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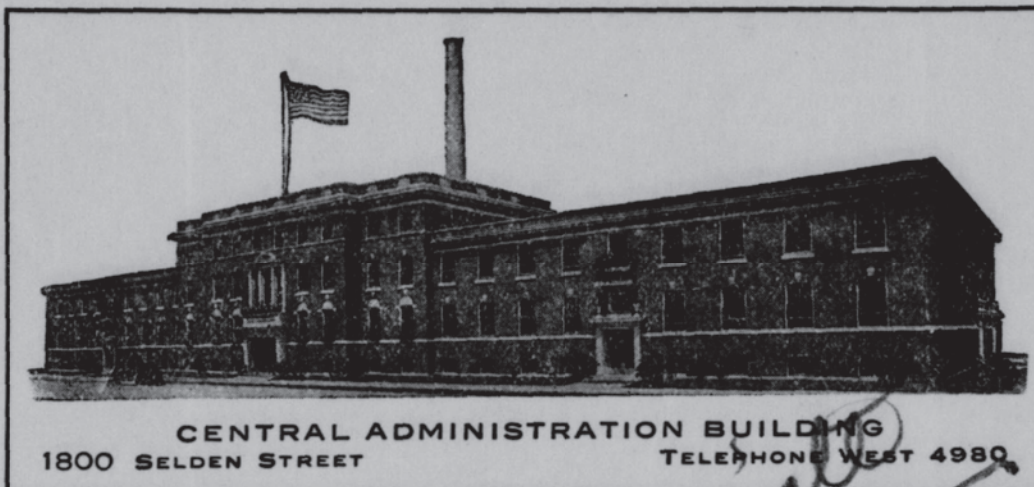
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Evanston, Illinois (Northwestern University), 1919-1940.

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MAY 1917 TO MAY 1918

Michael Reese Hospital
Days of Free Treatment, 75,484—61%
of all treated were Free Patients.

Emanuel Mandel Memorial Dispensary
of Michael Reese Hospital
Patients treated during the year, 44,769.
Home visits by physicians, 1,756.

Home for Aged Jews
Cared for 76 men and women—
Average age, 75 years.

Jewish Home Finding Society
Supported 234 mothers, with 747
children, and have 491 children in
family homes. Placed total of six
children for adoption.

Chicago Home for Jewish Orphans
Cared for 295 children.

Jewish Training School
Day school, 393 pupils—Night school,
293 pupils—Vacation school, 308
pupils.

Helen Day Nursery
Average daily attendance, 72.

Woman's Loan Association
Made 523 loans from \$10.00 to \$100.00
each, amounting to \$21,486.50.

Chicago-Winfield Tuberculosis
Sanatorium
Cared for 292 patients.

JEWISH AID SOCIETY

Bureau of Personal Service
Objects: Legal Aid—Courts Corrections
—Mental Hygiene—Institutional
Social Service—Child Welfare—
Juvenile Court.

Relief Department
Expended for relief and self support,
154,630.92.

B'nai B'rith Free Employment Bureau
Secured employment for 3,093 appli-
cants.

CENTRAL BUREAU

Registration—Co-operation—Special
Studies—Standardization—Com-
munity Work. Total number reports
to co-operating agencies, 170,889.

CONTRIBUTE TO SUPPORT OF

Chicago Lying-In Hospital—Chicago
Section, Council of Jewish Women—
Jewish Consumptive Relief Society
—National Jewish Hospital, Denver
—Leo N. Levi Memorial Hospital
Assn., Hot Springs, Ark.

Maxwell Settlement Association

Home for Jewish Friendless and
Working Girls

Dr. Abba H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:-

Chicago has not ceased to talk of the splendid appeal
you delivered at the Dinner which in December opened the campaign to
raise funds for Jewish War Sufferers.

Now that we are preparing for the Annual Meeting of the
Associated Jewish Charities, your name naturally came first to the
minds of the Committee on Arrangements. Therefore, in behalf of this
Committee - Charles Rubens, Chairman, Max Adler, and Sol Kline - all
of whom you doubtless remember as executives of the War Sufferers
Campaign, I am writing to ask whether it will be possible for you to
be in Chicago Tuesday, May 20th, to deliver that evening the principal
address at the Annual Dinner of the Associated, the Congress Hotel.

Funds are never solicited at our Annual Dinners, but
stress is customarily laid by the speaker of the evening on the
subject of community obligations.

The date can be changed to suit your convenience, if
we notify the hotel within the next few days before other available
dates are taken. Our By-Laws provide that the meeting must be held
in the month of May and it is desired to set the date so as not to
conflict with the departure of our superintendents and others for the
National Conference, Atlantic City, May 25th.

We earnestly hope that we shall hear favorably from you
and remain, with greetings.

Sincerely yours,

Marcus Berger

Secretary,
ASSOCIATED JEWISH CHARITIES OF CHICAGO.

MIB-C.O.

P. S. I am not certain whether to address you at the Garfield Hotel,
as in December, or at The Temple and am, therefore, sending copies
to both places.

EVANSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Evanston, Ill., April 10, 1919.

Rabbi Saul Silber,

Cleveland, O.

My dear Mr. Silber:

You have been spoken of to me as a suitable person to give an afternoon address at sometime in the future to our corps of about 200 teachers. I should like to inquire if you have a lecture suitable for an afternoon social gathering of teachers. It need not be strictly educational.

I should also be glad to know if you will be near Chicago at any time between April 20th and May 15th, when you could give such a lecture. I presume your fee would be between \$50 and \$100.

Yours very truly,

F. W. Nichols

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NEW YORK TELEPHONE COMPANY

44 CHURCH STREET

E. D. ANDERSON,
DIVISION PUBLICITY MANAGER.

BUFFALO, N.Y.

April 14, 1919.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 55th St and Central.
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter of March 27th. I have been out of town practically all of the time since that date, and this is the first opportunity I have had to make acknowledgment to you.

It was very nice indeed of you to get in touch with Dr. Kopald when you found it was impossible for you to keep the Buffalo engagement. As it turned out, Dr. Kopald spoke at the meeting in your place and gave us a splendid talk.

May I say that the members of the Greater Buffalo Advertising Club are still very anxious to have you come and talk to them. The next date we have open is May 13th. Will you please write me at your early convenience, telling me whether this date fits in with your plans. I am sure, if you say that you can come, we will have an attendance of at least 250 to hear you.

With kind wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

E. D. Anderson

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*Waiting answer from
Chicago & Englewood.*

April 21, 1919.

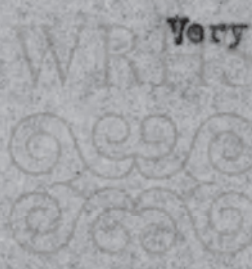
Mr. E. D. Anderson,
44 Church St.,
Buffalo, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Anderson:

I shall be very pleased to address the Buffalo Advertising Club. I am, however, booked in Chicago for Monday the 12th and I doubt if I can make Buffalo for noon of the 12th. I can come on the 6th or the 20th of May. If one of these dates falls in with your program, I shall be glad to avail myself of the opportunity of addressing your organization.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



Copy of Telegram:

April 15th, 1919

Marcy I. Berger,
Associated Jewish Charities
Chicago, Ills.

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Since wiring you I have accepted an invitation to speak in Evanston on the twelfth of May. If you could ~~arrange~~ the Association Dinner for the evening of the twelfth or thirteenth and have not yet arranged for another speaker, I may be able to come. Let me know by wire.

Rabbi A. H. Silver

WRHS



April 15th, 1919

F. W. Nichols
Evanston Public Schools
Evanston, Ills.

I could arrange to come for Monday afternoon, May twelfth; lecture fee one hundred dollars. Let me know by wire if satisfactory.

Rabbi A. H. Silver

Copy of Telegram.

Evanston, Ill. April 17th, 1919.

May 12th satisfactory if we can agree on subject.

(Signed) F. W. Nichols.



Copy Telegram.

Evanston, Ill.

April 17th, 1919.

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subject.

(Signed) F. W. Nichols.

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April 19, 1919.

Mr. F. W. Nichols,
Evanston Public Schools,
Evanston, Ill.

My dear Mr. Nichols:

I am in receipt of your telegram of the 17th informing me that May 12th is an acceptable day for you.

I shall be very pleased to address your body. Some of my lectures that have proved popular this year are:

Education After The War
The Message of the New Day
The Epic of the Common Man and
Bolshevism - How to meet it.

I would appreciate it if you will notify me which of these subjects appeals to you.

With kindest regards and anticipating the pleasure of meeting you,

Very truly yours,

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Evanston, Ill., April 23, 1919.

Rabbi A. H. Silber,
The Temple,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silber:

Your plan to be with us at about 3 o'clock the Monday afternoon of May 12th is satisfactory, and I think I will select the subject "The Message of the New Day", if you think that is well adapted to a group of about two hundred public school teachers.

Yours very truly,

F.W. Nichols

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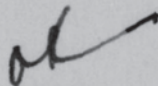


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OF RELIGIONS

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

November 3, 1933

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
105th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio



Dear Rabbi Silver:

I note that you are to be in Chicago and speak both at the University Chapel and the Sunday Evening Club on January 7. I wonder if you would be able, and willing, to remain over until Monday or Tuesday, preferably Tuesday, and address an all-university convocation at Northwestern. We very much desire to have one representative of Judaism speak sometime during the year, and we should prefer, if possible, that you be the one to do so. I have heard only very fine things concerning you and have read, with considerable pleasure, your book, on RELIGION IN THE CHANGING WORLD, and I may say have made use of it somewhat in my History of Religion classes.

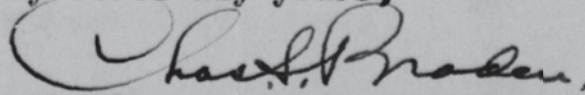
We are hoping this year to be able to have our convocation speakers stay on the campus for a couple of days for the purpose of meeting small groups or for individual conferences on questions of religion, possibly taking dinner or luncheon at sorority or fraternity houses, and also conducting an informal vesper service on the second day, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

I have no idea what honorarium you might expect for such service; unfortunately, we are this year obliged to limit our appropriation for that purpose to a sum very much below what we should like to have. We would naturally want to make it as substantial as our limited funds permit. If you find it possible to come, we should be glad to have you suggest what fee you would want.

In case you should find it inconvenient to remain over just at that time, would you be in Chicago at any other time during the year when it would be more convenient for you to spend a couple of days with us?

Very much hoping that we can arrange for your coming, I am,

Very cordially yours,


Charles S. Braden, Chairman
Convocation Committee

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November 6, 1933.

Dr. Charles S. Braden,
Northwestern University,
College of Liberal Arts,
Evanston, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Braden:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of November 3rd and for the invitation which you extend to me to address an all-university convocation at Northwestern. I wish I were free to come and meet with your students for a few days. It would be, I am sure, a source of great satisfaction to me. Unfortunately the drive of my schedule is such that I cannot spare that much time. You probably know that I recently returned from a year's leave of absence and my work this year has been heavier than in any previous year.

I would make an effort to address your convocation if it would be held sometime during the day of Monday, January 8th. I must be back in Chicago for an address that evening.

My honorarium for university addresses is \$100. There would be no traveling expenses inasmuch as I am to be in Chicago for the week end.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

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November 17, 1933

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

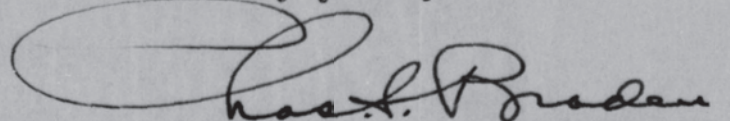
It is a matter of great regret to our Convocation Committee that you cannot be with us as we should like to have you for a more extended stay. Nor would Monday, the eighth, be a propitious time for a single convocation address.

We must, therefore, however reluctantly, forego the privilege of your presence on our campus this year, hoping that another year we shall have better luck.

If you learn far enough ahead of a trip which you have to make to our vicinity would you let us know of it and we might be able to arrange some sort of an appearance for you before our student body.

Regretting very much that we are not to have you with us, I am

Cordially yours,



Charles S. Braden, Chairman
Convocation Committee

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NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
INTERRACIAL COMMISSION
SCOTT HALL
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

December 27, 1940

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In speaking with your secretary yesterday, I learned with dismay that you will be unable to see me before next Thursday, and, as time is of the essence in this matter, I am writing to explain why I wished to see you.

The week of February 16-22 has been designated as "Better Understanding Week" at Northwestern University by the Interracial Commission, of which I am Secretary. And plans are progressing for the formation of a national organization of youth to work along the following lines from Northwestern.

We view with alarm the fact that a considerable segment of youth opinion is looking toward "isms" other than Americanism for salvation. And it seems to us that youth is suffering from a loss of morale which the stress and uncertainty of the present situation has wrought. This uncertainty is indicative of a tendency toward a disintegration of their ideals at a time when national unity of spirit and morale is of paramount importance.

It is our belief that the principles which guide our Commission - creating better understanding between religious and racial groups, of protecting our civil liberties, and of building a basis of understanding and respect for the ideas and ideals of "the other fellow" - will serve to help return misinformed and confused youth to those precepts which only a democracy can guarantee.

In other words, we are doing our little bit to develop a greater national unity by stressing the importance of and improving youth's appreciation of tolerance and better understanding of other religious and racial groups.

Toward achieving that end, I approach you as a confirmant and graduate of the Temple, and on behalf of the Northwestern University Interracial Commission to invite you to

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
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SCOTT HALL
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participate in a panel discussion by three nationally known speakers on the subject of tolerance. We should like you, one of the greatest and best-known Jewish leaders in America, to speak for twenty minutes on the subject of "Tolerance in Religion", and after the other two members of the panel (tentatively Senator Robert M. LaFollette and Walter White of the N.A.A.C.P.), who will speak on "Interracial (negro) Tolerance" and "Respect for Civil Liberties", have finished, to respond to questions from the floor.

The audience will consist of approximately 1300 college students, members of the faculty, and townspeople, and the program will take place on February 18 in the beautiful Cahn Auditorium of Scott Hall on the University's Evanston campus. It is very possible that the program will be carried by one of the major radio networks.

This panel will be the high point in a week of activities stressing religious and racial tolerance. It is our sincere hope that you will see fit to favor us with your presence on this occasion.

Sincerely yours,
Wesley R. Fishel
Wesley R. Fishel
Secretary of the Commission

3525 Bainbridge Road
Cleveland Heights
Ohio

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