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DARTMOUTH COLLEGE
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ROY BULLARD CHAMBERLIN
Fellow in Religion · Chapel Director

October 13, 1943

Rabbi A. Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Although we do not have any very large Jewish contingent in our college (now with a V-12 school numbering two thousand), we have frequently had eminent Rabbis as guest preachers. Right now the Jewish group is conducting weekly services in our college Chapel, for there is no synagogue or Temple in this part of the state.

But we are anxious to have one Jewish spokesman during this academic year -- and we should like very much to have you be the one. I know that you are extremely busy, and that travel is not easy these days, but we should be delighted to have you if you could make the necessary arrangements.

The services are held on Sunday at 11 a.m. They are College events, but the two local churches cooperate whole heartedly by closing their doors at that time. The preacher has about 30 minutes for his sermon. The College offers an honorarium of \$75.00, in addition to entertainment here in Hanover.

The most convenient date for us would be in January, any one of the last three Sundays. Would it be possible for you to come at that time? You would face a good and very responsive congregation, and I am sure that you would have a happy time with us. And the service that you can render to us is more than words can say.

Most sincerely yours,

Roy B. Chamberlin

October 22, 1943

Dr. Roy B. Chamberlin
Sanborn House
Dartmouth College
Hanover, New Hampshire

My dear Dr. Chamberlin:

I deeply appreciate your kind invitation and I would very much like to come. Unfortunately I have undertaken, in the last few months, some additional responsibilities which will make it necessary for me to be away from Cleveland two or three days a week. I feel that I ought to reserve Sundays at least for my own pulpit and my own congregational duties. I am already committed to three university chapel services this season. I must therefore forego the pleasure which I know that a visit to Dartmouth would have given me. Please keep me in mind for some future time.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Dec. 28

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It is a disappointment that you cannot come to us this winter. We ordinarily have only one Jewish spokesman each year (one out of six or eight). I'll try to approach you earlier for the next season. Things have been so uncertain that we have been obliged to operate on the hand-to-mouth basis.

Sincerely
Roy B. Chamberlin