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Columbia, Missouri, 1933-1934.

DR. I. KEYFITZ  
LOWRY HALL AT  
THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI  
COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

November 22, 1933

Abba Rabbi Hillel Silver  
THE TEMPLE  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Bible College at the University of Missouri introduced what we call "Religious Emphasis Week" several years ago. During this week an attempt is made to coordinate the activities of the various denominations on the campus for religious enlightenment and worship. The University and the community both sponsor this Week.

At the suggestion of a number of professors and ministers I was asked to inquire whether it would be possible for you to address the students and faculty on some day during the coming Religious Emphasis Week, January 30-February 4, 1934.

Since we are not in a position to finance this work ourselves I communicated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and I am very sorry to learn that they are not in a position to do it this year. I discussed this matter with the University authorities and learned that they have a limited amount of money and it is quite possible that they can raise enough money for the necessary expenses.

I am writing to inquire whether it will be possible for you to make this trip during that Week and if so, I shall have the persons in charge send you an official invitation and communicate with you about other details.

Hoping to have a favorable reply from you at your earliest convenience, and with best personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*I. Keyfitz*

I. Keyfitz

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December 7, 1933.

Dr. I. Keyfitz,  
Lowry Hall at  
The University of Missouri,  
Columbia, Missouri.

My dear Dr. Keyfitz:

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 22nd and to thank you for the invitation which you extend to me to speak before the students and faculty of the University of Missouri during your Religious Emphasis Week. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately my work here is so very heavy and my activities in connection with the German-Jewish situation at present so numerous, that I cannot in justice to myself, accept any additional out-of-town engagements at this time. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes, and thanking you again for your kind invitation, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



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March 21, 1934

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
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My dear Rabbi Silver:

Several times during the last two or three years we have raised the question with our Jewish friends of your coming to Columbia. Our Religious Emphasis Week is developed now to the point where we feel that we can offer you a significant opportunity of service. I am enclosing a program of the week for this year.

In 1935 the Unitarians will send us an outstanding man for a series of lectures. The University of Missouri is negotiating to bring Dean Charles R. Brown of Yale. We think that if our Jewish friends could see their way clear to send you to us for a few days during the week of January 27, 1935 it would guarantee success for next year. It gives me great pleasure on behalf of the Bible College and the university community to extend to you an invitation to deliver two or three addresses during that week.

As you already know, we have a very excellent Jewish representative on the faculty of the Bible College in Doctor Isadore Keyfitz. He is rendering conspicuous service in the field of scholarship and also in the social situation of the community. I feel that your coming would greatly strengthen his position and augment his work.

I know this is a long time ahead but experience has taught us that we must begin our negotiations early in order to secure the kind of men we want.

We expect to invite the religious leaders of Missouri to Columbia during that week in addition to our local people.

I trust that it may be possible for you to come to us at that time.

With every good wish, I am

Yours cordially,

*Carl Agee*  
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