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Cleveland, Ohio, Chamber of Commerce, 1920-1957.

The Cleveland Chamber of Commerce

ALVA BRADLEY, PRESIDENT
ALEXANDER C. BROWN, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT
F. W. RAMSEY, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT
ALLARD SMITH, TREASURER
MUNSON HAVENS, SECRETARY



August 7, 1920.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,

The Temple,

Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver: I am endeavoring to arrange for a series of interesting noon-day luncheon meetings, beginning at 12:00 o'clock sharp, and closing at 1:30 o'clock sharp, during the fall and winter which we are approaching.

These noon-day meetings will doubtless be largely attended by the membership of the Chamber and should be thoroughly successful, i. e. - they should be aimed at a particular result and should help to accomplish that result.

All that I want to ask you to do at this time is to accept an invitation to speak before the Chamber, the date we can easily agree upon to meet your convenience, subject to your other engagements.

While it has nothing to do with the subject matter of this letter, I cannot refrain from telling you how much impressed I am as I get into the thick of it, with the work that the Chamber is doing in this community. It seems to me a regrettable fact that no one but the president can fully know the scope of this work. So much of it has to be done quietly and without taking any credit for it, in order to accomplish the object sought. I sincerely hope that you will help me to make this year as successful as any

in the past, by accepting my invitation to speak.

May I ask you to either write me, or telephone me your acceptance?
I will be glad to take up the matter of the exact date with you a little
later.

Very truly yours,

Alva Bradley.
President.



August 19th, 1920

Mr. Alva Bradley,
President, Chamber of Commerce,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Bradley,

I have just returned from
abroad and find your very kind letter of
August 7th awaiting me.

I shall be very happy to ac-
cept your invitation to address a noon-day
meeting of the Chamber, and shall be glad to
take up with you, at your convenience, the
question of the exact date and subject of my
address.

Wishing you success in your
work, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours,

The Cleveland Chamber of Commerce

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Cleveland
Fifth City

August 21st, 1920

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland.

Dear Rabbi Silver: Thank you for your cordial letter of August 19th accepting my invitation to address the Chamber of Commerce this season at one of its noonday luncheons. In accordance with your suggestion I shall take up with you a little later the exact date and subject of your address.

Sincerely yours,

Alva Bradley
President

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TREASURER

HENRY HERTEL

SECRETARY

A. E. HYRE



The Cleveland Chamber of Industry

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Cleveland, Ohio.

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MAX G. TIELKE

M. C. WOODFORD

Feb. 14, 1921.

Rev. A. H. Silver,
3848 Prospect Ave.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

We very much regretted you were not able to speak at one of our February noonday Thursday luncheons, owing to your many previous engagements.

May we not have that pleasure in March?

Pardon me for keeping after you, but we must have you, sooner or later.

Very truly yours,

A. E. Hyre

Secretary.

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February 21st, 1921

Mr. A. E. Hyre.
Secretary,
Cleveland Chamber of Industry
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Hyre,

Thank you for your kind invitation.

I am not as yet in a position to give you a definite
date for a lecture in March. There is a possibility
that I may be able to come after the middle of March,
but I cannot say at this time.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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September 25, 1931

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

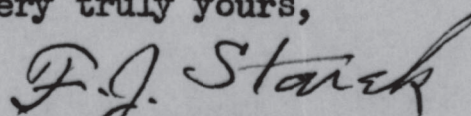
Under the auspices of the Manufacturers' Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, there exists what is known as the Employment Managers' Group composed of representatives of manufacturing concerns, stores, schools and others. Their meetings are held at the Chamber at which speakers of prominence address them on subjects vital to their daily work.

Being familiar with your well known and inspirational handling of topics of the day, this Group is most eager to have you address them at a dinner meeting at the Chamber of Commerce, sometime in October - possibly Thursday, October 22. They are particularly desirous of hearing a message from you concerning what should be their attitude toward their fellow-men, to only a few of whom they can occasionally give work, while to the others they can give only words of encouragement during this continued depression.

They are hungry for a spiritual uplift which they feel you can so well give them - to benefit themselves and the others with whom they contact. Continued months of listening to the other fellows' distress, besides feeling the pinch of the times themselves, causes an atmosphere of gloom which it is difficult to dissipate. An inspirational talk, with its practical application, will go far toward alleviating this condition and provide a much-needed mental readjustment.

Will it be possible for you to be our dinner guest and make this address? We know how busy you always are and need not tell you how privileged we would feel in the circumstances, should you consent. The membership of the Group is over two hundred, representing approximately one hundred and fifty concerns.

Very truly yours,



Acting Secretary
Employment Managers' Group

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Sept. 28th, 1931

Mr. F. J. Starek,
Acting Sec'y. Employment Mgrs. Group,
Cleveland Chamber of Commerce,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Starek:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind
letter of Sept. 25th and for the invitation which you
extend to me.

I wish I were free to avail myself of
your kind invitation but unfortunately I am so heavily
booked up with lecture engagements for the coming season
that I can not in justice to myself accept any more.
Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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October 13, 1931

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

The writer finds your letter of September 28 on return from vacation. We are naturally disappointed at your inability to address our group at this time, but appreciate that we might have that opportunity at some future time. We shall be glad to renew our invitation far enough in advance to enable you to find an open date on your calendar.

Thanking you for your courtesy and consideration in the matter, we
are

Very truly yours,

F.J. Stark

Acting Secretary
Employment Managers' Group

FJS

The Cleveland Junior Chamber of Commerce

400 UNION COMMERCE BUILDING • CLEVELAND 14, OHIO

November 22, 1949

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

Dear Sir:

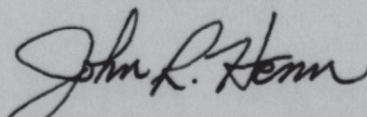
We were genuinely sorry and disappointed to learn, through your secretary, that your time schedule will not permit you to speak at our annual Executive Leadership Forum next April. However, we are taking the liberty of writing you in the hope that, should there be a change in your schedule, we can still prevail upon you to accept our invitation.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce is made up of young men between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-five years. Each year for the past ten years, as a part of our leadership training, we have staged an Executive Leadership Forum, the purpose being to provide our membership with an opportunity to benefit from the experience and thinking of established leaders in every field. The leadership training committee for this year believes, by unanimous decision, that you have a message for young men which will help them in their day to day tasks, whether they be salesmen, industrial men, professional men, or what have you.

Wednesday, April 19, 1950 is the date of the forum. Again permit us to extend our invitation to you in the event that there should be a change in your time schedule which would allow you to talk to us. May we hear from you?

Very truly yours,

THE CLEVELAND JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



John R. Henn, Chairman
Leadership Training Committee

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THE CLEVELAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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CLEVELAND 14, OHIO

May 16, 1957

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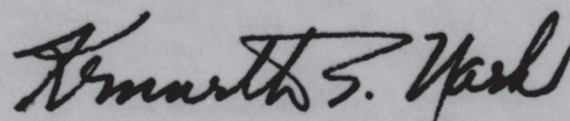
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland 22, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The ninth annual civic dinner to honor teachers who are retiring from the Cleveland Public Schools will be held on Thursday, June 6th, at 6:30 p.m., at the Carter Hotel Rainbow Room. The event is co-sponsored by the Cleveland Chamber and the West Cleveland Kiwanis Club.

It is customary to ask one of the religious leaders of the city to give the invocation at the dinner. On behalf of the committee, I would like to invite you and Mrs. Silver to attend as our guests and ask that you provide us with the spiritual setting for the program.

Yours very truly,



Kenneth S. Nash

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