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Cleveland, Ohio.  
March 23, 1918.

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, O.

My dear Rabbi:

Please allow me to emphasize my deep personal appreciation for your kindness to The City Club on Monday the eighteenth. It is unnecessary to say that such a "substitute" added a feather to the cap of the Secretary. I trust you will believe me when I tell you that no less than a dozen men came to my office and expressed it as their opinion that the message from the Pole was little missed.

Probably you would be interested to have this side-light on one of the foibles of another of the near-great. I have it from Mr. Creel's assistant that Captain Amundsen failed to leave New York for his Cleveland engagement because the Department did not furnish him with a traveling companion and a drawing-room. The former was, of course, impractical, and the latter illegal. This gentleman also writes me that the Captain was very much put out because only one naval officer greeted him on his landing in this country, whereas he expected a delegation. Another evidence of the mercilessness of war. Enough of this. It robs us of all our tendencies toward hero worship.

Mr. Gerard Lord, 402 Garfield Bldg., formerly a European newspaper man, asked for two copies of your address of last Monday. He wished to send one copy to

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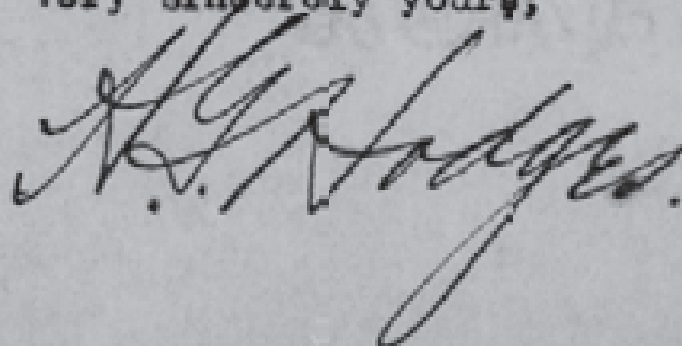
CLUB HOME OF THE CITY CLUB—Floor III, The Hollenden.

Lord Harmsworth, of the London Daily Mail, and the other to the editor of *Le Matin*, of Paris. Will you communicate with Mr. Lord directly?

We will have with us, here at The City Club, on Monday April 8th., Rabbi Stephen Wise, of the Free Synagogue, New York City. Will you honor us by presiding at this meeting? There have been a number of requests for Rabbi Wise, and I know we shall have a large meeting. I have asked him again for his subject. This meeting was arranged for some months ago, but was held over on account of uncertain traveling conditions.

Again - The Cleveland Council of Sociology, of which I am Executive Secretary, will hold the final meeting of the year on Monday evening April 29, in the rooms of The City Club, beginning at 5:30 P.M. with a dinner, and adjourning about 9:00 or 9:30. The Executive Committee, of which Mr. G.W. Luetkemeyer, of the Lockwood-Luetkemeyer Hardware Company is president, is very anxious that you be the speaker of the evening. This is a sort of "high-brow" organization and is seriously interested in subjects indicated by its name. May I have your early decision on this point. There will be ladies in the audience, and the total attendance will be in the neighborhood of 150.

Very sincerely yours,



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March 25th, 1918.

Mr. H. G. Hedges,  
Secretary, City Club,  
Floor III, The Hollenden,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Hedges,

Rabbi Silver is confined to his room for a few days, the result of a heavy cold and a little over-icing.

He directs me to answer your kind letter of the 23rd, saying

He deeply appreciates the kind-will expressed in your letter and was most happy to be of service to you. He will be very glad to preside at the meeting of the City Club on Monday, April 8th, at which his Colleague and friend, Dr. Wise will speak.

Rabbi Silver will be very happy also to address the Cleveland Council of Sociology, on April 29th, his previous decision not to accept any more lecture engagements this year notwithstanding.

Rabbi Silver will get in touch with Mr. Gerard Lord as soon as the Doctor permits him to leave his room.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.



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April 8th, 1919.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
% The Temple,  
East 55th cor. Scovill Ave.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I enclose herewith a translation of the report of our meeting last Tuesday evening, which was printed in the Waechter & Anzeiger. It is not a very free translation, but it will, perhaps, be interesting to you. *Page 2.*

I also wish to thank you very much indeed for your splendid co-operation in making this meeting such a success. I am trying to arrange other ~~meetings~~ meetings now and will advise you in regard to them when arrangements have been completed.

With kind regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

*DS Blossom*

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## FIRST OPEN MEETING OF CITY CLUB

Light on both sides of the question

300 people attended.

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There took place last night, in the auditorium of the Technical High School, an unusually exciting and enlightening meeting under the auspices of the City Club, at which the question "Do sound conditions reign in America" was discussed.

There were present not only competent speakers who represented the Club in competent manner - but there was also present an audience who followed all arguments breathlessly - who maintained against all shining high points of speech, a splendid but not at all cold self-possession, and which one could and should expect from the speakers of the Club - clearness - preparedness - finish - knowledge. It was a real and heart-warming revelation to find the same qualities on the other side. The gathering was a fruit-bearing one, and can in so far be said to have results, as it had the foresight to point out carefully to right-thinking knowledge, the way to lead the will in right paths.

The City Club wishes to illuminate - it wishes to influence the (Gähren) in the masses beneficially. Their good will is not to be doubted. The gentlemen who represent the Club and through whom the subject is represented bring with them a warm conviction and a proud but not arbitrary belief in the basic working truths of our democratic laws (?). One noticed no small or objectionable view point and one was not put out. The gathering did honor to the beautifully simple meeting-hall.

It began shortly before nine and went straight to work. Mr. Friebolin understood wonderfully well how to address the large audience of three hundred men. Clearly and quietly he told the aim of the meeting and then introduced the speakers of the evening.

First - Mr. Bradley Hull. He showed at once how surely he could uphold his view point. He naturally emphasized the democracy of our government and our laws. He showed how these valued laws were developing historically and how now free education, free religion and freedom from class distinction were making life in our great commonwealth bearable, although not as yet entirely ideal. He earned recognition.

After him, Mr. Friebolin introduced Rabbi Silver - a man of commanding presence in whom dwell great powers - a soul who grasps outside impressions and absorbs them unto himself. He answered ~~opposed to~~ arguments with a rounding "I", which in his scholarly utterance was very prominent (literal translation "yelled loudly"). He desires to place mildness, warmth and love into work without however pushing firmness aside. He means that war has given things a new aspect, and that now we must approach the solving of the problems with new power but with correct judgment. He said there is no panacea for all evils. In all reforms (?) one must remember that the best is the worst enemy of the good - that man only crawls slowly forward, but that the stream finally breaks the hemming dam - to give itself the right of way. But we must keep this truth always before us, that it is impossible for man to reach perfection. He touched many points - he carried many points - he spoke wisely and well. Rabbi Silver earned the applause that fell richly to his share.

And now began the second half of the program - the questions and answers. Rev. David Williams understood how to lead the part most splendidly, and immediately they started in. The audience, who up to this time, had been thankful lis-

teners, now became so awake - so "on the job", so "hingebend", that the outsider could not get over the wonder of it. They had - ladies and gentlemen - taken down the foregoing speeches in shorthand and now put questions which were always answered and always earnestness on one side spoke to dignity on the other.

Good things should come through the plan of the City Club. One does not have to think entirely of dark and domineering dangers ("Allseitige"). Honorable, understandable work will find ways-in which the development in our great and <sup>to the end</sup> ~~small~~ ~~communities~~ ~~can~~ ~~move~~ ~~towards~~ ~~one~~ ~~goal~~ - that the dignity and honor of the ~~struggle~~ should be expressed. The movements must avoid extreme phases. The old ~~advice~~ <sup>adage</sup> should also be heard here - the middle way is best.

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This passage is not easy to translate.  
But I think it could be fairly  
translated as follows.

"Honest purposeful work if understood  
will find ways in which our large and  
small communities can move towards  
our goal - a goal which will  
reflect the dignity and honor of  
those who have striven for it.

SSB.



FRANK A. MEHLING  
5107 FULTON ROAD  
CLEVELAND, OHIO.

December 15, 1919

Rabbi Abba H. Silver  
c/o The Temple  
City.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find clipping summarizing your  
talk at the City Club.

Amen! Brother Silver.

You are talking sense and Americanism,  
and the sooner our Knownothing element takes your  
purely American view the better it will be for  
all of us.

The writer, whose grandfather came to  
this country ninety years ago, and who was himself  
born in this city, is American from A to Z, and  
his allegiance is entirely with Uncle Sam.  
He, however, admires and loves the German race  
from which he sprung.

It surely is a second Israel, and is  
going to come back strong and will be the greatest  
nation on earth, barring this, if this one has sense  
enough to avoid the mean English intolerance.

For ages, from the days of Caesar, Germany  
has fought heroically for freedom and better humanity,  
and if this country knows its business it ~~will~~ <sup>must</sup> try

FRANK A. MEHLING  
5109 FULTON ROAD  
CLEVELAND, OHIO.

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to get all the Germans here that it can induce.

Wish a few more Divines had your sense and  
broad tolerance.

Yours very truly,

FAM/MC.





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Dec. 15, 1919.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
E. 55th St.,  
City.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

We greatly regret having missed your talk at the City Club last Saturday. The topic was particularly interesting to ~~us~~

We should like to have a copy of your speech for release in the foreign language press in our country, as well as for our files. Will you extend us the courtesy of mailing it to us at your earliest convenience?

Assuring you of our appreciation and esteem, we  
are,

Very respectfully yours,

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*Walter R. Barlag  
German Consul  
New York C.*

December, 18, 1919.

Mr. Frank A. Ehling,  
3167 Fulton Road,  
City.

My dear Mr. Ehling,

I am in receipt of your kind letter  
of the 15th. I wish to thank you for your  
thoughtfulness in writing me and for the spir-  
it manifested in your letter.

With kindest regards and wishing you  
well, I am

Sincerely yours,



December 19, 1919.

Mr. Samuel Bravo,  
Hickox Building,  
C. I. & P.

My dear Mr. Bravo,

Confirming our telephone conversation and in reply to your letter of the 15th, will say, I have turned over the manuscript on my talk before the City Club to Mr. Walter Farley, ~~James Russell~~ for the Consolidated Newspaper Company, who will, I am sure, give you a copy of the same.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



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Dec. 22, 1919.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
E. 55th & Central,  
City.

My dear Rabbi:-

Permit us to thank you for your favor of Dec. 19th.

Mr. Walter Barlag has turned over to us the manuscript on your talk before the City Club, which I promptly forwarded to our New York office.

Mr. Richard H. Waldo, our general manager, in acknowledging receipt of the manuscript states that it is an admirable presentation to the case and that same will be distributed to over seven hundred foreign language newspapers.

Assuring you of our appreciation and with personal regards, we are,

Very truly yours,

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January 21st, 1920.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,

The Temple,

Cleveland, Ohio. .

My dear Sir:-

Next Saturday noon at 12:00 o'clock

Mr. Allen McCurdy, Executive Secretary of the Committee of Forty Eight, will address a luncheon meeting of The City Club.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of The City Club it is my privilege to invite you to attend this meeting as a guest of the club and to sit at the Speaker's table with Mr. McCurdy.

Will you arrange to be in my office by 12:00, noon, Saturday so that we may have a few moments with Mr. McCurdy before we go down to the ball room?

Very sincerely,

*Francis T. Hayes*

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secretary.

State of Ohio  
Executive Department  
Columbus

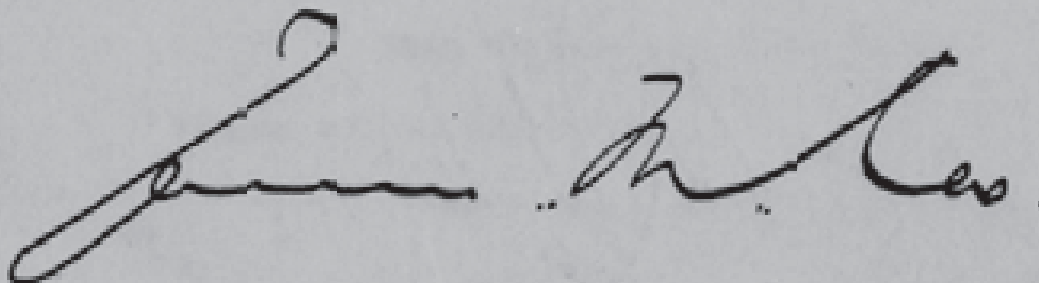
January 26, 1920.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am just in receipt of copy of your address, "The Immigrant vs. the Foreigner", which I have read with a great deal of pleasure. Thank you for your courtesy.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Louis Brandeis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and a distinct "B".

JULIAN W. MACK  
U. S. CIRCUIT JUDGE  
NEW YORK CITY

En route  
1/26/20

My dear Mr. Justice:

1. I have just located  
the offending address in Birmingham &  
Bryant - Please send me a dozen copies  
for distribution. It sounds exactly the  
same note in most eloquent tones. -

2. I'll wire you if we must  
have you for 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> Feb. - I won't ask you to  
come unless it's vital: but if it is, you'll  
surely arrange.

3. Your great family have burdened

You with a heavy responsibility. The success of  
the Fund in Ohio - & elsewhere - is dependent  
in large measure on your help. We demand  
for your cooperation. past. aff. was most  
sincere. - If you can give many of your  
evenings in the surrounding territory. Toledo  
Columbus &c. they'll do their share.

4. Do you think it would be possible  
for you to give a month - say March - to the  
Pacific Coast - & places en route. If not, would  
two weeks - say from past after Jan. services  
to the following June being only one time - be  
possible. You could get to San Francisco by there.

& better than at the following Wed. - 6 days either  
all on the coast or en route.

S. in sorry no one was there from Pink-  
ney brother later with him. I told him to  
next Sat. & Sun. & I'll ask him to confer  
with you re Cents. --

Cordially  
J. W. S.



House of Representatives U. S.  
Washington, D. C.

January 27, 1920.

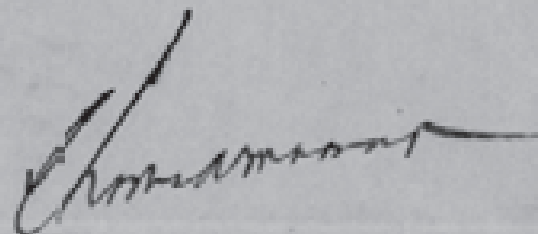
My dear Dr. Silver:

Please accept my very sincere thanks for your valued favor of the 23rd enclosing your address on the Immigrant versus the Foreigner before the City Club of Cleveland. I have read this with very greatest interest and can readily understand why so many of my friends talked with me of it.

I very much appreciate your permission to use this here, and hope to see you at some very early time to express this personally.

With very kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi A. H. Silver,

The Temple,

Cleveland, Ohio.

January 29th, 1920

Judge Julian Mack,  
Care 25 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Judge Mack,

Our campaign here in Cleveland  
is progressing nicely. I shall be in posi-  
tion in a few days to let you know more  
definitely whether or not we shall obtain  
our quota.

I think that it would be im-  
possible for me to leave Cleveland for a  
month, or even two weeks. Much as I would  
like to give two weeks of my time for a trip  
to the Pacific Coast, I feel that I cannot  
leave my Cleveland duties and responsibilities.  
Had I an assistant I could perhaps have managed  
it.

I am pleased to know that you enjoyed  
my lecture on "The Immigrant vs. The Foreigner".  
Obedying with your request, I am sending you  
a dozen copies.

With kindest regards, I beg to  
remain  
Very sincerely yours,

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February 28th, 1920.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

*Mar 5/20*

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

The Northern Ohio Druggists' Association has asked me to extend to you on their behalf an invitation to address a monthly meeting of their organization next Friday evening, March 5th, at the Hotel Olmsted.

I understand that their meetings average from 500 to 600 and are most enthusiastic ones.

I would appreciate your letting me know whether it will be possible for you to be with them.

I hope that your visit to the Cincinnati City Club was a very pleasant one.

Very sincerely,

*Francis T. Hayes*

Secretary.

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ABRAHAM KOLLIN  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW  
713 SOCIETY FOR SAVINGS BUILDING  
CLEVELAND

October 16, 1920.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
% The Temple,  
Cleveland, O.

My dear Rabbi Silver:


I had the pleasure of listening to the wonderful address which you delivered this noon at the City Club. In this speech you said, "The English praise us--in America". After you had finished with your talk, D. E. Morgan, Esquire, the first president of the City Club, and one of the finest citizens of Cleveland, said to me, "What's the matter? Haven't the English treated the Zionists well, that Rabbi Silver should use that particular phrase about the English?" I answered that the Zionists had no complaint that I know of against the English government. That in fact, the English government had kept faith with the Zionists and that the remark you made was applicable to all the peoples of Europe. He told me what you said about the English was true, but that the something would also apply to the other peoples.

May I suggest that in order to avoid any misunderstanding of your position in the future by men of the type of Mr. Morgan that you change this phrase to include not only the English, but all the other peoples of Europe. I am sure that you will agree that none of the peoples of Europe have much use for us now.

I am making this suggestion as a friend of yours, and I trust you will not consider this presumptuous on my part, as I entertain the kindest feelings towards you and I don't want your position misunderstood.

When I was in Atlantic City I was introduced to your brother Maxwell. We got to know each other well and it was at my suggestion that he remained over to speak to the Knights of Joseph Convention, where he was successful in having the Order contribute 10¢ for each member to the Restoration Fund, making an amount over \$1600.

Yours sincerely,



formerly Kolinsky.

October 31st, 1920

Mr. Abraham Kollin  
713 Society for Savings Bldg.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Kollin,

I want to thank you for your note  
of the 16th instant concerning my address before  
the City Club last Saturday.

Of course, in speaking of the  
English - I had in mind practically all the European  
nations. In fact, if I recall correctly, I made  
mention of the fact that nearly all the European nations  
are discrediting and disparaging America's efforts and  
methods. I singled out England for special mention  
because I was with them most of the time this summer,  
and because, perhaps, they are the most active in the  
United States in the propaganda for the Anglo-American  
Alliance.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

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Nov. 21st, 1921.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,

The Temple,

Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:

Reminding you of our conversation  
this afternoon relative to your addressing The  
City Club of Cleveland.

The dates of Saturday, December 3rd  
and possibly December 10th suggest themselves as  
most convenient from our standpoint with a  
decided preference for December 3rd. This, however,  
is entirely subject to your wishes and we shall be  
very glad to have you come whenever you may see fit.

I wish I might tell you of the many  
kind things the folks in Chicago were saying about  
your address of last Monday. They were not news  
to me but I was very glad to hear other folks say  
them.

Very sincerely,  
*Francis T. Hayes*  
Francis T. Hayes  
Secretary.



November 22nd, 1921.

Mr. Francis T. Hays,  
The City Club of Cleveland,  
Hollenden Hotel,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Hays,

I shall be very pleased to address the members of the City Club on December 10th. I find that I am a bit too crowded with lectures during the week ending December 3rd.

I spoke in Chicago on the subject, "Is there a Jewish problem in AmerUnited States"? I should like to broaden this subject into "Religious and Racial Conflicts in America". If that subject is acceptable to you, let it stand.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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Nov. 29th, 1931.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,

The Temple,

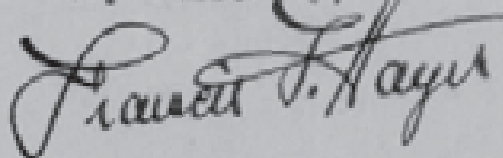
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We are looking forward with great pleasure to welcoming you on December 10th. In accordance with your letter of the 12th, I am announcing your subject as: "Religious and Racial Conflicts in America".

You are very kind to The City Club and The City Club is grateful.

Very sincerely,



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June 14th, 1923.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

This letter is to confirm our recent conversation and to in a more formal way thank you on behalf of the Public Forum Extension Committee of The City Club for your great kindness in accepting our invitation to open our Public Square Forum Saturday, July 7th, at 12 o'clock.

It is our understanding that you are to speak on the general subject of our Constitutional Guarantees. When you have decided upon the particular title for your address please furnish it to us so that we can announce the same in advance of the meeting.

Thanking you again, I remain

Very sincerely,

*Brady Luce*  
Chairman

Public Forum Extension Committee

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February 14, 1924.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
% The Temple,  
E. 55th St. & Central Ave.,  
Cleveland, O.

My Dear Rabbi Silver:

The City Club is being urged by members, who heard your tribute last Sunday to Woodrow Wilson, to ask you if you would be willing to give our members the pleasure of hearing you upon that subject at one of our meetings.

President Bulkley and Mr. Friebolin, Chairman of the Public Affairs Committee, have both called me also to suggest that I get in touch with you to ascertain if your consent can be secured to talk before the Club.

It is my very great pleasure, therefore, on behalf of The City Club to invite you to address one of our forum meetings.

I may add, at this time, that since our forum program began last September, I have received a number of inquiries about an address by you to this Club. I mention this because I have been repeatedly made aware that City Club members have a genuine affection for you and have profound admiration for your ability as a thinker and speaker. I know that members would come in great numbers to hear you upon any topic you chose to speak upon.

It seems particularly fitting, at this time, and in view of the recent address you made upon Woodrow Wilson, that The City Club devote a meeting to hearing about this great man and that you should be the speaker upon that occasion. The Public

Rabbi A. H. Silver -2-

February 14, 1924.

Affairs Committee, therefore, hopes very much that you may be able to accept.

The first open date on the club program occurs on Saturday, March 1. After that date, we have three successive engagements already booked. These bookings therefore run until March 22nd. The first available date thereafter is March 29th. We have no bookings at this time for any dates from then on.

The committee hopes, therefore, that if possible you would be willing to speak on Saturday, March 1st for the reason that such an address as here mentioned would be more timely on that date than it would on the only other available dates which begin March 29th.

May I therefore ask that you give this matter your early consideration?

I should like to have word from you by next Monday and I shall take the liberty, if I may, of calling you Monday morning, at which time I sincerely hope that I may learn that you will accept.

Yours very truly,

*Chas. B. Ryan.*  
Secretary

CBR/EU

February 15th, 1924.

Mr. Chas. B. Ryan,  
The City Club,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Ryan,

Permit me to thank you and  
through you the officers of the City Club  
for the kind invitation to address the club.  
I shall be able to be with you on Saturday,  
March 1st and shall deliver a Memorial Tribute  
to Woodrow Wilson.

With kindest regards, I beg to  
remain

Very sincerely yours,

Judge Addams

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JUNE 3, 1926

Rabbi Alba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 55th Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Committee sponsoring the testimonial luncheon to Judge George S. Addams is happy to learn about your willingness to speak at the meeting which will be held in the ballroom at Hotel Cleveland, next Thursday, June 10, at twelve o'clock, noon.

We purpose having five or six citizens, active in the civic life of Cleveland, speak briefly - say, ten minutes - of the extent and value of Judge Addams's labors.

The meeting is sponsored by the below named Committee, and is held under auspices of The City Club. The general public, men and women, are invited to attend.

With renewed thanks and best wishes,

Cordially yours,

*Ed Jacobson*  
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Mr. James M. Bateman  
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Addams

## Special Announcement

A testimonial luncheon in honor of  
JUDGE GEORGE S. ADDAMS

will be held under City Club auspices Thursday noon, June 10th, in the ball-room at Hotel Cleveland. This meeting is in recognition of Judge Addams's twenty-five years in the public service. It is sponsored by a group of citizens and will be open to the general public, men and women.

The following citizens will address the meeting: Mayor John D. Marshall, Hon. Newton D. Baker, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Rowland Haynes, Rev. Joel B. Hayden, Monsignor F. T. Moran and Miss Myrta L. Jones.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$1.00 each. Tables will seat ten persons. Reservations are now being accepted thru The City Club. Phone Main 82.

*Yours very truly,*

THE CITY CLUB

Charles B. Ryan, Secretary





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*cleared  
Sat. Oct. 16-*

October 14, 1926.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am taking the liberty of refreshing your memory at this time with respect to our telephone conversation of about a month ago.

You then kindly agreed to speak to the members of this club during the month of November. Tentatively you accepted to speak upon Saturday, November 6th. I have gladly held that date until now, but, as the time approaches and our schedule takes shape, it becomes necessary to have definite commitments for the approaching dates.

May I not, therefore, request you to be good enough to let me have word from you soon as to your willingness to accept to speak upon November 6th?

You will recall that I stated to you, when we were discussing possible subjects, that I knew our members would be glad to have you say something about Mr. Baker's debt cancelation plans. You indicated that you might incorporate something about them in your address. I think I should remind you that Congressman Burton has accepted the committee's invitation to speak on "The International Debt Situation," on Saturday, October 23rd. I mention this merely as a guide in case you should not want to cover any phase of that particular question, also having in mind that you possibly might prefer to talk upon some subject other than European or International affairs.

Rabbi Silver:

In any event, you may be assured that our members will be happy to hear you upon any subject you choose to discuss.

Hoping to have a reply soon, and with cordial good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

*Chas. D. Ryan*  
Secretary.

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September 14, 1927.

Mr. Charles B. Ryan,  
City Club of Cleveland,  
Hollenden Hotel,  
City.

My dear Mr. Ryan:

I would suggest the  
following to be announced as the subject  
of my address before the City Club on  
October 1st.

The Millenium Ride in a Droschky  
Impressions of a Visit to Soviet Russia

If you think this title will  
be too giddy, just announce simply a visit  
to Russia.

With kindest regards, permit  
me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:NEB

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September 17, 1927

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
East 105th St. & Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your note, suggesting titles for your address which you have kindly consented to deliver before The City Club on October 1st, is acknowledged with thanks.

We are very favorably impressed with the first title you have suggested. This in spite of the fact that a droshky doubtless is not so well known a vehicle as the jaunting car of the land of the nativity of the writer's ancestors.

We shall accept the title as you have written it and shall look forward with great interest and pleasure to your visit and to what you shall say to us.

Assuring you most warmly of our appreciation for your generous acceptance to speak and of our great esteem, I remain

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Sincerely,

*Charles B. Ryan*  
Secretary.

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September 27, 1927.

Dear Member:

It is my pleasure at this time to extend my personal greetings to members of the City Club and to include in this letter the announcement that the club's forum program will open next Saturday, October 1st, with an address by our valued member Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver who will present "The Millenium Rides in a Droschky: Impressions of a Visit to Russia."

The announcement that Rabbi Silver is to speak always draws a very large audience and I hope that you will find it possible to be on hand next Saturday to hear him and to participate in the inaugural of the forthcoming program season. Reservations for this meeting are now being accepted at the club office and it is only necessary that you phone your needs and provision will be made for your accommodation.

I also wish to remind you that the Public Affairs Committee has already arranged a speaking program of outstanding excellence for the remainder of the fall season and one that I am sure will arouse great interest and draw large audiences. The club's weekly bulletin, "The City," publication of which will be resumed next week, will keep members informed about speakers, dates and subjects for these meetings.

Permit me to suggest now that each club member attempt to interest his friends in membership in the City Club. This is a most opportune time of the year when the benefits of membership present themselves in attractive variety. I, therefore, inclose a membership application blank upon which I hope you will be successful in obtaining the signature of a friend.

Hoping that you will find many opportunities during the season at hand to make your membership in the City Club a source of enjoyment and with assurances of the club's officials that our aim is toward that end, I am

Yours very truly,

*C. H. Lake*

President.

CHL:MD



PETER WITT  
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My dear Rabbi Silver:

First A warm

to thank you for being  
with us and a second to  
convey Villard's comment

"His definition of  
a liberal was the best  
I ever heard."

Truly yours,

Peter Witt

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Re

# The Cleveland Press



OFFICE OF  
LOUIS B. SELTZER  
EDITOR

January 31, 1931.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have been back at my office for 5 minutes. As you might suspect, my last previous point of relaxation was at the City Club where I listened to the man at whom these remarks are directed.

I am still a young man. In a brief lifetime, however, I have heard many men talk about many things.

I do not believe that I have ever heard such a scholarly and clear presentation of a viewpoint as that which you transmitted to the audience at the City Club Saturday.

When I rose, in concert with others, at the conclusion of your remarks it was not a perfunctory discharge of an accepted after-dinner custom.

I rose with genuine respect.

Cordially,

Louis

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
10311 Lake Shore-blvd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.



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January 20, 1932.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
Cleveland, O.

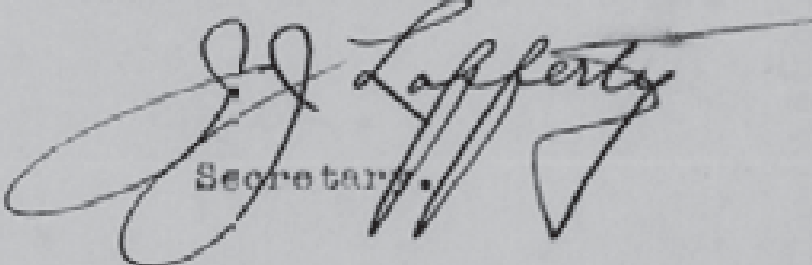
Dear Rabbi Silver:

On behalf of the club, it is my pleasure to invite you to be our guest at the speaker's table this Saturday, January 23rd, on the occasion of Oswald Garrison Villard's address: "The Need for a New Third Party."

The meeting will be held in the Hollenden Ballroom and the speaker's table guests will meet at 12:15 p.m. in Parlor B or C, near the ballroom entrance.

May we have the pleasure of your acceptance as soon as possible?

Yours very truly,

  
Secretary.

JJL:MD

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Sept. 30, 1935

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th & Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We would consider it a great honor if you would agree to address the City Club forum on Saturday noon, October 26. We know a great many of our members are very eager to hear you and we hope you will find it possible to accept this invitation.

If this date is not acceptable to you, let us know at your earliest convenience so that we may submit another date for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

JJL:HMS

Secretary

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Jan 31 - Sat -

What we have lost since the  
War?

Subject for City Club

October 1, 1935

Mr. J. J. Lafferty, Secretary,  
The City Club of Cleveland,  
712 Vincent Ave.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Lafferty:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of September 30 and for the invitation which you extend to me to address the City Club on October 26. I should be very happy to accept your invitation but for the date which is not a convenient one for me. I could come to you on Saturday, November 9, or 16, or some later date in the season.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

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Oct. 5, 1935

Rabbi Abta Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We are indeed glad to receive your letter advising us that it will be possible for you to address the forum on November 16th. Mr. Busch was delighted to know that you find it possible to do this, and we are looking forward to a very interesting meeting.

We have made no change in the routine of the forum meetings. Luncheon is served at 12:15 and the speaking begins at 1:00 o'clock. Station WHK will broadcast as usual.

I am sure that any topic which you choose will be of great interest, and we will appreciate receiving your selection of title at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

*J. J. Lafferty*  
Secretary

JJL/D

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Dec. 7, 1937

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th & Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On behalf of the City Club I am  
extending to you an invitation to address our forum  
on Saturday noon, December 18.

This is the date of our annual meet-  
ing, but our committee has come to the conclusion  
that the social, economic and political condition in  
the country at the present time warrents something  
of greater importance than the lighter activities in  
which we have indulged in the past.

For that reason we are asking you to  
address the Club on that date and hope you will be  
able to accept our invitation. Any topic you may  
choose will be agreeable to us.

Very truly yours,

*Jan. Feb. 26*

*A. G. King*

Chairman  
Public Affairs Committee

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Dec. 9, 1937

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
 The Temple  
 E/ 105 & Ansel Road  
 Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This is to confirm our telephone conversation yesterday regarding your appearance on the City Club program on Saturday noon, February 26, 1938.

You may choose your own subject and we would like to have the title of your address not later than February 15.

We indeed appreciate your acceptance of our invitation and as always look forward eagerly to that date.

Very truly yours,

*A. G. King*

Chairman  
 Public Affairs Committee

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY  
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February 28, 1938

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

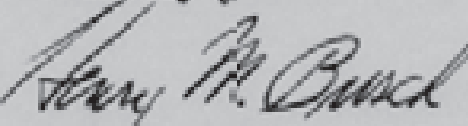
My dear Rabbi Silver:

Again I want to congratulate you upon your excellent talk at the City Club on Saturday. It sounds so trite to say that we need more of this kind of thinking and speaking, but that is exactly what I mean.

I am enclosing a copy of the talk which I gave at your Temple. I think you will be interested in it not only because, in a sense, you are the sponsor of what I say in your pulpit, but because my reference to the discrimination <sup>against</sup> of the Jews and my confidence in the ability of the Jews to survive so closely parallels some of your remarks at the City Club. The specific references are on pages 13 and 14.

I am always deeply conscious of the honor of being permitted to address your people, and I want you to know that I am grateful to you.

Cordially yours

  
Henry M. Busch

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## THE PRICE OF PROGRESS

Address delivered at The Temple, Ansel Road, Cleveland, Ohio

Sunday, February 20, 1938

by Henry M. Bush

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It has been well said that we live in a climate of opinion. This climate in which the fogs and breezes of emotion are tempered by the warm penetrating rays of intelligence has far more to do with what men think about things and feel about the future than has cold logic and scientific inquiry. Human beings are almost as responsive to the enviroining waves of social sentiment as are plants to the chilling breezes of winter or the warm balmy atmosphere of the late spring.

The presence of an enveloping social sentiment helps to explain the remarkable changes in attitude toward public leaders, particularly of the reformer type, who rise to heights in which they are almost deified, only a little later to sink to depths in which they are universally execrated, although no great change has taken place in their personalities or their programs.

The climate of opinion always has some relationship to the facts of the social situation, but it is always modified and sometimes definitely determined by emotional moods which are akin to fads and fashions. A current world-wide mood is the mood of depression, defeatism, and disbelief in the ability of man to bring order, decency, and intelligence into his common life. All informed people must acknowledge a very real basis for the present pervasive pall of gloom which overhangs modern civilization. Only a moon-kissed child of Pollyanna could know the facts of modern life and feel no concern about the future of civilization.

The present pessimistic mood so widely shared by intelligent people is evidence of the rapid and sweeping changes in the climate of opinion. Twenty-

five or thirty years ago it was almost universally believed that mankind was on the way to greater and greater achievement, and that progress was underwritten in the course of human events. The war, the stupidity of the so-called peace treaties, the breakdown of international agreements, the rise of totalitarian states, the cynical disregard of civil rights, the ruthless treatment of minorities, and the apparently successful subjugation of weak peoples by the new gangster governments all combined to deepen the sense of despair. Over the whole hangs the impending threat of world war, for which the ingenuity of man has provided instruments of destruction far surpassing in their diabolical efficiency anything heretofore known.

These are all facts in the present social situation, but they are not all the facts, nor are they necessarily the important and preponderant facts. When we take the long view of the human story of struggle and achievement, we find substantial reasons for confidence. Mankind needs occasionally to dissociate itself from the meshes of the contemporary scene and to view society from a new perspective. Never was it so necessary as now to re-evaluate our social achievements and failures.

The truly cultivated man is marked off from the superficially sophisticated by his understanding and valuation of the time element in human affairs. When we analyze man's life and trace the most important elements back as far as history permits, a growing optimism pervades our mind, and that optimism is founded upon facts. We feel that there has been progress in human affairs, and although we are aware that dialecticians and philosophers can quibble about the meaning of progress, the fact of progress seems indisputable.

The very idea itself of progress is an evidence of man's advance. Before the eighteenth century very few men thought about progress, and probably fewer



of them believed in it. Before the eighteenth century life for each man proceeded pretty much on the conditions experienced by his father and grandfather. It is true that 2,400 years ago Heraclitus of Ephesus had taught that the only abiding reality in life was change, but even Heraclitus held that change and decay are parts of the same natural process. Solomon's view that there is nothing new under the sun was in marked contrast with that of the Ephesian philosopher, and it was Solomon's view which held sway for many hundreds of years.

With the development of the method of inquiry and scientific research, man came to know more about the universe of which he is a part, and his rapidly accumulating knowledge not only gave him better explanations of natural phenomena, but suggested better ways of doing the work of the world. The Industrial Revolution and the new age of invention followed rapidly on the heels of the scientific revolution. The inventive process took years to develop momentum, but within the past century it has been proceeding so rapidly that invention itself is often feared as a threat to human progress.

Invention in processes and machinery causes such rapid and pervasive changes in our economic and social world that some observers predict the downfall of civilization because of our failure to adapt ways of social living to mechanical ways of producing the means of living.

If we assume the perspective of the long view, this pessimism seems unjustified, for we discover that man has made certain stumbling rule-of-thumb adjustments, and his life has been immeasurably bettered as a result of the scientific and industrial revolution, but now that he is conscious of this special problem of adjustment and coordination, he has a better chance of solving it than when the problem remained unrecognized.

It is not so long ago that thoughtful people were beset by the fear that some day food supplies would be exhausted while population was increasing, and that the final outcome of human development would be a struggle of class against class, and group against group, for food. The idea was set forth in the doctrines of Thomas Malthus who held that populations tended to increase geometrically while food supplies increased arithmetically. In other words, the population tended to increase at a rate represented by 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, etc., while food supplies tended to increase at a rate represented by 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, etc. This was a gloomy picture, and it impressed many men who had never given a thought in the past to the relations of mankind to the physical universe. Nevertheless, even though Malthus was a careful, honest, and intelligent student, one of the first-rate minds of his time, he overlooked certain important factors in the situation. In the first place, the Industrial Revolution brought about the development of power machinery and a host of agricultural machines which made possible intensive cultivation of the fields and vastly increased yields of food supplies. The eighteenth and nineteenth centuries saw the development of an efficient plow, the harrow, drill, planter, cultivator, reaper, and binder, and the twentieth century gave us the tractor which makes it possible for us to cultivate with one hundred times the efficiency of our grandfathers.

In addition, the new science of genetics, coupled with the practice of experimental agriculture, brought about improvements in the raising of animal and vegetable foods, increasing quality and quantity so vastly that today no man in the entire world need go hungry if we can learn to develop the mechanisms of distribution as well as we have improved the means for



production. Not only have we improved quantity and quality, but men of the type of Burbank have given us dozens of items of our daily diet which were unknown at the beginning of this twentieth century.

As a result of these developments the population of the earth grew from 847,000,000 in 1830 to almost 2,000,000,000 in 1930. This increase of 135% in world population growth was paralleled by increases in food supplies of from 250% to as high as 1000%. Man was not only more efficient in securing a greater yield from land under cultivation, but with his new knowledge, he was able to bring into cultivation land hitherto unused and almost unusable. It is conservatively estimated that in the United States alone not less than 300,000,000 acres of unused land can be developed for food supplies should the necessity arise.

The improved means of transportation and refrigeration have now made available to all peoples in all climates all the produce of the five continents and the seven seas.

Malthus could not foresee that despite the doubling of population within one century, population growth would begin to decline in the twentieth century. Now as we enter the fourth decade of the century of progress, many nations are no longer producing an increment of births over deaths sufficient to maintain population growth. This decline in fertility which is probably due to conscious control of the birth rate, affects even Germany, Italy, and Japan--the very countries which have been trying by artificial means to increase their populations and have been using the plea of over-population as a justification for their imperialistic exploits.

The rapid increases in food supplies which made possible the great increases in population has in our time been enormously accelerated while population growth is slowing down.

A new development deserves mention, and I realize that in speaking of it I am in danger of being regarded as an open-eyed and naive idealist who is deluded by the shining promises of a phantasmagorical world.

We appear to be on the threshold of the industrial production of fruits and vegetables. At the moment in Pasadena a professor in the California Institute of Technology is growing food in tanks utilizing new knowledge in agrochemistry and the theory of light. His product is bigger, faster-growing, more plentiful, and in other respects more satisfactory than produce raised on the soil by the time-honored methods. Furthermore, his crops are not at the mercy of plagues and pests, heat nor frost, drought nor flood. He can raise crop after crop throughout the entire year and is not dependent on the seasons.

Finally, we must consider the new trend toward the raising of agricultural products for industrial use, as oils, plastics, and cellulose. This material has already begun to enter into the automotive and building industries, making products more serviceable and more colorful than we have heretofore known. The chemurgic movement promises to rescue the farmer from the difficulties of our historic agricultural economy and to meet whatever threats may be inherent in the industrial production of foods.

Looking back over the drama of man's struggle for food, we see steady and accelerating advance. In the early days of the race, 500,000 years ago, our pre-historic ancestors hunted and gathered food supplies with no notion of domesticating animals, nor of cultivating growing things. Life was precarious and brutal, and starvation was probably a common occurrence. But as the aeons rolled on, men learned to domesticate and breed animals and to till the soil. Their methods were crude and their implements cruder, but the first long stride toward civilization was taken.

Now we are in the age of potential abundance in which our real problem is not production but distribution.

It is just at this point that we are most concerned about the possibility of breakdown and social disintegration. However, we should face the fact that mankind has wrestled with the production problem for five thousand centuries, but we have scarcely been aware of the distribution problem for five decades. As a matter of fact, vigorous, experimental thinking about this problem, based upon a careful analysis of the factors involved, is hardly more than five years old.

It is obvious that the technological developments which form the warp and woof of our social-economic fabric have for the most part developed during the life-time of some folks right here in this Temple this morning.

The telephone, radio, electric power, automotive and aerial transportation, alloys and plastics, automatic machinery, mass production, and the great corporation are the fruitage of recent years. These have annihilated distance, successfully challenged wind and weather, lifted the burdens off the backs of millions of men, women, and children, and have given them the opportunity to lead lives of dignity and worth, denied to mere hewers of wood and drawers of water.

I hear someone say, "All that you have painted for us deals with things, quantities, instrumentalities. A man's life does not consist in the abundance of things that he possesses. Man does not live by bread alone."

True, but note that word "alone". "Man shall not live by bread alone", but until all human beings have bread in abundance, they can scarcely become men, and they can hardly live. The bitter struggle for mere existence is a spiritually deadening process. For man to live is to grow, to develop; to expand his capacities which mark him off from the beasts.



No culture has produced art, music, literature, ethics, and religion of a dynamic spiritual character until it has achieved a measure of security and surplus.

However, we can acknowledge that social progress is not to be measured by things, but by attitudes, relationships, and values. It is just here that we can be most sure about progress.

In the dawn of human history and among some primitive peoples today the child was considered little better than an animal. Indeed, the female child was often considered an undesirable encumbrance to be thrown to the crocodiles, or exposed to the elements. As men achieved a surplus and were farther removed from the crude struggle for existence, children became economic assets to be exploited for the gain of the adults, in their efforts to climb still higher on the ladder of material success.

We pass through the pastoral and early agricultural stages, observing that the final power over children rested with the parents, who could neglect them or in some cases, put them to death.

As recently as the period of the Roman Empire the father had the power of extreme punishment, and it was not until the reign of Justinian (527-565) that the right of a father to expose his children was withdrawn by law.

The status of children slowly but steadily improved, especially as their potential value to society was understood. We note, however, that the tendency to exploit children is always present among people on low economic levels. The bitter cry of the children is heard most often among those who have no economic security. The tragic story of child labor in mines, factories, fields, canneries, and sweatshops is part of the short and simple annals of the poor.

It is not fair to imply that the poor always voluntarily exploit their own children. Their necessities are utilized by cynics and selfish men of power who stand to reap an immediate advantage from child labor. The rich and powerful have played a more despicable role in the tragedy of the children than have the poor and the weak.

Even today the opposition to child labor legislation comes chiefly from certain industrialists and powerful agricultural interests who cloak their propaganda with appeals to patriotism and morality. But the opposition of economic and religious groups will not avail to stem the powerful forces of an awakened social conscience. Child labor is doomed in the United States, and we can hasten the day of its destruction by determined and unremitting effort.

We have scarcely emerged from a state wherein child labor was taken for granted. It was only in 1802 that the English began to protect children engaged in factory labor. Think of the significance of the English Factory Law which stated at the beginning of the nineteenth century: "It shall henceforth be illegal to employ any child under nine years of age for more than twelve hours a day."

Can one study the record of history in relation to the care of children and not be convinced of continuous though slow progress in protecting those who must carry the torch of civilization?

But can any decent man or woman know the record of child care in this country in our own times and be satisfied with what we have achieved? We have come a long way from 1900 when in this country 121 out of every 1,000 children between ten and thirteen years of age were employed, to 1930 when the number had dwindled to 24. We have progressed in that thirty-year period

in reducing the numbers of children employed between ten and fifteen years of age by 66%.

The record is not good enough, but if one again takes the long view three facts emerge:

- 1) Slow but continuous improvement of the status of children throughout the ages;
- 2) Rapidly accelerated improvement in our own short time, which constitutes but a brief instant in the human span of life.
- 3) The most important social gain, however, is the awakened conscience with respect to the exploitation of children and the uncompromising determination on the part of unselfish people to wipe child labor off the record of our country. No longer are we complacent that

"The golf links lie so near the mills  
That any pleasant day,  
The little children hard at work  
Can see the men at play."

The story of progress in our attitudes toward children and the improvement in the conditions of child life can be paralleled by the changed attitude toward women, toward labor, and toward minority groups. It is a record whose final chapter is not yet written, but though it be a tragedy of suffering and tears, it is a dramatic tale of the conquest of the humane spirit over ignorance, want, and greed.

Still there are those, and they include some of our most sensitive and valuable souls, who confront the present rising tide of intolerance, bestial treatment of minorities, and war-making activity with dismay and discouragement.

Again we see slow but steady and unmistakeable progress in the attitudes of men toward those who because of social inheritance or conviction of



conscience differ with the majority or the dominant minority. The recrudescence of primitive absolutism which is the mark of the modern totalitarian state so obsesses our thinking that there is danger of our forgetting that absolutism was once the universal order of events. Today about twenty per cent of the world's population is under the rigid controls of a fanatical set of political gangsters, while eighty per cent of the human race enjoys some measure of freedom.

Even within the totalitarian states there is a silent minority who in their souls have not acknowledged Caesar but who remain true to the living spirit which once was manifest in Italy, Germany, and Japan and will yet be manifest again.

Never before in the history of the world did the dictators feel the necessity of appealing in moral terms to their helots. Never before did the autocrats fall back on the instrumentalities of a democracy which they despise, in order to register the approval of their subjects which they must have.

Never before was war so unpopular that those who a short time ago were glorifying war for its inherent virtues, now tell their people that their aim is peace and that war is a bitter last resort being forced upon them by the outside world.

Several years ago I cited to this congregation Mussolini's glorification of war in these words: "War alone brings up to its highest tension all human energy and puts the stamp of nobility upon the peoples who have the courage to meet it." This arch-chauvinist stated that Fascism "believes neither in the possibility nor the utility of perpetual peace".

Hitler has consistently glorified war. He pointed out that God never gave any territory to any people; not even Germany to the ancestors of the present Reich. They took it. Therefore, if the Nazis are to be worthy of their fathers, they must be prepared to take by force the territory they covet which now is possessed by other peoples. "If our ancestors had let their decisions depend upon the absurd pacifist mentality that prevails at the present time, we should not have full possession of one-third of our present territory."

Now these same traducers of peace, these breakers of treaties, these makers of intrigue who have set the arms pace of Europe and of the world, tell their dupes that the democracies threaten them and that the League of Nations is a war-making body, and that they, the Germans and the Italians, are driven by the wicked liberal states to the sorry necessity of war.

That is scant comfort, but it is a genuflection to progress in moral ideals when even the cynics who recently glorified war now deny its beneficence and deplore its necessity.

Never before was it deemed necessary to sell the peoples of the earth moral crusades in order to steel them to the beastly business of mass murder and wholesale plunder. The Italian and the German soldiers really believe they are fighting to save Spain and all of Europe from Communism which is depicted to them as a fate worse than death.

On Friday I had a letter from an idealistic young Japanese who wrote feelingly about what he described as the indignities and even death inflicted by the barbarous Chinese upon peaceful and cooperative Japanese who were only trying to develop China and lead her in the paths of civilization. He believed that, and predicted that the world would yet honor Japan for the sacrifices she is making in China for civilization's sake.

Never before was it so necessary for rules to use the means of persuasion now so completely controlled in the totalitarian states of the left and the right. Never before was such an effort made to see that no hostile idea from outside penetrates the public mind, as is seen in the censorship of stage and screen, press and pulpit, radio and rostrum.

If ideas do not count, why control and suppress them? If consciences do not matter, why cajol and coerce them? If individual judgments are of no importance, why flatter and woo them? If ideals are not potent, why enlist and misguide them?

No, the cynical dealers in Realpolitik know the power of ideas, consciences, judgments, and ideals. Their very prostitution of these attributes of civilization to the low ends of power politics is in itself an acknowledgment of the heights to which mankind has risen.

There is nothing so powerful as an idea whose time has come; and the idea has rapidly been gaining strength throughout the world that man has a finer destiny than poverty, regimentation, hatred, and war. When that idea becomes canalized, directed, and matured by the sufferings which are inevitable in the present insane scheme of events, the idea of true human destiny will sweep the men of little faith back into the limbo whence they crawled.

To an audience such as this, bound by ties of blood and culture and oft-times by close family connections, with the suffering peoples who are victimized by group hatred fomented by unscrupulous assassins, there is scant comfort in taking the long view. The Jews are suffering now, and their persecutors are ascendant now.

But may I in deep sincerity remind you that the one people throughout history who, though despised and rejected of men, have always kept the faith and have risen anew are the Jews.



May I tell you that never before in history have so many and so distinguished a company of non-Jews risen to your defense? There isn't a decent man in Christendom who does not feel bitter shame and indignation that these things should be done, and by those who take the name of the Jew of Nazareth.

There are millions of Gentiles today who respect and love you for what you are and what you have given to spiritual and material culture. There are still more millions who will be touched by the spirit of universal brotherhood who will come to recognize and cherish your true worth if you hold fast to the things which are eternal.

These are the new dark ages, but they are not the Middle Ages of isolated provincialism and ignorant intolerance.

I have tried to show by a few typical examples that progress in things material and in human values and relationships is the abiding reality in the record of man's ascent throughout the ages.

I would not have you think, however, that the road has been easy nor the upward climb uninterrupted by set-backs. The diagram of history has not been an inclined upward plane, but rather an upward saw-toothed line, with countless set-backs, but a major ascent.

The set-backs represent the agony, the blood and tears, the frustrated aspirations, and the thwarted lives of countless millions. But nature, so careless of the individual, so careful of the species, is slowly being replaced by humane nature, so jealous for the individual in whom alone resides the potentiality for beauty, love, and truth.

Our human progress has been bought with a great price. That price must continuously be paid if man is to advance.

Material progress is the product of the strain and toil of the masses of men, at first improving their techniques by trial and error. Then came observation, insight, imagination, and inventiveness. The innovators usually had to endure the contemptuous taunts of the snugly ignorant.

As social life matured, sub-division of labor and specialization of function became the basis for new advances in the arts of life. Expertness replaced ineptitude, exactness replaced approximation, and the scientific method of searching for truth replaced tradition and guesswork.

Only by a clear recognition of <sup>these elements</sup> and an unremitting devotion to human welfare can we guarantee the continued progress of the race and hand on to future generations a larger measure of life than we have received.

If we recognize the basic importance of sub-division and specialization, no longer will we permit the exploitation of the masses without whose labor our intricate social system could not endure one week.

No longer will we use the services of the expert as a convenient device for the acquisition of personal or corporate wealth and power.

No longer will we regard knowledge as a utilitarian tool for immediately practical ends. We will learn anew that the truth can make us free and therefore we will cherish truth both as a means and an end.

Our spiritual progress has likewise been slowly won by the strivings of the masses who gradually came to see a larger measure of life open to them. But their deep yearnings and unconscious gropings needed prophetic clarification and fearless leadership.

Often the man of vision saw the plight of his people and analyzed their difficulties long before they were aware of the true situation. His was the task of leadership, and moral leadership is usually a thankless and dangerous undertaking. Many have paid with their lives for their vision and courage.

Wendell Phillips has said, "Every step of progress which the world has made has been from scaffold to scaffold, and from stake to stake."

The social prophet rarely had anything, personally, to gain but a deep devotion to duty drove him to declare the unpopular truth, and to scorn the cost.

It was so with the prophets of Israel. It was true of Socrates, of Galileo, of the opponents of despotism, of slavery, of child labor, of economic injustice, and of intolerance.

There is no social advance which we enjoy which was not purchased for us by the sacrifices of a little band of men and women who bore the misrepresentation and spite of the secure and powerful; the best people of their time.

Make no mistake about it; the same despicable calumny and spiteful gossip visited upon those far-sighted men who strove to bring a fuller measure of life to the dispossessed is hurled today at every effective leader who strives now for a more abundant life for the common man.

Part of the price of progress must be paid by the modern prophet and planner of a better order, in enduring the vilification of little men of great power. Yesterday he was called a defiler of the faith, a corrupter of youth, an infidel, or a traitor. Today he is called a Red, a Communist, an agitator, an innovator of un-American doctrines, a crack-pot, or at least, an impractical idealist. But the crying needs of the people always eventually find their champions, and so will it be today.

No great social advance has ever been won that did not cost something to the little group who had more than their share. No major readjustments have been achieved that did not bring suffering to some innocent group.



These, too, are likely to be the costs of whatever social progress we win for ourselves. We, however, stand upon high ground from which we can see the past and catch a glimpse of a brighter future. If we can learn the lesson of the new age with its insistence upon continuous and unremitting education; if we can learn to yield a little that we may all gain much; if we can strive increasingly to plan and to master our common life rather than to drift with the forces of tradition; if we can assume or follow unpopular but far-seeing and unselfish leadership; if we can nurture the sensitive growths of social justice, we can make our humble contribution to human progress. We, too, may stand in the procession of martyrs, heroes, prophets, and patriots.

The lesson of history tells us we can achieve a corporate life of justice, generosity, and dignity. The vision of future possibilities of finer living summons us. The God of the ages is with us.

But we must pay the price. The price of progress is high, but the rewards are the only values worth possessing; a social order in which the individual man can struggle with hope toward a meaningful and abundant life. We dare not fail. We will not fail.

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# City Club



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712 VINCENT AVENUE, CLEVELAND, OHIO

August 5, 1940

*accepted  
Sat. Nov. 16*

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
2 East 105th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

At the last meeting of the Public Affairs Committee of the City Club, Mr. Howard, Editor of the Cleveland News, stated that as chairman of the Committee, he contemplated inviting you to address the Club during the 1939-40 season. He regretted very much that the members of the Club, through the inadvertence of the Committee, were not privileged to hear you. He suggested, and the other members of the committee concurred with him, that we ought to ask you to favor us with an address this season on whatever subject you might choose.

It needs no statement from me to explain that the members of the City Club on the occasion of each of your previous addresses have been morally and intellectually enriched. I further, in these times of stress, know that you undoubtedly have a vital message to deliver. The Committee has contemplated having you address the club sometime in the month of November of this year. However, if an engagement during that month is inconvenient, we certainly will be pleased to have you select the time. You, of course, know that our club members meet on Saturday noon and that the address is to be made at that time. I do hope that you will see your way clear to accept this invitation.

Very truly yours,

*Frank J. Lausche*  
Frank J. Lausche, Chairman  
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712 VINCENT AVENUE, CLEVELAND, OHIO

August 19, 1940

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th & Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I just received and read your letter of August 11th indicating your acceptance of our invitation to address the City Club at noon on Saturday, November 16th. I am sure that the members of the Club will be delighted to hear that you will again address the forum.

With kind regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Chairman  
Public Affairs Committee

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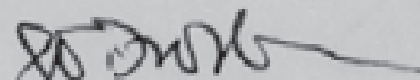
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

The City Club Forum Foundation acknowledges with warm gratitude your contribution.

In these times we are beginning more than ever to appreciate the benefits and privileges of free speech and the worth-whileness of impartial forums. Every contribution toward their continuation and improvement means much, not only to us, but to the community.

Sincerely yours,



C. D. Friebohn  
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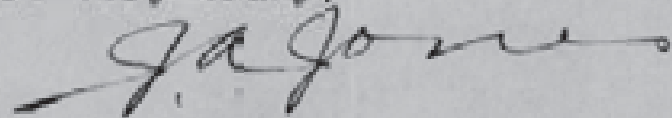
Dear Sir:

I read with interest your address delivered last Saturday before the City Club, or rather that small portion that was published in Sunday's Plain Dealer.

I am much interested in this subject, and write to inquire if your full address is available for distribution. I would be greatly pleased to receive a copy, if same is in form available for distribution. I am inclosing a few stamps to cover cost of mailing.

Thanking you for this favor, I am,

Yours very truly,



J. A. Jones.

Box 147,

Ravenna, Ohio.

2301 E. 57th St., Suite 5

Cleveland, Ohio

Nov. 22nd 1940

Dr. A. H. Silver

The Temple

Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you for the purpose of conveying my admiration, commendation and appreciation for the wonderful address that you delivered last Saturday, Nov. 16th at the City Club Forum. In my opinion the speech which was entitled "The Spiritual Foundations of Democracy" merits recognition as one of the greatest literary classics of all time.

Of recent date I have been engaged partially in the study of the New and Old Testaments in connection with my position as a church school superintendent. Because of the fact that the scriptures have providentially grown out of Judaism and Christianity derived from its background, I have developed a keen interest for the exploration of its source and character. Therefore, in realization of the dynamic quality and authoritative work of your composition, I am taking this opportunity to ask of you if it would be possible for me to obtain a copy of this valuable speech and/or any other related material that would greatly aid me in the pursuit of my biblical studies. I would appreciate a reply very much.

Yours respectfully,

James K. Adams.



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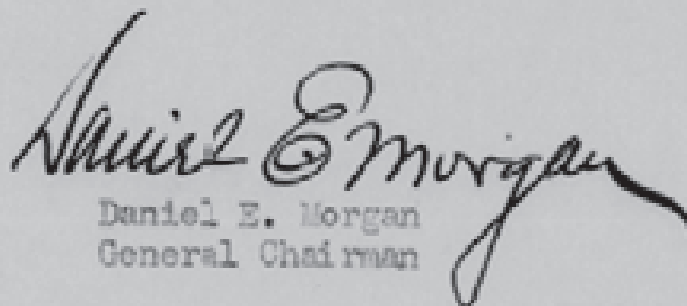
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D.D.  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Although a former acknowledgment has been sent you of your generous contribution to the City Club Forum Foundation, I wish personally to express to you my thanks for your continued interest in the City Club forum for which you have done so much of value in the past.

I am pleased to say that our efforts have met with good success and we are much encouraged.

Very sincerely yours,

  
Daniel E. Morgan  
General Chairman

1903 Washington Ave.

Nov. 23, 1940

Lorain, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On Saturday Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, the City Club broadcasted your speech over the radio. I was unable to hear that speech. I would like to know if I could possibly receive a copy of that speech.

Enclosed you will find postage to cover mailing.

Thanking you very much in advance. If there is any cost involved, I will be more than glad to pay for it.

Sincerely yours,

Hyman Goldberg.

November 25, 1940

Miss Hilda Snyder  
The City Club  
712 Vincent Ave.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Miss Snyder:

Enclosed herewith is the address which  
Rabbi Silver delivered before the City Club. It  
ran a little longer than I thought it would.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK  
Enc.

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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November 25th, 1940

Secretary to Rabbi A.H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

The writer would appreciate receiving five  
copies of the Temple Bulletin of last week, in which was  
contained the speech recently given by Rabbi Silver at  
the City Club.

This talk was greatly enjoyed, and the writer  
wishes to share his pleasure with several of his friends.

Stamped envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Thanking you in anticipation of the courtesy,

I am,

Very truly yours,

*Irving W. Mould*

#820 National City Bank Bldg.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

November 29, 1940

Mr. Hyman Goldberg  
1908 Washington Ave.  
Lorain, Ohio

My dear Mr. Goldberg:

I have referred your letter of November 23 to the City Club. They are planning to print the address which Rabbi Silver delivered before the City Club on November 16. When the copies are available, they will send you one.

Very cordially yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

Rabbi A.H. Silver

Dear Sir, -

I was very much interested in your address at City Club which I heard over the radio last Saturday.

I would like very much to have a printed copy if it is possible to have one. I would be glad to pay for it.

I wish to express my deep appreciation for the privilege of listening.

Sincerely yours.

Mrs Robert Davies  
425, East Ave  
Elyria.  
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November 28, 1940

Mrs. Robert Davies  
425 East Avenue  
Elyria, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Davies:

In reply to your recent note, permit me to state that The City Club is planning to make available copies of Rabbi Silver's address before the City Club on November 18. I have referred your letter to the City Club, and when the address is printed, they will send you a copy.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

November 29, 1940

Mr. James K. Adams  
2301 E. 57th St., Suite 5  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Adams:

In reply to your letter of November 22, permit me to state that the City Club is planning to print the address which Rabbi Silver delivered before the City Club Forum on "The Spiritual Foundations of Democracy". I have referred your letter to them, and when the printed copies are available, they will send you one.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

December 3, 1940

Mr. J. A. Jones  
Box 147  
Ravenna, Ohio

My dear Mr. Jones:

In reply to your letter of November 19 permit me to state that The City Club is making copies of Rabbi Silver's address before their Forum. If you will write to them, they will be pleased to send you a copy.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

P.S. I am returning herewith the stamps which you enclosed in your letter.

December 9, 1940

The City Club  
712 Vincent Ave.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Attention: Miss Snyder

My dear Miss Snyder:

The following people requested a copy of Rabbi Silver's address before the City Club. If you have mimeographed the address, I would appreciate your sending each of these people a copy.

J. A. Jones  
Box 147  
Favenna, Ohio

Hyman Goldberg  
1908 Washington Ave.  
Lorain, Ohio

Mrs. Robert Davies  
425 East Ave.  
Elyria, Ohio

James K. Adams  
2301 E. 57th St., Suite 5  
Cleveland, Ohio

I hope this will not put you to too much trouble. With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

# THE *City Club*



MA. 0082

712 VINCENT AVENUE, CLEVELAND, OHIO

December 10, 1940

Miss Bessie Klein  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Klein:

Finally had the mimeographed copies of Rabbi Silver's address completed and today have forwarded copies to the names you sent in your letter of December 9th.

Inclosing some copies for your files and if you would like additional copies, just let me know for they will be easily supplied.

Thank you again for your trouble in getting the original copy to me.

Sincerely

*Hyman M. Snyder*

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712 VINCENT AVE. - CLEVELAND, OHIO

MAIN 0082

November 19, 1941.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We appreciate very much your willingness to participate in the symposium on the subject "The shape of things to come" to be held at the City Club Forum, Saturday noon, January 3rd.

It is planned to have this subject approached from four angles: the religious and moral, the scientific, the political and the business. Dr. Wickenden has agreed to participate taking the subject from the angle of science, and Mr. Mayo Fesler, Director of the Citizens League, has agreed to participate approaching the subject from the angle of politics. As soon as we have decided on the individual to approach the subject from the angle of business, I shall send you a letter.

I am glad that you are willing to meet with the participants of the symposium prior to the meeting and will call you later relative to the exact time.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

*Wendell Falegraf*  
Chairman - Public Affairs  
Committee

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January 15, 1942

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

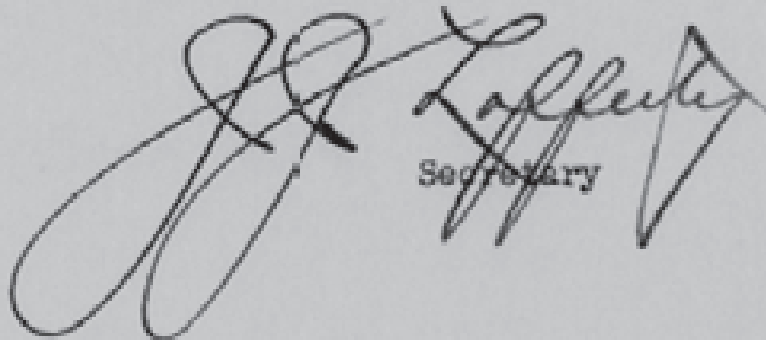
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Again I want to express my thanks to you for a very enjoyable forum meeting last week, and I can assure you that the members and the radio audience were very much pleased.

We have procured from each of the speakers of that day a copy of their prepared remarks and I am inclosing a copy for your record. If you desire additional copies, we will be glad to furnish them.

It was indeed a most interesting meeting and we are very much indebted to you for your participation in it.

Very truly yours,

  
Secretary

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MAIN 0082

August 27, 1946.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

As Chairman of the Public Affairs Committee of The City Club, it gives me great pleasure to ask you if you would consent to address us this fall, sometime after November 1, on a subject of your own choice. You and I have not met, for although I have been active in many other things, I have not been a member of the City Club for a very long period of years.

You are undoubtedly aware that you have a host of friends at the City Club who have enjoyed hearing you many times in the past and who hope to have that privilege many times in the future. I hope you can accept this invitation and, if so, I would appreciate it if you could let me know what Saturdays you would be available in November or December, so that we might shape our program to fit your schedule.

Very truly yours,

*George S. Baldwin*

George S. Baldwin, Chairman  
Public Affairs Committee.

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September 9, 1946

Mr. George S. Baldwin, Chairman  
Public Affairs Committee  
The City Club  
712 Vincent Ave.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Baldwin:

Please pardon the delay in answering  
your kind letter of August 27.

I deeply appreciate your gracious  
invitation to address the City Club sometime in  
November or December. I shall be very pleased  
to come to you on a Saturday, the latter part of  
December, or in January. I shall in all probability  
be out of the country from about the middle of November  
to the middle of December attending the World Zionist  
Congress in Switzerland. How would Saturday, December 14  
be? or December 21st?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK

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MAIN 0082

September 13, 1946

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are delighted to know that you will address the City Club Forum upon your return from Switzerland.

Saturday noon, December 14th, would be an excellent date, and I am setting it aside on our schedule for your appearance. Thank you so much for suggesting it.

I hope you will have an interesting trip and we are looking forward eagerly to hearing your address on December 14th.

Very truly yours,

Geo. S. Baldwin  
Chairman, Public Affairs Committee

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712 VINCENT AVE. - CLEVELAND, OHIO

MAIN 0052

January 18, 1947

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

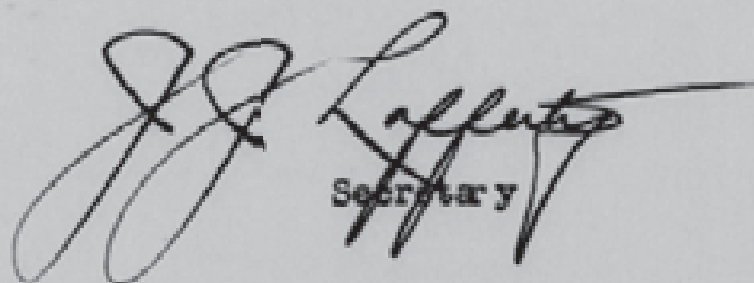
Dear Rabbi Silver:

It was a great privilege and pleasure to have you address the City Club Forum today. Needless for me to say that the members were most enthusiastic about your talk and appreciative of the time and effort you devoted in preparing this stirring address.

I was glad to have had a personal chat with you as I know you are always interested in the welfare of the Club. It pleased me to be able to report that once again our finances are in order, the membership growing and we are optimistic about the future.

May I take this opportunity to express to you the thanks of the Public Affairs Committee and the Officers of the Club for your distinguished contribution to the forum program.

Sincerely yours,

  
Secretary

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November 21, 1953

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
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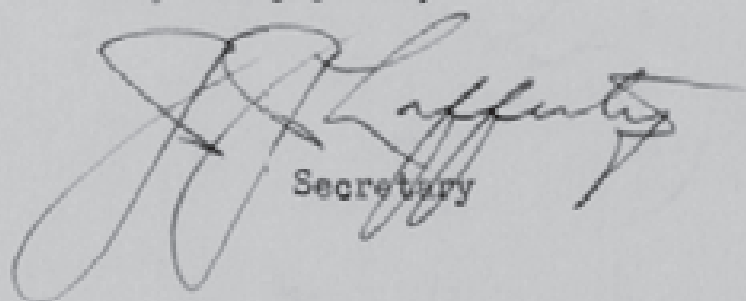
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Just a note to confirm our telephone conversation relative to your appearance on the City Club Forum at noon on Saturday, December 12th. We are more than pleased to know that you can come and are looking forward, as always, to a most interesting speech.

If it is agreeable to you, we would be happy to have you discuss your recent sermon on the Bill of Rights. However, please feel free to discuss anything else you desire. If you will be kind enough to advise me of a title for your talk prior to December 5th, I will appreciate it.

Looking forward to seeing you, I am

Very truly yours,

  
Secretary

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December 22, 1953

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

May I take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of the City Club for the magnificent talk you gave on our forum about a week ago. I have had many comments from those who attended the meeting as well as those who listened on the radio, and they all have been very highly complimentary.

I had intended to make mimeograph copies of your talk but, as Mrs. Sparrow no doubt has told you, one of the girls in the office was taken ill and we have been and still are severely handicapped in the office routine. Mrs. Sparrow said that the talk might be printed in your church bulletin and if so, I would appreciate receiving sufficient copies to supply those who have requested a copy.

The enclosed letter was addressed to the City Club and we naturally opened it and found that it was addressed to you.

I hope you will accept my apology for not having written sooner.

Again thanking you for your willingness to appear on the City Club forum and with kind personal regards, I am

Very truly yours

*J. J. Lafferty*  
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