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Cadiz, Ohio, 1936-1937.

CADIZ PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CARL J. PATTERSON, SUPERINTENDENT CADIZ, OHIO

March 11, 1936

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver Ansel Road Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

WRHS

AMERICAN JEWISH A R C H I V E S

Having listened to your address at the Cleveland meeting of the school Superintendents in 1934 and your equally splendid address at the St. Louis meeting, I am wondering if you would honor our high school graduating class of 1936 by delivering the Commencement address. The date is May 27th. It is possible for us to shift this date one day earlier if necessary. We shall graduate approximately fifty young people. Please advise me if you can accept, mentioning the fee you would expect to receive.

Very truly yours,

Carl J. Patterson

Superintendent of Schools

CP:MB

March 18, 1936 Mr. Carl J. Patterson. Superintendent of Schools. Cadiz, Ohio. My dear Mr. Patterson: I feel deeply honored by the invitation which you extend to me to address your High School Graduating Class on May 27. It would have given me great pleasure to accept your invitation. Unfortunately that week is the week of Confirmation and I must myself prepare a very large Confirmation Class for the Exercises on May 28. I find it necessary to devote practically the entire week preceding Confirmation to this work. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you. With all good wishes, and thanking you again for your kind invitation, I remain Very cardially yours, AHS: BK

CADIZ PUBLIC SCHOOLS CARL J. PATTERSON, SUPERINTENDENT CADIZ, OHIO May 3, 1937 Abba Hillel Silver D.D. The Temple East 15th Street at Ansel Road Cleveland, Ohio My dear Mr. Silver: Would it be possible for you to address our High School graduating class on the evening of June 3rd? You will recall no doubt that you were forced to decline a similar invitation last year on account of the press of other duties. I again extend an invitation, and trust that you will be able to accept it this time. Very cordially yours, Carl J. Patterson CP:MB Superintendent of Schools

May 6, 1937 Mr. Carl J. Patterson, Superintendent, Cadiz Public Schools, . Cadiz, Ohio. My dear Mr. Patterson: Let me tell you how deeply I appreciate your thoughtfulness in inviting me a second time to address your High School graduating class. Nothing would have given me greater pleasure. Unfortunately I find myself again so booked up with commencement addresses and other engagements for the early part of June that it is impossible for me to take on additional obligations. I do hope that good fortune will favor me and that some day I will be able to come to you. With best wishes, I remain Very cordially yours, AHS: BK