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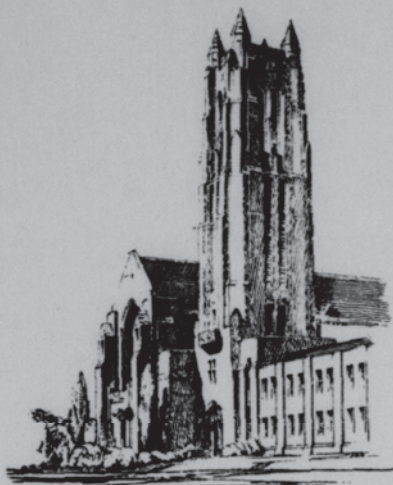
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Denison University (Granville, Ohio), 1933-1951.



The First Baptist Church

OF GREATER CLEVELAND

FAIRMOUNT BOULEVARD AT EATON ROAD

Cleveland, Ohio

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RAYMOND C. BURNS

December 15, 1933.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel and E. 105th St.,
Cleveland.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I had hoped to see you at the last meeting of the Alathian Club, but you were not present.

Dr. Shaw, the President of Denison University, my Alma Mater, is planning a religious forum to be conducted by a Jewish Rabbi, a Catholic priest, and a Protestant minister, on Wednesday, the 7th of February. The purpose of the forum is to discuss the contribution which these respective groups have made or can make to our present situation. He has asked me to inquire whether or not you would be available for such a service.

It would be a labor of love! Our college is "busted", like all the rest. The college would take care of our expenses, but beyond that I fear we would not get any remuneration except gratitude and goodwill! Would you be willing to join me and some Catholic priest in this venture?

I shall be at the Alathian Club on Monday; probably we can talk the matter over then.

Very sincerely yours,

Harold C. B.

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OFFICE OF THE
PRESIDENT

December 18, 1950

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Blvd.,
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi:

In discussing our Chapel program for the next semester with our Student Advisory Committee I was happy to find them enthusiastic in the hope that you would be free to accept an invitation to speak.

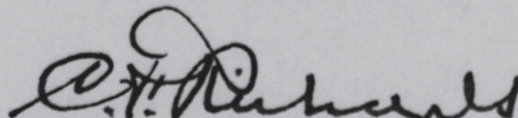
We hold a Chapel service ~~for~~ convocation each Monday morning at eleven, the main feature of which is an address of twenty or twenty-five minutes by an outstanding visiting speaker. Approximately twelve hundred students from many states comprise the audience.

Would it be possible for you to be with us on Monday morning April 9th, or on Monday morning May 14th? We should be happy to have you and to arrange for your entertainment while you are on the campus. Our budget is of course limited but we are able to offer an honorarium of fifty dollars to defray the speaker's expenses.

We would want you to speak from your mind and heart on any topic of spiritual significance to college young people in these times of tension.

I sincerely hope you will be able to accept our invitation and that I may have your choice of date as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,



C. F. Richards
Acting President

December 27, 1950

Dr. C. F. Richards
Denison University
Granville, Ohio

My dear Dr. Richards:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of December 18th and for your gracious invitation to address the convocation of Denison University some Monday morning. I shall be very happy to speak to your student body on the date which you suggest, Monday morning, May 14th.

I shall look forward with great pleasure to my first visit to Denison.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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January 3, 1951

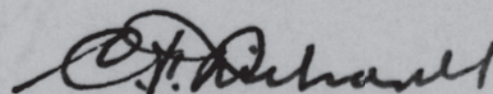
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

We shall look forward with pleasure to your visit to Denison on Monday, May 14th, and shall be happy indeed to have you as a campus guest.

If you will let me know your convenience, I shall be glad to arrange for your entertainment. I sincerely trust that you will find it possible to spend some time on the campus in addition to the convocation hour. I am sure that Dr. Clyde Holbrook, our Professor of Religion, and others of our faculty and students would deem it a privilege to have the opportunity of informal discussion with you in the afternoon or in the evening if you find it possible to stay overnight.

Cordially yours,



C. F. Richards
Acting President

March 19, 1951

Dr. C. F. Richards
Denison University
Granville, Ohio

My dear Dr. Richards:

Circumstances have arisen which necessitate my making a trip to Israel the latter part of April, and from all indications I shall not return until the middle or latter part of May. It is indeed with deep regret that I must advise you that I shall not be able to come to Denison on May 14th, as I had planned. I had looked forward to it eagerly, and I hope that you will soon give me another opportunity to be of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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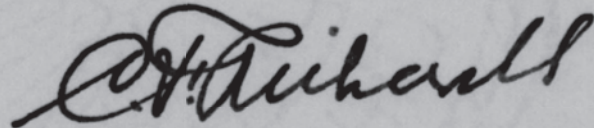
March 23, 1951

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I too am very sorry that you will not be able to visit Denison on May 14th. We should like very much to have you come at our mutual convenience next fall. If you would be so good as to indicate to us the alternative Mondays in October, November, or December when you might be available, I shall be glad as soon as possible to confirm one of these dates.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "C. F. Richards", written in a cursive style.

Cyril F. Richards
Acting President

April 3, 1951

Dr. Cyril F. Richards
Denison University
Granville, Ohio

My dear Dr. Richards:

In reply to your kind note of March 23rd, upon my return from Israel the end of May I shall check my calender and notify you of the date when I shall be free to come to Denison in the fall.

With all good wishes to you, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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July 2, 1951

Mr. C. F. Richards, Acting President
Denison University
Granville, Ohio

Dear Mr. Richards:

Rabbi Silver has gone to South Africa and will not be back until the early part of September. His secretary is on vacation and will be back on August 1st. It would, therefore, be impossible to give you the information you requested in your letter of June 26 at the present time.

I am sure that your letter will be answered as soon as Rabbi Silver's plans are known and hope that the delay does not cause you too much inconvenience.

Very truly yours,

Ruth L. Hirsch
Secretary to Rabbi Stone

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June 28, 1951

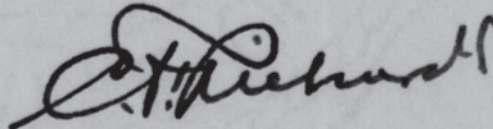
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

You will recall that it was necessary for you to postpone your scheduled visit to Denison in May because of a necessary trip to Israel, and that we agreed to arrange a fall date. I trust that you are now in a position to choose a convenient date. I find that our program is filling up rapidly and would request you at your early convenience to let me know whether you would be available on one of the following days: October 1, 8, 29, November 12, 26, December 10. X

We very much hope that you will be able to be with us on one of these days and I am glad to withhold confirmation of some other appointments until I know which of these dates will be most convenient for you.

Cordially yours,



C. F. Richards
Acting President

September 5, 1951

Dr. C. F. Richards
Denison University
Granville, Ohio

Dear Dr. Richards:

Rabbi Silver has returned to the city and your letter of June 28th has been brought to his attention. In checking his calendar, he finds that November 26th would be a satisfactory for him to come to Denison. His second choice would be December 10th.

Sincerely yours,

Elisabeth Rice
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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September 7, 1951

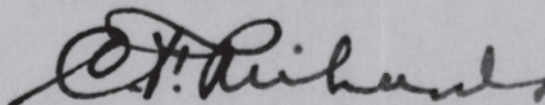
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I have just received word from Miss Elizabeth Rice suggesting that you would be free to come to us on November 26th, or December 10th. I regret that during your absence from the United States it was necessary for us to complete our first semester convocation program, for we distribute copies to the students at the opening of the college year. As a result, the dates on which you would be available have been filled.

We shall shortly be arranging for the second semester program and want very much to have you as one of our guest speakers. If you would find it convenient to come on February 25th, or on one of the Mondays in the first four weeks of March, or of April, we should be glad indeed to have you. I regret that the earlier appointments have been filled.

Sincerely yours,



Cyril F. Richards
Dean

September 10, 1951

Dr. Cyril F. Richards
Denison University
Granville, Ohio

My dear Dr. Richards:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 7th. Would Monday, March 17, 1952, be convenient for you? If so, please let me know.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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September 12, 1951

Abba Hillel Silver
Rabbi of The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

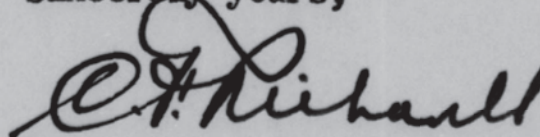
We shall be glad indeed to count on you as our
convocation speaker on Monday, March 17, 1952, at
11:00 a.m.

As stated in my letter of December 18, 1950,
your address before the student body should be
of twenty, or at most twenty-five minutes in length
on any topic of interest and challenge to undergraduates.

If you will let us know of your travel plans in
advance of your visit, we shall be glad to arrange
for your entertainment while you are on the campus.
If your time permits there may be opportunity of
informal discussion with a group of students, or
participation in one or more classes.

We shall look forward eagerly to having you with us.

Sincerely yours,



C. F. Richards
Dean