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Feb. 1, 1919

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,

The Temple, City,

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am sure that you will be very willing to drop in at the office of the Associated Charities at least once in February and March during the absence of Mr. Jackson in California and the writer in Florida.

I am asking every member of our Executive Committee to do this same thing, so that the Assistant Secretary Miss Hanchett, will feel that there is someone that she can talk with on any very important matters pertaining to the Association during these months.

Please select a time that ~~it~~ will be most convenient for you, and oblige,

Yours truly,

SW Bond Pres.

The Associated Charities:



Apr. 29 79

My dear Robt Silver:

We are anxious  
to have you, as a Trustee, sit  
at ~~the~~ Speakers Table at our  
annual Public Meeting to  
be held, as per notice, at  
~~the~~ Ballroom of ~~the~~ Cleve-  
land Hotel Wednes. Apr.  
23 at 12<sup>10</sup> noon to 1<sup>45</sup>.

This is a leisure meeting  
tickets 1<sup>00</sup>. Because of his

early departure from Cleveland  
after Cong service with H.C.C.  
it is also a testimonial  
meeting in honor of Rev. Minot  
Simons who is to preside.

I am reserving a ticket  
for you but I will greatly  
appreciate the courtesy if  
you will phone me or Miss  
Edwards Monday. <sup>Main 4321</sup> I have  
been most unfortunate in my  
efforts to reach you by phone.

Sincerely yours  
Arend. Chiles. J. S. Jackson



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The Associated Charities  
614 Electric Building  
Cleveland

November 5, 1925.

Rabbie A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Rd. and E. 105th St.,  
Cleveland, O.

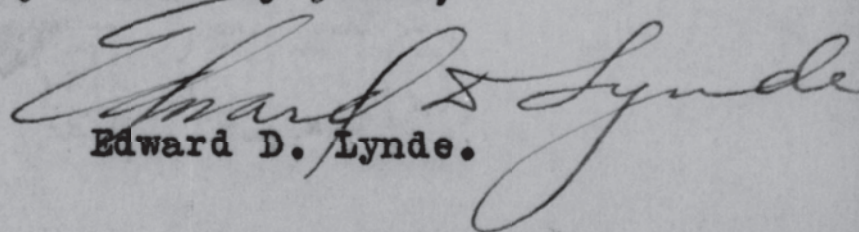
My dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed is an excerpt from a letter which is a follow-up of one previously sent to the Chairman of our Family Division of the National Conference, coming here next May.

My object in writing you is to urge you to consent to speak in this section if you can possibly do so. I am sure that you will be able to get from us such illustrations as you may wish to incorporate in your talk. Of course, my letter is not a formal request for you to give the address, but I am quite sure that you will hear from Mr. Nichols.

I realize that you have many demands upon your time, but hope that you will give due consideration to this most valuable service.

Very sincerely yours,

  
Edward D. Lynde.

EDL/EC



Excerpt from letter from Edward D. Lynde to Malcolm S. Nichols,  
Chairman of Family Division, National Conference of Social Work.

November 5, 1925

" In reponse to your letter of November 3d, I believe that Rabbi Silver does understand case work as much as any person outside the actual professional field could understand it. He grasps things so readily that he could <sup>easily</sup> acquaint himself with the details sufficiently to talk on that subject. As I previously said, we believe that he would contribute tremendously to any meeting. Rabbi Silver's address is Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, The Temple, Ansel Road and East 105th."





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February 6, 1926

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

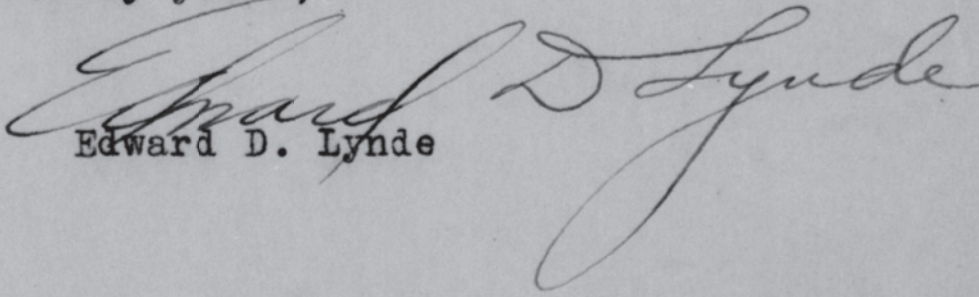
We have missed you much at the last two Board meetings. I mentioned at our last meeting that we are delighted to learn that you have accepted the mission of giving a talk at the National Conference of Social Work on "The Development of Personality through Religious Experience."

It occurred to me that the enclosed letter from the American Association for Organizing Family Social Work might be somewhat of interest in this connection. It is my only copy and I shall appreciate your sending it back to me, so that I can have it reviewed in a meeting of our staff.

This may not be anything which you would care to incorporate into your talk but it may be of some interest to you, nevertheless.

Very sincerely yours,

EDL/EC

  
Edward D. Lynde



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March 4th, 1926

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
1485 East 106th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The Committee on the Annual Public Meeting of the Associated Charities at its meeting held this week, was unanimous in the desire to have you as the speaker for our meeting this spring.

You will recall that we have only one speaker of the day and that the length of his address is usually about thirty minutes. You are so familiar both with the details and spirit of our meeting and with the interpretation of social work, particularly the principles underlying family case work, that I do not feel that I need to write you at great length as to what the committee desires from you in the way of a speech. The feeling was unanimous at the meeting that any subject you chose to select would be satisfactory to us all.

We are able to get the Hotel Cleveland which is our usual meeting place, on Wednesday noon, April 21st. If you are willing to add this service to the many which you have already rendered our organization, we shall be glad to hear from you as to the suitability of this date, April 21st. I talked to Mr. Jackson regarding our spring meeting just before he left for California and it was his hope, as well as mine, that the committee would see fit this year to select you as our speaker, so I shall be very happy if I can write to tell him that you have consented.

Very cordially yours,

*Ann M. Keatley*  
Secretary of the Committee on  
Annual Public Meeting

ABB:JS

*will be pleased  
to come  
meeting.*



March Eighth  
1926

Miss Ammie B. Beattie,  
The Associated Charities,  
614 Electric Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Beattie,

I have your letter of March fourth written on behalf of the Committee on the Annual Public Meeting of the Associated Charities, extending to me an invitation to address that meeting on Wednesday, April 21st, at noon. I shall be very happy to accept your kind invitation and shall definitely schedule the engagement.

Will you kindly extend my best wishes to Mr. Jackson when you write him.

Looking forward with pleasure to the meeting in April, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,



Arvid Charities  
"Jackson"

Arvid Garden Court  
Santa Barbara  
Calif. Mar. 24 '26

My dear Robt Silser:

News of A.C. Current events is mostly received after my return. But Miss Anna Beattie finally wrote me of your kindly writing your consent to make the speech at our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Meeting, noon, April 21. WRHS

Perhaps she told you that the original purpose was to put knowledge of A.C. before a larger circle than attends any annual meeting. This squarely facing our large (never too large) material Relief expenditures, we have constantly encouraged speakers to emphasize practical idealism. This is to encourage both those who give time or money and also the many social workers in A.C. & elsewhere who serve with idealism.



A.C. Social Workers are, & as far  
as possible, to secure for each member of  
each family - health, employment, educa-  
tion, spiritual development & recreation.  
That involves our organization & its workers with  
pretty much every helpful agency in Cleveland.

Sometimes the speakers have been  
selected particularly to emphasize ~~an~~  
allied work, as one of the medical class,  
recreation or the like.

Whatever line you choose is the line  
we most wish to hear presented.

I may say, that as our ideal progressively  
unfolds it is harder & harder for the public  
to appreciate it, however beneficial the results  
to our clients. For that reason A.C. now has  
too few skilled aids to Miss Hanchett's Case  
Supervisor. In fact, that need must  
somehow be met. As a Trustee, I want you  
to know the need, for we depend on a



very few of you to understand and to interpret  
to the others. I am

Very Sincerely yours

James F. Jackson  
No acknowledgement is expected.





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March 30th, 1926

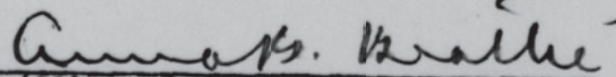
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
1485 East 106th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Our committee was greatly pleased at your acceptance for the Annual Meeting and I have, of course, written Mr. Jackson to that effect. I hope that he may write you regarding anything he wants said in your address, although I am sure that he will agree with the committee that anything you have in mind would be the very thing that we would all of us like.

I should be glad to have you let me know when you have decided on a topic which I may use on our invitations. As you know, you may stick to your subject as closely as you wish or wander far afield, if you so desire.

Sincerely yours,



(Miss Anna B. Beattie)

Secretary of Annual Meeting Committee

ABB:JS

*The Widening Horizons of Social  
Service -*



April First  
1926

Miss Anna B. Beattie,  
Secretary of Annual Meeting Committee,  
The Associated Charities,  
614 Electric Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Beattie,,

Permit me to thank you for your  
kind letter of March thirtieth. I would  
suggest as the subject of my address for the  
Annual Meeting -

"The Widening Horizons of Social Service"

remain

With kindest regards, I beg to

Very sincerely yours,



HENRY E. SHEFFIELD, PRESIDENT  
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THE ASSOCIATED CHARITIES  
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CLEVELAND

April 8th, 1926

To the Life Members:

You will be interested to learn that Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver will be the speaker at the Associated Charities Annual Luncheon Meeting to be held Wednesday noon, April 21st at the Hotel Cleveland.

Rabbi Silver, as you know, has been for eight years a trustee of our organization and his intimate knowledge of our work combined with his remarkable ability as a speaker and his keen humanitarianism should make this one of our most memorable meetings. His subject will be "The Widening Horizons of Social Work."

You will receive shortly your official invitation to the meeting, but we send you this announcement that you may make your reservation early. Tickets, which are one dollar, may now be obtained at our Main Office, 614 Electric Building, Superior 3500, or will be mailed to you on request.

Sincerely yours,

Henry E. Sheffield  
President.

National Conference of Social Work (53rd Annual)  
Cleveland, May 26 — June 3

*Member of the Welfare Federation of Cleveland  
Supported by Community Fund*



J. W. Walton

1980 FORD DRIVE  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

22 April 1926

My Dear Friend & Partner

Permit me to write to say how much I enjoyed your discourse yesterday noon. Having given much intimate thought to the subject, I will not claim to have failed to reach all your conclusions, step by step, which I fully endorsed as you unfolded them. I was delighted, but not surprised at that angle.

But to have our mutual thought so fully and admirably set forth. I watched you critically while you were speaking.

For once said of Pitt: "Though I am myself never at a loss for a word,



Pitt not only has a word, but the word - the very word to express his meaning.

That sentence was uppermost in my mind, and I only regretted that we had not a stenographer there to preserve the aroma and broadcast the sentiments in cold print, however inadequate, to the diminishing number who, alas! have not yet learned the lesson.

May I add that I deem you a great debtor to our mutual Father for the talent with which He has endowed you.

Respectfully  
J. Walton



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The Associated Charities  
614 Electric Building  
Cleveland

April 23, 1926

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, O

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The article entitled, "Givers of Life", page 39 of enclosed magazine may be of interest to you in connection with your talk at the National Conference. Will you kindly return the magazine to me when you are finished with it. There is nothing urgent, however, about returning it.

The Family is our professional magazine, as you know.

Very sincerely yours,

Edward D. Lynde

*Edward D. Lynde*



April 30th, 1926.

Mr. J. W. Walton,  
1980 Ford Drive,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Walton,

Permit me to thank you for your kindness and thoughtfulness in sending me your note of April 22nd. I derived a great deal of inspiration from addressing that splendid body of men and women who are thinking constructively about the social problems of our community.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,





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*Mr. Silver  
Is this the whole  
address - an absolute  
a how do you want it  
referred to in the letter to  
Mr. Lynde?*

The Associated Charities  
614 Electric Building  
Cleveland

May 3, 1926

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road and E. 105th  
Cleveland, O

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Did you write any manuscript that served as a foundation for your talk at our annual meeting? I wish that we could have it published. We could use a copy of it very frequently, particularly in our recruiting.

We do not wish to trouble you if you cannot readily send us the substance of what you said, but we do wish to make use of it if you have the material available.

Very sincerely yours,

EDL/EC

*Edward D. Lynde*  
Edward D. Lynde



May Eighth  
1926

Mr. Edward D. Lynde,  
Assistant General Secretary,  
The Associated Charities,  
614 Electric Building.

My dear Mr. Lynde,

I am enclosing herewith a copy of  
the address which I delivered before the Annual  
Meeting of the Associated Charities. I hope  
it will answer the purpose to which you desire  
to put it.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours





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The Associated Charities  
614 Electric Building  
Cleveland

May 11, 1926

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, O

My dear Rabbi Silver:

It was most kind of you to send us the copy of your talk. We are planning to use it in connection with the recruiting of students and in other ways.

It is a master-piece. We are expecting to hear an address equally good as your contribution to the National Conference. I know it will not be any better, because that is impossible.

Very sincerely yours,

EDL/EC

Edward D. Lynde

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May 13, 1926.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Our Committee on Volunteer Service, of which Mrs. John G. Oliver is chairman, wishes you to know how gratified and appreciative we are of your willingness to speak at our meeting for Volunteers during the Conference.

As Mr. Jackson told you this is to be a dinner meeting at 5:30 on Thursday, May 27th at the Women's Club, 3535 Euclid, to be attended by volunteers from the family case work field who are delegates to the Conference. We appreciate how many demands are being made upon you during the Conference week, but we believe that there is no group who will be more appreciative of your message than this volunteer group.

Very sincerely yours,

*Margaret K. Years*  
Secretary of Committee on  
Volunteer Service.

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June 16, 1926.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The Committee on Volunteer Service is desirous of having you know its appreciation of your address at the Volunteers dinner on May 28th. Your willingness to add another obligation to an already strenuous week was one more proof of your concern for our organization, and that is a matter in which we all take great pride.

The former conference meetings of the family case work volunteers, while not occurring annually, had set high standards of excellence which you made it possible for us to maintain if not outdo. Many of the volunteers came up to us afterwards to say that it was the best part of the conference. We were all delighted with your adaptation for this special group.

Perhaps you will be interested to know that eighty-five people heard you and that fifteen cities were represented, some of them by the outstanding paid and unpaid workers.

Very sincerely yours,

*Margaret H. Means*

MKM/G



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November 14, 1927

Dear Rabbi Silver:

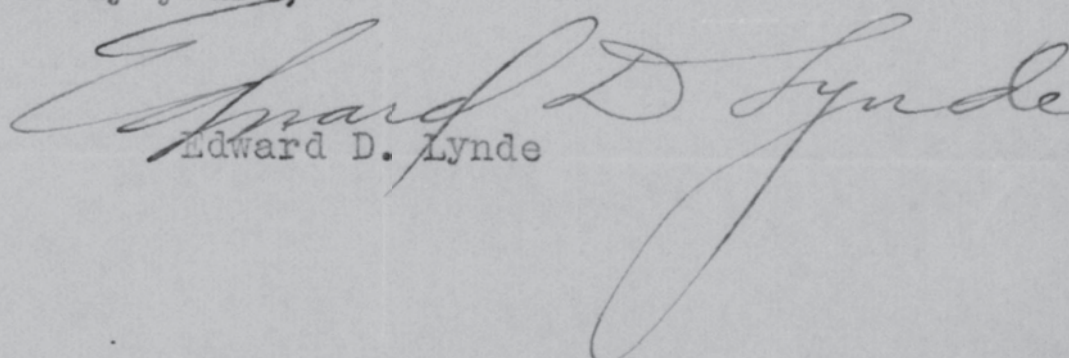
Would that I had your gift of expression, to do justice to my appreciation of your excellent talk yesterday! It was beyond comparison.

I hope that you are going to be able to come to our next board meeting, November 30th.

Very sincerely yours,

EDL/C

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

  
Edward D. Lynde



HENRY E. SHEFFIELD, PRESIDENT  
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April 30, 1928

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The Policy Committee of the Associated Charities, which is composed of the chairmen of our twelve district committees, is planning a general meeting of all the district committee members, together with trustees and other volunteer members of the organization.

This is an annual event at which we like to have someone speak who knows the Associated Charities, and also can give this volunteer group of people some perspective which will make them feel that the service which they give to the Associated Charities is of real value. This year the Committee suggests a talk which has for its theme the service which our volunteer workers can give in connecting us with the public and thus give to Community Fund givers more knowledge of the work which is actually being done with their money.

Would you be able to speak to this group at an afternoon meeting, probably from 4:00 to 5:30, sometime after the 15th of May, preferably during the week of the 20th? The members of the committee feel that because of your relationship to us as a trustee it would be particularly fitting to have you talk.

I very much hope that you can meet with us.

Very truly yours,

*Myra L. Myrick*

Secretary Volunteer Department

MLM:FC



card ✓

May 2d, 1928.

Myra L. Myrick, Sec'y.,  
Volunteer Department,  
The Associated Charities,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Myrick:-

Permit me to thank you for your  
letter of April 30th and for the invitation which  
you extend to me to address the meeting of your  
district committee members during the second half of  
the month of May.

I wish I could see my way clear to  
accommodate you. Unfortunately the latter part of May  
is a tremendously busy season for me. Our Confirmation  
takes place this year on the twenty-fifth of May and I  
must instruct a class of 125 young people, so that every  
hour of my time is taken up with Congregational duties.  
Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With kindest regards, permit me  
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



Oct. 24th, 1929.

Miss Edith M. Hanson,  
Sec'y. The Associated Charities,  
524 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Hanson:-

I regret very much that I shall  
not be able to attend the annual meeting of the  
Associated Charities next Wednesday, October 30th.  
Our Temple Women's Association is having its  
opening meeting on that day and I must of course,  
be in attendance.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



October twenty seventh.

Dear Dr. Silver:

The tone of  
your letter softens our  
disappointment about your  
not speaking to Empire School  
Assemblies - during Armis-  
tice Week. Of course we  
knew we were asking a great  
deal, but we hope that you  
really mean it when you say  
that perhaps some day you  
may be of service to us. Will  
remember!

Very truly yours,

Grace Hunter,

Social Studies (once History) Department



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OF  
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9201 MILES AVENUE  
CLEVELAND

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CLIFFORD V. COLWILL,  
ASST. GEN. SECRETARY

FLORENCE HOLLIS,  
DISTRICT SECRETARY

June 7, 1935.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

The workers of Garfield District have asked that I write in their behalf to express our appreciation of your splendid speech at our annual luncheon. Not only did your comments help to spread an intimate knowledge of our working ideals, but also they echoed the forward-looking philosophy which we are all hoping to see disseminated throughout the community.

We are proud to have you as a member of our board and sincerely hope that your many other duties will not prevent your continuing actively to make felt your point of view in the plans of our agency.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Simon Engel  
(Mrs.) Dorothy Simon Engel  
Supervisor

DSE:ELK



June 10, 1935.

Mrs. Dorothy Simon Engel, Supervisor,  
Garfield Office,  
Associated Charities,  
9201 Miles Ave.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Engel:

Permit me to thank you and through you the workers of the Garfield District for the letter which you sent me. It was indeed a great source of satisfaction to me that my words have met with their hearty approval. The workers of the Associated Charities are carrying a tremendous load at the present time but they are doing a magnificent job. Please convey my warmest greetings to them.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



10916 MAGNOLIA DRIVE  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

Saturday

Dear Rabbi Silver,  
L. of the Cleveland  
Associated Charities, Inc. So.  
Strongly the value of a talk given  
by you at this meeting is great.  
That I am asking you if you will  
please NOT refuse this favor until  
you have talked with Mrs. Heuchel  
or me. I will ask your secretary  
Monday morning if I can see



for a few moments.

Sincerely

May Willner

