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Central High School

CLEVELAND

H. A BATHRICK MARY E. ADAMS WM. H. LAMBIRTH

January 10,1918

Rabbi A. H. Silver Garfield Hotel Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:

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EDWARD L. HARRIS

PRINCIPAL

Some of your congregation will graduate with us from the Central High School on Thursday evening January 24th at eight o'clock.

Would it be convenient, and would you be willing to be with us to give the invocation at the exercises?

Cordially yours,

Principal.

January 12, 1918. Mr. Edw. L. Harris, Principal, Contral High School, C1 t 7. My dear Mr. Harrist I appreciate very much your kind invitation to give the invocation at the exercises on Jamuary 24th. Unfortunately I shall not be in a position to comply with your roquest. Hoping to be of service to you at some future time, permit me to remain, Sincerely yours, THUS C

BURTON P. FOWLER FIRST ASSISTANT MARY E. ADAMS Central High School ABBISTANT, SENIOR DEPARTMENT EDWARD L. HARRIS A. ALICE BUTTON PRINCIPAL. ASSISTANT, JUNIOR DEPARTMENT WH. M. LAMBIRTS ASSISTANT, MANUAL TRAINING DEPT.

BURTON P. FOWLER FIRST ASSISTANT MARY E. ADAMS Central High School ASSISTANT, SENIOR DEPARTMENT EDWARD L. HARRIS PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT, JUNIOR DEPARTMENT WELAND and 24-1919 Rabbi N. H. Silver Fran Lir: -The is the date of over annual Oratorical Goutest C triday tret. an event pequeiar to gentral and one to which our pupils look forward with somsiderable interest. The contestants are judged by three capable mon - a juriet a business man and a professional man, the should feel honored if you could consent

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Rabbi A. H. Silver,

The Temple, Cleveland.

Dear Sir:

According to my promise I shall attempt to give you some idea of theorganization we expect to create here next Tuesday.

Good citizenship in all that it implies is the purpose of the organization. We believe that being good citizens is the best way for them to develop the required traits; consequently we desire that they do those things that the good citizen does. Also we believe they should do these things in an environment as nearly natural as possible.

Their citizenship should begin in the home and extend to the school and community, the city, the state and the nation. We want them to have pride in and loyalty for each and all of these. This should express itself in acts that will make for better and happier home, school, city, state and nation. We want them to have the proper enthusiasm for and interest in the welfare of the school community. We want to bring fathers and sons together in social functions. We hope, if possible, to start a spirit that will bring the English language to be spoken sooner in many of the homes.

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Speaking concretely, we expect the bays to take renewed interest in thr ift stamps, liberty bonds and the red cross. We want them to be interested in making the immediate community a healthied place to live by getting the rubbish removed from the streets. The boys should get better acquainted with their fathers by meeting them at some kind of social function occasionally where only boys and men are present. They should listen at least once a month to an address by some citizen who has made good in some special line of work. A study of vocations will have a prominent part in their programs.

I have no doubt many helpful lines of work will present themselves to the boys when they have perfected their organization. We shall be very glad to receive suggestions for this new work and criticism, either favorable or unfavorable.

I might add that the cardinal virtues emphasized by the Boy Scouts of "merica, truthfulness, loyalty, thotfulness, courtesy and cleanliness, both of body and mind, will be guiding principles in our organization.

The boys are anticipating with pleasure your visit an Tuesday at 3:15 and a number of teachers have asked that they be allowed to attend.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

Brank G. Davis

January 25th, 1919

Mas Marie L. Bruot, Central High School, Cloveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Bruot,

Beplying to your note delivered by Isadore Koplow - Rubbi Silver directs me to say to you, that he will be very glad to serve on your committee of judges for the Annual Oratorical Contest, nFriday, Peby.7th, at eleven of clock.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

LONGWOOD HIGH SCHOOL OF COMMERCE

CLEVELAND

E. W. HARRISON
ANNAM. DIMMICK
ASSISTANTS

April 8,1919

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Rabbi A. H. Silver, The Garfield Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver :-

In accordance with our telephone conversation of last week, I am writing asking you to name a date on which you can speak to the boys and girls of Longwood High School.

I shall be glad to have you come, because I know you will enjoy talking to a group as responsive as are our pupils.

Very truly yours,

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Principal

BURTON P. FOWLER MARY E. ADAMS
ASSISTANT, SENIOR DEPARTMENT Central High School EDWARD L. HARRIS PRINCIPAL A. ALICE BUTTON
ASSISTANT, JUNIOR DEPARTMENT CLEVELAND WM. M. LAMBIRTH ASSISTANT, MANUAL TRAINING DEPT. April 14,1919 Rabbi Silver Willson Avenue Temple Cleveland. My dear Rabbi: I know you are a very busy man, but I am anxious to have you speak before our pupils. Secondly, I am exceedingly anxious at this time to have a strongly

While I do not wish too strongly to attack in a destructive way the Bolshivik doctrine, I do wish to bring out in comparison, the freedom and liberty of America; that is, a constructive, positive program.

I wondered if you would be willing to come to give us a talk on that line April 25th at two o'clock.

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Edevar L. Harris

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Principal.

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Prof. H. A. Bathrick, Longwood High School of Commerce, Cloveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Bathrick,

Please parton this tardy reply to your letter of the eighth.

I regret very meh that I am compelled to decline your kind invitation to address the students of Longwood High this senson.

I have been compelled to chacol all but the most important of my speaking ongagements.

will be good enough to invite me again, when I hope to be able to accept.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

April 17th, 1919

Prof. E. L. Harris, Principal, Central High School, Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Harris,

I have your note of April 14th, delivered by Isidore Koplow, and thank you for the courtesy of your invitation.

I regret very much, however, that I am compelled to decline. Under the doctor's orders, I am cancelling all speaking engagements unless they be of the utmost importance, and am accepting no new obligations that are not of breat public interest.

I should dearly love to talk to the boys and girls of Central High, and perhaps some time in the future you will honor me with another invitation.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

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Kennard Innior High School East Forty-Sixth and Scovill Cleveland, Ohio. FRANK G. DAVIS, Principal Dec. 9, 1919. Kabbil Ala H. Dilver. My dear Kabbi Silver! Weare very antions Thave you as the quest of honor at a fathers' at tennard Thurs, Evening Dec. 18, at 7:30. The really feel that our minute men are achieving something in these meetings with their fathers. If you come one and apeak to their I promise you an elithusiastic reception. Branke S. Davis



Central High School

BURTON P. FEWLER

MARY E. ADAMS

A. ALIGE SUTTON

December fifteenth
Nineteen nineteen.

Rabbi A. H. Silver Willson Avenue Temple Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:-

I do not wish to bore you by a request to speak to us, but you had other engagements when I asked you before. I hope that this time you are free.

Will you give the address to
the students and their parents on
commencement night, Wednesday, January
28th,1930? Some of these graduates
are from your own congregation. I
should like very much, an address that
bears on the duty of the true American.
Of course, the subject matter will be
left to yourself.

Cordially yours,

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ELH

Principal.

December 18, 1919.

Prof. Ebrard L. Harris, Principal, Control High School, C 1 t p.

My dear Mr. Harris,

I shall be plonged to address the Commonweak Exercises of Control High School on Telnosiny oroning, Jonesey Soth, and I shall remember the subject you suggest.

1145 Manhout regards, I mm

Tory minoraly yours,

BURTON P. FOWLER EDWARD L. HARRIS Central High School MARY E. ADAMS ASSISTANT, SENIOR DEPARTMENT CLEVELAND A. ALICE SUTTON ASSISTANT, JUNIOR DEPARTMENT WM. H. LAMBIRTH ASSISTANT MANUAL TRAINING DEPT. January nineteenth Nineteen twenty. Rabbi A. H. Silver The Temple, Cleveland East 55th and Central Avenue. My lear Rabbi:-Referring further to our letter of December fifteenth, will it be possible now, for you to give me the title of your address, for the commencement on January 28th? Also, you will not forget will you, that I shall call upon you for the benediction? Thanking you so very much, I beg to remain, Very sincerely yours, Edward L. F. Jarris Principal. ELH. pun to amenia?

January 20nd, 1900

Professor Disord L. Harris Control High School Clevelond, Oldo.

My dear Mr. Harris,

Deplying to your letter - the subject of my address at the Occusement will be

T am maticipating much pleasure in secting with you only your students.

Very sincerely years,

East High School

DANIEL W. LOTHMAN

PRANCES A. ADAMS HELEN J. MULCANY

October 27, 1920.

Rabbi Benjamin Silver, E. 55th St. Temple, Claveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Thursday, November eleventh, it is our intention to have special services commemorating Armistice Day. We have two departments, a Senior High, and a Junior High, but not enough room to accommodate both in our Auditorium at once. I am wondering whether you could make a brief address that day to both schools. The first meeting would be from 11:00 to 11:45. Then I should like to have you take lunch with me. The second group would be assembled from 12:45 to 1:30. If you could give us the benefit of your valuable time, you would confer a very great favor upon us.

I am

Sincerely yours,

Name of Lahmain

DWL+GM.

October 28th, 1920

Professor Daniel W. Lothman, East High School, Cleveland, Ohio.

my doar Mr. Lothman,

Replying to your letter of the twenty-seventh - I thunk you for the kind invitation it contains and regret exseedingly that another engagement for that date makes it impossible for me to accept.

I have that some time in the future I may be able to be of some service to you.

Very sincerely yours,

DANIEL W. LOTHMAN

PRANCES A. ADAMS HELEN J. MULCANY

June 10, 1921.

Rabbi A. H. Silver, The Temple, East 55th and Central Ave., Cleveland.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

This is to remind you of your engagement at the East High School, Thursday evening, June 16th at eight o'clock to deliver the commencement address. I should like to have you speak for about twenty minutes.

I am

Sincerely yours,

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THE STATE DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
AS A FIRST GRADE
HIGH SCHOOL

SIXTH & ST. CLAIR

CLEARIVAND

November 14, 1922.

Rabbi A. H. Silver, c/o The Temple, E. 55th and Scovill Ave., Clevelso d, Ohio.

My Dear Sir: -

Perhaps you have heard of State High It is a student body composed of young School. men and women who attend school three nights each week in an effort to further their education, thereby, obtaining an open sesene to larger fields of work.

Hany of our students are studying law. Some aspire to places in the medical and educational world.

From time to time we invite various prominent citizens to address our group, both for educational and inspirational benefit. We ask you, therefore, if it will be possible for you to honor us with a visit any Tuesday or Thursday evening in the near future. Any subject which you may select will be very acceptable to us.

May we anticipate the pleasure of hearing you?

Yours respectfully,

THE STATE HIGH FORUM.

By Carolyn G. O' Rourke

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December 2nd, 1922.

Hiss Carelyn E. O'Rourke, State High School, Sixth St. and St. Clair Ave., Eleveland, Onio.

My dear Hiss O'Rourke,

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address State High School Forum. I wish I were in a position to avail myself of your kindness. Unfortunately the number of my lecture engagements for the coming months as well as the tasks involved in building a new Temple are so many that I cannot in justice to myself accept any more. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With kindest regards, I am Very sincerely yours,

EAST TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL CLEVELAND

H. A. BATHRICK, PRINCIPAL



Oct. 22/1923. Rabbe a. 78. Silver, Dear Sur: lan very desirous of having you address the Lakeund masonie Lodge # 601 2 which I am master of the present tirue. you for this service if you willing dertake it. Ren duto wovernber 26 isousonly open date. Have beautrizing to recyon personally but have not succeeded. Will you kindly consider this propo Sition and leave an auswer at the Temple which I can gat Tuesday P.M. Hoping you will agree to come to us

October 24th, 1923.

Hr. H. W. Kennedy, East Technical High School, Cleveland, Ohio.

ly dear Hr. Kennedy,

Pormit me to acknowledge your letter of October 22nd and to thank you for your invitation to address the Lakewood lasonic Lodge. I wish I were in a position to accept it. Unfortunately the amount of mork involved in the building of our new Temple has been so great that I am compelled to reduce my lecture engagements to a minimum. Perhaps at some future time I may be of mervice to you.

With kintest regards, I am

Natrick Henry Junior High School

DURANT AVENUE AT EAST 123rd STREET CLEVELAND

December 17th, 1923.

Rabbi A.H.Silver, c/o The Temple, East 55th & Central Ave., City.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

As we of Patrick Henry are very cognoscent of the fact that there is more to the field of learning than the knowledge gained from books, we are striving to bring to our pupils the best minds of the city and the country. We are planning one of these assemblies for Lincoln's Birthday, Tuesday, February twelfth, 1924; and we would be very grateful to you if you could see your way clear to speak to the school on that day. The hour and the subject are to be left to your converience and pleasure.

The school prides itself on being the most modern in the city. We have a student body of 1860 between the ages of twelve and fifteen. From our experience in the past we can promise you a more attentive audience than is usual in school assemblies.

We shall be more than delighted to hear that you can be with us on this date and to make any further arrangements that you may desire.

Gladys Judge Judge

December 21st, 1923.

Miss Gladys Juigs, Patrick Henry Jr. High School, Cleveland, Chic.

My dear Miss Judge,

I want you to know how much I appreciated your kind invitation to address the student body of Patrick Henry Junior High School on Lincoln's Birthday. Unfortunately I have already accepted an invitation to address an organization in Philadelphia that day. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With kindest regards, I ma

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GLENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL Robbi A.H. Selver CLEVELAND, O. 6-17- 111_ elles my dear mr. Solver : Me une very anjumo 1. hundan allerd men love. Exercis at Mornie and ruft Fridly En the of There will her huppy to hund hoets for me The programe, will the Smurthet, different of the usual Com, programmed the landward of the better a tring to the the landward of the Endown the will have some very minuel music

June Eighteenth, 1924

Professor H. H. Cully, Principle, Glenville High School, East 105th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Professor Cully,

I appreciate very much your kindness in theiting me to attend Glenville High Commencement Exercises and to offer the prayer. I wish I were in a position to accept the invitation, but in all probability I shall be out of the city. I am herewith returning the tickets, as you may have use for them.

with kindest regards and trusting you will have successful commencement exercises, I am

Very sincerely yours,

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

September 21, 1925.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver, 1485 E. 106th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Our commencement for the first semester is scheduled for January 27th, 1926. We would be greatly pleased if you can come to us on that date and offer the prayer proceeding the commencement program.

Very truly yours,

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Principal.

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September Twenty-minth 1925

Prof. Elbert C. Wixom, Central High School, Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Prof. Wixom,

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of the twenty-first and for the invitation which you extend to me to deliver the address at your January commencement exercises. I wish I were in a position to accept, but unfortunately I have another engagement scheduled for that date.

Perhaps on some future occasion I may be able to serve you.

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

(Signed) Abba Hillel Silver)

Professor Elbert C. Wixom, Central High School, Cleveland, Chio.

My dear Professor Wixom,

I am directed to write you concerning a report that has reached Rabbi Silver to the effect that no response was made by him to your invitation to him to speak at the Central High School commencement exercises in January.

The letter which Rabbi Silver sent to you on September 29th must in some way have miscarried and I am enclosing herewith a copy of it. Rabbi Silver is very careful about answering communications sent to him and regrets exceedingly that you should have been caused any annoyance by his seeming neglect.

Yery sincerely yours,

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL CLEVELAND OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

November 11th, 1925.

Miss Frances H. Jones, The Temple, East 105th at Ansel Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Jones:

I have received your letter of November 6th, with reference to my invitation to Rabbi Silver to offer the prayer for our Commencement Exercises on January 27th, 1926.

It is true that I did not receive a reply to my letter of September 27th, but I am pleased indeed, to know that a reply was sent, and I regret Rabbi Silver's inability to be with us on the occasion of this Commencement.

Thank you vary much for informing me of the reply to my letter, and the inclosure of a copy.

Elbert 6. Wrom

Principal.

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February Twenty-fourth 1926

Miss Betty Cohn, 10838 Deering Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Betty,

address the World Fellowship Meeting of the East High School Friendship Club on Friday afternoon, April second. I would prefer to speak at two o'clock, which will enable me to get back to The Temple in time for my Confirmation Class.

> With kindest regards, I am Very sincerely yours,

10 838 Deering Care VX Cleveland & Dhio Feb. 21, 1826 Dear Rabbi Silver Quet to remind you of the World Fellowship Meeting of the Country h School Friendship Club. We can meet between for and three sclock on any I riday in March a april that is convenient in the matter we will be pleased to make the proper arrangements. Sincerly yours, Betty John

Cleveland Friendship Club Clereland, This april 16, 1926 Ratti atta Hillal Silver Dear Sir: The address that you you to the Zest strips Franklike Clubmo such a Keen gray and Thereure to me that I can't repair, from alling you of it. many times I have thought of the enspiring and helpful things Pat you me omsidered it a pare finalege and pleasure to have had you as a speaker. Many Junie Brack adnsin of Friendship Club

10838 Dening Cive . 4 Cleveland Shio March, 1926 Dear Rabbi Silver, have you address the Wald testow het Meeting of the Cast High School Friendship Club, on Fuday of turon a piel seemed at two o'clock. Sincerely yours.

Betty Cohn

PATRICK HENRY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL **DURANT AVENUE AT EAST 123RD STREET** CLEVELAND, OHIO

October 26,1926.

Rabbi A.H.Silver. The Temple, Ansel Road, City.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We have a Faculty that consists of seventy(70) teachers, twenty of which are men.

At a recent Faculty meeting it was voted upon to devote one meeting each month to an outside speaker.

As Chairman of the Program Committee, I should like to ask you if you can give us enough of your time to speak to us on Wednesday March 2nd, at 3:30.

Our meetings as a rule are about forty(40) minutes in length.

Please do not hesitate to choose your own topic.

(Zuiss) Mary T. Newton

Program Committee.

FAIRMOUNT JUNIOR HIGH TRAINING SCHOOL EAST 107TH STREET NORTH OF EUCLID AVENUE J. A. GROWELL, PRINCIPAL SARAH D. CLARK, VICE-PRINCIPAL CLEVELAND, OHIO October 27, 1926. Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, The Temple, Ansel Rd. & E. 105th St., Cleveland, Ohio. My dear Rabbi Silver: -Fairmount Junior High School on 107th Street is the near neighbor of your Temple. We are very anxious to have you speak to our pupils. Would it be possible for you to talk to them at 8:30 A.M. on Wednesday, November 24 on the Significance of Thanksgiving? Our assemblies are about thirty minutes in length. The courtesy of an early reply will be much appreciated. Sincerely, ALICE J. SCHWARTZ (Mrs. H. A.] Chairman of Program Com. L.

October 28th, 1926.

Mrs. H.A. Schwartz, Fairmount Junior High Training School, East logth Street north of Euclid, Oleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Sohwartz,

your kind note of October 27th, and for the invitation which you extend to me to address the children of the school. I wish I were in a position to accept such invitations for I regard the opportunity to reach young boys and girls as a great privilege. Unfortunately the number of my lecture engagements is so great that I must in self defense decline any more invitations this season. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

me to remain Very sincerely yours,

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South High School,

Broadway and Fullerton Ave.

Oct. 29, 1926.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, 1485 E. 106 St.

Dear Sir:

Believing that you have some message worth while to us as teachers of Senior and Junior High School we, the teachers of South High School, invite you to address us at a faculty meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at three o'clock.

We usually have our meetings once a month on Wednesday at three. If it is impossible for you to talk to us on the above date could you give us some later date?

Very sincerely,

Chairman of Faculty Comm.

Eleveland * South High School. Broadway and Fullertin are, Nov. 1, 1926 Rabbi Obba Willel Silver, 1485 12.106 St. Dear dir; Junte to you asking if you could talk to the Faculty of South Itigh School on Nov. 10 to as that week will be educational week and the teachers willbe quite bring with herents we have since decided to postfore on meeting until later. If you could give us the 1,8 or 15 at three veloch we would greatly offreciate the favor. Very miarrely, Ca Sutter Chairmon of Faculty Cara.

There is reply hours TEACHERS CLUB NOV. 1st 1926. Pechapstay Rabbi Silver The Temple. Dear Rabbi: - In behalf of The Hazeldell Mothers' Club I wish to call your attention to a conversation you had Sometime ago at the Medd Park Manor with one of our mothers, namely me. Nopel who Oat that time sporket to you in regards to speaking for our Parents & Teachers Carin. She informed me that you told her to keep Feb. open for your. Knowing how your time is occupied we would be very glad to have you tell new what Tolbering you can give us in Feb. as we caght make own final arrangements. I am you

Suicely your mo. Les Rochman 578 E. 117ch St. Cor. Seig. S. S. Our next meeting shall be Hed. nov. 3rd and Oil possible would love to know at that time when you can come so I can teel the Mothers. Thanks.

November Tenth 1926

Miss Mary K. Newton, Patrick Henry Junior High School, Durant Avenue at East 123rd Street, Cleveland, Chio.

My dear Miss Durant,

Please pardon the delay in replying to your kind invitation to address your Faculty at its March meeting. I wish I could see my way clear to accept, but my speaking schedule has become so heavy that I must refrain, in justice to myself, from adding to my obligations in that respect.

Perhaps another season may offer an opportunity for me to serve your group.

you for the courtesy of your invitation. I am

Very sincerely yours,

H. H. CULLY, PRINCIPAL

Conv. By Broth. 1 H. M. TOWNE ELSIE G. DAVIER ASSISTANT

GLENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

CLEVELAND, OHIO

Nov. 23, 1925

Rabbi A. H. Silver, The Temple-City

My dear Mr. Silver:

The inspiration of your splendid address to the City Club recently abides with me still as a priceless benediction. It was a timely message, and in my judgment you can render no worthier service to your day and generation than to sound this note of warning to just as many thinking citizens of our American commonwealth as you possibly can reach. No crusader of the olden day ever went forth upon a worthier quest.

If our American democracy fails, then modern civilization is dogmed and a recrudescence of barbarism with the Stygian darkness of the old medieval years is already in the offing. To us is given the sacred task of seeing that this calamity does not overtake us.

I did not begin this letter with the idea of launching into any discussion. I am only trying to tell you how very much I enjoyed your masterful discussion of this theme. What I do want to do is to tell you that we expect to graduate a class of about 225 fine young people in the Masonic Auditorium Wednesday, Jan. 26, at 8:00 P.M.. We will have an audience of about 2500 people, made up largely of the parents and friends of the graduates and the teachers of our school. Mr. A. A. Benesch of the Board of Education will be present and present the diplomas. No better setting can be arranged than this for a fine hearing upon any worth while theme. I should be glad to have you give the same address which you gave to the City Club, if you like. Address yourself more specifically, if you prefer, to the graduating class. They are keen young folk, and in the high school class rooms they have discussed many phases of these live, vital questions. They are always keen to hear a discussion of any subject from one who knows.

I have keenly regretted that some of our Commencement speakers in the past, perfectly splendid and capable men, did not somehow or other grasp the opportunity that such an occasion atfords for driving home a real message that would arouse the fervor of these fine young people to higher levels as they stand at the portals of the college life that invites them to greater vistas of life and service. I know what you can do and I am urging you to use this opportunity for a really worth while service. I know you have many demands upon your time and strength and you are often forced to choose which call you may accept.

The Board of Education makes no provision for us to hire talent for these occasions. A modest honorarium from the school, however, accompanies this request, and we sincerely trust that you may be able to be our guest and speaker for that occasion . Wery truly yours, H. H. Culley.

Mr. H. H. Cully, Principal Glenwille High School, Cleveland, Chic.

My door Mr. Cully,

Permit me to acknowledge your very nice letter of November twenty-third. I deeply appreciate your kind words dif commendation of the address which I delivered before the City Club.

I do wish it were possible for me to accept your invitation to address your graduating class on the evening of Wednesday, January twenty-sixth. I should love to be with you on that occasion, but I am scheduled to address the Tenth Annual Meeting of the Big Brother & Big Sister Federation at the Hotel Cleveland on that evening. I accepted their invitation many weeks ago.

I am very sorry about this and trust that there may be an occasion at some future time when I may serve you.

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

Ted High School about the Mor. 94, 1926. Rebbit. W. S.L. 1486 5.105 4. Olenland. Ohio. Dew Sir: I am writing to each you of you would conside heing the Dreamer at Communeur Jan 37, I next year for the graduating daw. He show the to han dow. When me turn your hour if you would a ru to some ? Unon on the state ? 21 e shall he bleared & Known endy. From I en trung yours. (Wiss) L. W. Contett. Shower Ma

December Minth 1926 Miss A. M. Corlett, East High School, Akron, Ohio. my dear Miss Corlett, Rabbi Silver desires me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November twenty-fourth and to say to you that he very much regrets that he will not be able to accept your kind invitation to be the speaker at the January commencement exercises of Amron East High School. He is very much overburdened this season with speaking engagements, and especially is the month of January an exceedingly erowded one. Perhaps some other season may offer an opportunity for him to serve you. Sincerely yours, Secretary

There agues High ELBERT C. WIXOM CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL CLEVELAND Jan. 13, 1927 My dear Kabbi Silver, -This letter is written in reforme to a phone call which I made on Thursday, January 13, concerning our desire to have you make the invocation at our commencement exercises, I riday evening, January 21, at 8:10 oclock F. m. Since there are so many Jewish students in Central, it is our desire (as well as our teachers and Puncipals) to have you with us on the one of our commercement of real life. I realize beforehand that many requests are made of your and am prepared to be dinappointed in mine; nevertheless, I hope that you may be able to satisfy our desire. to satisfy our desire. Though not actual members of your Temples, we are sincer in telling you of our appreciation of your sunday morning sermone. It is my hope, since next week is commencement week, that you will touch upon that subject. Hoping that you will be able to be with us Gol meter gaing on P. M. Respectfully yours, Harry Drookin - President of Serios Clasor

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COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

A. J. KENNEL
ABBIGNMENT COMMISSIONER
CRIMINAL COURT
OLD COURT HOUSE, PUBLIC SQUARE

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October Sixth 1927.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, The Temple, E. 105th-st at Ansel-rd, Cleveland, O.

Reverend Sir:-

Last spring on behalf of the community center at
Patrick Henry Junior High school I wrote you inquiring as to the
possibility of your addressing a community meeting at the school
some time this month. At that time you requested that
we communicate with you this fall and on behalf of the community
center we renew our invitation. The council would like
to have a meeting some time the latter part of this month, but
if not convenient to you would be only too glad to arrange a meeting
later on.

Thanking you for your courtesy in the matter and hoping that we may have an early reply, I remain,

Yours truly,

a.J. Kennel

October 10, 1927. Mr. A. J. Kennel, Old Court House, City. My dear Mr. Kennel: Permit me to thank you for your kind note of October 6th. I should be very happy to address the meeting of the Community Center of the Patrick Henry Junior High School but I cannot do so in the near future. I am burdened with lecture engagements and community activities for the next few months. Perhaps in January or February I may be able to come to you. With kindest regards, permit me to remain Very sincerely yours, AHS: NEB

SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL CLEVELAND, OHIO

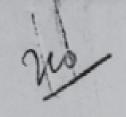
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LINCOLN ELLIOTT MARGARET M. BARNES JENNIE M. GASKILL ASSISTANTS

wednesday that would be convenient for you assistants at any time during the term. We realize how very busy you are and should greatly apprenate it if you could come and speak to us.

Very respectfully J. Ottillie Kahn.





SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL CLEVELAND, DHIO

E. L. FINDLEY

Oct. 18, 1927

LINCOLN ELLIOTT MARGARET M. BARNES JENNIE M. GASKILL ASSISTANTS

Rabbi abta Nillet Silver The Temple at ausel Road:

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Committee having charge of the program for the faculty meetings at South High would be very happy if you could find it possible to address our group, about sexisty five or eighty men and wowen. Our meetings are usually on the second wednesday of the month

at 2.45; but we would be glad to arrange for any

October Mineteenth 1927

Miss J. Obtillie Eshn, South High School, Cleveland, Chic.

My donr Miss Eshn.

I sincerely regret that again I must decline the very kind invitation of the faculty of South High School to address one of its monthly meetings. This measure find no more doubly immersed than usual in important engagements in Cleveladd and I am very heavily booked with outsef-term lecture dates.

I hope there my be an opportunity come time in the not too far distant nuture for me to meet with the temphers of South High.

With kindest regards and best wishes for a successful year, I am

Very sincerely yours

COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA A. J. KENNEL CLEVELAND, OHIO CRIMINAL CQURT OLD COURT HOUSE, PULLIC SQUARE Dec. 27, 1927. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, E. 105th-st at Ansel-rd, Cleveland, O. My. Dear Dr. Silver: Last October the Community council of Patrick Henry Junior High school asked me to get in touch with you regarding a community meeting at the school. This I did and in communication with you at that time you explained that you were so burdened with engagements that it would be impossible for you to speak at the school before January or February, if then. The council of the community center has asked me to again approach the subject and is desirous of arranging a meeting at which you will speak to the people of this community either the latter part of January or some time in February. Hoping that your engagements are such that we may be able to hear you on one of these dates, permit me to remain, Sincerely yours, Lup 1747

BOARD OF EDUCATION
EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT
CLEVELAND
January 6, 1928.

CLAYTON R. WISE

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

R. G. JONES

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The dedication exercises for the new Thomas A. Edison School for Boys are to be on the night of January 19, 1928. We should very much like to have you deliver the benediction at the end of this program, and I trust that you will find it possible to be present and to take this part on the program.

I should like to have your confirmation of this engagement as early as may be convenient to you.

Yours very truly,

Clayton R. Wise,

Directing Principal of Special Schools.

CRW:MW.

January 10th, 1928. Mr. Clayton R. Wise, Board of Education, Cleveland, Ohio. My dear Mr. Wise:-Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to deliver the benediction at the dedication exercises of the Thomas A. Edison School on January 19th. I would gladly have availed myself of the opportunity but for the fact that I am scheduled to address the graduating class at the Cleveland Heights High School on that evening. Hoping that I may be of service to you at some future time, I am Very sincerely yours, AHS/IR

H. POLATSEK ATTORNEY AT LAW 1519 WILLIAMBON BUILDING CLEVELAND, OHIO October 30th, 1928.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, The Temple Ansel & E. 105th St. City

My dear Doctor Silver:

An address on the subject of cooperation between Teachers and Parents in order that they may work together intelligently was to have been delivered by the Honorable Newton D. Baker in the Auditorium of Moreland School on November the 12th at 8:00 P.M. Mr. Baker's illness and upon the advice of his physician this address was cancelled today.

I have been requested by Mrs. H. Polatsek. the President of the Parents and Teachers Association of Moreland School to address a request to you for this talk on November the 12th.

If convenient and not conflicting with any other engagements you may have, may we hope to hear from you favorably at your earliest convenience, together with the charge if any? We shall be glad to call for you and return you to your home upon the conclusion of this talk.

> Very respectfully yours, H. Polatsek

HP: IK

Declined appointment Lecture Course

card October 31st, 1928. Mr. H. Polatsek, 1519 Williamson Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio. My dear Mr. Polatsek:-Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 30th, in which you ask that Rabbi Silver speak to the Teachers and Parents of Moreland School on November 12th. I regret to advise you that it will not be possible for Rabbi Silver to sccept this invitation as he is scheduled to speak in the series on "The Great Religions of Mankind" at the Temple that evening. With kindest regards, permit me to remain Very sincerely yours, Secretary to Rabbi Silver. Declined

Nov. 6th, 1928.

Collinwood High School Assembly Friday morning (9:30) Nov. 9th,1928 1300 children

Cor: Mr. Carl - Glen. 8732



H. H. CULLY, PRINCIPAL LENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CLEVELAND, OHIO December 18, 1928. Rabbi A. H. Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio My dear Rabbi Silver: You may recall that I wrote you just about a year ago asking you to give the commencement address to our graduating class last January. As I recall it a previous engagement prevented your acceptance. We should be very glad to renew this request for the class to be graduated at the Masonic Temple on Tuesday evening. January 22, at eight o'clock. It has been our custom to accord to the speaker a modest honorarium of \$50. for this work.

I notice that you are to address the Ohio State
Teachers' Association at the holiday season upon Liberalism
at the Crossroads". It is my recollection that I asked you
last year if you would consider giving a previous lecture on
"Democracy at the Crossroads". However, if you can accept our
invitation you must be entirely free to select your own
topic for the address. The class will number about 150 pupils,
and their friends and parents will fill the entire hall.

We had a very delightful time a year ago with Dr. Wishart, president of Wooster University, as our guest and speaker. He used the interpretation of poetry as his theme, and I am sure that it was a very acceptable address. It has been my experience with commencement addresses that the average speaker does not quite sense the opportunity that such an occasion affords for a real heart searching message. When I tell you that at least two-thirds of the class and perhaps more than two-thirds of the audience will be made up Jews, and you are entirely familiar with the kind of message that these people so gladly receive upon such occasions.

Trusting that you can find it possible to accept our invitation for that occasion, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours,

HHC: BR

A. H. Cully!

Dec. 20th, 1928. H. H. Cully, Principal, Glenville High School, Cleveland, Ohio. My dear Mr. Cully:-Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of December 18th and for the invitation which you extend to me to deliver the commencement address at the graduation excercises on Tuesday evening, January 22d. I shall be pleased to be with you on that evening. The address to which you refer, "Liberalism At The Crossroads" 18 I am afraid, a bit too academic for the type of meeting which you will have. I shall try to have something appropriate for the occasion. With kindest regards, permit me to remain Very sincerely yours, AHS/IR a silvarial

GLENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

CLEVELAND, OHIO

Jan. 24, 1929.

Rabbi A. H. Silver, The Temple, City

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to you for your most admirable address at our commencement exercises last Tuesday evening. The class and my associate teachers were very profuse in words of praise. The fine, ringing, spiritual appeal in your address made a most profound impression. You were addressing a vast concourse of people who not only know you, but they believe wholeheartedly in your integrity of purpose. It seemed to me that the exercises partook more of a churchly sacrament than of a commencement exercise. Your challenging appeal, deftly set in beautiful imagery at times, will never be forgotten by those young people and their friends.

For myself, personally, the gracious beauty and spiritual uplift of your closing prayer was indeed most appealing. What a fitting close to that beautiful program! The high esteem in which your legions of friends hold you must be most gratifying to you in your great work. You are using your Gcd-given talents in a most praiseworthy endeavor.

It has always seemed to me that an occasion like this affords a fine opportunity for setting up a real spiritual and civic challenge to these young people and their parents and friends. We are most delighted that you accepted this challenge in the manner that we think it should be accepted. You may recall that in my letter I intimated that we have had some very able and good men on previous occasions, but somehow most of them sadly missed the mark or rather failed to grasp the fine opportunity which such an occasion affords. Indeed, some of them failed to elevate their remarks much above the level of an ordinary eighth grade schoolboy affair.

You may be interested to know that we have graduated over seven thousand boys and girls from this high school. More than one-half of them have been graduated in the past eight years. Of the fifty-two commencements which this high school has held, it has been my privilege to have conducted just fifty of them.

Enclosed, herewith, please find check. I beg to remain,

Very sincerely y-

H. H. Cully.

Jan. 25th,1929.

Mr. H. H. Cully, Glenville High School, Clevelani, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Cully:-

very beautiful letter of January 24th. It was indeed a great inspiration to me.

I need not tell you that I enjoyed my evening with you and your wonderful lot of young people tremendously.

wishing you continued success in your great work, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

West Commerce High School

Teveland

Feb. 5, 1929.

my dear this. Silver -. I have been delegated by For. Thathewe to provide an assembly program for Thursday morning, February the twenty first. The want something appropriate for a George Trashington's celebration and therefore, would like you to speak to we, if it is possible, on "Tobrance, The Larger Patriotism" or "George Trashing you consider appropriate would be welcome. The have twelve hundred students. They met in two sections, the first assembly being at 8:35. The assembly period for each section is usually forty minutes. You may take less time if you deive.

Thay I know soon whether you can come to us and who the remuneration deived. Sincerely, Elizabeth Michaloke.

Feb. 6th, 1929. Miss Elizabeth Michaleke. West Commerce High School, Cleveland, Ohio. My dear Miss Michalske:-In the absence of Rabbi Silver permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 5th. I am very sorry to have to advise you that it will be impossible for Fabbi Silver to accept your kind invitation to speak to your Assembly on February 21st, as he will be on the Pacific Coast during the whole month of February. Perhaps at some time in the future he may be able to come to you. With kindest regards, permit me to remain Very sincerely yours, Secretary to Rabbi Silver

11432 Mayfield Road, 1 Cleveland October 23, 1929. Rabbi Abba H. Silver, Cleveland. Dear Dr. Vilser: There is something me mant so much at Empire Junior High School that while me have been hesitating to askit, in cautquite give up the hope that request any yes to our mek, haveuder eleventh to fifteenth, that you valet come over to Empire assembly at eight tricity

in the morning and talk to boy and girly ranging from twelved to fifteen years to age, from eight troubly -Line to right fifty? nearly Sixty percent of the school is deviole, and many of the pupils attend the" Temple. But all of us Jew and Christian alike, extend a marin invitation to Rabbe Dieser. Oue Jaur Schaar subjects deale with Religious Heration, another with the Pace-Question in aucrisa; but you may prefer to devate your time to the armestice I'm have not the nerremornings to ask you for two to accommodate our plans to your convinience. Lery truly yours, Grace Hunter

Oct. 25th, 1929. Miss Grace Montur. 11/32 Mayfield Rd., Clevalend, Chic. My deer Miss Hunter:-I am deeply appreciative of your kind letter of October 33d inviting me to oddress the assembly of the Repire Junior High School some may dowing the Armiatice scole. I should very much love to accept your gracious invitation. I am, however, so heavily booked up with locture engagements for the next two months - both local and out-of-town, that I can not in justice to myself accept any more. The Armistics week will be a perticularly crowded one for no in as much as I shall be away from the city for three days during that period. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you. With kindest regards, permit me to remain Very sincerely yours, ARS/IR

or or

Oct. 26th, 1930

Miss Hughes, Empire Junior High School, City.

My dear Miss Hughes;-

Permit me to advise you that Rabbi Silver finds it impossible to speak to the students at Empire Junior High School during the week of Nov. 17th. His calendar for the month of November is so crowded that he can not in justice to himself accept any other speaking engagements.

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

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

PRESIDENT MRS. H. W. FOBES 9809 PARMELEE AVE. EDDY 2025 R

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MRS. I. N. OSCAR 801 PARKWOOD DR. GLEN. 5084 The Columbia Parent Teachers' Association Cirveland, Ohis

MFS. S. GOLD 10007 PARMELEE AVE.

Ratti a A Silver 105 St an Ansel Rd. Dear Sir Tuesday Oct 6/31.

The le olumbia Parent Teacher association

extends a most cordial invitation to be quest speaker, at our first fathers night, Wednesday. evening October 18th at 8 30 october in the school.

We trust that you will be able to give us the pleasure of your company on this important event.

Thanking you in advance

Declined Elections Suncerely yours
The Scolumbia Parent Teacher Gesociation

Mrs a. Faust-corries sec 10511. greenlawn and Eddy 0411 m.

1 / Caprel 1935 FRUITLAND-ALCOTT PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION Rabbi abba Heller Silver, the Temple Cliveland Dear Ralli Silver: -The Program Committee of Frutland - alcott Parent Teacher association has requested me to communicate with you to ask if you will honor his by speaking to us any evening except Trosday of the well beginning tray (3 4 The occasion is our only evening meeting during the year, fathers and teathers, as well as mothers, will be present,

probably one hundred and fifty at the least. While no one on the committee and none of our officers this year is of your farity the maninously recog. rize you as second to none of the religious leaders of this city and we hope we may bring the inspiration of your ideal to all of the parents in our destrict and to our teachers. We wish you to choose your our subject, for we well lander that whatever you say will upliff us as varents and teachers to day.

a year or as ago my husband and I heard you on "The Lood hife." Some of those thoughts you might repeat for the parents. the week following our meeting is national Education Week. During that week our schools like most others, will hold visiting days to parents. you may wish to prepare us for that a to use it for some special message for our teachers. Perhaps you may wish to talk to us on religion = its influence in the world to day or in the development of the blild or in the development of us all a of

humanity for that walley. Louise May alcott School West (03 % Street one block south of elifton Boulevard, where the meting will be held is a modern Primary School of Jour rooms - lendergartey through there grade. Fruttens School which has the same principal and the same Parent. Teacher distriction, is an old dementery school - lendergartly through sixth grade. However, parents represented have children older as well as younger than the elementary tohool age. This year we have

endeavored to beep our Parent-Teacher acturties on a high plane, as the enclosed program will show you . We hoped, as the beginning of the year, to have you as our speaker on the "Shritual Prestoficient of the Child, but learning of the entry responsibilities that were being placed whom you this year and hesitating to make any special demands upon you for the brencht of so small a group (average attendance seventy) we secured a substitute. Trow we have just been

informed that we may hold one evening meeting without extra charge for the use of the building, and we want you to come and talk, not only to us as mother, but to our husbands and teachers as What we pay you? which day (except mesday) of the well of him 13th you come? Twhat subject would you choose ? Perhaps you might bles to take our general them for the year = "To-day's Child in To morrow's

We plan to start the meeting at 8 o'clock. There will be no business no unsic and no reports. you may have an hour for your talle. Then we stead allow a half. hour for friendliness and representations so that we all may be home early. Sing our Bulletin amouncing the weeting is being prepared this week and will be given to the children to take home on Twouday, april 22 20 shall apparenate some reply

from you at your earliest yours very truly, Ruth Holmes Geist President Turs. Herbert B. Geest 10324 hale avenue cleveland. Telephone: Welrose 2469.

April 16, 1935. Mrs. Herbert F. Geist, 10324 Lake Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. My dear Mrs. Geists Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of April 14 and for the invitation which you extend to me to address the Fruitland-Alcott Parent-Teacher Association during the week of May 13. I appreciate your invitation very much and I should have been very happy to accept it but for the fact that the entire month of May is already crowded with mimerous local and out of town lecture engagements. On top of this, I have accepted the chairmanship of the Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign during the month of May which places additional burdens upon me. I must therefore forego the pleasure of meeting with your group this season. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you. With all good wishes, permit me to remain Very sincerely yours, AHS:BK



Oct. 18, 1935

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Turnbull, a teacher in this school, has informed me that you have very kindly consented to speak before our high school assembly Monday, November 11, at 8:45 a.m.

We are looking forward with great pleasure to hearing your address.

Sincerely yours

Pliny H. Powers

Principal

October 30, 1935 Mrs. Herbert F. Geist, 10324 Lake Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. My dear Mrs. Geist: I understand that you called this morning and that my secretary informed you that it would be quite impossible for me to accept your gracious invitation. I write this to tell you how regretful I am that I was compelled to decline your invitation. I am tremendously burdened with work this year, particularly with out of town engagements of all kinds which take me away from Cleveland about two or three days a week. When I return, I must devote my full time and energy to my own congregational duties. With best wishes for success in the splendid work is which you are engaged, I remain Very cordially yours, AHS: BK

FFUITLAND-ALCOTT PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION Cleveland, Ohio

October 23, 1935.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver :-

Because we believe that learning to be a better parent or a better teacher is a challenge to every individual of whatever race or creed and a worthwhile community project, and because we believe Parent-Teacher activities could be simplified and elevated to include just this, we inaugurated last year a lecture program at regular meetings which met with such encouraging response on the part of our speakers, as well as our members, that we are continuing the same general plan this year.

While we realize that your time and strength do not permit too many speaking engagements, we are eager for our people to have the inspiration which your vision would bring, and we believe you would find our group responsive. Therefore, the program committee has asked me to write this letter, requesting you again this year to consider coming to speak to us.

The occasion would be an evening meeting of our group, fathers and mothers and teachers, on January 8th, February 12th (Lincoln's Birthday) or March 11th. The second Wednesday of the month is our regular meeting date, but if neither of these dates is agreeable to you, we could arrange for another evening in either month. The meeting place is the Kindergarten Room in Louisa M. Alcott School, West 103rd Street, one block South of Clifton Boulevard. No less than a hundred would be in attendance. There would be no business, reports, or music. The meeting would start at 8:00 or 8:15 to suit your convenience. A short, friendly social period would follow the lecture hour, to give parents an opportunity to meet the teachers and each other. We should excuse you if you wished to leave after the lecture, but we should be very happy to have you stay and we extend a most cordial invitation to Mys. Silver to accompany you.

A copy of our last year's program is enclosed, printed and distributed at the end of the year. This year we hope to have the year's program printed for distribution November 8th. If you prefer to have us withhold your name from our printed program and if you request it, we could print "Speaker to be announced".

Our general theme this year is "Speak to us of Children". Other speakers this year are listed on a seperate sheet, enclosed herewith. Suggested mottoes to accompany your subject on the program are as follows:

"Men, as they grow wise and strong, ... act as though character, not happiness, were the end of life." Fosdick

"Character is higher than intellect... A great soul will be strong to live, as well as th think." Emerson

Subjects of the Main Floor, North Hall Murals, Library of Congress:
"The Family: Religion, Labor, Study, Recreation, Rest."

Or a quotation from Mincoln, if you come in February:

"The home is the cornerstone of our civilization, the source of our strength and glory."

"With charity for all; with malice toward none."
Or any other which you may choose.

We are well aware that your consent to speak to us would be a special exception and we should deem it a great honor and service to our West Side audience.

In answering, will you please state your subject and the price which you consider fair for this lecture service?

awaiting your reply, we are,

Yours very truly,

THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE
FRUITLANI-ALCOTT PARENT-TEACHER ASSN.
By

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Mrs. Herbert F. Geist

10324 Lake Avenue, Cleveland.

FRUITLAND-ALCOTT PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION PROGRAM 1935-1936

General Theme: "SPEAK TO US OF CHILDREN"

from "The Prophet" by Kahlil Gibran

Oct. 16 Speaker: Otto L. Goehle, M.D., Pediatrician. Subject: "The Young School Child and His Work Day."

"The first wealth is health." Emerson

Nov. 13 Speaker: Marion Quinlan Davis, Instructor in Mental Hygiene, Health & Parent Education Assn. Subject: "Teaching Our Children To Be Courageous."

"If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small". Prov. 24:10

Dec. 11 Speaker: Miss Catherine Flynn, Retired, Asst. Principal, Eagle School.
Subject: "The Fine Art of Story Telling."

"Happiness is a great love and much serving." Olive Shreiner

Jan. 8 Speaker: V.C.Rowland, M.D., Chairman, Committee on Periodic Health Examination, Ohio State Medical Association.

Subject: "Preventing Health Menaces of Middle Life".

"Just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined." Pope

Feb. 12 Speaker: Rubbi Salvey ? Subject:

"Men, as they grow wise and strong, act as though character, not happiness, were the end of life." Fosdick

Mar. 11 Speaker: Mrs. Garry C. Myers, Chairman, Parent Education, Ohio Congress of Parent: & Teachers. Subject: "Group Psychopogy."

> "Be noble and the nobleness that lies in other men Sleeping but never dead Will rise in majesty to meet thine own."

Apr. 15 Speaker: Mr. George W. Grill, Asst. Supt., Lakewood PublicSchools. Subject: "Interesting Trips in Ohio for Parents and Children."

"He who joins in sport with his own family will never to dull to strangers." Plautus

May 13 Annual Meeting. Reports and Election of Officers.

"Rest is not quitting the busy career; Rest is the fitting of self to one's sphere." Goothe

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FRUITLAND-ALCOTT PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION



PROGRAM

General Theme:

"Today's Child in Tomorrow's World."

September 19 Rally Meeting

Presentation of new officers and chairmen.

Description of the work of each committee by Mrs. W. E. Llewellyn, Northwest District Director, Cleveland Council of Parent-Teacher Assns.

Hostesses: Members of the Executive Committee.

"A man is as big as the things that annoy him."
—Readers Digest.

October 17

Speaker—Mrs. Garry C. Myers Chairman, Parent Education Committee, Ohio Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Subject: "Family Relationships."

Hostesses: Sixth Grade Mothers. Chairman: Mrs. Harry C. Henderson.

"Home is a place my father is proud to support, my mother is glad to keep, and my friends are happy to visit."

A fourteen year old boy, Public School, Washington, D. C.

November 9

At Halle's Auditorium

Speaker: Mr. Dudley S. Blossom, General Chairman, Cleveland Community Fund.

Subject: "The Cleveland Community Fund."

Speaker: Mrs. Margaret Wells Wood, Field Representative, American Social Hygiene Assn.

Subject: "New Aspects of Sex Teaching: The Community and Its Youth."

"It is through our visions, through our ideals, that we keep high our standard of character and life." LeBaron Russell Briggs

December 19

Speaker: Mrs. Arthur Shepherd, President of the Women's Committee, Cleveland Symphony Orchestra; Director of Radio Programs, Cleveland College.

Subject: "Cultural Influences in the Child's Life."

Hostesses: Fifth Grade Mothers.

Chairman: Mrs. Arthur S. Schulhoff.

"As one lamp lights another, ner grows less,
So nobleness enkindleth nobleness." Lower L
Quoted by Talcott Williams

January 16

Speaker: Mr. Charles H. Lake, Superintendent, Cleveland Public Schools.

Subject: "The New Deal and Education."

Hostesses: Fourth Grade Mothers.

Chairman: Mrs. J. Bruce Cameron.

"The common school is America's greatest contribution to civilization."

P. T. A. Membership Card, 1934-1935

February 20

Speaker: Otto L. Goehle, M. D., Pediatrician.

Subject: "Fatigue in the School Child."

Founders' Day Celebration:

Speaker: Mrs. John P. Sturges, Chairman of Publicity, Ohio Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Guests of honor: Former principals and presidents of Fruitland-Alcott.

Hostesses: Third Grade mothers and those just promoted to fourth grade.

Chairmen:

Mrs. Marling Baker, 4th B. Mrs. Edward C. Barnhart, 3rd Fruitland. Mrs. George H. Vine, 3rd Alcott.

"Mens sana in corpore sano."
"A sound mind in a healthy body."—Juvenal

March 20

Speaker: W. S. Hatchkiss, LL. D., Associate Dean of the Day School of Business Administration, Fenn College, Cleveland.

Subject: "Preparing for Citizenship in a New World."

Hostesses: Second Grade Mothers.

Chairmen: Mrs. Charles Boston, Fruitland. Mrs. Carl W. Overson, Alcott.

"The foundation of every state is the education of its youth."

—Dionysius.

April 24

Speaker: Mrs. Marion Quinlan Davis, Instructor in Mental Hygiene, Health and Parent Education Assn., Cleveland.

Subject: "The Child's Spiritual Environment in the Home."

Hostesses: First Grade Mothers.

Chairmen: Mrs. Henry Hauserman, Fruitland. Mrs. H. W. Chafer, Alcott,

"Prayer is the soul's sincere desire, Uttered or unexpressed."

James Montgomery

May 29

Annual Meeting

Review of the year's activities. Reports of officers and standing committees. Election and installation of officers for the ensuing year.

Hostesses: Kindergarten Mothers. Chairmen: Mrs. Robert King Fruitland. Mrs. A. H. Prasse, Alcott.

"Letting go the unworthy things that meet us, —
pretense, worry, discontent, and self-seeking,
—and taking byal hold of time, work, present happiness, love, duty, friendship, sorrow,
and faith, let us so live . . . as to be an inspiration, strength, and blessing to those whose
lives are touched by ours!"

Anna Robertson Brown.

Three Subscription Lectures

on

"Healthy Mental Attitudes in Family Life" by

Marion Quinlan Davis

for the purpose of raising funds for supplementary reading material for Fruitland and Alcott Schools

February 27-"Are We Grown Up?" Tests of an Adult.

March 6-"How We Learn."

March 13-" "The Home-Maker' by Dorothy Canfield."

May 22

Special Evening Meeting

- Guests of honor: Teachers of Fruitland and Alcott Schools.
- Speaker: Oscar B. Markey, M. D., Assistant Professor of Mental Hygiene, School of Applied Social Sciences, W. R. U.; Psychiatrist in charge of the Behavior Clinic, Cleveland Day Nursery Association.
- Subject: "Emotions in Parent and Teacher-Chilu Relationships."
- Discussion Leader: Mr. H. M. Buckley, Assistant Superintendent, Cleveland Public Schools.
- Hostesses: Members of the Executive Committee. Chairman: Mrs. Gordon S. Macklin.

Philanthropy

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To Miss Mutch for school needs \$ 75.00
To Thanksgiving and Christmas for
families in our schools 40.00
To Cleveland Community Fund 11.00
To Teachers Dues
\$133.00
In addition enough old victrols records were col-
lected thru the Parent Teacher Association and
the schools to earn a Radio-Victrola, Model No.
331 whose listed price was\$179.50
Officers
President Mrs. Herbert F. Geist
1st Vice President Mrs. S. C. Lind
2nd Vice President
Secretary Mrs. F. W. Daeuble, Jr.
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Finance Mrs. F. C. Oldenburg, resigned
M's, J. T. Hutchinson
Health M's. F J. Schauweker
Assistant Mrs. Ralph Johnson
Historian Mrs. A. J. Brandt
Hospitality
Juvenile Protection Mrs. C. C. VanValkenburg
Assistant Mrs. H. S. Hutton
Legislation and Civics Mrs. Austin A. Kaiser
Magazine and LibraryMrs. J. G. Miller
Bulletin Board
Bulletin Board
Membership Mrs. Dwight Johnson

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Motion Picture
Principal of Fruitland and Louisa May Alcott Schools Miss Agnes M. Mutch Clerk Mrs. Viola Grimm Nurse Miss K. Miller Piano Miss Mabel McNary Violin Miss Elgle Ober Supervisor in charge of nursery during meetings— Mrs. Eunice Pierce Ulrich
Fruitland School—W. 116th Street One block south of Detroit Ave.
6th Grade Mrs. Edward Koeppel 5th Grade Miss Helen Joliat 4th Grade Miss Mary Maher 3rd and 2nd Miss Harriet Knippel 1st Grade Miss Wilma Zepp Kindergarten Miss Evelyn Kohls Assistant Miss Angela McIntyre
Louisa May Alsott School—W. 103rd Street one block South of Clirton Blvd.
3rd Grade Miss Helen Feighan 2nd Grade Miss Loiuse Myers 1st Grade Miss Josephine Ptak Kindergarten Miss Evelyn Kohls

MEMBERS

According to our records the following members have paid dues;

Anderson, Mrs. P. J. Banfield, Mrs. Harry M. Frasch Mrs. H. H. Bauman, Mrs. Lester W. Geist, Mrs. Herbert F. Beechy, Mrs. Donald Benham, Mrs. H. L. Berlet, Mrs. Phillip Bett, Mrs. M. Binder, Mrs. E. E. Boston, Mrs. Grace Brandt, Mrs. A. J. Brennan, Mrs. William Brothers, Mrs. John W. Johnson, Mrs. Dwight Cameron, Mrs. J. B. Cass, Mrs. Lewis Chafer, Mrs. Harold W. Jones, Mrs. M. W. Daeuble, Mrs. F. W., Jr. Jordan Mrs. A. L. Davis, Mrs. Ruth Davis, Mrs. W. E. Deibel, Mrs. H. L. Dingman, Mrs. E. W. Downing, Mrs. Herbert Klaus, Mrs. M. H. Eilers, Mrs. T. D. Evans, Mrs. M. J.

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Seck. Mrs. F. Z. Sindellar, Mrs. E. L. Schack, Mrs. Anthony H. Stillman, Mrs. Hiram F. Tobey Mrs. Clifford W. Topinges, Mrs. George P. Tucker, Mrs. George H. Unger, Mrs. G. N. Urquhart. Mrs. R. A. Van Valkenburg, Mrs.C.F. Vine, Mrs. George H. Wamelink, Mrs. H. J. Warden, Mas. O. W. Whitney, Mrs. E. C. Wiggins, Mrs. Harry A. Wulff, Mrs. J. C. Zangerle, Mrs. John A.

Teachers

Feighan, Miss Heien Grimm, Mrs. Viola Joliat, Miss Heler Knippel, Miss Harriet Koeppel, Mrs. Edward Kohls, Miss Evelyn Maher, Miss Mary McIntyre, Miss Angela

McNary, Miss Mabel Miller, Miss Katherine Mutch Miss Agnes Myers Miss Louise Ober, Miss Elgie Ptak, Miss Josephine Zepp, Miss Wilma.

Watch-word

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer."

19th Psalm



November 13, 1935

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I want to tell you again how much our students appreciated your talk Monday. They were given an opportunity to continue the discussion in class and I feel that a great deal was accomplished. Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours

Pliny H. Powers

Principal

10221 Empirella Cleveland, ORio Dec., 23, 1935. my Leav Rabbi The Junior mothers Club of the Council Educational alliance, who spousor the Carol Steven Kursery School, will have an open meeting on Tuesday efternoon, February 18, 1936 at 2 P. m. in the Council Hall 926 East 105 St. Me uneld consider it a great honor and a privilege if you will

Adohese our group and Their friends as the guest speaker of the day. I await your auswer. Sincerely yours, Mis. B. M.) Juliet I Toldberg Program Phairman Po 0722

JOHN ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL Corlett and East 116th Street, Cleveland, O.

December 9, 1935

Rabbi A. H. Silver The Temple East 105th and Ansel Rd. Cleveland, Chio

Dear Rabbi Silver;

John Adams High School cordially invites you to address its graduating class on the evening of Wednesday, January 29, at 8 o'clock, in the Music Hall of Public Auditorium.

We shall be very happy to have you accept this invitation. An early reply will be appreciated, and in the event of your acceptance we must inquire what fee you will require.

Very truly yours,

E. B. Butterfield

Principal

EEB:C

December 26, 1935 Mrs. B. M. Holdberg. 10221 Empire Ave. . Cleveland, Ohio. My dear Mrs. Goldbergt Let me thank you for your kind letter of December 23 and for the invitation which you extend to me to address the open meeting of the Junior Mothers Club of the Council Educational Alliance on Tuesday afternoon, February 18. I wish I were free to accept it. Unfortun tely I am so crowded with lecture engagements for the remainder of the season that I cannot in justice to myself accept any more. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you. With all good wishes, I remain Very sincerely yours, AHS:BK

JOHN ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL

Office of the Principal

Corlett and East 116th Street - Cleveland, Ohio

February 7, 1936

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Chio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

John Adams desires to thank you for your service on the occasion of its recent commencement program. It was a pleasure to have you with us at that time.

Sincerely yours,

E. E. Butterfield

Principal

EEB:C

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Ansel Road and East 105 Street Cleveland Chio

My dear Dr. Silver:

The faculty of East High School join with me in the request that you address the members of our graduating class and their parents at our commencement to be held Wednesday evening, June 15, at the Masonic Temple. I assure you that we would feel highly honored if you find it possible to accept this invitation.

Yours very truly

F. L. Simmons Principal

May 9, 1938 Mr. F. L. Simmons, Principal, East High School, Cleveland, Ohio. My dear Mr. Simmons: Lat me thank you for your kind letter of May 2 and for the invitation which you extend to me to deliver the commencement address at the Graduation Exercises of East High School on June 15. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately I have several weddings scheduled for that evening which will prevent me from accepting your invitation. Please keep me in mind for some fature time. With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, AHS: BK

CLEVELAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CLEVELAND, OHIO

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September 29

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

Dear Doctor Silver:

On April 2, 1939, the Parent-Teacher Association of Columbia School is planning an international program, and we desire very much to have you as our speaker.

We realize how very busy you must be at all times, but in spite of this we trust you can grant our request.

We should like to have your address at 8:30, but should you find it more convenient to speak a little later or earlier, it would be agreeable to us.

Thanking you for your consideration, I am

Very truly yours,

Principal

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JOHN MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL CLEVELAND, OHIO October 14, 1938 Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver Ansel Road Temple Cleveland, Ohio My dear Rabbi Bilver: Our school desires to observe Armistice Day with appropriate ceremonies, and this letter is an urgent invitation for you to observe the occasion with us and to address our assembly. I realize that such a request is tantamount to an imposition, but I am prompted to urge your acceptance for a most important reason. It is seldom that our high school boys and girls come in contact with great leaders of civic and religious affairs, for these men are very busy with affairs pertaining to their own daily programs. You are one of these leaders, but I have followed your interests closely enough to know that you have kept a place in your program for boys and girls of public school age. It is because of this that I resolved to enlist your services for our armistice program. This year is full of significance to the world, and all of us should like to have you interpret it for us. It affords you a chance to help 2000 young persons understand today better than they otherwise might. We should like to have the exercises on November eleventh, but we are willing to schedule them for the tenth or minth if either is more convenient. We have two schedules, one of which would permit you to speak for forty minutes, the other for twenty minutes. We should prefer that you speak forty minutes. In either case the program begins at 9:30 A.M. We shall be glad to arrange for transportation to and from your home or study.

CV:MD

Clyde J. Varner

Head of Social Studies

Very truly yours,

October 18, 1938 Mr. Clyde F. Varner John Marshall High School Cleveland, Ohio My dear Mr. Varners I need not tell you that I greatly appreciate your kind invitation to address the assembly of John Marshall High School on Armistice Day. If my program were not so crowded, and if my health wore better, I would gladly have availed myself of this fine opportunity to talk to your young people on the subject of war and peace. However, I find myself under terrific pressure from both local and national bodies and for the next few months, my lecture schedule is really more than I should have committed myself to. Please keep me in mind for some other year as I should be most hap y to come to you. With all good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours, AHS: BK

GLENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL 810 PARKWOOD DRIVE CLEVELAND, OHIO April 19, 1939

Fabbi Abba Hillel Silver 10311 Lake Shore Blvd. Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Glenville High School commencement exercises are to be held on Wednesday evening, June 14, at the Masonic Auditorium. The officers of the class and the faculty of the school would be much pleased if you could deliver the commencement address. I would be glad to know if you have that date available and on what terms you would be willing to come to us.

Very truly yours,

Clayton R. Vise

Principal

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April 21, 1939 Mr. Clayton R. Wise, Principal Glenville High School 810 Parkwood Drive Cleveland, Ohio My dear Mr. Wise: I deeply appreciate your kind invitation to deliver the commencement address at the exercises of Glenville High School on June 14th. I would gladly have accepted your invitation. However, I am scheduled to deliver an address before the Central Conference of American Rabbis in the City of Washington on that very day. Please keep me in mind for some future time. With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, AHS: BK

GEORGE WASHINGTON SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

my dear Babbi Silver: we of george Washing ton School P.F.a. are most anxious to have you address us at our Movember meeting. It will be held is, the school anditorium you. 14-(the second Tues day of the month) at 80 clock your own subject for we, I course, could not know what message you would most want to bring to us. I realize that your schedule is very crowded and hope that you will not feel that we are presumptions in asking you at this time. Somehow there just doesdit seem to be anyone we would quite so like to have. May I hear from you at your earliest convenience that we may have our programs printed soon. Sincerely Josephine Kughn Program chairman. 26 5 9 West Park Gd, Phone drehard 3 5 6 2 m.

September 21, 1939 Mrs. Josephine Kuglin, Program Chairman George Washington School P.T.A. 3659 West Park Road Cleveland, Ohio My dear Mrs. Kuglins I greatly appreciate your kind invitation to address the Parent Teacher Association at George Washington School on November 14. I wish I were free to come to you on that day. Unfortunately I have another lecture engagement scheduled which will take me out of the city. With all good wishes and thanking you again for your thoughtfulness in inviting me, I remain Very cordially yours, AHS: BK

JOHN MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL

CLEVELAND, OHIO

Office of the Principal

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
2 East 105 Street
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Because of a great admiration I have for your character and leadership, I should like to have you deliver the second and the second as the state of the second and the second as the secon

Because of a great admiration I have for your character and leadership, I should like to have you deliver the commencement address to the class which graduates on the evening of January 23, 1940. The exercises take place in this building at 8 P.M. I have found that the most effective commencement addresses in this community do not go much beyond thirty minutes. Our budget allows twenty-five dollars for this service. I hope that its limits do not put you beyond our reach.

Sincerely yours

Benj. R. Eggeman Principal

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CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

2225 EAST 40th STREET CLEVELAND 3. OHIO

October 17, 1951

Rabbi Abba H. Silver The Temple Ansel Road and East 105 Street Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am very happy to confirm arrangements made by Mr. A. J. Klein for you to be our commencement speaker at 8 P.M., Tuesday, January 22. Exercises will be conducted in the sixol auditorium, 2225 East 40 Street.

Traditionally, our commencement speakers limit themselves to twenty minutes on any subject of their own choosing. We should appreciate, however, your giving us your topic for purposes of program printing, no later than January 7.

We will mail you a copy of the program a week or so before January 22. Meantime, we shall be looking forward to seeing you and to hearing your address.

Cordially yours

J. D. Moles, Principal

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October 18, 1939 Mr. Benj. E. Eggeman, Principal John Marshall High School Cleveland, Ohio My dear Mr. Eggeman: Let me thank you for your kind note of October 16 and for the invitation which you extend to me to deliver the commencement address of the graduating class of John Marshall High School on January 28, 1940. I shall be very pleased to come. I shall bear in mind your suggestion that the address be limited to thirty minutes. With all good wishes and looking forward with pleasure to seeing you and the members of the graduating class, I remain Most cordially yours, AHS: BK

PATRICK HENRY P. T. A.

CLEVELAND, OHIO Oct. 20th, 1939.

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

Reverend Sir:

Confirming telephone conversation of Mrs. H. Affeldt, Program Chairman of Patrick Henry Parent Teacher Assn.

We would appreciate it very much if you would be one of the guest speakers at the Inter-Faith Meeting of Patrick Henry Parent Teacher Assn., to be held at Patrick Henry Junior High School on Wednesday Evening, February 14th, 1940.

We shall also have on this program Rev. A. J. Culler of the Heights Christian Church, and the Very Rev. J. A. McFadden of St. Johns Cathedral.

If it is agreeable to you, we would appreciate it if you would confer with Rev. Culler and Rev. McFadden as to the subject which you will discuss on this program. We are also asking each of these gentlemen to confer with you as to the subject to be discussed at this meeting.

The object of this meeting is to create a better feeling of brotherhood among all people.

We expect to have an attendance of about five hundred people, as we are sending invitations to the members of every parent teacher association in this vicinity, which includes; Chesterfield School, Hazeldell School, Iowa Maple School, Ghenville High School, Parkwood Drive School, Doan School, Oliver Wendell Holmes School and Collinwood High School.

Your participation on this program will assure its success. We shall appreciate it if you will kindly confirm this engagement.

Assuring you of our gratitude for your generosity in giving the people of this vicinity the apportunity to hear you on this program, we are,

Patrick Henry Parent Teacher Assn. Mutude Halber (Mrs. H. J.)

October 23, 1939 Mrs. H. I. Halber, President Patrick Henry P.T.A. 11706 Durant Ave. Cleveland, Ohio My dear Mrs. Halbers I greatly appreciate your kind invitation to participate in an Inter-Faith meeting at Patrick Henry Junior High School on Wednesday evening, February 14. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately I am schedule to be in the East the major part of the week. I would suggest that you contact with one of the other Rabbis in the city who will, I am sure, be delighted to participate in the meeting. With all good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours, AHS: BK

RAWLINGS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL 7520 RAWLINGS AVENUE CLEVELAND, OHIO October 25, 1939 OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL Dr. A.H. Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio My dear Dr. Silver: The Pearl Road Methodist Church Mens! Club of Brooklyn is desirous of securing your services as speaker at their next meeting, Tuesday, November 21, at 6:30 P.M. Our club has a paid membership of nearly 600. At our last meeting, 250 men were in attendance. The subject can be of your own choosing. However, I am sure that your reactions to the present Daropean conflict would be of great interest to our men. Very truly yours, Principal CEB:EC

October 26, 1939 Mr. Charles E. Bryenton, Principal Rawlings Junior High School 7520 Raulings Ave. Cleveland, Ohio. My dear Mr. Bryenton: I greatly appreciate your kind letter of October 25 and your invitation to address the Pearl Road Methodist Church Mens' Club of Brooklyn on Tuesday evening, November 21. It would indeed have given me great pleasure to accept your invitation. Unfortunately my program is very crowded in view of the emergency relief needs which have arisen because of war. I am Nati nal Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal and I am compelled to travel about a great deal in connection with raising funds in behalf of refugees and the victims of war. I am unable to accept many invitations that I would otherwise be delighted to accept. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you. With all good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours. AHS: BK

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL 2225 EAST 40th STREET CLEVELAND 3, OHIO January 15, 1952 Dr. Abba Hillel Silver Rabbi, The Temple Ansel Road and East 105 Street Cleveland 6, Ohio Dear Rabbi Silver: We thought you might like to see the order of items in the program of our commencement exercises (at which you have consented to deliver the address) on Tuesday, January 22. Since the program itself has not yet been printed, we are sending you a printer's proof of the page in which you will be particularly interested. I shall be in the school office after 7:30 PM and shall be looking forward to seeing you. The program begins at 8:00. Call us if you would like to have help on transportation or parking. Cordially yours J. O. Molevia T. O. Moles, Principal TOM:ad

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

T.O. Moles, principal, presiding

MUSICAL PRELUDE

Selected

Central High School Band

Howard Jay Gould, directing

PROCESSIONAL

"War March of the Priests"

Mendelssohn

INVOCATION

Reverend B. F. Colvin

Pastor, Gethsemane Baptist Church

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

T.O. Moles

BAND SELECTION

"Era of Peace"

Williams

Central High School Band

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

Cullen Maiden

PRESENTATION OF CLASS GIFT

Earline Smith

Treasurer of the Graduating Class

VOCAL SOLO

"The Lord is My Light

Allitsen

Arthur Wright

ADDRESS

Dr Abba Hillel Silver

Rabbi, The Temple

VOCAL SOLO

"Il Lacerato Spirito"

Verdi

Cullen Maiden

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

Alfred A. Benesch '96

Member, Cleveland Board of Education

ALMA MATER

Ralph Leavenworth, '10

The Class and the Audience

RECESSIONAL

"Grand Triumphal March"

Guilmant

The audience is requested to remain seated throughout the recessional

MRS. MARGARET L. STAFFORD 3934 EAST 155TH STREET CLEVELAND 28, OHIO

September 11, 1955

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. C/o The Temple, Cleveland, Chio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As Program Chairman for the Charles Eliot Junior High School Parent-Teachers Association, I am writing to ask if you will take part in a Symposium for our regular P.T.A. Meeting on Thursday, April 12th at 2:00 P.M., in the School Auditorium at E. 161st St., and Lotus Drive. S.E.

Our Theme for this year is "Building Toward a Better To-morrow and for April, "In the Family and in the Church. We would like to have a panel composed of a Rabbi, and we hope we can count on you; a Priest, Father Murphy of St. John's College has accepted this part; and a Protestant Minister, Dr. Howard J. Brown, pastor of the Church of the Saviour (Methodist) has accepted this part.

Looking forward to an early reply and hoping you will be able to be with us, I remain,

Yours Truly.

Mrs. Margaret L. Stafford

Charles Eliot Jr. High School PTA September 27, 1955 Mrs. Margaret L. Stafford 3934 East 155th Street Cleveland 28, Ohio My dear Mrs. Stafford: Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to take part in the symposium, "Building Toward a Better Tomorrow," that you are planning for this year. I deeply regret that the pressure of work for the coming seasons makes it impossible for me to accept this gracious invitation. With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, ABEA HILLEL SILVER AHS: 17ms

JOHN ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL

Office of the Principal

3817 East 116th Street - Cleveland 5, Ohio

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March 5, 1956

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Ansel Road and E. 105 Street Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It has been customary that a minister of one of the churches or temples in the community give the invocation at the Commencement Exercises of John Adams High School each semester.

We should like to invite you to give the invocation at our Commencement to be held Monday, June 11, 1956, at the Masonie Auditorium, 3615 Euclid Avenue, at 8:00 p.m.

We sincerely hope that you will find it possible to attend. We shall appreciate an early reply.

Very truly yours.

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