but of all the speakers who come to us, no one quite brings us to the heights you do. That is truly sincere.

Cordially yours,

*Helen D. Chase*

# The Foursquares

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December 6, 1948

Dear Dr. Silver,

We enjoyed having you with  
us again last Sunday evening  
and thank you for giving us so  
much of your valuable time.

We were sorry you could  
not stay longer but hope you  
will be back with us again  
next year.

Sincerely,

Russ E. Pectanone,

Sunday.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICE  
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MISS HELEN D. CHASE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY VESPER SERVICE

June 17, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 106th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am making up our program for the Community Vesper Service for the season of 1944-45 and it is the desire of all concerned that we invite you to have a place in this forthcoming series. It did not seem quite right last year because we did not have a message from you. We do want that to happen this time.

Would it be possible for you to come to us on a Sunday in January or February? At the moment the only date taken in that period is February 4, when Leland Stowe is to speak. It may be possible that November 5 or December 3 will become available. At this writing I am not free to make either of those Sundays as a definite suggestion.

With our warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Helen D. Chase*

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DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY VESPER SERVICE

June 23, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

✓ Since writing you on June 17, some dates  
on our program have shifted. I could now  
offer you November 12 and would be most happy  
if you could come on that Sunday. However,  
if that date is not convenient, January or  
February dates as mentioned in my letter of  
the seventeenth will be satisfactory.

Cordially yours,

*Helen D. Chase*

*Jan. 1945*

July 3, 1944

Miss Helen D. Chase, Executive Secretary  
The First Presbyterian Church Office  
100 Wadsworth Street  
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Miss Chase:

Thank you so much for your kind letters. I shall be very happy to be with your Community Vesper Services, but I am afraid that I cannot come on November 12. In looking through my calendar, I find that Sunday, January 14, 1945 is the first open date that I have. Is that date convenient for you?

With all good wishes to you and to Dr. Hindman, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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MISS HELEN D. CHASE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY YESPER SERVICE

July 5, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

It is good to know that you can come to us on Sunday January 14, 1945. I am putting you down for that date. I am sorry it could not have been in November for the more I thought of the matter the more I wanted your message early in the season. However, we are grateful for the January Sunday. Nearer the time, I will write you regarding subject and other details.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,

*Helen D. Chase*

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MISS HELEN D. CHASE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY VESPER SERVICE

December 21, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 106th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have waited until now to write you regarding your subject for our Community Vesper Service on Sunday afternoon, January 14, thinking I would give you as long as possible since life moves so rapidly right now. If you can conveniently send me your topic so as to reach me by January 3, I shall appreciate it.

We do look forward to your coming to us this season. It is always one of the high points in our series.

Sincerely yours,

*Helen D. Chase*

P.S. Have you some recent publicity material that you could have sent to me. You may have been in the thick of something I have not heard about. I want to keep up to the minute.

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DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY VESPER SERVICE

January 5, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,-

Thank you for the telegram giving the topic for your address here on Sunday, January 14. As I have it, it is MORAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL PHASES FOR A LASTING PEACE.

We are indeed anticipating your visit. I am wondering if you plan to come on the train leaving Cleveland Sunday noon. If so, we shall have someone at the train to meet you as usual. If you have other plans I shall be glad to know that I may arrange to have someone call for you and bring you to the church to be here a little before five.

Do not hesitate to let me know if I can be of any aid to you while here.

Sincerely yours,

*Helen D. Chase*

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100 Wadsworth St.  
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ABBA HILLEL SILVER

MRS. HYMAN PRATTER

95 DELHAM AVENUE BUFFALO 16, NEW YORK

October 25 [1945]

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple

Anscl & E. 105th  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Montefiore B'nai B'rith Women  
are planning a Silver Anniversary  
Dinner on Wednesday, February 13th.  
We would be very honored to  
have you address us on Inter-  
Racial Attitudes or a topic of  
your own choosing.

Most cordially yours,

Rae G. Pratter

P.S. What is your honorarium?



November 4, 1945

Mrs. Hyman Pratter  
95 Delham Avenue  
Buffalo 16, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Pratter:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of October 25 and for your invitation to address your organization on Wednesday, February 13. I wish I were free to come to you. Unfortunately my program for the remainder of the season is so crowded that I cannot take on any additional responsibilities.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:HK

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THE REV. NEIL CRAWFORD, MINISTER

Feb. 27, 1947.

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

Dear Doctor Silver:

The Mens Club of the North Presbyterian Church wishes to hear the latest information about Palestine. Rabbi Joseph Fink and Rabbi Elihu Rickel our neighbors, both recommend you as the best man in the Country to present this subject. We personally share their viewpoint and hope that you can be with us at a 6:30 dinner on Tuesday, April 16th.

We are able to offer an honorarium of \$100.00 and travel expenses.

Very cordially yours,

NEIL CRAWFORD

NC/dr

Dear Friend: It was my privilege to be  
your Cleveland neighbor from 1927-1937.  
At that time I was pastor of West  
Boulevard Christian Church. I assure  
you that our people would greatly benefit  
by your presence. We plan, of course, to  
make banquet tickets available to our  
Jewish neighbors.

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Temple Beth El and North Church are both  
Celebrating 100th. Anniversaries. If you  
can come, you will be our first guest  
speaker of our one hundred and first year.

When North Church left its old building  
in 1904, Temple Beth Zion, gave them a home  
during the time the present Church was  
under construction.

Therefore, it seems fitting that our  
One hundred and first year should  
begin with an address on the destiny  
of our Jewish friends and neighbors.

Cordially,

N.C.

April 2, 1947

Rev. Neil Crawford  
North Presbyterian Church  
Delaware Ave. at West Utica Street  
Buffalo 9, N.Y.

My dear Rev. Crawford:

Upon my return from Palestine I found your gracious note of February 27. I need not tell you that I feel greatly honored by your invitation. I wish I were free to avail myself of it. Unfortunately, due to my absence from the country, my schedule for the next few months will be so crowded that I will be unable to accept any additional out of town engagements.

Please keep me in mind for some future time, as I should very much like to come to you. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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MISS HELEN D. CHASE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY VESPER SERVICE

May 8, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,

I know that you are exceptionally busy these days, but I venture to send a note of inquiry. I fear that unless I do so your dates will be taken by others.

Of course, you know what I have in mind. We do very much want you to be one of our speakers in our 1947-48 series of the Community Vesper Services. It is our hope that you may be able to work it in with an engagement so that you will not have to come from Cleveland to Buffalo on a Sunday afternoon. On second thought, that is probably an impossible arrangement anyway. Can you suggest, now or later, any way to make an engagement here possible for you? We would do anything we can to cooperate.

The dates available at present would be November 23 or 30; December 7 or a Sunday after the New Year. The honorarium would be \$125.00. Is that satisfactory to you?

With every good wish to you in the important work you are doing.

Sincerely yours,

*Helen D. Chase*

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Mrs. Silver & I arriving tomorrow morning.  
Please reserve customary suite for me.  
Respectfully,

G. H. Silver

Sender's name and address  
(For reference only)

Sender's telephone  
number

May 12, 1947

Miss Helen D. Chase, Executive Secretary  
The First Presbyterian Church Office  
100 Nadsworth Street  
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Miss Chase:

I would gladly come to the Community Vesper Services of the First Presbyterian Church next year. You know how much I enjoyed these occasions in the past. Unfortunately because of pressure of work on me during the coming year in connection with the whole Palestine issue, and the uncertainty about my being in the country for a good part of the year, I am compelled to decline engagements which normally I should be most eager to accept. Please keep me in mind for some future time.

With all good wishes to you and to Dr. Hindman, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:RK

ERNEST S. FREUDENHEIM  
495 LAFAYETTE AVENUE  
BUFFALO 13, N. Y.

December 5th, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

I am most grateful for your participation in  
Buffalo's Thanksgiving Rally to be held

Monday, December 8th, 1947

The arrangement for your address by telephone  
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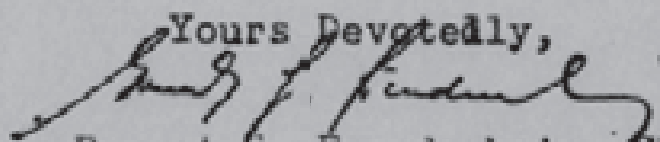
For one minute I will report to you the setting  
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From here on, we can hear you, but you will not  
be able to hear Buffalo.

After you have finished to speak, I will be back  
on the phone so that you can hear our expression  
of appreciation before the call is signed off.

Thanks again for your splendid co-operation in  
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Yours Devotedly,



Ernest S. Freudenheim, Chairman  
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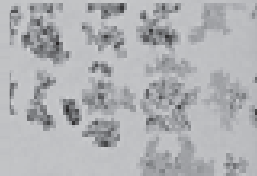
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December 9th, 1947

Dear Dr. Silver:

Permit me to thank you again for addressing last night's Thanksgiving Rally here.

It is rather difficult to describe our excitement before your call came through and the audience's pleasure of having heard you at this happy moment in Jewish history.

Your voice carried beautifully over the phone and every word was heard distinctly.

I feel personally indebted to you for your participation in Buffalo's rally, because during the many years of my activities I was never able to arrange for your personal appearance, during the last year I didn't even want to ask you to come considering the mountains of more important work which kept you busy with such unprecedented success.

With most cordial greetings, I am,

Yours, devotedly,

  
Ernest S. Freudenheim

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# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42nd STREET  
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AIR MAIL

March 15th, 1949

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

May I take this opportunity of advising that I am in receipt of the following telegram from Mr. David Reifer, Co-President of the Buffalo Zionist District:

"BUFFALO DISTRICT WOULD BE HONORED AT PRIVILEGE OF HAVING  
DR. SILVER ADDRESS US PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER HE IS AVAILABLE."

I shall be grateful if you would advise me whether or not you will be able to appear in Buffalo, and on what date.

Also, I shall appreciate your informing me as to your general availability, for my guidance in the future.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

*Julia Daniel*  
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March 22, 1949

Mrs. Howard Daniel  
20A Speakers' Bureau  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, New York

My dear Mrs. Daniel:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of May 15th. Will you please advise Mr. David Reifer, Co-President of the Buffalo Zionist District that I deeply regret my inability to come to Buffalo because of obligations here in Cleveland as well as previous commitments already made.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

October 7, 1949

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On January 15, 1950 we of the Jewish National Fund Council of Buffalo are having a banquet to raise funds for a Buffalo Forest in Isreal in memory of Dr. Stephen Wise.

As very little has been done nationally in memory of your colleague we thought that it would be appropriate to have a \$25.00-\$50.00-\$100.00 per plate dinner that evening in order to avoid any solicitation of funds and also to be in working agreement with our local United Jewish Appeal Campaign.

In order to have such an affair it is necessary to have such a personage as yourself to draw the needed inspiration for that evening. If you will be so kind as to be our main speaker we would also ask Dr. Wise's son if, it is agreeable to you, to say a few words about his dear departed father.

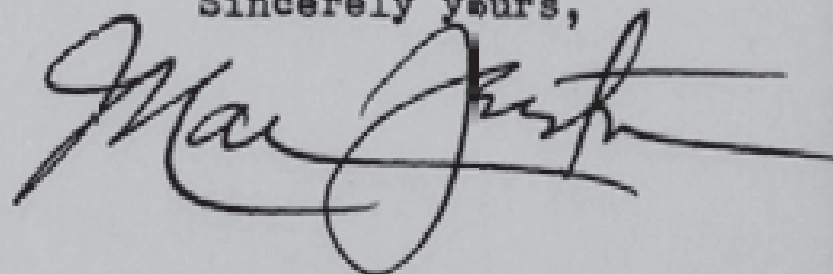
I appreciate what a busy man you are and that you have services on Sunday morning at your Temple and want you to know that the sacrifices that you have made and are making for our preservation both here and in Isreal are appreciated by all of us.

Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience and with sincerest wishes for a most healthy and enjoyable New Year.

Marvin Gerstman, Chairman

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND COUNCIL OF BUFFALO

Sincerely yours,



October 9, 1949

Mr. Marvin Gerstman  
Jewish National Fund Council  
706 William Street  
Buffalo 6, New York

My dear Mr. Gerstman:

I appreciate very much your kind invitation to address the banquet of the Jewish National Fund Council of Buffalo on January 15th to raise funds for a Buffalo Forest in Israel in memory of Dr. Stephen Wise. I regret, however, that I shall not be able to accept. I am already very heavily committed with lecture engagements for the coming year, and I must devote most of my time here in Cleveland due to the fact that this is our centennial year here at The Temple.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILIEL SILVER

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THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICE  
100 WADSWORTH STREET  
BUFFALO, N. Y.

THE COMMUNITY VESPER SERVICE  
MISS HELEN D. CHASE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

December 29, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,

I tried to reach you by telephone this morning but learned that you would be out of the city until Saturday. Therefore I send this letter in place of the conversation I had hoped to have with you.

We have missed you in Buffalo for several years owing to your crowded schedule. We are now hoping it may be possible for you to address a vesper service in our 1950 series. I know this invitation comes late, but local circumstances prevented our going ahead with February and March plans until now.

Could you come to us Sunday, February 5, 19 or 26 - or, failing any one of those, I might be able to offer you March 12 or 19. The honorarium would be \$150.00. As you will recall the service is at five o'clock.

I have checked on transportation and find that you could leave Cleveland by plane at 2:05 p.m. on a Sunday and reach Buffalo at 3:05. Or, there is the train you have taken on occasion that leaves Cleveland at 12:30 o'clock, arriving in Buffalo at 5:05. Does that conflict with Cleveland time and the time of your service? We would do anything we can to meet your convenience. I need not tell you how eager we are to have your message. You have the deep spiritual background and the insight of rich experience and wisdom that is so needed today.

Dr. Hindman joins me in hope that you may find it possible to accept this invitation.

Inasmuch as the time is rapidly passing for these dates, I would appreciate a reply by collect telegram in care of the church at your earliest convenience.

With every good wish for the New Year,

Sincerely,

*Helen D. Chase*

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TELEGRAM

JANUARY 5, 1950

HELEN D. CHASE  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
100 WADSWORTH STREET  
BUFFALO, NEW YORK

REGRET EXCEEDINGLY CANNOT COME TO YOU THIS SEASON.

MY WORK HERE TOO HEAVY. KINDEST REGARDS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



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THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICE  
100 WADSWORTH STREET  
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May 22, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,

We are making up our Community Vesper Service program for 1950-51 and our committee is unanimous in the desire that you be one of our speakers.

Is there any Sunday on your calendar when you could come to Buffalo? Perhaps you could tie this engagement up with another appointment. We would do anything we can to meet your convenience.

The plane service is /or was/ rather good for connections from your service to ours. You will recall we meet at five o'clock on Sundays from November through Palm Sunday.

The only date we have booked before the New Year is December 10. It is possible that November 19 may also be taken. It is only tentative thus far. Should you prefer to come after January 1st, I feel sure we can meet your convenience. The honorarium will be \$150.00.

Dr. Hindman is at General Assembly, but I am sure if he knew I were writing you he would wish me to express his kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

*Helen D. Chase*

HDC:G



June 6, 1950

Miss Helen L. Chase  
First Presbyterian Church Office  
100 Radworth Street  
Buffalo, New York

My dear Miss Chase;

Thank you for your kind letter of May 22nd and for your invitation to address your Community Vesper Service. According to my schedule, Sunday, November 19th, would be satisfactory if that date has not been taken.

With best wishes to you and Dr. Hinkman, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ANNA HELEN GILVER

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September 11, 1960

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 106th St. & Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

A very happy New Year to you, Mrs. Silver and your sons. I have heard from various sources that you look very well, and have had a good summer. I hope that we may always hear good news of you and yours.

While you were in Europe, I received several urgent letters from the New York State College for Teachers in Buffalo inquiring as to your availability for a lecture within their Convocation schedule. It is quite possible that they also wrote to you directly. In any event, may I know, please, whether you are accepting lectures during the 1960-61 season? I was asked to inform you that this College pays its lecturers fees in the neighborhood of \$200.00-250.00, which information I pass on to you as a routine matter.

Again with warm regards in which all your old friends here join me, I am

Cordially yours,

*Blanche J. Shepard*  
Blanche J. Shepard  
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THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICE  
100 WADSWORTH STREET  
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THE COMMUNITY VESPER SERVICE  
Miss Helen D. Chase, Executive Secretary

September 12, 1950

Dear Dr. Silver:

It is with much interest that we are anticipating your coming to First Church on Sunday November 19. We have missed you over the recent period of years.

I am wondering if you could at this time give me the subject you are likely to present that afternoon. Next week we shall announce our November meetings and I would be glad to have the topic if you are ready to send it to us.

Dr. Hindman joins me in kindest regards.

Sincerely,

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Helen D. Chase

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

An Raising our Sights

A Creed for a Bewildered Age —

September 25, 1950

Miss Helen D. Chase  
First Presbyterian Church  
100 Edgemorth Street  
Buffalo, New York

My dear Miss Chase:

Permit me to acknowledge your kind letter. The subject of my address before the forum of the First Church on November 19th will be "On Raising our Sights" with the sub-title: "A Creed for a Rebuilt Age".

With all good wishes to you and to Dr. Hinman, and looking forward with pleasure to seeing you, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICE  
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THE COMMUNITY VESPER SERVICE  
MISS HELEN D. CHASE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

October 11, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,

Dr. Hindman and I are much pleased with your topic for your address at our Community Vesper Service, Sunday, November 19 - "On Raising Our Sights" with sub-title - "A Creed for a Bewildered Age." It assures us another fine address from our good friend, Dr. Silver.

It seems to me you have been so busy in the past few years that we should have some data on your recent activities. New publicity is always a help. Send us what you can conveniently.

I am hoping it may be possible for you to remain for supper with our young-adult group and answer questions as you have done in previous years.

Very sincerely yours,

*Helen D. Chase*

HDC:G



October 13, 1950

Miss Helen D. Chase  
First Presbyterian Church  
100 Wadsworth Street  
Buffalo, New York

Dear Miss Chase:

In accordance with your request, I am enclosing herewith some biographical information on Dr. Silver.

Dr. Silver will be going on to New York from Buffalo and will probably leave Sunday night. However, I am sure that he will be able to meet for supper with your young-adult group.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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P.S. Dr. Silver will arrive in Buffalo at 3:02 p.m. via American Air Lines, Flight #1482.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansell Rd. and E. 105th St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

As a former Clevelander I was delighted to learn of your forthcoming visit to Buffalo on Sunday, November 19th, 1950 to deliver an address at the Vesper Service at the First Presbyterian Church. It so happens that the 22nd Annual Dinner of the Bureau of Jewish Education is scheduled to take place that very same evening.

Traditionally this dinner is the most important demonstration for Jewish education in this area. Our guest speaker this year will be Mr. Frank G. Marshall, president of the Chicago Board of Jewish Education. However, knowing of your sincere interest in Jewish education I would like to extend an invitation to you to join us at the head table even though for a few moments. I am sure that your very appearance at this city-wide function would enhance the dignity and significance of our cause.

I have thoroughly checked with the Church authorities and found that they would have no objection whatsoever to your joining us after the completion of their program which includes a discussion around the dinner table following the Vesper Service, all of which is to be concluded about 8 o'clock. Our program will continue till about ten o'clock.

My Board of Directors, among whom are many of your ardent Zionist followers, as well as myself, would appreciate a reply from you as to whether we may expect you.

A self-addressed envelope is herewith enclosed for your convenience.

Sincerely Yours,

*Elazar Goelman*  
Elazar Goelman  
Executive Director

EG/r

# 22nd Annual Bureau Dinner - Sun. Nov. 19, Hotel Statler

Constituent Agency of the United Jewish Federation of Buffalo

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICE  
100 WADSWORTH STREET  
BUFFALO, N. Y.

THE COMMUNITY VESPER SERVICE  
MISS HELEN D. CHASE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

November 13, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,

In accordance with a request from Miss Rice  
I have reserved a room for you at The Statler for  
November 19. I have told them that you will be  
arriving by plane about 3:30 p.m. and will be  
leaving that evening.

I will communicate with you about 4:30 P.M.  
and let you know who will call for you to bring  
you to the church to be here a few minutes  
before five o'clock.

It is good to anticipate your visit. Our  
young adult group were delighted that you could  
be with them for questions after the address.

Cordially yours,

*Helen D. Chase*

HDC:C

November 15, 1950

Mr. Elazar Goshen  
Bureau of Jewish Education  
Delaware at Sumner Streets  
Buffalo 9, New York

My dear Mr. Goshen:

I deeply appreciate your kind invitation. Mr. Herman Wile also spoke to me about it when we met at the Convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations here in Cleveland. I wish I were free to come to you, but I must protect my own health a bit. I am to speak in my own Temple in the morning, travel by plane to Buffalo, speak at the Church Forum at 5:00 and to the Young People's Group at 6:00. I leave again that evening for New York. Three meetings a day is more than I should undertake. I hope to be able to be of service to you at some future time.

With all good wishes for success, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ANNA HILLEN SILVER

AHS:er

# The Community Vesper Service

Five o'clock

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Organ: Choral in B minor

*César Franck*

Opening Sentences

Prayer with The Lord's Prayer

Baritone Solo: Recessional

*Reginald de Koven*

(sung by Earl Obermeyer)

The Offertory: Larghetto

*Mozart*

from the "Clarinet" Quintet

Hymn: O Lord our God, Thy mighty hand

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omit stanza two

The Address: A Veteran Reporter Looks at Germany

Lance Zavitz

Prayer and Benediction

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Today—Mr. Lance Zavitz. For 20 years Mr. Zavitz has been affiliated with the Buffalo Evening News. Throughout his career he has been a student of international affairs. For many years he wrote a weekly review of national and world news. During the same period he broadcast a weekly review over Station WBEN.

Mr. Zavitz went to Germany last summer to learn how the German "man in the street" feels about recovery, post-war conditions, the danger of another European war and the future of democracy. He sought also to see for himself the effects of the Occupation.

November 19 — "On Raising Our Sights — A Creed for a Bewildered Age," Dr. Abba Hillel Silver. Dr. Silver has for more than three decades been the spiritual leader of The Temple in Cleveland, the largest Jewish congregation in the United States. He is known throughout the country as a progressive thinker and a keen analyst, and interpreter of social, economic and political movements influencing our world today. Dr. Silver is regarded as the foremost spokesman of Zionism in the United States. He represented the movement before the Assembly of the United Nations, and is one of the leaders who are responsible for the establishment of the State of Israel.

November 26—"From All the Side Streets of This World," Miss Margaret T. Applegarth, author and lecturer, New York City.

Among others to come later in the season are Dr. Charles T. Leber, Jesse Stuart, Bishop Lauriston L. Scaife, Dr. Kirtley F. Mather, Dr. D. Elton Trueblood, Richard Llewellyn, Dr. Karl A. Menninger.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SUNDAY

10:00—The Adult Bible Class  
 10:15—Senior High Class  
 10:45—Church School: Primary  
           through Junior High  
 11:00—Nursery, Kindergarten  
 11:00—Morning Worship  
 5:00—Community Vesper Service  
 6:00—Youth Fellowship  
 6:30—The Foursquares

### MONDAY

6:30—Women's Evening Club

### TUESDAY

10:30—Women's Association: Sewing;  
           Luncheon at 12:30; Executive  
           Committee at 1:45  
 11:00—Mission Study Group

### TUESDAY

3:45—Girl Scout Troop 5  
 7:30—Boy Scout Troop 52

### WEDNESDAY

6:15—Fellowship Dinner  
 8:15—Service Guild  
 8:15—Mission Study Group

### THURSDAY

10:00—Mothers' Class  
 3:45—Brownie Scout Troop 300  
 8:00—Friendly Club

### FRIDAY

7:30—Parent-Teachers Association  
 8:00—Choir rehearsal

### SATURDAY

10-12—The Chapel Choir

*The Ministers' conference hour is each week-day from 11-12 a.m., except Monday.*

**Loyalty Sunday:** This is one of the most important days in our Church Year. All of the work and service of First Church is made possible by what you do on this day to pledge your support for the year 1951. If you are grateful for your Church and its ministry to you and your family, if you are proud of your Church and its great influence for Christ in our city and our world, if you find here an opportunity to work with God for the building of peace on earth and good will to men, then you will gladly dedicate a definite portion of your income to God for His Church. Thanksgiving for all that you have received through Christian faith, will register itself in your pledge.

The flowers in the chancel today are in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence E. Harmon.

At the Friendly Club meeting Thursday evening packages are to be prepared for the "Fish Pond" which the club is to sponsor at the Christmas Fair.

The speaker at the Youth Fellowship meeting this evening will be the Rev. Jack R. Steele, the new minister of the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church. His subject is to be "Differences That Unite Us."

The Service Guild meets Wednesday evening at 8:15 o'clock. Miss Eunice G. Chappell of the Buffalo Seminary will speak on the subject "Quick Impressions of England." Mrs. Robert S. Lloyd, chairman of hostesses, has as her assistants Mrs. Louis E. Rau, Mrs. John T. Stickles, Mrs. Theodore C. Flemming, Mrs. Ian Macdonald.

The Women's Association meets Tuesday for sewing at 10:30. Luncheon served at 12:30 will be followed by the Executive Board meeting at 1:45.

The Chapel Guild is to meet Tuesday at 10:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. C. C. Pickering, Jr., 67 Lexington Avenue. Mrs. Pickering and Mrs. Charles R. Whiting are co-hostesses. Members are to bring their own lunch. Dessert and coffee will be served.

The Mission Study Group will meet in two sections, one on Tuesday at 11 A. M. and another on Wednesday evening at 8:15 P. M. The subject for this year is the Near East, which includes Palestine, Syria, Arabia, Turkey, Iran, Iraq and Egypt. This has become a most important part of the world where social and political tensions seem to be constant. Those who are interested in being informed on this area and would like to know of the work being done there by the Christian Church, are invited to attend one or the other of these classes.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 15

6:15—Dinner for all the family                      Adults \$1.00, Children 50c

Hosts: Service Guild and Couples Club

Devotional period: 7:00-7:15—Mr. Gee                      Classes: 7:15-8:00

Adults: "From Diversity to Unity"—Dr. Hindman

Children: "Into All the World"—Miss Mitchell

# **First Presbyterian Church**

**The Circle · Buffalo, New York**

Organized February 2, 1812

**LOYALTY SUNDAY**

**November 12, 1950**



**Ministers**

**Ralph Blake Hindman**

**Thomas Stafford Gee**

**Organist and Choirmaster**

**Squire Haskin**

*O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together*

# Morning Worship

Eleven o'clock

Organ Prelude: Prelude and Fugue in A major

*Bach*

Choral Introit: The Lord is in His holy temple

ANGELICAN CHANT

The Call to Worship and The Invocation

Hymn: Stand up, stand up for Jesus

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Responsive Reading: Selection 8

The Gloria Patri

The Scripture Lesson: Romans xii:1-9

Anthem: We love the place, O God

*Anne Versteeg McKittrick*

We love the place, O God,  
Wherein Thine honor dwells;  
The joy of Thine abode  
All other joy excels.  
We love the house of prayer,  
Wherein Thy servants meet;  
For Thou, O Lord, art there  
Thy chosen ones to greet.

We love the sacred fount,  
Wherein the Holy Ghost  
Bestows, as ever wont,  
His blessing from above.  
We love Thine altar, Lord,  
Its mysteries reveal;  
For there, in faith adored,  
We find Thy presence near.

We love Thy holy word,  
The lamp Thou gav'st to guide  
All wanderers home, O Lord,  
Home to their Father's side.  
Then let us sing the love  
To us so freely given,  
Until we sing above  
The triumph song of heaven! Amen.

Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

The Offertory: How lovely is Thy dwelling-place  
from "A German Requiem"

*Brahms*

The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Hymn: I love Thy Kingdom, Lord

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The Sermon: The Dedicated Life

Text: I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.—Romans xii:1.

Consecration of the Pledges

Prayer and Choral Response

Benediction and Choral Amen

\* People may be seated at these points in the service.

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June 19, 1962

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We are making up our Community Vesper Service program for the 35th annual series. It is the unanimous desire of the committee that you be one of our speakers. Is there any Sunday in January or February, other than January 4 or February 22, that you could come to First Church Buffalo. Perhaps you could tie such an engagement up with another appointment in this vicinity. We would do anything we can to meet your convenience.

You will, I think, recall that the service is held at 5:00 o'clock on Sunday afternoon. Dr. Hindman is out of the city this week, but has asked me to say that he joins heartily in this invitation.

Sincerely yours,

*Helen D. Chase*

Helen D. Chase  
Executive Secretary

HDC:r

June 23, 1952

Miss Helen D. Chase  
First Presbyterian Church  
100 Wadsworth Street  
Buffalo, New York

My dear Miss Chase:

Thank you for your kind letter of June 19th inviting me to address your Community Vesper Service in January or February 1953. I very much appreciate your gracious invitation and I wish I were free to come as I always enjoy being with you. However, in all probability we shall be gone from the country the early part of 1953. While my plans are indefinite at this time, I do not wish to commit myself to any engagements which I would have to cancel at a later date. I hope that I may be of service to you at some future time.

With best wishes for a pleasant summer, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



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THE COMMUNITY VESPER SERVICE  
MISS HELEN D. CHASE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

July 11, 1952

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I greatly regret that it now seems you will be unable to address one of our Community Vesper Services. However, I am going to keep you on my list, and if anything should happen that you do not go on the expected trip, I shall doubtless be knocking at your door again.

I hope the summer may bring you a season of rest. Dr. and Mrs. Hindman are in Maine. I am sure he would wish to join me in cordial greetings to you.

Sincerely yours,

*Helen D. Chase*

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SEPTEMBER 26, 1952

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER  
THE TEMPLE  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

TWO SUNDAY VESPER SERVICE DATES FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH UNEXPECTEDLY  
AVAILABLE, NOVEMBER 23, DECEMBER 7. COULD YOU POSSIBLY SPEAK HERE ONE  
OF THEM. REPLY WIRE COLLECT. GREATLY HOPE YOU CAN COME.

HELEN D. CHASE



OCTOBER 1, 1952

MISS HELEN D. CHASE  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
100 WADSWORTH STREET  
BUFFALO, NEW YORK

REGRET EXCEEDINGLY THAT BOTH DATES MENTIONED IN YOUR TELEGRAM  
ARE NOT FREE FOR ME. HOPE TO BE OF SERVICE AT SOME FUTURE TIME.  
WARMEST REGARDS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

50 WEST 77th STREET, NEW YORK 24, N.Y.

OFFICE OF  
ABRAHAM KRADITOR  
PAST NATIONAL COMMANDER

CHAIRMAN  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
35 PARK ROW  
NEW YORK 7, N.Y.

June 16, 1953

Gen. Julius Klein  
807 Empire State Building  
New York 1, N.Y.

Dear Julius

One of our outstanding Posts which has been doing an excellent job in Buffalo, New York is holding a Silver Anniversary dinner and dance at the Hotel Statler in Buffalo on Sunday evening, December 6, 1953. The outstanding Comrade in that Post is Sam Presser who has been active for many years and who is a strong supporter of ours in that part of the country.

This is an unusually fine affair and as far as JWV is concerned the most important one in Western New York. The Post has made unusual plans for this affair and they are conducting it on a very high plane. The conduct of this affair and their plans will add great credit to our organization and I would like to assist them along that line.

To fit in with their program they would very much like to have Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver to be the guest speaker. In view of your close friendship with Rabbi Silver, I write to ask you to be good enough and ask Rabbi Silver to agree to be the guest speaker at this function.

I will appreciate your assistance very much.

Sincerely yours,



Abraham Kraditor

AK:SB

JULIUS KLEIN  
110 SOUTH DEARBORN STREET  
CHICAGO 3, ILL.

June 19, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th and Angel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi:

I have today received a letter from my good friend  
Abraham Kraditor, Past National Commander of the Jewish War  
Veterans.

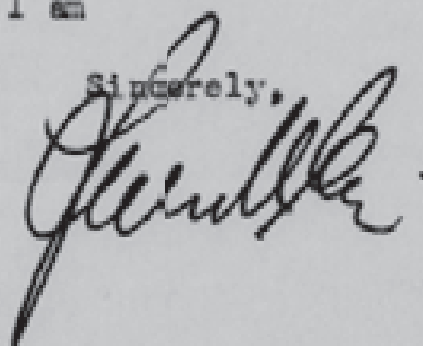
I am forwarding this letter to you and I hope that you will  
see your way clear to accept the invitation of the Buffalo  
JWV Post to be guest speaker at their Silver Anniversary  
celebration on December 6, 1953.

I need not tell you what the Jewish War Veterans stands for--  
you are fully familiar with its aims. All I can say is that  
we all shall be deeply grateful to you if you could make it  
possible to grant this request.

I look forward with interest to hearing from you.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,



Julius Klein/lkp

enclosure

June 25, 1953

General Julius J. Klein  
110 South Dearborn Street  
Chicago 3, Illinois

My dear Friend:

Thank you for your letter of June 19th. I wish I could go to Buffalo on December 6th to attend the Silver Anniversary Celebration of the Buffalo Post of the Jewish War Veterans. Unfortunately, I must remain in Cleveland on that day. It is a Sunday during the week of Chanukah, and as you may well imagine, there are many congregational activities during that week which necessitate my remaining in the city.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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TEMPLE BETH ZION  
DELAWARE AVENUE  
BUFFALO, N.Y.

OFFICE OF THE  
RABBI  
JOSEPH L. FINK, Ph. D., D.D.

March 31, 1954

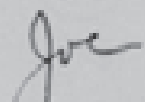
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street and Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Friend:

Our community, under the auspices of The Jewish Federation, plans to introduce the Tercentennial Observance next fall, and we are eager to have you come as the opening speaker for the opening night to address the entire community. Any Sunday evening in October will be acceptable to us. We shall, of course, pay your usual honorarium plus expenses. I do hope that you will be able to accept.

With warmest personal greetings, I am

Ever sincerely yours,

  
Joseph L. Fink

JLF:as

TEMPLE BETH ZION  
DELAWARE AVENUE  
BUFFALO, N.Y.

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OFFICE OF THE  
RABBI  
JOSEPH L. FINK, Ph. D., D.D.

April 23, 1954

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street and Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Friend:


I wrote you on March 31 as follows:

"Our community, under the auspices of The Jewish Federation, plans to introduce the Tercentennial Observance next fall, and we are eager to have you come as the opening speaker for the opening night to address the entire community. Any Sunday evening in October will be acceptable to us. We shall, of course, pay your usual honorarium plus expenses. I do hope that you will be able to accept."

It is possible that that letter was lost. We are really most eager to make our plans for the Tercentenary Celebration. May I hear from you at the earliest possible moment. I am anxious for you to come to Buffalo for many personal reasons.

With warmest personal greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
Joseph L. Fink

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May 3, 1954

Dr. Joseph L. Fink  
Temple Beth Zion  
Delaware Avenue  
Buffalo, New York

My dear Joe:

Please pardon the delay in answering your kind letters. I have been traveling about a great deal and my correspondence has lagged.

I shall be very happy to come to your community for the Tercentenary Celebration on Sunday evening, October 24, if that date is a convenient one for you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms

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June 11, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 5, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

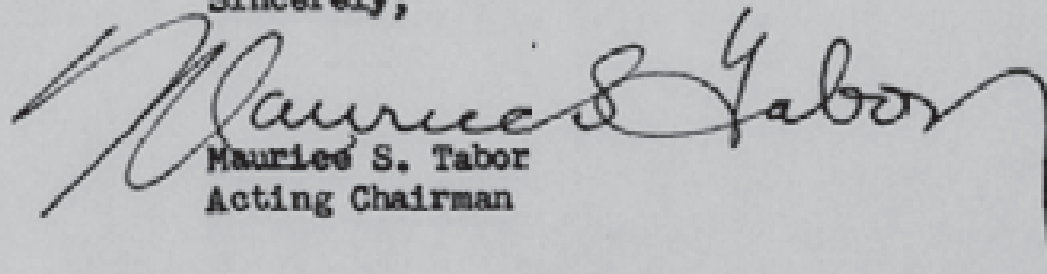
Dr. Joseph L. Fink has informed us that you have graciously consented to come to Buffalo on October 24, 1954, as the speaker for the opening meeting of our Tercentenary Celebration.

I don't know whether Dr. Fink told you that this meeting will be held in Kleinhans auditorium which is our largest meeting place in town and we are anticipating an audience of between two thousand and three thousand people. Invitations will be issued to many non-Jews as well as Jews.

I hope I may take the liberty of communicating with you in late September as we will need to know for publicity purposes the title of the address you are going to give.

On behalf of our Committee and our entire community, I am writing to express our very deep gratitude. We are all looking forward to having you as our guest on this momentous occasion.

Sincerely,

  
Maurice S. Tabor  
Acting Chairman

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# UNITED JEWISH FEDERATION OF BUFFALO, INC.

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August 23, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 5, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was very happy when Dr. Fink told me that you had consented to open our Tercentenary celebration here in Buffalo. Even though the event is two months away, I am writing to ask if you will be kind enough to have your secretary send me a couple of glossies and some biographical material so that we might have it on hand for general press publicity.

Claire and I have just finished spending a very pleasant and comfortable month with Florence and Phil in Vermont and are looking forward to being with them at Joel's Bar Mitzvah in October. I gather from Florence that you and Mrs. Silver will be there.

Is my assumption correct that you will stop in Buffalo on your way back to Cleveland for Sunday, the 24th? We have reserved a bedroom and sitting room at the Statler for you and are looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you and Mrs. Silver here.

Sincerely,

Arthur S. Rosichan  
Executive Director

ASR:reg



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September 8, 1954

Mr. Arthur S. Rosichan  
United Jewish Federation of Buffalo, Inc.  
615 Sidway Building  
Buffalo 3, New York

My dear Arthur:

In all probability I shall come to Buffalo from Joel's Bar Mitzvah in New York. Should my plans change I will communicate with you.

If my Sunday morning services begin on October 24th, I will fly to Buffalo Sunday afternoon. Otherwise I will get in by plane or train in the morning.

With all good wishes for a happy new year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Encs.

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big sketch*

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
BUFFALO 1. NEW YORK

September 28, 1954

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

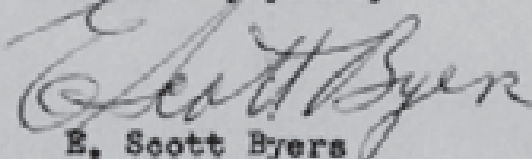
Dear Dr. Silver:

You may recall that last year your friend Dr. Hindman talked with you by phone, hoping that you would be able to accept an invitation to address one of our Community Vesper services. At that time you expressed your regret, explaining that you were to be in Florida for a period of time.

Because we are as desirous as ever of hearing you, I am writing again to inquire as to whether you could come to us on Sunday, December 5. In case this date is already taken, we can offer an alternate date of December 12 or January 23. The honorarium would be \$125.00.

You are familiar with our Vesper Service, having addressed audiences in past years, and we feel you would have a great contribution to make by coming again. Thank you for your consideration of our invitation, and in the hope that I may have an affirmative reply from you at your early convenience, I am

Sincerely yours,



E. Scott Byers  
Associate Minister

esb:mlm

October 4, 1954

Dr. E. Scott Byers  
Associate Minister  
The First Presbyterian Church  
Buffalo 1, New York

My dear Dr. Byers:

I deeply appreciate your gracious invitation to speak at the Community Vesper services of the First Presbyterian Church this season. I would have been most happy to accept your invitation. Unfortunately, due to the fact that this year is the Tercentenary celebration of the first settlement of the Jews in the United States, I have accepted so many out of town engagements that I cannot, in justice to myself, take on any additional commitments.

By the way, I am scheduled to be in Buffalo in connection with such a celebration on Sunday, October 24th.

Perhaps next season I will be freer and then I shall be most happy to come.

With warmest regards to my dear friend, Dr. Hindman. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABRAHAM HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rm

# BUFFALO EVENING NEWS

EDWARD H. BUTLER, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

BUFFALO 5, N.Y.

October 19, 1954

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am wondering if you intend to have  
a text of the speech which you will  
deliver Sunday evening in Buffalo.

If so, I would appreciate it greatly  
if you would expedite copy to me by  
return mail.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

*Nelson Griswold*

Nelson Griswold  
City Editor

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Wed., Oct. 30 (2 seats)

United Flt. 626

Lo. Cleve. 9:45 a.m.

Ar. N.Y. 11:30 a.m.

Ann. Oct. 24

American 789

Ev. reg. 12:40 p.m. (Lunch)

Ar. Buffalo 2:23 p.m.

Mon. Oct. 25

American Flt. 153

Lv. Buffalo 11:30 a.m.

Gr. Chev. 12:35 p.m.

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Sun. Oct. 10

American Flt. No. 582

Lv. Cleve. 12:40 p.m.

Ar. Roches. 2:38 p.m.

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Mon., Oct. 11

American Flt. No. 783

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Lv. Buf.

Ar. Cleve. 12:35

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211 W. River



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October 22, 1954

Mr. Nelson Griswold, City Editor  
Buffalo Evening News  
Buffalo 5, New York

Dear Mr. Griswold:

Enclosed is a copy of the text of the  
address which Rabbi Silver will give in Buffalo  
this Sunday.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth M. Sparrow  
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

enclosure

# BUFFALO EVENING NEWS

EDWARD H. BUTLER, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

BUFFALO 5, N.Y.

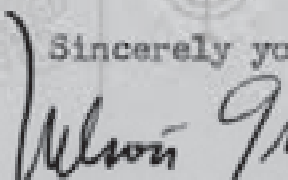
October 23, 1954

Mrs. Ruth M. Sparrow  
Secretary to Rabbi Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Sparrow:

Thank you very much for sending us the  
copy of the text of Rabbi Silver's  
address.

Sincerely yours,

  
*Nelson Griswold*  
Nelson Griswold  
City Editor

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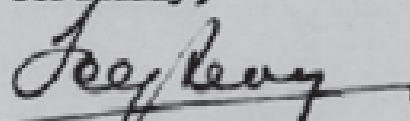
Dear Rabbi:

I want to thank you personally for the magnificent address you delivered Sunday evening at our Tercentenary Celebration. I know that I am speaking for the entire committee and for the community at large in saying that it was a thrilling message and one that will long be remembered by the large audience that heard you.

We were most happy to have you as our speaker.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially,



S.J. LEVY, CHAIRMAN  
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October 27, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 5, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I know that Sol has probably already written to you expressing the thanks of himself, the Committee, and the community for the magnificent address which you gave here this past Sunday evening.

I should like to add my humble note of thanks particularly for the optimistic tenor of your presentation. I got a tremendous lift out of it because I have been inclined to be overly pessimistic about world affairs and I realized suddenly Sunday night that I had not been looking at the over-all picture of what is happening today in the light of world history.

I thought you would be interested in the newspaper coverage and I am enclosing clippings from the Evening News and the Courier Express.

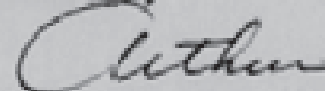
✓ I know that you must have had some expenses in connection with your trip here and I would appreciate it if you would let me know what they were so that I can see that you are reimbursed.

Thank you again for coming and for the lift which you gave me and the rest of the audience.

Air expense 28.00  
-taxi 10.00  
38.00

ASR:reg

Sincerely,



Arthur S. Rosichan

P.S. You might also be interested in knowing that your speech was rebroadcast Monday night over our leading radio station.

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October 29, 1954

Mr. Arthur S. Rosichan  
American Jewish Tercentenary  
Room 615 - Sidway Building  
775 Main Street  
Buffalo 3, New York

Dear Mr. Rosichan:

In a letter dated March 31 from Rabbi Fink to Rabbi Silver, Rabbi Fink mentions the payment of an honorarium for Rabbi Silver's Tercentenary address in Buffalo. His customary honorarium for such functions is \$300. In addition, expenses incurred amounted to \$38.00.

Thank you so much for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth M. Sparrow  
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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November 5, 1954

Mrs. Ruth M. Sparrow, Secretary  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Sparrow:

We are enclosing herewith a check for \$338.00 --  
\$300 as an honorarium and \$38 for expenses -- in conformity  
with the information contained in your letter of October 29  
with regard to Dr. Silver's tercentenary address.

ASR:reg

Sincerely yours,

Arthur S. Rosichan  
Executive Director



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STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK  
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BUFFALO 22  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 24, 1957

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
105th St. and Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

In the name of the Senior Class of 1957 and for the College, The Graduates, The President of the Senior Class, Leonard Kaplan, and myself, I am writing to invite you to deliver the Baccalaureate Address that will be part of our Commencement activities on Sunday, June 9, 1957. The Baccalaureate Service will occur at 10:30 a.m. in the Auditorium of the College.

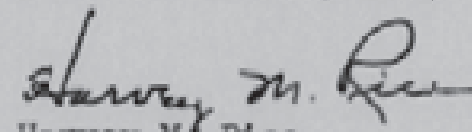
In connection with our graduation ceremonies we have held a Baccalaureate Service every June since the founding of the College in 1869. During the five years that I have been President here the Baccalaureate addresses have been delivered by a Rabbi, a member of the laity, one of the members of the Council of the College, an Episcopal Bishop, a Presbyterian Minister, and a Catholic Monsignor. The Rabbi who delivered the address in 1952 is a member of the College Council and a friend of yours, Rabbi Joseph Fink, of Buffalo.

You will confer great honor upon our Class if you could share the Commencement activities with them. We do not have a sufficient amount of money to pay you an honorarium of any significant size but we could offer you an honorarium of \$50 plus your expenses.

Herewith I am sending you a copy of last year's Baccalaureate Service Program in order that you may see the general nature of it. We have changed the time this year to morning from afternoon. Your address could be appropriately anywhere from twenty to thirty minutes in length.

I shall look forward to the pleasure of hearing from you and it is our sincere hope that you can be with us.

Most cordially yours,

  
Harvey M. Rice  
President

HMR/eb  
Encl.

# BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

of the

## State University College for Teachers

at Buffalo



College Auditorium

Sunday Afternoon, June the Tenth

Nineteen Hundred Fifty-six

Four o'Clock

## Order of Exercises

PRELUDE—Toccata in F Major . . . . . *Burtchude*

PROCESSIONAL—Solemn March . . . . . *Mratcham*

HYMN—America

My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing; Land where my fathers died! Land of the Pilgrims' pride! From ev'ry mountain side Let freedom ring!	Let music swell the breeze, And ring thro' all the trees Sweet freedom's song; Let mortal tongues awake; Let all that breathe partake; Let rocks their silence break, The sound prolong.
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My native country, thee, Land of the noble free, Thy name I love, I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills; My heart with rapture thrills, Like that above.	Our fathers' God, to Thee, Author of liberty, To Thee we sing; Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light; Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King.
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INVOCATION . . . . . The Reverend E. Scott Byers  
*Associate Pastor, The First Presbyterian Church*

ANTHEM—Cherubim Song, No. 6 . . . . . *Tschaikowsky*  
A CAPPELLA CHOIR

HYMN—On Mountains and in Valleys . . . . . *Gluck*  
*(To be sung by The Senior Class.)*

On mountains and in valleys, Where'er we go is God; The cottage and the palace Alike are His abode.	Above me and beside me, My God is ever near, To watch, protect, and guide me; Whatever ills appear.
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With watchful eye abiding Upon us with delight; Our souls, in Him confiding, He keeps both day and night	Though other friends may fail me; In sorrow's dark abode, Though death itself assail me, I'm ever safe with God
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## SCRIPTURE SELECTION—Isaiah LV

*(Responsive Reading led by President Harvey M. Rice)*

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

*Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.

*For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

*So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.*

For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

*Instead of the thorn shall come up the fig tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.*

ANTHEM—In the Wilderness . . . . . Bainton

A CAPPELLA CHOIR

## BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS

The Right Reverend Monsignor Eugene A. Loftus  
*Pastor, St. Mark's Church*

HYMN—America, the Beautiful . . . . . *Ward*

O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain.  
America! America!  
God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet,  
Whose stern impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat  
Across the wilderness.  
America! America!  
God mend thine ev'ry flaw  
Confirm thy soul in self-control,  
Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes prov'd  
In liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved,  
And mercy more than life.  
America! America!  
May God thy gold refine  
Till all success be nobleness  
And every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream  
That sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam  
Undimmed by human tears.  
America! America!  
God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea.

BENEDICTION . . . The Reverend Michael J. Harrington  
*Chaplain, Newman Club*

RECESSIONAL—Alleluia . . . . . *Hansen*  
*Howard Penny, Organist*

April 26, 1957

Dr. Harvey M. Rice, President  
State University of New York  
College for Teachers  
Buffalo 22, New York

My dear Dr. Rice:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of April 24th and for your gracious invitation to deliver the Baccalaureate Address on June 9th.

It would have given me great pleasure were I free to accept your invitation. Unfortunately on that morning we have our Annual Religious School Rally Day Program which is a 'red letter' day in the life of our school and I must, of course, be in attendance.

Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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# MEN'S CLUB OF TEMPLE EMANU-EL

Colvin and Tacoma Avenues  
Buffalo, New York  
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August 19, 1957

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

On Sunday morning, February 9, 1958, the Council of Jewish Mens Clubs of the Niagara Frontier, will present its second annual Breakfast Meeting, in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Statler. At our first meeting, in 1957, we were privileged to have Congressman Emanuel Celler, as our honored guest.

In keeping with the dignity and high purpose of our newly formed organization, which includes orthodox, conservative and reformed membership, we again seek a personage of national import, to deliver our second breakfast address.

My committee has unanimously agreed that I extend a most cordial invitation to you, asking that you appear in Buffalo, on the morning of February 9, 1958, as our principal speaker and honored guest.

May I respectfully ask that you favor me with a timely affirmative reply, so that we may immediately begin the attendant preparation for your visit.

Most respectfully yours,

*Samuel Presser*  
Samuel Presser  
Program Chairman

# TEMPLE EMANU-EL

Colvin and Tacoma Avenues  
Buffalo, New York

STUDY OF  
RABBI ISAAC KLEIN

August 23, 1957

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You have received from Mr. Harry Kaitz, an invitation to speak at the joint meeting of all the local Men's Clubs.

I would like to supplement this request with an explanation. With the present threatening cleavage between the religious groups, I thought that something should be done to stem the tide of isolationism within our ranks. It is for that reason that I suggested that our Men's Clubs meet at least once a year jointly. It is a real Kidush Hashem. Since your name cuts across "denominational lines" the men are very anxious for you to speak at the occasion of the meeting together.

We would be very grateful if you would accept this invitation.

Sincerely yours,

*Isaac Klein*

Rabbi Isaac Klein



Council of Jewish Men's Clubs of the Niagara Frontier

September 3, 1957

Mr. Samuel Presser,  
Program Chairman  
Men's Club of Temple Emanu-El  
Calvin and Tacoma Avenues  
Buffalo 16, New York

My dear Mr. Presser:

Please pardon my delay in answering your letter. I have but recently returned from Europe.

I greatly appreciate your invitation to address the Council of Jewish Men's Clubs of the Niagara Frontier on Sunday, February 9th. I wish I were free to come. I must however, remain in my own pulpit on Sunday morning as The Temple holds regular Sunday morning services along with the Sabbath Service.

With all good wishes I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:el

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

MEN'S CLUB OF TEMPLE EMANU-EL

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September 5, 1957

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

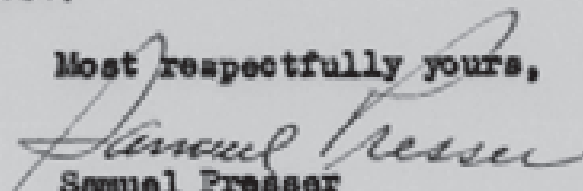
On August 19th, it was my privilege to extend an invitation to you, to address the second annual breakfast meeting of the Council of Jewish Mens Clubs of the Niagara Frontier, on Sunday morning, February 9, 1958, in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Statler.

Inasmuch as there is so much detail, which must of necessity go in to such a joint project, we were hopeful that you would favor us with a timely, favorable reply.

May I again extend our most cordial invitation, that you honor us with your presence on the above mentioned date.

As previously stated, our organization is composed of reformed, conservative and orthodox membership. They have expressed a unanimous desire that you again be invited to be our principal speaker and honored guest.

Most respectfully yours,

  
Samuel Presser  
Program Chairman

837 Bailey Avenur  
Buffalo, New York  
August 3, 1962

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

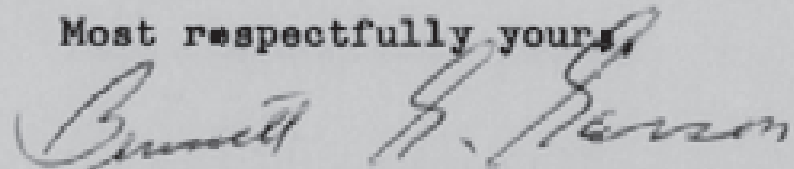
On Sunday morning, March 24, 1963, the Council of Jewish Men's Clubs of the Niagara Frontier, will present its annual Breakfast Meeting. At our first meeting in 1957, we were privileged to have Congressman Emanuel Celler as our honored guest.

In keeping with the dignity and high purpose of our organization, which includes Orthodox, Conservative, and Reformed membership, we again seek a leader of national repute to deliver our eighth breakfast address.

My committee has unanimously agreed that I extend a most cordial invitation to you, asking that you appear in Buffalo on the morning of March 24, 1963 as our principal speaker and honored guest.

May I respectfully ask that you favor us with a timely affirmative reply, so that we may immediately begin the preparation for your visit.

Most respectfully yours,



Bennett G. Garson  
President

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August 20, 1962

My dear Mr. Garson:

I very much appreciate your letter of August 3rd inviting me to address the Breakfast Meeting of the Council of Jewish Men's Clubs of the Niagara Frontier on Sunday, March 24, 1963. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately, my schedule will not permit it.

With all good wishes, I remain



Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mr. Bennett G. Garson  
837 Bailey Avenue  
Buffalo, New York



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March 14, 1963

Dr. Abba H. Silver, Rabbi  
The Temple  
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to speak to the Buffalo Jewish Community on the occasion of Israel's 15th Independence Anniversary which we hope to celebrate with your help on Sunday evening - May 5, 1963.

In the name of the entire Committee here represented and certainly in the name of the Jewish Community of Western New York, I say that we would not only be greatly honored, but also signally enhanced if we were to be favored by your presence here on this important occasion.

Recalling my many years of association with The Temple, particularly as a teacher in the Sunday School, I feel sincere envy for those fortunate enough to hear you each week. Now we ask to have this pleasure soon ourselves and hope you can comply with this request.

We will pay your expenses and such fee as you may require. In the event of your acceptance, we will make convenient arrangements for your transportation and stay.

Should you accept, we would be happy to have the title of your address so that we may publicise it adequately.

Very sincerely yours,

*Gerhard J. Falk*  
GERHARD J. FALK

Associate Professor, State University College  
Coordinator, The Committee on Israel's  
15th Independence Day

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