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Young Women's Christian Association  
College for Women  
Western Reserve University  
Cleveland

Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> 1919.

Rabbi Silver  
The Temple  
E 55<sup>th</sup> & Central Av.

Dear Sir:

I am writing for the Young Women's  
Christian Union of the College for Women to  
ask if you will address the students  
today in the chapel service on Thursday  
Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>. The service lasts from  
9:10 - 9:25 A.M. and the subject may  
be on anything you choose.

A great number of our students  
have heard you talk and we would  
anticipate your visit here if you



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find it possible to come.

Very sincerely yours,

Jeannette Dall.

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October 19, 1920.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Sir: -

Kindly accept the heart-felt  
thanks of the Y. M. & W. H. A. in general  
and the Musical Committee in particular for  
making the delightful address at our recent  
concert. Let us assure you that our program  
was made much more interesting by your pre-  
sence.

Thanking you kindly again, we are

Very respectfully yours,

THE MUSICAL COMMITTEE,

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March the twenty-first,  
1921

Rabbi A H Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 55th St.,  
Cleveland.

My dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Frank, who has been a member of the Association here, left last week for Canada, where he has accepted a position. I did not get to see him immediately before he left but on his arrival in Canada he dropped me a note in which he enclosed a letter from you saying that you would accept his invitation to speak here on March 22nd. He asked me to inform you that inasmuch as he had left the city, it would be impossible to keep the engagement.

I am not certain for just what organization he was making this date. In view of this uncertainty I would advise that you cancel the date.

I sincerely hope that this will not inconvenience you seriously.

With best wishes,

Yours truly,

*Thorne*  
Apartment Secretary.

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January the tenth,  
1922

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

You will recall that in November I had a talk with you in your office regarding the possibility of your talking to a group of young men here at the YMCA on the subject of Creed-~~and~~ Tolerance. Possibly you will recall that these young men vary as to nationalities and as to religious beliefs. At the time of my interview with you, you stated that while you were too much involved as regards engagements to handle the subject for us at that time, you would be glad to come down here some time after the first of the year.

We meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:30-- number about 60 to 75. I am wondering if you can suggest a Tuesday night in the near future when you can be our guest? We shall be very happy to welcome you and I know that we shall all derive a great deal of enjoyment and mental stimulus from your visit.

Yours sincerely,

*T. W. Merriam*  
Apartment Secretary.

TM:MB



January sixteenth,  
1922

Mr. Thornton W. Merriam  
The Young Men's Christian Association  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Merriam,

I wish I could accept the kind invitation contained in your letter of the tenth instant. Unfortunately, I am so overburdened with lecture engagements for the next few months, that I cannot, in justice to myself, take on any more at this time. I still hope that sometime in the future I may be able to be of service to you.

With kindest regards, I beg to  
remain

Very sincerely yours,



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EVELYN L. COHEN  
ANNA R. KUMIN

MAIN 2965  
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CLEVELAND, OHIO

April 25th, 1922.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
Central Avenue at E. 55th Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

Suggestions have been repeatedly made to me as Chairman of the Forum Committee of the Young Mens' and Young Womens' Hebrew Association, that the forum program of this organization would hardly be complete without an address from you.

So, if it is at all possible, will you please honor our organization with an address on Monday evening, June 5th, 1922, at the B'nai Brith Auditorium at about 8:15 P. M.

I hope that you will be able to come, and that you will inform me of your pleasure at your own convenience.

Sincerely yours,

*Evelyn L. Cohen*

Chairman-Y. M. & Y. W. H. A.  
Forum Committee.

P. T.:ELC



April 26th, 1922.

Miss Evelyn L. Cohen,  
248 Engineers Bldg.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Cohen,

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address the Forum of the Y.M.H.A. I wish I were in a position to accept it, but unfortunately I cannot in justice to myself accept any more engagements this season.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,



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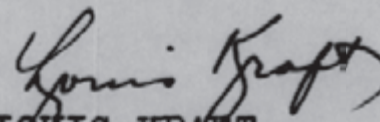
Dear Rabbi Silver:

The YMHA of Shehandoah, Pa., has requested us to extend an invitation to you to deliver an address before this organization on a date convenient to you early in the month of May. The organization is willing to pay a fee and the travel expenses.

It is planned to invite the Jewish residents from neighboring towns as well for this gathering in order that your message may reach the greatest number. The address is part of a program of educational activities of this organization, and has no connection with any campaign or other plan.

Will you be kind enough to advise us whether you will find it convenient to deliver the address, and if so will you be good enough to indicate the exact date and the terms for the address?

Sincerely yours,

  
LOUIS KRAFT  
Director

Jewish Center Activities



August 18th, 1922.

Mr. Louis Kraft,  
Jewish Welfare Board,  
352 Fourth Ave.,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Kraft,

Thank you very much for your kind invitation. I believe that I can see my way clear to deliver an address before the Y.M.H.A. of Shenandoah, Pa. next spring. I would prefer however, the month of April to May. I can give you April 15th or 23rd. My honorarium would be \$150.00.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

P. S.

Mr. Samuel Goldhammer, Secy.  
of the Local Federation of Jewish  
Charities has just called my attention  
to the fact that Miss Wilma Goldman, who  
was his secretary for four or five years,  
and is amply qualified to do secretarial  
work of any character, has now established  
her permanent residence in New York City.  
If you are in need of such services, please  
let me know and I will send you the address  
of Miss Goldman. You will find her a very  
pleasant person to work with and very competent.



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September  
27  
1922

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
E. 55th St. & Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have just heard from the YMHA of Shenandoah, Pa., regarding their choice of the two dates suggested by you for an address. They have selected April 23rd, and have agreed to the amount of your honorarium, namely, \$150.

Will you please confirm this date and let me know also the subject of your address? I shall then see to it that full particulars are sent to you from the association.

Thanking you for your interest,  
I am

Sincerely yours,

*Louis Kraft*  
LOUIS KRAFT  
Director

Jewish Center Activities



September 29th, 1922

Mr. Louis Kraft,  
Jewish Welfare Board  
352 Fourth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Kraft,

I have noted the date of April 23rd  
for my address before the Y.M.H.A. of Shenandoah,  
Pennsylvania.

I would suggest one of the following  
topics. Please have them select the one they  
deem most appropriate and have them notify me  
which one is chosen:

1. Is there an American Judaism?
2. Christian and Jew - Will they  
ever meet?
3. My People - Who are its Friends  
and who are its enemies?

Very sincerely yours,



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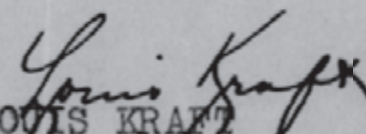
October  
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1922

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
E. 55th Street and Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 29th, and shall submit the subjects for the consideration of the YMHA of Shenandoah. I shall advise you promptly upon the receipt of their reply.

Sincerely yours,

  
LOUIS KRAFT  
Director

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October  
24  
1922

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
E. 55th Street and Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have at last heard from the Shenandoah YMHA concerning the choice of a subject for your address to the community on April 23rd. They have selected "My People - Who are its Friends and who are its enemies?".

I shall be glad to follow up this matter in March, and to make sure that all particulars are sent to you concerning the time and place of the meeting, etc.

With best wishes for a successful meeting, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Louis Kraft*  
LOUIS KRAFT  
Director

Jewish Center Activities



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Sept. 26, 1924

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

*Ed.*  
This morning by telephone I made a request that you speak on "The Responsibility and the Privilege of our Citizenship in Political Action." This is the fourth in a series of lectures which we have chosen to call "Who and What in the 1924 Election". The first is a Republican representative speaking for Republican candidates and platform. The second a Democrat, and the third an Independent Progressive.

The date for which we are asking you is Monday October 20. We realize that this is a big request and that you are a very busy person, but we also feel, that it is going to be a group large enough and important enough to ask for the best that the city can offer. These meetings are to be opened to both men and women with no fee, and any one in the city is not only invited but urged to come.

We are doing this as our part of the cooperative work done with the League of Women Voters in the general campaign "To get out the vote," and to get out an intelligent vote.

If you can possibly arrange to take this date, we shall greatly appreciate it, and in your reply, will you please state the terms which you expect?

Very sincerely,

*M. Edith Shearer*  
M. Edith Shearer,  
Educational Director

*Per. Edith*

MES:EB



October First  
1924

Miss Meredith Shearer,  
Educational Director,  
Young Women's Christian Assn.,  
Prospect Ave. and East 18th St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Shearer,

Permit me to thank you  
for your kind letter of September twenty-  
sixth. I wish I could see my way clear  
to accept your invitation, but in looking  
through my date book I find that I am very  
heavily booked for the month of October.  
My work here, owing to the recent opening  
of our New Temple, is very heavy.

I hope you will call upon  
me at some future time.

With kindest regards, I beg  
to remain

Very sincerely yours,



The Young Women's Christian Association  
Cleveland, Ohio

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*Telephone  
Sorry!*

November 5, 1924

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
1485 E. 106 Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

✓ The industrial clubs of the Cleveland Y.W.C.A.  
are holding their annual banquet and dance at the  
Central Y.W.C.A. on Saturday night, the twenty-  
second of November. We, as a club, have been elect-  
ed to choose the speaker for the banquet. We unani-  
mously agree that you are the person who can give us  
inspiration for our work. Would you talk to us at  
the banquet on any topic of your choosing concerning  
women in industry?

Most gratefully yours,

*Mae Lucas*

Mae Lucas,  
President of the Lac-a-Jac Club  
c/o Central Y.W.C.A.

*no*



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**Cleveland, Ohio**

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June 15, 1925

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Beginning Monday evening, March 1, we are offering a course of lectures on "The Place of the Church in Our Present Day Life". Monday evening, March 15 at 7 P. M., we are very eager to have you lecture on the contribution the Jewish Church makes. We would be very glad to have you word your subject as you choose.

As we have outlined the course, the first lecture will be a general one on "The Necessity of Some Kind of Church Life." Following this there will be a lecture on the Protestant, Jewish, and Catholic churches with the special contribution of each presented.

Could you give us an early reply and also let us know what our financial obligations to you would be.

Very sincerely,

*Betty M. Lawton*

Mrs. Chas. T. Lawton, Chairman  
Religious Education Committee

*M. Edith Shearer*

M. Edith Shearer  
Education Director

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June Seventeenth  
1925

Mrs. Charles T. Lawton,  
Chairman, Religious Education Com.,  
The Young Women's Christian Ass'n.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Lawton,

Your letter to Rabbi Silver inviting him to lecture in the Course you are preparing, has been opened by me in his absence. Rabbi Silver is in Europe and will not return to Cleveland before the first week in September. If it be not too late for your purpose, I would suggest that you write him again early in September.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary



The Young Women's Christian Association  
Cleveland, Ohio

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TELEPHONE: PROSPECT 1621

September 11, 1925

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Early in June we wrote to you about a course of lectures on "The Place of the Church in Our Present Day Life" which we are offering here at the Y. W. C. A. during March. I believe at that time you had already left for Europe and your secretary advised us to get in touch with you upon your return.

As we have outlined this course, the first lecture will be "The Necessity of Some Kind of Church Life" and will be given by Rev. George C. Stewart, of Evanston, Illinois. This will be followed by representatives, we hope, from the Protestant, Jewish, and Catholic churches, giving the special contribution of their particular church.

We are very eager to have you give the lectures on the contribution which the Jewish church has made and still makes in our present day life.

Could you give us an early reply, and also let us know what our financial obligation to you would be? The date on which the Jewish church is scheduled is Monday evening, March 15, at 7 P. M.

Very sincerely,

*M. Edith Shearer*  
(D. B. W.)

M. Edith Shearer  
Education Director

MES:BW



September fourteenth  
1925

Miss M. Edith Shearer,  
Education Director,  
Young Women's Christian Assn.,  
Prospect and East 18th Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Shearer,

Replying to your kind invitation of  
September eleventh, I shall be pleased to come  
to you on Monday evening, March fifteenth, at  
7 p.m.

As regards the financial obligation,  
that I will leave entirely to the Committee, to  
follow their usual practice in the matter.

I understand I am to speak on - "The  
contribution which the Jewish church has made and  
still makes in our present day life".

Very sincerely yours,



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March 31, 1926

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We are sending you herewith a check for ten dollars, as a very small remuneration for the services you gave us in delivering the lecture on "The Contribution of the Jewish Church". This does not in any way represent the amount of our appreciation for the excellent presentation you gave of your subject. We feel that our course has been a great success and we wish to express our thanks to you for helping to make it such. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Most appreciatively,

*M. Edith Shearer*

M. Edith Shearer  
Education Director

MES:BW



April Second  
1926

Miss M. Edith Shearer,  
Education Director,  
The Young Women's Christian Assn.,  
Prospect and East 18th Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Shearer,

I am taking the liberty of returning to you the check which you were kind enough to send me. I wish you would use it in some way in connection with the fine effort your institution is making. I derived sufficient interest and pleasure from my evening spent with your group to amply repay me. *I appreciate your* kind expression of appreciation.

With kindest regards and best wishes  
I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,



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February 26, 1926

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

This is to remind you of  
your engagement to speak at the  
Y. W. C. A. on our Comparative  
Church Study Course. The date of  
your lecture is Monday evening,  
March 15, at eight o'clock, and  
the subject is "The Contribution  
of the Jewish Church".

Very sincerely,

*M. Edith Shearer* (BW)  
M. Edith Shearer  
Education Director

BW



Telephoned Aug.30th, 1926 - F.H.J.

Miss Edith L. Groner  
The Young Women's Christian Assn.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Rabbi Silver has just returned to his desk after a summer abroad and is at present overwhelmed with work and is facing a very heavily crowded program of work for the season just opening. He will find it impossible to come on Wednesday, September 22nd. ~~if~~ During the latter part of the season there may be an opportunity for him to serve them if they still desire to have him &c. &c.



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E Telephone at once  
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July 14, 1926

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I have discussed the date for the Y.W.C.A. Staff Setting-Up ~~conference~~ with several of my colleagues, and if you can come to us we would like to have it Wednesday September 22. We expect to hold the meeting at the Dover Bay Country Club, Stop 13 on Lake road.

The time for our talk is scheduled for 2:00 P.M., but we should be very happy to have you and your wife as our guests for luncheon at 12:30 o'clock if you find it possible to come. In case it is not convenient for you to give an answer at this early date, it will be quite all right to wait until the week we are to have the meeting.

As I said in my talk with you last week we would like to have you discuss the principles underlying the work of the character building agencies, and some aspects which differentiate it from purely social service agencies. I had thought of "Character Building as a Profession," as a suggestive title. Anything however, which you have in mind will be entirely acceptable.

May I say how thoroughly I appreciate your willingness to give us some of your time in the particularly busy season which September brings.

Sincerely yours,

*Edith L. Groner*  
Edith L. Groner  
Executive Secretary,

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July Twenty-sixth  
1926

Miss Edith L. Groner,  
Executive Secretary,  
The Young Women's Christian Assn.,  
Prospect and East 18th Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Groner,

Your letter to Rabbi Silver has been opened by me in his absence. At the present time he is in London and is expected to return to his desk about the middle of August.

The date you mention, Wednesday, September 23rd, is in the midst of the Jewish Holiday season and it may be that Rabbi Silver will not find it convenient to be with you at that time. However, he will advise you very promptly on his return from England.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary



(Card)  
F W RAMSEY PRESIDENT

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September 1, 1927

Rev. A. H. Silver  
1485 East 106th St  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rev. Silver:

The Cedar Branch Y. M. C. A. under the auspices of the Century Club, a club of men working out of the Cedar Y, has planned a series of Sunday afternoon meetings. The first meeting will be held Sunday, September 11, at 4 o'clock.

The object of this letter is to ask you to serve as a speaker on a date to be set in accordance with your spare time.

Kindly write us your decision stating whether or not you will serve, your fee (if you charge one) and the subject you will discuss. May we have the choice of two or more dates that will be agreeable to you in order that we may make up our program in good form.

Respectfully,

*Charles E. Frye*  
Charles E. Frye.

CEF:C



October 13, 1927.

Mr. Charles E. Frye,  
Y. M. C. A.  
7615 Cedar Ave.  
City.

My dear Mr. Frye:

I wish I could see my way clear to accept your kind invitation to address the Cedar Branch of the Y. M. C. A. but I have burdened myself with so many lecture engagements for this season as well as with two rather protracted out-of-town lecture tours that I cannot in justice to myself accept any but the most pressing civic engagements.

Perhaps during the coming season, I may be of service to you.

With kindest regards,  
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:NEB



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CHERRY 7640

October 9, 1928

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple, East 105th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

For a couple of years the Business Girls connected with the Young Women's Christian Association throughout the country have had a Nation-Wide Banquet on a given night, using a uniform topic. This year the topic is "Broadening Horizons". This was selected by the National Business Girls' Assembly in the hope of giving the girls a new conception of the opportunities of expanding lives through adult education and wider contacts with people; also of leading their thinking out into the realm of economic, industrial and social issues.

Our Business Girls' Council of Greater Cleveland have been planning the program for the Banquet on the night of October 23rd, and very much wish you to be the speaker on that occasion.

We are a bit uncertain just now where the Banquet will be held, probably at the Winton Hotel or the Women's Club at 6:00 o'clock.

The girls have no honorarium to offer, but they do have open minds and represent very largely a group who are contributing much to the life of our city.

Hoping that you may be able to come, I am,

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Very cordially yours,  
*Mabel Head*  
Mabel Head,  
General Secretary.

P.S. May I add a word of great appreciation for your message delivered during the Institute of the Federated Churches.

MEMBER OF WELFARE FEDERATION OF CLEVELAND



*card*

October 10th, 1928.

Miss Mabel Head,  
The Y. W. C. A.,  
1620 Prospect Ave.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Head:-

Permit me to thank you for your letter of October 9th and for the kind invitation to address the Business Girls connected with The Y. W. C. A. on October 23d.

Unfortunately our own Women's Organization has planned a large exhibit of its work for the evenings of October 23d and 24th and I shall have to be with my own organization. I trust that I may be of service to you at some future time.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



# THE Y-PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Day School for Boys

Office of the Principal

2200 Prospect Avenue  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

March 2, 1931

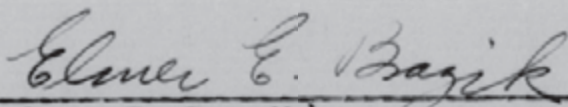
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
10311 Lake Shore Boulevard  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi:

The Graduating Class of the "Y" Preparatory School of the Y. M. C. A. would be greatly honored with your presence as commencement speaker on the evening of June 12, 1931 at 8:15 P. M.

We hope that this date will not conflict with your present schedule and await an early reply.

Very truly yours,

  
(Mr. Elmer E. Brazik)  
Chairman of the Commencement Committee

EEB:LMN



card

March 3d, 1931

Mr. Elmer E. Brazik,  
The Y Preparatory School  
2200 Prospect Ave.,  
City.

My dear Mr. Brazik:-

Permit me to thank you for your  
kind invitation to address the graduating class of  
the Y Preparatory School on June 12th.

I gladly would have availed myself  
of the opportunity but I am scheduled to deliver  
a Commencement Address on that evening out of town.

With kindest regards, permit me  
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



A. G. KNEBEL  
GENERAL SECRETARY  
THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION  
OF CLEVELAND

October 11th  
1 9 3 4

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I think Dr. A. J. Culler, Chairman of the Church Day Committee of our 80th Anniversary Observance, has spoken with you concerning the availability of several of our able speakers and leaders should you be interested in having a representative from the Young Men's Christian Association in your pulpit Sunday morning, October 28th.

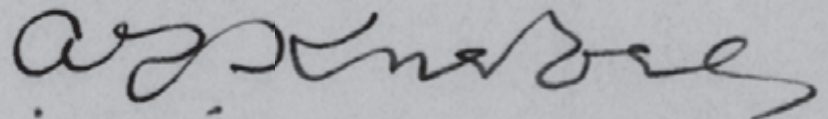
For the Temple, I can strongly recommend Mr. Judson J. McKim, the forward-looking and very able General Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association. McKim is not only one of our strongest Metropolitan Secretaries, but he is a finished, gifted, public speaker -- one who would command the attention of your great audience and a man who is in thorough sympathy with all that you so courageously stand for in your ministry and in your public utterances in behalf of the good of our city.

We have now assigned speakers to some fifty pulpits and, at Dr. Culler's and my request, the Committee have held Mr. McKim's name in reserve in the earnest hope that you may wish to schedule him at the Temple.

We appreciate greatly your willingness to cooperate with us on this historic occasion.

I will personally be grateful if your Secretary could call me at Prospect 2200 before the close of the week.

Ever sincerely yours,



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



A. G. KNEBEL  
GENERAL SECRETARY  
THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION  
OF CLEVELAND

B'nai B'rith

October 15th  
1934

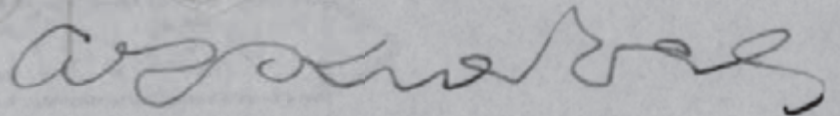
My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am in receipt of your gracious letter of  
October 12th.

I am absolutely in accord with all that you  
say. It would be a very great mistake after these days  
of absence, not to be in your pulpit.

Be assured, please, that we fully understand  
the situation and that we appreciate also the kind thought  
of us in your willingness to call attention to the 80th  
Anniversary of the Association.

Ever sincerely yours,



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

I hope you are feeling  
much stronger & now.



October 19, 1934.

Mr. A. G. Knebel, General Secretary,  
Young Men's Christian Association,  
2200 Prospect Avenue,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Knebel:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of October 11. I am answering it from my room to which I have been confined for the last ten days. I would have been most happy to open my pulpit to a visiting speaker on October 28, especially on such an occasion as the Eightieth Anniversary Observance of the Y.M.C.A. On account of my illness, however, I have been out of my pulpit on the first two Sundays of this month. I will not return until the 21st of October and I do not think it would be proper to have another guest preacher on the 28th. I shall take occasion myself to call attention to the anniversary in my sermon.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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OFFICE OF  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
AND PROGRAM

SECRETARY  
JOHN A. STEWART

December 16  
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Dear sir:

Just a note to confirm our conversation pertaining to your consent to speak at Central YMCA on the night of Wednesday, February 2nd.

We appreciate your stipulation concerning the right to shift this schedule should anything of superlative importance in the nature of a wedding, etc., come on this night. However, we are looking forward to your coming down to the Y with great expectancy and sincerely hope that nothing will interfere with your being able to meet with us on the night of February 2nd.

Should you decide on a topic, phrased a bit differently from the one I suggested, namely, "I Believe in a Personal Philosophy of Life", I shall be happy to have you indicate such before our folder must go to print which is around the first of the year if it is at all possible.

Thank you again for your very great kindness in accepting this invitation and we shall look forward with a great deal of pleasure to having you with us.

Sincerely,

John A. Stewart  
Secretary for  
Religious Education

Rabbi Abba H. Silver  
The Temple  
82nd and Euclid Avenue  
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January 22  
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OFFICE OF  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
AND PROGRAM

SECRETARY  
JOHN A. STEWART

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The folders on Central YMCA's "What Do You Believe?" series, on which you have kindly consented to speak, are off the press and are being distributed among our members and friends.

Please note carefully the day and hour of your particular session, also the topic. In one or two cases the wording and sense of the topic has been changed a little, but don't think you have to follow the precise phraseology. You may want to change it radically. Feel free to do so if you like, for as long as vital problems are dealt with in your own convincing manner our group (principally young people) will be most receptive for anything you have to say.

If possible, I should like to ask each of you to allow a brief period at the end of your talk for questions from the floor.

How long should you talk? Let your conscience (and whether you have any later meetings the same evening) be your guide. Perhaps we should plan to adjourn by 9 o'clock. If you must be away earlier, we'll clear with Clarence Fowerbaugh, the chairman of the meeting.

It may interest you to know that WGAR has expressed a desire to broadcast the series. Mr. Taylor of that station is to let me know within the next day or so whether or not this will be done. Have you any objection to this development?

Lastly, I wish to express again the appreciation of our Board, Staff, and Members for your kind acceptance to speak to our group. We are highly honored, to say the least. Thank you so much, and perhaps sometime we can return the favor.

Sincerely yours,

*John A. Stewart*

John A. Stewart  
Secretary for  
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SECRETARY  
JOHN A. STEWART

January 31  
1938

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Just to remind you of the meeting in the Central YMCA Auditorium this Wednesday evening, 7:45 P.M. I will be on the look-out for you in our lobby between 7:30 and 7:45. I am enclosing a parking permit for our parking lot which is adjacent to the old Fenn Building.

The meeting will not be broadcast in as much as WGAR has a Columbia commitment at the same hour.

I sincerely hope that nothing will come up at the last moment to prevent you from being with us Wednesday evening for we are looking forward with a great of pleasure to this rare opportunity, which is ours, of hearing you at the Y.

Cordially yours,

John A. Stewart  
Secretary for  
Religious Education

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

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A. G. KNEBEL  
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THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION  
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February 3rd  
1938

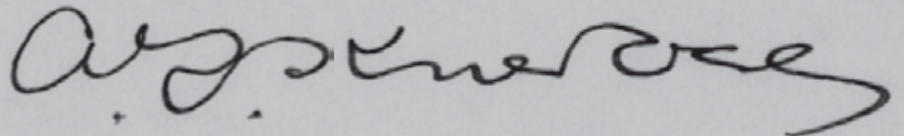
Dear Rabbi Silver:

From all sides I have been getting reports on the inspiring, thought-provoking message you gave here in the Central YMCA last evening.

I had put the event down and Mrs. Knebel and I both planned to come, although I am permitted to take in only an occasional evening engagement. This is due to a tired heart that I have to watch. When I reached home, however, it seemed to be prudent not to attempt to go out again. The day had been unusually taxing.

I was keenly disappointed for I wanted to be present and to tell you personally how much we appreciated your taking the time out of your busy life to respond to the invitation of our Central Branch.

Ever sincerely yours,



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



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JOHN A. STEWART

February 3  
1938

Dear Rabbi Silver:

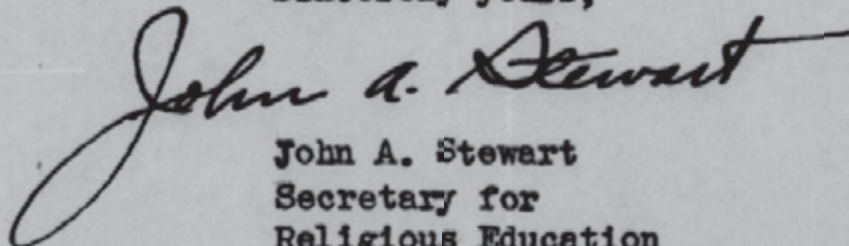
I wish to express our sincere appreciation for the splendid talk which you made in our YMCA Auditorium last evening. I have talked with a great many of our young people who attended last evening's meeting and with one accord they have said it was the finest talk that they had ever heard.

Especially do we thank you for your generosity in meeting with us in view of the circumstances which befell you at this time. I sincerely hope that your father-in-law will have a speedy recovery.

We wish there might be some way in which we could repay you for your fine efforts in our behalf and are hoping that as a small token of our appreciation you will select a book for your personal library and send us the bill.

Thank you again and if at any time there is anything we can do here in Central Y to return the favor, please feel free to call on us.

Sincerely yours,

  
John A. Stewart  
Secretary for  
Religious Education

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



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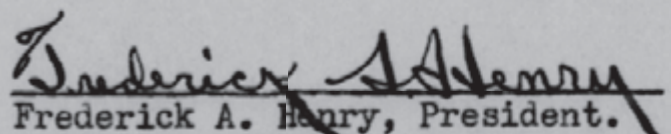
My dear Rabbi Silver:

It may well have come to your notice that the Young Men's Christian Association of Cleveland is in the midst of a Forward Movement Campaign for capital funds to repair and modernize its equipment and buildings. The public phase of the campaign comes April 22nd to May 6th.

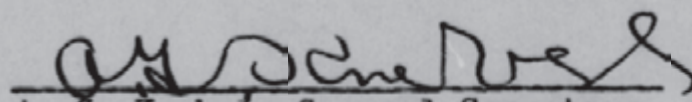
Sunday, April 24th, has been designated as "YMCA Sunday in the Churches", when the churches of Greater Cleveland will, in such manner as they see fit, call attention to the Youth problems of a great city and the service of the Young Men's Christian Association in helping to meet those problems.

We write to suggest that if you are so disposed, you make mention in your sermon of April 24th of the problems of Youth, the work of the Association and its Forward Movement. If you desire materials descriptive of YMCA service and of the Forward Movement we shall be happy to furnish them.

Very truly yours,

  
Frederick A. Henry, President.

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

  
A. G. Knebel, General Secretary.



March 24, 1938

Mr. Frederick A. Henry, President,  
The Young Men's Christian Association,  
2200 Prospect Avenue,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Henry:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of March 21 bringing to my attention the Forward Movement Campaign of the Young Men's Christian Association which will begin on April 22. I note your request that I make mention of this Campaign at the time of our religious service on April 24. Let me assure you that I shall be delighted to do so. I know of very few organizations in our community that are rendering as valuable and intelligent a service to the physical and spiritual health of people as the Young Men's Christian Association.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK





# FORWARD MOVEMENT CAMPAIGN

## YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF CLEVELAND AND FENN COLLEGE

APRIL 22 - MAY 6

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April 13, 1938

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*meeting  
Cancelled*

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

Dear Sir:

We are in the process of completing our plans for the various meetings to be held during the Forward Movement Campaign of the Cleveland Young Men's Christian Association. Throughout the Campaign period of April 22 to May 6 there will be a series of important noon report meetings. Several of the religious leaders of greater Cleveland are being invited to participate. We are asking them to give the invocation. These meetings, which are essential to the success of the drive, will be attended by hundreds of Cleveland's finest citizens who have enlisted in this Forward Movement.

We are especially anxious to have you join us and give the invocation at the meeting on Monday, April 25, at 12:00 o'clock in the Main Ballroom of the Hotel Statler. Your contribution of spiritual inspiration will help the group immeasurably and certainly gratify us if you can work this into your schedule.

Will you please let me know whether or not you can do this? I am enclosing a self-addressed return envelope for your reply.

Yours respectfully,

*E. V. Rasmussen*

E. V. Rasmussen,  
Chairman, Arrangements Committee

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IT PAYS YOU TO HELP BUILD BOYS



April 14, 1938

Mr. E. V. Rasmussen, Chairman,  
Arrangements Committee,  
Forward Movement Campaign,  
Hotel Statler,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Rasmussen:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 13. I should have been very happy to accept your invitation to deliver the invocation at the Forward Movement Campaign meeting of the Cleveland Young Men's Christian Association on April 25. Unfortunately I shall be in New York City on that day.

With all good wishes for the success of your Campaign, I remain

Cordially yours,

AHS:BK



April 23, 1938

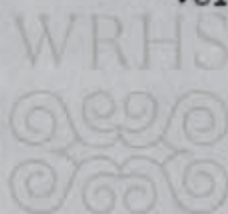
Mr. Russell P. Thierbach,  
925 N.B.C. Bldg.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Thierbach:

I am enclosing herewith the statement  
which you requested.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK





I have worked with young people now for almost a quarter of a century and I have had this fact borne in upon me with increasing force through the years: Young boys and girls who come under the influence of stimulating spiritual leadership in a church, neighborhood settlement, or community center, are far less likely to drift into the ways of crime, delinquency and social liability than those who have not had such an advantage. Society is paying today a heavy penalty for failure to provide our boys and girls with wholesome recreational facilities, pleasant and helpful leisure-time activities, guidance, citizenship and cooperative living. To the degree that we diminish poverty, squalor and slums, and develop a happy environment for our young people will the jails and reformatories diminish in our land.

Young Men's Christian Associations are social insurance of the highest order.

Abba Hillel Silver.

April 23, 1938



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BOYS BE NOT LET DOWN NOW. CHURCHES CAN CHALLENGE CITY BRING  
DIVINE INTERVENTION BEHALF OUR YOUTH. WE ASK EARNEST  
PRAYERS YOUR CONGREGATION SUNDAY.=

WENDELL FALSGRAF RICHARD ROTH FRED RAMSEY.



May 2, 1938

Mr. Richard G. Roth, General Chairman,  
Forward Movement Campaign,  
Young Men's Christian Association,  
Hotel Statler,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Roth:

I am enclosing herewith my contribution to the Campaign Fund which the Young Men's Christian Association is raising at this time in our community. I wish I could make it more. You are rendering an invaluable service to the life of our city.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.





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June 6-'38.

Mrs. Abba H. Silver

Cleveland, O.

My dear Mrs. Silver—

As chairwoman of the program committee of this Y. W. C. A. Branch I am writing to ask of you a great favor and a great contribution.

We give a program during the fall and winter to our adult membership, and it is made up of book reviews, current topics, travel talks etc. All those who are on the program donate their services. As a result of what these fine people do for us we have in Lakewood Branch an adult membership of over sixteen hundred! It is way ahead of any of the other branches. And I know it is because we have





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such splendid people interested enough in the association to come to us and give of their ability.

We have an attendance at these gatherings from two to five hundred. It depends upon the speaker and the weather -

You would be outstanding, not only as a speaker, but as one vitally interested in the work, and it would help us much to have you with us.

We have over since hundred of the young girls in Junior and High Schools all over district, being trained along the lines of spiritual growth, leadership and interest in the text there is.

No one receives a fee, we could not pay anyone - we are part of the Community Fund Organization - and of course the programs are given to the community - members and friends.

You have so much to offer us and we have so much to learn, that I





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hope you will find it possible to say  
"Yes."

I am enclosing our last program,  
which will give you an idea of the  
whole affair. Our previous program  
Lla. White of Old Stone Church has  
been with us - on two different  
occasions -

Incidentally, I was a listener there  
when you spoke to us, and I then and  
there, determined to try to get you if  
possible. Your address was so wonderful.

Hoping to hear from you soon,

Most sincerely yours,

(Mrs. J. A.)

Nicola J. Stanton



June 15, 1938

Mrs. T. A. Stanton, Chairman Program Committee  
Young Women's Christian Association  
14520 Detroit Ave.  
Lakewood, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Stanton:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of June 6 and for the invitation which you extend to me to address your organization some time next season. I should very much like to come to you but I cannot at the present moment commit myself to a date. If you will communicate with me early in the Fall, upon my return from my summer vacation, I shall be very pleased to give you a date - that is, provided such a tentative arrangement is agreeable to you.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



Lakewood, O.

June 18- '38

Abba Hillel Silver D.D.

My dear Mr. Silver -

Your letter received yesterday was most welcome, and I do thank you for your

interest and willingness to speak to our Y. W. R. C. members.

When vacation days are over, I shall get in touch with you, and your date will be convenient to us.



Thanking you again  
and with best wishes  
for a restful and happy  
summer, I am,

Most cordially yours  
(Miss. S. G.) Nicola Stanton



Nicola Stanton



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# GENERAL ADULT MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

1937-1938



LAKESWOOD Y. W. C. A.  
OF GREATER CLEVELAND

14520 Detroit Avenue

LAKESWOOD 6052

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## LAKEWOOD Y. W. C. A. PROGRAM EVENTS

Come and bring a friend

Meetings start promptly at 2:00 p. m.

●  
Tuesday, October 19, 2:00

Lakewood Baptist Church, Lincoln and Detroit Avenues.

City-wide emphasis: Dr. Elizabeth Hutchison.

"American Dream," by Michael Foster; reviewed by Mrs. Wm. E. Benninghoff.

Tea served following the program.

Hostesses: Miss Gladys Selby, chairman. Mrs. A. G. Ewing, Mrs. R. M. Bennett, Mrs. D. B. Tarr, Mrs. R. B. Sullivan, Mrs. K. M. Marquis, Mrs. Carl V. Weygandt, Mrs. Heber McFarland, Mrs. Wallace McCarty, Mrs. E. E. Ferrell.

●  
Tuesday, November 2, 2:00

Lakewood Congregational Church, Detroit and West Clifton Boulevard.

City-wide emphasis: Miss Mary Jane Fisher.

"Current World Affairs" by Prof. Wm. Pautz, of Baldwin Wallace College.

Tea served following the program.

Hostesses: Mrs. H. P. Whitcomb, chairman. Mrs. Karl Schuele, Mrs. Frank J. Kessel, Mrs. E. C. Reinkoester, Mrs. W. G. McKinney, Mrs. Frank Steinbach, Mrs. J. S. Burke, Mrs. Harry Davis, Mrs. U. G. Kollar.

●  
Tuesday, November 14, 2:00

Lakewood Baptist Church, Lincoln and Detroit Avenues.

Lakewood Y. W. C. A. activities.

"The Years," by Virginia Woolf; reviewed by Mrs. Arthur Thomas.

Tea served following the program.

Hostesses: Lakewood Y. W. C. A. Staff.

Tuesday, November 30, 2:00

Lakewood Baptist Church, Lincoln and Detroit Avenues.

City-wide emphasis: Miss Helen Mooney.

"Common Feet Tread Where Caesar Trod," by Mrs. F. N. Sterbenz.

Tea served following the program.

Hostesses: Mrs. Ralph Bailey, chairman. Mrs. F. S. Whitcomb, Mrs. G. T. Broadhurst, Mrs. T. H. White, Mrs. Josephine Bentley, Mrs. Herbert Cook, Mrs. Neil McGill, Mrs. John W. Rupp, Mrs. H. Fred Smith, Mrs. Lewis Winter.

●  
Tuesday, December 7, 2:00

Clifton Club. Annual Meeting and Afternoon Tea. Mrs. W. H. Peter, chairman.

●  
Tuesday, January 11, 2:00

Lakewood Baptist Church, Lincoln and Detroit Avenues.

City-wide emphasis: Miss Annetta B. Eldridge.

Book Review to be announced, by Mrs. Albert Chaloupka.

Tea served following the program.

Hostesses: Mrs. E. J. Siller, chairman. Mrs. E. C. Lucas, Mrs. H. Saiter, Mrs. Mae Crane, Mrs. E. T. Oliver, Mrs. Geo. Stelt, Mrs. A. J. Livingston, Mrs. G. M. Newman, Mrs. S. Renault, Mrs. Paul Wheeler.

●  
Tuesday, January 25, 2:00

Lakewood Baptist Church, Lincoln and Detroit Avenues.

City-wide emphasis: Mrs. J. E. Crabbe.

"The Citadel," by Richard Cronin; reviewed by Leila Heath Neff.

Tea served following the program.

Hostess: Mrs. Eric Lederer, chairman.

Tuesday, February 8, 2:00

Lakewood Baptist Church, Lincoln and Detroit Avenues.

City-wide emphasis: Miss Abbie Graham.

"Chaos—Your Inheritance?" by Mrs. J. Preston Irwin.

Tea served following the program.

Hostesses: Mrs. K. J. Bishop, chairman. Mrs. W. Scarborough, Mrs. Frank Nase, Mrs. G. S. Hedley, Mrs. J. C. Hipp, Mrs. C. Wensko, Mrs. E. N. Fairbanks, Mrs. C. M. Alexander, Mrs. J. Pursglove.

●  
Tuesday, February 22, 2:00

Community Center Building.

Joint Meeting with Lakewood Women's Club.

Program sponsored by the Citizenship Committee.

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Tuesday, March 8, 2:00

Lakewood Baptist Church, Lincoln and Detroit Avenues.

City-wide emphasis: Mrs. Helen Fleet.

Travelogue on Mexico, by Mrs. Charles Kitchell.

Tea served following the program.

Hostesses: Mrs. Carl Brown, chairman. Mrs. C. Munson, Mrs. Wm. R. Daniels, Mrs. Brice Bowman, Mrs. C. E. Williams, Mrs. Clarence Metcalf, Mrs. Oliver Nungesser, Mrs. J. C. Chatfield, Mrs. Lester Stoffel.

●  
Tuesday, March 22, 2:00

Lakewood Baptist Church, Lincoln and Detroit Avenues.

City-wide emphasis: Miss Anna Valiska.

"Spring Gardens," illustrated with natural color photographic slides, by James A. Van Kleeck.

Tea served following the program.

Hostesses: Mrs. H. E. Thompson, chairman. Mrs. M. B. Ingalls, Mrs. George B. Hooper, Mrs. E. A. Frame, Mrs. T. H. Betz, Mrs. H. S. Yenne, Mrs. R. W. Pritchard, Mrs. N. J. Schneider, Mrs. Ray Ashman.



**Tuesday, April 5, 2:00**

Lakewood Baptist Church, Lincoln and Detroit Avenues.

City-wide emphasis: Miss Norma Stauffer.

Program by Dorothy Fuldheim.

Tea served following the program.

Hostesses: Mrs. J. W. Goebel, chairman. Mrs. E. S. Moncrief, Mrs. F. A. Suhr, Mrs. R. H. Peacock, Mrs. H. J. Meermans, Mrs. H. F. Guentzler, Mrs. C. T. Morris, Mrs. R. F. Goodnow, Mrs. F. A. Stanton, Mrs. R. B. Pettit.



**Tuesday, April 19, 2:00**

Lakewood Baptist Church, Lincoln and Detroit Avenues.

City-wide emphasis: Mary Eells Camp.

A Recent Book, reviewed by Mrs. James T. Hoffman.

Tea served following the program.

Hostess: Mrs. E. A. Frame, chairman.



Mrs. F. A. Stanton, Program Chairman  
Mrs. Karl Schuele, Chair. Committee of Management  
Miss Mary E. Blake, Executive Secretary  
of the Lakewood Y. W. C. A.



- ★ Younger girls activities in 7 schools, 14 clubs.
- ★ Business girls at Lakewood Y.W.C.A., 3 clubs.
- ★ Girls' Extension program at Lakewood YWCA, 2 clubs.
- ★ Health education activities Monday evening at Lincoln School.



PURPOSE OF THE  
Young Women's Christian  
Association

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To build a fellowship of women and girls devoted to the task of realizing in our common life those ideals of personal and social living to which we are committed by our faith as Christians.

In this endeavor we seek to understand Jesus, to share His love for all people, and to grow in the knowledge and love of God.





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Abba Hillel Silver D.D.

Rabbi -

The Temple - Cleveland.

My dear Rabbi Silver -

It is with deep appreciation to you that we hold the date of February 7 for you to be our speaker. We know that the two thousand members we hope for this Fall will be a little easier to get when we tell them of your interest in our work.

Thanking you again, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

(Mrs. F.A.) Nicola I. Stanton.

2160 Arthur Ave. Lakewood.





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Oct. 5- '38.  
Abba Hillel Silver D. D.

Rabbi - The Temple,

Cleveland, O.

My dear Rabbi Silver -

Enclosed you will find a copy of the program for our adult membership. And we all are looking forward with great pleasure to Feb. 7 when we shall hear and meet you.

It is with pride and satisfaction that we present this program to our community, proving to those interested that so many are willing to help us push forward this fine organization, by giving their time and talent.

We are launched on a campaign for membership in Lakewood just now and our aim is two thousand! We are working hard -

Thanking you always, I am,  
Respectfully yours,

• Member of Welfare Federation of Cleveland •

(Mrs. F. G.) Richard Stacora.



THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION  
PROSPECT AVENUE AT EAST EIGHTEENTH STREET  
CLEVELAND, OHIO  
TELEPHONE-CHERRY 7040

MRS. E. G. GILBERT, PRESIDENT  
MISS ELEANOR RICHARDSON, GENERAL SECRETARY

no hom.  
December 15<sup>th</sup> 1938.

Rabbi A. H. Silver.  
10311 Lake Shore Boulevard.  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Silver - The Cleveland Young Women's  
Christian Association will hold its Annual Meeting on  
the evening of January 30<sup>th</sup> 1939 and the Committee  
in charge very much wish to have you deliver the address  
of the evening. This will be a dinner meeting at  
six-thirty o'clock, followed by the program.

We have planned the meeting with "Democracy"  
as its central theme and if you find it feasible to  
come to us, hope you will be willing to speak to  
us on "The Implications of Democracy for Youth." We  
would like you to talk for about thirty minutes  
and do hope it is going to be possible for you to



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MRS. E. G. GILBERT, PRESIDENT  
MISS ELEANOR RICHARDSON, GENERAL SECRETARY

he with me.

Please let me hear from you, and, if you  
wish it, we shall be glad to meet with you  
and talk over, more in detail, the program  
for the meeting.

Very sincerely yours  
(Mrs. A. S. D.) Anne S. Martin Program Chairman  
(Mrs. Ralph C.) Margaret G. Guebler Ch. Annual Meeting  
Committee

Please reply to  
Mrs. A. S. Martin.  
1233 Webb Road,  
Lakewood, Ohio.

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Mrs. Silver

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MRS. E. G. GILBERT, PRESIDENT  
MISS ELEANOR RICHARDSON, GENERAL SECRETARY

1233 Webb Road  
Lakewood, Ohio.

Miss Klue, Secretary.

My dear Miss Klue - It was very gratifying indeed to learn from you that Rabbi Silver will give the address at the Annual Meeting of our organization, on Monday Evening, January Thirtieth, 1939 at six thirty.

I am enclosing a copy of the Major Emphases recommended for the Y. W. C. A., for the next biennium, that Rabbi Silver may know a little of our present objectives.

The Annual Meeting is always somewhat of a gala night and we look forward to it, this year, with more than our usual pleasant anticipation, knowing that Rabbi Silver will bring to us a real message.

Please extend to Mrs. Silver our cordial invitation to be present at our meeting.

Very sincerely yours.

(Mrs. A. S.)

Bessie Bell Martin.

Program Chairman.

December 28, 1938.



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MRS. E. G. GILBERT, PRESIDENT  
MISS ELEANOR RICHARDSON, GENERAL SECRETARY

January 4, 1939

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

It was a great pleasure to many of us in posts of leadership in our Cleveland Young Women's Christian Association, to hear from Mrs. Martin just before we scattered for the Christmas holidays that you had consented to be the speaker at our Annual Meeting on Monday, January 30th.

Though I am not working on the details of the Annual Meeting myself, yet if there is anything of background in our Cleveland Association that you would like to talk over with me in advance, it would give me great pleasure to come to your office for that purpose.

Under separate cover I am sending you the January number of our Womans Press, which to me seems particularly pertinent for the times in which we all are living. Somehow I hope it is as readable to those born in the Jewish tradition as to those of us of Christian faith. It seems to me unless magazines can be equally usable to both groups there is something wrong with the religion of the twentieth century!

Again expressing our gratitude as well as our pleasure for your willingness to take time out of your busy life for our YWCA.

Always cordially yours,

*Eleanor Richardson*

Eleanor Richardson  
General Secretary

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MRS. E. G. GILBERT, PRESIDENT  
MISS ELEANOR RICHARDSON, GENERAL SECRETARY

January 31, 1939

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

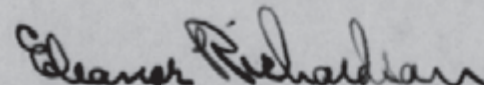
Mrs. Gilbert and Mrs. Martin have both asked me to make sure that I send back to you today a hearty appreciation of the entire Board, as well as our young members, for the tremendously helpful and encouraging address you gave us out of your busy life last evening. It is an inspiration that I surmise is going to remain long with us-for the times of stress that may lie ahead!

Incidentally, I was so eager to write you my own appreciation that I would have got it off today even though our volunteers had not phoned in early this morning.

I discovered that the little girl whose face lit up at the close of your address was one of your own Temple girls, through a chat with her afterwards. She has been in one of our clubs for some two years now and is devoted to building greater understanding between our two great religious heritages.

Again, our sincere and heart-felt gratitude.

Always sincerely yours,



Eleanor Richardson  
General Secretary

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## *Young Women's Christian Association*

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February  
Thirteenth  
1939

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This note is to confirm in writing the conversation I had with your secretary last week concerning your coming to speak to the women's group of the Lakewood Branch Y.W.C.A. on Tuesday, February 21, 1939 at 2:00 p.m.

We do appreciate the difficulty you have encountered in keeping this appointment and thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

*Mary E. Blake*  
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Executive Sec'y

B/s



*Ms. A.S. Martin*

**MAJOR EMPHASES**  
**Recommended by the**  
**NATIONAL BOARD**  
**for the**  
**Biennium 1938 - 1940**



Part of the Report of the National Board of the  
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## MAJOR EMPHASES FOR THE BIENNIUM 1938-1940

In a troubled time such as the present, the Association is pressed from every side to face important issues and to add new tasks to those to which it is already committed. It is particularly necessary therefore for the whole Association and especially for its leadership to see clearly the ends toward which the program must be directed. In the light of our Christian purpose and the needs both within the Association and in the world at large today, the National Board recommends the following major emphases for the biennium 1938-1940.

### Religion:

Two years ago the National Board in recommending a major emphasis on religion for the years 1936-1938 said: "The Y. W. C. A. believes that the Christian way of life is the answer to the acute problems of our time, and that the great question which faces us today is how to interpret our Christian faith in living terms so that it shall be recognized as the dynamic that can transform the whole of life." As the Associations and the National Board and staff together have striven to make this emphasis during the past two years, as they have faced the challenge of the Standards Study to make the Christian purpose of the organization the touchstone for all its program and all its ways of work, they have become more and more aware that religion must always be a major emphasis in the Y. W. C. A. Moreover in these two years of deepening world tragedy the conviction has grown among many in the Association that an international fellowship of Christian women has a very special contribution to make to the life of our time. In presenting religion as the first of the major emphases for another biennium the National Board is conscious of a call to the Association in this realm at this time which cannot be denied without disloyalty to our most fundamental purpose.

The studies made in several Associations of methods of developing the religious emphasis have revealed not alone the complexity of the Association situation but also the almost unique opportunity we have in the religious field because of the great diversity of religious background, tradition, and experience to be found within the leadership, the membership, and the constituency of the Association. In the second section of the report of the National Board on the past biennium that opportunity is, in general terms, defined. The report from the National Services Division on its work with relation to membership practices points out the baffling sense of confusion and failure which exists in many Associations with regard to developing a



more significant electoral membership. There are however evidences of an increasing desire among the membership in some Associations to share more fully in the responsibility for the realization of the Association purpose.

The report of the Standards Study makes unmistakably clear not only that the Christian purpose affords the only possible criterion for judging Association practices and relationships and that any Association which does not "deliberately, persistently and honestly endeavor in all that it does to build the kind of fellowship described in the purpose" is substandard at the most crucial point, but also that throughout the movement are to be found many practices that thwart rather than build such a fellowship.

In the analysis of some of the issues before the Association in the report of the past biennium attention is called to the fact that Christianity is today being challenged by opposing systems of thought as it has not been for many centuries and stress is put upon the extent of the responsibility that rests upon the Association as an international Christian organization in the face of this challenge. We are beginning to see more clearly the greatness of our task and the faith and courage, the insight, patience, and humility required to accomplish it. A sorely troubled world demands of us today that we risk our Christian purposes in areas of conflict where, often, the forces that drive men apart seem stronger than those that bind them together. In the face of bitterness and strife in the world, in our own communities, and often in our very selves it is necessary today for the Association to have both sound knowledge and great faith and courage in believing that it is possible "to build a fellowship of women and girls devoted to the task of realizing in our common life those ideals of personal and social living to which we are committed by our faith as Christians." We are at a moment when the Y. W. C. A. along with other Christian groups needs desperately to re-examine and restate the faith that is in us and fearlessly strive to build life upon it. Believing that responsibility for this rests upon the entire leadership of the movement, it is recommended:

1. That Association leaders strive for a deeper understanding of the meaning of the Christian faith and of those ideals to which we are committed by that faith; for a better knowledge of the religious needs of the different groups within the Association constituency and of how the Association may help its members to find new and adequate life direction through Christian experience; and that the National Board strengthen its program resources at these points.
2. That in the selection of professional leadership, special effort be made to secure young women who have academic preparation as well as personal experience in the field of religion and who are consciously seeking to relate their training and experience in this field both to the many personal problems and to the great social issues with which youth today is confronted.



3. That the National Board give special consideration to the place of religion in training for leadership in the Y. W. C. A., making such modifications in or additions to the training offered to volunteer and professional leaders as shall equip them more adequately for work in an organization with a Christian purpose.

### Democracy:

The Young Women's Christian Association endeavors to live its life as an organization in a way that shall conserve freedom for the individual, that is, the right of the individual to make his own choices and to carry his share of responsibility for the common life. This is what the Association means by democracy. The Y. W. C. A. holds this philosophy of group life not because of commitment to any particular political theory but because it is Christian. Such a viewpoint stems back to the Christian philosophy of the value and worth of each individual person as a child of God.

For the actual expression of this philosophy in the life of the Association a democratic administration of Association affairs is, as the Standards Study points out, an essential condition. Administrative processes should recognize both the status and the responsibility for the whole of each individual and group within the Association and should provide opportunity for the fulfillment of the responsibility which attaches to the status. Such a process is long and complicated. To have faith in it is to recognize that often the way a plan is made, a policy or a program developed, is quite as important as the policy or program itself.

Wherever immediate results are the accepted test of value, this patient serving of the democratic ideal is easily underestimated and misunderstood. It is well to ask ourselves at this time just what it costs to be democratic in method in loyalty to our Christian purpose. The cost is very definite: in the first place the whole process of work is made slower; quick results cannot be gained in this way. In the second place there is a certain loss of sharpness of outline. The result of combining many viewpoints into one is always that the most widely divergent views are toned down. Thirdly, there is bound to be a loss of interest and support on the part of those persons who cannot modify or change their own viewpoint to include that of others. And lastly, the organization that is committed to a democratic ideal in the ordering of its life must accept the fact that its life will never be restful. Tension is inevitable if differing views are constantly appearing and forcing change of opinion and modification of methods of work.

If these are some of the more obvious costs, what are the gains? The first gain is that by firm adherence to this principle of democratic process we express in unmistakable terms our belief in one of the fundamental teachings



of Christianity, that is the worth of the individual. The second gain is that however slow may be our advance, it holds steady, and avoids those extremes which do not grow out of experience. The third gain is that by this process, and only so, a widely varied movement containing many kinds of women and girls enriching each other and the life of the whole by their widely differing experience is made possible. The fourth gain is that insofar as the Association can achieve success in this process it will make a contribution to the dominant problem in the world today—the problem of living at peace with one's fellows in a world grown small.

To hold to this ideal of democracy in all the activities of a Christian organization is a difficult task. From the leadership it demands a twofold equipment. It requires in each one a spiritual life so confident in its steady turning toward God that mind and heart are open to His leading for thought and word and deed, and it requires also the skill in leadership and the breadth of understanding that come from constant study of the problems of our daily life. Over the last quarter century the Association has been more facile in developing the techniques of leadership than it has been in encouraging and assisting the growth of the life of the spirit.

The dark shadows of a world rent by controversy are closing round us. This present generation of Association leaders and those who follow close after may face, as their predecessors never did, the sharp conflict between the ideals of personal freedom and a controlled society, the fundamental divergence between a philosophy which is God-centered and a philosophy which is man-centered. The Association through its ways of work as well as through the guiding star of its purpose can prepare women and girls to face and make the choice of the road to be followed not only by the Y. W. C. A. but also by themselves as individuals. This prophetic function is of great importance; it should not be lost. It is, therefore, recommended:

1. That the leadership of the Association, both local and national, endeavor in the coming biennium to make its methods of work a more adequate expression of the democratic way of life which is one of the ideals to which we are called by our Christian faith.
2. That the National Board strengthen its help to Associations in this field through the sharing of experience and the preparation of material.

#### **Building a World Community:**

The Y. W. C. A. believes that the only solution of the tragic differences which now tear the nations apart is to be found "in the progressive organization of a world society in which the principles of the brotherhood of man and the freedom of all peoples may find practical expression in political, econ-



omic and social practices and institutions,"\* and from which war shall have been completely eliminated. As a member of a world-wide Christian organization, the Y. W. C. A. in the United States feels an urgent call to take its full share in the task of helping to bring such a world society into being. It recognizes that responsibility for striving toward this goal rests peculiarly upon the present generation which sees the rapid growth of nationalism and of wars more destructive than ever before. Yet how, actually, as Associations or as members of the Association, may we set about working for this ideal of the brotherhood of man, expressed in the ordered life of a world community? Two things are necessary, an attitude of mind, and a program of action, and of these two the first is primary in importance.

Those who would help to build a world community must accept it as an object of personal dedication. They must be prepared to study diligently the means by which it may be achieved and to work untiringly for it, knowing that it is a task which will require many generations. Above all they must themselves develop in their relations with others those attitudes of mind which the building of a world community requires. What are some of these essential attitudes?

The first attitude is belief in one's fellow men. Today it is difficult to move forward in the field of constructive international relations because of the wide-spread attitude of suspicion and cynicism: suspicion of individuals, classes, nations; cynicism regarding the existence or worth of idealism, altruism, unselfishness and neighborly good will. Such attitudes as these are great disintegrating forces. They must be replaced by belief in men and in ideals if we would build a world community. The mood of sophisticated hyper-criticism current today paralyzes effort and does nothing toward constructing a better world.

The second of these attitudes is tolerance. Building a world community will permit no intolerance of religious groups—Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, or any other. It cannot be coupled with intolerance of racial groups—Negro, Oriental, or any other. It cannot be combined with intolerance of any political group, such as communist or fascist. Nor will it prosper with intolerance of class groups, such as labor or capital. Tolerance does not imply agreement. If all agreed, there would be no need for tolerance. Nor does it imply failure to express judgment where moral issues are involved. It does, however, insist that there must be constant effort to understand and to

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\*Proposed Public Affairs Program for the biennium 1938-40—II. International Relations.



give status and responsibility to each group, and recognition that the world community can only be built of all groups.

To the attitudes of tolerance and belief in one's fellow men the worker for a world society must add patience and humility. With humility one ceases to be assured that one knows the certain remedy for the ills in the complicated structure of world affairs; with patience one is ready to listen, to study, to work with others toward the goal. The task is a long one. At the same time the need is immediate. Even where we do not see the way we must diligently search for it.

The program of education and action for the Y. W. C. A. which these attitudes must undergird is one with which we are already familiar: education in international affairs and in world fellowship especially as it is experienced through sharing in the life of the Association in other lands; action with regard to international relations such as is recommended in the proposed program in Public Affairs; participation in the policy and program of the World's Y. W. C. A. and in the work of the Foreign Division. There is also an especial call today for us to take upon ourselves the burden of suffering of those in war torn lands. Most important of all is the action which we can take within our own Associations by which we demonstrate in our own life the power of Christianity to overcome race prejudice, to eliminate race discrimination and to make one true community of our diverse American population.

Believing that the Y. W. C. A. is called today first of all by its Christian purpose and also by the inclusiveness of its membership, by the large and diverse number of young women in its constituency, and by its world-wide fellowship to outstanding effort for the building of a world Christian community, it is recommended:

1. That the Associations and the National Board endeavor to extend more widely throughout the constituency of the movement the idea of a Christian world community and an understanding of the opportunity and the responsibility which the Association has to help build it.
2. That the Associations and the National Board give special attention to the unique opportunity inherent in the Association for increasing direct contact between girls and women of different countries and races, making the fullest possible use for this purpose of the opportunities afforded by our membership in the World's Y. W. C. A.; by the work of the Foreign Division; and by the diversity of races and nationalities within the constituency of the Associations in the United States.

The adoption of these emphases would charge the Association, both leadership and membership, with responsibility for a fresh expression of the Christian purpose of the Association in terms of the great needs of our generation.



# YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF CLEVELAND

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2200 Prospect Avenue  
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February 4, 1952

Rabbi Silver  
The Temple  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Y.M.C.A. is planning to offer a forum entitled, "Visiting With Interesting People."

You have been mentioned as one of the most interesting people in Cleveland and we are inviting you to talk to an informal group of people at Central Y.M.C.A. Thursday, February 28 from 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

You have done a most honorable job among your people in Cleveland as well as with the new nation of Israel and we would like to have you tell the forum of your life and work.

As moderator of the forum I will direct a series of questions to you to open the discussion and then we would like to have you tell us some of the most interesting experiences in your life.

This is a new venture on the part of the Educational Department of the Y.M.C.A. We sincerely hope that you will be able to accept this invitation and we would appreciate hearing from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

*R. R. Ehrhart*

Russell R. Ehrhart  
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February 5, 1952

Mr. Russell R. Ehrhart  
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My dear Mr. Ehrhart:

Thank you for your kind letter of February 4th and for your gracious invitation to address your forum on Thursday, February 28th. Unfortunately, my schedule is already so overcrowded that in justice to myself, I cannot accept any additional commitments.

With all good wishes for a successful program, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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